



Final First Friday of the year

Downtown Gadsden's First Friday will return Oct. 2 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Cars will fill parking areas and the interior lanes of Broad Street, while live music will be performed from locations along the sidewalks. Food vendors will offer drinks and treats, and downtown retail stores and restaurants will remain open late.

Broad Street will close to vehicle traffic at approximately 3 p.m. for event setup.

The entertainment lineup will include Pickin' n Grinnin' at Third and Broad, Matt Harvey at Fourth and Broad, Love Rat at Fifth and Broad, and paintings by Barry in the 600 block.

Riverview Regional Medical Center and Never Surrender will host a Breast Cancer Awareness event in the 500 block, featuring a pink firetruck that breast cancer survivors can sign in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Corporate Pharmacy will host a carnival in the green space in front of the pharmacy.

The Center for Cultural Arts and Gadsden Museum of Art also will be open for visitors to view their current exhibits.

First Friday guidelines prohibit pets, personal coolers, glass containers, skateboards, rollerblades, advertising and fundraising.

For more information, visit downtowngadsden.com.



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Hokes Bluff's country star Drake White to return to hometown for inaugural music festival

By Caylie Moore
Features Editor

On Saturday, Oct. 17, Hokes Bluff native and country-soul singer-songwriter Drake White will return to his hometown and bring a gift that he hopes will keep on giving to the local community: Loblolly Fest, a music festival named after the pine trees of Northeast Alabama and infused with the "come-as-you-are" spirit of the South. The Bluff Amphitheater, which is co-owned by White, will host the festival.

For White, however, Loblolly Fest is much more than another festival, and The Bluff Amphitheater is much more than another concert venue. Having grown up just behind the amphitheater, then under the name Gold City Music Park as the home of the renowned Southern gospel group The Gold City quartet, White first discovered the property as a child while exploring the surrounding woods — and that moment has lived with him for decades.

"When I was 12 years old, I moved to Tillison Bend, which is the property right behind the amphitheater. I was Huckleberry Finn-ing through the woods one day, and I was singing 'Can't You



Drake White adding the first signature to the new artist wall at the ribbon cutting for The Bluff in May.

Lindsey Frazier|The Messenger

See' — one of my dad's favorite classic rock bands was The Marshall Tucker Band, so I'd already heard songs like 'Can't You See' and 'Fire on the Mountain' at that age — when I walked up on this old, dilapidated stage," White stated in an interview

with Features Editor Caylie Moore. "I laid my eyes on what was then the bleachers, and I went, 'Whoa! What is this?' It was just in my mom and dad's backyard. I had trespassed and walked across to the old Gold City amphitheater, which is now

The Bluff Amphitheater. I got up on the stage, which was caving in and rusty, and I just started singing one of my dad's records."

"So, for 30 years, I have dreamed about this. If Jimmy Buffet from Alabama could build Margaritaville, I wanted to build Bourbon & Bonfire," before detailing how he came across the opportunity to co-own Gold City with Chad Lee, who first proposed the offer to White, and Josh Santos — through a series of what some might call coincidences but what he knows to be God.

"It's all God. There's no way this could've happened without some spiritual intervention," White stated firmly. "What I'm telling you is all true — from squirrel hunting at 12 years old, to singing on the dilapidated stage, to watching it all come to life."

White also had a lot to say about what he envisioned for Hokes Bluff's future now that the amphitheater had been revamped and the inaugural festival scheduled, including his hopes that Loblolly Fest becomes a tradition and The Bluff Amphitheater a place where fans can come back year after year to make "memories worth repeating."

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Hokes Bluff CityFest brings community together

The Hokes Bluff community came together Saturday for the 12th annual CityFest, a daylong celebration featuring classic cars, food, vendors, children's activities, live music and fireworks.

The free event was held at Hokes Bluff City Park and began early Saturday morning with the annual cruise-in and a breakfast hosted by the Hokes Bluff Lions Club.

Throughout the day, families made their way to the festival to browse vendors, grab something to eat and enjoy activities for children. Kids' rides and other activities opened at 10 a.m., while live entertainment began in the afternoon.

This year's music lineup included the Still Broke Band, Jake Steed, Albert Simpson, Women Icons of Rock and Lisa Perkins' Motown & Soul Review.

The festival concluded Saturday night with an America 250 fireworks display.

CityFest began in 2014 as a way to bring the community

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together following the end of Gadsden’s Riverfest. What started as a festival organized in about a month has grown into an annual Hokes Bluff tradition.

The event has remained free to the public through support from sponsors, giving families an opportunity to enjoy a day of entertainment and activities without an admission charge.

For Hokes Bluff, CityFest has become more than an annual festival. It is an opportunity for residents and visitors from surrounding communities to spend the day together and support local vendors and businesses.

With music playing, children enjoying the rides and families gathering throughout the park, the 2026 CityFest once again offered a day of small-town celebration in Hokes Bluff.



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“I want to bring art and festivals as something to look forward to in this region. I want to bring an unbelievable musical lineup that can only be matched by the biggest venues in the world,” he said. “I can already see kids running around and saying, ‘I can’t wait to go to The Bluff and see my favorite artists!’ Riley Green, Ella Langley. That’s what we’re building. Loblolly is us getting [the idea] off the ground and proving the concept.”

White, who suffered a stroke on stage in 2019, also reassured Moore that he has been well since then, stating, “It’s such an honor to still be above ground, living on Earth and playing music. As far as my health — other than a little bit of a limp, which I joke is because I got bit by a shark, an alligator or a bear — I’m good.”

“It’s truly a miracle. It’s a miracle that I’m an owner and a part of it; it’s a miracle I’m still here,” White thoughtfully added. “It’s a miracle that this came into fruition. God listens. He listens to every desire you have. He listened to everything I

wanted to do. When I thought no one was listening — paralyzed and in a dark place — He was listening the whole time. I told him, ‘If you get me out of this hospital, I will make sure that I do good with it. I will show people the light.’ That’s what Loblolly Fest is about.”

And White has been making good on his promise to God, if his charity work through Benefit for the Brain — a fundraiser focused on raising awareness about and funding solutions for issues related to brain and mental health — and his musical career are anything to go by. “It’s part of my story, and I’m a storyteller, so it’s my job to tell it for the rest of my life.”

The work will not stop there either. “I have a dream of starting a musical school in or around Hokes Bluff. I want to infuse that area [with music]. If you’re a drummer, or a guitar player, or a wordsmith, or a poet, there’s a place you can go. If your kid is showing musical interest, we can work with that.”

“This is a crazy story. It’s crazy that I was able to be a part of it, much less that I’m owner

of it. It’s crazy that it was sitting in my backyard the whole time,” White added in his final thoughts. “That’s the way God works. He’s always there. Once I tapped into Him through struggle and heartache — with the stroke, with the loss of children, with all the stuff life throws at you — I was able to start pushing light back into the world. It’s awesome.”

Loblolly Fest, which begins at 1 p.m. on Oct. 17, will feature live music performances under genres like country, soul and Southern rock and roll, as well as artists like The Marshall Tucker Band, Randy Houser, Kassi Ashton and White himself, with about 20% of proceeds benefiting White’s nonprofit Benefit for the Brain.

For more information about Loblolly Fest or to purchase tickets, readers can visit loblollyfest.com or check out @loblollyfest or @thebluffal on Instagram. For more information about Benefit for the Brain, visit benefitforthebrain.com.

Navigating breast health: Why a personalized screening plan matters

With varying recommendations about breast cancer screening, many women may wonder when they should begin regular mammograms.

Gadsden Regional Medical Center is encouraging women to discuss their individual breast cancer risk with their physicians and develop a screening plan based on their age, family history and other risk factors.

“Breast health is not one-size-fits-all,” said Kevin Lee, MD, PhD, radiation oncologist with Gadsden Regional’s Cancer Cen-

ter, in a press release to the Messenger. “Your age, family history and personal risk factors create a unique profile that determines when and how often you should be screened.”

For women at average risk, the American College of Radiology recommends annual mammograms beginning at age 40. Women with a higher risk of developing breast cancer may need to begin risk assessment earlier and may require additional screening.

“Waiting for a standard age benchmark can be a missed oppor-

tunity for those who need a more proactive plan,” said Bethany Lipscomb, CRNP, with Hokes Bluff Family Medicine, said in the press release. “Our goal is to help patients build a custom roadmap for their health, not just check a box once a year.”

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the United States. According to the latest available data cited by Gadsden Regional, 4,456 new cases were reported in Alabama in 2023.

The American Cancer Society

reports that regular mammograms can help detect breast cancer earlier, when treatment may be more effective. Early detection also can reduce the likelihood that some patients will need more extensive treatment.

Women are encouraged to discuss their family history and individual risk factors with their physicians when determining an appropriate screening schedule.

Gadsden Regional offers 3D mammography and other breast imaging services. In 2025, the hospital expanded access to 3D

mammography at Gadsden Regional Imaging in Rainbow City.

The hospital’s mammography services are accredited by the American College of Radiology and meet the requirements of the Mammography Quality Standards Act. Mammography technologists are certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (256) 494-4600. Women also can visit bit.ly/GadsdenPhysicians to find a primary care physician or OB/GYN.

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ABSENTEE VOTING NOVEMBER 3, 2026 - GENERAL ELECTION

Qualified voters can apply for an absentee ballot that can be cast by mail, commercial carrier or in person at the Absentee Election Manager’s Office, if he or she makes application in writing **not less than five days prior to the election** and meets one of the following requirements:

A voter may cast an absentee ballot if he or she

- **EXPECTS TO BE ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY** on election day
- **IS ILL OR HAS A PHYSICAL DISABILITY** that prevents a voter’s personal appearance at their polling precinct
- **IS PHYSICALLY INCAPACITATED AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON BECAUSE THEY CANNOT ACCESS THEIR ASSIGNED POLLING PLACE DUE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISABILITIES** (neurological, musculoskeletal, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, or other life-altering disorder that affects his or her ability to perform manual tasks, stand for any length of time, walk unassisted, see, hear or speak) **AND: (A) HE OR SHE IS AN ELDERLY VOTER AGED 65 OR OLDER; OR (B) HE OR SHE IS A VOTER WITH A DISABILITY**
- **IS A REGISTERED ALABAMA VOTER LIVING OUTSIDE THE COUNTY**, such as a member of the armed forces, a voter employed outside the United States, a college student, or a spouse or child of such a person
- **IS AN APPOINTED ELECTION OFFICER OR POLL WATCHER** at a polling place other than his or her regular polling place
- **EXPECTS TO WORK A REQUIRED SHIFT, 10-HOURS OR MORE**, that coincides with polling hours
- **IS A CAREGIVER** for a family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity and the family member is confined to his or her home
- **IS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED** in prison or jail and has not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude

If an absentee ballot application is delivered by U.S. mail or by commercial carrier to the Absentee Election Manager Office, the application must be received by the by the 7th day prior to the election. If the absentee ballot application is delivered in-person by the voter only to the Absentee Election Manager, it must be received by the 5th day prior to the election. If requested, the voter will have the opportunity to vote in-person at the Absentee Election Manager’s Office.

Pursuant to Title 17-9-30, Code of Alabama, absentee ballot applications must now be accompanied by a copy of a current, valid photo identification or voter ID, unless the voter is exempt from this identification requirement. Failing to provide the identification will result in your ballot becoming a provisional ballot.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS

- A qualified voter requiring emergency medical treatment by a licensed physician within (5) days before an election. The application must be signed by the physician and returned to the Absentee Election Manager.
- A voter with a business emergency is required to apply and vote in-person at the Absentee Election Manager’s Office. The voter shall sign an affidavit acknowledging that he or she was not aware of the business emergency (5) days prior to the election.
- A caregiver for a person who requires emergency treatment by a licensed physician (the voter must deliver the application by hand to the Absentee Election Manager no later than (5) days prior to the election).
- A family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity died within (5) days prior to the election (the voter must deliver the application by hand to the Absentee Election Manager no later than the day prior to the election).

Applications for absentee voting are available at any of the following locations:

- Absentee Election Manager’s Office (Etowah County Circuit Clerk/Absentee Election Manager, Cassandra Johnson, 801 Forrest Ave., Suite 202, Gadsden, AL 35901),
- Secretary of State’s web page: www.alabamavotes.gov
- United States Armed Forces members, including spouses, should contact their Commanding Officer for a **UOCAVA** application or may go online for assistance at www.fvap.gov for a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

Separate applications for absentee ballots are required for elections which are more than 42 days apart, except as to individuals voting pursuant to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff.

Multiple applications cannot be mailed in the same envelope, even if the voters live at the same address.

Completed absentee applications must provide the Alabama residence where the voter is registered to vote, even if the ballot is to be mailed to another address where the applicant voter regularly receives mail. **If you have moved and have not updated your polling place you should contact the local Board of Registrars and update your address prior to applying for an absentee ballot.** A completed application must be returned by the voter (in-person) or sent by U.S. Mail or commercial carrier.

No one, not even a family member, can return another person’s application to the Absentee Election Office.

The absentee election manager is not permitted to give any person access to completed and filed voter applications for absentee ballots before the election is held. This information is not a matter of public record until after an election. It should be considered privileged information just the same as voter registration applications.

The absentee election manager shall forward absentee ballots by U.S. Mail to the applicant’s residence address or upon written request of the voter, to the address where the voter regularly receives mail or by handing the ballot to the voter in-person or, in the case of medical emergency voting, to his or her designee in-person.

Only UOCAVA voters have the option to vote electronically after submitting a UOCAVA absentee application by mail to the Absentee Election Manager’s Office.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

VOTERS MUST COMPLETE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE ABSENTEE VOTING AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE

IF A VOTER’S AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED (OR MARKED WITH AN “X”), AND IF THE AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE HAS NOT BEEN WITNESSED BY TWO WITNESSES (18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER) OR BY A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ACKNOWLEDGE OATHS, PRIOR TO BEING DELIVERED OR MAILED TO THE ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER, THE BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES

- **Tuesday – Sept. 7, 2026** - Absentee voting for the General Election begins
- **Monday – Oct. 19, 2026** – Last day to register to vote for the General Election
- **Tuesday – Oct. 27, 2026** - Last day for absentee applications to be received by mail or commercial carrier for the General Election. (17-11-3(A))
- **Thursday – Oct. 29, 2026** - Last day voters can return their absentee application in-person and absentee vote. No one, not even a family member, can return another person’s application by hand, (except a medical emergency voter named designee). **EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS** – (Voter must meet the qualifications required for an emergency absentee ballot)
- **Monday – Nov. 2, 2026** - Last day a voter may hand-deliver his or her absentee ballot to the AEM. No one, not even a family member, can return another person’s ballot, (except a medical emergency voter named designee) **EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING ENDS**

- **TUESDAY, NOV. 3, 2026 – GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

- * Mailed ballots must be received by mail or commercial carrier to the AEM, no later than **(NOON)** this date
- * Voted medical emergency ballots delivered by the voter’s designee, must be received no later than **NOON** today
- * Last day for military and other UOCAVA voters in the general election to postmark an absentee ballot returned by mail to the AEM

Absentee voting applications are available at the Etowah County Judicial Building – 1st floor – Circuit Clerk’s Office/Absentee Voting Elections or online at www.alabamavotes.gov or etowah.alacourt.gov.

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GOVERNMENT

Hill and Sparks face off in the race for commissioner of Agriculture and Industries

By **Andrea Tinker**
Alabama Reflector

In next month's election for commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, Alabama voters will choose between a mayor and a former state agriculture commissioner.

Republican nominee Corey Hill, the mayor of Douglas in Marshall County, and Democratic nominee Ron Sparks, who served in the office from 2003 to 2011 will face each other in the Nov. 3 general election.

Hill became the Republican nominee after winning the June 16 runoff election against Christina Woerner McInnis. Sparks did not have a Democratic opponent.

Sparks said in an interview Wednesday that he was running for the seat because "farmers and people are struggling right now."

"We're probably going through some of the toughest times in the history of the state with the prices of diesel fuel, farmers going broke, the prices of fertilizer, they've basically destroyed the Department of Agriculture in the last few years," Sparks said

Sparks previously served as the commissioner from 2003 until 2011. He cited his efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 to crack down on price gouging at gas pumps, and said during the interview he wants to get the department back to how

it was when he was in office.

"I don't think there's ever been anyone that worked any harder at the Department of Agriculture than I did, and built as good a department as we had," Sparks said.

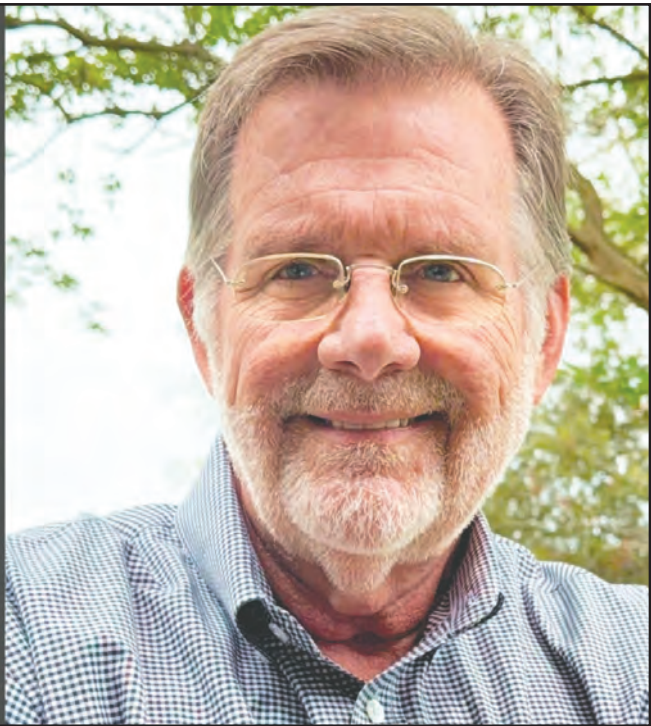
Sparks' priorities include removing the 1.5% sales tax on farm equipment and re-instating state employees as gas inspectors.

Al.com reported last week that former Alabama Attorney General Troy King, a Republican, endorsed Sparks. Sparks said he wasn't shocked by the endorsement.

"I have a lot of respect for Troy King, and I certainly appreciate his endorsement. He feels the same way that I feel. I think it's time for this tribalism and running to our corners and not talking to each other and division to stop," Sparks said.

Hill said in an interview Wednesday the department can't be run the same way it was when Sparks was in office.

"My opponent was a Democrat 15 years ago, and that's a totally different Democratic Party than we have now," he said. "Totally different mindset, different challenges. The administration's different. We've had COVID since then. The whole department's different. The economy's different. It's got to be a different mindset to run that department than it was. You can't run it the



Republican nominee Corey Hill (left) and Democratic Ron Sparks (right) will face each other in the November general election for commissioner of agriculture and industries. (Corey Hill by Anna Barrett/Alabama Reflector.)

same way today you did 15 or 20 years ago."

Hill said he would also work to eliminate the tax on farm equipment. Another one of his priorities is putting Alabama produced food in schools.

"We're gonna make it to where it's gonna be easier for us to buy food from Alabama farmers for our schools to feed Alabama kids in our Alabama schools," Hill said.

Sparks said voters should

choose him because of his time in the department.

"When I served as commissioner of agriculture before, I received awards from every ag organization in the state, whether it be ALFA (Alabama Farmers Association), cattlemen, catfish folks, the veterinarian folks," he said. "The last time I ran for commissioner of agriculture, we won 62 out of 67 counties, and I feel the momentum in this race. And

I can assure you, won't nobody work for farmers and consumers in Alabama any harder than Ron Sparks."

Hill said he should be elected because of his experience as a farmer.

"Our family has been in the grocery store business for many years, many generations, actually, and so food safety and knowing about the recalls and how to handle food to keep that from happening is very important to

us because as a retailer, when those things happen, even if they're no fault of your own, it affects your business," Hill said. "So nobody wants that. So handling the food and keeping it safe is something we know a lot about."

According to campaign finance reports, Hill has raised \$581,400 and spent \$553,500 and Sparks has raised \$153,100 and spent \$57,700 as of Wednesday afternoon.

National ACA disenrollments could impact trust in programs across Alabama

By **Anna Barrett**
Alabama Reflector

As enrollment in the Affordable Care Act in Alabama drops, recent threatened disenrollments could impact the state's health as a whole, experts say.

Enrollment in the program, also known as Obamacare, rose steadily from 2020 to 2025 due to enhanced premium tax credits that lowered insurance costs and made those making more than 400% of the federal poverty level — \$132,000 per year for a family of four or \$86,500 per year for a family of two — eligible for tax credits through the marketplace. By 2025, more than 427,000 Alabamians were enrolled in ACA plans, up from 143,000 five years previous.

Those tax credits expired at the end of 2025, leading to 95,000 Alabamians — about 23% of the state's enrollees — to exit the marketplace. The Trump administration last week announced the planned disenrollment of 760,000 more enrollees over claims of fraud.

Although state-level data of the disenrollments are not available yet, experts say that a combination of not understanding what fraud looks like within the marketplace and healthy people being disenrolled because they have not filed a claim undercuts trust in the program as a whole.

"If there's this continuing idea of fraud in the market-

place, we might not see people sign up as much if they distrust the type of insurance that they're getting," said KFF Policy Analyst Matt McGough in an interview Tuesday.

A request seeking the state-level data and any additional information about the disenrollments was sent to U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on Friday.

While fraud and misuse of ACA does exist, Debbie Smith, director of Alabama Arise's initiative Cover Alabama, said in an interview Tuesday that broad disenrollment is not good for the broader society.

"I think it's really important that we root out fraud, and that if there is indeed fraud that is definitely something that we want to take care of," Smith said. "But it's never good when a bunch of people get disenrolled from health coverage, whether it's from the announcement last week or people just losing their health insurance and coverage in general because of the prices going up dramatically last year because of the enhanced subsidies expiring."

Roughly 19.2 million Americans are actively enrolled in ACA marketplace health plans as of early 2026, according to the Department of Health and Human Services website.

According to the CMS, most of the disenrollments are unauthorized enroll-

ments by "bad actors" in insurance brokerage. An estimated 80% of enrollments are supported by brokers.

McGough said that many people are used to using brokers for other types of insurance, so they gravitate towards the service for health insurance as well.

"I think time is going to tell to truly understand how successful this action was in combating the fraud that's out there," McGough said. "Potentially the only people that know who was fraudulently enrolled or not are the brokers who were acting illegally to enroll these people."

McGough said that it is hard to determine the collateral damage of the disenrollment because the public does not have access to the personal data that CMS does.

"It's really not clear at this point if there is going to be any collateral in trying to fight this fraud, so to speak. Potentially there are going to be people who are legitimately enrolled who go to the marketplaces every year, or go to their broker, and they are enrolled and they think they have health insurance coverage, and now they don't," McGough said.

The administration also claimed that some enrollees had not filed an insurance claim within a year of being insured, which CMS attributes to individuals being enrolled without their knowledge by brokers.

"While zero utilization is not, on its face, indicative of

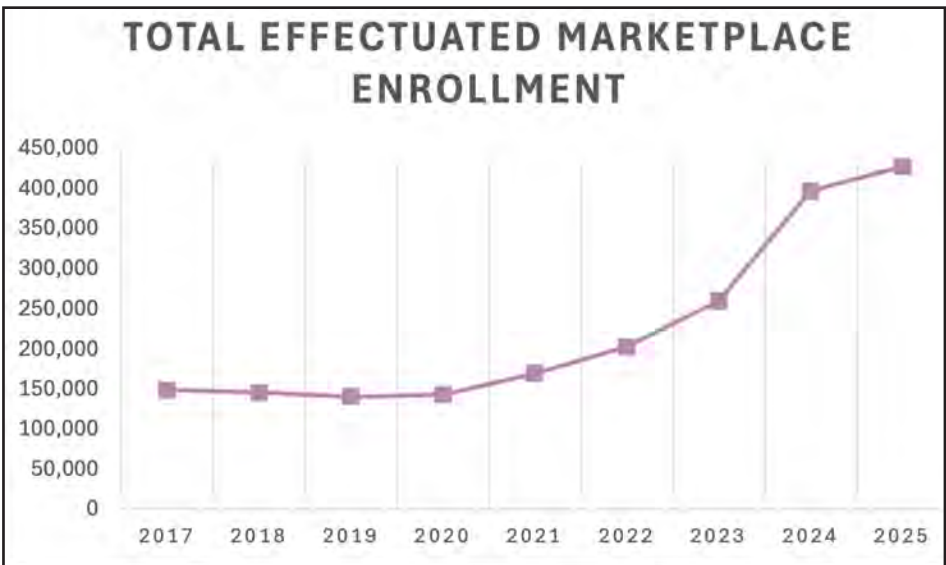


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an unauthorized enrollment (healthy individuals may go an extended period without filing a claim, for example), onExchange plans purchased through the Federal platform were more likely than unsubsidized, off-Exchange plans to have zero utilization in Plan Year 2024," a CMS interim final rule from last week reads. "This 11 percentage point differential between on-Exchange and off-Exchange zero utilization is notable and may be indicative of unauthorized enrollment (since consumers enrolled in plans without their knowledge or consent would not be expected to utilize those plans)."

The interim final rule is what CMS will use to disenroll individuals.

Smith said that healthy

people are crucial to the healthcare system's foundation, recalling that she rarely used her health insurance when she was in her 20s.

"The whole point is to spread the risk among the thousands of people who are enrolled in coverage. If you don't have healthy people to balance it out, then premiums just continue to go up and up and up because there's only sick people using the coverage, and it's not a very good balance," she said.

According to a March study by KFF, Americans under 34 make up 44% of the insured population, but only 21% of total healthcare spending.

"People who pay more into the risk pool than they are getting out in a given year, like through claims,

are integral to keeping health insurance affordable," McGough said.

Smith said that the federal navigator program, a service that helps individuals shop for health plans with no "skin in the game," would help prevent some of the back actor brokers that have led to the mass disenrollment. However, the program's funding was cut last year because they "are not enrolling nearly enough people to justify the substantial amount of federal dollars previously spent on the program."

"If we really care about making sure that people aren't fraudulently enrolled, then we need to be investing in programs like that that don't have skin in the game," Smith said.

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EDUCATION

Rainbow Middle students take part in NASA research

Forty seventh-grade students at Rainbow Middle School are taking part in a NASA-supported research program that gives them the opportunity to contribute real data to scientists studying how plants can be grown in space.

The students, from Ben Simmons' science class, began this week working with Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama through Growing Beyond Earth, a classroom-based citizen science program developed by Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in partnership with NASA, according to a press release from the Challenger center.

Two tabletop plant-growth chambers have been installed at the Challenger Learning Center, where students will conduct experiments, collect data and submit their findings to NASA's Space Crop Production team at the Kennedy Space Center, the press release said.

The research supports NASA's work to identify crops that could eventually be grown during long-duration space missions to the International Space Station, Moon and Mars.

Growing Beyond Earth began in 2015 and uses plant habitats modeled after the Vegetable Production System, or Veggie, aboard the International Space Station, according to the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden website.

The program now operates in 500 middle and high schools across 48 states and 10 countries, the website said. Students have tested hundreds of edible

plant varieties as part of the research, with some varieties advancing to further spaceflight testing.

At Challenger, a rotating group of Rainbow Middle students will visit the center each week to check the growth chambers, take measurements and submit data. The students will spend about 20 minutes checking each chamber.

The entire seventh grade participated in a kickoff event and required program training, which included students from Austria, Slovakia and Taiwan.

During the first semester, students will follow a NASA-developed research protocol. During the second semester, they will design and conduct their own experiments and submit a research proposal, following a process similar to that used by professional researchers.

"This partnership puts Rainbow Middle School students at the center of real, ongoing NASA research, not a simulation of it," said Dr. Farrah Hayes, executive director of Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama. "Growing Beyond Earth is exactly the kind of hands-on, authentic STEM experience Challenger exists to provide."

Chad Strawn, education coordinator at Challenger, said the program gives students an opportunity to experience the scientific process firsthand.

"What makes this program so powerful is that students aren't just learning about the scientific method, they're living it," Strawn said in the press release.



Submitted photo

"From forming a hypothesis to collecting data to eventually designing their own experiment, students are doing the same work as professional researchers."

Rainbow Middle Principal Allison Lee said the program builds on the school's partnership with Challenger Learning Center.

"We are thrilled to give our seventh-graders the chance to be part of active NASA re-

search," Lee said in the press release. "Our students will walk away from this having done real science that supports NASA's mission, and that is an experience that will stay with them long after seventh grade."

The program is provided at no cost to the school or participating students. Challenger is covering the cost of the growth chambers and supplies, while Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and NASA provide equip-

ment, curriculum materials and training.

Students also will have opportunities to participate in monthly "Chat with the Scientists" sessions and present their research findings at the annual Growing Beyond Earth Student Research Symposium.

Challenger Learning Center plans to expand the program to additional classrooms and schools in its service area in future school years.

Gadsden State receives \$200,000 Home Depot grant for Valley Street Campus

Gadsden State Community College has received a \$200,000 Campus Improvement Grant through The Home Depot's Retool Your School program for improvements at the Valley Street Campus.

Gadsden State was one of 10 institutions selected to receive a 2026 Campus Improvement Grant. The funding will be used to expand and modernize facilities supporting the Dental Assisting program.

"We are incredibly grateful to The Home Depot and the Retool Your School program for this investment in our students and the Valley Street Campus," said Alan Smith, president of Gadsden State. "This grant allows us to make meaningful improvements to an existing facility while creating additional space that supports student success, workforce development and service to our community."

The project will enclose an existing patio area at the Dental Assisting facility to create additional space for students and community use. The expansion will provide areas for studying,

collaboration, meal breaks, advising, equipment and program operations.

Planned improvements also include ADA-compliant accessibility enhancements, energy-efficient storefront windows, upgraded HVAC ductwork, improved lighting and electrical upgrades.

The Dental Assisting program is the only program of its kind within Gadsden State's service area and prepares students for careers in health care. The expanded facility also will provide opportunities for preventive-care outreach, workshops and other services for underserved communities.

"This grant is a tremendous investment in the Valley Street Campus and, most importantly, in our students," said Ricky Tillis, director of the Valley Street Campus. "The additional space and facility improvements will give our students and faculty a more functional environment for teaching, learning and collaboration while allowing us to continue strengthening a program that prepares students to

enter the health care workforce."

The project is part of a series of improvements underway at the Valley Street Campus, including instructional and technology upgrades, roof and gutter replacement at the Administration Building and renovations to the Licensed Practical Nursing and Cybersecurity classrooms.

The Retool Your School program provides funding for campus improvement projects at historically Black colleges and universities and other under-resourced colleges. According to The Home Depot, the program has invested more than \$18 million in campus improvements since 2009.

"We look forward to seeing the impact this investment will have on our students and the Valley Street community," Tillis said. "These improvements are about more than updating a facility. They are about creating spaces where our students can learn, prepare for meaningful careers and better serve the communities around them."

\$400,000 in scholarships available for automotive manufacturing students

The Alabama Community College System (ACCS) and the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association (AAMA) are offering \$400,000 in scholarships to Alabama residents pursuing careers in the state's automotive manufacturing industry.

Applications are now open to students enrolled in eligible programs at Alabama community colleges. Scholarships are capped at \$4,000 and can be used to cover tuition, books and fees for the 2027 spring, summer or fall semesters.

Eligible programs include:

- Mechatronics
- Advanced Manufacturing Technology
- Automated Manufacturing Technology
- Industrial Electronics Technology
- Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Manufacturing Technology
- Machining/Machine Tool/CNC
- Automotive Service Technology
- Robotic Welding Technology
- Engineering Technology

To qualify, students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be enrolled in one of the eligible programs. Dually enrolled high school students are not eligible.

Applications can be submitted online through Dream It, Do It Alabama. The deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 30.

Local students named to honors lists

University of Maryland Global Campus Dean's List Abhishesh Phuyal - Rainbow City Jacksonville State University Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Toni Kirwan - Attalla University of Alabama President's List Bethany Brannon - Boaz Riki Paul - Hokes Bluff Tammy Cofield - Southside University of Alabama Dean's List Amelia Ryan - Boaz Brody McCutcheon - Southside University of Alabama Director's List Lily Barnes - Rainbow City Madi Gaskin - Attalla	Henley Green - Gadsden Southern New Hampshire University President's List Haley Cox - Rainbow City Michael Walker - Altoona Jenna Robinson - Attalla Isaac Gregory - Attalla Emily Williams - Gadsden Kissy Conwell - Gadsden Logan Connell - Gadsden Southern New Hampshire University Dean's List Destiny Hernandez - Gadsden Courtland Harris - Gadsden Nancy Quinn - Hokes Bluff Abby Millican - Attalla
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Proposal Deadline: October 12, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.
Submit Proposals Electronically To: Herlecia Hampton - h.hampton@gadhs.org
Email Subject: Proposal for Nutrition and Healthy Eating Initiative Professional Services

Scan the QR code to view the complete RFP, including the full scope of services, qualifications, proposal requirements, and evaluation criteria.

Your Community

CALENDAR

Featured Events*

Oct. 2-Oct. 9

**Or: A collection of some rare, fast-approaching local events, curated by members of the community, for members of the community.*

Arts & Culture

Dry Creek Greenhouse’s Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival

- Where: Dry Creek Greenhouse - 8536 Centre Road, Gadsden
- When: Every Friday in Oct., 7 to 11 p.m.; every Saturday in Oct., 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; every Sunday in Oct., 1 to 6 p.m.

Beatles-Themed Scavenger Hunt

- Where: Downtown Gadsden - Broad St., Gadsden
- When: Oct. 2, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New Art Exhibits ft. Dan Tipton, Wesley Bishop, & Valencia Ragan

- Where: Gadsden Museum of Art - 515 Broad St., Gadsden
- When: Oct. 2, 5 to 7 p.m.

Soul Revival

- Where: Mort Glosser Amphitheater - 90 Walnut St., Gadsden
- When: Oct. 3, 5 to 9 p.m.

Diamond Art Club

- Where: Gadsden Public Library - 254 South College Street, Gadsden
- When: Oct. 8, 4 to 5 p.m.

Sports

2026 Legends of the Falls

- Where: Nocalula Falls Campground - 1600 Nocalula Road, Gadsden
- When: Oct. 3, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Recurring Events

Weekly

Gadsden Duplicate Bridge Club

- Where: 623 Broad St., Gadsden, 2nd Floor
- When: Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Bingo Night at AJ’s Neighborhood Bar and Grill

- Where: AJ’s Neighborhood Bar and Grill - 1582 Highway 77, Southside
- When: Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night at Blackstone Pub

- Where: 525 Broad St., Gadsden
- When: Wednesdays, 7 to 10 p.m.

Useless Trivia at Back Forty

- Where: Back Forty - 200 N. 6th St., Gadsden
- When: Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Friday Evening Wine Down at Wills Creek Winery

- Where: Wills Creek Vineyards and Winery - 10522 Duck Springs Road, Attalla
- When: Fridays, 6 to 8 p.m.

Bingo Night at Pique Nique

- Where: River Rocks Landing Resort - 1 River Road, Gadsden
- When: Fridays at 7 p.m.

Monthly

Taste of the Town Food Truck Festival

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

Music Trivia Night at Baja Rainbow City

- Where: Baja California Grill - 110 Sutton Bridge Road, Rainbow City
- When: Second Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m.

North East Alabama Genealogical Society Meeting

- Where: Nichols Memorial Library - corner of Dwight Avenue and Cabot Avenue, Alabama City
- When: Second Saturday at 10 a.m.

Third Thirsty Thursday at the Stone Market

- Where: The Stone Market - 120 Chestnut St., Gadsden
- When: Third Thursday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All Events

Oct. 2-Oct. 16

Oct. 2

Highway 411 Yard Sale

- Where: Highway 411 - US-411, Rainbow City
- When: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gadsden Museum of Art

- Where: Gadsden Museum of Art - 515 Broad St., Gadsden
- When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (open late for First Fridays)

Downtown Gadsden’s October First Friday

- Where: Downtown Broad Street, Gadsden
- When: 5 to 8 p.m.

Oct. 3

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.

Crown Inc Diecast Show

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Knitting for Beginners

- Where: Walnut Gallery - 806 Walnut St., Gadsden
- When: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Oct. 7

Senior Health and Resource Fair

- Where: Downtown Civic Center - 623 Broad St., Gadsden
- When: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Oct. 8

2026 Cardinal Gala

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- When: 6 to 8 p.m.

Plant Bingo Hosted by Rococo Floral Studio

- Where: Gadsden Variety - 422 Broad Street, Gadsden
- When: 6 to 8 p.m.

Gadsden Symphony Orchestra Concert

- Where: Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts - 501 Broad St., Gadsden
- When: 7 to 8 p.m.

Oct. 9

Allis-Chalmers 18th Annual ‘G’ Roundup Tractor Show

- Where: Hokes Bluff Community Center - 5981 Gilliland Street, Hokes Bluff
- When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Plant Bingo Hosted by Rococo Floral Studio

- Where: Gadsden Variety - 422 Broad Street, Gadsden
- When: 6 to 8 p.m.

Gadsden Symphony Orchestra Concert

- Where: Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts - 501 Broad St., Gadsden
- When: 7 to 8 p.m.

Oct. 10

2026 Nocalula Falls Duathlon

- Where: Nocalula Falls Campground - 1600 Nocalula Road, Gadsden
- When: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Glencoe Touch-A-Truck

- Where: E.C. Wilson Park - 313 Nancy Carrol Ave., Glencoe
- When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Oct. 11

Downtown Gadsden Ghost Tour

- Where: Nola’s Clover - 124 Court Street, Gadsden
- When: 5 to 7 p.m.

Oct. 12

Smokeneck Acoustic Society

- Where: Southside Community Center - 2142 Hwy 77, Southside
- When: 6 to 8 p.m.

Oct. 15

Artoberfest

- Where: Wall Street, Gadsden
- When: 5 to 8 p.m.

Oct. 16

Aladdin Jr. Hosted by Theatre of Gadsden

- Where: Ritz Theatre - 310 Wall Street, Gadsden
- When: 7 to 10 p.m.

American Legion Pro Rodeo

- Where: American Legion 71 - 201 Griffin St. SE, Attalla
- When: 7:30 to 10 p.m.

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Southside Public Library hosts assortment of local authors for its Author and Book Festival

By Caylie Moore
Features Editor

On Saturday, Sept. 19, Southside Public Library hosted its first Author and Book Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate Alabaman authors and their endeavors in writing and publication. Featuring over 20 authors specialized in a wide range of genres — including, but not limited to, romance novels, children’s books, devotionals, fantasy stories, memoirs and poetry — dozens of Etowah County attendees and several local vendors came out to the festival to support the creative scene.

Features Editor Caylie Moore happened to be one of them.

As she carefully made her way through the crowded community center, she interviewed many of the authors present and discovered that writing was an art form that took on a variety of shapes and traveled along various paths.

Juliana Smith, a 26-year-

old Jacksonville native and contemporary romance author who has written several novels, had a lot to say about her own journey to being a published writer.

“I never thought I would want to write a book, but I did always love reading. When I started writing in 2022, it was a New Year’s resolution to finish a book. The first one did okay, but the second one — *Baggage Claim* — did really well,” Smith explained, adding that she was doing real estate full-time at the time and hadn’t expected to change careers.

“I was used to a high-pressure, work-all-the-time job. When *Baggage Claim* did really well, it was good enough to the point I was able to leave my job and write full-time,” Smith stated. “Since I had all that extra time, I took it really seriously and started writing a bunch.”

“You never know what will happen. I started off just for fun, and then it slowly came to this... somehow. I still don’t really know how,”

she finished with a laugh.

While Smith’s career is a rare example of young talent crossing roads with a dash of luck, many of the authors at the event had longer and more complex histories with writing, including Beth Ann Hill, a storyteller and an author of “*Tracing the Spirit*” and other short stories.

“I started writing when I was in 1st grade,” Hill stated, before going on to add that her mother had bought her a set of porcelain dolls, and Hill would come up with stories about them religiously. “I would write a short story for each and every single one of them.”

Still, Hill was adamant that she would not be where she is today if it weren’t for a very special person encouraging her to write. “When I was in the 3rd through 6th grade, I had a teacher that really fostered my love for writing — Mrs. Hall,” she explained. “When I write, I still hear her voice in my mind. It’s just something that’s a part of me.”

For Hill, community is an irreplaceable aspect of writing — and she urges writers new and old to find one.

“Find that writing community. There are so many libraries that have local writing groups! Writing can be such a solitary activity. When I started working with a community, then I got critique partners, and through those critique partners, I made connections to get published. If I had not found that community, I don’t think I



would be published now.

Other authors present were B.R. Curry, an independent romance author; Crystal Watford, a historical fiction writer; Dr. Tiffany Sayles, author of *We Say!*, a children’s book; Sandra Mullins Bost, a children’s book author and *Messenger* columnist; Kate Crosss, author of the *Shadow Grove* series; Lori Stewart McRae, author of a journaling de-

votional; Wesley R. Bishop, a historian, poet and editor; Hope L. Whitaker, a children’s novelist; Leslie Harper Worthington, author of two poetry collections; B.W. Green, a sci-fi and fantasy writer; Tracy McCord, author of children’s books like *Yikes! There’s a Lizard in the Living Room*; Kathy Gidley, an author of Christian nonfiction and devotionals; Jared Millican, author

of various genres including fantasy, sci-fi and mystery; Anita Johnsey Robertson, a children’s book author; Novellee DeWitt, author of the *Home At Last* series; Rosalie Louissaint, a debut memoirist; VJ Goodman, a Christian author who specializes in faith-based storytelling; and Tiffany Marks, a contemporary romance and romantic suspense author.



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LIFESTYLE



Arranging the Pieces

Tabitha Bozeman

During National Hispanic Heritage Month 2026, which takes place from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, I have questions flooding my mind.

Most importantly: Who are we? As humans, I mean? As members of this community?

I have read so much literature through the years and so many times have thought about how lucky I am to have been born when and where and who I am — all things I have had zero control over or say in.

Literature has been one way for me to measure and grasp the changes and progress society has made. But more and more frequently, I have begun feeling like there have been fewer “Look how far we’ve come” moments and far too many “What on earth is happening?” moments.

This is when I try to not only, as Mister Rogers reminded us, look for the helpers, but to be a helper.

More alike than unlike

When I cannot fathom what someone else is experiencing, I think about Maya Angelou saying, “Each one of us has lived through some devastation, some loneliness, some weather superstorm or spiritual superstorm, when we look at each other we must say, I understand. I understand how you feel because I have been there myself. We must support each other and empathize with each other because each of us is more alike than we are unlike.”

Each of us is more alike than we are unlike.

We each need the same basic things to survive, and we each want the same basic things to thrive. But, somehow, there is always someone willing and able to do their best to create division because it suits their end goals.

There are always those who are easily led into turning a blind eye to injustice. There are those who are all too willing to pretend nothing is happening to anyone else, as long as it isn’t happening to them.

I often wonder how seemingly good, kind, loving and even religious people can be so callous, justifying horrific things as long as they aren’t the ones experiencing them.

I think Kurt Vonnegut Jr. nailed it

when he said, “Be warned: If you allow yourself to see dignity in someone, you have doomed yourself to wanting to understand and help whoever it is.”

If we refuse to see and accept the human dignity of another human, or of another group, it is easy to feel nothing when they are treated poorly.

For those who truly believe in the words of Jesus, there are specific instructions as to how we are to respond in the situations we see happening every day.

Jesus very clearly states, “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you” (Matthew 7:12); he commanded, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” and ranked it as second in importance only to loving God (Matthew 22:39); Jesus also told his followers to “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,” showing that human dignity and how we treat others should not depend on how a person treats you, or how they enter the country, or how much money they make, or what language they speak, or the color of their skin.

When students disappear from the classroom because they or someone they love was picked up based solely on their accent or their skin, regardless that they are here legally, and I hear people make

excuses, shrug it off, quote the Old Testament and generally feel superior because of their own nationality, I am mortified and saddened and disappointed.

Just because it hasn’t happened to the group you belong to does not guarantee that it never will.

It just hasn’t yet.

Happy National Hispanic Heritage Month.

May each of us remember we had absolutely no choice in where or when or who we were born — especially this month as we enjoy our cheese dip and tacos.

May our hearts and minds do better, regardless of our reading habits, belief structures or documentation status.

May we each remember that “We are one people, one family, the human family, and what affects one of us affects us all” (John Lewis).

After all, “There is nothing harder than the softness of indifference” (Juan Montalvo).

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A mechanic’s remarkable work

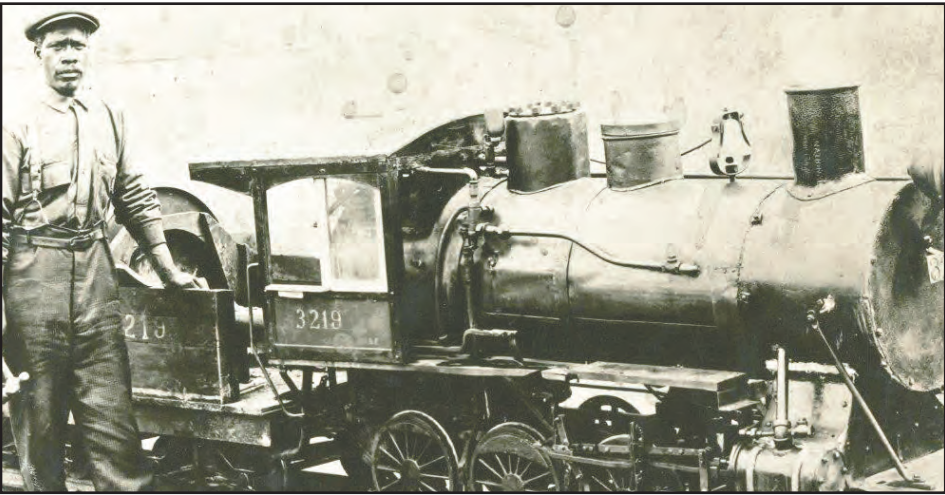
During the First World War, a photograph of a miniature locomotive circulated widely and attracted much local attention. Many mechanical engineers across the state regarded it as a remarkable achievement.

It was built by Jack Marshall, a 53-year-old African American laborer who worked at the blast furnaces of the Alabama Company, which were later taken over by the Sloss Company.

It was a perfect piece of machinery, every part of which functioned properly. The locomotive was modeled after the type used by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad.

Marshall built it entirely by hand with tools that cost him \$14. He was a hot-pot repairer who worked regularly during the day and tinkered with his locomotive at night by the light of a cheap oil lamp.

He began the project in June 1913 by making a rough drawing. He reduced the drawing to scale and then created a blueprint. Through infinite patience and remarkable industry, this humble laborer, working for four years in an old shanty of a home, produced an amazing model of a locomotive, one of the most remarkable



Frank O'Bryant built this later made train in 1919. It weighed 2,250 lbs. The engine was 4 feet high and 16 feet long. Photo submitted by Danny Crownover.

able to be found anywhere.

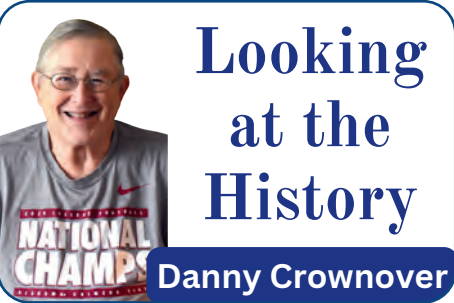
It was a beautiful machine, perfectly appointed and showing fine workmanship in every detail. The miniature engine was of the Mikado type. It had 10 drivers and a pony truck, quick-operating firebox doors and Walsh valve gear.

The track gauge was 6 3/4 inches. The

driving wheels were 6 5/8 inches in diameter, and the stroke was 1 1/4 inches. The boiler head was 8 inches in diameter.

Every part of the locomotive was scaled down with astonishing mathematical accuracy. In every detail, it was built in absolutely correct proportion.

Its lines were as beautiful as those of



Looking at the History

Danny Crownover

the enormous machines produced at the great Baldwin locomotive works.

Marshall was a natural mechanic. His machine was made entirely of metal, and he fashioned most of the pieces by hand using a hammer, chisel and file.

That was the reason it took him four years to complete the project.

Originally, Marshall set out to build a miniature locomotive to test and demonstrate an automatic switch he was developing.

Marshall was considered a mechanical genius, yet he never had the opportunity for formal schooling. There was no telling what he might have accomplished with an education and proper training in mechanical engineering.

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Mindful Moment

Carrie Halladay

This article is a reprint from May 15.

Most people don’t like conflict. It feels uncomfortable, tense and unpredictable. So we either avoid it completely or handle it in ways that leave things worse than they started.

But conflict itself isn’t the problem. It’s how we handle it.

Every relationship — marriage, family, friendships, even work relationships — will have disagreements at some point. The goal isn’t to eliminate conflict. The goal is to move through it in a way that doesn’t damage the relationship in the process.

One of the biggest mistakes people make during conflict is trying to win.

When your focus shifts to proving

Conflict: How to argue in a healthy way

your point, being right, or getting the last word the conversation stops being about resolution and starts being about control. And when one person wins, the relationship usually loses. Healthy conflict is less about winning and more about understanding. That doesn’t mean you agree with everything the other person says. It means you’re willing to hear it without immediately preparing your defense.

Another common pattern is reacting instead of responding.

When emotions run high, it’s easy to interrupt, raise your voice or say something you don’t fully mean. In those moments, your goal isn’t clarity — it’s release.

That’s why slowing things down matters.

If you feel yourself getting overwhelmed, it’s okay to pause. Stepping away briefly can prevent the kind of statements that are hard to take back.

What you say also matters. Statements like, “You always...” or “You never...”

tend to escalate conflict quickly. They put the other person on the defensive and shift the focus away from the actual issue.

A more effective approach is to speak from your own experience.

“I felt frustrated when this happened.”

“I need more communication about this.”

Being clear and direct is less likely to trigger defensiveness.

It’s also important to stay on one issue at a time. When conflict starts to build, it’s tempting to bring up past situations or stack multiple frustrations into one conversation. But that usually leads to overwhelm and confusion, not resolution. Stick to what’s in front of you.

Healthy conflict also includes listening — really listening. Not waiting for your turn to talk. Not mentally preparing your next point. But actually trying to understand what the other person is saying. That doesn’t mean you have to agree. It means you’re making an effort to see their perspective.

And sometimes, the goal of a conversation isn’t full agreement. It’s clarity. You can understand each other better and still see things differently.

At the end of the day, how you argue matters just as much as what you argue about.

Healthy conflict doesn’t leave people feeling attacked or dismissed. It leaves them feeling heard, even if everything isn’t fully resolved. Conflict handled well can actually strengthen a relationship. It builds trust, improves communication, and creates a clearer understanding of each other.

Avoiding it doesn’t protect the relationship.

Learning how to move through it does.

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DEVOTIONALS



I have a vivid memory from fourth grade that I pull out whenever I need to break the ice. It involves a sunny day, a silver slide, canned chocolate pudding and a very enthusiastic rendition of “John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt.” The climax? A nasal eruption of pudding mid-song. It was messy, hilarious and unforgettable — not to mention, it burned a little.

In that ridiculous moment, I learned two things: Never sing with your mouth full, and sometimes, being “too much” is simply part of who you were created to be.

That day at Liberty School was more than just a comedy sketch. It was a snapshot of joy, freedom and belonging. Liberty was my weekly escape to a place where being “too much” was just enough. I could be loud, curious, creative and fully myself. It was a place of abundance.

But outside of Liberty, I often felt like I had to shrink. My report cards praised my academics but criticized my personality.

“Sandra talks too much.”
“Sandra annoys others.”

The pudding principle

“Sandra daydreams.”
Slowly, I began to believe that my personality was a problem. That belief followed me for years — into adulthood, into relationships and into ministry — quietly stealing my confidence, peace and joy.

And that’s exactly what the thief in John 10:10 does:

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” — John 10:10, ESV

In the Gospels, Jesus repeatedly meets people who feel out of place, overlooked or, in some way, “too much.” He doesn’t ask them to become someone else before He loves them. Instead, He offers a clear contrast between the work of the thief and His own purpose.

The thief — Satan — comes to steal, kill and destroy. He whispers lies like, “You’re too much.” “You’re not enough.” “You’re annoying.” “You don’t belong.”

And if we’re not careful, we start to believe those lies. We even begin to repeat them ourselves.

“I’m so ridiculous.”
“I always mess things up.”

Anyone?

We start to shrink. We silence ourselves. We settle for less than the fullness of the life God created us to live.

But Jesus came to do the opposite. He came to give us life—not just survival, not just existence, but abundant life. Full life. Free life. A life that overflows with purpose, joy, peace and an identity rooted in Him.

The Greek word translated “abundantly” in this verse is perissos, which carries the idea of something exceeding what is expected or going beyond the ordinary. That’s the kind of life Jesus offers—not a life of simply getting by, but a life marked by His presence and purpose.

A life where you don’t have to tone down your God-given personality just to fit in.

A life where your uniqueness can be surrendered to God rather than criticized by others.

A life where you are free to be fully alive. Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus interacting with people whom society had pushed aside or labeled in some way as too much, not enough or simply unacceptable. We never see Him demand that they erase their personalities in order to be loved. Yes, He called people away from sin, but He did not condemn the unique ways He had created them.

In fact, Scripture is filled with people whose individual personalities, strengths and weaknesses became part of the way God accomplished His purposes. Sometimes He uses specific traits to minister to others. Other times, He uses our weaknesses to demon-

strate His strength. God intentionally created people with different personalities, gifts and perspectives. He can use those differences to reach people we could never reach by trying to become someone else. And when we recognize our dependence on Him, we begin to understand that His power is made perfect in weakness.

Embracing that truth changes the way we see ourselves. It frees us from the pressure to fit someone else’s mold and reminds us that our identity is ultimately found in the One who created us.

So these days, when I start worrying that I’m taking up too much space, I turn my eyes back to Jesus.

I don’t need to shrink to fit. I am exactly the person God created me to be.

My enthusiasm and creative spark aren’t mistakes. They can be surrendered to Him and used for His purposes.

And honestly? I think God used that chocolate pudding moment as a gentle wink from heaven, showing me early on that He loves us fully — unedited and all.

Give yourself permission to let His love speak the loudest today. Then step freely into the full, vibrant life He has for you.

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Victory has a posture: Get in position

There are moments in football when the most powerful thing a quarterback can do is take a knee.

It’s called the victory formation. Late in the game, when a team has the lead and enough time can be taken off the clock, the quarterback doesn’t throw a pass or scramble for more yards. He takes the snap, gets down on one knee, protects the football and lets the clock run.

To someone who doesn’t understand football, kneeling might look like surrender. But when you understand the situation, you realize something:

He’s not kneeling because he lost. He’s kneeling because the victory has already been won.

There’s a spiritual lesson in that.

Hebrews 4:16 says, “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

God gives us an invitation: Come.

Not cautiously. Not ashamed. Not wondering whether God wants you there. Come boldly.

That doesn’t mean we approach God arrogantly. It means we approach Him confidently because Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, has given us access to the Father.

Maybe that’s exactly what somebody needs to hear today.

You’ve been standing on the sidelines of your own prayer life. You’ve talked to everybody about your problem except God. You’ve worried about it, lost sleep over it, replayed it in your mind and tried everything you know to do.

Get in position.

When you don’t know what to do, get in position. When the pressure is on, get in position. When you feel like giving up, get in position. When you need mercy, grace and help,

prayer isn’t the sideline. Prayer is the formation.

But here’s what I love: Hebrews doesn’t just tell us to come; it tells us where to go. We are invited to the throne of grace.

Think about that.

A throne represents authority, power and sovereignty. Yet because of Jesus, the throne we approach is called the throne of grace.

So when you pray, you aren’t crawling into the presence of someone who doesn’t want you there. You are approaching the God who loves you, knows you and has invited you to come.

There is authority at the throne. There is power at the throne. There is mercy at the throne. There is grace at the throne.

And Scripture tells us exactly what we can expect when we get there: “mercy” and “grace to help us in our time of need.”

That means prayer should come with expectation. You aren’t praying just so you can say you prayed. You’re coming before the God who can actually do something about what you’re facing.

When I have messed up, there is mercy.

When I am weak, there is grace.

When I cannot do it by myself, there is help.

But there is something deeper about our posture before God.

Kneeling represents humility. It says, “God, You are God, and I am not.”

Submission says, “Your will, not mine.”

Surrender says, “I release control.”

Dependence says, “God, I need You.”

Reverence says, “I recognize who You are.”

Worship says, “God, You are worthy.”

But don’t misunderstand this. God isn’t measuring the angle of your knees. Some people physically cannot kneel because of

age, injury or physical limitations.

God is looking at the posture of your heart.

You can kneel physically while your heart remains rebellious. And you can sit in a chair while your heart is completely surrendered to God.

The real victory formation happens inside.

Maybe that’s why some situations haven’t changed our perspective. We keep asking God to change everything around us when He may first be calling us to change our position before Him.

Sometimes you have to change your position before you can change your perspective.

The doctor may have given you bad news. Get in position.

Your finances may look impossible. Get in position.

Your family may be struggling. Get in position.

The door may have closed unexpectedly. Get in position.

Not because kneeling magically makes problems disappear, but because prayer reminds you who has the final word.

And here’s the beautiful part about the victory formation: The quarterback isn’t taking a knee trying to win the game. He takes the knee because the victory has already been won.

And don’t miss what the quarterback is holding when he takes that knee: the ball.

Think of that ball as the blessings and promises of God. The quarterback receives the ball, holds on to it and then takes a knee.

There’s a word in that for us.

When God places a blessing in your hands or gives you a promise to hold on to, your first response shouldn’t always be to run. Sometimes your response should be to kneel.

Take and protect the blessing. Hold on to the promise. And get in position.

Because sometimes the greatest way to



protect what God has placed in your hands is to stay surrendered to the One who gave it to you.

That’s how believers can pray.

We don’t bow because we have no hope.

We bow because our hope is in Jesus.

We don’t surrender because the enemy has defeated us. We surrender because God is in control.

So when life gets loud, pressure builds and fear starts telling you that everything is falling apart, remember:

Victory has a posture.

Get in position.

Come boldly. Approach the throne. Receive His mercy. Find His grace. And trust the God who still has the final word.

Let’s pray.

Father, teach me to get in position before You. When I am afraid, remind me that I can approach Your throne with confidence. When I have failed, help me receive Your mercy. When I am weak, give me Your grace. When I try to control everything myself, teach me to surrender. Change the posture of my heart and remind me that You are still God, You are still in control, and because of Jesus, my victory is secure.

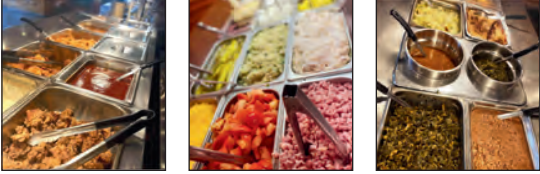
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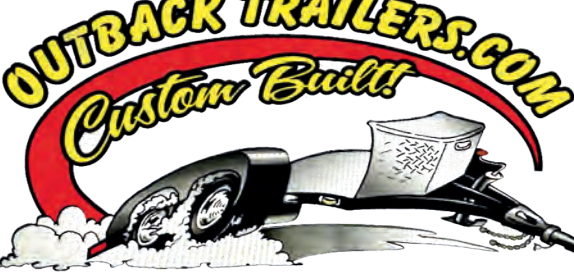
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Patriots take the game

The West End Patriots outplayed the Sardis Lions on the football field Friday with an ending score of 34-12.

This win gave the Patriots a 2-3 record for the sixth week, and marked its second consecutive win after its first three games of the season. The Patriots will face off against Vincent on their home field for a non-region game Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.

Friday marks the second consecutive loss for Sardis in a 1-4 season, winning only to Crossville on Sept. 11 with a score of 48-6. The Lions will travel to Good Hope in Cullman for a non-conference game Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.



Panthers defeat the Blue Devils 45-0



White Plains snaps a losing streak to Eagles

By Alex Chaney
Sports Correspondent

Hokes Bluff came into the contest having won 12 straight against the Wildcats, usually with margins in the double digits. White Plains made a close game of it last year, losing to the Eagles 35-28. This year, they rectified their losing streak 42-28.

In the fourth quarter, there was only one score. White Plains added a rushing touchdown with 8:34 left on the clock.



Last Week's Scores

High School Sports

Football

Sept. 25
Russellville defeated Coosa 49-10
Gadsden City defeated Fultondale 49- 8
Ohatchee defeated Glencoe 43-28
Southside defeated Etowah 45-0
West End defeated Sardis 34-12
White Plains defeated Hokes Bluff 42-28
Westbrook defeated Oneonta 28-27

This Week in Sports

High School Sports

Football

Oct. 2
Gadsden City vs Grissom
Glencoe at Oneonta
Southside vs Springville
Sardis at Good Hope
Hokes Bluff vs Holly Pond
Westbrook at Lindsey Lane
West End vs Vincent
Etowah at Vinemont
Gaston vs Saks

Girls Flag Football

Oct. 6
Gadsden City at Homewood

Oct. 8
Gadsden City at Sparkman (Huntsville)

SPORTS



Glencoe beats out Hokes Bluff, Plainview in volleyball

By Alex Chaney
Sports Correspondent

On Thursday, Sept. 24, Glencoe won its volleyball match against Hokes Bluff in straight sets, beating its county rival and Area 12 opponent in the process.

First set: Glencoe 25-Hokes Bluff 21. This was, as the score suggests, a close match. Both teams fought hard to take the win, but Glencoe was ultimately victorious.

Second set: Glencoe 25-Hokes Bluff 15. In this set, Hokes Bluff got an early lead. Afterwards, the score narrowed, and the teams stayed even at 10, 11, and 12 points each. Gradually, though, Glencoe pulled away from Hokes Bluff, eventually widening the gap by 10 points and scoring another win for the Yellow Jackets.

Third set: Glencoe 25-Hokes Bluff 10. This set was easily dominated by

Glencoe.

With the third set finalized, Glencoe took home the best 3 out of 5 matches with a score of 3-0.

After that match concluded, Hokes Bluff faced off against Plainview, but in the end, they could not manage to bounce back and lost the 2 out of 3 match 2-0.

Glencoe also played Plainview after Hokes Bluff had finished its match; however, the outcome was much more favorable for the Yellow Jackets, and Glencoe won 2-0 in a pair of close sets, one of which went into extra points.

Glencoe had a strong showing, and its players' stats were as follows: Millie Chambliss had 11 kills; Mia Talbot had 16 kills; Katy Talbot 12 kills and 11 digs; Gra-cyn Bunt had 19 digs; Mia Talbot had 17 digs; Avery Barkley had 25 assists; and Kinlee Montgomery had 24 assists.



Last Week's Scores

High School Sports

Volleyball

Sept. 24
Glencoe defeated Hokes Bluff 25-21, 25-15 and 25-10. Glencoe defeated Plainview 25-19 and 25-20

College Sports

Volleyball

Sept. 28
Gadsden State defeated Southern Union Community College 25-10, 25-9 and 25-16.

Sept. 29
Gadsden State defeated Lawson State Community College 3 sets to 0.



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This Week in Sports

High School Sports

Volleyball

Oct. 3
Etowah County Tournament at West End High School

Oct. 5
Etowah and Locust Fork at Oneonta
Hokes Bluff at Cherokee County

Oct. 6
Westbrook vs Faith Christian/Appalachian
Sardis at Scottsboro
Glencoe and Ragland at Ashville

Oct. 8
Westbrook and Ashville at Lincoln
Glencoe and Leeds at Alexandria
Etowah and Cullman Christian at JB Pennington
Hokes Bluff at Pleasant Valley

College Sports

Volleyball

Oct. 2
Gadsden State playing in the Bishop State Tournament in Gulf Shores

Oct. 3
Gadsden State playing in the Bishop State Tournament in Gulf Shores

Oct. 7
Gadsden State at Beville State Community College

Oct. 8
Gadsden State vs Lawson State Community College

Cross Country

Sept. 25
Gadsden State at Twilight at John Hunt

SPORTS



In & Around SEC
Cole Frederick

Week four review of SEC football

Alabama Week 4 Review

After back-to-back slow starts, the Crimson Tide played its best first half of the season in a dominant 49-18 win over South Carolina. Alabama jumped out to a 35-10 lead at half, and while the total yardage ended up looking much closer, they thoroughly outclassed the Gamecocks. Keelon Russell threw for 365 yards and four touchdowns, and he added another 35 yards and a score on the ground. Ryan Coleman-Williams caught five passes for 98 yards and two touchdowns as Alabama improved to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the SEC. The Crimson Tide hit the road on Saturday (Oct. 3) to take on undefeated Mississippi State.

Auburn Week 4 Review

For the second time this season, Auburn won a one-possession game. The Tigers were among the worst in the country in one-score games under the previous two coaches, and while there are still many areas to improve, it is a step in the right direction for Alex Golesh's program. Auburn defeated Vanderbilt 21-15 behind nearly 200 total yards and two touchdowns from Byrum Brown and a blocked punt for a touchdown in the first half. The Tigers improved to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in conference play, and they travel to

Knoxville to take on Tennessee on Saturday afternoon.

Week 5 Previews and Predictions (week 4: 9-0; season: 47-4)

Game of the Week Alabama at Mississippi State (+6)

Not many had this circled as a marquee matchup before the season started, but Mississippi State has emerged as a potential playoff contender behind superstar sophomore quarterback Kamario Taylor. The Bulldogs are 4-0 with two conference wins in tow, and now Taylor will square off with fellow sophomore phenom Keelon Russell. Both quarterbacks are possible Heisman contenders, and they have the ability to light up the scoreboard on Saturday morning. Prediction: Alabama 31, Mississippi State 24.

Vanderbilt at Georgia (-24.5)

The Bulldogs have yet to be challenged this season, and they are powered by yet another stifling Kirby Smart defense. Statistically, the Georgia-Oklahoma game was almost even, but the Sooners made critical mistakes while the Bulldogs did not. Vanderbilt was competitive in a road loss at Auburn, but this is a much taller task for true freshman Jared Curtis. Prediction:

Georgia 34, Vanderbilt 10.

Florida at Missouri (+5)

It took less than a month for Jon Sumrall to put Florida back on the map. The Gators followed up their impressive road win at Auburn with a dominant victory over Ole Miss, and they should be taken seriously as a playoff contender. Missouri lost a heartbreaker to Mississippi State, and

this could be a dangerous spot for the visiting Gators on Saturday afternoon. Prediction: Florida 31, Missouri 27.

Auburn at Tennessee (-7)

When Josh Heupel was hired at Tennessee after a successful tenure at UCF, one of the first moves he made was bringing offensive coordinator Alex Golesh with him to Knoxville. Now, Golesh is bringing his Auburn

Tigers to Rocky Top to take on his former boss, and the two teams have looked similar through four games in addition to running the same offense. Each coach will know the tendencies of the other very well, and despite this being two offensive-minded coaches, this matchup is shaping up to be a defensive battle. Prediction: Tennessee 23, Auburn 20.

Kentucky at South Carolina (-2.5)

The season is already spiraling out of control for Shane Beamer and the Gamecocks. After two straight embarrassing losses and a suspension of star defensive end Dylan Stewart, Beamer is firmly on the hot seat, and the schedule doesn't get any easier. First-year Kentucky coach Will Stein could put the final nail in the coffin for Beamer if the Wildcats pull off the small upset this weekend. Prediction: South Carolina 26, Kentucky 23.

Arkansas at Texas A&M (-14)

After making the playoffs a season ago, many believed Texas A&M would contend for another playoff spot and SEC title in 2026. After two conference losses to start the season, the Aggies have a chance to get back on track against an Arkansas team that is also struggling to start the year. Prediction: Texas A&M 33, Arkansas 20.

McNeese at LSU

The Tigers were able to right the ship with a dominant win over Texas A&M, and while they lost star linebacker Whit Weeks to injury, they should have a chance to rest some key players this week before returning to SEC play next weekend at Kentucky. Prediction: LSU 52, McNeese 6.

 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	49-18
5	OCT 3	AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	11:00 AM ABC
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	21-15
5	OCT 3	AT TENNESSEE	2:30 PM ABC
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

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 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.

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 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

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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. One Perimeter Park South-Suite 400N Birmingham, Alabama 35243 (205) 298-1800 40-FC-26-01335

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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. 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 purchaser 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.

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

September 18, 25, and October 2, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

STATE OF ALABAMA, ETOWAH COUNTY

Default having been made in 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 Oc-

tober, 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 Kesha 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: 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" 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

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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

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: Parcel 1: 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 Northeast 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 Northeasterly lines of Lots 11 and 12, a distance of 30 feet to the Southeasterly line of Lots 12; thence run in a Southeasterly direction and along the Southeast-erly line of said lot, 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 sought 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 Pulllight 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. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of said mortgage. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable 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
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REYNOLDS, REYNOLDS & LITTLE, LLC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
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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 expenses 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 purchaser 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.

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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 Benard 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 East a distance of 150.00 feet to a point; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 290.40 feet to a point; thence North 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 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 purchaser 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.

Renasant Bank ("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

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 Gary Clanton, Cherry Wright to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for MORTGAGEAMERICA INC, its successors and assigns dated October 12, 2006; said mortgage being recorded on October 20, 2006 as Instrument No. 3257700 as having been modified by an agreement recorded as Instrument No. 3583774 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST by assignment recorded as Instrument No. 3558324 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, 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 November 9, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commencing at a 3/8 inch rebar at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 10 South Range 4 East. Thence North 02 degrees 28 minutes 33 seconds West 999.87 feet to a point on the West right-of-way of Pleasant Hill Church Road BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Thence South 88 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds West 342.18 feet to a one half inch rebar set Cap No. CA-0078. Thence North 01 degree 06 minutes 43 seconds East 45.30 feet to a one half inch rebar set Cap No. CA-0078. Thence North 75 degrees 54 minutes 31 seconds East 354.19 feet to a one half inch rebar set Cap No. CA-0078 on the West right-of-way of Pleasant Hill Church Road. Thence South 01 degree 06 minutes 43 seconds West 121.99 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Property being in Etowah County, Alabama and containing 0.66 acres, more or less. Property subject to all existing rights of way and or easements that are recorded or unrecorded. ALSO: A Non Exclusive Easement for ingress-egress being Twenty feet in width and lying North of and parallel to the North line of the above described property.

Said property is commonly known as 634 Pleasant Hill Church Rd, Boaz, AL 35956.

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.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
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October 2, 9, and 16, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jonathan Garner, a married man and Allison Garner, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC., its successors and assigns, on November 18, 2021, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3531271; the undersigned Guild Mortgage Company LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on December 9, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Beginning at a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183) on the Eastern Right-of-Way of Taylor Road (35 foot R/W) and also marking the Southwest corner of Lot Fifty-Nine (59), Block Two (2), Taylor Subdivision Addition to Glencoe, as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 401, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama; thence along said Right-of-Way North 00 degrees 26 minutes 29 seconds East 111.67 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183); thence leaving said Right-of-Way North 80 degrees 34 minutes 28 seconds East 139.86 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183); thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 42 seconds West 111.67 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (LS#21183); thence South 80 degrees 34 minutes 28 seconds West 139.88 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being all of Lots Fifty-Nine (59), Sixty-One (61), Sixty-Three (63), Sixty-Five (65) and a portion of Lot Sixty-Seven (67), all in Block Two (2) of Taylor Subdivision Addition to Glencoe, AL 35905. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you

understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Guild Mortgage Company LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-12061-GM-AL

October 2, 9, and 16, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Andrew Floyd Nix, and wife and Janice Marie Nix to J.A.M. Consultants, Inc. dated November 29, 2005; said mortgage being recorded on December 14, 2005 as Instrument No. M-2005-5416 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to First Indiana Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded as Instrument No. M-2006-0571 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, BMO BANK N.A. s/b/m with First Indiana Bank, N.A., 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 June 10, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT (28) OF CEDAR HILLS FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON PLAT BOOK "H" PAGE 17, PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 875 Cornelia Circle, Gadsden, AL 35901.

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

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

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

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

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

* 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.

BMO BANK N.A. S/B/M WITH FIRST INDIANA BANK, N.A. as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until July 15, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Messenger, July 3, 2026

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until August 17, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Messenger, August 7, 2026

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until October 16, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

October 2, 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 Travis 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 Tyrn 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 Witherpoon, 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 RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY L. MARDIS, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2024-00704

TO: DORIAANNA 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: DORIAANNA 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 LOTHBRIDGE, 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

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 Clay-

ton 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

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Plumbers Wholesale Supply Co., Inc., Plaintiff V. William Charles, Defendant

Case No. DV-2025-900981.00

A complaint has been filed in the District Court of Etowah County, Alabama, styled Plumbers Wholesale Supply Co., Inc., Plaintiff vs. CHARLES WILLIAMS, Defendant, bearing case # DV2025-9000981, 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# 1C4SDJG-J6LC224054 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 OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL: ETOWAH COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO: CV-26-900426-CDR

PLAINTIFF VS. \$1,553.00 U.S. Currency

DEFENDANTS In Re: David Isaiah Coats

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency. 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 currency. DONE this the 28th day of September, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

October 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2026

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL: ETOWAH COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: CV-26-900425-BTC

PLAINTIFF VS. \$2,934.00 U.S. Currency, Glock 43 9mm Pistol SN# ACW160, 2013 Cadillac XTS VIN: 2G61U5S37D9182422, 2015 GMC Yukon VIN: 1GKS2CKJ-6FR289551

DEFENDANTS In Re: Demetrie Deshaun Borden
Owner: Sonja Borden
316 Castle Drive
Rainbow City, AL. 35906

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency, vehicles, and firearm. 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 currency. DONE this the 28th day of September, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

October 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2026

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL: ETOWAH COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO: CV-24-25-GCD

PLAINTIFF VS. \$5,894.00 U.S. Currency,

DEFENDANTS In Re: Lester Casina Smith

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency. 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 currency. DONE this the 28th day of September, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

October 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known that John Blackwell, Jhonathan De La Cruz, Richard Kuhn and Carlos & Vixtoria 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.

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

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF: ETHAN TODD HILL.

CASE NO.:2026-00512

TO: Unknown father Address unknown

Please take notice that a petition for adoption of a child born to Jackqueline Nicole Hill has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner(s) named above alleging that the identity and/or whereabouts of the biological father of said minor child are unknown and have not been disclosed to the Court. The minor child's date of birth is 07/24/2018. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the attached petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court at the following address: P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days and appear at the hearing, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated. Attorney for Petitioner: Joseph Andrew Jones, Esquire 600 Broad Street, Suite

101
Gadsden, AL 35901

Given under my hand this
the 29th day of Septem-
ber 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

October 2, 9, 16, and 23,
2026

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chap-
ter 1, Title 39, Code of
Alabama, 1975, DV DPH-
QG HG notice is hereby
given Bob Smith Con-
struction, Inc., has com-
pleted the Contract for
construction of: Connec-
tor 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 hav-
ing any claim for labor,
materials, or otherwise in
connection with this pro-
ject should immediately
notify: McKee & Associ-
ates, 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 Chap-
ter 1, Title 39, Code of Al-
abama, 1975, as amend-
ed, notice is hereby given
that GKL Companies,
Inc., Contractor, has com-
pleted the Contract for
Renovation of Re-roof-
ing of Rainbow Middle
School Cafeteria locat-
ed at 454 Lumly Road
Rainbow City, AL 35906
for the State of Alabama
and County of Etowah,
Owners, and have made
request for final settle-
ment of said Contract. All
persons having any claim
for labor, materials, or oth-
erwise in connection with
this project should im-
mediately notify B. Criag
Lipscomb - Architect,
LLC, 436 Chestnut Street,
Gadsden AL 35906
GKL Companies, Inc.
2323 East Greenview Ave-
nue
Rainbow City, AL. 35906

September 25, October 2,
and 9, 2026

**Alabama Department of
Environmental Manage-
ment**
P.O. Box 301463
(Zip 36130-1463)
1400 Coliseum
Boulevard (Zip 36110-
2400)
Montgomery,
Alabama
(334) 271-7700

CATEGORICAL EXCLU-
SION FROM ENVIRON-
MENTAL REVIEW
ADEM Fund Code 203
SRF Project No:
FS010060-07

Marshall County
The Alabama Depart-
ment of Environmental
Management has made
financial assistance avail-
able to the Municipal Ut-
ilities Board of the City of
Albertville. In accordance
with State and Federal
regulations that govern
the program, the Alabama
Department of Environ-
mental Management has
conducted a review to as-
sess the potential impacts
upon the environment that
may result from imple-
mentation of this project.

The Municipal Utilities
Board of the City of Al-
bertville proposes to per-
form pilot testing on treat-
ment of PFAS throughout
the Water Treatment sys-
tem with an estimat-
ed total project cost of
\$300,000.00. The pro-
posed project would en-
sure the correct method is
chosen in order to comply
with the proposed MCL
limit (4 ppt).

The Alabama Department
of Environmental Man-
agement has determined
that the project qualifies
for a Categorical Exclu-
sion (CE) from further en-
vironmental study under
the guidelines specified
by the State Environ-
mental Review Process
(SERP), which specific-
ally include projects where
funding is being provided
for planning and/or engi-
neering costs only. How-
ever, this decision may
be reconsidered if signif-
icant adverse information
concerning the potential
environmental impacts of
the project is discovered.
Comments relative to this
project should be sub-
mitted in writing to Mrs.
Kelly Bibb, SRF Branch,
Permits & Services
Division, Alabama Depart-
ment of Environmental
Management, P.O. Box
301463, Montgomery,
Alabama 36130, no lat-
er than 30 days after the
date of this notice. The Al-

abama Department of En-
vironmental Management
will not take formal action
to proceed with the project
without carefully evaluat-
ing any public comments
opposing the project.

Notice is hereby given this
7th day of October, 2026,
by authorization of the
Alabama Department of
Environmental Manage-
ment.

Edward F. Poolos
Director

Nondiscrimination State-
ment: The Department
does not discriminate on
the basis of race, color,
national origin, sex, reli-
gion, age or disability in
the administration of its
programs.

October 2, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR
BID

Owner: The Water Works
& Sewer Board of the
City of Gadsden Locality:
Gadsden, Alabama

Engineer: Three Notch
Group, Inc.

The Water Works & Sew-
er Board of the City of
Gadsden (Owner) is re-
questing Bids for the con-
struction of the following
Project:
Maintenance Building
A non-mandatory Pre-Bid
Meeting will be held at the
o:ces of The Water Works
& Sewer Board of the
City of Gadsden locat-
ed at 515 Albert Rains
Boulevard, on October
22, 2026, at 1:00 PM local
time.

Bids for the construction
of the Project will be re-
ceived in person from
properly licensed contrac-
tors at the o:ces located
at 515 Albert Rains Bou-
levard Gadsden, Alabama
35901 until October 29,
2026, at 1:00 PM local
time. At that time the Bids
received will be publicly
opened and read.

The Project includes the
following Work:

Construction of a new
Pre-engineered 196'x68'
metal building, 200'x40'
storage shed, 6700 SY
gravel laydown yard, and
6640 SY asphalt pave-
ment.

The Owner requires the
Project to be Substantially
Completed within 300 cal-
endar days after the date
when the Contract Time
commences to run, and
completed and ready for
final payment within 330
calendar days after the
date when the Contract
Time commences to run.

Copies of the Bidding
Documents may be ob-
tained from the Issuing
Agent, Three Notch
Group, Inc (Caleb Bryant
- caleb.bryant@3notch.
com). Printed copies are
available for a non-refund-
able fee in the amount of
\$200.00 per set. Copies in
.pdf format are available
via email at no cost to the
bidder.
Bidding documents are
on file for examination
by prospective bidders at
515 Albert Rains Boule-
vard Gadsden, Alabama
35901 during normal busi-
ness hours.

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

The attention of bidders
is called to the provisions
of State Law Govern-
ing General Contrac-
tors, as set forth in Title
34, Chapter 8, Article
1, Code of Alabama of
1975, as amended; and
the provisions of said law
shall govern bidders in-
sofar as applicable. The
above-mentioned provi-
sions of the Code make
it illegal for the Owner to
consider a bid from any-
one who is not properly
licensed under such code
provisions. In addition,
bidders must carry the
BCU4 classification as
listed in the latest edition
of the Roster of the State
Licensing Board for Gen-
eral Contractors, Mont-
gomery, Alabama. The
Owner will not consider
any bid unless the bidder
produces evidence that
they are so licensed. All
nonresident contractors
preparing bids shall sub-
mit with their bid evi-
dence of proper registration
with the Alabama

Secretary of State as a
foreign corporation, and a
Certificate of Good Stand-
ing as a Foreign Corpora-
tion from the State of
Alabama Department of
Revenue.

The attention of nonres-
ident bidders is called to

the provisions of Alabama
Law, Title 39, Chapter 3,
Code of Alabama 1975,
as amended, whereby In
the letting of public con-
tracts in which any state,
county, or municipal funds
are utilized, except those
contracts funded in whole
or in part with funds re-
ceived from a federal
agency, preference shall
be given to resident con-
tractors, and a nonresi-
dent bidder domiciled in a
state having laws granting
preference to local con-
tractors shall be awarded
Alabama public contracts
only on the same basis as
the nonresident bidder's
state awards contracts to
Alabama contractors bid-
ding under similar circum-
stances; resident contrac-
tors in Alabama, are to be
granted preference over
nonresidents in awarding
of contracts in the same
manner and to the same
extent as provided by the
laws of the state of domi-
cile of the nonresident.

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

October 2, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage
units will be auctioned
on October 14, 2026 be-
ginning at 10:00 A.M. on
the business premises of
Southtowne Mini Ware-
houses, Southtowne is
located at 199 Woodland
Drive, off of Steele Station
Road in Rainbow City, AL.
356906.

Jennifer Drummond
Unit 538

Jacqueline Looney
Unit 326

Tabatha Mobuary
Unit 421

Dana Bradley - Unit 1-20

Kodjovi Missika - Unit 391

Lisa Tuck - Unit 184

Deborah Walker
Unit 408

Lisa Tuck - Unit 533

Stacy Kelly - Unit 559

Sheryl Post - Unit 617

Brett Matthews
Unit 793

Lisa Rydel
Unit 5A-8 & 5A-9

Lanalda Woods
Unit 83-14

David Parttridge
Unit G15

Jacob Cornelious
Unit 717

Marlana Pruitt - Unit 427

Charles Stanley - Unit 595

Annete Barge - Unit 13-23

Brandon Garrard
Unit 162

Sonya Atchison
Unit 361

Tammy Parker - Unit 482

Adam Stinson - Unit 548

Joe Gielarowski
Unit 577

Phillip McGuire - Unit 660

Ayden Rossenberger
Unit 838

Katie Baracomb
Unit 52-17

Justin Cox - Unit 63-767

Carson Riddlespur
Unit M2

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

October 2 and 9, 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 aban-
doned motor vehicle

2005 Mazda Tribute VIN:
4F2CZ061X5KM43321

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 unreason-
ably low. The seller ex-
pressly reserves the right
to bid and purchase at the

public auction.

September 25 and Octo-
ber 2, 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 aban-
doned motor vehicle:
2004 Honda
CRF 230F Vin#
9C2ME09044R002416

The public auction will
be held at Matt's Towing
927 B 5th Ave NE Attal-
la 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 pur-
chase at the public auc-
tion.

September 25 and Octo-
ber 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 aban-
doned motor vehicles:
2004 Chevrolet Suburban
1GNFK16Z94J249968

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 pub-
lic auction.

September 25 and Octo-
ber 2, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE
POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that
the undersigned will pro-
ceed to take possession of
the following described
abandoned vehicle(s) on
November 6, 2026.

2006 Yamaha Road
Star Base VIN:
JYAVP17E26A015896

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

October 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE
POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that
the undersigned will pro-
ceed to take possession of
the following described
abandoned vehicle(s) on
November 6, 2026.

2005 Yamaha Maj-
esty 400 VIN:
JYASH03Y05A001469

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

October 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE
POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that
the undersigned will pro-
ceed to take possession of
the following described
abandoned vehicle(s) on
11/07/2026 at 8 a.m.

2000 Ford Excursion XLT
VIN: 1MNU40L1Y-
ED00166

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

October 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE
POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that
the undersigned will pro-
ceed to take possession of
the following described
abandoned vehicle(s) on
11/17/2026.

2003 MINI Cooper (Red)
VIN: WMM-
WRE33433TD59760

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

October 2 and 9, 2026

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

Noccalula Academy, LLC,
announces the sponsor-
ship of the Alabama State
Department of Education
(ALSDE) Child and Adult
Care Food Program

In accordance with feder-
al civil rights law and U.S.
Department of Agriculture
(USDA) civil rights regula-
tions and policies this in-
stitution is prohibited from
discriminating on the ba-
sis of race, color, national
origin, sex (including gen-
der identity and sexual ori-
entation), disability, age,
or reprisal or retaliation for
prior civil rights activity.

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

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

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

Name of Center(s) or Fa-
cility
Noccalula Academy, LLC,
1223 Noccalula Road
Gadsden, AL. 35904
256-442-4960

October 2 and 9, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING

Notice is hereby given to
MILTON VERTMORE
LUCAS, JR., LETITIA
KING LUCAS, 1519
MCKINLEY AVENUE,
GADSDEN, ALABAMA
35904, OCCUPANT,
103 14TH STREET N,
GADSDEN, ALABAMA
35903, believed to have
or claim an interest in the
property described below,
that at a regular meeting
of the Council of the City
of Gadsden to be held in
the Council Chamber at
City Hall on TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2026 at
1:30 p.m., a hearing will
be held to determine
whether or not the struc-
ture or condition located
at 103 14TH STREET N
(HOUSE) in District 2 in
the City of Gadsden, more
particularly described as:
That back portion of Lots
Numbered 40, 41, 42,
and 43, in Block "C", in
Stroud's Subdivision to
East Gadsden, according
to the map or plat there-
of as recorded in Book
of Town Plats "B", page
84, in the Probate Office,
and being and lying in
Gadsden, Etowah Coun-
ty, Alabama, and more
particularly described as
that land bound by the NE
boundary line of said Lots,
the outer boundary lines
of lots numbered 40 and
43, and a line running par-
allel to the NE boundary
line, and intersecting the
out boundary line of Lots
40 and 43.

Tax Parcel No: 15-01-11-
3-000-463.000
PIN: 31380
You may appear and pres-
ent any relevant evidence
to the Council regarding
the alleged nuisance and
its abatement.

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

October 2, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING

Notice is hereby given to
DARIAN MAHONE, 1327
5TH STREET N.W., AT-
TALLA, ALABAMA 35954,
OCCUPANT, 1007 N.
9TH STREET, GADS-
DEN, ALABAMA 35901,
CAROLYN CYRUS, AD-
DRESS UNKNOWN,
believed to have or claim
an interest in the prop-
erty described below, that
at a regular meeting of
the Council of the City of
Gadsden to be held in the
Council Chamber at City
Hall on TUESDAY, OC-
TOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30
p.m., a hearing will be
held to determine wheth-

er or not the structure or
condition located 1007 N.
9TH STREET (HOUSE)
in District 3 in the City of
Gadsden, more particu-
larly described as:
Lot 23 in Block 31 of
Thornton Addition, ac-
cording to the map or
plat thereof recorded in
Plat Book "B", Pages 334
and 335, Probate Office,
Etowah County, Alabama.
TAX PARCEL ID: 10-08-
33-3-000-155.000
PIN# 16766

is a nuisance in violation
of the Gadsden City Code
and whether it should be
abated.
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ent any relevant evidence
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC
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Notice is hereby given to
LEON HARVILLE AND
MARY FRANCES HAR-
VILLE, 1008 KYLE LANE,
GADSDEN, ALABAMA
35901, 1008 AVENUE D,
GADSDEN, ALABAMA
35901, believed to have
or claim an interest in the
property described below,
that at a regular meeting
of the Council of the City
of Gadsden to be held in
the Council Chamber at
City Hall on TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30
p.m., a hearing will be
held to determine whether
or not the structure or con-
dition located 1008 AVENUE D
(HOUSE) in District 3 in
the City of Gadsden, more
particularly described as:
Lot Number Nine (9) in
Block Number Five (5),
according to the Coosa
Land Company's North
Tenth Street Addition, as
recorded in Plat Book "B",
page 373, Probate Office,
Etowah County, Alabama,
also their interest in that
certain tract lying West of
Lot 9, Block 5 being ap-
proximately 32 feet wide
by 120 feet in length.
TAX PARCEL ID: 10-08-
33-3-000-352.000 PIN#
16983
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of the Gadsden City Code
and whether it should be
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Notice is hereby given to
CHADWICK TODD
BICKERS, 813 AVENUE
F, GADSDEN, ALABAMA
35901, believed to have
or claim an interest in the
property described below,
that at a regular meeting
of the Council of the City
of Gadsden to be held in
the Council Chamber at
City Hall on TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2026 at
1:30 p.m., a hearing will
be held to determine
whether or not the struc-
ture or condition located
813 AVENUE F (HOUSE)
in District 3 in the City of
Gadsden, more particu-
larly described as:
All that certain lot or par-
cel of land situated in the
County of Etowah, State
of Alabama, and being
more particularly de-
scribed as follows: Lot 4
in Block 30 according to
Coosa Land Company's
Resurvey of Thornton Ad-
dition as recorded in Plat
Book "B" at Page 334, in
the Office of the Probate
Judge of Etowah County,
Alabama, lying and be-
ing in Gadsden, Etowah
County, Alabama, togeth-
er with all improvements
located thereon.

TAX PARCEL ID: 10-08-
33-3-000-110.000 PIN#
16716

is a nuisance in violation
of the Gadsden City Code
and whether it should be
abated.
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Notice is hereby given to
VICTOR GUTIERREZ,
1815 ADAMS STREET,
GADSDEN, ALABAMA
35904, HEROLD CLEV-
ENGER, 1815 ADAMS
STREET, GADSDEN,
ALABAMA 35904, be-
lieved to have or claim
an interest in the prop-
erty described below, that
at a regular meeting of
the Council of the City of
Gadsden to be held in the
Council Chamber at City
Hall on TUESDAY, OC-
TOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30
p.m., a hearing will be
held to determine wheth-
er or not the structure or
condition located 1007 N.
9TH STREET (HOUSE)
in District 3 in the City of
Gadsden, more particu-
larly described as:
Lot 23 in Block 31 of
Thornton Addition, ac-
cording to the map or
plat thereof recorded in
Plat Book "B", Pages 334
and 335, Probate Office,
Etowah County, Alabama.
TAX PARCEL ID: 10-08-
33-3-000-155.000
PIN# 16766

is a nuisance in violation

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MARGARET & C.V. CHAPPELL, 1003 LANCASTER AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, 701 HARVEY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903 and ETOWAH COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER, 800 FORREST AVENUE, SUITE 113, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 701 HARVEY STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

The South 105.5 feet of Lot Number One (1) in Block "D" in Elliott Addition Number One (1) as the same appears of record in Plat Book "B", at Page 5 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon; being a lot fronting fifty (50) feet on the northwest corner of Harvey and Milton Streets and running back, of uniform width, along the west line of Milton Street a distance of 105.5 feet.

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-337.000
PIN# 33528

Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,303.75, for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to OSCAR H MILLER (possibly deceased), 608 HENRY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, with potential heir, DON MILLER, 608 HENRY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 608 HENRY STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot Number Three (3) in Block Number Thirty-Six (36) in the Gadsden Land & Improvement Company's Thornton Addition, as re-arranged by the Coosa Land Company, et al, according to map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Pages 334 and 335, Probate Office, Etowah County, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, save and except all the mineral, mineral and mining rights, privileges and interests in, under and upon the same

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-2-000-049.000
PIN# 33200

Should be assessed with a lien of \$2,254.20, for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER BOWEN, 1417 MONTE VISTA DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1417 MONTE VISTA DRIVE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-08-27-0-001-104.000 PIN# 15793
LT 9 & NE 20 LT 8 BLK 5 MOUNTAIN BROW EST ADD 1 PLAT F-359 27-11-6

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to PAMELA DENISE GASKIN & JOHN SCOTT GIBBS, 1217 ROBINHOOD ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1015, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1217 ROBINHOOD ROAD in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 09-07-35-0-001-027.000
PIN# 9895

LT 4 SHERWOOD HILLS UNIT 2 PLAT G-109 35-11-5

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

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Notice is hereby given to STEWARDSHIP INVESTING, LLC, 504 HOLLINGSWORTH AVENUE, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3520 MADISON AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-3-000-283.000
PIN# 50018

LT 2 BLK 4 JAMES H PRUETT ADD TO GAD PLAT D-135 GADSDEN 1-12-5

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ROSA BETH LATHAM & HUSB BRANDON T. SR, 306 MILLER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 306 MILLER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-168.000 PIN# 50373

LT 10 BLK 9 WEST POINT ADD PLAT B-140-141 1-12-5

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MARY ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, 3602 MARGRET AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, 3602 MARGARET AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3602 MARGARET AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-12-0-001-033.000
PIN# 51539

LTS 12-14 BLK F PLANT CITY PLAT B-301 12-12-5

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to MARY TORRES & HUSB RICHARD TORRES, 308 MILLER STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 308 MILLER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-167.000 PIN# 50372

LT 9 BLK 9 WEST POINT ADD PLAT B-140-141 GADSDEN 1-12-5

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to PATRICK H FIELDS JR, 503 PEARL STREET, GADSDEN, AL 35904-2231. believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 503 PEARL STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-4-000-403.000
PIN# 50626

LTS 9-10 BLK 1 WALNUT PARK ADD PLAT B-117 1-12-5

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

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Notice is hereby given to ROSWEL LARA ZAZUETA & WF ASHLEY BOZMAN, 2329 NORRIS AVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not

the structure or condition located at 2329 NORRIS AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-06-1-000-271.000
PIN# 37842

LT 13 BLK 32 ALFORD'S 2ND ADD PLAT A-308 GADSDEN 6-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to ARTEMIO CORONA & CARMEN CORONA, 40 COUNTY ROAD 9058, ALBERTVILLE, ALABAMA 35951, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2909 SANSOM AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-150.000
PIN# 49286

LTS 18-19 BLK 14 SMITHS 1ST ADD PLAT B-158 GADSDEN 1-12-5

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

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Notice is hereby given to BUTLER PROPERTIES, 207 ROSELAND CIRCLE, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 907 ROGERS STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-08-33-3-000-254.000
PIN# 16877

LT 10 BLK 26 THORNTON ADD PLAT B-334 33-11-6

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

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Notice is hereby given to DUCKSPRINGS REALTY LLC, 404 SOUTH 5TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 711 SOUTH TENTH STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-261.000 PIN# 37281

LT 4 BLK 4 M K FOSTER HEIRS PLAT A-314 5-12-6

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to TERRY GIBBS, 600 GRANT STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2426, OCCUPANT, 115 SHAHAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 115 SHAHAN AVENUE (County Records has this address listed as 117 Shahan Avenue) in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-02-03-2-000-194.000
PIN# 32738

LTS 14 & 15 BLK A JOHN SHAHAN'S SUB PLAT B-256 GADSDEN 3-12-6

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

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Notice is hereby given to JAMES M. STEEL, 21 LITTLE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1434, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 21 LITTLE STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-122.000 PIN# 18537

LT 78 CONE MILLS PARCEL #1 PLAT F-51 31-11-6

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

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Notice is hereby given to LEON GREEN LIFE ESTATE AND CHRIS MARRIE AND ANGELIA GREEN AND CALEB GREEN, 225 OAKLEIGH DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-1722., believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2300 CLAYTON AVENUE (County records list property address as 0 Clayton Avenue) in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-4-000-073.000 PIN# 18927

LT 1 BLK 2 CLAYTONS ADD TO ALA CITY PLAT A-320 GADSDEN 31-11-6

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to USA RESCUE, INC., P O BOX 553, GADSDEN, AL 35902, OCCUPANT, 1408 ALABAMA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901 believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular

meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1408 ALABAMA AVENUE in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-067.000
PIN# 36657

LT 14 BLK 3 INTERURBAN LAND COM 1ST ADD PLAT B-206 3-12-6

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

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Notice is hereby given to BUTLER PROPERTIES, LLC, 207 ROSELAND CIRCLE, RAINBOW CITY, AL 35906, OCCUPANT, 1425 ALABAMA STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1425 ALABAMA STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-249.000
PIN# 36846

LT 6 BLK 4 W A CROCHERON 2ND ADD PLAT A-101 5-12-6

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to COME CELEBRATE JESUS CHURCH, 2200 CLAYTON AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1219, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2300 CLAYTON AVENUE (County records list property address as 0 Clayton Avenue) in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 10-09-31-4-000-073.000 PIN# 18927

LT 1 BLK 2 CLAYTONS ADD TO ALA CITY PLAT A-320 GADSDEN 31-11-6

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ANTONIA SANTOS, 229 RUSSELL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, 229 RUSSELL STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the property located at 229 RUSSELL STREET in District 1 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

H/S BASE YEAR W 56.33 LTS 5-8 BLK D MAYFAIR EST PLAT C-273 GADSDEN 24-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-06-24-1-000-041.001 PIN#45130

Should be assessed with a lien of \$3,195.32 for the abatement of a nuisance in accordance with Section 86-65 of the Gadsden City Code. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the assessment of the lien.

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Notice is hereby given to DAVID M WOODALL, 1125 CHOICE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-0384, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1124 CHOICE STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-326.000
PIN# 37412

LOT 14 BLK 8 GADSDEN LAND & IMPROVEMENT CO PLAT A-23 GADSDEN 5-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to CARLOS TELLO, 806 LAY STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 806 LAY STREET in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-2-000-112.000
PIN# 30878

LTS 3-4 BLK A BONNIE NOWLIN SUB PLAT D-41 11-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to JONATHAN MORALES & CECILIA MORALES, 1301 STROUD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3009, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1301 STROUD AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-485.000
PIN# 31358

LTS 39-40 BLK B STROUDS SUB #1 TO E GAD PLAT B-85 GADSDEN 11-12-6

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Notice is hereby given to HEMAN MAURICE MC-CRAY, 613 SOUTH 10TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3915, OCCUPANT, 1504 MALONE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1504 MALONE STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-176.000 PIN# 36793 LTS 14-15 BLK A OH ALFORD SUBD NO 1 PLAT B-348 GADSDEN 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to FREDRICK E. & MARTHA NORMAN, 2210 CENTRE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3346, OCCUPANT, 1201 CHESTNUT STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1201 CHESTNUT STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-084.000 PIN# 37092 BEG INT N ROW CHESTNUT & W ROW OF 12TH ST TH N 76.5 ALONG 12TH ST TH W 94 TH S 76.5 TO N ROW OF CHESTNUT ST TH E 94 ALONG ROW TO POB LYING IN NW1/4 SE1/4 GADSDEN 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to CHARLES R. JR. & JAMES KELLEY, 4702 MCBRAYER LANE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35905, OCCUPANT, 1416 SOUTH 11TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35905, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1416 SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-08-4-000-057.000 PIN# 39751 LT 91 X 175 LYING IN SW1/4 SE1/4 SE OF SOUTH 11TH STREET 8-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to PATRICIA GAIL BOW-

EN, 519 WASHINGTON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2451, OCCUPANT, 516 WASHINGTON STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901 believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 516 WASHINGTON STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-02-03-2-000-074.000 PIN# 32612 LTS 17-18 BLK 4 EWING GARNER ADD PLAT A 53 GADS 3-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to LOVETT REALTY, LLC, 215 SOUTH 8TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903, OCCUPANT, 1514-A MALONE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901 believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1514 -A MALONE STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-181.000 PIN# 36798 LOTS 24-25 BLOCK A OH ALFORD SUBD NO 1 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to TIMOTHY WILLIAMS, 200 MORNINGVIEW DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 200 MORNINGVIEW DRIVE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-066.000 PIN# 14100 LT 15 BLK O OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55 GADSDEN 25-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to VALINOR PROPERTIES, LLC, 3389 BERKLEY HILLS DRIVE E, SOUTH-SIDE, ALABAMA 35907, OCCUPANT, 813 SOUTH SIXTH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 813

SOUTH SIXTH STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-02-09-2-000-335.000 PIN# 35081 INT W ROW 6TH ST & S LN SE1/4 NW1/4 TH N 30S TO POB TH N 55 ALONG ROW TH W 125 TH S 55 TH E 125 TO POB 9-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to CHRIS BROWN, 509 SOUTH SIXTEENTH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 417 SOUTH SIXTEENTH STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-3-000-092.000 PIN# 36959 LT 5 BLK C ELLIOTT ADD #4 PLAT B-179 GADSDEN 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to STONE CREEK PROPERTY LLC, 458 BAY POINT DRIVE, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906-7360, OCCUPANT, 1511 ALABAMA STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901 believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1511 ALABAMA STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-244.000 PIN# 36838 LT 18 & 20 BLK 4 W A CROCHERON 2ND ADD PLAT A-101 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to JAMES & WF GIDGET PATTERSON, 3104 SHAHAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1829, OCCUPANT, 3104 SHAHAN AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1829, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 3102 SHAHAN AVENUE in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 16-01-01-1-000-219.000 PIN# 49360 LT 52.08' X 171.6' X 133.04 X 151.6' LT 4 & PT LTS 5-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be

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Notice is hereby given to DANNY C. HUDGINS, 210 DURHAM ROAD, ALTOONA, ALABAMA 35952, OCCUPANT, 106 MORNINGVIEW COURT, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 106 MORNINGVIEW COURT in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-075.000 PIN# 14109 LT 24 BLK O OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55 25-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to GRAND PROPERTIES AND DESIGN, LLC, P.O. BOX 82, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902, OCCUPANT, 312 WEST LAKE DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 312 WEST LAKE DRIVE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-07-25-3-000-063.000 PIN# 14347 LT 1 BLK E OAKLEIGH EST G-55 25-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to VANDERBILT MORTGAGE & FINANCE INC, P O BOX 9800, MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE 37802, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 707 ABERCROMBIE STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-180.000 PIN# 19892 LT 12 ABERCROMBIE ADD PLAT B-46 GADSDEN 32-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to NELSON MACHINE COMPANY, INC, PO BOX 4367, GADSDEN, ALA-

BAMA 35904, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2115 FOREST AVENUE (County Records has the address listed as 0) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-06-1-000-055.000 PIN# 37594 BEG AT SW COR OF BLK 22 TH N ALONG W LINE OF BLK AND EXTENSION OF W LINE 348.8 TO S ROW OF L&N RR TH E ALONG S ROW 175.31 TH S 358.95 TO S LINE OF BLK TH W ALONG S LINE 175.60 TO POB IN ALFORDS SECOND ADDITION TO ALABAMA CITY PER PLAT BOOK A PGS 308 THRU 310 IN CITY OF GADSDEN IN GOVT LOT 8 6-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to ALLYSON MOORE SCOTT, 404 SOUTH 5TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2508 EWING AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-030.001 PIN# 14061 LTS 54-61 & UNITS 3-4 LT 53 & UNITS 3-4 LT 62 HOOKS LAKE ADD PLAT B-294 GADSDEN 25-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to DARREN L SMITH AND KRISTIN B DIVINE, 1541 EWING AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2560, DAVID W & REBECCA A GATTIS, 419 LAKEPOINT DR, GADSDEN, ALABAMA, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1541 EWING AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-07-35-2-000-023.000 PIN# 15016 LT 31 INDIA SUTHERLIN EST PLAT C-311 35-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to JOHN DOBBS, 990 HOOKS LAKE ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, OCCUPANT, 994 HOOKS LAKE ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA

35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 994 HOOKS LAKE ROAD (County records list property address as 0) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-07-35-1-000-036.000 PIN# 14934 LT 5 BLK 1 TIMBERLANE ADD PLAT G-265 GADSDEN 35-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to JUAN & MA ANGELICA FLORES, FLORES, 609 HOOKS LAKE ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-9001, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 609 HOOKS LAKE ROAD in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-07-35-4-000-163.003 PIN# 15479 SE COR SE1/4 TH W 705S TO E ROW HOOKS LAKE RD TH NW1/4 150S ALONG ROW TO POB TH NW1/4 292.65 ALONG ROW TH NE 147.3 TH SE 9.2 TH SE 230.42 TH SE 104.14 TH SW 393 TO POB LYING IN SE1/4 SE1/4 GADSDEN 35-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to CLAUDE & JESSICA BLACKBURN, 42 MCBRAYER DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, OCCUPANT, 2519 EWING AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 2519 EWING AVENUE (County records list property address as 0 Ewing Avenue) in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-043.000 PIN# 14075 LT 27 & PT OF ROW LYING NW NW LINE OF LT 27 HOOKS LAKE ADD PLAT B-294 25-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to ROBEN JARQUIN & ANAYELI G. VAQUEZS, 17 FAULKNER STREET, ALBERTVILLE, ALABAMA 35950, OCCUPANT, 1104 7TH AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of

Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1104 7TH AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-171.000 PIN# 37188 LOT 5 & W1/2 LOT 3 BLK 19 GADSDEN LAND & IMP CO PLAT A-23 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to RAUL F. RAMIREZ & ESTEFFFANY TEJEDA DELGADO, 948 3RD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 948 3RD AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-02-04-3-000-096.000 PIN# 33836 LT 1 & N1/2 LT 2 F G LEE'S HOME PLACE SUB PLAT C-335 4-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to TIFFANY JORDAN, 1100 6TH AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1100 6TH AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-133.000 PIN# 37150 LOTS 2,4,6 BLK 16 GADSDEN LAND & IMP CO PLAT A-23 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to ANGIE ANINI, 20 WEST TUSCALOOSA AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1464, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 20 WEST TUSCALOOSA AVENUE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 10-09-31-3-000-142.000 PIN# 18558 LT 56 CONE MILLS PARCEL #1 PLAT F-51 GADSDEN 31-11-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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Notice is hereby given to CLOVER PROPERTIES, LLC, 1460 LEOTAR ROAD, SOUTHSIDE, ALABAMA 35907-5449, OCCUPANT, 2712 FORREST AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA, 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meeting Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City

Hall on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located 2712 FORREST AVENUE (County Records has it listed as 2710 FORREST AVENUE) in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly de-scribed as: Tax ID#: 15-03-06-2-000-351.000 PIN# 38244 LTS 188-190 & 200-201 SHAHAN & WALSH'S CENTRAL AL PLAT C185 6-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to ROSEN JARQUIN & ANAYELI G. VAQUEZS, 17 FAULKNER STREET, ALBERTVILLE, ALABAMA 35950, OCCUPANT, 1104 7TH AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, believed to have or Claim an interest in the property described below, that at a regular meet-ing Of the Council of the City of Gadsden to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall on TUESDAY, OC-

TOBER 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held to determine whether or not the structure or condition located at 1104 7TH AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-171.000 PIN# 37188 LOT 5 & W1/2 LOT 3 BLK 19 GADSDEN LAND & IMP CO PLAT A-23 5-12-6 is a nuisance in violation of the Gadsden City Code and whether it should be abated. You may appear and present any relevant evidence to the Council regarding the alleged nuisance and its abatement.

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The Attalla Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Attalla City Hall located at 612 4th Street NW, Attalla, AL 35954. The following items will be considered:

A variance requested and filed by Jason Cofield to build a house on the lot located at 638 Dewey Avenue NW, Attalla, AL 35954. The lot is zoned R-2 (Two-Family Residential). The Lot dimensions are smaller than the

zoning requirements. The request is a variance on the lot size.

A variance requested and filed by Carla D. Green to reduce the setback requirement on the property located at 313 Hughes Avenue, Attalla, AL 35954. The property is zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential). The owner is requesting that the setback be reduced to improve a metal building that is currently existing outside the setback requirement.

A variance requested and filed by Brailen Ball to allow a Two-Family Dwelling on the property located at 121 5th Avenue NW, Avenue, Attalla, AL 35954. The property is zoned B-1 (Neighborhood Business).

Mandy Cash, City Clerk
October 2 and 9, 2026

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