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From our families to yours

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Gadsden welcomes the holidays with a bang



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UNITY church provides 40 local families with Thanksgiving meals

For the fifth consecutive year, UNITY is helping families in the community celebrate Thanksgiving with a meal to share around the table.

The church will provide Thanksgiving food boxes for 40 families this year, each containing a turkey or ham, canned goods, stuffing, fruit and ingredients for a dessert, Shawn Blackmon, event organizer and UNITY church pastor, said. The boxes are designed to provide enough food for a family of four to enjoy a complete Thanksgiving meal together.

The giveaway began when the church was founded five years ago and has since become an annual tradition that members look forward to each Thanksgiving season.

The outreach was inspired by a desire to help more families experience the joy of gathering around the table during the holiday, according to Blackmon.

"Thanksgiving is a time when families come together, prepare the meal together, and sit around the table, and I wanted to help make sure more families in our community could experience that same joy," Blackmon said in an email to the Messenger. "This giveaway

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Attorney returns to her Gadsden roots

Cusimano, Roberts, Mills & Knowlton, LLC (CRMK) has welcomed Haleigh Burrows Young as an attorney, focusing her practice on personal injury and civil litigation.

A native of Pleasant Valley, Young first joined the Gadsden-based firm in 2024 as a summer associate, working alongside firm partner Michael L. Roberts, the firm said in a press release. She graduated from law school in 2025, was admitted to the Alabama State Bar and officially joined the firm as an attorney.

Young graduated cum laude from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in May 2025, ranking in the top 10 of her class of 142 graduates. During law school, she received six CALI/Scholar of Merit Awards, served as both a junior editor and associate editor of the Cumberland Law Review, and worked as a research assistant to Professor Tim McFarlin. She also participated in Cumberland's Parole Clinic.

Roberts, who has worked with Young since her first time at the firm, praised her intelligence and dedication.

"Haleigh impresses everyone with her sharp intelligence, passion for justice and



result-oriented work ethic," Roberts said in a press release.

McFarlin also praised Young's contributions as a research assistant and her participation in the classroom.

"Haleigh is one of the smartest, most creative, and most dedicated folks I've worked with, students and colleagues included," McFarlin said. "Her research assistance was invaluable to my scholarship, and her engagement lit up every classroom discussion. She has a very bright future ahead!"

Before attending law school, Young earned a Bachelor of Arts in history with a minor in political science, summa cum laude, from Jacksonville State University in 2022. She was also recognized as the university's Peter Robinson Outstanding History Major, the firm said.

Young said the relationships she built during her first summer with CRMK played a significant role in her decision to return to the firm.

"What attracted me to the firm was the people," Young said in a press release. "From the first time I met the team as a law student, I was welcomed with open arms. There is no cutthroat mentality — everyone genuinely supports one another and is willing to help."

CRMK, based in Gadsden, represents clients throughout Alabama in personal injury, civil and family litigation, workers' compensation, wrongful death and other legal matters.

Little Caesars
HOT-N-READY PIZZA



NEWS

FSCU to acquire Liberty Bank in $1.5 billion combination

Family Savings Credit Union, headquartered in Rainbow City, has announced an agreement to acquire substantially all of the assets and liabilities of Liberty Bank, a community bank based in Geraldine.

The two financial institutions announced the signing of a Purchase and Assumption Agreement on Nov. 24. The proposed combination would create a credit union with approximately $1.5 billion in assets serving communities throughout Alabama and Georgia.

Family Savings Credit Union CEO Danny Varnon said the agreement represents a potential new chapter for the organization as it celebrates 75 years of serving its members and communities.

The acquisition would expand the credit union's presence in Northeast Alabama and provide opportunities to broaden its financial products and services.

"We have great respect for Liberty Bank's strong community relationships, established culture, and strategic vision, which closely align with our own," Varnon said. "Together, we see an opportunity to expand financial products and services, strengthen our presence in North Alabama, and build on our shared commitment to exceptional service, community involvement, and helping families achieve financial success."

Liberty Bank was founded in 1971 and operates seven locations across Northeast Alabama. As of Sept. 30, 2026, the bank reported total assets of $264 million.

Chris Bailey, president and CEO of Liberty Bank, said the partnership would provide additional resources, technology and scale while allowing the bank to continue serving its communities.

"Since Liberty Bank's founding, it has operated with the mission of providing competitive financial services while building strong, lasting relationships with the communities we serve," Bailey said. "This partnership with Family Savings creates an opportunity to bring even more benefits to our customers and employees while positioning the organization for continued growth and success."

Family Savings Credit Union, chartered in 1951, has more than $1.3 billion in assets, 21 branches and more than 83,000 members across Alabama and Georgia.

The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of 2027. Completion is subject to customary closing conditions, including required regulatory approvals and approval by shareholders of First Bancorporation of Geraldine, Liberty Bank's holding company.

Local nonprofit in need of donations for holiday shopping trip

By Caylie Moore
Features Editor

Physicians Who Care is more than just another nonprofit organization with seemingly no bearing on the community you live in — it's a charity working to directly impact the lives of the people you know and love, right in the heart of Gadsden. And one of the many ways it does that is through an annual shopping trip for underprivileged children, sponsored by the many doctors, nurse practitioners and other physicians who want to give a little more where it really counts.

This year, on Saturday, Dec. 5, they'll have the opportunity to do just that when they take a group of 55 to 75 kids to Walmart for their yearly shopping trip.

Lisa Pointer, Director of Physicians Who Care, says that the event is always fun to play a part in, especially when the children get to experience things that they normally wouldn't be able to.

"The kids get real excited about riding with a doctor or one of our staff or one of our volunteers [to Walmart]," she stated in a phone interview with Features Editor Caylie Moore, adding that it was only one of the many aspects of the event that they always enjoyed — others of which include the free breakfast and $100 shopping allowance.

But the selected kids certainly aren't the only ones benefitting from this event, Pointer noted.

"It helps out a lot of families who might not otherwise get a Christmas," Pointer said, before explaining that the shopping trips not only go to the elementary school students who are recommended to them by counselors and physicians — but also their siblings, whether they're younger or older than the 5 to 13 year old age range.

Still, despite helping out so many children in Gadsden's community, the President who founded the organization — Dr. Seth Spotnitz, a retired neurologist with "a heart for children" — has dreams of expanding to 100 kids and perhaps even beyond Gadsden alone one day.

"We'd love to have to have kids from all the elementary schools [in the county], but funding doesn't currently permit that," Pointer stated. "But every dollar we collect goes to this event."

There are several ways to donate to the event and find out more information about the organization. Physicians Who Care has an office in the Chamber of Commerce at 1 Commerce Square in Gadsden and can be reached by phone at (256) 547-3124.

Pointer asked that local physicians interested in becoming a member of Physicians Who Care contact her through the office number or her personal number at (256) 553-0098. All membership dues go toward the funds for this event.

"We appreciate any and all donations, no matter how big or small — because it gives these kids a chance to have a Christmas."

For more information about the organization and the shopping event, visit www.physicianswho.care. about the organization and the shopping event, visit www.physicianswho.care.

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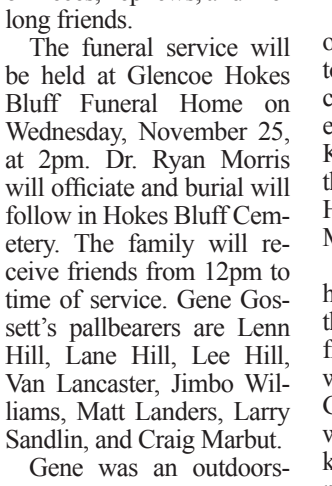

Herbert Gene Gossett

Herbert Gene Gossett peacefully passed away in his sleep on the morning of November 22nd, 2026. He was born on December 16th, 1930 in Cherokee County, and was the last surviving sibling of 13, preceded in death by his beloved siblings Arthur, Margaret, Wayne, Sade, Dot, Jamie, Jack, Joyce, Larry, Frank, Judy, and Ronnie.

Gene Gossett is survived by his loving wife of 75 years Joyce Landers Gossett; his sons Braxton and Darryl; grandchildren Daniel (Jeanna), Evan, Armenda (Dano), and Wade (Erica); great-grandchildren Emma and Ella, and an abundance of nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends.

The funeral service will be held at Glencoe Hokes Bluff Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 25, at 2pm. Dr. Ryan Morris will officiate and burial will follow in Hokes Bluff Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12pm to time of service. Gene Gossett's pallbearers are Lenn Hill, Lane Hill, Lee Hill, Van Lancaster, Jimbo Williams, Matt Landers, Larry Sandlin, and Craig Marbut.

Gene was an outdoorsman, spending his youth playing sports, hunting, fishing, farming, and exploring his family's land. He married Joyce Landers Gossett on October 8th, 1951 in Rising Fawn, Georgia.

He proudly served in the US Army as a medic during the Korean war, stationed in Germany. Gene and Joyce welcomed their first born son Braxton in 1952; his second son, Darryl was born in 1957. He began working for Republic Steel in Gadsden as a welder from 1953 to 1993.

Gene Gossett was a proud resident of Hokes Bluff for 80 years and was a consistent and dedicated pillar of the community. He served as a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Hokes Bluff and served on the cemetery committee, ensuring his fellow community members were peacefully laid to rest.

In 2019, Gene self-published a book of his favorite stories and memories, titled In My Life. For all who are interested in the wondrous life of Herbert Gene Gossett, a copy is available at the Hokes Bluff public library.

The family would like to offer a heartfelt appreciation to Gene and Joyce's dedicated helpers and caretakers Debbie Blackerby and Kristie Graham, as well as the First Baptist Church of Hokes Bluff's Homebound Ministry.

Gene Gossett was a loyal husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to all. Whether he was known as Mr. Gossett, Gino, Daddy, or Idaddy, he was truly loved by all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

UNITY

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gives us an opportunity to work together as a church family to help provide a meaningful Thanksgiving meal for another family."

Families receiving the boxes were identified through recommendations from local schools, nonprofit organizations and businesses, he said, which helped the church connect with those who could benefit from additional support during the holiday season.

The effort is made possible through donations from church members, community supporters and corporate sponsors. About 20 church members are volunteering to prepare and distribute the boxes.

For Blackmon, the giveaway is about more than providing food. It is also an opportunity to put its faith into action and show support for neighbors who may be facing difficult circumstances.

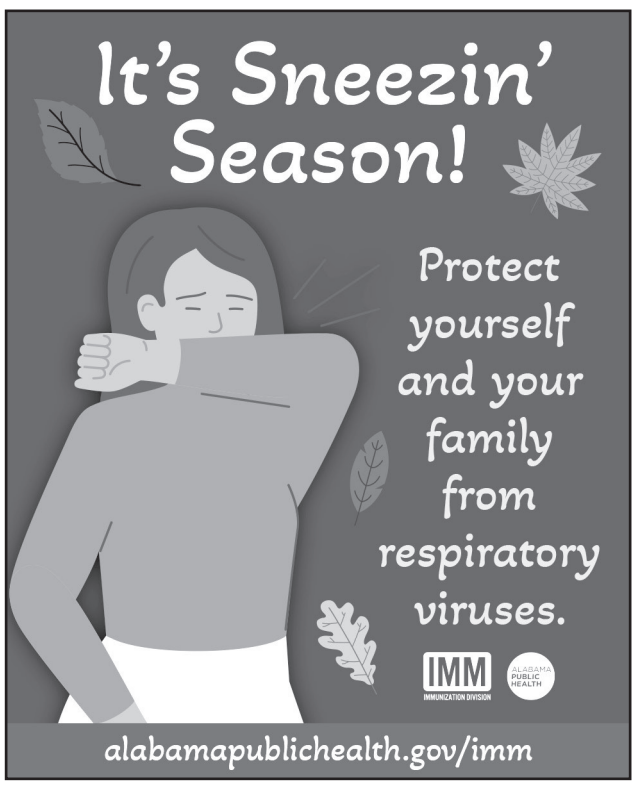
"During the Thanksgiving season, it is especially important for us to show a thankful heart by giving to those in need," Blackmon said. "We recognize that everyone is not blessed in the same way, and we believe God has called us to be a blessing to others."

Providing meals is one way its members can share the love of Jesus with the community, Blackmon said, emphasizing that even small acts of kindness can make a difference.

"At UNITY, we often say, 'It doesn't take a mega church to do a mega work in the lives of our community,'" said.

Looking ahead, UNITY hopes to continue growing the program and reaching more families each year while remaining a consistent source of encouragement and support in the community.









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Your CALENDAR Community

Featured Events

Nov. 27-Dec. 4

Christmas at the Falls
- **Where:** Noccalula Falls Park - 1500 Noccalula Road, Gadsden
- **When:** Nov. 20-Dec. 23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 2, 4 to 10 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and range from $11.18 to $25.24 each. Search for the event on greatergadsden.com for more information.

Christmas on the Coosa
- **Where:** 344 First St., Gadsden
- **When:** Nov. 19-Jan. 2, 4:30 to 10 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and range from $7 to $12 each. Search for the event on greatergadsden.com for more information.

Southside Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
- **Where:** Southside City Hall - 2255 Highway 77, Southside
- **When:** Dec. 1, 6 to 8 p.m.

Attalla Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
- **Where:** Downtown Attalla - Fifth Avenue N.W. and Fourth Street N.W., Attalla
- **When:** Dec. 3, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Gadsden Christmas Parade
- **Where:** Downtown Gadsden - Broad Street, Gadsden
- **When:** Dec. 4, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Altoona Christmas Parade
- **Where:** City of Altoona - 3315 Main St., Altoona
- **When:** Dec. 4, 7 to 9 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

Nov. 27-Dec. 5

Nov. 27

Black Friday at the Mall
- **Where:** Gadsden Mall - 1001 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden
- **When:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Downtown Gadsden's Plaid Friday
- **Where:** Downtown Gadsden - Broad Street, Gadsden
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nov. 28

Small Business Saturday at the Mall
- **Where:** Gadsden Mall - 1001 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden
- **When:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Downtown Attalla's Small Business Saturday
- **Where:** Downtown Attalla - Fifth Avenue N.W. and Fourth Street N.W., Attalla
- **When:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Downtown Gadsden's Shop Small Saturday
- **Where:** Downtown Gadsden - Broad Street, Gadsden
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Bluff Iron Bowl Party
- **Where:** The Bluff Amphitheatre - 1820 US-278, Hokes Bluff
- **When:** 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and cost $15 for adults and nothing for children. Search for the event on greatergadsden.com for more information.

Dec. 1

Paws On The Falls
- **Where:** Noccalula Falls Park - 1500 Noccalula Road, Gadsden
- **When:** 4 to 10 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and range from $13.30 to $16.49 each. Search for the event on greatergadsden.com for more information.

Cookies with Santa
- **Where:** Glencoe Public Safety Building - 107 Lonesome Bend Road, Glencoe
- **When:** 4 to 6 p.m.

Dec. 3

New Exhibits Opening at GMA, ft. The Arthouse Group
- **Where:** Gadsden Museum of Art - 515 Broad St., Gadsden
- **When:** 5 to 7 p.m.

All Across Alabama Student Art Exhibition
- **Where:** Gadsden Museum of Art - 515 Broad St., Gadsden
- **When:** 5 to 7 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity's Dancing With the Stars
- **Where:** 210 At the Tracks - 210 Locust St., Gadsden
- **When:** 6 to 10 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and range from $50 for one to $275 for six. Search for the event on greatergadsden.com for more information.

Sip and Paint at The Bend
- **Where:** Tillison Bend River Resort - 341 Riverview Drive, Gadsden
- **When:** 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and range from $35 to $50 each. Search for the event on greatergadsden.com for more information.

Dec. 4

Christmas Movie Night at the Bluff
- **Where:** The Bluff Amphitheatre and Campground - 1820 US-278, Hokes Bluff
- **When:** 4:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and cost $5 each, up to $20 maximum per family. Kids 2 and under get in free. Search for the event on greatergadsden.com for more information.

Dec. 5

How the Grinch Stole Downtown
- **Where:** Downtown Attalla - Fifth Avenue N.W. and Fourth Street N.W., Attalla
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch with Santa
- **Where:** American Legion 71 - 201 Griffin St. S.E., Attalla
- **When:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit With Santa at Smokeneck Farm & Garden
- **Where:** Smokeneck Farm & Garden - 2191 Highway 77, Southside
- **When:** 1 to 4 p.m.





Gadsden Museum of Art hosts opening reception Dec. 3



The Gadsden Museum of Art will host an opening reception Dec. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m., featuring a variety of artwork from local and regional artists.

The exhibits will include photography by Julie Ward, sculptures by Sloss Metal Arts, and a collaborative display of works by students of Miriam McDonald. Visitors can also view prints by artists Sarah Marshall and Mary Ann Sampson, a group exhibition by the Arthouse Group, and local student entries in the All Across Alabama art competition.





The Nutcracker Princess

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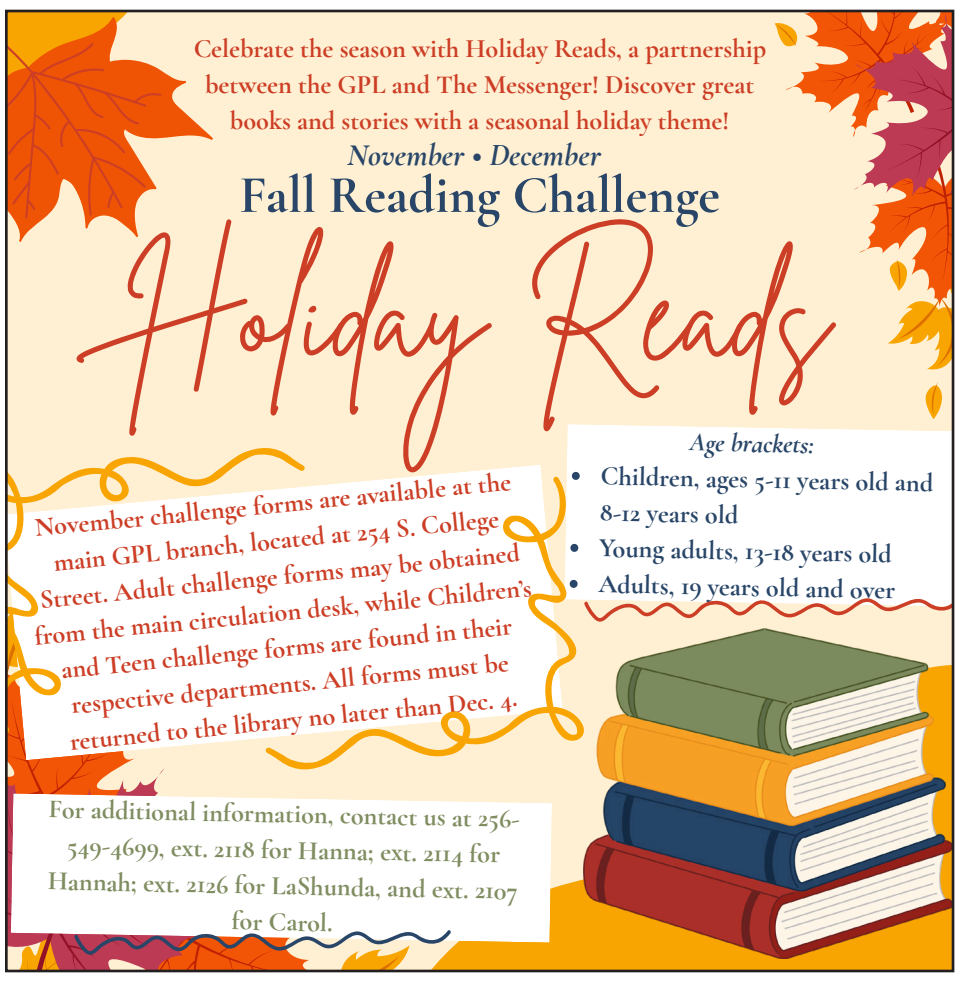



Eclcetic finds at Koletic Treasures

The Messenger's Shopping Guide

This week, our search for gifts took us outside the downtown area and into the Rainbow Plaza shopping center in Rainbow City

A new antique mall has popped up in Rainbow City, and it had exactly what we were looking for.

The shop features an array of antiques, collectibles and handcrafted goods, from mystery books already wrapped for Christmas at Second Chance Stories to electrically burnt "lightning trees" at Lynchburg Burning. With so many unique finds under one roof, shoppers are bound to discover something unexpected.










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The last leaf and the lessons we carry

Monday, I woke up and drove to work in the most beautiful weather so far this fall. It was cloudy, cool, and the oranges and yellows and reds were standing out in stark contrast to the browns and dark greens of the pine trees. It was calm and colorful and lovely in that insulated late fall way. Autumn is truly "that season of peculiar and inexhaustible influence on the mind of taste and tenderness — that season which has drawn from every poet worthy of being read some attempt at description, or some lines of feeling" (Jane Austen). It is true--I have read many poems and stories that attempt to capture the transient beauty of this season. As I admired the trees' fiery colored branches laced with the last bursts of fall color, I remembered an O. Henry story set in the last days of the season, and found it to read again. It is a bittersweet story, and each time I read it, I notice new details and themes. On this reading, I was really struck by the steadfastness of the friend, and how a relative stranger, an older neighbor, stepped in without a word and made the difference between life and death with his efforts. This resulted in sacrifice on his part, but the young woman in the story made it through an illness compounded by apparent seasonal depression because of his efforts. The story is called "The Last Leaf" if you'd like to read it, and a Google search will pull it up. I will not give any more spoilers other than to just say that I'd previously read it as a treatise on the necessity of art in our lives, but it is also about the steadfast nature of friendship, even new friendship. It is also a beautiful observation regarding the impact older generations can have on the generations coming after.

One way I try to practice this is by spending time crafting seasonal lovelies with my girls. This time of year always surprises me with its beauty, but also how long it takes me to get used to the early darkness. By the time I've settled into it, spring will be right around the corner. So, earlier this fall I made that list of specific, intentional things to do this fall to make the most of my favorite season. There are also several books I've read just because they seemed like cozy, autumnal reads, and I've been enjoying hot teas and soft scarves recently. Reminding my children to pay attention to the trees that will be bare soon, helping them create comfy reading spots, and teaching them to pay attention to the ways their brains and bodies can benefit from extra rest during this time of year are some of my favorite parts of parenting in the fall. This week, I decided I wanted to come up with a few crafts to mark the shift from autumn to the Christmas season with them, and I found some lovely Christmas trees made from dried leaves, and DIY ornaments made from sticks. I really look forward to this family crafting time together.

We tend to notice the fiery colors and fluttering leaves in the fall, but this year I am finding that steadfastness and the opportunities to pay attention to the beauty of the empty branches may be the most striking lesson found in autumn. The leaves come and go, season after season. We rejoice in the spring when the new growth appears on branches, and in the extravagant lushness of heavy summer limbs weighed down by full leaf growth. In the fall, we admire the colors and revel in the freedom of letting go of what no longer serves us. Both new growth and letting go are valid, lovely, human truths mirrored in Nature. But, throughout each season, the trees themselves are steadfast, strong, rooted and waiting out each change. The trees send messages to one another through their root systems, shelter and shade new growth, and break the force of storms for one another. Young trees do not have to know what they need or be able to articulate it. The established trees already know and share what they have. O. Henry's story does a beautiful job of showing this in action from the human experience side of things. Once again, it found me at the time when I am taking a self-inventory of the ways I can offer the same support to those younger than myself, whether they are my children, family, friends, or students. This becomes a give-and-take that benefits me, too, because as I pay closer attention to what lights up the interest and excitement of children, friends, colleagues, and students, I myself become inspired. Thoreau noticed this, describing it this way: "None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm." Even Kafka mused that "Youth is happy because it has the ability to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old." The more I develop my own steadfastness, the more effectively I can encourage those younger than myself. In return, they remind me to pay attention with enthusiasm-- making it possible to more easily see the beauty in the world around me.

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The empty chair at Thanksgiving



There are some empty chairs that seem to take up more space than occupied ones.

At Thanksgiving, we notice them.

Maybe it is the chair where Dad always sat. The place where Grandma told the same stories every year. The seat that belonged to a spouse who is no longer there or the child who won't be coming home this Thanksgiving.

Everyone else may see a beautifully set table.

You see who is missing.

The holidays have a way of bringing grief to the surface, even when we thought we were doing pretty well. A song, a recipe, an ornament or the smell of a familiar dish can suddenly transport us to another Thanksgiving and another version of our family.

Grief doesn't particularly care how long it has been.

The first Thanksgiving after a loss can certainly be difficult, but so can the fifth or the fifteenth. Sometimes grief changes rather than disappears. We learn how to carry it, and most days we may carry it pretty well.

Then Thanksgiving arrives.

It's also important to remember that not every empty chair represents a death.

Sometimes someone is missing because of divorce. A child may be spending Thanksgiving with the other parent. A family member may be estranged. Someone may be living in a nursing home, deployed, incarcerated or simply unable to come home.

Those losses can hurt too.

One of the hardest things about holiday grief is the pressure we sometimes put on ourselves to make the day happy for everyone else.

We don't want to "bring everyone down," so we avoid mentioning the person who is missing. We swallow the tears. We quickly change the subject when a memory comes up.

But acknowledging grief doesn't ruin Thanksgiving.

Sometimes pretending it isn't there is much harder.

If someone you love has died, it's okay to say their name. Tell the funny story everyone remembers. Make their favorite dish. Look through old photographs. Raise a glass to them. Laugh if something is funny and cry if something hurts.

There is room at the same table for both gratitude and grief.

If you're supporting someone who is grieving, you don't have to find the perfect words. In fact, there probably aren't any. Simply acknowledging, "I know you're really missing her today," can mean more than trying to cheer someone up or encouraging them to focus on what they still have.

And if you're the one who is facing the empty chair this year, give yourself permission to do Thanksgiving differently.

Keep the traditions that comfort you. Change the ones that don't. Stay for two hours instead of six. Take a walk when you need a break. Cry in the kitchen. Laugh at an old story. Go home early.

There is no correct way to grieve and no requirement that Thanksgiving look the way it used to.

Maybe that's the lesson of the empty chair.

Gratitude isn't pretending nothing is missing.

Sometimes gratitude is being thankful that someone once sat there at all.

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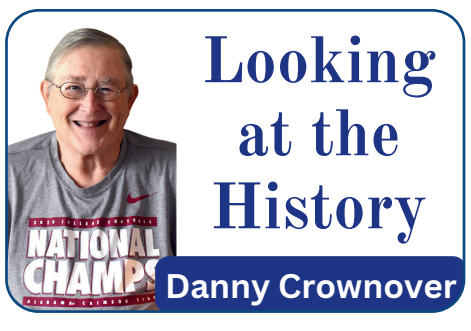

Career of Early Gadsden Citizens: George Beggs

One of the most interesting citizens Gadsden ever had was George Beggs, father of W.J. Beggs of this city.

Beggs was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on Dec. 28, 1829, and came to the United States at age 27. Five years later, he joined the Confederate Army and remained in service until the end of the Civil War.

An expert stonemason, Beggs came from a family of noted artisans. He built the Confederate arsenal in Macon, Ga., where he later made his home. The building was said to be one of the finest in the country architecturally and a model of mechanical craftsmanship.

After the war, Beggs became a merchant and accumulated considerable wealth. He was well-educated and, with a colony of prominent Scotsmen living in Macon, enjoyed an active social life through their club. He was the last surviving member of the club.

Intellectually, he was considered the equal of anyone in his community, known as a deep thinker and a student of people and their affairs. A Presbyterian from childhood, he was also a devout Christian.

Beggs was described as a splendid representative of a splendid race. His wife was a cousin of Hugh Carlisle. The two men came to Gadsden together in the 1870s to work on the Tennessee & Coosa Railroad, a project intended to connect the Tennessee and Coosa rivers. The plan had been proposed as early as 1852, but the venture struggled financially and remained dormant for years after construction began.

Carlisle persisted with the project, however, and eventually became the largest individual landowner in Alabama, according to the historical account.

In the late 1880s, Beggs laid the foundation and completed the ornamental stonework on the Printup Hotel. The Gadsden branch of the family still possesses the spirit level he used while building the old stone docks at Liverpool, England.

Beggs retired in the early 1900s and died in December 1918 at age 89. He was survived by two sons: W.J. Beggs of Gadsden and David Beggs of Macon.

Beggs and Carlisle were builders of railroads, government buildings and various commercial structures. Both were skilled tradesmen who had completed apprenticeships in their native country. Carlisle lived in Guntersville and was considered an influential figure in that community and throughout Alabama. Both men left their mark on the state's development.

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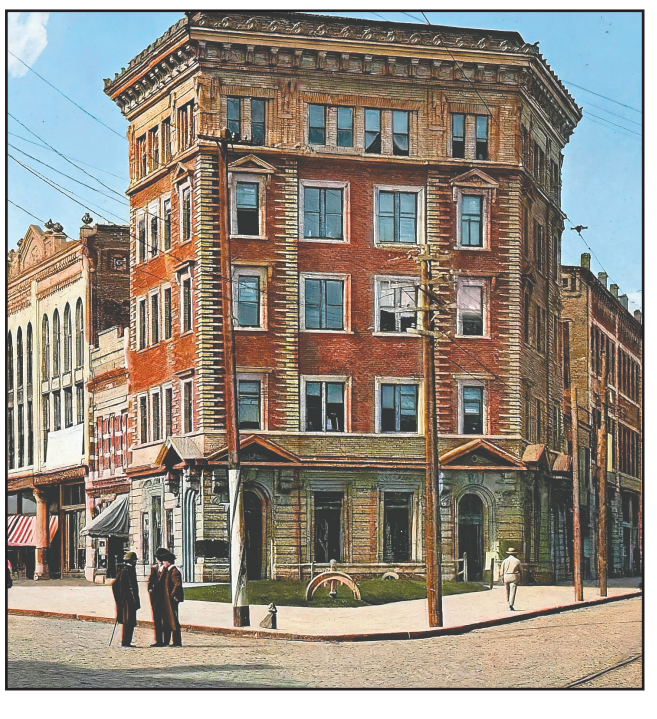

As an expert stone mason, George Beggs built the great Confederate arsenal building at Macon, Ga.





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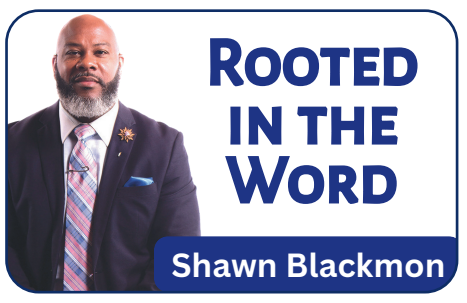

What are you bringing?

Yesterday was Thanksgiving, and you know what that means. Families were trying to figure out who was making the turkey, who was baking the ham, who was cooking the greens and who was bringing the drinks because everybody already knows they are not allowed in the kitchen.

And then there is always that one family member who shows up with nothing but a plate and an appetite. Somehow, they are also one of the last people to leave, carrying aluminum foil and enough leftovers for another meal.

But here is what is interesting.

When it comes to Thanksgiving dinner, we understand that everybody ought to bring something to the table. Yet when it comes to worship, sometimes we show up expecting everybody else to bring something for us.

We need the praise team to get us going. We need the choir to sing our favorite song. We need the preacher to get us excited. And if none of that happens, we leave saying, "Church just wasn't good today."

But maybe we have been looking at worship the wrong way. Maybe the question is not, "What did everybody else bring?" Maybe the better question is: What am I bringing into God's presence?

Psalm 100 gives us a beautiful picture of worship.

Verses 1 and 2 say, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!"

Notice what the psalmist does not say. He does not say, "Wait until somebody makes you joyful." He does not say, "Wait until they sing your song." He tells us to come with joy. Worship is not just something we attend. It is something we offer.

Then verse 3 says, "Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his."

Before the psalmist tells us what to bring, he reminds us who we are approaching.

He is God. He made us. We belong to Him. We are His people. That alone ought to change the way we enter His presence. We are not worshiping a pastor, a church building or a praise team. We are worshiping the God who made us, kept us, carried us and provided for us.

Then comes verse 4: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

The psalmist does not tell us to wait until we get inside before we find a reason to be thankful. He tells us to bring the thanksgiving with us.

Do not come looking for a reason to thank God. Come remembering the reasons you already have. Think about where you were this time last year. What were you worried about? What were you praying about? What did you think you would never make it through?

Some of us experienced loss. Some struggled financially. Some faced health problems. Others watched relationships change. And yet, here you are.

That does not mean everything is perfect. Psalm 100 does not say we worship because life is perfect.

Verse 5 gives us the real reason: "For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

There it is. Our thanksgiving is not based on everything going right. It is based on God being good.

His love endures. His faithfulness continues. From generation to generation, God remains God.

So what if you have had a difficult week? God is still good. What if you are grieving? God is still faithful. What if your finances are tight? His love still endures. What if you are waiting on an answer? He is still God.

That is why thanksgiving cannot be limited to one meal or one day on the calendar. Thanksgiving is a posture we carry into the presence of God.

Psalm 100 gives us the pattern:

Verses 1 and 2 tell us how to come.

Verse 3 tells us who we are coming to.

Verses 4 and 5 tell us what to bring and why we should bring it.

So before you wait on the choir, the preacher or anybody else to give you a reason to worship, ask yourself: What am I bringing?

Bring your joy. Bring your praise. Bring your thanksgiving. Bring the memory of what God has already done. And bring confidence that the same God who was faithful before will remain faithful again.

Because the Lord is good. His love endures forever. And His faithfulness continues from generation to generation.

Let's Pray

Father, thank You for who You are and for all You have done. Forgive me for the times I have come into Your presence expecting others to give me a reason to worship. Help me remember Your goodness, Your love and Your faithfulness. Teach me to bring thanksgiving with me wherever I go. Whether life is easy or difficult, let my heart always remember that You are good and worthy of my praise. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Walk in grace. Stand in truth. Live blessed.

Fairytales and firm foundations



Editor's Note: This column was originally published on Nov. 28,2025, and is reprinted here for our readers.

November 27 was Momma and Daddy's anniversary. His second one without her. It would have been their 55th.

Normally, about three weeks before this day, my phone would ring, and a plot would ensue. Momma was an elaborate schemer. She loved to pull off a good surprise. With me as her accomplice, she would call to give me the details of the latest and greatest gift she had spied on the Home Shopping Network–or Temu ad.

What she didn't know is that in the most recent years, there was a second call, in which I would loop Daddy in on the "surprise" so that I would know how to steer his beloved.

The last gift was his red KitchenAide Deluxe which he has put to good use, because it was "miraculously" JUST the one he wanted. She was thrilled. Daddy was pleased. And my heart was full. Mission accomplished.

I shared their love story last year. It is quite a tale of timeless love and shenanigans. I decided to retell it this year–with a twist (and a little help from Copilot)–as I remember the legacy of Love they created. It's a beautiful reminder to be thankful for blessings that last through decades: faith, commitment, and shared life.

Once Upon a Time…

In a quaint corner of Columbus, Georgia, there dwelt a lovely maiden, betrothed to a gallant soldier. The soldier, noble and true, prepared to journey far across the seas. Before his departure, he entrusted his cherished bride-to-be to the care of his steadfast friend, Rickey—a bachelor of renown, whose charm was whispered of in every hall.

Rickey vowed to guard the fair lady with honor. Yet, with each visit, a gentle stirring awakened within his heart. When tidings reached him that the maiden lay ill upon her birthday, he hastened to her side bearing flowers—not his customary black orchid, but four-and-twenty golden roses, radiant as the morning sun. Never before had she received such a gift, not even from her betrothed. Her heart brimmed with gratitude, and in that tender hour, Rickey knew his soul's desire—though he kept his counsel still.

Soon thereafter, the two ventured forth to seek a carriage of steel—a motorcar for the bachelor bold. The maiden, wise and winsome, spoke with cunning grace and won a thousand coins from the merchant's price. Rickey marveled: "She is fair, and she is shrewd!" His heart, now captive, could no longer be silent.

As they journeyed homeward in his new chariot, Rickey, overcome with devotion, turned to her and spake:

"Wilt thou be mine, and join thy fate with mine own?

By Heaven's light, I swear I shall not stir

Till from thy lips a gentle 'yea' doth fall."

The maiden, her cheeks aglow, replied:

"Aye, good sir, with all my heart I yield;

Let love's sweet bond be sealed this very hour."

And so, amid the clamor of impatient carriages, she gave her consent. With haste and mirth, Rickey procured a ring from a humble gumball chest, vowing a finer jewel upon the morrow.

Thus began a tale of love that would endure near fifty-four years—a union not perfect, but steadfast, for they placed God above all and each other next. Through seasons of joy and trials untold, they clung to Christ, and He to them.

And so, dear reader, their story whispers this truth: Love rooted in faith shall never wither, but bloom eternal.

Momma and Daddy's story teaches us that love rooted in Jesus endures. Their intentional choice to put God first gave them strength for every season. Today, as I honor their anniversary without her, I choose gratitude. I thank God for the legacy of faith and love they left behind.

Maybe you're facing your own "silent phone call"--a reminder of what's missing. Pause and look for what remains. Look for God's fingerprints in your story. Gratitude turns our gaze from what we've lost to what we've been given.

And with that, I bid thee farewell: may joy and gratitude be thine in this blessed harvest-tide, where hearts are merry and tables overflow with grace.

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High School Sports

Boys' Football Championship

Dec 2
Westbrook plays Bayside Academy at Hancock Whitney Stadium in Mobile, Alabama

Boys' Basketball

Nov. 28
Gadsden City vs. Carver Montgomery at 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 30
Gaston vs. Ohatchee at 7:30 p.m.
Hokes Bluff vs. Ashville at 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 1
Southside vs. Etowah at 7:00 p.m.
Glencoe vs. Sardis at 7:30 p.m.
Hokes Bluff vs. Cherokee County at 7:00 p.m.
West End vs. Coosa at 7:15 p.m.
Westbrook vs. Gaston at 7:00 p.m.
Gadsden City vs. Pelham at 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 3
West End vs. Cleveland at 7:15 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Nov. 28
Gadsden City vs. Carver Montgomery at 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 30
Gaston vs. Hope Christian Academy at 4:30 p.m.
Gaston vs. Ohatchee at 6:15 p.m.
Sardis at Oxford at 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 1
Southside vs. Etowah at 6:00 p.m.
Glencoe vs. Sardis at 6:00 p.m.
Hokes Bluff vs. Cherokee County at 5:30 p.m.
West End vs. Coosa at 5:45 p.m.
Westbrook vs. Gaston at 5:45 p.m.
Gadsden City vs. Pelham at 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 3
West End vs. Cleveland at 5:45 p.m.

Boys' Wrestling

Dec. 1
West End, Ashville, Vinemont at Susan Moore at 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 3
West End, Albertville at Gadsden City at 5:00 p.m.

Girls' Bowling

Dec. 1
West End, Ashville, Vinemont at Susan Moore at 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 2
Husky Howliday Tournament at SpareTime in Trussville
Ramsey, Southside, Calera, Corner, Trussville, Chelsea, Thompson, Vestavia, Tuscaloosa, and Gadsden City

Dec. 3
West End, Albertville at Gadsden City at 5:00 p.m.

College School Sports

Mens' Basketball

Dec. 3
Gadsden State vs. Georgia Highlands College at 5:00 p.m.

This Week in High School Sports

Boys' Basketball

Nov. 20
Hokes Bluff lost to Cedar Bluff 60-66.
Sardis lost to Fort Payne 30-70.
Gadsden City defeated Midfield 63-47.

Nov. 21
Gadsden City defeated Etowah 77-55.

Nov. 23
Gadsden City defeated Dothan 55-44.
Gaston lost to Douglas 56-72.
Glencoe defeated Pleasant Valley 90-34.
Sardis lost to Springville 33-63.
West End lost to Brindee Mountain 25-69.

Boys' Football Playoffs

Nov. 20
Westbrook defeated Tuscaloosa Academy 36-16.

Girls' Basketball

Nov. 23
Southside lost to Gulf Shores 37-55.
Sardis defeated Springville 82-52.
West End defeated Brindee Mountain 57-33.


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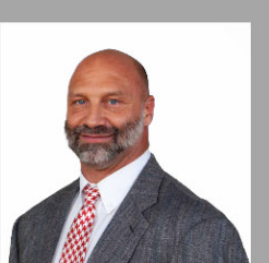
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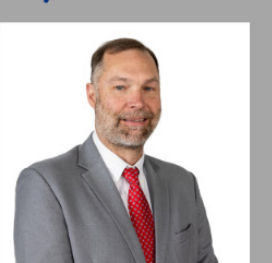
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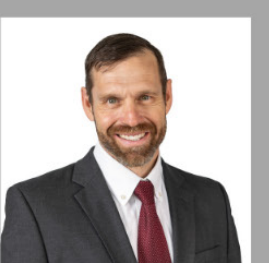
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Glencoe wrestling program builds foundation for future

Starting a new athletic program from scratch comes with its share of challenges, but for Glencoe's first-year wrestling team, the opportunity to compete and begin building a foundation for the future has made the hard work worthwhile.

The Yellow Jackets are in the early stages of establishing a wrestling tradition at Glencoe, with wrestlers learning the fundamentals of a sport that demands discipline, toughness and commitment.

Head coach Ethan Stevenson said seeing the team take the mat and compete has been a special moment for the school.

"Starting a program from scratch comes with a lot of challenges, but seeing our guys finally get the opportunity to compete made all the work worth it," the coach said. "It's a special moment for our school, but I think what excites me the most is knowing that we're just getting started."

Three Glencoe wrestlers, Ryan, Nico and Travis, have already made their mark in the program's history by earning the first victories for the Yellow Jackets.

The coach said those wrestlers will always hold a special place in the program as the first to accomplish that milestone.

"Ryan, Nico and Travis will always have the distinction of being the first wrestlers to earn victories for Glencoe, and that's something nobody can ever take away from them," the coach said.

While the victories were exciting, the coach said the biggest accomplishment has been watching the wrestlers put what they have learned in practice into action.

For a team made up largely of athletes with little or no previous wrestling experience, stepping onto the mat and competing takes courage. The team has made progress in a short amount of time, improving not only its technique but also its confidence, conditioning and willingness to compete.

The coach has also been encouraged by the support the wrestlers show one another.

"Our kids are each other's biggest supporters (and critics)," the coach said. "The best thing is watching these guys cheer and get so excited to celebrate each other's successes. They genuinely want to see each other get better and win."

As a first-year program, Glencoe's primary goal is to establish a strong foundation rather than focus solely on wins and losses.

The coaching staff is concentrating on teaching the fundamentals, developing good habits and helping each wrestler improve every time he steps onto the mat.

The team has adopted the motto, "We don't lose, we learn," which reflects the mindset the coaches want their wrestlers to carry both on and off the mat.

"In this sport (and in life), you can do everything correctly and still lose. There are always lessons to learn and ways to get better from," the coach said. "We want our guys to be successful wrestlers, but more importantly, successful men — fathers, husbands, employees and leaders. This sport is a tool to help our kids do just that."

Building a new program has also required support from throughout the school and community.

The coach credited Glencoe administration, including Principal Brian Alred and Assistant Principal Daniel Arthur, along with other school coaches, the Glencoe Athletic Foundation, parents and community members for helping make the program possible.



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The support has included time, resources and financial contributions, as well as parents trusting the coaching staff to introduce their children to a new sport and provide opportunities to compete at tournaments and matches, sometimes requiring long-distance travel.

"It truly takes a village," the coach said. "We wouldn't have been able to make it this far without the help from so many people."

The coach said the support reflects the community's commitment to its students and to helping Glencoe athletics continue to grow.

Looking ahead, the coaching staff hopes the current wrestlers recognize the important role they are playing in establishing the program.

Years from now, as Glencoe wrestling continues to develop, those first-year athletes will be able to look back and know they helped get it started.

The coach also hopes the lessons learned through wrestling will stay with the athletes long after their competitive days are over.

"This sport teaches you how to handle adversity, how to respond when things don't go your way, and how to keep working when things get difficult," the coach said.

For students who may be interested in joining the team, the coach said previous wrestling experience is not necessary.

"You don't have to have any experience to get started. You just have to be willing to show up, work hard and learn," the coach said. "We're building this program one day at a time, and there's an opportunity for anyone willing to put in the work to be part of it."

For Glencoe, the first season is about more than the wins already earned. It is about creating something the school and community can continue to build on for years to come.

Glenoce vs Gadsden City boys and girls basketball

Glencoe and Gadsden City split their basketball matchups on Thursday, Nov. 19. In the girls' game, Glencoe edged Gadsden City 62-61 in a close game. The Gadsden City boys came away with a 75-51 victory over Glencoe. Both teams battled throughout the night as the schools met on the basketball court.

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SPORTS

Southside girls claim Panther Classic bowling championship



Southside RBC Bowling team, Panther Classic Champions: left to right: Coach Patrick Barone, Roxie Jane Knight, Addie Bozeman, Macie Hull, Eva Turner, Sylvia Bozeman.

Submitted photo



Roxie Jane Knight and Addie Bozeman, Panther Classic All Tournament Girls Varsity Team.

Submitted photo

Hokes Bluff sweeps Sand Rock in basketball action







By Alex Chaney
Sport Correspondent

Hokes Bluff swept all four games against Sand Rock on Monday night, with both junior varsity and varsity teams earning victories.

The Hokes Bluff junior varsity girls won 36-18, followed by a 33-20 victory for the junior varsity boys. The varsity girls won 73-50, while the varsity boys edged Sand Rock 66-61.

The Hokes Bluff varsity girls faced a close contest through the first half. Sand Rock held a 15-14 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Lady Eagles rallied to take a 27-23 advantage into halftime.

Hokes Bluff pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring Sand Rock to build a 48-33 lead heading into the final period. The Lady Eagles added 25 points in the fourth quarter to secure the 73-50 victory.

The varsity boys also came away with a hard-fought win after building an early lead. The Eagles jumped ahead 21-7 by the end of the first quarter and carried a 34-25 advantage into halftime.

Sand Rock continued to chip away at the deficit and took a 47-46 lead into the fourth quarter. The game remained close down the stretch, but Hokes Bluff converted key free throws late to hold on for the 66-61 victory.





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Week twelve review of SEC football

Alabama Week 12 Review

Austin Mack made his first career start for the Crimson Tide as they cruised to a 47-0 victory over Chattanooga. Mack finished the game 20-25 for 254 yards and four touchdowns in place of Keelon Russell, who should return for the Iron Bowl on Saturday (Nov. 28). Daniel Hill rushed for 75 yards on 10 carries, and Trae'shawn Brown added another 70 yards on the ground as Alabama improved to 9-2 on the year.

Auburn Week 12 Review

The Tigers scored touchdowns on their first two offensive plays of the game en route to a 59-17 win over Samford. Running back Jeremiah Cobb broke free for a 62-yard touchdown on the opening snap, and Byrum Brown connected with Chas Nimrod for a 63-yard strike on the second offensive play of the game. Backup quarterback Tristan T'ia completed 17 of 18 passes for 341 yards and four touchdowns as Auburn improved to 7-4 on the season. The Tigers travel to Tuscaloosa on Saturday to take on Alabama for the 91st Iron Bowl.

SEC Week 12 Rankings
Week 13 Previews and Predictions
(week 12: 10-0; season: 88-22)

Game of the Week

Auburn at Alabama (-16)

Alabama has won six straight Iron Bowls, and a win on Saturday would give them the longest streak by either side since the Tide won nine straight from 1973-1981. Auburn won six straight from 2002-2007, and they will need a heroic effort from quarterback Byrum Brown if they're going to end Alabama's streak in Bryant-Denny. A win would undoubtedly lock up a playoff spot for the Tide, and they might be in the 12-team field even if they lose. However, they can erase all doubt with a win over the Tigers. Keelon Russell should return at quarterback for Alabama, and they should be able to move the ball at will against a porous Tiger defense. Prediction: Alabama 31, Auburn 17.

Mississippi State at Ole Miss (-19)

Earlier in the season, it looked as if this Egg Bowl could be an all-time great game with playoff implications. However, Kamario Taylor's injury left Mississippi State as the worst team in the SEC, and the Rebels have already been eliminated from playoff contention. Ole Miss leads the series 67-46-6, and they have won three straight meetings. Prediction: Ole Miss 45, Mississippi State 16.

Florida at Florida State (+6)

Jon Sumrall's first season in Gainesville has had some extraordinary peaks, like the wins over Ole Miss and Texas, and mystifying lows, such as the losses to South Carolina and Oklahoma. An 8-4 season would be a solid start for Sumrall, but a loss to a Florida State team with an interim coach would end the regular season on a sour note. Prediction: Florida 34, Florida State 27.

Texas at Texas A&M (+12.5)

If it weren't for LSU's embarrassing season, Texas A&M would be the leader in the clubhouse for the most disappointing 2026 campaign. The Aggies were ranked in the top 10 in the preseason after making the playoffs a season ago, and they are now 4-7 on the year. An upset win over Texas would earn Mike Elko some good will entering the offseason, especially if they could knock the Longhorns out of the playoffs. Prediction: Texas 23, Texas A&M 13.

Louisville at Kentucky (+3)

While Kentucky has struggled over the last two weeks, it still has been a successful season for Will Stein in year 1 of his tenure. The Wildcats are out of the playoff mix, but a win over rival Louisville would be an excellent way to cap off Stein's first year. A year from now, 8-4 is likely good enough to make the 24-team playoff. Prediction: Kentucky 27, Louisville 24.

LSU at Arkansas (+14)

Nothing LSU can do at this point can salvage this trainwreck of a season. The Tigers spent more than just about any team in the sport on their coach and roster, yet they are 6-5 and the laughingstock of the league. A loss to bottom-feeder Arkansas would be the icing on the cake, and a win will mean nothing to the fanbase. The 2027 season will be pivotal for Lane Kiffin. Prediction: LSU 28, Arkansas 17.

South Carolina at Clemson (+5.5)

Both Shane Beamer and Dabo Swinney enter this Palmetto state rivalry under scrutiny from fans. Clemson is 7-4, and it's hard to imagine them ever firing Swinney, but they might not be upset if he left for another job. Meanwhile, Beamer had his Gamecocks rolling in October, but after two straight losses, he is back on the hot seat. A win over Clemson could ease the tension entering bowl season, but he might not survive if they lose again to the Tigers. Prediction: Clemson 24, South Carolina 23.

Georgia Tech at Georgia (-36)

Kirby Smart's team has dominated everyone in its path since losing to Auburn. The Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 151-42 over their last four games, and Saturday's rivalry matchup with Georgia Tech should be about the same unless Georgia is looking ahead to next week's final SEC Championship Game. Prediction: Georgia 42, Georgia Tech 0.

Oklahoma at Missouri (-2)

While the Sooners and the Tigers hoped to be contending for a playoff spot, they are both in good spots entering the final week of the year. A year from now, a pair of 7-4 SEC teams would likely be contending for a playoff spot, and that is likely how both teams will approach this regular season finale. Prediction: Missouri 26, Oklahoma 23.

Tennessee at Vanderbilt (+13.5)

The playoff scenario is pretty simple for Josh Heupel's team: beat Vanderbilt on the road, and the Vols are back in the playoffs for the second time in three seasons. If the Commodores pull off the upset, they likely end Tennessee's playoff chances. Vandy has improved tremendously throughout the year, but the Volunteer defense has been one of the best in the country under defensive coordinator Jim Knowles. Prediction: Tennessee 27, Vanderbilt 16.

Week 11 SEC Rankings

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

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE SCHEDULE 2026 SEASON

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/SCORE
1	SEPT 5	VS. EAST CAROLINA	W 48–10
2	SEPT 12	AT KENTUCKY	W 45–17
3	SEPT 19	VS. FLORIDA STATE	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	W 31–13
11	NOV 14	AT VANDERBILT	W 21–6
12	NOV 21	VS. UT-CHATTANOOGA	W 47–0
13	NOV 28	VS. AUBURN	6:30 P.M. ABC

AUBURN SCHEDULE 2026 SEASON

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/SCORE
1	SEPT 5	VS. BAYLOR AT MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM, ATLANTA GA	W 17–16
2	SEPT 12	VS. SOUTHERN MISS	W 43–8
3	SEPT 19	VS. FLORIDA	L 39–44
4	SEPT 26	VS. VANDERBILT	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	L 15–45
10	NOV 7	VS. ARKANSAS	W 26–23
11	NOV 14	AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	W 41–9
12	NOV 21	VS. SAMFORD	W 59–17
13	NOV 28	AT ALABAMA	6:30 P.M ABC

LEGALS

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Barbara McCurdy, Unmarried woman and Deric W. Cline, Unmarried Man, to Regions Bank, on May 9, 2022, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on May 26, 2022, as Document Number 3541089. Regions Bank, its successors and assigns, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on December 16, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, towit:
THE FOLLOWING LANDS AND PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, LYING IN CITY OF SOUTHSIDE. ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA TO WIT: PARCEL ONECOMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH. RANGE 6 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, AND RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, 466.70 FEET TO AN EXISTING PK NAIL; THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, LEAVING SAID EAST LINE 834.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 45.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST. 330.38 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY): THENCE RUN NORTH 38 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 45.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY 330.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.PARCEL TWOCOMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPOKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9. TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, AND RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, 466.70 FEET TO AN EXISTING PK NAIL: THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, LEAVING SAID EAST LINE, 879.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST. 112.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST, 330.38 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 38 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 112 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST. 330.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST. ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.PARCEL THREECOMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, AND RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, 466.70 FEET TO AN EXISTING PK NAIL; THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, LEAVING SAID EAST LINE 991.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, 234.42 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF DEED BOOK 1199, PAGE 635. PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE RUN SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 330.50 FEET TO AN EXISTING PINCH PIPE ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY): THENCE RUN NORTH 38 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 234.41 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY 330.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 AND THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.
More commonly known as: 3601 Smith Rd, Southside, AL 35907-0835
This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.
Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed.
Regions Bank, its successors and assigns ("Transferee")
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
3000 Riverchase Galleria, Suite 705
Birmingham, AL 35244
Phone: (801) 355-2886
November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Shannon D Baty, an unmarried person, to Compass Bank dated July 21, 2014; said mortgage being recorded on July 22, 2014 as Instrument No. 3404745 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama..
The undersigned, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Successor by merger to BBVA USA, formerly known as Compass Bank, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on December 23, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commence at a 2 inch pipe marking the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (Northeast 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (Northwest 1/4) of Section Thirty Two (32), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Seven (7) East, thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 09 seconds East 644.80 feet along the East line of said forty to a 1/2 inch rebar on the Southerly right of way of Keysburg Road (30 foot right of way), thence leaving said forty line North 69 degrees 32 minutes 22 seconds West 21.73 feet along said right of way to a 1/2 inch rebar, thence North 74 degrees 08 minutes 31 seconds West 105.02 feet along said right of way to a 3/8 inch rebar capped (Dowdy) also being the Point of Beginning, thence leaving said right of way South 02 degrees 54 minutes 33 seconds West 210.39 feet to a 3/8 inch rebar, thence North 62 degrees 48 minutes 12 seconds West 9.00 feet to a point, thence South 02 degrees 56 minutes 59 seconds West 214.43 feet to a 2 inch pipe on the Northeasterly right of way of L & N Railroad (right of way varies), thence along said right of way a chord bearing and distance of North 40 degrees 33 minutes 06 seconds West 250.08 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence along said right of way a chord bearing and distance of North 29 degrees 37 minutes 26 seconds West 435.08 feet to a 3/8 inch rebar on the Southerly right of way of said Keysburg Road (30 foot right of way) thence South 66 degrees 35 minutes 30 seconds East 238.71 feet along said right of way to a 3/8 inch rebar, thence South 74 degrees 45 minutes 36 seconds East 170.18 feet along said right of way to a nail, thence South 74 degrees 44 minutes 23 seconds East 16.69 feet along said right of way to the Point of Beginning.
Said property is commonly known as 204 Keysburg Road, Gadsden, AL 35905.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.
* The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Successor by merger to BBVA USA, formerly known as Compass Bank as holder of said mortgage
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November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage given by Ceandra S. James and Jennifer James, as Mortgagor, to G & M Homes, LLC, as Mortgagee, dated March 18, 2013, and recorded as Instrument Number 3382713, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and the Mortgagee, by reason of such default, having declared the entire remaining indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the Mortgagee will sell, at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the door of the Etowah County Courthouse in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 3rd day of December, 2026, the following described property to-wit:
Lots Number Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Shaddowlawn Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", page 74, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.
Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of said mortgage.
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 the 10th day of November, 2026.
G & M Homes, LLC, Mortgagee
/s/ James C. Inzer, III
Inzer, Haney, McWhorter & Haney, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage given by Erin Shorder, as Mortgagor, to G & M Homes, LLC, as Mortgagee, dated September 13, 2013, and recorded as Instrument Number 3391818, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and the Mortgagee, by reason of such default, having declared the entire remaining indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the Mortgagee will sell, at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the door of the Etowah County Courthouse in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 3rd day of December, 2026, the following described property to-wit:
Lot Number Seven (7) in Spring Hill Estates, Rainbow City, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book "I", page 121, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.
Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of said mortgage.
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 the 10th day of November, 2026.
G & M Homes, LLC, Mortgagee
/s/ James C. Inzer, III
Inzer, Haney, McWhorter & Haney, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Timothy A. Sosebee and Sandra L. Sosebee, Husband and wife, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, on March 18, 2025, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on March 27, 2015, as Document Number 3415565. Onity Mortgage Corporation f/k/a PHH 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 January 19, 2027, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:
LOT NUMBER FORTY-FIVE (45) IN THE THIRD ADDITION TO GREEN MOUNTAIN LAKE HOMES ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "I", PAGE 55-56, IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHSIDE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.
More commonly known as: 2116 Leota Rd, Southside, AL 35907
This Property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Law Office of Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Certified funds must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. If sale is voided, Mortgagee/Transferee shall return the bid amount to the successful purchaser and the Mortgagee/Transferee shall not be liable to the purchase for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the deposit and bid amount, if paid. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.
Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed.
Onity Mortgage Corporation f/k/a PHH Mortgage Corporation ("Transferee")

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

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Venson P. Butts and Mildred E. Butts, husband and wife, originally in favor of Metlife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.,, on March 14, 2011, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3347442 being re-recorded 09/11/2015 in Instrument Number 3423431; the undersigned GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GITSIT Ventures LV Trust, 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 January 7, 2027, 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:
Lot 9, Martin Meadows, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book G, Page 327 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama. Property street address for informational purposes: 3380 Martin Dr , Gadsden, AL 35903.
THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds in the amount of the winning bid made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The sale will be conducted subject to: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation with the Mortgagee/Transferee, and if applicable, (3) collection of purchaser information needed to comply with the reporting requirements under the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031) and reimbursement of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the collection of such information. The Mortgagee/Transferee and Tiffany & Bosco, P.A shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be only entitled to a return of the bid amount. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GITSIT Ventures LV Trust, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 26-18612-KO-AL
11/20/2026, 11/27/2026, 12/04/2026

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Whereas, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Virginia A. Smith, to The Exchange Bank of Alabama – Attalla, on the 6th day of June, 2008, said mortgage being recorded in Instrument No. 3295989, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, and the undersigned, by

reason of such default, having declared the entire remaining indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable, and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given, that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Dana L. Rice, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the rear Courthouse door Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 21st day of December, 2026, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots one (1) and Two (2), Block Three (3) of the Schroeter Subdivision Number One (1) an addition to Attalla, Alabama, as the same appears of record in Plat Book "G", Page 43, and lying and being in Attalla, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

The Exchange Bank of Alabama
Dana L. Rice, Its Attorney
Turnbach, Warren, Rice, Frederick & Smith, PC
P. O. Box 129
Gadsden, AL 35902

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

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

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

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

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FILE CLAIMS

Andrew A. Acker was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/22/2026 to the Estate of Gail C. Acker, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Brittany Stone was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/28/2026 over the Estate of Alexis Stacie Krain Cofield, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Ricky Joe Watson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/13/2026 to the Estate of Danny Roy Blackburn, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Laura Hood was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/09/2026 to the Estate of William Rodney Martin, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

John Anthony Mardis was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/10/2026 to the Estate of Forrest M. Mardis, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

John Anthony Mardis was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 11/10/2026 to the Estate of Mary L. Mardis, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Norma Christine Ford Brock was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/05/2026 to the Estate of Pamela Byram Conry, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Ashley Brown Jamison was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/28/2026 to the Estate of Michael Loren Brown, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Parker Felton was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/28/2026 to the Estate of Evelyn Maurine Parker, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Joshua Daniel Newcomb was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/28/2026 to the Estate of Jeffrey Blaine Tritt, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Emmarald Renee Miller was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/28/2026 to the Estate of David Wayne Hardin, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Johnny Franklin was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 08/14/2026 to the Estate of Peggy Joyce Franklin a/k/a Peggy Joyce Franklin Smith, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Susan Ottavi was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/21/2026 to the Estate of Neil Arthur Ottavi, Jr., deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 27, December 4, and 11, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Andrea Nichole Alexander was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/18/2026 over the Estate of Sharon Rasco Pullins, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Tammy Eden Counts was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/22/2026 to the Estate of Robert Wayne Eden, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Kevin B. Sims was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/25/2026 to the Estate of Annie J. Sims, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Jason C. Junkins, M.D. was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/16/2026 to the Estate of Bobby M. Junkins, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.
Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 27, December 4, and 11, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

Norma Christine Ford Brock was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/05/2026 to the Estate of Pamela Byram Conry, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Ashley Brown Jamison was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/28/2026 to the Estate of Michael Loren Brown, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

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FILE CLAIMS

Parker Felton was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/28/2026 to the Estate of Evelyn Maurine Parker, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

NOTICE OF ESTATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUBY JEAN WARD, DECEASED
CASE NO: 2026-00673

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of Ruby Jean Ward, Deceased, having been submitted to the Honorable Scott W. Hassell, Judge of Probate, by Petitioner, Billy Keith McCormick and Deanna Celeste Simmons on the 30th day of October, 2026; Notice is hereby given that all persons contesting said Petition shall file a response thereto with the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902, within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Done this the 20th day of November 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 27, 2026

NOTICE OF ESTATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DALE RANDALL WATTS, DECEASED
CASE NO: 2026-00662

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of Dale Randall Watts, Deceased, having been submitted to the Honorable Scott W. Hassell, Judge of Probate, by Petitioner, Bob Watts on the 30th day of September, 2026; Notice is hereby given that all persons contesting said Petition shall file a response thereto with the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902, within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Done this the 30th day of September, 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

November 27, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KATIE HOLCOMB, DECEASED.
Case No.: 2026-00462

TO: Kristen Faulkner and Shaun Robinson; whereabouts unknown

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 29th day of December, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Katie Holcomb, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

DONE THIS THE 10th DAY OF November, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LARRY GENE WHISENANT, DECEASED.
Case No.: 2025-00697

TO: Any and all persons interested in the Estate of Larry Gene Whisenant, deceased

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Brandy Clemmons, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Larry Gene Whisenant, filed a Petition to Sell Real Property on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 4th day of January, 2027 at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the Petition to Sell Property should be denied.

DONE THIS THE 10th DAY OF November, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JONATHAN EDWARD FULENWIDER, DECEASED.

TO: All Creditors, heirs or distributees, and all other persons interested in the Estate of Jonathan Edward Fulenwider, deceased

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Justin Edward Fulenwider and Kyle Austin Fulenwider, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Jonathan Edward Fulenwider, filed a Report of Insolvency on the 12th day of November, 2026.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 5th day of January, 2027 at 10:00 a.m., when said report will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the Report of Insolvency should be denied.

DONE THIS THE 16th DAY OF November, 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20 ,27, and December 4, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DAVID MICHAEL SIMS, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2025-00553

TO: Any and all persons interested in the Estate of David Michael Sims, deceased

Please take notice that on November 16, 2026, a hearing was held and David Michael Sims was found presumed deceased. The decedent, if alive, and any other person for him must produce to the Court, within 12 weeks from the last publication, satisfactory evidence of his continuation in life. A final hearing has been set for the 9th day of March, 2027 at 10:00 a.m.
DONE THIS THE 20th DAY OF November, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

November 27 and December 4, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EVA JANICE JENKINS, DECEASED.

Case No.: 2026-00165

TO: John Robin Smith and Edward Lee Brown; whereabouts unknown

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 25th day of January, 2027 at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Donald Wayne Knight, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

DONE THIS THE 16th DAY OF November, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: 2026-00325

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JONATHAN EDWARD FULENWIDER, DECEASED.

TO: All Creditors, heirs or distributees, and all other persons interested in the Estate of Jonathan Edward Fulenwider, deceased

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Justin Edward Fulenwider and Kyle Austin Fulenwider, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Jonathan Edward Fulenwider, filed a Report of Insolvency on the 12th day of November, 2026.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 5th day of January, 2027 at 10:00 a.m., when said report will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the Report of Insolvency should be denied.

DONE THIS THE 16th DAY OF November, 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20 ,27, and December 4, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DONALD WAYNE KNIGHT, DECEASED.
Case No.: 2025-00795

TO: unknown heirs; whereabouts unknown

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 29th day of December, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Donald Wayne Knight, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

DONE THIS THE 16th DAY OF November, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: 2026-00325

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JONATHAN EDWARD FULENWIDER, DECEASED.

TO: All Creditors, heirs or distributees, and all other persons interested in the Estate of Jonathan Edward Fulenwider, deceased

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Justin Edward Fulenwider and Kyle Austin Fulenwider, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Jonathan Edward Fulenwider, filed a Report of Insolvency on the 12th day of November, 2026.

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 5th day of January, 2027 at 10:00 a.m., when said report will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the Report of Insolvency should be denied.

DONE THIS THE 16th DAY OF November, 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20 ,27, and December 4, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DONALD WAYNE KNIGHT, DECEASED.
Case No.: 2025-00795

TO: unknown heirs; whereabouts unknown

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be in and appear before this Court on the 25th day of January, 2027 at 2:00 p.m., when said petition will be heard and to show cause, if any you may have, why the instrument filed with said petition and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Eva Janice Jenkins, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.

DONE THIS THE 24th DAY OF November, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

November 27, December 4, and 11, 2026

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the matter of Adoption Petition of GEORGE DAVID COKER, III.

CASE NO. 2026-00656

Notice to: Unknown Father
Address Unknown

Please take notice that a petition for adoption of a child born to Kathryn Galbreath Coker, formerly known as Kathryn Annette Galbreath (Natural Mother), has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner(s) named above alleging that the identity and/or whereabouts of the biological father of said minor child are unknown and have not been disclosed to the Court. The minor child's date of birth is May 5, 2020. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the attached petition. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of service of this notice with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court at the following address: P.O. Box 187, Gadsden, AL 35902. If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days and appear at the hearing, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your potential rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Shannon L. Millican
255 South 8th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

DONE this 12th day of November, 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT BY PUBLICATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Batey & Sanders, Inc., Plaintiff
Vs.
Paul Ellard & Company, LLC, Defendant,
Case No.: DV-2026-900922

Paul Ellard & Company, LLC, % Paul Ellard as Registered Agent, whose whereabouts are unknown and has avoided service by certified mail at 2020 Sandy Creek Road, Madison, GA 30650, must answer Plaintiff's Complaint filed in case DV 2026-900922, and deliver or mail said answer to the District Court Clerk, Etowah County Alabama, 801 Forrest Avenue Suite 202, Gadsden, AL 35901, (256) 549-2150, within fourteen days (14) after the last publication, or a default judgment can be taken against you for the money or property demanded in the Complaint in the sum of $12,657.81, plus interest as allowed by law, attorney fees and costs.
Done the 13th of November 2026

Cassandra Johnson
Clerk of the District Court, Etowah County, Alabama

Christie D. Knowles, Attorney for the Plaintiff,
Batey & Sanders, Inc
413 Broad Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
256-547-7200

November 20, 27, December 4, and 11, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CV-2025-900024.00

Guardian Tax AL, LLC, Plaintiff,
v.
Heirs of Ruby C. Cheatwood, Charles R. Cheatwood, Lisa Bonds, Cheri Hill, and John Does 1–99, representing the heirs, devisees, personal representative(s), successors, and/or assigns of Defendants who may claim an interest in the Property known as 1732 Lonesome Bend Rd, Gadsden AL, 35903 (Parcel No. 14-04-17-0-001-126.000), Defendants.

Defendant Charles R. Cheatwood, Heirs of Ruby C. Cheatwood, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the subject property are hereby notified that Guardian Tax AL, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff, has filed in the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama, a Complaint in the Nature of Ejectment and for Quiet Title. The style of said action being identified as CV-2025-900024.00. The above named person, entities, and all other persons or entities, known or unknown, are hereby notified that they must file an answer to said complaint in the identified civil action within 30 days of the last date of publication of this Notice, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them.

The subject property is described as follows:

A tract of land described as beginning at a point in the North line of Fraction "B", which said point is 26.1 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Fraction "B"; thence South 15° 09' West a distance of 127.9 feet to a point; thence South 75° 40' East a distance of 281.3 feet; thence North 88° 00' East and parallel with the North line of said Fraction "B" a distance of 520.9 feet; thence North 14° 20' East and parallel with the West line of said Fraction "B" a distance of 210.6 feet to the North line of Fraction "B" a distance of 811.9 feet to the point of beginning; and embracing a portion of Fraction "B" in Section Seventeen (17), Township Twelve (12), South of Ranch Seven (7) East of Huntsville Meridian, in Etowah County, Alabama, said property being subject to the rights of the Alabama Power Company as described in Deed Record "6-D", page 370 and Deed Record "7-K" page 199, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Cassandra Johnson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Etowah County, Alabama

Jeffrey D. Chapman
Attorney for Plaintiff
2163 Highway 31, South, Suite 213
Pelham, AL 35124

November 20, 27, December 4, and 11 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-2026-900561-CDR
$1,880.00 U.S. CURRENCY
DEFENDANT
IN RE: JIMMIE DEVON WILLIMAS

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 11th day of January 2027. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said currency.

DONE this the 11th day of November, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

November 20, 27, December 4, and 11, 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-2026-900562-BTC
$403.00U.S. CURRENCY
Ruger EC9S 9mm
SN: 455-57576

DEFENDANT
IN RE: KEVIN OSHAY WILLIMAS

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has filed its complaint in the above-described action seeking condemnation, forfeiture, and ultimate disposition of the above-described currency and firearm. You are hereby notified that you must answer said Complaint by the 11th day of January 2027. Failure to file such answer shall result in your loss of any claimed owner's or other interest in said currency.

DONE this the 11th day of November, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

November 20, 27, December 4, and 11, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS STATE PROJECT NO. RACR-028-759-002 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 December 04, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing SR-759 (East Gadsden Connector) (Grading, Drainage, Pavement, Bridges, Traffic Signals, Intelligent Traffic Systems (ITS), Traffic Signs, Lighting, and Traffic Stripe) from the Coosa River Bridge to the intersection of SR-1 (US-431) and SR-74 (US-278) in Gadsden. Length 2.058 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 Six Hundred (600) Working Days.
A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for $5.00. Plans may be purchased for $236.00 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.

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 $81,254,429 To $99,310,969 .
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.
Section 34-8-8. Code of Alabama 1975 as amended states in part as follows: '... it will be necessary for him or her to show evidence of license before his or her bid is considered,' Further, Section 34-8-8, Code of Alabama 1975 as amended also states in part as follows: 'All Owners, Architects, and engineers receiving bids pursuant to this chapter shall require the person, firm, or corporation to include his or her current license number on the bid.'
The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director

November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
GADSDEN, ALABAMA
BID NO FY 2027-04

NORTHEAST ALABAMA REGIONAL MEGASITE LIFT STATION
Sealed bids for the Northeast Alabama Regional Megasite Lift Station CBHM220009(2B) will be received at Etowah County Commission located on the first floor of the Courthouse, Room 108, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901, until Thursday, December 17, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. local time at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.
A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. local time at the Etowah County Commission located on the first floor of the Courthouse, Room 108, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901. Attendance is non-mandatory, but encouraged.
The Project includes the following Work: Construction of a sanitary sewer lift station, electrical building, 6500 linear feet of 12" force main, and related appurtenances.
Information for the Project can be found at the following designated website: www.gmcnetwork.com/bids.
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Goodwyn Mills Cawood LLC, 1906 E Three Notch Street, Andalusia, AL 36421, Email: Patsy Stinson patsy.stinson@gmcnetwork.com. Prospective Bidders may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Copies of the Bidding Documents shall be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of $20.00 for a one time administrative fee for digital access/file sharing and/or $100.00 for each printed set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, therefore no refund will be granted. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "GMC." Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. 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 Office.
Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.
The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the best and most responsible bidder. All bidders shall submit, with their bid, a list of projects "successfully completed" in the last 5 years, having the same scope of work and approximate construction cost as specified in this project. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted.
Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.
All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered.
No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the opening thereof.
Bidders will be fully responsible for the delivery of their bids in a timely manner. Reliance upon the U.S. Mail or other carriers is the bidder's risk.

Owner: Etowah County Commission
By: Jeffery Washington
Title: Commission President

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

Temple J Electric, LLC hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project Number ATRP2-28-2023-418 in Etowah County. This notice will appear in the form of an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation and will run for three (3) consecutive weeks beginning on 11/13/2026 and ending on 11/27/2026. All claims should be filed at 519 Diversey Street Rainbow City, AL 35906 during this period.

Contractor Name
Temple J Electric, LLC

November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

JOB COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Clements Dean Building Company, Contractor, has completed the Contract for construction of Gadsden Athletic Center PKG #3 Recreation Center Foundation and Structural Steel for the city of Gadsden and the County of Etowah, Owner(s) 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 Chambless King Architects 12 West Jefferson St Suite 300 Montgomery AL 36104.

CLEMENTS DEAN BUILDING COMPANY
5455 HIGHWAY 51
WILSONVILLE, AL 35186

November 20, 27, December 4, and 11, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice is hereby given that Robinson & Sons Construction Services, Inc., 80 5th Ave, Haleyville, AL 35565, has completed the 200,000-Gallon Tower Tank Reconditioning and Miscellaneous Tank Improvements for The Utilities Board of Rainbow City. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above-named Contractor, and Krebs Engineering, Inc, 2100 River Haven Drive, Suite 100, Birmingham, AL 35244 205-987-7411.

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Hokes Bluff is now soliciting Statements of Qualifications from licensed engineering firms for professional services to be provided relating to the various grant programs administered by the State of Alabama. The selection made from this solicitation will apply to calendar years 2026 through 2027. Proposals must be submitted to the City of Hokes Bluff no later than December 14, 2026. Questions and requests for additional information concerning this solicitation may be directed to Shelby Peterson, Principal Planner, East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, shelby.peterson@earpdc.org, Telephone: (256) 237-6741.

Scott Reeves, Mayor
City of Hokes Bluff

November 27, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. O-36-26

Amending Employee Pay Scale
as Adopted in Ordinance No. O-26-26

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that Ordinance No. O-26-26 (Fiscal Year 2027 Budget) is amended by replacing the Employee Pay Scale with the attached Exhibit "A". All prior salary and pay schedules shall be repealed.
Adopted by the City Council of Gadsden on November 16, 2026.

Jennifer Smith,
City Clerk

November 27, 2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is here by given that the contents of the following storage buildings will be sold by Off Campus Storage on November 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903.
Christopher Hodge - Unit 121
German Malone - Unit 125
Dexter Harrell - Unit 53 and 71
Jessica Body - Unit 94 and 133

Off Campus Storage
474 George Wallace Drive
Gadsden, AL. 35903

November 20 and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is here by given that the contents of the following storage buildings will be sold by Off Campus Storage on December 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903.
Antwon Powell - Unit 70

Off Campus Storage
474 George Wallace Drive
Gadsden, AL. 35903

November 27 and December 4, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

The following units will be auctioned or otherwise disposed of on December 10, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the premises of Stock It N Lock It Mini Storage located at 3403 Rainbow Parkway, Rainbow City, AL. 35906.

Ashley Romero
Unit 266-J
Jennie Adamson
Unit 196-G
Wade Buckner
Unit 137-E
Kristi Clark
Unit 151-F
Tyler Johnson
Unit 18-A
Tara Langdale
Unit 239I
Kenneth Sims
Unit 61-B, 106-D, 208-H, and 214-H
Kylie Luttrell -Unit 97-D
Lashandra Miller
Unit 498-L
Lynn Page
Unit 249-J, 250-J, 255-J, 453-M, 96-D and 150-F
Josh Pagel – Unit 482-N
Brianna Roberson
Unit 404-I
Dylon Stewart – Unit 94-C

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

November 27 and December 4, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will proceed to take possession of the following described abandoned vehicle(s) on 12/25/2026.

2010 FORD FOCUS
VIN: 1FAHP-3GN1AW171958

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

November 20 and 27, 2026

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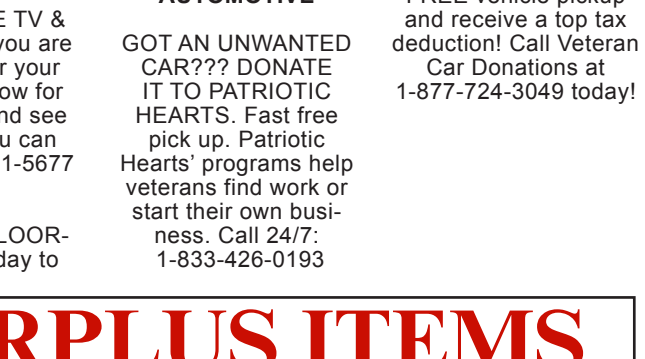
SURPLUS ITEMS

Gadsden State Community College will now be selling all Surplus items on Govdeals.com. Anyone interested in purchasing can go to Govdeals.com, register as a bidder, type in Gadsden State Community College in the search engine and view all the items we have for sale.
All items are sold As is.









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