

Butler vs. Hunter for district 28 representative

Rep. Mack Butler is seeking another term representing Alabama House District 28, emphasizing affordability, support for senior adults and economic development.

Butler, who returned to the Alabama House in 2022 after previously representing House District 30, outlined his priorities in written responses to The Messenger.

He said his goals include addressing the rising costs of utilities, housing, insurance and everyday necessities, while supporting law enforcement, schools, health care access and local businesses.

“My top three priorities are making life more affordable for Alabama families, protecting our communities and our senior adults and creating opportunities for economic growth,” Butler wrote.



Utility customer protections

Butler identified his work on utility regulation as one of his proudest accomplishments.

He said he introduced legislation intended to increase public scrutiny of utility rate increases and address excessive utility profits. Butler said the final legislation did not retain every provision he sought, including provisions for public rate hearings and addressing utility profits.

Continuing to pursue stronger protections for

utility customers, particularly senior adults and retirees living on fixed incomes, is one of his goal if reelected, he said. Families should have greater transparency into how utility rates are determined and an opportunity to be heard when increases are considered, according to Butler.

Housing affordability

Butler said housing affordability is a concern for young families, first-time homebuyers, seniors and working families.

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Robert Hunter says affordability is at the center of his campaign for Alabama House District 28.

The 30-year-old Gadsden resident is running for the state House, focusing on policies he believes would help residents manage the rising costs of housing, utilities and health care.

Hunter’s campaign centers on three main issues: rent stabilization, Medicaid expansion and increasing the minimum wage. He said those policies would address financial pressures facing working

families and residents who struggle to afford basic necessities.

“I’m running specifically on trying to make things more affordable, trying to give human beings decency of being able to live,” Hunter said during an interview.

Hunter points to his experience operating the Gadsden Free Store on Forrest Avenue for three years as part of the reason he is running. He said the store helped more than 20 people move out of homelessness, but four or five

later experienced homelessness again.

Hunter said some people returned to homelessness after their rent increased, while others faced difficult decisions involving housing and medical expenses.

Those experiences, he said, shaped his views on housing and health care.

Housing and rent stabilization

Hunter supports a proposal to limit annual rent increases to 10% for landlords who own three or more properties. He said the proposal is intended to help renters avoid sharp increases that can make it difficult to remain housed. Hunter argues that rent increases can outpace the raises many workers receive.

His policies may seem radical, but they are only radical for those who own more than three houses, he said. His goal is to focus on the

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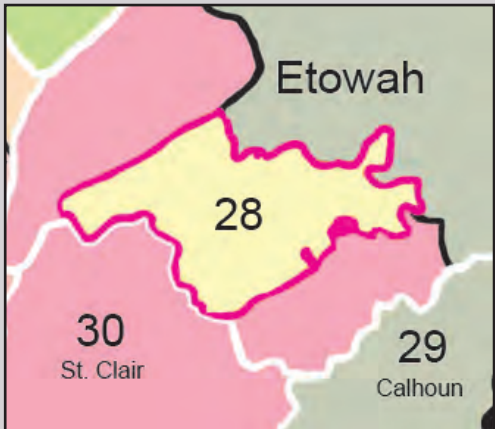
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Youngest known hand-dyer in Alabama creates own yarn line — and gives it a twist

By Caylie Moore
Features Editor

Even at just 9 years old, Oliver Dorning knows that a job can be much bigger than “just work” — especially if it’s something you love.

His parents, Reannon and Joel Dorning, are creatives in various fiber arts, whether it be knitting, crocheting or weaving; and they own their own Gadsden-based dye studio, Harp & Dragon Fiber Arts, too — a home studio ran out of their basement, something Oliver informs Features Editor Caylie Moore of with a particularly cheeky smile.

The apple, despite his teasing about the location of their studio, doesn’t fall far from the tree in this close-knit family.

“Oliver’s been helping me in the studio for years,” his mother Reannon stated, before detailing his journey from helper to creator — and hers from law enforcement to the arts.

“I had a very long career in law enforcement, which was super, super stressful. Fiber arts — crocheting, knitting, all that kind of stuff — helped me destress from my job,” she explained, adding that as a sergeant, that stress was especially palpable.

Things reached a critical



point when one member of her squad committed suicide, leaving her to discover the aftermath. Reannon was diagnosed with PTSD after the incident, and not long after her diagnosis, she went into early retirement.

“It pushed me over the edge,” she concluded on her career in law enforcement.

“After a lot of therapy, I started focusing on the things that brought me joy,” Reannon

added on a more positive note, going on to list activities like yarn dyeing, spinning and weaving. “We created a studio in our house, and as I was doing more and more yarn dyeing, Oliver started to take an interest in it. He’d help me pick colors and put things together.”

Once Harp & Dragon started selling its own yarn at The Taming of the Ewe, a tea and yarn shop local to Gadsden, things began to fall into place

for Oliver, too.

“One of the ladies who came in for crochet lessons at Taming of the Ewe and ended up becoming a dear friend, she had bonded with Oliver. One day — it just popped into her head — she said, ‘You know, Oliver, you’re so talented that you should do your own yarn line and call it ‘Oliver’s Twist.’ He was all about it — and that was how it started.”



NEWS

Annual school food bank drive to run Oct. 16 to Nov. 12

The Etowah County Food Bank will hold its annual School Competition Food Drive, which will run from Oct. 16 through Nov. 12.

The competition collects donated items from Gadsden City, Attalla City, Etowah County schools and some local private schools to see who donates the most food items. A winner from each district is awarded as well as an overall winner.

Last year, more than 19,300 food items were donated for the drive with Westbrook Christian as the overall winner. In a Facebook post on Nov. 30, 2025, the food bank said it was the largest donation it had ever received.

The donated food will be distributed through the food bank's partner agencies, including the Salvation Army, Etowah Baptist Mission Center and Catholic Center of Concern. Food also will be delivered to churches in rural areas for distribution to individuals and families.

The donated items help provide food to local residents throughout the holiday season.

American Legion News

By Ken Davis

On Nov. 4 at 11 a.m., a patriots luncheon will be held at the Venue at Coosa Landing before the Broad Street Veterans' Day Parade at 2 p.m.

In addition, American Legion Post 71 will serve a veterans supper on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.

Join us for an evening of food, fellowship and shared memories as we honor our veterans. William Allier, retired USMC,

will be this year's guest speaker.

Veterans, family and guests are warmly welcomed. We especially encourage veterans who have not connected with Post 71 yet, including those who are elderly, disabled or would benefit from an evening of appreciation and camaraderie.

To RSVP, call Mark Talley at 256-328-5381.

Gadsden State to host civilian firearms class

Gadsden State Community College's Police and Public Safety Department will host its annual Civilian Firearms Class on Saturday, Nov. 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Beck Conference Center on the Wallace Drive Campus.

The free training is open to individuals 18 and older and will cover firearm safety, self-defense and situational awareness. The class is designed to help participants build confidence in firearm handling while learning about safety and personal protection.

"At Gadsden State, we are dedicated to empowering our communities with the knowledge and skills necessary to keep themselves and their loved ones safe," said Chief Jay Freeman of the Gadsden State Police and Public Safety Department.

"Our Civilian Firearms Class provides citizens with an opportunity to learn firearm safety, understand their legal responsibilities and gain practical skills, especially as we approach the busy holiday season."

Freeman said the training also emphasizes preparedness and awareness beyond firearm handling.

"This class is not just about firearms," Freeman said. "It is about equipping individuals and families with the confidence, knowledge and awareness needed to protect themselves. We encourage families to come together, train together and become better

prepared together through this valuable training."

The class will include classroom instruction from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Beck Conference Center, located at 203 College Drive. Lunch will be provided.

Live range training will follow from noon to 2 p.m.

Certified firearms instructors from multiple law enforcement agencies will lead the classroom and live range sessions, with support from law enforcement departments across the region.

- Course topics include:
- Basics of pistol shooting
- Firearm types and functions
- Firearm safety
- Situational awareness and avoiding danger
- Legal responsibilities of gun ownership

Participants must bring a functioning handgun, a proper holster, eye and ear protection, and 50 rounds of ammunition.

Class space is limited. To register or obtain additional information, contact Emily Feemster at efeemster@gadsdenstate.edu or 256-549-8611, or Freeman at jfreeman@gadsdenstate.edu or 256-549-8672.

The Gadsden State Police and Public Safety Department provides safety and security services to the college and surrounding communities through training, outreach and pub-

"Dale Henry Day" honors 10 years of service



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An open house will be held at the Glencoe Public Library Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. to celebrate the 10 years Dale Henry (pictured above right) has served Glencoe as librarian.

Local UA student crowned homecoming queen



Submitted photo

Kameron Baba, a first-generation student, was crowned homecoming queen of the University of Alabama on Oct. 23 during the annual pep rally and bonfire. Baba is a senior at UA where she is majoring in marketing. Over the summer, she interned in Washington, D.C. as part of the 2025-2026 Capitol Scholars program. Baba is a member of Capstone Men and Women and a student officer in the Blackburn Institute.

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Caring for aging parents is getting more expensive

By Anna Claire Vollers
Stateline

Costs are soaring for people who care for their older parents and other family members, according to a new study. Out-of-pocket expenses are nearly 60% higher than they were just five years ago for family caregivers, who now spend an average of \$11,508 a year on caregiving, according to a report released this week by AARP, a non-profit that advocates for people aged 50 and older.

“Whether they’re paying for groceries, housing or medical care, family caregivers are marking a significant financial commitment that can affect their own economic security,” said Debra Whitman, AARP executive vice president and chief public policy officer, in a statement. Across the U.S., 63 million people care for family members, preparing meals, managing medications, attending medical appointments and performing other daily tasks

for their loved ones. The report found a 50% increase in the number of adults providing such care over the past decade. Family caregivers provide about \$1 trillion in mostly unpaid labor each year, the AARP reports. They also spend thousands out of their own pockets: That \$11,508 in annual caregiving spending eats up 31% of the average household income. And the burden is much heavier on low-income families. Caregivers with annual household incomes

under \$40,000 spend an average of 76% of their household income on caregiving, according to the report. At the other end of the economic spectrum, those with incomes above \$85,000 a year spend between 9% and 19% on caregiving. Most of those caregiving dollars go toward housing and medical care, the report found. More than a third of the money spent on medical care goes toward insurance premiums, copays and direct payments to providers. Those caring for someone living with Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia spend more — an average of \$15,846 annually.

Nearly two-thirds of working caregivers reported experiencing at least one work-related disruption because of caregiving, such as having to alter work hours or take time off for caregiving responsibilities. Caregiving costs also vary depending on where a person lives. Caregivers who live in states such as New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania spend the most, an average of \$15,845 per year. That’s nearly twice what those who live in midwestern states such as Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota and Missouri, who spend \$7,955. The costs also vary by race and ethnicity. Asian American and Pacific Is-

lander caregivers report the highest average spending at \$16,716 (31% of average household income). Black caregivers spend an average of \$13,565 annually — 52% of their household income, the highest percentage of any group. Hispanic and Latino caregivers spend an average of \$10,684 per year (29%), and white caregivers reported the lowest average spending, at \$9,806 per year (24%). The report’s authors recommend policy changes including tax credits, grants, paid leave for working caregivers, expanded home care options and help navigating the health care system.

Butler

He supports increasing awareness of existing housing assistance programs, including USDA Rural Development home loan programs that may allow eligible buyers to purchase a home with no down payment. He also said the state should help seniors remain in their homes by improving awareness of programs that assist with repairs, accessibility improvements and maintenance. Butler supports removing unnecessary barriers to residential development, improving infrastructure and encouraging the construction of affordable homes. His plan is to increase housing availability and encouraging homeownership rather than setting prices in the private marketplace. **Health care and Medicaid** Access to quality health care is important, he said, particularly in rural communities where hospitals and medical providers face financial challenges. Any proposal to expand Medicaid should be evaluated for its long-term cost to taxpayers, impact on existing health care providers and whether the state could sustain its financial obligations, according to Butler. He supports practical solutions that strengthen rural hospitals and

improve health care access while protecting taxpayers from what he described as unsustainable commitments. His written response did not state whether he supports or opposes expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. **Wages and workforce development** Butler wants Alabama workers to earn higher wages and have opportunities to build successful careers, he said. He emphasized economic development, workforce training, education and competition for skilled employees as ways to increase wages. The state should attract industries that provide good-paying jobs and help residents gain the skills needed for those positions, according to Butler. Any proposed minimum-wage increase should be evaluated for its effects on workers, small businesses and employment opportunities, he believes. His response did not identify a specific wage level or state whether he supports a particular increase. On wages for incarcerated workers, Butler said correctional work programs should provide opportunities for rehabilitation, responsibility and job training. He said compensation pol-

icies should be fair, transparent and consistent with applicable law while recognizing the responsibilities and costs associated with incarceration. Butler said he would support reviewing those policies to determine whether they are accomplishing their intended purpose. **District priorities** Butler is particularly concerned about senior adults and retirees who face rising costs for medications, insurance, utilities and basic necessities, but he also identified opportunities for younger residents through stronger schools, affordable housing and economic development. He wants to support small businesses, he said, expand workforce development and attract good-paying jobs to Etowah County. “As a father of four and grandfather of two, I understand how important it is to build a community where our children and grandchildren have opportunities to succeed,” Butler wrote. It’s important to him for residents to have opportunities to work, provide for their families, own homes and remain in the communities where they live.

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many rather than the top few. He believes housing costs are one of the biggest challenges facing residents who are trying to remain in their homes. **Medicaid expansion** Hunter also supports expanding Medicaid in Alabama. Expanding access to health care could help residents who struggle to afford coverage and support the region’s health care system, he said. Since 2011, seven rural hospitals have closed across Alabama, and as of July 37% of the remaining rural hospitals are at “immediate risk” of closing, according to the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama. With two hospitals in the district, Hunter is concerned that one or both hospitals could close within the next decade, without a change. That is Hunter’s concern, not a confirmed forecast. Hunter said Medicaid expansion is important not only for residents seeking health care but also for the economic stability of communities that depend on local hospitals. **Minimum wage** Hunter supports increasing the minimum wage to \$10 an hour over the course four to five years. He also wants wage increases tied to changes in rent, according to his interview. Hunter said he believes workers should be able to earn enough to meet basic expenses.

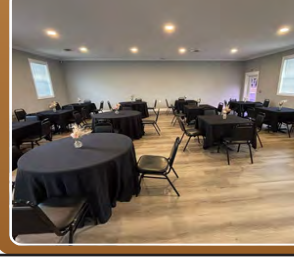
The proposal also includes incarcerated workers, whom he said should be paid for their labor. He said workers should not be placed in situations where they have to make desperate decisions to survive. “There are people that I’m going to be representing that work in prison getting paid \$.10 an hour, on a good day \$1,” Hunter said. “They are workers. They’re working. They have a right to be paid... It’s slavery wages, and I’m against that.” **Community involvement and campaign priorities** Hunter has emphasized the role of community organizing in his campaign. He serves as vice chair of minority affairs for Etowah County and has participated in community committees, including Stay Together Appalachian Youth. Working with residents has influenced the policies he wants to pursue in Montgomery, Hunter said. His campaign is focused on addressing what he describes as the everyday financial pressures facing residents, particularly those struggling with housing, wages and access to health care.

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The districts on your ballot

Election seasons brings up more questions than answers, who do I vote for, where do I vote, does my vote matter? Although the Messenger won't tell you who to vote for, we can give you the details you need to make an informed decision because your vote does matter.

U.S. Rep. 3rd Congressional District

Candidates:
Lee McInnis, Democrat
Mike Rodgers, Republican

The U.S. Rep. advocates for its district in Washington, D.C. by introducing, sponsoring and voting on federal bills. They work on specialize committees to amend laws before they reach the House floor.

At home the representatives assist federal agencies, such as Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits or passport services. They also work to secure federal grants for the state,

Incumbent Rodgers has served on eight committees since he was elected 23 years ago, most of which have been military related. Currently, he serves on the Armed Services Committee.

McInnis retired as Acting Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance with the NATO/USA Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan before teaching Communications and American Government courses at a college in Georgia, according to his website.

Once he moved back to Alabama, McInnis attended Auburn's graduate school where he earned a Master's Degree in history and a graduate certificate in public history.

Polling Locations & Addresses

Noccalula Kiwans Pavilion
Gadsden Senior Wellness Center
Carver Community Center
Downtown Civic Center
Meadowbrook Baptist Church
East Gadsden Recreation Center
Southside Community Center
George Wallace SR CIT. Center
Holes Bluff Community Center
Northeast Etowah Community Center
Lookout Mountain Community Center
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115 Case Avenue, Attalla, 35954
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5005 AL HWY 179, Boaz, 35956
5151 Walnut Grove Road, Walnut Grove, 35990
6085 Gallant Road, Gallant, 35972
300 Lumley Road, Rainbow City, 35906
2589 Whorton Bend Road, Gadsden, 35901

State Senator District 10

Candidates:
Andrew Jones, Republican
Jessie Battles, Independent

State senators represent one of 35 districts across Alabama by writing and voting on laws, approving budgets and reviewing state government.

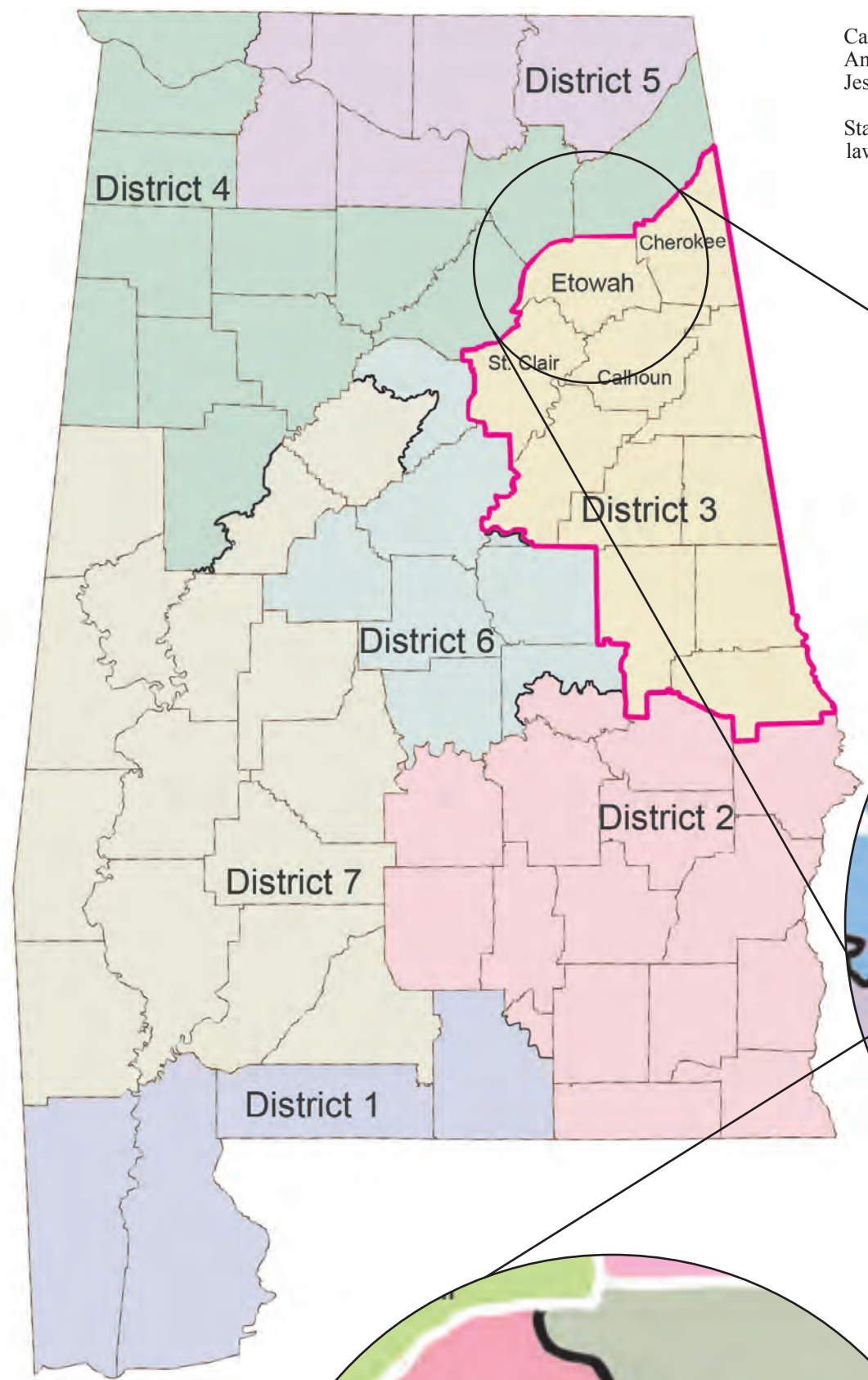
Senators are the mouth piece for the concerns of their district. They are meant to make decisions based on the needs of the district.

Incumbent Jones has been a member of the senate since 2018 and currently serves on nine committees.

According to his website, Jones' priorities are developing the economy, repairing roads and bridges, improving education and protecting Northeast Alabama values.

Battles is a small business owner and graduate of Jacksonville State University before working with the Alabama Secretary of State's office, according to his website.

Battles' website said his priorities include, industry development, expanding skilled trades, improving education and backing veterans and law enforcement.

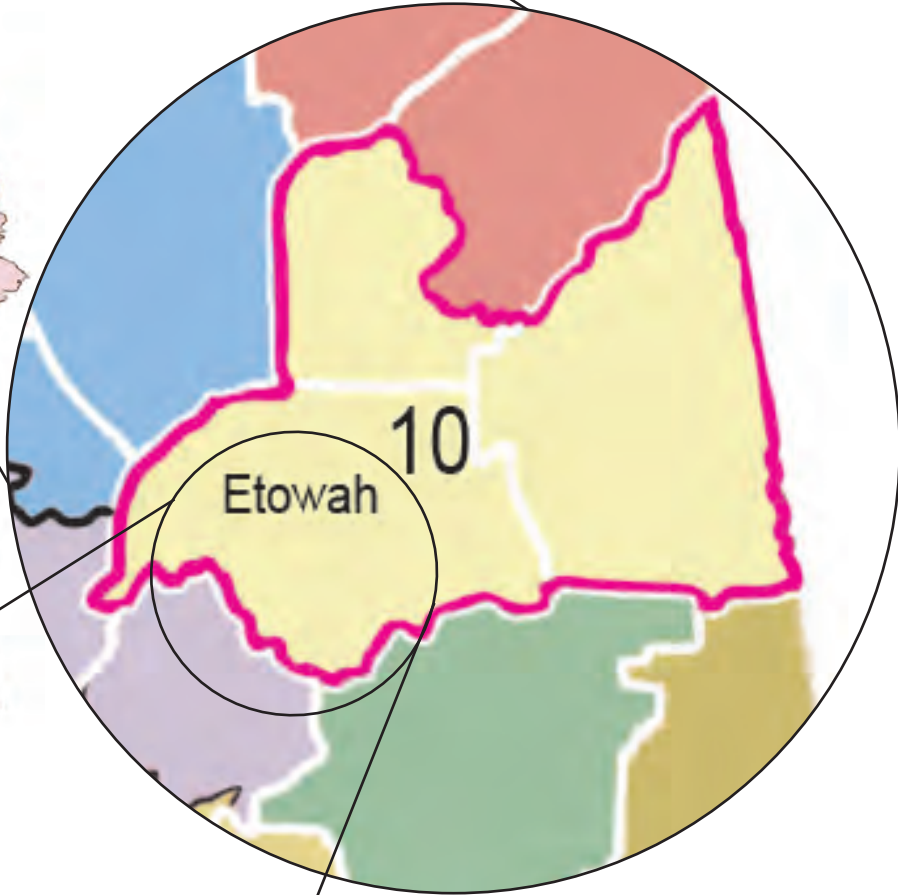
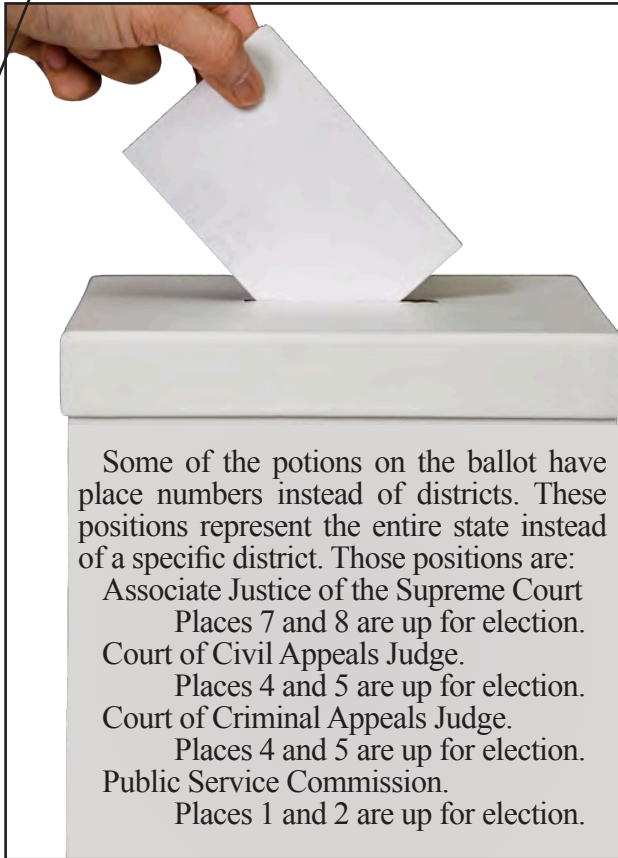


State Rep. District 28

Candidates:
Robert Louis Hunter, Democrat
Mack Butler, Republican

There are 105 state representatives in Alabama who serve a similar function as senators, but in smaller, more localized districts. Etowah consists of three districts, 28, 29 and 30.

Candidates from District 29, Mark Gidley, Republican and 30, Craig Lipscomb, Republican, will be listed on the ballot, but are running unopposed with a write-in option.



Some of the potions on the ballot have place numbers instead of districts. These positions represent the entire state instead of a specific district. Those positions are:
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
Places 7 and 8 are up for election.
Court of Civil Appeals Judge.
Places 4 and 5 are up for election.
Court of Criminal Appeals Judge.
Places 4 and 5 are up for election.
Public Service Commission.
Places 1 and 2 are up for election.

GOVERNMENT

How would Tommy Tuberville govern Alabama?

By Anna Barrett
Alabama Reflector

U.S. Sen. Tommy Tuberville, the Republican nominee for Alabama’s governor, embraced data centers earlier this year, calling community concerns “bull crap.” Then as opposition to the facilities mounted, he unveiled a plan to give communities more power and promised regulations.

Earlier this month, he reaffirmed his support for the facilities, citing economic opportunity. In his recently-released policy plan, called the “Playbook,” he went back to the community-controlled model that he wrote about in his September column.

“I’m changing how Alabama treats data centers. No more tax breaks. They go in the highest property tax class, pay the full cost of the power lines, substations, and water systems they need, and replace the power and water capacity they take,” the playbook says. “Local communities decide whether a data center is right for them, and if your community says no, my answer is no.”

The data center issue reflects broader trends in the campaign: ambitious plans on a host of issues — including healthcare, education and sweeping audits of state government — often paired with back-and-forth messaging, all of which face the possibility of fiscal difficulties in Alabama’s budgets next year.

Multiple messages seeking an interview with Tuberville, or a member of his staff, were left unanswered over the last two weeks.

Tuberville remains the favorite to win the governor’s mansion in his contest with Democratic nominee Doug Jones, his predecessor in the U.S. Senate. Tuberville beat Jones in 2020 by 20 points after Jones was the first Democrat to win statewide office in two decades in 2017.

Tuberville has maintained a financial edge over Jones throughout the race. Through Wednesday, Tuberville had raised \$17.3 million since his campaign launch in May 2025 to Jones’ \$6.8 million since his launch in December. Tuberville had about \$2.3 million on hand to Jones’ \$523,000.

While Jones outraised and outspent Tuberville at the beginning of the month, the Republican nominee is catching up as Election Day grows near. In the third weekly report of October — the last before the campaigns began filing daily reports — Tuberville raised \$704,000 and spent \$2.2 million. Jones raised \$219,000 and spent about \$700,000. Two recent polls showed a closing gap, but still predicted a comfortable Tuberville win. Both The Alabama Poll, run by Michael Lowry, a former aide to U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Haleyville, and a poll conducted by the right-leaning Cygnal for Alabama Daily News and Gray Television found 51% of respondents said they would likely vote for Tuberville, and 39% for Jones, leaving

about 9% undecided. The margin of error for each was 4% and 4.38%, respectively. A poll released Wednesday by Democratic-leaning firm Blueprint Polling showed the race as a toss-up. It surveyed 695 likely Alabama voters between Oct. 22 and 24, 48% of whom indicated support for Tuberville and 45% for Jones, with 7% undecided. The poll has a 3.72% margin of error.

David Hughes, a political science professor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette who previously spent time at Auburn University at Montgomery, said in a recent phone interview that a win for Tuberville will likely depend on turnout in rural counties and in the 2nd Congressional District, the state’s most competitive.

The district was redrawn after the Supreme Court weakened Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in the Louisiana v. Cailais decision this spring.

The new district was rated R+7 and was expected to be a fairly easy Republican pick-up. But incumbent U.S. Rep. Shomari Figures, D-Montgomery, has managed to outraise state Rep. Rhett Marques, R-Enterprise, and the Center for Politics moved the district from “Lean Republican” to “Toss-up” on Tuesday.

“I’m really interested in what turnout is going to look like in Shomari Figures’ district. That, I think, will be pretty telling come election night of who’s turning out or not because that shouldn’t be a particularly competitive district, but it’s beginning to look very competitive,” Hughes said.

Hughes said other important areas for Tuberville will be Madison, Shelby, Lee and Tuscaloosa counties.

The Center for Politics also shifted its rating for the governor’s race from “Safe Republican” to “Likely Republican” last week. While most races between the U.S. House and Senate, and open governorships seem to be shifting towards Democrats, the center changed its rating for the Oregon governor’s race from “Likely Democratic” to “Leans Democratic” on Oct. 6.

J. Miles Coleman, associate editor of the Center for Politics, said in a phone interview Tuesday that many of the center’s shifts, especially in governors’ races, are shifting away from the party in power.

“I think kind of one-party fatigue could be playing into this election as well,” Coleman said.

Gov. Kay Ivey won reelection in 2022 with 66% of votes to Democratic nominee Yolanda Flowers’ 29%. He also said that shifting Alabama’s race to “Likely Republican” does not mean that they think Jones will win, but it does reflect the polls and the closing gap.

“We have had polling that Tuberville is up, but he’s up by like 10 or 11 points, which is still comfortable. But in 2022, I think Gov. Ivey won by

closer to 30 points, probably even more,” he said. “It’s probably not going to change hands, but it could get a little interesting.”

The campaign trail

Tuberville has limited many of his campaign stops to friendly territory, and often closed them to the media despite being marketed as “open to the public.” In at least one instance, that distinction was not communicated to a Mobile-based reporter who was escorted out of an event last week after asking a question.

Most of the events are hosted by the local Republican Party, and marketed as “meet-and-greets.”

He also made an appearance at a rally in Mobile on Oct. 2 with President Donald Trump, who has endorsed Tuberville.

“Tommy was a great coach, and he was a great senator. He’s going to be a fantastic governor, and he’s been my friend,” Trump said at the rally.

During the 2020 campaign, Tuberville and Trump’s relationship was rocky at the start, with Tuberville expressing frustration over the lack of healthcare access for veterans’ during the president’s first term. The president ultimately endorsed Tuberville over former U.S. Sen. and Attorney General Jeff Sessions in the 2020 primary.

Tuberville repeatedly praised Trump during his time in the U.S. Senate. In February, he suggested in a social media posting that Presidents Day should be named “President Donald J. Trump Day.” Now Tuberville touts his endorsement and relationship with the president, but has largely left Trump out of his advertising.

“We’re going to win in November this year. I’m not running to have a governor in front of my name. I’m running to help. I’m not running for another job,” Tuberville said at the rally. “I want to come home and help this state get bigger and better. We got industry jobs. So buckle up.”

Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle, chair of the Alabama Republican Party, said in a phone interview Wednesday that Tuberville was the best candidate for the state’s high office.

“I think having a strong conservative for our Republican nominee is extremely crucial moving forward for

the state,” Stadthagen said. “I think some of the stuff that he plans on doing for the state is going to be a generational change for my daughter and for everybody else’s kids moving forward.”

With those values comes a laundry list of policy priorities, many of which would require additional or new funding, but Stadthagen thinks a Gov. Tuberville will be able to achieve everything he hopes to in his first term.

Preparing for a new administration

Tuberville’s playbook covers everything he wants to accomplish in his first term. He plans to reduce taxes, expand the CHOOSE Act, the state’s voucher program; reduce the state workforce, bring more private jobs to Alabama, protect rural hospitals and audit every government agency, and more.

The 22-page document has every aspect of his agenda, including an accountability system for his own administration. After the first year, Tuberville pledges to have a “full efficiency review,” and after the first 90 days, the administration will publish a public “scoreboard.”

The scoreboard will include a measurement, like the state income tax, what it is today (5%), the administration’s target, “lower,” and a timeline. For that measure, it’s by the end of the first term.

Lowering the income tax is part of his “Family Affordability Act,” which includes eliminating the state grocery tax, extending a utility rate freeze, a freeze on property tax rates for seniors and lowering the cost of childcare.

“And too many families are working harder and still falling behind. Groceries, power bills, insurance, and child care keep climbing, and paychecks haven’t kept pace,” he writes in an introductory letter. “I’ll eliminate the state tax on groceries, cut the state income tax in my first term, and make sure no family’s power bill goes up so a big company can plug in.”

Stadthagen said Tuberville’s agenda will be “generational change” for Alabama. But most of Tuberville’s proposals will need approval from lawmakers. The governor of Alabama is weak relative to the Legislature, which can override gubernatorial vetoes with simple majority votes and effectively has the

last word on policy.

The elimination of the grocery tax is broadly popular across both parties. Republican leaders earlier this month announced they have a bill ready to file after the election to do so. Jones has called for repeal for months, and Democratic lawmakers on Monday reaffirmed their support for the elimination of the sales tax on food.

Some of Tuberville’s proposals require funding — like widening I-65 to three lanes from Mobile to Huntsville — while others, like the elimination of the grocery tax and the reduction of the income tax, reduce state revenue. Stadthagen is not concerned about Tuberville’s ability to balance the state’s budget, though.

“Yes, things are going to cost a little bit more, but he’s for smaller government. He’s for saving money and cutting and being fiscally responsible with our tax dollars,” Stadthagen said.

Sen. Greg Albritton, R-Atmore, outgoing chair of the General Fund Committee, said in a recent interview that he thinks Tuberville has put in the time to learn the limits of the governor’s office.

“Tuberville is working hard to get a grasp of the job already,” Albritton said. “I hear questions coming from many of them, asking and trying to get a grasp of what’s going on and what can happen. So, I think he will be as prepared as any person that comes into the governorship will be, at least academically.”

Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, chair of Senate Education Trust Fund Committee, said in an interview Wednesday that some of Tuberville’s proposals that will impact the ETF — the reduction of the income tax and expansion of the CHOOSE Act — need to be done responsibly.

“That’s the bread and butter of the ETF,” Orr said. “With the mobility of society today, we’ve got to be careful. We’ve got to at least look at it and see if it’s something that we can address again without wrecking the budgets and our responsibility to educate children and provide higher education services and all the other things we do in the ETF. We’ve just got to move cautiously. It’s a noble goal to have.”

The winner of next month’s election are likely to face challenges from the get-

go. Former Finance Director Bill Poole and Legislative Fiscal Officer Kirk Fulford have repeatedly warned state agencies that fiscal year 2028 will be “challenging” and budgets will need to be conservative. The state’s two public employee insurance boards are seeking more funding and increasing premiums or direct costs amid rising healthcare costs.

Orr said both of the agencies’ expected requests are part of the national issue, and the Legislature will have to “figure it out” in conjunction with Tuberville.

“We’re going to have to deal with that at the state level, just like ordinary citizens are having to deal with it as they write their checks for their healthcare premiums via their employer,” Orr said.

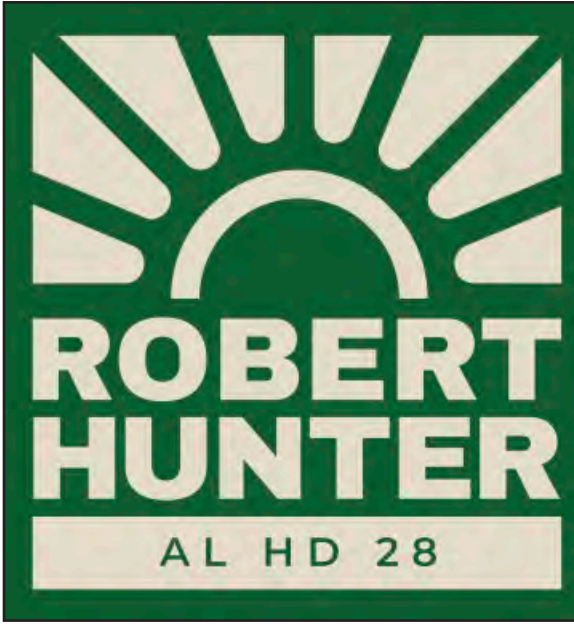
Although bipartisan efforts would not be required should Republicans maintain their supermajorities in the Legislature, many bipartisan and Democratic-led efforts have prevailed during Gov. Kay Ivey’s tenure. Some bills like a ban on Glock switches failed under Democratic sponsorship, but became law with Ivey’s support after a few years; or legislation guaranteeing paid parental leave for educators that took a bipartisan effort across both chambers.

Senate Minority Leader Bobby Singleton, D-Greensboro, the chair of the Alabama Democratic Party, said in a recent interview that he hopes that the teamwork will continue under a Tuberville administration.

“As long as the Tuberville administration is bringing things to move the state forward, and not trying to carry the state backwards, then we can sit down at the table and we can come to some agreements on how to move Alabama forward,” Singleton said.

Stadthagen echoed that sentiment.

“We in the Alabama State House are completely different than DC. Of course, we stand strong on our policies for our party, but we have a really good working relationship within the chambers of the State House,” he said. “It’s completely different because we all know that we have to move and do what’s best for the state of Alabama.”



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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

EDUCATION

GSCC Simulation Center earns provisional accreditation

Gadsden State Community College’s Simulation Center has received provisional accreditation from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH), marking a significant milestone in the college’s health care education and simulation-based training programs.

The college received notification of the accreditation Aug. 10. SSH accreditation recognizes programs that demonstrate a commitment to quality and established best practices in simulation-based education.

“Receiving provisional accreditation from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare is a significant milestone for Gadsden State Community College and our Simulation Center,” said Dr. Evelyn Lightsey, simulation coordinator.

The accreditation process includes a rigorous self-study evaluation and peer review to assess the center’s adherence to best practices in simulation design, development, delivery and evaluation. The process also provides opportunities to identify areas for improvement and enhance the effectiveness of simulation-based learning.

Gadsden State joins Coastal Alabama Community College as one of only two community colleges in Alabama with SSH-accredited programs. Eight colleges and universities statewide currently have accredited programs.

The accreditation strengthens Gadsden State’s Nursing Program and supports interprofessional simulation experiences for students across multiple Health Sciences programs, including Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Radiography, Medical Laboratory Technician, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Assistant Technology, Surgical Technology and Dental Assisting.

Through realistic, hands-on learning experiences led by qualified instructors, the Simulation Center helps students develop



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Gadsden State Health Sciences students take advantage of the college’s Simulation Center during the annual Mass Casualty Simulation, gaining hands-on experience in emergency response, patient care and teamwork while preparing for real-world healthcare challenges.

the knowledge and skills needed to provide high-quality patient care. The accreditation also reflects the college’s commitment to preparing health care professionals through effective, evidence-based educational practices.

“This achievement reflects our team’s

dedication to providing high-quality, hands-on learning experiences that prepare students to meet the demands of today’s health care environment,” Lightsey said. “We are proud to support not only our nursing students but also students across our Health Sciences programs as they

develop the confidence, critical-thinking skills and clinical judgment needed to deliver exceptional patient care.”

The Simulation Center staff includes Lightsey, simulation coordinator; Dr. Nicole Tolbert, simulation specialist; and Katie Bryant, part-time simulation assistant.

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEA Financial System							Exhibit F-II-A
Combined State of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds							
For Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2026							
109 - Attalla City Schools	GOVERNMENTAL			FIDUCIARY			
Revenues	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Total	
State Sources	\$14,636,004.95	\$110,000.00	\$341,371.12	\$176,829.88	\$0.00	\$15,264,205.95	
Federal Sources	\$400.00	\$3,003,423.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,003,823.87	
Local Sources	\$2,728,770.90	\$539,931.10	\$39,350.34	\$8,494.62	\$95,734.62	\$3,412,281.58	
Other Sources	\$40,286.58	\$35,806.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76,093.46	
Total Revenues:	\$17,405,462.43	\$3,689,161.85	\$380,721.46	\$185,324.50	\$95,734.62	\$21,756,404.86	
Expenditures							
Instructional Services	\$8,989,690.85	\$1,401,681.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,756.70	\$10,426,128.59	
Instructional Support Services	\$2,594,973.27	\$431,131.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,143.62	\$3,055,248.80	
Operation & Maintenance Services	\$1,732,938.65	\$61,361.41	\$0.00	\$37,648.90	\$79.82	\$1,832,028.78	
Auxiliary Services	\$993,680.74	\$1,783,810.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,777,491.13	
General Administrative Services	\$1,514,306.12	\$257,658.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,771,964.21	
Capital Outlay	\$420,456.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$420,456.34	
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,159,301.69	\$103,624.88	\$0.00	\$1,262,926.57	
Other Expenditures	\$536,376.50	\$180,525.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,686.65	\$742,588.58	
Total Expenditures:	\$16,782,422.47	\$4,116,168.27	\$1,159,301.69	\$414,273.78	\$89,666.79	\$22,288,833.00	
Other Fund Sources (Uses)							
Other Fund Sources:	\$118,730.60	\$417,127.65	\$391,533.88	\$0.00	\$6,786.37	\$934,178.50	
Other Fund Uses:	\$795,719.19	\$62,345.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,009.37	\$867,074.24	
Total Other Fund Sources (Uses):	(\$676,988.59)	\$354,781.97	\$391,533.88	\$0.00	(\$2,223.00)	\$67,104.26	
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Fund Uses:(\$53,948.63)		(\$72,224.45)	(\$387,046.35)	\$44,050.72	\$3,844.83	(\$465,323.88)	
Beginning Fund Balance - October 1:	\$5,966,031.37	\$639,627.28	\$566,694.33	\$984,393.62	\$118,757.07	\$8,275,503.67	
Ending Fund Balance - September 30:	\$5,912,082.74	\$567,402.83	\$179,647.98	\$1,028,444.34	\$122,601.90	\$7,810,179.79	

FY26 Schedule of Debt as of 9/30/26

Original Amount	Year Borrowed	Anticipated Date of Liquidation	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Balance Remaining as of 9/30/26	Revenue and Fund Source used for payment	Description/Purpose of Debt	Lender
6,690,000.00	2016	2040	\$85,000.00	\$244,812.50	\$6,290,000.00	PSF 2120/2120	2016WT (NEW EMS)	Regions
2,200,000.00	2018	2037	\$100,719.00	\$45,525.72	\$1,471,607.00	Local Funds	2018WT (SCHNEDIDER PROJECT)	BBVA
2,500,000.00	2021	2030	\$275,000.00	\$38,462.65	\$1,210,000.00	SFund 6110/6140	2021AWT (EHS IMPROVEMENTS)	Regions
1,429,573.00	2008	2028	\$88,394.42	\$15,230.46	\$233,740.65	PSF 2120/8410	2015B (NEW AES)	State of Alabama
365,000.00	2011	2026	\$365,000.00	\$957.04	\$ -	PSF 2120/9115	QZAB 2011A (AES ROOFING/BATHROOMS)	State of Alabama

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EDUCATION

ETOWAH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
September 30, 2026

FUND TYPES						ACCOUNT GROUP	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Fiduciary	Long-Term Debt	Fixed Assets
Assets	\$36,136,509.30	\$5,045,302.62	\$16,523.24	\$11,314,741.01	\$3,575,399.55	\$37,763,070.53	\$194,738,707.53
Liabilities	\$1,556,863.43	\$778,090.81	\$ -	\$60,817.10	\$2,691,613.39	\$37,763,070.53	\$ -
Fund Equity	\$34,579,645.87	\$4,267,211.81	\$16,523.24	\$11,253,923.91	\$883,786.16	-	\$194,738,707.53
	\$36,136,509.30	\$5,045,302.62	\$16,523.24	\$11,314,741.01	\$3,575,399.55	\$37,763,070.53	\$194,738,707.53

ETOWAH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

FUND TYPES	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Fiduciary	TOTAL
Revenues						
State Revenues	\$82,866,482.93	\$ 171,257.22	\$ -	\$3,700,407.00	\$ -	\$86,738,147.15
Federal Revenues	1,200.00	12,806,370.53	-	-	-	12,807,570.53
Local Revenues	14,718,456.98	3,225,455.87	5,364.78	4,011,062.10	1,420,003.60	23,380,343.33
Other Revenues	501,316.34	107,962.90	-	-	-	609,279.24
Total Revenues	98,087,456.25	16,311,046.52	5,364.78	7,711,469.10	1,420,003.60	123,535,340.25
Expenditures						
Instructional Services	54,967,464.35	4,710,967.23	-	-	428,094.63	60,106,526.21
Instructional Support	16,636,243.37	2,178,964.03	-	-	366,633.62	19,181,841.02
Operation & Maintenance	9,500,437.73	541,156.54	-	565,592.22	72,856.58	10,680,043.07
Auxiliary Services	5,271,593.98	10,047,789.65	-	-	21,831.68	15,341,215.31
General Administrative	3,813,355.15	527,213.47	-	-	-	4,340,568.62
Capital Outlay	4,500,205.50	-	-	1,461,353.17	-	5,961,558.67
Debt Services	125,495.00	-	2,162,598.22	1,829,538.88	-	4,117,632.10
Other Expenditures	2,559,688.73	513,104.08	-	-	359,099.45	3,431,892.26
Total Expenditures	97,374,483.81	18,519,195.00	2,162,598.22	3,856,484.27	1,248,515.96	123,161,277.26
Other Fund Sources (Uses)						
Transfers In	676,366.47	3,194,960.60	2162,598.22	-	16,432.73	6,050,358.02
Other Fund Sources	1,161,195.07	-	-	-	-	1,161,195.07
Transfers Out	(3,307,522.62)	(454,140.87)	-	(2,162,598.22)	(126,096.31)	(6,050,358.02)
Total Other Fund Sources (Uses)	(1,469,961.08)	2,740,819.73	2,162,598.22	(2,162,598.22)	(109,663.58)	1,161,195.07
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over(Under)						
Expenditures & Other Uses	(756,988.64)	532,671.25	5,364.78	1,692,386.61	61,824.06	1,535,258.06
Beginning Fund Balance	35,336,634.51	3,734,540.56	11,158.46	9,561,537.30	821,962.10	49,465,832.93
Ending Fund Balance	\$34,579,645.87	\$4,267,211.81	\$16,523.24	\$11,253,923.91	\$883,786.16	\$51,001,090.99

PART I

Original Amount	Year Borrowed	Anticipated Date of Liquidation	FY2026 Principal Paid	FY2026 Interest Paid	Balance remaining as of 9/30/26	Revenue and Fund Source used for payment	Description/Purpose of Debt	Lender	Interest Rate
1,355,084.73	2013	9/30/2033	73,446.10	2,570.60	-	2120 8410	Capital Projects	State of AL	3%-5%
11,925,035.95	2014	9/30/2034	624,236.56	282,726.63	6,953,287.13	6140	Capital Projects - Schneider	US Bank	3.85%
1,340,202.00	2016	6/15/2026	146,523.00	2,648.39	-	1320	Note Payable - Bus Purchase	Compass Bank	2.04%
500,000.00	2016	4/1/2026	29,166.45	2,619.21	-	6140	Note Payable - Schneider	ADECA	0.00%
1,270,781.56	2017	10/15/2026	135,228.99	6,375.08	138,379.82	1320	Lease Purchase of Buses	Signature	2.33%
826,900.00	2018	10/15/2027	87,818.28	9,265.48	184,695.56	1320	Lease Purchase of Buses	Signature	3.40%
864,010.90	2019	10/15/2028	88,665.76	11,027.60	282,134.80	1320	Lease Purchase of Buses	Singature	2.97%
1,745,179.62	2020	4/3/2030	175,850.67	16,406.66	735,630.68	1320	Note Payable - Bus Purchase	Regions	1.80%
9,405,000.00	2021	9/1/2045	420,000.00	233,962.50	8,585,000.00	6110	Capital Projects	US Bank	2% - 4%
26,805,000.00	2021	9/1/2042	1,025,000.00	483,635.72	19,060,000.00	6110	Capital Projects	US Bank	.447%-2.936%
1,324,185.17	2021	7/31/2031	131,182.70	12,761.54	689,398.16	1320	Lease Purchase of Buses	Signature	1.65%
668,007.03	2021	7/1/2033	10,734.43	11,465.26	599,715.67	2120 8410	Capital Projects	State of AL	1.79%
716,153.10	2023	8/16/2033	63,252.06	26,678.18	534,828.71	1320	Lease Purchase of Busses	Flagstar	4.643%
\$57,361,379.93			\$3,011,105.00	\$1,102,142.85	\$37,763,070.53				

PART II

Total Line of Credit	Was Line Of Credit Used in FY25	FY2025 PrincipalsPaid	FY2025 Interest Paid	Revenue and Fund Source used for payment	Lender	Interest Rate			
None									

GADSDEN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
September 30, 2026

FUND TYPES					
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fiduciary	Fixed Assets
Assets	9,954,063	7,481,567	4,995,533	261,326	131,000,480
Liabilities	118,803	196,533	1,807	228	14,583,0895
Fund Equity	9,835,260	7,285,033	4,993,726	261,097	116,417,385
	9,954,063	7,481,567	4,995,533	261,326	131,000,480

GADSDEN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

FUND TYPES						
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Fiduciary	TOTAL
Revenues	54,981,632	19,507,872	-	3,934,140	321,382	78,845,026
Expenditures						
Instructional Services	33,040,898	4,835,991	-	-	75,397	37,952,285
Instructional Support	9,717,238	3,038,071	-	-	96,273	12,851,582
Operation & Maintenance	3,682,775	2,097,785	-	925,144	12,030	6,717,734
Auxiliary Services	1,255,752	7,970,023	-	-	5,555	9,231,330
General Admin	2,052,882	1,081,834	-	329	-	3,135,045
Capital Outlay	-	710,853	-	-	-	710,853
Debt Services	597,233	-	295,535	1,692,404	-	2,585,171
Other Expenditures	1,152,463	1,812,651	-	-	79,519	3,044,633
Total Expenditures	51,499,241	21,547,208	295,535	2,617,877	268,772	76,228,633
Other Sources (uses)	(41,388)	(140,290)	-	(295,535)	(102,723)	(579,936)
Excess Revenue & Other Sources Over (Under)	3,841,860	(1,817,853)		1,020,728	(48,874)	
Expenditures & Other Uses	400,857	261,773	295,535	-	1,240	959,406
Beginning Fund Balance	5,993,400	9,102,886	-	3,972,998	309,971	19,379,254
Ending Fund Balance	9,835,260	7,285,033	-	4,993,726	261,097	22,375,117

FY 2026 Schedule of Debt

Original Amount	Year Borrowed	Anticipated Date of Liquidation	FY2026 Principal Paid	FY2026 Interest Paid	Balance remaining as of 9/30/26
26,560,000.00	2003	8/1/33	613,817.00	286,183.00	5,240,316.00
10,782,551.45	2005	2/1/25	699,074.87	-	-
1,335,084.75	2013	9/1/26	73,446.10	2,570.62	-
2,433,315.20	2018	10/4/38	101,680.00	57,937.46	1,592,160.00
9,500,000.00	2018	10/4/38	428,593.05	183,685.00	7,150,903.00
652,540.00	2021	9/1/33	10,734.43	11,465.28	599,716.00
51,263,491.40			1,927,345.45	541,841.36	14,583,095.00

Your

CALENDAR

Community

Featured Events

Oct. 30-Nov. 6

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.

Imagination Place's Let It Snow

- Where: Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts - 501 Broad St., Gadsden
- When: Nov. 2 to Feb. 27, Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.; Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Downtown Gadsden Trick or Treat

- Where: Downtown Gadsden - Broad Street, Gadsden
- When: Oct. 31, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Glencoe Fall Festival

- Where: George Wallace Senior Center - 407 Hollingsworth Park Drive, Glencoe
- When: Oct. 31, 5 to 8 p.m.

Patriots Hall of Honor Luncheon

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- When: Nov. 4, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Veterans Parade

- Where: Downtown Gadsden - Broad Street, Gadsden
- When: Nov. 4, 2 to 4 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. Sixth 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

Voice and Value's Lunch and Learn

- Where: Gadsden Public Library - 254 S. College St., Gadsden
- When: First Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

AND

- Where: Rainbow City Public Library - 3702 Rainbow Drive, Rainbow City
- When: First Thursday at 12 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. 30-Nov. 13

Oct. 31

Show Me Reptiles and Exotics Show

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- When: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Halloween Bash

- Where: Back Forty - 200 N. Sixth St., Gadsden
- When: 3 to 9 p.m.

Zombie Crawl

- Where: Gadsden Elks Lodge 1314 - 118 N. First St., Gadsden
- When: 3 to 6 p.m.

Halloween at River Rocks Landing

- Where: River Rocks Landing Resort - 1 River Road, Gadsden
- When: 6 to 8 p.m.

Nov. 6

The Gadsden-Rainbow City Coin Show (Day 1)

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Service Guild Rummage Sale and Preview Party (Day 1)

- Where: 210 At the Tracks - 210 Locust St., Gadsden
- When: 6 to 8 p.m.

GPL's Prom at the Pitman

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

Nov. 7

4th Annual DEF Fishing Apparel Veterans Day Bass Tournament

- Where: Southside Landing - 721 Pier, AL-77, Southside
- When: 5 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Service Guild Rummage Sale and Preview Party (Day 2)

- Where: 210 At the Tracks - 210 Locust St., Gadsden
- When: 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lights & Sirens 5K, 10K, and 1 Mile Fun Run

- Where: Rainbow City Fire Station 2 - 1400 Riddles Bend Road, Rainbow City
- When: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Gadsden-Rainbow City Coin Show (Day 2)

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fall Fest at the Bend

- Where: Tillison Bend Campground - 341 Riverview Drive, Gadsden
- When: 3 to 10 p.m.

Sunset Tour at Untamed Mountain

- Where: Tigers for Tomorrow at Untamed Mountain - 708 County Road 345, Attalla
- When: 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Museum of Attalla Presents Ghost Trails and Tales

- Where: Downtown Attalla - Fifth Avenue NW & Fourth Street NW, Attalla
- When: 5 to 8 p.m.

Love Never Dies: A Patsy Cline Anthology (Day 1)

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- When: 7 to 9 p.m.

Nov. 8

Love Never Dies: A Patsy Cline Anthology (Day 2)

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- When: 7 to 9 p.m.

Nov. 12

Habitat for Humanity Dancing With the Stars

- Where: 210 At the Tracks - 210 Locust St., Gadsden
- When: 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Ballyhoo Revival Show

- Where: Pitman Theater - 629 Broad St., Gadsden
- When: 7 to 8 p.m.

Nov. 13

Mistletoe Market (Day 1)

- Where: The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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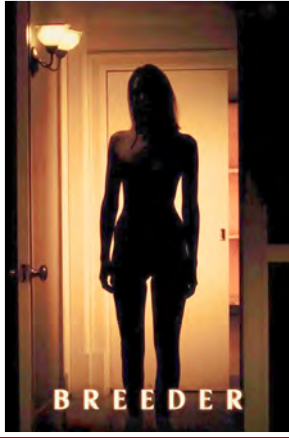
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Yarn

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The “it” that Reannon is referring to, of course, is Oliver’s own yarn line, which he did dutifully name Oliver’s Twist. The line, released only during holiday seasons and themed around each one, began in Nov. 2025 — when Oliver was just 8 years old, making him the youngest hand-dyer in Alabama and possibly even the United States.

In the past year, he’s released collections for Christmas, Mardi Gras, Easter, Independence Day and Halloween. Each holiday release runs three or four colorways with about 10 skeins of each one — so that Oliver doesn’t get burned out, as his father Joel explained to Moore. “While this is a job,” his parents stated, “we don’t want it to be work.”

It seems impossible to imagine that such a bright and joyful child could ever experience burnout, but Oliver’s schedule handled with any less care than the Dornings’

could result in just that.

“In order for Oliver to develop his yarn line, we put him through all of the meetings and professional engagements that he would need to do if he were doing it for real as an adult,” Reannon stated, adding that he met with her as the umbrella company and discussed what he wanted to do with his yarn line. Oliver also met with Miss Pat, owner of Taming of the Ewe, to talk about the number of skeins he would make and how frequently he would do the lines; and Joel, his graphic designer, to figure out what he wanted for his yarn label.

On top of all of the “professional engagements,” however, is a particular attention that cements that this endeavor is meant to help Oliver fulfill his dreams in the long-run, not to smother him with busywork.

For example, his father always tries to give him challenges for the colorways so that he can stretch his creative muscles. “From an art direction standpoint, sometimes it’s tough to come up with color palettes that aren’t cliché but are still recognizable,” Joel explained.

Additionally, safety is top priority for the Dornings. There are some more dangerous dyeing methods that they do not let him try or handle certain steps for him, such as when Reannon mixes the citric acid powder into the liquid dye so that his lungs aren’t exposed to the powder at all; or when she handles hot pans for him so that he doesn’t get burnt.

Reannon also touched on how Oliver’s yarn line factors into his schoolwork — that is, outside of the line’s business aspects. “When I retired a couple of years ago, we started homeschooling,” she stated. “Now that he’s homeschooled, we’ve incorporated yarn dyeing as a part of his art curriculum.”

But art is just one part of it — the line has also allowed them to explore

the science behind the artform, like why acids work best with the dyes they use and what materials works better with a liquid and what works better with a powder. Reannon even adds that Oliver is looking forward to taking chemistry soon because of it.

“It’s fun to watch him mature from those first few colorways as he has gone through and tested his methods,” Joel said.

And it’s a lot of fun for Oliver as well, if his attitude towards his work is any indication. “My favorite line that I’ve done so far would have to be Easter,” he stated. “It was three colorways — blue, yellow and pink, all pastels. And one Robin’s Egg — that one was splotchy!”

As for his next line — Christmas yet again — Oliver is not too sure about what he wants to do, but he knows that he won’t do the same trick twice. “I’m still thinking about the colors,” he concluded thoughtfully, “because I want to make a new version that’s not like last year’s.”

Fitting, Moore thinks, as the Dornings themselves are truly local exemplars of things both new and unique.

Oliver’s Twist can be found at The Taming of the Ewe in Gadsden and Knit B’ham in Birmingham, both of which are currently running his Halloween line.

Reannon Dorning also hosts Knitting for Beginners, an easy-to-adapt and accessible class that teaches the basics of knitting, the next of which will be held in Feb. 2027. For more information on the upcoming class, contact her at harpndragonfiberarts@gmail.com.

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HOLIDAY READS

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For additional information, contact us at 256-549-4699 ext. 2118 for Hanna; ext. 2114 for Hannah; ext. 2126 for LaShunda, and ext. 2107 for Carol.

Gadsden State’s theatre department to present Dearly Departed

Gadsden State Community College Theatre Department will present Dearly Departed, written by David Dean Bottrell and Jessie Jones, Nov. 12-14 in the Black Box Theatre in Meadow Hall on the college’s Wallace Drive campus.

Directed by Pheonix Rich and Afton Yarnell, the Southern comedy follows the Turpin family as they navigate grief, family dysfunction and small-town chaos following the death of the family patriarch. Featuring colorful characters, unexpected twists and plenty of humor, Dearly Departed offers audiences a heartfelt and entertaining look at family relationships and Southern traditions.

Performances will begin at 7 p.m. each evening.

The cast includes:

- Ray-Bud Turpin — Eli Dorning
- Junior Turpin — Kirby Rogerson
- Raynelle Turpin — Katherine Marguerite

- Marguerite — Shyanne Freeman
- Suzanne — Salem Motes
- Lucille — Ashley Boatwright
- Royce — Dale Layton
- Rev. Hooker — Connor Thomas
- Delightful — Katie Peavy
- Veda — Sam Gidley
- Norval — Ian Johnson
- Nadine — Amelia St. John
- Clyde — Josh Long
- Juanita — Sara Price

The production will take place in the intimate Black Box Theatre, offering audiences an up-close theatrical experience. Community members, students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

Tickets are available online at purplepass.com/dearly.

For more information about Gadsden State’s Theatre department, visit gadsden-state.edu/FineArts.



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Cassidy Jordan Horsemanship hosts Halloween barn party

By Teri Chupp

On Saturday, Oct. 24, Cassidy Jordan Horsemanship hosted a Halloween barn party in Sardis, bringing riders and their horses together for a fun-filled costume contest judged on creativity.

Andi Chupp and her horse, Willis, teamed up with Harlee Hall and Cassidy Linhart’s horse,

Crimson, to take first place with their Willy Wonka theme. Chupp dressed as an Oompa-Loompa, Willis was the golden ticket, Hall was Willy Wonka and Crimson was dressed as a chocolate bar.

Raemah Jones, dressed as Winnie the Pooh, and Issiac Jones, dressed as Tigger, took second place along with Macie Harts’ horse, Gideon, who was dressed as Eeyore.

Maddux Pinney and her horse, Hazel, took third place with matching dragon costumes.

The costume contest gave riders a chance to have some Halloween fun with their horses and show off their creativity.

For more information on horse lessons, contact Cassidy Jordan at cassidyjordanphotographer@gmail.com.



LIFESTYLE



For Halloween, our family enjoys going to my father-in-law’s for chili, hot cocoa, candy and movies. My sister and brother-in-law bring over a trailer of hay for all the kids to ride around the neighborhood to trick-or-treat, and it is just a lovely, pleasant time. Ever since my kids were babies, I’ve tended to go with simple, often homemade (or at least assembled) costumes. Between previous Halloween and theatre costumes, we usually have enough items to create fun looks that are low cost and low stress. On Halloween morning this year, for example, my youngest wore a flowered dress and elf ears, and said she was a woodland elf. My middle daughter wore cat ears and all black, and her big sister did some cute cat makeup for her. My oldest loves the creativity of putting

How Halloween makes the best of us

her own costumes together with her best friend, and she went as an SNL character. Jason and I usually go as ourselves, but with a few festive touches. This year, I wore a headband that looked like Maleficent horns from a distance, but were actually little witch legs. Kitschy, simple, fun. My students often dress up for Halloween as well. I always bring candy because they may be young adults, but they still enjoy the treats and fun. We have low-key classes on Halloween, with fun music playing while we work on a current writing assignment, compare party plans and admire one another’s creativity. I have really grown to love Halloween in my middle age much more than I ever thought I would. I think a big part of that is because of the enjoyment in seeing others express their own creativity, yes, but even more in seeing the joy it brings to all of us when we admire one another’s get-ups. There is a post circulating on social media that has really stuck in my mind this Halloween season. I couldn’t find it to quote, of course, but a general paraphrase is something like how, on Halloween, we compliment others on their deformities,

grotesque costumes, silliness and oddities — and invite them to laugh with us and share candy. The post then asks a simple question: Why can’t we always treat others this way? Halloween happens every year, but every four years, it also happens right before a major election, and political tensions are often as scary or scarier than any Halloween fright. Yet just like Halloween, the season comes and goes, and we are all still family and friends, neighbors and community members. The unknown is scary, yes — it is why so many enjoy haunted houses and jump scares. But we know so much more than we don’t about those around us. We know that most of us want to be happy, healthy, and safe. We know who our family and friends, neighbors and community members really are by how we have watched them act and treat others. We know that elected officials come and go, but communities stand together. Halloween allows us all the freedom to express our creativity and have fun with the things that are scary. Our country allows us all the freedom to express our

beliefs and ideals at the ballot box, and the unknown can be scary. But this Halloween and Election season, may we all remember that behind the costumes and makeup, behind the yard signs and t-shirt slogans, there are very real people like us who just want to be seen and appreciated; who just want to live happy, healthy and safe lives. May we all channel the acceptance we freely show others on Halloween all throughout next week and beyond, remembering that we know enough about one another as fellow humans to treat those around us with decency, love, compassion, appreciation and tolerance. As Dickens reminds us: “Do the wise thing and the kind thing too, and make the best of us and not the worst.” *Tabitha Bozeman is an instructor at GSCC. Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of GSCC. Contact Tabitha at tabithabozeaman@gmail.com.*

The masks we wear: Hiding what we’re really feeling

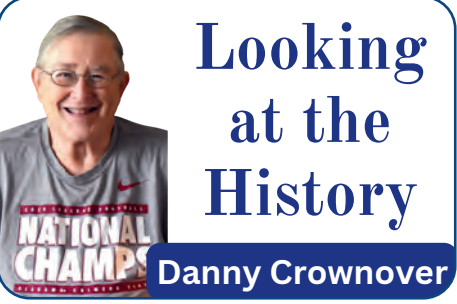
Halloween is the one time of year when wearing a mask is part of the fun. For a night, we can become someone completely different. We dress up, play a part, and then, when the night is over, take the costume off. But some of the masks we wear aren’t nearly as easy to remove. Most of us have learned to present certain versions of ourselves to the world. There’s the strong one who handles everything. The funny one who keeps everyone laughing. The caretaker who makes sure everyone else is okay. The successful one who always seems to have it together. And then there’s perhaps the most common mask of all: “I’m fine.” Sometimes these masks serve a purpose. We don’t need to share every emotion with everyone we meet. There are times when we have to put our feelings aside temporarily and get through the workday, take care of our children or handle a difficult situation.

The problem comes when wearing the mask becomes our only way of functioning. The strong person may secretly be exhausted but doesn’t know how to ask for help. The funny person may use humor to keep anyone from noticing how much they’re hurting. The caretaker may be so focused on everyone else’s needs that they’ve lost touch with their own. The successful person may live with constant anxiety that someone will discover they don’t have everything figured out after all. Eventually, keeping up the appearance becomes exhausting. Sometimes people don’t even realize they’re doing it. They’ve played the role for so long that it has become part of their identity. I’m the one everyone depends on. I’m the one who doesn’t fall apart. I’m the one who keeps the peace. But what happens when the strong one needs someone to be strong for them?

One of the healthiest things we can learn is that vulnerability isn’t the same thing as weakness. Saying “I’m struggling” doesn’t erase everything you’ve handled successfully before. Asking for help doesn’t mean you’re incapable. Setting a boundary doesn’t make you selfish. And admitting that you’re not okay doesn’t mean you’re falling apart. It means you’re human. Taking off the mask doesn’t mean telling everyone everything. Not everyone has earned access to the most vulnerable parts of your life. But everyone needs at least one place where they don’t have to perform. That might be with a spouse, a trusted friend, a family member, a support group or a therapist. What matters is having somewhere you can answer “How are you?” honestly. So as Halloween approaches and masks appear everywhere, consider the ones you may be wearing yourself.



Ask yourself: What am I working so hard to make sure nobody sees? You don’t have to take off every mask for every person. But if you’re exhausted from pretending you’re okay, it may be time to let someone you trust see what’s underneath. Sometimes the bravest thing we can do isn’t putting on a brave face. It’s realizing we don’t always have to wear one. *Carrie Halladay is a Licensed Professional Counselor and the owner of Halladay Counseling in Gadsden. She earned her Master of Science in Counseling from Jacksonville State University in 2002.*



In 1947, Gadsden’s principal business thoroughfare was without a single framed business house for the first time in 100 years. The last of the old wooden structures disappeared when the shack which housed the Mexican Chili Parlor on the north side of the 500 block was torn down to give room for a brick substitute. The old building was not a landmark but had been there for many years. It was erected prior to World War I and was always used as a restaurant. The site was also once part of tunnel block, a string of wooden business houses over a deep ravine that cut through Chestnut, Broad and Locust Streets. A part of that deep ditch is still seen in rear of Jefferson’s. Up until the late 1870s, all of the business houses in Gadsden were constructed of wood, most of them had high pitched roofs with false fronts. The first ones clustered around the river bluff, the center of the town bound by the river, Chestnut Street, Third Street and Locust Street. That was because steamboats, which began to operate on the Coosa River in 1845,

The last framed building on Broad Street

provided the best means of transportation and the only means of reaching the outside world, except by stage coach and wagon. The business section began to extend westward along Broad Street because it was wide and stretched far out into the county. A few stores were built down near the river, and then some were built on the south side of Broad between Second and Third. Two long buildings occupied the corner where Merrill Lynch is presently located; they were destroyed by fire in 1883. This same blaze destroyed 19 other small wooden stores on the south side of Broad from Third to near Fifth. They were replaced by brick structures, most of which are still standing. All of the wooden stores on the south side of Broad from Fifth to Sixth Street were destroyed by fire in the late 1880s, and similarly, they were replaced with brick stores, many of which are still standing as well. The tunnel block shacks stood for many years before they were erased by fire. On the north side of Broad Street between Court and Fifth Streets, there was a solid block of one-story wooden buildings that were used by some of the leading merchants of the city. They were gradually torn down and replaced by brick buildings that are still there today. In the good old days, Gadsden was a sleepy village. The first brick business house built in



Downtown framed building prior to the great Gadsden fire of 1883. Photo submitted by Danny Crownover. Gadsden was the two-story structure once occupied by the Ike Saks Store. It was erected in 1878. The first brick building of any sort was the first courthouse, which was completed in 1870, and the second one was the old county jail on Chestnut between Second and Third Streets. That was completed in 1874. Many old residences that were landmarks in the city have been torn down to give room for modern business houses, and the business section is spreading out in every direction. It has crossed the river to East Gadsden, which has become one of the finest business and industrial areas in the state. *Contact The Vagabond at dkcrown@bell-south.net.*

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DEVOTIONALS



I grew up in Northwest Georgia, the daughter of a lifelong Auburn Tigers fan. So, when I talk about the Deep South's Oldest Rivalry, it is from a place of understanding — with a little bit of PTSD mixed in. Wearing orange and blue in a sea of red and black is not for the faint of heart.

I remember the feeling of sheer joy and excitement when I stepped onto the campus of the loveliest village on the plains as a student for the first time. I finally donned my Tiger Rags without fear of rejection or being called a “War Chicken.”

I have never been one to get into all of the “smack talk.” I tend to keep the comments to myself and just cheer for my colors. However, as the week before the big game rolls around every year, I brace myself for the (good-humored) messages from my Dawg-lovin’ Georgia friends. I usually respond with a hardy “LOL” emoji, or hit that “Haha” reaction. Then, depending on the outcome, I double-brace for the teasing I am sure to

On to vict’ry from the very beginning

take if my Tigers end up on the bottom. So, that is why this past meeting Between the Hedges was so sweet. Seeing my team in the win column meant I’d been spared from the obligatory “Auburn Cow College” comments post-game. What made this year different, though, was that my husband and I hadn’t actually made plans to watch the game. We were away with our grown children having so much fun that it didn’t even cross our minds until there were barely 2 minutes left on the clock.

One of my husband’s UGA fan-friends messaged something like, “The SEC is going crazy,” which prompted him to ask our son to check the score. The score was 24-24! We couldn’t believe it. We kept the app open until that final field goal went through, cheering with all the glee we could muster. Our Tigers had walked into Sanford Stadium as 19.5-point underdogs, but they were going home on top. I may have even screamed and performed a little “Bodda Getta” in the kitchen for my grandbabies. It was absolute bliss.

When we got home from the weekend, we found the replay on TV, and watched every last, glorious second of it. I told my husband that this might be my new favorite way to watch this game. Because — I must confess — watching Auburn vs. Georgia in real-time can often cause heart palpitations and unrighteous

indignation.

Somehow, knowing that we won the game from the beginning, took away all of the angst, and allowed me to watch with Peace and — admittedly — a little bit of smack talk.

I sent a text to my kids about the experience mentioning how much more fun it was to watch the game from this end-from-the-beginning perspective. Then, I remembered a conversation my daughter and I had years ago about the nature of God’s sovereignty. In Scripture, God reminds us that He isn’t reacting to history in real-time like a stressed spectator; He sits outside of time, already declaring the end from the very start. When we realize the final victory is already secured through Him, the Fourth-Quarter uncertainties of life lose their power to shake us, leaving us with deep resting confidence.

I love the way The Message paraphrases Isaiah 46 verses 8 through 11. It says, “I am GOD, the only God you’ve had or ever will have — incomparable, irreplaceable. From the very beginning telling you what the ending will be, all along letting you in on what is going to happen, assuring you, ‘I’m in this for the long haul, I’ll do exactly what I set out to do.’”

That powerful Truth — that God already knows and declares the outcome — hit me in the most unexpected place:

on my couch, catching up on a recorded college football game. Turns out, watching the Auburn game on delay wasn’t just a better way to enjoy college football — it was a gentle, needed reminder of how God invites us to live every single day.

When the final victory is already assured, the tension melts away, leaving only room for joy. We don’t need to fear the clock running down or the plays going sideways when the Author of time has already declared the winner — and it is Himself, and all of us who are in Christ Jesus.

I still love a good game, and I’m sure I’ll still catch myself holding my breath on a crucial third down now and then. But holding onto that end-from-the-beginning perspective changes everything. Life is full of unexpected turns, bad calls and fumbles, but as believers, we aren’t waiting in suspense to see if God seals the victory. The final score is in, the win is secure, and we can go ahead and enjoy the game.

On to vict’ry, Friends! Strike up the Heavenly band!

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When is enough enough?

Have you ever thought about what you would do if you won the lottery?

Come on, tell the truth. You’ve probably already spent some of the money in your imagination. Pay off the house. Get out of debt. Buy a new car. Help the family. Take a few vacations. And, of course, give the church a little something!

But here is what is interesting. Before having the money, we imagine it would change everything. Yet there are people who have millions and still feel like they need more. Which raises an important question: When is enough actually enough?

In 1 Timothy 6, Paul writes to Timothy about money, godliness and the condition of our hearts. Some people were treating godliness as a means of financial gain, but Paul corrects that thinking. News flash: Following Jesus is not a business opportunity.

Then Paul says something powerful in verse 6: “But godliness with contentment is great gain.”

Did you catch that? Paul says you can experience gain without getting anything more. We have been conditioned to believe gain always means accumulation. More money. A bigger house. A better car. More clothes. More shoes. More of whatever we have decided will finally make us satisfied.

But Paul introduces another kind of gain: contentment. Contentment is not having everything I want. It is learning that what I have does not determine who I am.

There will always be something else to want. You can finally get the house and

then see another house. You can buy the car and then a newer model comes out. You can get the phone, purse, shoes or watch, and before long something else catches your attention. If our peace depends upon getting the next thing, peace will always stay one purchase away.

Paul continues by warning that those determined to become rich can fall into temptation and harmful desires. Then comes one of the most misunderstood verses in Scripture. 1 Timothy 6:10 says, “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.”

Notice what Scripture does not say. Having money is not the problem. The problem begins when money starts having you. You can have money without worshiping money. You can enjoy what God has given you without allowing possessions to become your identity.

Money makes a terrible master. When money becomes your master, comparison starts controlling your decisions. Your wants become needs. Your lifestyle begins determining your peace. And sometimes you find yourself going into debt trying to impress people who are not paying your bills.

That is not freedom.

Paul does not tell people with resources to get rid of everything. Instead, in verses 17–19, he tells them not to put their hope in uncertain riches but to put their hope in God. He tells them to be generous and willing to share.

The answer is not simply having less. The answer is learning to trust God with what you have. Maybe the problem is not always that God has failed to provide

enough. Maybe comparison has convinced us that enough is never enough.

Now, this does not ignore the reality that some people genuinely struggle to meet basic needs. Families face rising expenses, unexpected bills, medical costs and circumstances they did not choose. Let’s be honest, financial hardship is real.

But whether we have much or little, the question remains: What has control of my heart? Am I using money to live, or am I living to get more money? Money can buy a lot of things, but it cannot give you contentment. And contentment does not mean you cannot have goals, improve your life or desire something better. It means your joy is not held hostage by what you do not have.

You can thank God for what He has already provided while still believing Him for what is ahead. You can enjoy what you have without constantly comparing it to somebody else’s. You can say, “God, if You give me more, I will honor You with more. But if I do not get anything else today, You have already been good to me.” That is contentment.

So before chasing the next thing this week, stop for a moment. Look around. Thank God for something He has already provided. Then find an opportunity to be generous with what He has placed in your hands. Because enough is not determined by what sits in your bank account, hangs in your closet or sits in your driveway.

Enough is about where you have placed your hope. When your hope is in God, you can possess things without al-



lowing those things to possess you.

Let’s pray.

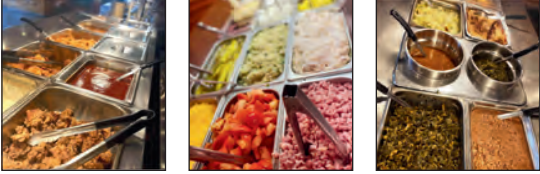
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SPORTS

Historic run halts at Elite Eight for Southside



Southside's volleyball season faced a tough test Wednesday as the Panthers fell to Spanish Fort 3-0 in the Class 5A state tournament. Spanish Fort won the match 25-21, 25-20 and 25-19 to advance in the tournament and continue its pursuit of a third consecutive state championship.

The Panthers battled throughout the first two sets, staying within reach of the Toros before Spanish Fort pulled away to secure each set. Southside was unable to overcome the Toros in the third set, as Spanish Fort closed out the match with a 25-9 victory.

Spanish Fort continued its postseason run later Wednesday with a four-set victory over Mountain Brook, winning 25-18, 25-23, 19-25 and 25-17.

The Toros secured the match after dropping the third set to keep their championship hopes alive.

With the win, Spanish Fort advanced to the Class 5A state championship match against Jasper, scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 29, at 10 a.m.

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SPORTS

Hokes Bluff rallies late to defeat Glencoe, 14-7

By Alex Chaney
Sports Correspondent

Glencoe and Hokes Bluff battled through three scoreless quarters before the Eagles rallied in the fourth quarter to earn a 14-7 victory over the Yellow Jackets.

Glencoe received the opening kickoff and used its strong running game to move down the field. However, Hokes Bluff ended the drive by intercepting Glencoe's first pass attempt.

The Yellow Jackets put together another promising possession but lost the ball on a fumble recovered by Hokes Bluff's Bubba Leatherwood.

The first quarter ended in a scoreless tie, and neither team found the end zone in the second or third quarters. Hokes Bluff's defense came up with several key stops inside the 10-yard line to keep Glencoe off the scoreboard.

Glencoe finally broke through with 9:51 remaining in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Jayman Mince threw a pass to senior receiver Bryce Borntrager, who ran it in for a touchdown. The extra point was good, giving the Yellow Jackets a 7-0 lead.

Hokes Bluff answered with 7:17 remaining. Quarterback Dean Morgan connected with freshman receiver Javin Norman in the end zone. Despite tight coverage from a Glencoe defender, Norman made the catch for the touchdown. The extra point tied the game at 7.

The teams traded possessions as the clock wound down, setting up a dramatic finish.

With little time remaining and plenty of yardage to cover, Hokes Bluff faced a crucial third-down situation. Fullback Brennan Ward took the snap and pushed through Glencoe's defensive line to gain enough yardage for a first down.

Morgan then connected with his favorite target, Norman, on a pass that moved the Eagles into field-goal range with 10 seconds remaining.

A false-start penalty pushed Hokes Bluff back 5 yards, but the Eagles remained within range for kicker Allen Cox. Hokes Bluff lined up for the field goal before surprising the crowd with a fake.

Morgan, serving as the holder, took the snap and rolled to his right before finding a wide-open Cole Cochran for the go-ahead touchdown. The extra point was good, putting Hokes Bluff ahead 14-7.

With only seconds remaining, Glencoe made two attempts to pull off a last-second comeback. The Yellow Jackets completed



a pass for a first down, and it initially appeared the clock had expired. However, officials stopped the clock to move the chains, giving Glencoe time for one final play.

Glencoe completed a short pass and attempted to lateral the ball to other players. The play ended when a Yellow Jackets ball carrier was ruled down before completing a lateral. Hokes Bluff appeared to recover the ball and return it for a touchdown, but the score was called back.

The final whistle confirmed a 14-7 victory for Hokes Bluff.

Glencoe continues to hold the overall series advantage, but the victory marked the Eagles' 11th consecutive win over the Yellow Jackets.

The game carried major playoff implications for both teams, with the winner advancing to the postseason and the loser staying home. Hokes Bluff's victory, combined with an earlier win over Vinemont, secured the Eagles the No. 3 playoff spot.



Westbrook defeated Whitesburg on 10/23



Last Week's Scores

High School Sports

Football

Oct. 30
Gadsden City lost to Bob Jones 21-41.
Glencoe lost to Hokes Bluff 7-14.
Southside lost to St. Clair County 13-16.
Sardis lost to Scottsboro 0-50.
Westbrook defeated Whitesburg Academy 31-21.
West End lost to Pleasant Valley 20-49.
Etowah defeated Holly Pond 43-12.
Gaston lost to Ohatchee 22-29.
Coosa defeated Shoals Christian 59-0.

This Week in Sports

High School Sports

Football

Oct. 30
Glencoe vs. White Plains
Southside at Anniston
Sardis at Brewer
Hokes Bluff vs. Munford
Westbrook at Fyfee
West End at Appalachian
Etowah vs. Douglas
Gaston at Ashville

SPORTS

Southside boys and girls are the champions of Etowah

High School Sports

Girls Cross Country Etowah County XC Championship Girls Placings

- 1st Marlee Tucker, Southside, 20:42.3
- 2nd Emma Godfrey, Hokes Bluff, 20:58.7
- 3rd Khole Bujan, Southside, 21:24.8
- 4th Sara Davis, Southside, 21:35.0
- 5th Kate Konkol, West End, 21:54.8
- 6th Sarah Ponder, Hokes Bluff, 22:01.3
- 7th Karsten Campbell, West End, 23:13.9
- 8th Madelyn Chandler, Southside, 23:23.7
- 9th Kylee Noles, Hokes Bluff, 23:33.8
- 10th Lydia Kay, Southside, 23:42.2
- 11th Emma Franklin, West End, 23:56.1
- 12th Sadie Brothers, Hokes Bluff, 24:00.5
- 13th Brooke Little, Southside, 24:01.2
- 14th Lee Miller, Hokes Bluff, 24:17.0
- 15th Carolina Raney, West End, 24:26.9
- 16th Yiannoula Gerontakis, Southside, 24:34.2
- 17th Michaela Franklin, West End, 24:43.3
- 18th Juliana Smith, Hokes Bluff, 24:50.9
- 19th Crosby Smith, Glencoe, 24:58.4
- 20th Sophie-Clare Griffith, Sardis, 25:15.0
- 21st Valentina Gallegos, Southside, 25:15.7
- 22nd Tensley Young, West End, 25:43.6
- 23rd Heather Lancaster, Glencoe, 25:50.9
- 24th Avery Flores, West End, 25:51.6
- 25th Laura Borgersrode, Southside, 26:07.8
- 26th Lucy Valentine, Southside, 27:24.9
- 27th Hannah Chandler, Southside, 27:28.1
- 28th Lily Anderson, Southside, 27:51.2
- 29th Alexis Griffith, Hokes Bluff, 27:58.6
- 30th Riley Husley, Southside, 28:43.6
- 31st Laney Ridgeway, Southside, 29:08.7
- 32nd Lexis Reaves, Southside, 29:24.6
- 33rd Hadley Causey, Hokes Bluff, 29:47.7
- 34th Brylee Miller, Hokes Bluff, 32:27.0



Photos by Alex Chaney



High School Sports

Boys Cross Country Etowah County XC Championship Boys Placings

- 1st Conner Christopher, Southside, 16:57.6
- 2nd Colton Mikle, Southside, 17:19.5
- 3rd Carson Thacker, Southside, 17:44.8
- 4th Keegan Sherrell, Southside, 17:45.1
- 5th Chase Hall, Southside, 18:12.9
- 6th Dakota Ensminger, Glencoe, 18:26.1
- 7th Mark Valentine, Southside, 18:27.5
- 8th Levi Kay, Southside, 18:33.8
- 9th Alex Melo, Southside, 18:44.0
- 10th Liam Steen, Southside, 18:56.8
- 11th Micah Little, Southside, 19:14.6
- 12th Jasper Steen, Southside, 19:17.7
- 13th Declan Elliott, Southside, 19:21.2
- 14th Kolter Snead, Sardis, 19:24.6
- 15th Braxton Jones, Sardis, 19:33.3
- 16th Jackson Speegle, Southside, 19:38.5
- 17th Eli Morrow, Southside, 19:49.7
- 18th Will Miller, Hokes Bluff, 19:51.8
- 19th Mason Borgersrode, Southside, 19:58.2
- 20th Jake Vaughn, Sardis, 20:00.0
- 21st Zackary Little, Southside, 20:07.5
- 22nd Kasin Bowman, Southside, 20:23.0
- 23rd Gage Forrest, Sardis, 20:29.0
- 24th Peyton Hulsey, Southside, 20:35.6
- 25th Harrison Chandler, Southside, 20:35.7
- 26th Aaden Gray, Glencoe, 20:54.4
- 27th Shepherd Smith, Southside, 21:02.0
- 28th Rylan Duncan, Glencoe, 21:05.2
- 29th Jaxon Pope, Southside, 21:12.0
- 30th Jackson Abernath, Southside, 21:15.3
- 31st Tate Canady, Sardis, 21:16.2
- 32nd Harrison Lockmiller, Southside, 21:18.0
- 33rd Aaron Barnard, Hokes Bluff, 21:18.4
- 34th Kharrison Smith, Southside, 21:25.7
- 35th Ayden Napper, Hokes Bluff, 21:28.9
- 36th Trent Mayhall, Hokes Bluff, 21:29.5
- 37th 54 Dodge Snead, Sardis, 21:43.2
- 38th Jack Fleming, Hokes Bluff, 21:48.6
- 39th Logan Reeves, Southside, 21:49.5
- 40th Will Clough, Southside, 21:53.7
- 41th David Jones, Southside, 22:06.3
- 42th Ammar Yazbak, Southside, 22:26.5
- 43rd Blaze Preston, Southside, 22:39.1
- 44th Jayden Maldonado, Hokes Bluff, 22:43.7
- 45th Ross Missika, Southside, 22:46.0
- 46th Devuan Graham, Southside, 22:59.3
- 47th Jakob Knight, Sardis, 23:18.3
- 48th Mauriceco Massey, Southside, 23:26.3
- 49th Mason Fuller, Hokes Bluff, 23:33.2
- 50th Deacon Means, Hokes Bluff, 24:04.9
- 51st Casey Reeves, West End, 24:22.7
- 52nd Levi Hutchens, West End, 24:34.6
- 53rd Sam Wilkison, West End, 25:16.5
- 54th Carter Tillery, Southside, 25:31.6
- 55th Connor Wisham, Southside, 25:58.4
- 56th Zeth Hopkins, West End, 26:40.9
- 57th Parker Hathcock, Southside, 27:13.8
- 58th Maddox Martinez, Southside, 27:27.4
- 59th Draven Smith, West End, 27:41.0



SPORTS



In & Around SEC
Cole Frederick

Week eight review of SEC football

Alabama: Week 8 Review
For three quarters, it appeared Alabama was headed for its third straight loss. Texas A&M led the Crimson Tide 20-17 in the second half, but Alabama's defense shut down Marcel Reed and the Aggies' offense in the fourth quarter. Keelon Russell and the Alabama offense finally found their rhythm in the final quarter, scoring two touchdowns to pull away for a 31-20 victory. Alabama outgained Texas A&M 379-278 and improved to 6-2 overall and 4-2 in SEC play. Kalen DeBoer's team has a bye week before traveling to Baton Rouge to face LSU on Nov. 7.

Auburn: Week 8 Review
Auburn became the latest team to struggle following a monumental victory. A week after upsetting Georgia in Athens, the Tigers returned home and were dominated by LSU, 38-17. Auburn was outgained 552-270, and the game was effectively decided by halftime. It was perhaps the biggest talent mismatch the Tigers have faced this season. The loss dropped Auburn to 4-3 overall and 2-3 in SEC play. The Tigers travel to Oxford to face Ole Miss on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Week 9 Previews and Predictions
Week 8: 6-0; season: 64-15
Game of the Week
Florida at Georgia (-12)
The World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party is moving indoors this year. Because of stadium renovations in Jacksonville, where the rivalry is held annually, the Gators and Bulldogs will meet in Atlanta this weekend. Both teams should be rested after their bye weeks, and plenty is at

stake as they look to strengthen their postseason chances. Georgia has more room for error than Florida at this point, but a win would be pivotal for either team entering the final month of the regular season. Prediction: Georgia 34, Florida 17.

Auburn at Ole Miss (-13.5)
Auburn is in the midst of its toughest stretch of the season, and the challenge continues as the Tigers travel to Oxford to face Ole Miss this weekend. The Rebels are coming off a close loss at Texas, making this a must-win game for Pete Golding's squad. With Georgia up next, Ole Miss could be vulnerable to a letdown, but the Rebels have a significant talent advantage over the visiting Tigers. Prediction: Ole Miss 31, Auburn 24.

South Carolina at Oklahoma (-5)
Shane Beamer has likely strengthened his position over the last three weeks. After a rough start to SEC play, Beamer has guided the Gamecocks to victories over Florida and Tennessee. South Carolina likely needs at least two more wins, and possibly three, for Beamer to feel secure heading into next season. Saturday's road game in Norman presents another winnable opportunity. The Sooners got back on track with a victory over Mississippi State, but they will face a more challenging task against South Carolina quarterback LaNorris Sellers. Prediction: South Carolina 24, Oklahoma 23.
Mississippi State at Texas (-21)
Texas may have kept its season alive by holding off Ole Miss, and

Steve Sarkisian may have eased some pressure by avoiding a second-half collapse. The Longhorns led the Rebels 24-3 at halftime, but Trinidad Chambliss led Ole Miss on a comeback that produced 21 unanswered points and tied the game. Texas now hosts Mississippi State, which could again be without star quarterback Kamario Taylor. If Taylor plays, the Bulldogs could threaten any opponent. If he is sidelined, Mississippi State could struggle to compete in the SEC. Prediction: Texas 38, Mississippi State 10.

Missouri at Arkansas (+10)
Missouri's College Football Playoff hopes remain alive despite two losses, but the Tigers have little room for error. The SEC could place at least one three-loss team in the playoff field, and possibly more. Missouri could remain in contention with three losses because of its remaining schedule. However, Eliah Drinkwitz's team cannot afford to lose to an Arkansas team it is expected to beat. Prediction: Missouri 34, Arkansas 27.

Week 9 SEC Rankings

- Georgia (6-1, 4-1)
- Kentucky (7-1, 5-1)
- Alabama (6-2, 4-2)
- Ole Miss (5-2, 3-2)
- Texas (5-2, 3-2)
- Tennessee (6-2, 3-2)
- LSU (6-2, 3-2)
- Missouri (5-2, 2-2)
- Florida (5-2, 3-2)
- Oklahoma (4-3, 2-2)
- Auburn (4-3, 2-3)
- Mississippi State (4-3, 2-3)
- South Carolina (4-3, 2-3)
- Texas A&M (4-4, 1-4)
- Arkansas (3-4, 1-3)
- Vanderbilt (3-5, 0-5)

<div>SCHEDULE 2026 SEASON</div>			
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	W 50-36
4	SEPT 26	VS. SOUTH CAROLINA	W 49-18
5	OCT 3	AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	W 56-23
6	OCT 10	VS. GEORGIA	L 17-20
7	OCT 17	AT TENNESSEE	L 10-26
8	OCT 24	VS. TEXAS A&M	W 31-20
9	OCT 31	OFF	
10	NOV 7	AT LSU	
11	NOV 14	AT VANDERBILT	
12	NOV 21	VS. UT-CHATTANOOGA	
13	NOV 28	VS. AUBURN	

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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	W 21-15
5	OCT 3	AT TENNESSEE	L 14-24
6	OCT 10	OFF	
7	OCT 17	AT GEORGIA	W 27-24
8	OCT 24	VS. LSU	L 17-38
9	OCT 31	AT OLE MISS	11:45 AM SEC
10	NOV 7	VS. ARKANSAS	
11	NOV 14	AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	
12	NOV 21	VS. SAMFORD	
13	NOV 28	AT ALABAMA	

under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, J. Lance Smith, 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 23rd day of November, 2026, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Commencing at a nail in concrete marking the Northwest Corner, SW 4 of the NW 4, Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 7 East, thence along the North line of said forty North 87 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 308.00 feet to a point; thence South 02 degrees 20 minutes 30seconds East 20.56 feet to a pinch pipe, also being the point of beginning; thence North 87 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 220.26 feet to a point; thence Sout 01 degrees 42 minutes 16 seconds East 173.71 feet to a CPF, Walker; thence South 83 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds West 120.64 feet to the CPF, Walker; thence South 86 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds West 101.98 feet to a grader blade; thence North 01 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds West 184.24 feet to the point of beginning. 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. John Hayes, a married man
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R/W line of Main Street and run East along the North line of North Sibert Street a distance of 133 feet to the point of beginning; thence run North and parallel to the East R/W line of Main Street for a distance of 124 feet to a point; thence run East and parallel with the South line of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 for a distance of 127 feet to a point; thence run South and parallel to the East R/W line of Main Street to a point in the South line of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4; thence run Westerly and along said South line to a point in the Easterly line of North Sibert Street; thence run Westerly and along the East line of said street to the point of beginning. Said description embracing a portion of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 7 East of the Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama.

PIN: 28015; 92004; 84458; 28006: A part of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 14 Township 12 South, Range 7 East, Etowah County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a existing axle at the Purported Southeast corner of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of said Section 14; thence S88°55'33"W, 433.30' to a capped rebar found, (Dowdy); Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; thence run S89°52'18"W, 315.57' to a iron pin found ½" solid rod; thence run N02°47'18"E, 113.42 feet to a ¾" rebar found; thence run S89°52'18"W 125.01 feet to a ¾" rebar found; thence run S02°47'18"W 108.33 feet to a ¾" rebar found, at the North 60' Right of Way (R.O.W) of Sibert Street; thence run, along said North R.O.W N85°20'22"W 139.50' to a point at the intersection of the North 60' R.O.W of Sibert Street and the East Variable R.O.W of Main Street; thence run along the East variable R.O.W of Main Street, North along a curve with a Length of 65.48 and a Radius of 389.36 to a point; thence run along the East variable R.O.W of Main Street, N00°24'38"W, 347.94 feet to a ½" Capped rebar found (Dowdy); thence, leaving said R.O.W, run N87°04'10"E, 100.00' to a ½" capped rebar found (Dowdy); thence run N02°28'15"W, 208.00 feet to a capped rebar found (Dowdy); thence run N88°15'05"E, 611.85 feet to a ½" capped rebar found (Dowdy); thence run S04°54'56"W, 61.24' to a ½" capped rebar found (Dowdy); thence run S88°14'24"W, 77.83 feet to a ½" capped rebar found (Dowdy); thence run S03°41'45"W, 203.06 feet to a ½" capped rebar found (Dowdy); thence run S04°22'32"W, 199.52' to a ½" capped rebar found (Dowdy); thence run S04°10'27"W, 195.70' to a 1/25" capped rebar found (Dowdy); Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described.

PIN: 28173: Commencing at a ½" rebar marking the North West corner of lot 17 Block 1 J.C Morris Sub-division, lying on the Eastern 40' right of way (R.O.W) of Sibert Road, in Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 7 East of the Huntsville Meridian, in Etowah County Alabama; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; thence, leaving said R.O.W, run S89°53'13"E for a distance of 212.74' to an existing ½" rebar found; thence run N90°00'00"E, for a distance of 50.00' to an existing ½" rebar found; thence run N90°00'00"E, for a distance of 100.00' to an existing 5/8" rebar found at the West 110' R.O.W of Appalachian Road; thence run, along said R.O.W, S07°23'33"W, for a distance of 141.36' to a point at the intersection of the North 50' R.O.W of Third Street and the East 40' R.O.W of Sibert Road; thence run, along said R.O.W of Sibert Road, N39°42'37"W, for a distance of 181.92' to an ½" rebar found; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; said property being a portion of Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 7 East of the Huntsville Me-

ridian in Etowah County, Alabama, and being lots 17, 18, 19, 20 and a portion of lot 21 J.C Morris Subdivision Block 1 Plat E-59.

PIN: 28172: Commencing at a ½" rebar marking the North West corner of lot Block 1 J.C Morris Subdivision, lying on the Eastern 40' right of way (R.O.W) of Sibert Road, in Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 7 East of the Huntsville Meridian, in Etowah County Alabama; Thence leaving said R.O.W, run S89°53'13"E for a distance of 212.74' to an existing ½" rebar found; thence N90°00'00"E, for a distance of 50.00' feet to an existing ½" rebar found; thence run N90°00'00"E, for a distance of 100.00' to an existing 5/8" rebar found at the West 110' R.O.W of Appalachian Road; thence run, along said R.O.W, S07°23'33"W, for a distance of 141.36' to a point at the intersection of the North 50' R.O.W of Third Street and the West 110' R.O.W of Appalachian Road; thence, leaving said R.O.W, run S05°48'00"W, for a distance of 50.24' to a point at the intersection of the South 50' R.O.W of Third Street and the West 110' R.O.W of Appalachian Road; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; thence run, along R.O.W of Appalachian Road, S05°48'00"W, for a distance of 162.26' to a point at the intersection of the West 110' R.O.W of Appalachian Road and the North East 40' R.O.W of Sibert Road; thence run, along said R.O.W of Sibert Road, N44°59'17"W, for a distance of 228.98' to a point at the intersection of the North East 40' R.O.W of Sibert Road and the South 50' R.O.W of Third Street; thence run along said R.O.W of Third Street, S89°50'60"E, for a distance of 178.28' to a point at the intersection of the South 50' R.O.W of Third Street and the West 110' R.O.W of Appalachian Road; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land herein described; said property being a portion of Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 7 East of the Huntsville Meridian, in Etowah County Alabama and being a portion of lots 10 and 11 J.C Morris Subdivision Block 2 Plat E-59.

PIN: 28174; 28175: Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Block 2 of the J C Morris Subdivision as same appears of record in Plat Book "E", page 59, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama.

PIN:97229: Commence at a 1" pipe marking the NE corner of tract (15), J.T. Morris Farm (AKA NE corner of Fraction "A", Section 10, T-12-S, R-7-E), as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 120, in the Etowah County Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, said point on the Westerly R/W of Johnson Road (50' R/W), thence S 04 degrees 56 minutes 45 seconds 49.95 feet along the East line of said tract (15) and along said R/W to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), said point being the point of beginning. Thence South 04 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds West 170.21 feet to a crimped pipe, thence South 04 degrees 51 minutes 02 seconds West 249.26 feet to a crimped pipe, thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 37 seconds East 209.55 feet to a pinched pipe on the East line of said tract (15), thence South 04 degrees 56 minutes 38 seconds West 861.43 feet along said East line of said Tract (15) to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 54 seconds West 498.62 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS) on the approximate 51' contour, thence along said approximate 512' contour, the following chord bearings and distances: North 13 degrees 57 minutes 08 seconds West 108.59 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 03 degrees 38 minutes 53seconds East 145.71 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 25 degrees 29 minutes 59 seconds East 94.77 feet to a point, thence North 05 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds East 53.89 feet to a point, thence North 34 degrees 56 minutes 08 seconds West 53.43 feet to a point, thence North 43 degrees

06 minutes 14 seconds West 46.93 feet to a point, thence North 21 degrees 32 minutes 29 seconds West 73.77 feet to a point, thence North 68 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West 28.86 feet to a point, thence South 86 degrees 27 minutes 17 seconds West 51.56 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 66 degrees 24 minutes 01 seconds West 33.01 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 15 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West 184.35 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 66 degrees 24 minutes 01 seconds West 33.01 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 15 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West 184.35 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 12 degrees 06 minutes 10 seconds West 4904 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence leaving said approximate 512 contour South 89 degrees 39 minutes 50 seconds East 647.67 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 04 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 340.28 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East 60.00 feet to the point of beginning. Also a 50' Access Easement described as follows:

Begin at a 1" pipe marking the NE corner of Tract (15), J.T. Morris Farms (aka NE corner of Fraction "A", Section 10, T-12-S, R-7-E), as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 120, in the Etowah County Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, said point on the Westerly R/W of Johnson Road (50' R/W), thence South 04 degrees 56 minutes 45 seconds 49.95 feet along the East line of said Tract (15) and along said R/W to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence leaving said East line of said tract (15) and said R/W North 89 degrees 39 minutes 15 seconds West 210.00 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West 619.71 feet to a point, thence South 22 degrees 22 minutes 37 seconds East 153.79 feet to a point, thence South 06 degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds East 193.94 feet to a point, thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 50 seconds West 60.06 feet to a point, thence North 06 degrees 27 minutes 57 seconds West 180.39 feet to a point, thence North 20 degrees 55 minutes 55 seconds West 217.48 feet to a point on the North line of said Tract (15), thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East 912.05 feet to the point of beginning, and the end of said easement.

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.

John Hayes, a married man
J. Lance Smith, his Attorney
Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, PC
P. O. Box 129
Gadsden, AL 35902

October 30, November 6 and 13, 2026

POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by April J Pruitt, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Southern Home Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, on September 8, 2017, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on September 8, 2017, as Instrument No. 3456279, as Instrument No. 3456732.Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on August 20, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the follow-

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

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

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

THIS FORECLOSURE SALE HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO JANUARY 7, 2027 AT THE TIME AND PLACE SET FORTH ABOVE. Freedom Mortgage Corporation ("Transferee")

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

October 30, 2026

POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Tony David Battles and Veda Evelyn Battles, husband and wife and David Earl Battles, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee as nominee for Family Savings Credit Union, its successors and assigns, on July 23,

2025, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on July 29, 2025 at Book 2025, at Page 3595491. 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 September 9, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: To reach the point of beginning, commence at the point of intersection of the Northwest right of the Northwest right of way of Highway #11 and the Northerly right of way line of the Old Crudup Road and run in a Southwesterly direction along the Northwest right of way of Highway #11 a distance of 373.7 feet to a point, said point being the point of beginning; and being the Southern-most corner of the property described in Deed Book 1437, Page 253, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama. From the point of beginning run Northwesterly and along the Southwesterly line of said "1437-253" tract and 211 feet to the Western-most corner of said tract, thence Southwesterly along the line parallel with the Northwestern right of way of Highway #11 to a point in the centerline of a ditch, said point, also being in the Northeastly line of the Ray Woodard property, thence Southwesterly of centerline of said ditch and along the line of the Ray Woodard property to the Northwest line of Highway #11, thence Northeastly along the line of the Ray Woodard property to the Northwest line of Highway 411, thence Northeastly along the line of Highway 411 to the point of beginning, and embracing a portion of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4) Township Eleven (11) South, Range Six (6) East and a portion of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Nine (9) Township Eleven (11) South, Range Six (6) of Huntsville Meridian, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

More Commonly Known as: 1416 Valley Drive, Attalla, AL 35954

This Property will be sold on as "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/ or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit is 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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October 30, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE.

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by John Brackett Moore, a married man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Zillow Home Loans, LLC, on January 12, 2024, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3568818; the undersigned PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on September 10, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: A tract or parcel of land described as beginning at a point in the center of the Public Road leading to Formans Lake and on the North line of Fractional Section Four (4) Township Twelve (12) Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian. Said beginning point is 176 feet measured along said North line Westerly from the North East corner of the Northeast Quarter of the above described Fractional Section, and thence run along the said North line run in a Southerly direction a distance of Three Hundred Ninety Two feet more or less to a point in the center of the Public Road leading from the Old Walnut Grove road to Formans Lake and from the center or from this point run in an Easterly Direction and meandering said road to the beginning point which is the center of the said road and on the said North line of the Fractional Section 4, and embracing a portion of the North East Quarter of North-west Quarter of Fractional Section 4, Township (12) South of Range Five (5) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Etowah County, Alabama and being and lying west of Big Wills Creek containing two and 55/100 acres more or less, save and except however, that certain one half acres heretofore conveyed by W. B. Horton and wife, Olga Horton to Jackie Mims and wife, Lola Mims, by deed dated 27th February, 1951, and recorded in books 460, Page 279, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, said land being conveyed subject to the rights of the public to us the South 15 feet for road purposes, minerals in the above described property is reserved. Together with all improvements located thereon. Property street address for informational purposes: 3125 Miller Hollow Road, Attalla, AL 35954. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/ OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the

MERCURY FUNDING, LLC, Plaintiff, v. PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, HAVING A PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF 21-02-09-0-001-052.000, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE PARAGRAPHS BELOW,

AND

LISA TUCK; JILL DEAN a/k/a MELANIE JILL DEAN; BRIAN TUCK; KELLY TUCK; THE HEIRS OF RUBY H. DEAN a/k/a Ruby Jo Harris Dean; and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS A, B, C, and D, being those persons or entities claiming an interest in, or possession of, certain real property located in Etowah County, Alabama, and more particularly described below, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 31-CV-2025-900145.00

The heirs of Ruby H. Dean a/k/a Ruby Jo Harris Dean, and any person or entity claiming an interest in the property described in the style of the Verified Amended Complaint In Rem must answer the Verified Amended Complaint In Rem filed by Mercury Funding, LLC ("Mercury Funding"), seeking possession and quiet title to that certain property more particularly described as follows: ETOWAH COUNTY PARCEL NO.: 21-02-09-0-001-052.000. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot # 16 in Jenkins Addition to Southside, Alabama, according to the map thereof as recorded in Plat Book "H", Page 5, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama ADDRESS: 3160 Jenkins Circle North, Gadsden, Alabama 35907 within 30 days from the last publication date, and serve a copy of same to William S. Hereford, the attorney for Mercury Funding, whose address is Burr & Forman LLP, 420 North 20th Street, Suite 3400, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, or, thereafter, a judgment for possession and quiet title by default may be entered against them in Case Number 31-CV-2025-900145.00, Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama. Done this the 21st day of Oct. 2026.

CASSANDRA JOHNSON CLERK CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

October 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 2026

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION FOR PARTITION OF REAL PROPERTY BY SALE AND DIVISION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA NANCY HUNT, PLAINTIFF

V.

CASE NO.: CV2026-900468

JEFFREY HOWARD OWEN, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE ISSUED TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT: JEFFREY HOWARD OWEN, and any and all unknown parties, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any future contingent, reversionary, reminder, or other interest therein, who may claim any interest in the above described real property:

A tract of land described as beginning at a point in the North line of the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 which is 54.8 feet West of the Northeast corner of said forty, and from thence run in a Southerly direction and parallel with the East line of said forty to a point in the South line of said forty; thence in a Westerly direction and along said South line to the Southwest corner of said forty; thence in a Northerly direction and along the West line of said forty to the Northwest corner of said forty; thence in an Easterly direction and along the North line of said forty to the point of beginning, and being a portion of the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 in Section 30, Township 11 South, Range 7 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Etowah County, Alabama.

Please take notice that Nancy Hunt has filed an action in the Circuit Court of Etowah County

seeking partition of real property by sale and division to the above described property. The above named defendant, whose whereabouts are unknown and/or has not been personally served with process despite the efforts described in the record of this case, must answer said Complaint on or before December 14, 2026, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants in Etowah County Circuit Court Case Number CV-2026-900468.

Done this 21st day of October, 2026. CASSANDRA JOHNSON, Clerk of the Court

J. Lance Smith Attorney for Plaintiff 200 Chestnut Street, Suite A Gadsden, AL 35901 (256) 543-3664

October 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 2026

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL: GADSDEN STREET CRIME/NARCOTICS UNIT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

PLAINTIFF CIVIL DIVISION V.S.

CASE NO: CV-26-900506-CDR

\$1,611.00 U.S. Currency Glock 21 SN# WHR480 Smith & Wesson 38 Special SN# DJZ6165 DEFENDANTS In Re: Eddie Ricardo Lowery

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

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 and firearms. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 1st day of December 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 30th day of September, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

October 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL: GADSDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT STREET CRIMES/NARCOTICS UNIT,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

PLAINTIFF CIVIL DIVISION V.S.

CASE NO: CV-26-900503-SJS

\$3,366.00 U.S. Currency Glock 19 SN# 30623 Ruger P89 SN# 315-57789 Mercedes C250 VIN # WDDGJ4HB-8CF926954 American Tactical Omni Hybrid SN# NS344647

DEFENDANTS In Re: Larry Dwan Smith, Jr.

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

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, firearms, and vehicle. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 30th 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 29th day of

September, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

October 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

PLAINTIFF CIVIL DIVISION V.S.

CASE NO: CV-26-80-BTC

\$1,117.00 U.S. Currency

DEFENDANTS In Re: Justin Jamale Brewster

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 30th 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 29th day of September, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk Etowah County, Alabama

October 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN RE THE MATTER OF: K.W. A MINOR CHILD CASE NO.: JU-2025-63.02

TO: Quintarius Lavontay Swann

You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Etowah County Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights be terminated to K. W. born 11/15/2025 to Ayana Samiria Williams. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama and with the Petitioner's attorney, Sheri W. Stallings, Assistant Attorney General, STATE OF ALABAMA DEPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES 204 South River St., Centre, AL 35960, within fourteen (14) days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgment can be entered against you. A parent has the right to representation of an attorney in a dependency or a termination of parental rights trial, and, if indigent, the Court may appoint an attorney if requested. Should the parent desire a court-appointed attorney, application should be made immediately upon receipt of notice of the action by contacting the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Etowah County, Alabama on or before the 12th day of November 2026.

Cassandra Johnson Circuit Clerk of Etowah County, Alabama

Attorney for Petitioner: Sheri W. Stallings Assistant Attorney General Etowah County Department of Human Resources 204 South River Street Centre, Alabama 35960

October 16, 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

JOB COMPLETION

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of completion Patching, Leveling and Resurfacing designated areas within the City of Southside, Etowah County, Alabama. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on October 16, and ending on October 30, 2026. All claims should be filed at Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC P.O. Box 1890, Gadsden, Alabama, 35902 during this period.

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC P.O. Box 1890 Gadsden, AL. 35902

October 16, 23, and 30, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

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

A & S Electrical Contractors, Inc. 906 Nuckolls Street Gadsden, AL 35903

October 16, 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

JOB COMPLETION

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of completion for Project: STPAA-2826(250) in Etowah and Cherokee County, Alabama. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on October 23, 2026 and ending on November 6, 2026. All claims should be filed at Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC., P.O. Box 1890, Gadsden, Alabama, 35902 during this period.

Vulcan Materials Asphalt & Construction, LLC P.O. Box 1890 Gadsden, AL. 35902

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

Bulls Construction Group, LLC hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. TAPSU-TA24(903) in Etowah County. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on October 30, 2026 and ending on November 20, 2026. All claims should be filed at P.O. Box 360302 Birmingham, AL. 35236 during this period.

Bulls Construction Group, LLC P.O. Box 360302 Birmingham, AL 35236

October 30, November 6, 13, and 20, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Owner: The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden
Locality: Gadsden, Alabama 35901
Engineer: Three Notch Group, Inc.

The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
6th Street, Gray Road, Burns Park and Walnut Park Area Sewer Rehabilitation
CWSRF Project No.: CS011044-01

A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the offices of the Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden located at 515 Albert Rains Boulevard, Gadsden, Alabama 35901 on Tuesday, October 27 at 10:00 AM local time. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Bids for the construction of the Project will be received in person from properly licensed contractors at the board's offices located at 515 Albert Rains Boulevard, Gadsden, Alabama 35901 until Tuesday, November 3 at 10:00AM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Gravity Sewer Main Cleaning and CCTV Inspection, Gravity Sewer Main CIPP Lining, Service Lateral CIPP Lining, Manhole Rehabilitation with Multi-Component Liner, and related ancillary work (Schedule 1). Also includes further Manhole Rehabilitation and CIPP Lining of Existing Service Laterals and related ancillary work at various locations as determined and directed by the Owner (Schedule 2). The Owner requires the Project to be Substantially Completed within 150 Calendar Days after the date when the Contract

Time commences to run, and completed and ready for final payment within 180 Calendar Days after the date when the Contract Time commences to run. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Agent, Three Notch Group, Inc (Michelle Wilson – michelle.wilson@3notch.com). Printed copies are available for a non-refundable fee in the amount of \$200.00 per set. Copies in .pdf format are available via email at no cost to the bidder. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be issued. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Agent. The attention of bidders is called to the provisions of State Law Governing General Contractors, as set forth in Title 34, Chapter 8, Article 1, Code of Alabama of 1975, as amended; and the provisions of said law shall govern bidders insofar as applicable. The above-mentioned provisions of the Code make it illegal for the Owner to consider a bid from anyone who is not properly licensed under such code provisions. In addition, bidders must carry the MU classification as listed in the latest edition of the Roster of the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama. The Owner will not consider any bid unless the bidder produces evidence that they are so licensed. All nonresident contractors preparing bids shall submit with their bid evidence of proper registration with the Alabama Secretary of State as a foreign corporation, and a Certificate of Good Standing as a Foreign Corporation from the State of Alabama Department of Revenue. The attention of nonresident bidders is called to the provisions of Alabama Law, Title 39, Chapter 3, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, whereby In the letting of public contracts in which any state, county, or municipal funds are utilized, except those contracts funded in whole or in part with funds received from a federal agency, preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a nonresident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Alabama public contracts only on the same basis as the nonresident bidder's state awards contracts to Alabama contractors bidding under similar circumstances; resident contractors in Alabama, are to be granted preference over nonresidents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the nonresident. Issued by:

Owner: The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden
By: Chad Hare, P.E.
Title: General Manager

October 16, 23, and 30, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STPSU-2815(258) ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on November 06, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Micro-Milling, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on Randall Street from the junction of Haralson Avenue to the junction of South 6th Street in Gadsden. Length 0.338 mi. The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Thirty (30) Working Days. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$9.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL. 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for

this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations. Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract. The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$232,712 To \$284,426. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110. In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids. The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation. The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D To 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director

October 16, 23, and 30, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

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

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

Chestnut Street Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received in person from properly licensed contractors at the offices located at 515 Albert Rains Boulevard Gadsden, Alabama 35901 until Tuesday, November 10, at 2:00 PM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Rehabilitation of approximately 565 linear feet of 18-inch gravity sewer-er main and associated sanitary sewer service laterals

The Owner requires the Project to be Substantially Completed within 30 calendar days after the date when the Contract Time commences to run.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Agent, Three Notch Group, Inc (Michelle Wilson – michelle.wilson@3notch.com). Printed copies are available for a non-refundable fee in the amount of \$200.00 per set. Copies in .pdf

format are available via email at no cost to the bidder.

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

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

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

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

Issued by:

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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR PHASE THREE RENOVATIONS TO THE CENTRE GYMNASIUM FOR THE CITY OF CENTRE, ALABAMA 350 E. MAIN STREET CENTRE, ALABAMA 35960

Sealed construction proposals, in duplicate, will be received at the office of the City Clerk, Centre City Hall, 350 E. Main Street, Centre, Alabama, 35960 until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bidder shall file with his bid either a cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank, payable to the City of Centre, Alabama, or a bid bond executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make such bonds in Alabama, in an amount equal to the lesser of five percent (5%) of the bid or ten thousand (\$10,000). Bid Documents may be examined at the office of the Architect, The Owner; Alabama AGC / ISQFT Plan Room; McGraw Hill Construction; and Construct Connect. Electronic copies of Bid Documents may be obtained from the Architect upon request of same by email. No printed hard copies of bid documents will be issued. Plan requests should be submitted to tom@tmmarchitect.com. Only email requests will be accepted. The same process is applicable to subcontractors and vendors. General Contractors who obtain bid documents and wish to withdraw from

the Official Bidders List must do so in writing to the Architect prior to the bid date. Bids received from General Contractors who are not on the Official Bidders List will not be accepted or opened. Thomas M. McElrath, Architect, makes no guarantee of bid documents obtained by Contractors and Vendors from sources other than the issued documents provided by the Architect. Contractors and Vendors who base their pricing from bid documents obtained otherwise, either in part or whole, do so at their own risk.

A Mandatory Attendance Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at the Project Site. All General Contractor Bidders expecting to submit a bid shall have a knowledgeable representative at this meeting.

Scope of Work includes, Phase Three renovations of the existing Centre Gymnasium located on the City's Property at 350 E. Main Street, Centre, AL. The Work consists generally of general demolition of existing equipment, fixtures and finishes in the gymnasium, office and gymnasium toilet areas. New gymnasium flooring, wood wainscot, trim and base at the new seating addition. New HVAC systems for the renovated office areas, main gymnasium and new seating addition. New lighting and power and fire alarm system extension at the renovated areas. New finishes (T-111 plywood wainscot and gyp. bd. walls and lay-in ceiling at the new addition) and new gyp bd., resilient flooring, rubber base and lay-in ceiling in the renovated office areas. Project will also consist of new motorized bleachers and new motorized basketball backstops at the gymnasium area and new sidewalks at exit locations.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for the satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bond in the amount required by Section 39-1-1(a), Code of Alabama 1975, and evidence of insurance as required by the bid documents within ten (10) days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. The Owner desires to delay the "Start Date" of this project until 3-1-27 and requests that no bid be withdrawn until that date. In order for the successful bidder to be able to "lock in" pricing for materials that are subject to price fluctuations, the Owner will issue a letter stating that they are agreeable to paying for "stored materials" that are purchased prior to the start date subject to said materials being stored in a bonded warehouse or facility. The successful bidder will provide proof of enrollment in the Federal E-Verify Program and in compliance with the Beason-Hammon Act (Act 2011-535). The bidder must comply with all requirements of the public works bid law Section 39-2-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.

CITY OF CENTRE, ALABAMA
350 East Main Street, Centre, Alabama (256) 927-5222
THOMAS M. McELRATH, ARCHITECT.
717 Merit Springs Road, Gadsden, AL 35901 (256) 490-8244

October 30, November 6, and 13, 2026

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION BY
THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2026 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2026- 276 (HB508), which ordered an election to be held on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks preceding the date appointed for the election in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in the county affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice,

direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, an election will be held in Etowah County, Alabama, in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama: AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2026-276

Section 28-11.20 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Etowah County and requiring voter approval to annex any territory within the county into any municipality not located wholly within the boundaries of the county before January 1, 1986, is repealed.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in Etowah County, Alabama.

October 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2026

STATE OF
ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2026 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2026-341 (SB271), Act No. 2026-378 (HB380), Act No. 2026-379 (HB511), and Act No. 2026-424 (SB5), proposing amendments to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendments, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election; NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

AMENDMENT
PROPOSED BY ACT
NO. 2026-341

PART I.

Section 127 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

"Section 127 (a) In case of the governor's removal from office, death or resignation if a vacancy occurs in the office of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall become governor.

(b) If both a vacancy occurs in the office of the governor and the office of the lieutenant governor be removed from office, die or resign more than sixty(60) days prior to the next general election, at which any state officers are to be elected, a governor and lieutenant governor shall be elected at such election for the unexpired term, and in the event of a vacancy in the office, caused by the removal from office, death or resignation of the governor and lieutenant governor, pending During such vacancy and until their successors shall be elected and qualified, the office of governor shall be held and administered by either the president pro tempore of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, or state treasurer in the order herein named.

(c) In case of the impeachment of the governor, his or her absence from the state for more than twenty days, unsoundness of mind, or other disability or incapacity to serve, the power and authority of the office shall, until the governor is acquitted, returns to the state, or is restored to his mind, or relieved from other disability no longer incapacitated, shall devolve in the order herein named, described in subsection (b) upon the lieutenant governor, president pro tempore of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, and state treasurer. If any of these officers be are under any of the disabilities herein specified, the office of the governor shall be administered in the order named by such

of these officers as may be are free from such disability.

(d) If the governor shall be is absent from the state over twenty days, the secretary of state shall notify the lieutenant governor, who shall enter upon the duties of governor; if both the governor and lieutenant governor shall be absent from the state over twenty days, the secretary of state shall notify the president pro tempore of the senate, who shall enter upon the duties of governor, and so on, in case of such absence, he or she shall notify each of the other officers named in their the order of succession herein provided, who shall discharge the duties of the office until the governor or other officer entitled to administer the office in succession to the governor returns.

(e) If the governor-elect fail or refuse from any cause to qualify, the lieutenant governor-elect shall qualify and exercise the duties of governor until the governor-elect qualifies; and in the event both if both the governor-elect and the lieutenant governor-elect from any cause for any reason fail to qualify, the president pro tempore of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, and state treasurer, shall, in like manner, in the order named, administer the office until the governor-elect or lieutenant governor-elect qualifies.

(f) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the lieutenant governor more than 60 days before the next general election at which any state officers are to be elected, a lieutenant governor shall be elected at such general election for the unexpired term."

PART II.

The following provision is added to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of the constitution:

(1) The Lieutenant Governor and officers of both houses of the Legislature shall be paid an amount set by joint resolution; and (2) Any expenditure of funds appropriated for use by members of the Legislature for travel shall be approved by an officer of the Legislature elected from the full membership of the respective chamber.

AMENDMENT
PROPOSED BY ACT
NO. 26-378

(a) Whenever two or more contiguous county boards of education deem it advisable to consolidate the administration of their respective county school systems under one remaining controlling multi-county board of education, each county board of education shall adopt and record within the minutes of each board an agreement providing for the consolidation. A formal resolution adopted by all members of the agreeing boards shall detail and provide for the payment of their respective indebtedness, specify how the consolidation will take place, identify how the remaining controlling multi-county board of education will operate, provide for the roles and duties of the resulting multi-county board members, and designate the time frame during which the consolidation will be implemented. Subject to subsection (c), the consolidation shall be finalized as designated in the formal resolution.

(b) Before a consolidation may occur, the State Board of Education shall conduct an impact study on the potential effects of the proposed consolidation, including, but not limited to, the impact on students, families, educational quality, educational programs, staff, facilities, transportation and operations, finances and taxes, community identity, and governance. At least 30 calendar days before adopting the formal resolution finalizing the consolidation, the State Board of Education shall post a copy of the impact study on the public website of the State Department of Education.

(c)(1) If, within 30 days after the adoption of the formal resolution, 25 percent of the qualified electors residing within the boundaries of any of the school systems proposing consolidation submit a protest, in writing, to any of the affected county boards of education, the consolidation may not occur unless the consolidation is approved by a majority of the qualified electors residing in each county or counties where

in all affected county school systems are located who vote in a referendum election as provided in this subsection.

(2) The consolidation shall become operative only if approved by a majority of the qualified electors who reside within in the combined territory of the affected county school systems who vote in a referendum election to be held on the date of the next regularly scheduled general election. The order setting the election shall be entered by the judge of probate of each affected county within one month after the expiration of the 30-day time period provided in subdivision (1). Notice of the election shall be given by the judge of probate of each county, and the election shall be held, conducted, and the results canvassed in the manner as other county elections. The ballots shall have printed at the top a statement of the purpose of the referendum election and directly underneath, in plain type and on different lines, the words, "For Consolidation," and "Against Consolidation." If a majority of the qualified electors voting in the combined territory of the affected county school systems vote to approve the consolidation, the consolidation shall be finalized as designated in the formal resolution.

(d) The consolidation shall not operate to relieve any board of education, or other governing body, of liability for obligations previously incurred, or to impair rights existing before the consolidation. The agreement and formal resolution shall be binding on the combining county boards of education. If a consolidation occurs, the remaining controlling multi-county board of education shall have the right to compel the execution of contractual obligations made to any of the boards before the consolidation.

(e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules as necessary to provide for the implementation of this section.

(f) The Legislature, by general or local law, may enact legislation to implement approved board consolidations pursuant to this section.

AMENDMENT
PROPOSED BY ACT
NO. 2026-379

(a) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school under its jurisdiction, at the beginning of each school day, to conduct The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and give all students the opportunity to voluntarily recite The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

(b) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school under its jurisdiction to allow a prayer to be conducted, provided that:

(1) The prayer must be initiated by and led by a student; and

(2) No student may be required to participate in a prayer.

(c) Any policy adopted by a local board of education pursuant to this section shall ensure that students have the right to opt out of participation in the Pledge of Allegiance or the prayer based on their own beliefs.

(d) Violations of this section may be reported to the local superintendent of education. The local superintendent of education shall review the violation

AMENDMENT
PROPOSED BY ACT
NO. 2026-424

(a) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school under its jurisdiction to broadcast The Star-Spangled Banner during school hours, at least once per week.

(b)(1) A local board of education shall select for broadcast, pursuant to subsection (a), any recording of the first stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner that is archived within the Library of Congress and available on the Library of Congress website.

(2) A local board of education, alternatively, may adopt a policy allowing, during school hours, for the performance of the first stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner from original sheet music, archived within the Library of Congress and available on its website, by a school-sanctioned band program, vocal group, or vocalist.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this procla-

mation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in every county as required by law.

Kay Ivy, Governor

Wes Allen
Secretary of State

October 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units will be auctioned on November 11, 2026 beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the business premises of Southtowne Mini Warehouses, Southtowne is located at 199 Woodland Drive, off of Steele Station Road in Rainbow City, AL. 356906.

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

Roosevelt Johnson
Unit 49

Rodney Eley
Unit 54

Jacob Cornelious
Unit 717

Mariana Pruitt
Unit 427

Charles Stanley
Unit 595

Annette 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

Donna Parton
Unit 45

Jolinda Perrin
Unit 1-4

David Turner
Unit 135

Cherri Hudson
Unit 173

Carolyn Moore
Unit 183 & 186

Shane Smith
Unit 419

Latonya Rutledge
Unit 446

Tammy Parker
Unit 482

Jessica Spears
Unit 520

Kristie Bell
Unit 585

Danielle Mead
Unit 619

Christian Hulsey
Unit 684

Angela Vaughn
Unit 739

Suzanne Barrett
Unit 740

Joshua Kilgore
Unit 831

Dana Bradley
Unit 1-20

Angela Nelson

Unit 13-11

Brenda Gipson
Unit 13-24

Robert Lash
Unit 33-15

Kim Emerson
Unit 211-19

Dewayne Hardin
Unit N1

Brunson Assoc. Collec-
tion Dept
Unit 151

Jerry Kinard
Unit 177

Mariana Pruitt
Unit 427

Matthew Cole
Unit 464

Alexander Bothwell
Unit 496

Stefnie Propst
Unit 540

Mary Butler
Unit 581

Deborah Perry
Unit 662

Reggie Powell
Unit 680

Nicholas Branson
Unit 734

Steve Powell
Unit 788

Lylah Donaldson
Unit 834

Austin Lane
Unit 68-3

Annette Barge
Unit 13-23

Latona Garrett
Unit 15-10

Thomas Preston
Unit 37-12

Leon Taylor
Unit 211-33

Sammy Satcher
Unit M-3

Michael Herring
Unit R-18

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

October 30 and
November 6, 2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Contents of the following storage buildings will be dis-posed/ auctioned by Lock Tite, LLC on November 14, 2026 at 11:00 am at 104 Green Valley Road, Glencoe, AL. 35905

Sandra Jackson
Unit 99

Lock Tite, LLC.
104 Green Valley Road
Glencoe, AL. 35905

October 30 and
November 6, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE
POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on 11/30/2026.

2013 NISSAN SENTRA
SILVER
VIN: 3N1AB7AP-
5DL728766

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

October 23 and 30, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC
AUCTION OF
ABANDONED
VEHICLES

Please take NOTICE that ER TOWING will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicles
1999 GMC Sierra Black
VIN# 2GTEC19T7X1539102, 2012

Nissan Pathfinder
VIN# 5N1AR1NNX-
CC621927

2010 AUDI A4 Black
VIN # WAUFFAFL8AN068046

The public auction will be held at ER Towing, 1733 Forrest Ave, Gadsden, AL 35901at 8:00am on December 4, 2026. The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

October 30 and Novem-
ber 6, 2026

RESOLUTION
NO. R-616-26

Ordering Abatement of
Nuisance

located at 1401 FOR-
REST AVENUE in District
3 in the City of Gadsden,
more particularly de-
scribed as:
LTS 1-2 BLK 1 W A CRO-
CHERON 2ND ADD
PLAT A-101 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-
218,000
PIN# 36820

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given CYNTHIA NORTON, 1401 FOR-REST AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3438. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City
Council of Gadsden on
October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

RESOLUTION
NO. R-617-26

Ordering Abatement of
Nuisance

located at 1108 GRANT
AVENUE in District 2
in the City of Gadsden,
more particularly de-
scribed as:

LT 21 BLK 40 GARDEN
CITY SUB NO 2 PLAT
C-411 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-
129,000
PIN# 31115

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to CHRISTIAN DAVID MOSSO, 205 HOKE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-1704. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows:
1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated.
2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City
Council of Gadsden on
October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

RESOLUTION
NO. R-618-26

Ordering Abatement of
Nuisance

located at 205 HOKE
STREET in District 2
in the City of Gadsden,
more particularly de-
scribed as:
LT 2 BLK 40 GARDEN
CITY SUB #2 PLAT
C-410 GADSDEN 11-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-01-11-3-000-
110,000
PIN# 31094

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to DOMINGA MOSSO, 205 HOKE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903

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

Adopted by the City
Council of Gadsden on
October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

RESOLUTION
NO. R-619-26

Ordering Abatement of
Nuisance

located at 520 SPRING



STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 1 BLK 9 WARD'S ADD PLAT B-53 GADSDEN 32-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-343.001
PIN# 20089

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given LEONARDO D WILLIAMS, 520 SPRING STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2136. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-620-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 3606 WALNUT STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

PARCEL 1:
LT 9 BLK 1 JAMES H PRUETT 2ND ADD PLAT E-153 GADSDEN 12-12-5

PARCEL 2:
LT 8 BLK 1 JAMES H PRUETT 2ND ADD PLAT E-153 GADSDEN 12-12-6

PARCEL 3:
LT 7 BLK 1 JAMES H PRUETT 2ND ADD PLAT E-153 GADSDEN 12-12-5

Tax ID#: 16-01-12-0-001-084.000, 16-01-12-0-001-084.001, & 16-01-12-0-001-085.000
PIN# 51595, 51596, & 51597

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to FRANKIE L & wf VICKI J PARTEE, 3606 WALNUT STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-2332. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-621-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1007 N. 9TH STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

Lot 23 in Block 31 of Thornton Addition, according 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 and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to Estate of DARIAN MAHONE, 1327 5TH STREET N.W., ATTALA, ALABAMA 35954, OCCUPANT, 1007 N. 9TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, CAROLYN CYRUS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of

the City Code and should be abated.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-622-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure 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 thereof as recorded in Book of Town Plats "B", page 84, in the Probate Office, and being and lying in Gadsden, Etowah County, 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 parallel 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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to MILTON VERTMORE LUCAS, JR., LETITIA KING LUCAS, 1519 MCKINLEY AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904, OCCUPANT, 103 14TH STREET N, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-623-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 813 AVENUE F in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Lot 4 in Block 30 according to Coosa Land Company's Resurvey of Thornton Addition as recorded in Plat Book "B" at Page 334, in the Office of the Probate Judge of Etowah County, Alabama, lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements located thereon.

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to CHADWICK TODD BICKERS, 813 AVENUE F, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of the City Code and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-624-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

Whereas, the Building Official has determined that a structure located at 1815 ADAMS STREET (HOUSE) in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: T W1/2 of Lot Numbers One (1) and Two (2) in Gadsden Realty Company's South Gadsden Addition according to the map or plat thereof as the same appears of record in Book of Town Plats "B", Page 314 and 315, in the Probate Office, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Tax Parcel No: 15-03-08-3-000-020.000
PIN: 39600

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the City Code, notice of a public hearing has been given to VICTOR GUTIERREZ, 1815 ADAMS STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the structure constitutes a nuisance in violation of 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing or repairing said structure and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the City Code.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-625-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 707 ABERCROMBIE STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 12 ABERCROMBIE ADD PLAT B-46 GADSDEN 32-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-09-32-4-000-180.000
PIN# 19892

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to VANDERBILT MORTGAGE & FINANCE INC, P O BOX 9800, MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE 37802, OCCUPANT, 707 ABERCROMBIE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901, BOBBIE J DAVIS, 237 NEWPORT ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37934. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-626-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1425 ALABAMA STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to BUTLER PROPERTIES, LLC, 207 ROSELAND CIRCLE, RAINBOW CITY, AL 35906, OCCUPANT, 1425 ALABAMA STREET, GADSDEN, AL 35901

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-627-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1511 ALABAMA STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 18 & 20 BLK 4 W A CROCHERON 2ND ADD PLAT A-101 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-244.000
PIN# 36838

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to STONE CREEK PROPERTY LLC, 458 BAY POINT DRIVE, RAIN-BOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906-7360, LANE CONSTRUCTION LLC, 458 BAY POINT DRIVE, RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA 35906-7360, OCCUPANT, 1511 ALABAMA STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-628-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 948 3RD AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 1 & N1/2 LT 2 F G LEE'S HOME PLACE SUB PLAT C-335 4-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-02-04-3-000-096.000
PIN# 33836

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to RAUL F. RAMIREZ & ESTEFANY TEJEDA DELGADO, 948 3RD AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-629-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1100 6TH AVENUE in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LOTS 2,4,6 BLK 16 GADSDEN LAND & IMP CO PLAT A-23 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-133.000
PIN# 37150

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to TIFFANY JORDAN, 1100 6TH AVENUE, GADSDEN,

ALABAMA 35901 Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-630-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1201 CHESTNUT STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-4-000-084.000
PIN# 37092

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to FREDRICK E. & MARTHA NORMAN, 2210 CENTRE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903-3346, OCCUPANT, 1201 CHESTNUT STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-631-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1124 CHOICE STREET in District 5 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to DAVID M WOODALL, 1125 CHOICE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-0384.

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-632-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1541 EWING AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 31 INDIA SUTHERLIN EST PLAT C-311 35-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-35-2-000-023.000

PIN# 15016

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given DARREN L SMITH AND KRISTIN B DIVINE, 1541 EWING AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-2560, DAVID W & WF REBECCA GATTIS, 419 LAKE-POINT DR, GADSDEN, AL 35901-5365. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-633-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 609 HOOKS LAKE ROAD in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

SE COR SE1/4 TH W 705S TO E ROW HOOKS LAKE RD TH NWLY 150S ALONG ROW TO POB TH NWLY 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

Tax ID#: 10-07-35-4-000-163.003
PIN# 15479

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to JUAN & MA ANGELICA FLORES, FLORES, 609 HOOKS LAKE ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-9001. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-634-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

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:

LT 5 BLK 1 TIMBERLANE ADD PLAT G-265 GADSDEN 35-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-35-1-000-036.000
PIN# 14934

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to JOHN DOBBS, 990 HOOKS LAKE ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-635-26**

Ordering Abatement of

Nuisance

located at 21 LITTLE STREET in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 78 CONE MILLS PARCEL #1 PLAT F-51 31-11-6

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to JAMES M STEEL, 21 LITTLE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1434. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

**RESOLUTION
NO. R-636-26**

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1504 MALONE STREET in District 3 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LTS 14-15 BLK A O H ALFORD SUBD NO 1 PLAT B-348 GADSDEN 5-12-6

Tax ID#: 15-03-05-2-000-176.000
PIN# 36793

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to HEMAN MAURICE MCCRAY, 613 SOUTH 10TH STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901-3915, OCCUPANT, 1504 MALONE STREET, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901. Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, as follows: 1. The Council finds that the property constitutes a nuisance in violation of the Code Ordinances and should be abated. 2. The Building Official is authorized to abate the nuisance by removing said nuisance and to give notice of this decision in accordance with the Code Ordinances.

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-638-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 308 MILLER STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as: LT 9 BLK 9 WEST POINT ADD PLAT B-140-141 GADSDEN 1-12-5

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given TIMOTHY WILLIAMS, 200 MORNINGVIEW DRIVE, GADSDEN, AL-ABAMA 35901.

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-639-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1417 MONTE VISTA DRIVE in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 9 & NE 20 LT 8 BLK 5 MOUNTAIN BROW EST ADD 1 PLAT F-359 27-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-08-27-0-001-104.000
PIN# 15793

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER BOWEN, 1417 MONTE VISTA DRIVE, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-640-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 200 MORN-INGVIEW DRIVE in Dis-trict 2 in the City of Gads-

den, more particularly described as:

LT 15 BLK O OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55 GADS-DEN 25-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-066.000
PIN#: 14100

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given PATRICK H FIELDS JR, 503 PEARL STREET, GADSDEN, AL 35904-2231.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-641-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 225 OAK-LEIGH DRIVE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

LT 9 BLK D OAKLEIGH EST PLAT G-55 25-11-6

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-180.000
PIN# 14215

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been LEON GREEN LIFE ESTATE AND CHRIS MARRIE AND ANGELIA GREEN AND CALEB GREEN, 225 OAKLEIGH DRIVE, GADSDEN, AL 35901-1722.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA, as follows:

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-642-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 503 PEARL STREET in District 6 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

Tax ID#: 10-07-25-2-000-180.000
PIN# 14215

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been LEON GREEN LIFE ESTATE AND CHRIS MARRIE AND ANGELIA GREEN AND CALEB GREEN, 225 OAKLEIGH DRIVE, GADSDEN, AL 35901-1722.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALA-BAMA, as follows:

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-643-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1217 ROBINHOOD ROAD in District 7 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given to PAMELA DENISE GASKIN & JOHN SCOTT GIBBS, 1217 ROBINHOOD ROAD, GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35904-1015

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

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

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

Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on October 13, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-644-26

Ordering Abatement of Nuisance

located at 1301 STROUD AVENUE in District 2 in the City of Gadsden, more particularly described as:

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

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and

1-12-5

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

is a nuisance and ordered its abatement; and Whereas, as required by the Code of Ordinances, notice of a public hearing has been given PATRICK H FIELDS JR, 503 PEARL STREET, GADSDEN, AL 35904-2231.

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

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Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD DESIGNATED FLOODPLAIN

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Gadsden has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The City of Gadsden has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve the natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended, and HUD's floodplain management regulations at 24 CFR Part 55, including the decision-making procedures at 24 CFR 55.20.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

The following project is subject to the eight-step decision-making process in 24 CFR 55.20:

East Gadsden Community Aquatic Center – The City of Gadsden proposes to construct a new outdoor aquatic facility on the existing East Gadsden Community Center campus located at 921 Wilson Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35903. The project will expand the recreational amenities available at the existing community center and provide additional opportunities for recreation, physical activity, aquatic and watersafety programming, and youth, family, and community activities. The proposed project will include an outdoor recreational swimming pool with zero-entry access and integrated aquatic/recreational features. The project will also include construction of a pavilion and support building containing ADA-accessible restrooms, pool equipment areas, chemical storage, janitorial and

maintenance areas, and shaded space for facility users. Associated site improvements will include side-walks and pool decking; parking improvements; demolition, grading, and retaining walls; electrical, telecommunications, sanitary sewer, storm-water, and water utility improvements; perimeter fencing and gated access; security cameras and lighting; signage; landscaping and irrigation; site furnishings; and stormwater management/detention improvements necessary to support the aquatic facility. The final configuration of individual aquatic features and site improvements will be based on final design and engineering. The project is proposed to be assisted with approximately \$4,500,000 in CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee funds. The preliminary total project cost is approximately \$5.87 million, subject to final design, bidding, and approved project scope.

FLOODPLAIN:

The project site is located within a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), Zone AE, and occurs within the applicable Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. Because the proposed project includes new construction and associated site improvements within the floodplain, the City of Gadsden is completing the flood-plan management decision-making process required by 24 CFR 55.20.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2-percent annual-chance flood approach. The proposed activity may affect approximately two (2) acres of the FFRMS floodplain. The floodplain provides natural and beneficial functions that may include floodwater storage and conveyance, moderation of stormwater flows, erosion control, water-quality maintenance, groundwater recharge or discharge, and habitat for flora and fauna. The area also has recreational, and community value associated with the existing municipal community-center campus. The City will also evaluate practicable alternatives to locating the proposed improvements within the floodplain, including alternative locations, alternative project designs or configurations that may reduce floodplain impacts, and the no-action alternative.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION:

Potential floodplain impacts associated with the proposed project may include changes in impervious surface area, storm-water runoff, grading and drainage patterns, temporary soil disturbance and erosion during construction, and the placement of new structures and site improvements within the floodplain.

As part of the eight-step review, the City will identify measures to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to the floodplain to the extent practicable. The final project design will incorporate applicable floodplain protection, stormwater management, drainage, erosion and sediment-control, and water-quality measures. Newly constructed structures within the FFRMS floodplain will be elevated to the applicable FFRMS

floodplain elevation or flood-proofed where permitted and applicable. Flood-sensitive electrical, mechanical, pool-operating, chemical-storage, and other equipment and building systems will be located or protected to minimize potential flood damage and the release of hazardous or pool-related chemicals during a flood event.

Final grading and drainage plans will be designed to minimize adverse effects on flood storage, drainage patterns, and surrounding properties. Construction practices will include appropriate erosion and sediment controls and measures to prevent sediment, construction debris, fuels, chemicals, and other pollutants from entering stormwater systems or downstream waters. Final stormwater management/detention, grading, drainage, utility, and pool-discharge plans will also incorporate measures to prevent sediment, chlorine, pool chemicals, or other pollutants from adversely affecting downstream water quality and aquatic habitat.

All applicable floodplain mitigation requirements resulting from the eight-step decision-making process will be incorporated into the final project plans, specifications, construction documents, contractor requirements, and project implementation. The City of Gadsden has reevaluated alternatives to development in the floodplain and has determined that there is no practicable alternative to the proposed floodplain development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request at the times and location identified below.

COMMENTS ON FLOODPLAIN ACTIVITIES:

There are three (3) primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by an activity in a floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Gadsden, Community Development Department, Gadsden City Hall – 3rd Floor, 90 Broad St, Gadsden, AL, 35901 on or before November 9, 2026, or seven (7) days

from the date of the publication of this notice. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday at City of Gadsden, Community Development Department. Comments may also be submitted via email at areaves@cityofgadsden.com.

October 30, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. O-32-26

Amending Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

WHEREAS, the City of Gadsden applied for and accepted a grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$23,459.00 (R-148-26) to be allocated as follows: The Gadsden Police Department will purchase the following equipment and supplies for the Etowah County Dive Team:

Buoyancy Compensation Devices - \$6,819.60

Heads-Up Display Dive Computers - \$6,210.00

Diver Intercom with Blue and Yellow Ropes – \$5,497.00

Gas Manifold Blocks - \$959.98

Storage Cabinet - \$1,141.94

Neck/Hood Seals for Dry Suits - \$1,103.40

Exposure Protection Gloves - \$727.84

Wet/Dry Suit Hangers - \$271.84

Shipping - \$586.29

The Etowah County Sheriff's Office has opted to defer funding from this solicitation with the understanding that the Etowah County Dive Team will continue to provide assistance as needed within Etowah County.

Therefore, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that the General Fund Budget adopted by Ordinance No. O-26-26 (Fiscal Year 2027 Budget), is amended by increasing the following accounts:

#192-8555-331.00-00 (Revenue) in the amount of \$23,459.00 and account #192-85-85 55-420-424330(Non-Cap Other Equipment) in the amount of \$23,459.00.

Adopted by the City of Gadsden on October 20, 2026.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

October 30, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 12, 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:

Variance requested and filed by DeeAnne Brown to consider a variance to put a modular home on the property located at 4314 Pleasant Valley Road, Attalla, AL 35954. The property is currently zone M-2.

October 23 and 30, 2026

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