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# Gadsden City leadership prepares for the next chapter



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# Local Gadsden woman hits 100th birthday — with many stories to tell

**By Caylie Moore**
**Features Editor**



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**Tillie Griffin surrounded by her family on her 100th birthday on Oct. 24.**

Mable Christine "Tillie" Yunker Griffin was born on Oct. 24, 1926 in a small Nashville, Tennessee house — and she has faced all kinds of one-of-a-kind ventures since then.

The Gadsden resident officially celebrated her 100th birthday two weeks ago on Oct. 24, 2026, surrounded by her living family, family friends, and fellow church members. But technically, as her son Sam Griffin would explain to Features Editor Caylie Moore in a phone interview, the celebration went on for two days.

"It's a very unique situation with her birthday," Sam stated. "We also recognize her birthday on Oct. 23 because of some recordkeeping issues back in 1926."

He went on to detail just what those issues were: Since Tillie was born at home and not in a hospital, where birth certificate records would have been kept more accurately, her birth report was written up incorrectly. As such, the state recognizes her birthday as Oct. 23, and so, legally speaking, Tillie is a day older than she actually is — a peculiar but fascinating and fun fact about her life.

It is, however, only one special detail which makes up the long life of this special woman; Sam pointed out that his mother had a treasure trove full of stories to share with the world, and he was more than happy to do just that.

For example, in 1943, at the age of just 16, Tillie's boyfriend — William M. Griffin — came home on leave from the U.S. Army for a few days, and with the permission of her parents, the young couple set off to Kentucky to elope, whose marriage laws were more lenient than Tennessee's. They married on June 1 of that year, when marriage licenses were just $2.

But before they could even have their honeymoon, William had to return to his station — and so, their wedding bliss was cut short.

"[William] had to go back to California, where he was stationed in Mojave Desert. Around October of that year, he was going to get a two-week furlough. In their letters, they had made arrangements for [Tillie] to come to Los Angeles, California, so that they could stay together and have their honeymoon — something that they didn't get to have when he was home on leave in June."

By herself, the then 16-turning-17-year-old set off on the long journey from her home in Nashville to Chicago, and from Chicago to her final destination in Los Angeles. The journey, however, was not without its bumps, as Sam would soon explain.

"When [Tillie] got to Chicago to change to her train heading west, there were just stations after stations after stations. It wasn't really lit up the way it is today, and there were chalkboards with different departure times, with different trains leaving at different times. You couldn't go online to check whether this or that train was on time — the information wasn't there."

"[Tillie] got turned around in Chicago, but a porter — she called him the 'the nicest Black man she could ever meet' and said he had to be an angel — came by. When he walked up to her, he said, 'Young lady, you look like you need some help,' and she did," Sam stated.

When Tillie showed the man her train tickets, he grew concerned — because they were on the completely wrong side of the station. Grabbing her bag for her, the man helped her across the tracks themselves so that they could get to the other side of the station in time.

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# NEWS

## Operation Christmas Child collection week set for Nov. 16-23

Volunteers across Alabama are preparing for National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child, Nov. 16-23, when residents can drop off gift-filled shoeboxes for children in need around the world.

Nearly 5,000 drop-off locations will open nationwide during the collection week. Alabama residents can find nearby locations and hours of operation through the Operation Christmas Child online locator.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, has collected and delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to children facing poverty, war, disease and natural disasters. The organization hopes to reach 12.8 million children in 2026 with gifts and the message of Jesus Christ.

Individuals, families and groups can participate by filling shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, clothing and other small gifts. Participants can also contribute $10 per shoebox online through the project's "Follow Your Box" program to receive a tracking label and learn where their gift is delivered.

"Shoebox gifts may seem simple, but they have an eternal impact. Each box is an opportunity to tell a boy or girl in need about the true meaning of Christmas," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "I've delivered these boxes around the world, and I never get tired of seeing the joy that they bring — even in the midst of disasters, war and poverty."

For packing instructions and gift suggestions, visit the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage.

Operation Christmas Child partners with local churches around the world to distribute the shoeboxes and share the Christian message of Christmas.

Since its beginning, the program has collected and delivered more than 244 million shoeboxes to children in more than 175 countries and territories.

## Local Operation Christmas Child drop-off locations

Several collection sites are available in and around Etowah County during National Collection Week, Nov. 16-23.

First Baptist Church Hokes Bluff
5052 Main St., Hokes Bluff
Nov. 16-17: 5-7 p.m.
Nov. 18: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Nov. 19-20: 5-7 p.m.
Nov. 21: 2-4 p.m.
Nov. 22: 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Nov. 23: 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Riverbend Baptist Church
474 Lake Wood Drive, Gadsden
Nov. 16-17: 4-7 p.m.
Nov. 18: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Nov. 19-20: 4-7 p.m.
Nov. 21: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Nov. 22: 1-5 p.m.
Nov. 23: 8-10 a.m.

Southside Baptist Church
3975 Highway 77, Southside
Nov. 16-17: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Nov. 18: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Nov. 19-20: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Nov. 21: 10 a.m.-noon
Nov. 22: 1-3 p.m.
Nov. 23: 8-11 a.m.

Additional locations include:

Sardis Baptist Church: 1501 Church St., Boaz

Sand Rock Baptist Church: 2400 Sand Rock Ave., Leesburg

First Baptist Church Geraldine: 12854 Alabama Highway 227, Geraldine

First Baptist Church: 407 Anniston St., Weaver

Bethel Baptist Church: 87927 U.S. Highway 278, Snead

Hours for all locations are available through the Operation Christmas Child drop-off locator.

## Salvation Army seeks Angel Tree adopters for 350 children

The Salvation Army of Gadsden has opened its annual Angel Tree adoption campaign, inviting community members to help provide Christmas gifts for children in need.

The adoption process will remain open through Dec. 10. Angels can be adopted online or in person at The Salvation Army of Gadsden, located at 114 N. 11th St.

"Gadsden has always been the most generous this time of year in giving gifts so that children within our community can have a magical Christmas," said Lt. Daniel Jones, corps officer of The Salvation Army of Gadsden. "We are asking everyone to consider adopting an angel this year so that no child in need gets left out."

The Angel Tree program assisted nearly 300 children last year, providing gifts, clothing and items needed for Christmas breakfast and dinner.

Many local families rely on the program as they face difficult decisions about paying rent and utilities while also providing Christmas for their children. Despite signs of economic improvement, many households continue to experience financial hardship.

"We are seeing an increase in the demand for assistance this year, expecting to serve at least 350 children," Jones said. "It's clear that many in Gadsden are still in need."

The adoption process begins when a child is registered as an Angel and their Christmas wish list is shared with donors. Adopters purchase new clothing and toys based on the child's needs and wishes, then return the gifts and Angel tag to The Salvation Army.

Donors can also shop for their adopted Angels through the Salvation Army's Walmart registry.

Salvation Army staff and volunteers organize the gifts by family in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Gifts are distributed to parents and caregivers the weekend before Christmas.

"We have plenty of angels that need to be adopted," Jones said. "We know that Gadsden will come through for us, just like they always have."

For more information or to learn how to adopt an Angel, call 256-546-4673.

Community members can also support The Salvation Army's year-round mission through the Army of Hope, a monthly giving program that provides ongoing funding for its programs and services. To become a sustaining member, visit ArmyofHopeGadsden.org.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army helped nearly 29 million people in 2025 overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardship through a range of social services. Its programs include food and shelter assistance, eviction prevention, emergency disaster relief, rehabilitation, after-school and summer youth programs, and spiritual enrichment. The organization operates more than 7,400 centers across the country. For more information, visit SalvationArmyUSA.org.

## Tillie

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"This man knew where he was going — and by the grace of God, they were placed there together," Sam stated. "She only just made the connection."

Thanking the man with a dime from her change purse — something he was "tickled to death" about — she took her place on the train, which was crowded wall to wall with servicemen that day.

Tillie would go on to spend her honeymoon with her husband, and she returned to Nashville soon after; she made that return trip by herself as well.

It was far from the only intimidating journey Tillie took — Sam explained that in 1956, William had an opportunity to move up in his company and relocated his family from Nashville to Gadsden; and in 1987, she flew to North Carolina to help her youngest daughter with her newly born triplets — but she always went through with it for the sake of her family.

"She has always been a family-oriented person — always willing to help with the grandkids, always keeping an "open door" policy when the parents needed a little relief from raising their kids," Sam reminisced.

Tillie's sense of family extends well past her own bloodline, though, even in her centenarian years.

"She's always loved her church — formerly Bellevue United Methodist Church, now Falls Mountain Church — and she's still in contact with a lot of the members who are still kicking," Sam stated. "The church has always been supportive of us, and she's always been supportive of them."

Hardworking, caring, supportive — the 100-year-old woman that is Tillie Griffin is truly a ray of much needed light in the otherwise dark and busy world, Moore thinks. And better yet? Perhaps those who listen to her stories can learn to become rays of light themselves — and spread some of that light to other people, too.

## American Legion News

**By Ken Davis**

Communities across the country will observe Veterans Day on Wednesday, Nov. 11, honoring the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The annual observance recognizes veterans' service and sacrifices and provides an opportunity for communities to express their appreciation for those who have served.

Veterans Day is observed each year on Nov. 11, marking the anniversary of the 1918 armistice that ended fighting between Allied forces and Germany during World War I. The agreement took effect at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

**The history of Veterans Day**

The holiday was originally known as Armistice Day. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first observance in 1919, and Congress established it as a federal holiday in 1938.

Following World War II and the Korean War, veterans service organizations pushed for the holiday to recognize veterans of all conflicts. On June 1, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation officially changing the name to Veterans Day.

**Common observances**

Today, the national observance includes ceremonies, parades, school programs and community gatherings honoring veterans.

A national ceremony is held each year at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, beginning at 11 a.m. with a wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The ceremony also includes a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries.

Locally, American Legion Post 71 will host a Veterans Supper Saturday, Nov. 7, at 6 p.m.

The event will provide an evening of food, fellowship and shared memories as veterans are recognized for their service.

Veterans, families and guests, including those who have not previously connected with Post 71, are encouraged to attend.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP with Mark Talley at 256-328-5381.



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# NEWS

## Gadsden City's Beautification awards go to...



District 1: Carol Lewis, 1105 Winsor Street.



District 2: Sylvia Isbell, 922 Chadwick Drive.



District 3: Nancy Wilson, 238 Hardwood Drive.



District 4: Donald and Judy Baker, 101 Bridlewood Drive.



District 5: Bill and Mandy Hartzog, 633 Turrentine Avenue.



District 6: Brian Green, 306 South 25th Street.



District 7: Lenny and Melissa Blackwell, 2210 Noccalula Road.

## Red Cross offers gift cards, free A1C testing for blood donors

The American Red Cross is encouraging residents to schedule blood or platelet donations ahead of the holiday season, offering incentives for donors and free health screenings during November.

Donors of all blood types, particularly those with type O blood, are needed to help maintain the blood supply as hospitals prepare for increased demand during the holidays.

Those who donate between Oct. 19 and Nov. 22 will receive up to $20 in gift cards. The incentive includes a $10 Amazon gift card sent by email and 500 bonus points through the Blood Donor Rewards program, which can be redeemed for a $10 electronic gift card.

November is also National Diabetes Awareness Month. Successful blood donations throughout the month will include free A1C testing, which is commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes.

Donors do not need to fast before giving blood. Each donor is eligible for one A1C test result per calendar year.

Upcoming blood donation opportunity in Etowah County:

- Nov. 13: 1-6 p.m., Gadsden Mall, 1001 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

For more information about donor incentives and A1C testing, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Maze.

## Gadsden Duplicate Bridge Club October winners are:

**10/2**
1. David Blalock & Linda Hacker
2. (Tie) Jeremy Benson & Anne Phillips / MaryAnn Baird & Millie Cartrett

**10/5**
1. Charles Killian & Sharon Winters
2.(Tie) Bob Guenther & David Reeves / Dianne Davis & Cheryle Maudsley

**10/9**
1. (Tie) Baird & Cartrett / Carole & Ralph LeMay
3. Blalock & Killian

**10/12**
1. Baird & Cartrett
2. Bill Blount & Dwight Bush
3. Killian & Maudsley

**10/16**
1. Benson & Winters
2. Davis & Debbie Lankford
3. Blount & Phillips

**10/19.**
1. Killian & Winters
2. Bryan & Nancy Utter
3. Baird & Cartrett

**10/23**
1. Baird & Cartrett
2. Killian & Phillips
3. Blount & Raun Kilgo

**10/26**
1. Charlie Hart & Bob Sisson
2. Baird & Cartrett
3. Davis & Maudsley

**10/30**
1. Benson & Winters
2. Baird & Bush
3. Blalock & Hacker

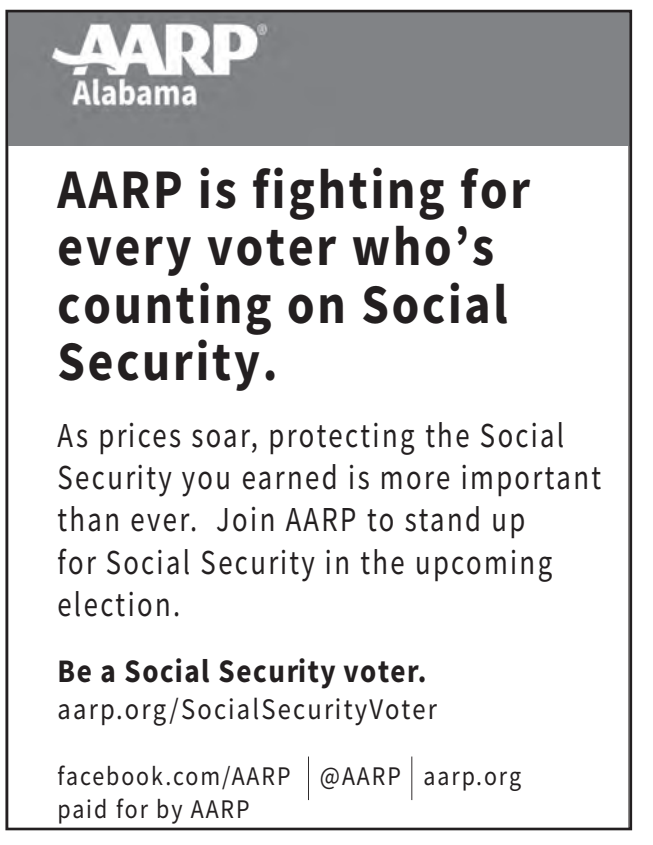
The club meets Monday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd floor at 623 Broad St., Gadsden.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Beautification Yard Award. Thank you for keeping Gadsden Beautiful!







# GOVERNMENT

## Oath of office

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District 1 council member LaMont Kyle was sworn in by Judge Nikki Tinker. Kyle's mother, Bessie Kyle held the Bible as he gave his oath.

Mayor Craig Ford was sworn in at the Venue at Coosa Landing alongside three new Gadsden City Council members, four reelected council members, and five Gadsden City Board of Education members who were in attendance.

The inauguration kicked off with a performance by Gadsden City students and Gadsden High choir and orchestra (see more on A7) before Etowah County Probate Judge Scott Hassel administered the oath of office to Adrian Reed, Rita Smith, Zandre Huff, Nancey Stewart and Alan Milliken, five of the seven Gadsden City Board of Education members.

The ceremony then moved on to the swearing-in of the newly elected Gadsden City Council members.

Each city council member chose who they wanted to administer their oath and who held the Bible for them to swear on.

Former Alabama House of Representatives member Richard Lindsey introduced Ford before Former State Rep. Marcel Black administered the oath of office and his wife, Gwen, held the bible to take his oath on.

Ford delivered remarks about his first five years as mayor, economic development, city improvements and his vision for the next four years. Ford said would continue the path of the GROW Gadsden Plan.

"That's your plan," Ford said. "We went around and did community meetings, and this is the people's mind."

The plan is meant to be a long-term roadmap for the city's growth that Ford introduced in March of 2023, during his first term.

"It's our time, and I can't wait," Ford said. "People are catching on the community, and it's just exciting to see."



District 2 council member Steve Smith's brother Van Smith held the Bible as he gave his oath.



District 3 council member Larry Avery was sworn in by Robert Avery. Jessica Wilson held the Bible as he gave his oath.



District 4 council member Kent Back's wife Kimberley held the Bible for him as he gave his oath.



District 5 council member Linda Aaron Wiggins was sworn in by Brandon Martin. Her mother Barbara Wiggins, held the Bible as she gave her oath.

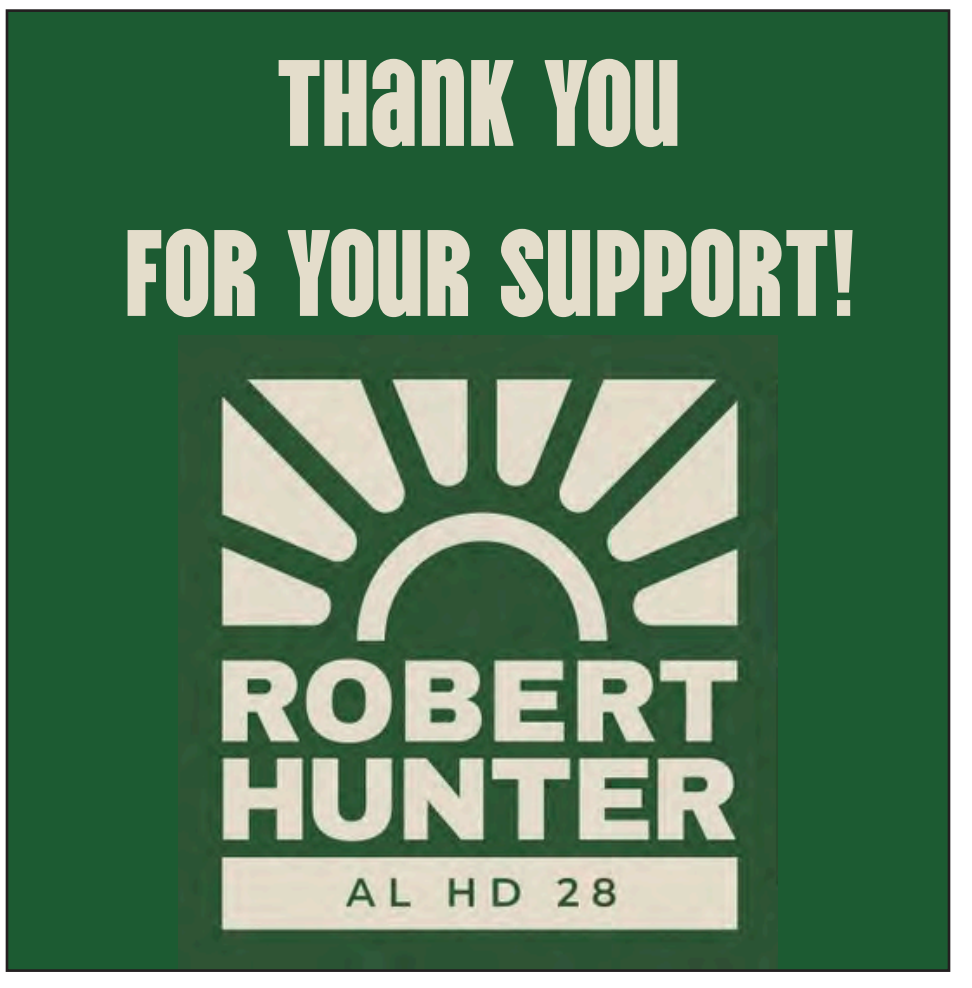


District 7 council member Chris Robinson was sworn in by Judge Scott Hassell. His wife Christi Robinson, held the Bible as he gave his oath.



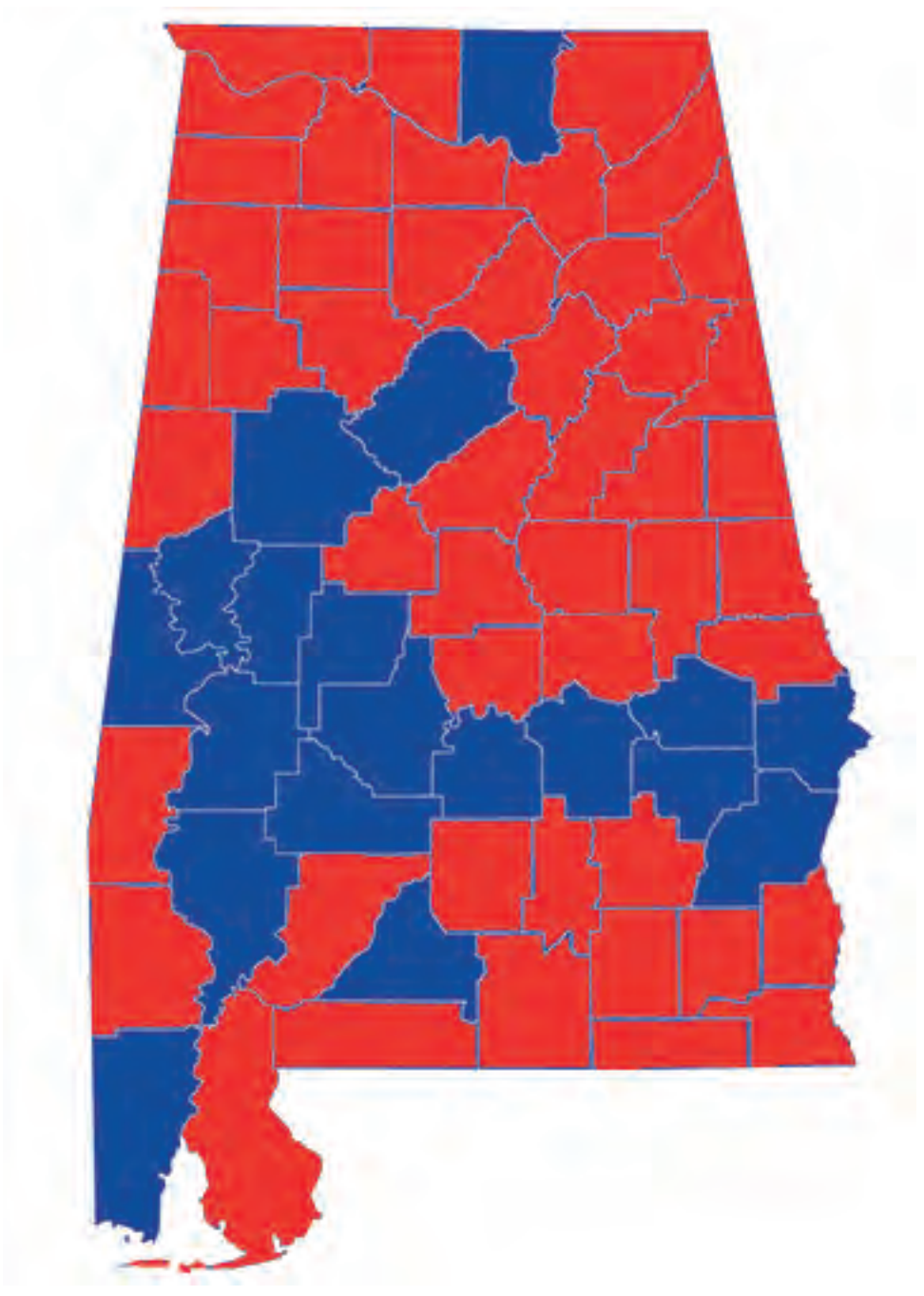
District 6 council member Renee Reeves was sworn in by Seneka Stokes. Her husband, Bobby, held the Bible as she was gave her oath.



# GOVERNMENT

# Statewide election results



## Governor

| | |
|---|---|
| Tommy Tuberville | 51.8% |
| Doug Jones | 47.9% |
| Write-in | 0.4% |

## U.S. Senate

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|---|---|
| Barry Moore | 54.7% |
| Everett Wess | 45.2% |
| Write-in | 0.1% |

## Lieutenant Governor

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|---|---|
| John Wahl | 54.3% |
| Phillip Ensler | 45.6% |
| Write-in | 0.1% |

## State Treasurer

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|---|---|
| Young Boozer | 55.0% |
| Rosilyn Houston | 44.9% |
| Write-in | 0.1% |

## Attorney General

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|---|---|
| Katherine Robertson | 54.9% |
| Jeff McLaughlin | 45% |
| Write-in | 0.1% |

## Secretary of State

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|---|---|
| Caroleen Dobson | 54.9% |
| Wayne Rogers | 45% |
| Write-in | 0.1% |

## State Auditor

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|---|---|
| Andrew Sorrell | 55.2% |
| Violet Edwards | 44.7% |
| Write-in | 0.1% |

## Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries

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|---|---|
| Corey Hill | 54.1% |
| Ron Sparks | 45.9% |
| Write-in | 0.1% |

## Public Service Commission Place 1

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|---|---|
| Matt Gentry | 55.1% |
| James Gordon | 44.8% |
| Write-in | 0.1% |

## Public Service Commission Place 2

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|---|---|
| Jim Zeigler | 54.7% |
| Sheila McNeil | 45.2% |
| Write-in | 0.1% |

## State Rep. District 28

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|---|---|
| Mack Butler | 51.4% |
| Robert Hunter | 48.8% |
| Write-in | 0.2% |

## U.S. House District 3

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|---|---|
| Mike Rogers | 63.9% |
| Lee McInnis | 36% |
| Write-in | 0.1% |

## State Senate District 7

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|---|---|
| Jesse Battles | 49.8% |
| Andrew Jones | 49.7% |
| Write-in | 0.4% |

## Amendments

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| Amendment 1 Passed | Amendment 2 Passed |
| Amendment 3 Passed | Amendment 4 Passed |

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# EDUCATION

# School counseling becomes issue in Alabama state school board races

**By Andrea Tinker**
**Alabama Reflector**

Two Republican nominees for Alabama State Board of Education have called for changes to the state's school counseling program.

Cathi Bradford, the GOP nominee for Alabama State Board of Education District 6, and Emily Jones, the Republican nominee for Alabama State Board of Education District 8, have both called for limits to a process known as social-emotional learning.

Advancing Students Forward, an organization working to give underserved students access to education and academic success support, describes social-emotional learning as a process where students learn "how to manage emotions, problem solve, and create positive relationships with others." According to the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization, SEL aims to allow learners to process emotions effectively, develop compassion, form a sense of identity and become engaged members of society.

Jones said in a recent interview that she thinks SEL has a space in certain educational areas but would place limits on it.

"It does not need to be integrated into science class, history class, whatever it is," Jones said. "We need academic courses to focus on academics, and SEL does not have a space there, but if it's a counseling class, I think that's kind of the expectation, and parents can decide that."

Multiple messages seeking comment from Bradford were left unanswered. According to her website, Bradford opposes "expanding classroom-based social-emotional learning frameworks that move schools beyond their core mission— to educate."

Angela Morgan, the Democratic nominee for State Board of Education District 6, said in a recent interview that some students need social-emotional learning because of their environment outside of school.

"I taught high school, and I had a lot of students that had really tough home life," Morgan said. "You can't say that education is only about teaching arithmetic and English and history. Education is also teaching about hope. And there are children who come to school traumatized because life is beating them down. And if you're not there to give them support the way they need it, then I do not think you've done your job as an educator."

Shatika Armstrong, the Democratic nominee for State Board of Education District 8, said in a statement Thursday afternoon that social-emotional learning does have a space in classrooms.

"We cannot expect students to perform at their best academically if they do not know how to manage emotions, resolve conflicts, communicate effectively, or make responsible decisions," Armstrong said. "As a parent and someone who has worked in education, I understand that children bring more than backpacks into our classrooms. They bring real life experiences and challenges."

The Alabama School Counselor Association Leadership Team said in a statement lat week that school counselors are "student advocates, and they are important partners in empowering students to become successful civic citizens."

"School counselors provide counseling, crisis intervention, and collaborative services, which are all designed to help create an equitable and accessible world in which all students thrive, regardless of their background or circumstance," the statement said. "School counselors work in tandem with teachers, administrators, and parents/families to improve access to opportunity and achievement for students and also to address foundational wellness challenges."

Jones said she thought the plan needed to be "looked at, revamped, brought up to speed" and many of her concerns predated the new counseling plan.

"There were a lot of things in there that I thought needed to be removed," she said. "So that's really the big thing with getting the standards updated to be more reflective of the times that we're living in."

The counseling plan was last updated in 2003. The Alabama State Board of Education voted in March to update the Comprehensive School Counseling Program Model for Alabama Public Schools.

Under the new counseling plan, sensitivity — which includes collaboration with parents and guardians to "ensure students' continued success, promoting accessibility, transparency, and advocacy" — is considered a foundational skill. The model also states that transparency is key for establishing and maintaining relationships with families.

The ALSCA said because the updated plan is new, the full benefits have yet to be seen.

"As school counselors across the state become more familiar with the model through professional development and implementation, its positive impact is expected to grow," the statement said. "Ultimately, the model is intended to strengthen the effectiveness of school counseling programs and ensure that students, families, and school communities better understand and benefit from the services that school counselors provide."

Some of the benefits the ALSCA said they anticipate seeing are "greater clarity regarding the role of the school counselor within the school, stronger collaboration between school counselors and other school professionals and increased parental involvement and family engagement in the comprehensive school counseling program."

One issue Jones had with the previous code was language it used surrounding gender identity.

Under the new model, students in public K-12 schools have foundational and wellness standards which include teaching children to identify and respect differences among others. Jones said if the new standards start "breaching beyond that" into gender identity, there could be an issue with not following state law.

"So there was some stuff in the prior standards that had talked about, … just kind of (being) open and accepting," she said. "Well, Alabama law's changed on a lot of these things. Alabama law defines sex as male and female, and it cannot change. So we need to make sure that the standards we have, especially around these topics, are in line with that."

Jones and Armstrong agreed on the need for communication and transparency between counselors and parents.

"Schools should clearly communicate what counseling services are available, what requires parental consent, and how families can ask questions or review information," Armstrong said. "At the same time, we must make sure students have access to appropriate support when they need it. Communication and trust between schools and families are essential."

# Annual conference aims to raise awareness about mental and brain health

**By Caylie Moore**
**Features Editor**

On Friday, Oct. 23, Gadsden State Community College hosted its ninth annual Mental Health Conference, themed around "connection through purpose and power."

Alan Smith, Gadsden State's president, and Evelyn Lightsey, Simulation Coordinator of the college's Simulation Center, gave short opening remarks, both of which emphasized the importance of mental health and thanked the mix of students, teachers and professionals for coming before the all-day conference kicked off.

Speakers included the HOUSE Counseling Collective and its CEO Anjuli Thompson; Dr. Lola Johnson, Jax State Counseling Services Director; Kelly Cochran of MAXimizing Mental Health; Leandra Doleys, owner of Healing Season Counseling; Rachel Hyatt, owner of Open Hearts Counseling; Dr. Steven Fain and Lana Waters of New Beginnings Christian Counseling; and Marbi McCann, Territory Manager.

Each speaker discussed their own unique topic, including different kinds of therapy techniques, the concepts of loneliness and belonging, responses to grief and trauma, and more.

















# EDUCATION

## Gadsden City students take part in Inauguration



Students from Oscar Adams and W. E. Striplin elementary schools (pictured above) led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance. (From left to right) City Council member LaMont Kyle, Jasano Finch, Josia Wynn and Chase Butler.



First responders and members of the armed forces follow along with the pledge as Gadsden Fire Chief Vance Brown presented the colors.




Students from Gadsden City High School choir performed “America the Beautiful” and the orchestra performed “The Star-Spangled Banner.”









After the performance, Judge Scott Hassell swore in five of the seven Gadsden City Board of Education members, which included District 1 Adrienne Reed, District 2 Areatha Smith, District 3 Rev. Z. Andre Huff, District 4 Michael Haney, District 5 Mark Dayton, District 6 Nancy Stewart and District 7 Judge William Allen Millican.








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# Your Community CALENDAR

## Featured Events

### Nov. 6-Nov. 13

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

**Newsies, Hosted by Theatre of Gadsden**
- **Where:** Ritz Theatre - 310 Wall St., Gadsden
- **When:** Nov. 5-7 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 8 at 2 p.m.

**Lookout Mountain Quilt Show**
- **Where:** Lookout Mountain Community Center - 4567 Lay Springs Road, Gadsden
- **When:** Nov. 6-7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**New GMA Exhibits Opening, ft. Sloss Metal Arts, Sarah Marshall and Julie Ward**
- **Where:** Gadsden Museum of Art - 515 Broad St., Gadsden
- **When:** Nov. 6, 5 to 7 p.m.

**Love Never Dies: A Patsy Cline Anthology**
- **Where:** The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- **When:** Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 8 at 2:30 p.m.

**Dearly Departed, Presented by Gadsden State Theatre**
- **Where:** Gadsden State Community College Black Box Theatre - 119 Naylor Circle, Gadsden
- **When:** Nov. 12-14 at 7 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. 6-Nov. 20

**Nov. 6**

**The Gadsden-Rainbow City Coin Show (Day 1)**
- **Where:** The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- **When:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Historic Downtown Gadsden Christmas Open House (Day 1)**
- **Where:** Downtown Gadsden - Broad Street, Gadsden
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**GPL's Prom at the Pitman**
- **Where:** Pitman Theater - 629 Broad St., Gadsden
- **When:** 7 to 10 p.m.

**Nov. 7**

**4th Annual DEF Fishing Apparel Veterans Day Bass Tournament**
- **Where:** Southside Landing - 721 Pier, AL-77, Southside
- **When:** 5 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Lights & Sirens 5K, 10K, and 1 Mile Fun Run**
- **Where:** Rainbow City Fire Station 2 - 1400 Riddles Bend Road, Rainbow City
- **When:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**The Gadsden-Rainbow City Coin Show (Day 2)**
- **Where:** The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- **When:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Historic Downtown Gadsden Christmas Open House (Day 2)**
- **Where:** Downtown Gadsden - Broad Street, Gadsden
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Downtown Attalla Christmas Open House**
- **Where:** Downtown Attalla - Fifth Avenue NW & Fourth Street NW, Attalla
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Fall Fest at the Bend**
- **Where:** Tillison Bend Campground - 341 Riverview Drive, Gadsden
- **When:** 3 to 10 p.m.

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

**The Museum of Attalla Presents Ghost Trails and Tales**
- **Where:** Downtown Attalla - Fifth Avenue NW & Fourth Street NW, Attalla
- **When:** 6 to 8 p.m.

**Nov. 12**

**Habitat for Humanity Dancing With the Stars**
- **Where:** 210 At the Tracks - 210 Locust St., Gadsden
- **When:** 5:30 to 10 p.m.

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

**Nov. 13**

**Mistletoe Market (Day 1)**
- **Where:** The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Christmas at the Falls Opening**
- **Where:** Noccalula Falls Park - 1500 Noccalula Road, Gadsden
- **When:** 4 to 10 p.m.

**Nov. 14**

**Southside Christmas Village**
- **Where:** Southside Community Center - 142 Highway 77, Southside
- **When:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Mistletoe Market (Day 2)**
- **Where:** The Venue at Coosa Landing - 201 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**4th Annual One Way Out Chili Cook-Off**
- **Where:** 331 Pleasant Valley Road, Rainbow City
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

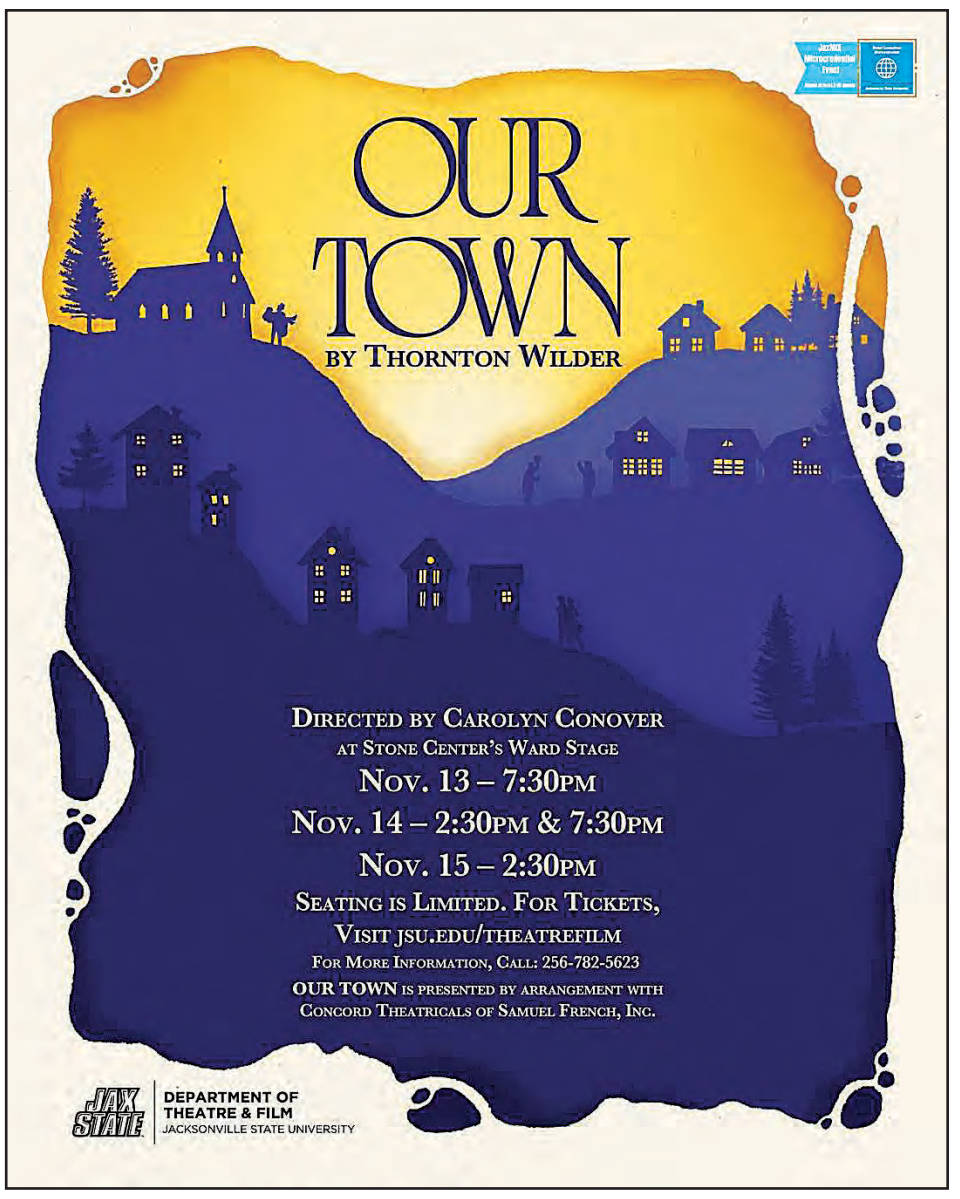
**Nov. 19**

**Christmas on the Coosa Opening**
- **Where:** 344 First St., Gadsden
- **When:** 4:30 to 10 p.m.










# Jax State presents the classic American drama Our Town

**By Brett Buckner**
**Submitted**

Jacksonville State University's Department of Theatre and Film will bring Thornton Wilder's classic American drama, Our Town, to the stage beginning Nov. 13.

At first glance, Our Town is a simple story about neighboring families — the Gibbs and the Webbs — navigating the everyday joys and heartbreaks of life in the fictional town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, between 1901 and 1913.

The enduring appeal of Our Town comes from its ordinariness, according to Kalem Steele, a sophomore theatre performance major. Steele plays George Gibbs, half of the young couple whose relationship is at the heart of the story.

"It's so normal it becomes spectacular," he said. "It fits everyone and everything, and I think that's one of the biggest things working for it. There's always something to keep you engaged and connected to these characters, but there's nothing fancy about it. It's a story about two kids who fall in love."

Steele appreciates the emotional complexity of George, who embodies traditional concepts of what it means to be a man while remaining vulnerable and deeply human.

"George is that true, all-American boy next door," he said. "But what makes it such a beautiful story is because he's also very emotional. We don't often get to see a character that is so comfortable in his masculinity — but also has these moments where he's sad or scared about the future because he doesn't want to grow up and become a man."

Ryanna Godfrey plays Julia Gibbs, George's mother and one of the emotional anchors of the story.

"She's so charismatic and fun, but her personality also makes no room for her to be a doormat," said Godfrey, a 20-year-old junior theater major from Barrie, Ontario. "She's a no-nonsense kind of woman, and she clearly cares so deeply about everyone in her life."

Dr. Skye Strauss, the production's costume designer, said the intergenerational aspect of Our Town is exceptionally important.

"Time accordions in moments when parents remember their wedding at their children's weddings, when the younger siblings mature into older siblings' roles and when we revisit the dead," said Dr. Strauss, who is also Jax State's professor of history, literature and criticism. "Holding those moments close to each other, in a way that we can see and experience together, is part of what Wilder is doing for us as an audience."

Godfrey said another defining quality of Our Town is its refusal to manufacture a villain.

"The only conflict to be found is the very natural human conflict between desires of the heart and what is taken away by the passage of time," they said. "The togetherness of Our Town and the community within Grover's Corners doesn't come from a shared hatred, but a shared love, for each other and for life itself."

Among those guiding audiences through Grover's Corners is Marc Payne, a 20-year-old junior from Meridian, MS. Unlike many members of the cast, Payne is an integrated studies major rather than a theatre major.

"I auditioned for Our Town on a whim," Payne said. "[Director] Carolyn Conover said it would be a good summer read, and I enjoyed it."

Payne auditioned for the role of Simon Stimson but was cast as the Stage Manager, a unique character who serves as the show's narrator.

"He's an observer," Payne said. "I believe the Stage Manager helps move the story forward, but he also provides a neutral perspective. He reminds us that the world we're watching is just everyday life, the happy times, the sad times, the growing up and the dying."

Logan Allstott-Dughi plays Charles Webb, editor of the Grover's Corners Sentinel newspaper and Emily Webb's father.

"As the play puts it," the 19-year-old sophomore said, "'one man in 10 thinks it's a privilege to push his own lawn mower,' and Mr. Webb is that man."

Scenic designer Milan Anich II believes the themes of Our Town resonate beyond the stage. Hired in July as Jax State's technical director, Our Town is his first production at the University. He has found unexpected parallels between Grover's Corners and his new home in Alabama.

"In a way, that is sort of what Our Town embodies to me," he said. "Life is busy with humans pursuing things. Jacksonville is a small but strong community that feels like a family.

Anich read Wilder's play in school, but its themes hit differently as an adult.

"The show is important because we continually find it to be timeless," he said. "Humans still gather in groups, love one another, and eventually move on. We also struggle to answer the age-old question of what's next."

That sense of timelessness guided Anich's design. There are platforms representing the homes of the Gibbs and Webb families, elevated structures that transform into stores, homes and the town cemetery. Audiences will also see distant hills inspired by the city of Jacksonville.

"I wanted a hint of our local skyline to be present," Anich said. "The lighting designer and I collaborated to add hints of starlight and other things to the volume of the theatre space. The kinetic portion of the set that helps bring life to different areas is small parts of walls that help frame the homes, trellis pieces, and a street sign."

Cemetery Hill, a location central to the play's third act, draws inspiration from terraced cemeteries throughout Alabama.

"I was very interested in giving the audience a reminder that we have a finite life," Anich said. "[Director] Carolyn Conover and I settled on adding Cemetery Hill pieces at the end. These are small units that mimic flowing hills with tombstones lovingly placed by their loved ones."

Dr. Strauss said the costume design was inspired by history but not bound to it. The first decade of the 20th century had distinctive stylistic markers, including the women's skirt shapes, which Dr. Strauss tried to emphasize. Our Town isn't strictly a period piece, yet she knew there needed to be something theatrical about the costumes.

"They tell a strong story with colors and textures about families that has a heightened realism to it," she said. "We established our palette and a visual simplicity based on the artwork of the symbolists, and we use chiffons and satins to steal a little influence from the impressionists and their play with light."

Everything is a "little more picturesque" than it would have been had Dr. Strauss remained true to what people in Grover's Corners would have worn.

"You'll notice that the cast members still look like themselves," she said. "These are their beautiful costumes, as part of this onstage world, and they are still present and consciously telling us a story."

That story of Our Town continues to resonate with audiences and performers because it confronts universal experiences.

"It is a journey that makes you think about your own life," Payne said. "The grief we go through. The love we feel. The loss that happens in our lives, and the successes. They are, simply put, what life is about."

# Congratulations to our Halloween costume contest winners!


Second place contestant Janeya Jackson's submission.


Third place contestant Keishaa Jay's submission.

Deidre Taylor took first place with 68 likes.

"My dad (Danny Coffelt) passed away October 24th. He was such a staple in our Hokes Bluff community, so I wanted to honor my sweet Daddy by dressing up as him!"

"I may or may not have freaked out a few people walking around Halloween night!" said Deidre Taylor in a Facebook comment.

Janeya Jackson finished in second place with 61 likes, and Keishaa Jay finished third with 51 likes.


First place winner Deidre Taylor and her father. Submitted photo.

# Thanking our veterans, through prose and poetry

**By Tabitha Bozeman**
**Columnist**

On Veterans Day, we will celebrate the many citizens who have spent years, and often lifetimes, dedicated to military service for our nation. There have been many veterans in my family, including my great-grandfather, grandfather and my own father who served in the Army for many years.

Last year, my daughter wrote about my daddy for her Veterans Day project. It is a special keepsake that I treasure now.

This year, she is writing about her other grandfather, her Papa. My father-in-law is a veteran of the Air Force and Air National Guard. Over the course of his service, he collected many medals and honors, as well as many adventures. We have all loved hearing about his experiences, and his granddaughters have been fascinated with his stories. This year, she was unable to share her report on him at school, so she is my guest writer this week. The following is what Olivia Bozeman, at age 9 and in the 4th grade, wrote about her Papa, Jimmy Bozeman:

"I am glad to be an American because my Papa Jimbo served in the Air Force for 36 years. He was in the 225th Combat Communications Unit. What you do in his unit is you help the soldiers communicate with their bases. He also served in the Desert Shield Operation in Saudi Arabia. He has been all over the world going to countries including Italy, Egypt, Denmark, and England. My Papa, in 2023, was inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame. I am so glad he is my Papa and I am glad he served for our country. Some of the medals and awards he won were the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal."

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# LIFESTYLE




## Learning from others: Bringing new ideas home to Gadsden

One of the things I've learned throughout my career is that no matter how long you've been doing something, there's always something new to learn. Sometimes the best ideas don't come from sitting behind your desk. They come from stepping outside your surroundings, listening to others and discovering how different communities approach the same challenges we face here in Gadsden and Etowah County.

That's precisely why I recently traveled to Winter Park, Florida, to participate in the 2026 Library Journal Directors' Summit.

I was honored to be selected as one of 100 public library directors invited to this national gathering. The opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow library leaders, hear from respected voices in our profession, and reflect on the future of public libraries was both rewarding and thought-provoking.

But perhaps the most important part of attending isn't what you learn while you're there. It's what you bring home and what you actually do with that knowledge.

One of the speakers who particularly impressed me was Bob Gogel, president and CEO of MSI Information Services, the parent company of Library Journal. During his presentation, he challenged us to consider what he called the Library 10-10-10 rule.

The idea is remarkably simple, yet surprisingly powerful.

Where was your library 10 years ago? Where will your library be 10 years from now? And what will you do in the next 10 days to begin making that future a reality?

Think about those questions for a moment.

Ten years ago, in 2016, the Gadsden Public Library was a very different place in many respects. Technology was changing how people accessed information, digital collections were expanding, and libraries everywhere were beginning to redefine what it meant to serve their communities.

Today, the Gadsden Public Library offers opportunities that would have been difficult to imagine just a decade ago. We're about to launch a Makerspace called "Genesis" where patrons will be able to explore creative technology. We have an expanding collection of digital resources, many new partnerships with educational and community organizations, and even a social work internship program helping connect individuals with important services.

And yet, books, reading, literacy and lifelong learning remain at the very heart of what we do.

That brings me to another memorable speaker at the summit, Nancy Pearl, the nationally recognized librarian, author and champion of reading. Her message was a timely reminder that, amid all the technology, innovation and expanding responsibilities of today's public libraries, we should never forget the basics.

Reading matters. Books matter. And most importantly, the people who come through our doors matter.

I found her message particularly meaningful because it reminds us that progress doesn't always mean adding something new. Sometimes it means renewing our commitment to what made libraries important in the first place.

Now, back to that 10-10-10 challenge.

The timing of this message couldn't be more appropriate for Gadsden.

Just this week, Mayor Craig Ford began his second four-year term leading our city. During his first four years, we've witnessed remarkable changes throughout Gadsden, with renewed attention to economic development, infrastructure, downtown revitalization, and opportunities for continued growth.

And Mayor Ford isn't finished. His vision for "GROW Gadsden" is about building upon that progress and preparing our city for an even brighter future.

That same forward-thinking spirit should guide our public library.

As new businesses arrive, neighborhoods develop, families move into our community and opportunities expand, the Gadsden Public Library must be prepared to grow alongside the city it serves.

After all, a growing city needs a growing library. Not necessarily a larger building or more books on the shelves, but a library that continually expands its ideas, its partnerships, its services and its ability to meet the changing needs of its community.

Mayor Ford's plans for Gadsden encourage us to think beyond tomorrow and consider what kind of city we want to become over the next decade and beyond.

Shouldn't we be asking those same questions about our library?

Where should the Gadsden Public Library be in 2036?

What will our community need from its library a decade from now? Will we need different types of programs, additional technology, new approaches to literacy, or even new ways of delivering library services beyond our walls?

I certainly have some ideas of my own. But I also know that the best answers won't come from one person sitting in the director's office.

That's why I'll be bringing this 10-10-10 concept to my library employees, inviting them to think about where we've been, where we should be headed and what practical steps we can begin taking right now.

Our employees work directly with the public every day. They hear your questions, understand your needs, recognize your frustrations and often see opportunities for improvement that might otherwise go unnoticed. Their perspectives will be invaluable.

But I don't want the conversation to stop with our staff.

I'd like to invite you, our community, to participate as well.

What would you like your public library to look like 10 years from now? What services do you value most today? What could we be doing better? And perhaps most importantly, is there something we should begin doing now that would make your library an even greater asset to Gadsden in the years ahead?

I hope you'll share your thoughts with us. Whether you're a frequent library visitor, someone who hasn't visited in years or a parent hoping to introduce a child to the joy of reading, your perspective matters.

After all, this is your public library.

As I returned home from Winter Park, I was reminded that libraries cannot simply rest on what they've accomplished in the past. We must continue learning, listening, adapting and preparing for the future.

But we must also remember Nancy Pearl's message: Never lose sight of the reader, the book or the personal connection that makes a public library so special.

The 10-10-10 challenge offers us a wonderful starting point.

We can look back 10 years with pride, look forward 10 years with imagination and use the next 10 days to begin turning good ideas into meaningful action. So, let me know your thoughts. Let me know your ideas. I'm eager to hear from you!

My email address is: craig@gadsdenlibrary.org.

As Gadsden grows, our library must grow with it. And the future of the Gadsden Public Library isn't something we should simply wait for. It's something we should create together.

- **Gadsden Public Library:** 254 South College Street, downtown Gadsden (next to the U.S. Post Office). Phone: 256-549-469
- **Genealogy Branch:** 2700 West Meighan Boulevard, Alabama City (next to the Ritz Theater at the corner of West Meighan and Wall Street). Phone: 256-549-4688

*Craig Scott is the director for the GPL.*

## The winter blues: Why this time of year can feel so hard




As the days get shorter and the temperatures drop, some people notice that something changes in them, too. They have less energy. Getting out of bed becomes harder. They may want to sleep more, stay home more and find themselves reaching for comfort foods.

We often call it the "winter blues," and for many people, it is very real.

Our bodies are affected by changes in daylight. Less exposure to sunlight can influence our internal body clock, sleep patterns and brain chemicals involved in mood. Add colder weather, less time outdoors and fewer opportunities for social interaction and winter can become a difficult season emotionally.

For some people, these changes are relatively mild. You might feel a little less motivated or notice that you aren't enjoying things quite as much as usual. You may find yourself saying, "I just don't feel like doing anything."

The problem is that when we don't feel like doing anything, we tend to do less — and doing less can make us feel even worse.

We skip the walk. We turn down the invitation. We stay on the couch. We stop doing some of the things that normally help us feel connected and energized.

Before long, a cycle develops.

One of the best ways to combat the winter blues is to resist the urge to completely hibernate. You don't have to fill your calendar or force yourself to be cheerful. Instead, think about maintaining a few basic routines that support your mental health.

Get outside when you can, particularly during daylight hours. Move your body regularly, even if it's just a short walk. Keep a reasonably consistent sleep schedule. Make plans with people you enjoy instead of waiting until you "feel like it." Give yourself something to look forward to, whether that's dinner with a friend, a weekend project or simply watching a favorite show.

It also helps to remember that not every difficult winter mood is simply the winter blues.

Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, is a type of depression that follows a seasonal pattern, most commonly beginning in the fall or winter. Symptoms can include persistent sadness, loss of interest in activities, significant changes in sleep or appetite, difficulty concentrating, low energy and feelings of hopelessness.

If your mood is interfering with your work, relationships or ability to function, it may be time to talk with a healthcare or mental health professional. If you are experiencing thoughts of suicide or feeling that life isn't worth living, seek help immediately. In the United States, you can call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

So what's the takeaway? Don't wait until you feel better to start doing the things that help you feel better.

When the winter blues settle in, focus on four things: light, movement, connection and routine. Get some daylight. Move your body. Stay connected to other people. Keep showing up for the basic routines of your life, even when your motivation is low.

And pay attention to yourself. A few sluggish winter days are one thing. Weeks of feeling sad, withdrawn, exhausted or hopeless are something different and deserve attention.

Winter may naturally slow us down, but it doesn't have to shut us down. Sometimes getting through the darker months means intentionally creating a little more light — literally and figuratively — wherever we can.

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## The first public well in Gadsden

Gadsden's first public well was located at what is now Broad and First Streets — on the bluff overlooking the Coosa River — according to the legend handed down by the earliest settlers here.

The well was sunk there in order to provide water for both man and beast, long before there was much of a village in the area or any thought of such a place as Gadsden.

Six stage lines ran through here from Atlanta, GA and Jacksonville, AL, and the small acreage on the bluff known as Emma Sansom Park was used as a hitching and camping ground.

Later, a log hotel was built by General D.C. Turrentine at the corner of First and Broad; it was the accommodation of travelers in those pioneer days.

In the late 1830s and early 1840s — and in fact, in later years, too — that first public well was the central point around which the village began to grow.

When steamboats started to ply the Coosa in 1845, the popularity and importance of that old stage stop grew in proportion, and eventually, the town centered most of its activities there.

It began to spread westward when the railroads through Gadsden were being planned in the 1870s.

As the business section crept toward the west, it became necessary to sink wells in the middle of Broad Street at the Third, Fourth, Court and Fifth Street intersections for fire protection.

Then when the first courthouse was built in 1870, the city built a well on the Court Street side. Practically all of the business houses and many residences in the older part of town depended upon it for water.

In the rear of every store, there was a bucket of water from that well. It was cool and refreshing and was preferred to any in the city, except the water from wells at a number of private homes.

Many owners boasted of their well water and some claimed they had the best. When the water works was built in 1885, they were reluctant to give up the use of well water at first, but gradually, they found out that most well water in Gadsden was contaminated with pollutants.

It was difficult to convince them that the wide prevalence of chills and fever the year round was due to polluted water nonetheless.

The building of sanitary sewers and the gradual disuse of wells, however, eventually proved that city water from the river was the best and the safest.

There was also a bored well on the plaza in front of the courthouse. It was declared a menace to health and sealed up in 1927 — but only after a long and vigorous protest from many who believed that the water had some medicinal value.

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*One of several wells on Broad Street, c. 1881 to 1883. Photo submitted by Danny Crownover.*

## Veterans

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I love hearing her pride and enthusiasm about the accomplishments of her family — it makes her feel proud to know and love them, and it encourages her to accomplish things in her own life.

Over the last month, my literature students have studied poetry by one of the first literary activists in American history, Philip Freneau. Freneau was also proud of the veterans who fought for American independence during the American Revolution — and appalled by the way their country thanked them.

In one poem, "The American Soldier," he writes, "'Tis his from dear bought peace no wealth to win, [. . .] Sold are those arms which once on Britons blaz'd, When, flushed with conquest, to the charge they came; that power repell'd, and Freedom's fabrick rais'd, She leaves her soldier — famine and a name!"

We discussed how the treatment of veterans is still an issue in our country, hundreds of years later, and what students' thoughts were on the topic. We asked some hard questions and had a good discussion, coming to the conclusion that there are many possible solutions, but maybe never a perfect one.

As we celebrate and thank our veterans this year, I hope that our country will refuse to stop at just expressing thanks, and that we will continue to learn and improve how we take care of those who have willingly put themselves in danger in service of America. As Dylan reminds us, "a hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with his freedom."

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# DEVOTIONALS




## Open hands

Have you ever tried to give somebody something when their hands were already full? You are standing there trying to hand them something, but they are holding on so tightly to everything they already have that they cannot receive anything else.

Sometimes we handle life the same way. We ask God to bless us, provide for us and increase us, but our hands are so tightly closed around what we already have that generosity becomes difficult.

That raises an important question: What changes when I stop holding so tightly to what God has placed in my hands?

In 2 Corinthians 9, Paul writes to believers about generosity. But he is not simply telling people to give money. He is showing them what generosity looks like when it comes from the right heart. Paul begins with a picture everyone can understand: a farmer and seed. Verse 6 says, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

Here is something simple but important: A seed was never meant to stay in the bag.

A farmer can prepare the soil and understand the season, but if the seed never leaves his hand and enters the ground, there will be no harvest. The same is true with what God places in our hands. Seed has a purpose beyond being stored. That does not mean we give irresponsibly or because someone pressured us, manipulated us or made us feel guilty.

Verse 7 says each person should give what they have decided in their heart, "not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Generosity is not measured by pressure. It is expressed through willingness. God cares about what leaves our hands, but He also cares about the heart behind it.

Then Paul takes the message deeper. Verse 10 says God supplies "seed to the sower and bread for food." Some of what God provides is meant to sustain us. Some of what He provides can become seed to bless somebody else. That means everything God places in our hands does not have to stop with us.

A meal can bless somebody. A financial gift can meet a need. Your time can encourage somebody. Your talent can serve somebody. A simple act of kindness can become an answer to somebody else's prayer.

Then Paul shows us where generosity ultimately leads. Verse 11 says generosity produces thanksgiving to God. Verse 12 says it meets the needs of people and causes thanksgiving to overflow. That means when you bless somebody, you are doing more than putting something in their hands. You may be giving them another reason to lift their hands and thank God.

That is what makes biblical generosity different. The goal is not for people to talk about how wonderful we are. The gift may leave our hands, but the thanksgiving should go to God.

Maybe we have been thinking generosity begins when we have more. "When I make more money, I will give." "When things settle down, I will help." "When I have extra time, I will serve." But generosity does not begin with what you might have someday. Generosity begins with what God has already placed in your hands. So ask yourself: What has God given me that I could use to bless somebody else?

It may be money. It may be a meal. It may be your time. It may be helping somebody who cannot help you in return.

This week, identify one need you can meet within your means, willingly and without expecting anything back. God does not call us to be foolish with what we have. He calls us to be faithful.

So, live this week with open hands, willing hearts and generous lives.

Because sometimes the greatest blessing comes when what God places in your hands passes through your hands into somebody else's life. And when that happens, somebody may look toward heaven and say: "God, thank You."

Let's pray.

Father, thank You for everything You have placed in my hands. Keep me from holding so tightly to what You have given me that I miss opportunities to bless others. Give me an open hand, a willing heart and a generous spirit. Show me where I can meet a need or share what You have provided. May my generosity never point people to me, but always give them another reason to thank You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Walk in grace. Stand in truth. Live blessed.

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## On losing my mother and regret




As the second anniversary of Momma's Heavenly flight passed on October 31st, I found myself circling back to this piece, originally written on December 3, 2024. Although it was the second installment published in this column, it was actually the very first one I wrote.

I am grateful for this space. It has been a sweet refuge to process my grief and honor Momma's memory — a process that continues to yield meaningful life lessons and stories. My hope is that these words bring encouragement to your heart today, too. I know Momma would love nothing more!

So today, I'm sharing those original words just as I wrote them nearly two years ago:

For 52 years, 9 months, and 1 week I was blessed with a beautiful, nurturing momma.

She loved big! So big that, at times, I felt suffocated. So much so that on occasion, with clenched fists, I built walls, pushed her away and even spent time rehearsing things I never wanted to do or become, because of her great big, constant, unstable, imperfect love.

Isn't life like that sometimes? Railing against the certain. Longing for the unknown. What would counseling be, if not for middle-aged people and their "mother issues"? Right? In fact, if this was "show and tell," I bet we would all have plenty to share. But those stories are for another day, article — or book.

For now, I want to tell you about the ways I hope to be just like Momma.

Entering my golden years (and finishing counseling, haha) has given me an appreciation for the many things about myself that are like Momma, like the way I LOVE the colors of fall, Christmas music and homemade biscuits open-faced in the broiler. Those came from her. The way I adore being a momma and a Sasa (the name my grandbabies call me). Those are straight out of Granny's (Momma's favorite role) playbook. Even the way I worry if I have offended people and end up making things worse by overexplaining while trying to make things better. Crazy, I know. Just like Momma.



*Young Bost and her mother. Photo submitted by Sandra Bost.*

I also inherited her smile and ability to put people at ease. I caught Momma's great Love for hurting people and the uninhibited way she could break out in praise and dance for the Joy of the Lord welled up in her heart on the good days.

My momma, like most — like me — wasn't perfect. But her love was perfectly fitted for me by a perfect Father who knew exactly who He was creating me to become. Thank goodness He isn't finished with me.

Unlike my momma, I am a work in progress. She has run the race and finished the course. Her great big love is no longer suffocating. It is completely free to lavish on the only One deserving of her heart's devotion. I am grateful for that Truth.

But today, if I am honest, I find myself stifled in another way. I feel the cavernous loss deep within my soul, and it, too, is suffocating. To think, not so long ago I found myself resistant, only to sit presently with this profound longing.

Death has a way of shifting perspective, doesn't it?

C.S. Lewis said, "There is death. And it matters. And whatever happens has consequences, and it and they are irrevocable and irreversible."

Sadly, it is often in the irreversible that one can truly see. In her absence, I have clarity to see the gift of her stifling love. The temptation to wallow in regret and let my mind fill with remorse is a heavy weight. I hold the irrevocable consequences of my choices, and it can leave me breathless. Do I give in? Do I let it consume me so that I spend the remainder of my days in hopeless sorrow? The answer must be, "NO!" Otherwise, there would be more consequences.

Thankfully, though Momma's story on Earth is finished, the legacy of Love she left in my heart is enough to quiet the sorrow. As her eternity begins, the irrevocable Truth I hold from God's Word in 1 Thessalonians 4:13 reminds me, "I do not grieve as those who have no Hope," because with Jesus as my Lord, He will bring me to be with Him… and Momma… some glad day.

Maybe you are in the irreversible stage, like me. Take heart, Friend, there is Hope while you breathe to make good on those regrets in your present relationships.

Or maybe you are in the suffocated stage. Press in, Friend. Pray to walk in Grace, Love and Patience. There is an irrevocable, Living Hope. His name is Jesus, and His Grace is sufficient.

As for me, I am proud to be Momma's daughter. And, while death matters, life matters, too. With the life I have left, I am honored to tell her story, share Hope, and represent her until I see her again.

I wrote the following poem for Momma on May 5, 2005:

**"She Isn't"**

*No, she isn't perfect,*
*Though she tries so hard to be;*
*A noble woman, full of grace —*
*Her Spirit bold and free.*

*No, she isn't perfect,*
*But she tries so hard for me;*
*To be the kind of mother*
*Her girl would like to be.*

*No, she isn't perfect,*
*But she really does her best —*
*That is why I will arise,*
*And call my mother, "Blessed!"*

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## Last Week's Scores

### High School Sports

**Football**

**Oct. 30**
Glencoe defeated White Plains 31-21
Southside defeated Anniston 28-26
Brewer defeated Sardis 57-28
Hokes Bluff defeated Munford 40-0
Westbrook defeated Fyfee 10-6
Appalachain defeated West End 20-7
Douglas defeated Etowah 35-14
Ashville defeated Gaston 35-23

## This Week in Sports

### High School Sports

**Boys' Football Playoffs**

**Nov. 6**
Etowah vs. Wilson
Hokes Bluff at Lauderdale County
Gadsden City at Hewitt-Trussville
Coosa at Tuscaloosa Christian
Westbrook vs. Victory Christian

**Girls' Flag Football**

**Nov. 10**
Gadsden City Playoffs at Gadsden City

**Boys' Basketball**

**Nov. 7**
Sardis at Locust Fork at 5:15 p.m.

**Nov. 9**
Gaston vs. Weaver at 7:30 p.m.
Sardis vs. Albertville at 7:00 p.m.

**Nov. 11**
Gadsden City vs. Hoover at 6:30 p.m.

**Nov. 10**
West End vs. Crossville at 7:15 p.m.

**Nov. 12**
Southside vs. St. Clair County at 7:45 p.m.
Gaston at West End at 7:15 p.m.

**Girls' Basketball**

**Nov. 7**
Hokes Bluff at Cullman at 2:15 p.m.
Sardis vs. Holly Pond at Fairview 3:30 p.m.
Gadsden City at Fairvew at 5:00 p.m.

**Nov. 9**
Gaston vs. Weaver at 6:00 p.m.
Sardis vs. Albertville at 5:45 p.m.

**Nov. 10**
Southside vs. Jacksonville at 6:15 p.m.
West End vs. Crossville at 5:45 p.m.

**Nov. 11**
Sardis vs. Cullman at Tom Drake Coliseum at 10:30 a.m.

**Nov. 12**
Southside vs. St. Clair County at 6:30 p.m.
Gaston at West End at 5:45 p.m.

**Cross Country**

**Nov. 7**
West End at Moulton at 7:00 a.m.
Gadsden City at Danville at 10:30 a.m.

**Bowling**

**.Nov. 9**
Gadsden City at Hoover at 4:00 p.m.

### College School Sports

**Mens' Basketball**

**Nov. 7**
Gadsden State at Pellissippi State at 3:00 p.m.

**Nov. 9**
Gadsden State at Snead State at 7:00 p.m.

**Nov. 11**
Gadsden State vs. Wallace State at 4:00 p.m.

**Womens' Basketball**

**Nov. 7**
Gadsden State at Pellissippi State at11:00 a.m.

**Nov. 9**
Gadsden State at Snead State at 5:00 p.m.

**Nov. 11**
Gadsden State vs. Wallace State at 2:00 p.m.

# Five Etowah County teams begin playoff push Friday

**Cole Frederick**

The AHSAA State Football Playoffs begin this week, with five Etowah County schools starting their chase for a blue map in Mobile this December. Last season, Coosa Christian became the first Etowah County school to win a state football championship since Hokes Bluff in 2001.

The Conquerors will begin their title defense on the road against Tuscaloosa Academy. Coosa Christian defeated the Knights 17-0 in the third round of the Class 2A playoffs last season. The teams will meet again Friday in the newly formed Class A playoffs, which feature only private schools. After opening the season 0-6, first-year head coach Alaric Williams has guided the Conquerors to three consecutive victories to secure a playoff berth.

When Hokes Bluff won the Class 3A state championship in 2001, head coach Mike Robertson was in his sixth season leading his alma mater. Twenty-five years later, Robertson has guided the Eagles to the playoffs for the 17th time in his career.

Hokes Bluff's season has followed a similar path to Coosa Christian's. The Eagles started the year 1-4 but have since won five straight games. That stretch included a thrilling 14-7 victory over rival Glencoe on a fake field goal in the region finale, securing a playoff berth. The Eagles earned the No. 3 seed from Class 3A, Region 6, and will travel to Lauderdale County on Friday for their first-round matchup.

The No. 2 seed from Class 3A, Region 6, is the Etowah Blue Devils. Head coach Davin Hawkins has overseen one of the state's biggest turnarounds, leading Etowah to six wins and a first-round home game after the team finished 1-9 last season.

The Blue Devils will host Wilson on Friday. Hawkins said the opportunity to represent Etowah High School and the Attalla community in the postseason is something the team takes seriously.

"It is something we take tremendous pride in," Hawkins said. "Having the opportunity to represent Etowah High School and the Attalla community in the postseason is a privilege that we do not take lightly. We are proud of the growth and commitment this team has demonstrated, and we understand the responsibility that comes with representing something bigger than ourselves."

Hawkins said earning the opportunity to host a first-round game after last season's 1-9 finish reflects the team's growth and commitment.

"Earning the opportunity to host a first-round playoff game after finishing 1-9 a year ago is a tremendous reflection of the growth, resilience and commitment of this football team," Hawkins said.

While there is plenty of excitement surrounding the Blue Devils' return to the playoffs, Hawkins said the team cannot be satisfied with simply making it to the postseason.

"Our biggest challenge will be maintaining the mindset that the opportunity in front of us is not the destination," Hawkins said. "We cannot become satisfied with simply earning a playoff berth or hosting a first-round game."

Hawkins said the key to success against Wilson will be sticking to the team's identity, playing with relentless effort and establishing its style of play from the opening kickoff.

The Westbrook Christian Warriors will also host a first-round playoff game. Head coach Steve Smith's squad finished the regular season with a 10-6 victory over perennial power Fyffe. The Warriors will host Victory Christian on Friday, and Smith emphasized the importance of each player doing his job on every play.

"We want to be playing our best football this time of year," Smith said. "So, we need to avoid the outside noise and distractions and just focus on doing our job."

Smith said the team's buy-in has been its biggest strength throughout the season.

"Everyone has committed to the notion that no one cares who gets the credit as long as the team succeeds," Smith said. "This is not common in today's age of sports, but it is very refreshing to watch it at our place. Our guys have worked extremely hard over their careers to put themselves in this position. Now, it's all about the daily effort to be the best you can be and the enjoyment and memories that come along with being in this position."

Gadsden City moved back up to the AHSAA's highest classification after spending four years in Class 5A, but the Titans still qualified for the playoffs for the fifth consecutive season under head coach Ali Smith.

The Titans will travel to Hewitt-Trussville on Friday to face a familiar opponent from their former region. Smith said he has been impressed with the team's development throughout the season.

"We feel that our young players have grown each week in terms of their preparation with the leadership of our more experienced players," Smith said.

The matchup carries plenty of history. Friday's game will mark the 21st meeting between the Titans and Huskies, making Hewitt-Trussville Gadsden City's most frequent opponent in school history. The Huskies have won the last eight meetings, but head coach Josh Floyd said the Titans present several challenges, particularly on offense.

"Their quarterback, Sollie, is really good," Floyd said. "He has a big-time arm and can make every throw. They're huge on the offensive line, and they always have great speed. They've also had some long kickoff returns, so special teams are a concern because of their speed."

Both coaches pointed to limiting explosive plays as a key to the matchup. Smith also emphasized the importance of handling Hewitt-Trussville's offensive tempo.

"We have had a pretty normal week," Smith said. "We just need to execute our game plan in all phases of the game and handle the highs and lows of the game. We must eliminate the big plays from their offense and be able to handle their tempo as well."

All five playoff games are scheduled to kick off at 7 p.m. Friday.

# Gadsden State softball looks to build on record-breaking season



Coming off a record-breaking 41-win season, the Gadsden State Community College softball team is challenging itself against some of the region's top NCAA Division I programs as it prepares for the spring season.

Head coach Ryan Clark and the Lady Cardinals have faced Troy University, Kennesaw State University, Jacksonville State University, the University of Memphis, Austin Peay State University and Auburn University during their fall schedule. One matchup against Alabama A&M University remains.

Clark said the challenging schedule reflects the program's growth and its desire to compete at a higher level while creating opportunities for players to continue their careers at four-year schools.

"We are to a point in our program to where we need to be playing these teams," Clark said. "We want to play them for multiple reasons. We want to be able to play at a high level to compete with them, as well as get our athletes looked at for the next level."

Since restarting the softball program, Clark has worked to establish a culture focused on competition and player development. Last season marked a major milestone for the Lady Cardinals, who opened the spring with a 24-0 record, spent several weeks in the national Top 25 rankings and finished with a school-record 41 victories.

The team has continued to produce strong results against junior college competition this fall. In 12 regulation games, Gadsden State outscored its opponents 117-27, with eight games ending early under the mercy rule.

The fall schedule gives the Lady Cardinals an opportunity to measure themselves against Division I competition while allowing players to showcase their abilities to coaches at four-year programs.

With one final fall matchup against Alabama A&M remaining, Gadsden State will look to carry the experience and momentum into the spring as it works to build on last season's success.



# SPORTS

## Sardis Middle School wins 3 of 4 games against Plainview



**By Caylie Moore**
**Features Editior**

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, Sardis Middle basketball teams faced off against Plainview in an intense game. Sardis's girls won both games against Plainview, with 7th grade girls scoring 45-17 and 8th grade girls finishing 45-38. Sardis's 7th grade boys also won 45-41. Sardis's 8th grade boys, however, lost to Plainview 61-19.























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# SPORTS




# Week nine review of SEC football

*Auburn Week 9 Review*

For nearly three quarters, it seemed as if Auburn was poised to pull off another road upset. The Tigers trailed Ole Miss 17-15 after a Byrum Brown touchdown with 6:20 remaining in the third. From that point on, the Rebels outscored the Tigers 30-0 en route to a 45-15 victory. Ole Miss outgained Auburn 487 to 312, and the talent gap between the two schools was glaring. The Tigers dropped to 4-4 overall and 2-4 in the SEC. Auburn returns home on Saturday (Nov. 7) to take on Arkansas.

**Week 10 Previews and Predictions**

**Game of the Week**

*Alabama at LSU (-5)*

While Saturday afternoon's matchup between Alabama and LSU isn't exactly an elimination game for the playoffs, it's about as close as it can get, especially for the Crimson Tide. Based on strength of schedule and remaining games, Alabama would have a hard time making the playoffs with three losses. LSU still has games with Texas and Tennessee remaining, so they would have chances to sneak into the playoff field at 9-3, but this game is pivotal for Kalen DeBoer's squad as they travel to Baton Rouge. Prediction: LSU 27, Alabama 20.

*Texas at Missouri (+2.5)*

It's possible — and even probable — that at least one 3-loss team will make the playoffs. In fact, it's shaping up where multiple 3-loss teams make the 12-team field. Texas has more margin for error than Missouri due to its strength of schedule and wins over Ohio State and Ole Miss, but with a road game next week at LSU, this is close to a must-win game for the Longhorns. Similarly, Missouri has games against Georgia and Kentucky upcoming, so if they lose to Texas, it makes the path to the playoffs incredibly daunting. Prediction: Texas 26, Missouri 23.

**Week 10 SEC Rankings**

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

*Arkansas at Auburn (-10.5)*

As bad as Auburn has looked in the last two weeks, they enter a stretch in November with three winnable games as they look to earn a winning season for the first time since 2020. Auburn's biggest issue in conference play has simply been a talent disadvantage. However, that should not be the case against an Arkansas team that has struggled mightily in the SEC. Prediction: Auburn 31, Arkansas 20.

*Texas A&M at South Carolina (-7)*

There aren't many teams in the SEC or in the country playing better than South Carolina. The Gamecocks have beaten Florida, Tennessee, and Oklahoma in its last three games, and two of those wins were on the road. After a rocky start to the year with multiple blown leads, Shane Beamer has righted the ship entering November and likely saved his job. While they still have a game at Georgia remaining, the Gamecocks are still alive for a playoff spot with four games to go. Prediction: South Carolina 31, Texas A&M 23.

*Vanderbilt at Mississippi State (-3)*

Kamario Taylor might not be the best player in the country, but he is arguably the most valuable. Before his injury, the Bulldogs looked dangerous, and they were a threat to beat anyone. Since his injury, they have scored 18 points total in the last three games—all losses. The Commodores haven't been much better, and this might be their last real chance for a win this season. Prediction: Vanderbilt 23, Mississippi State 20.

*Kentucky at Tennessee (-6.5)*

Not many expected a November matchup between Kentucky and Tennessee to carry major playoff implications for both teams, but that speaks volumes to the job Will Stein has done in Year 1 in Lexington. The Wildcats have a brutal November schedule, including games against the Vols, Florida, at Missouri, and Louisville, and they can likely afford to drop only one game to feel good about its playoff chances. Tennessee has two losses already, and while a third doesn't quite eliminate them, they need this win since they have a surging LSU team still on the schedule. Prediction: Tennessee 24, Kentucky 20.

*Georgia at Ole Miss (-3.5)*

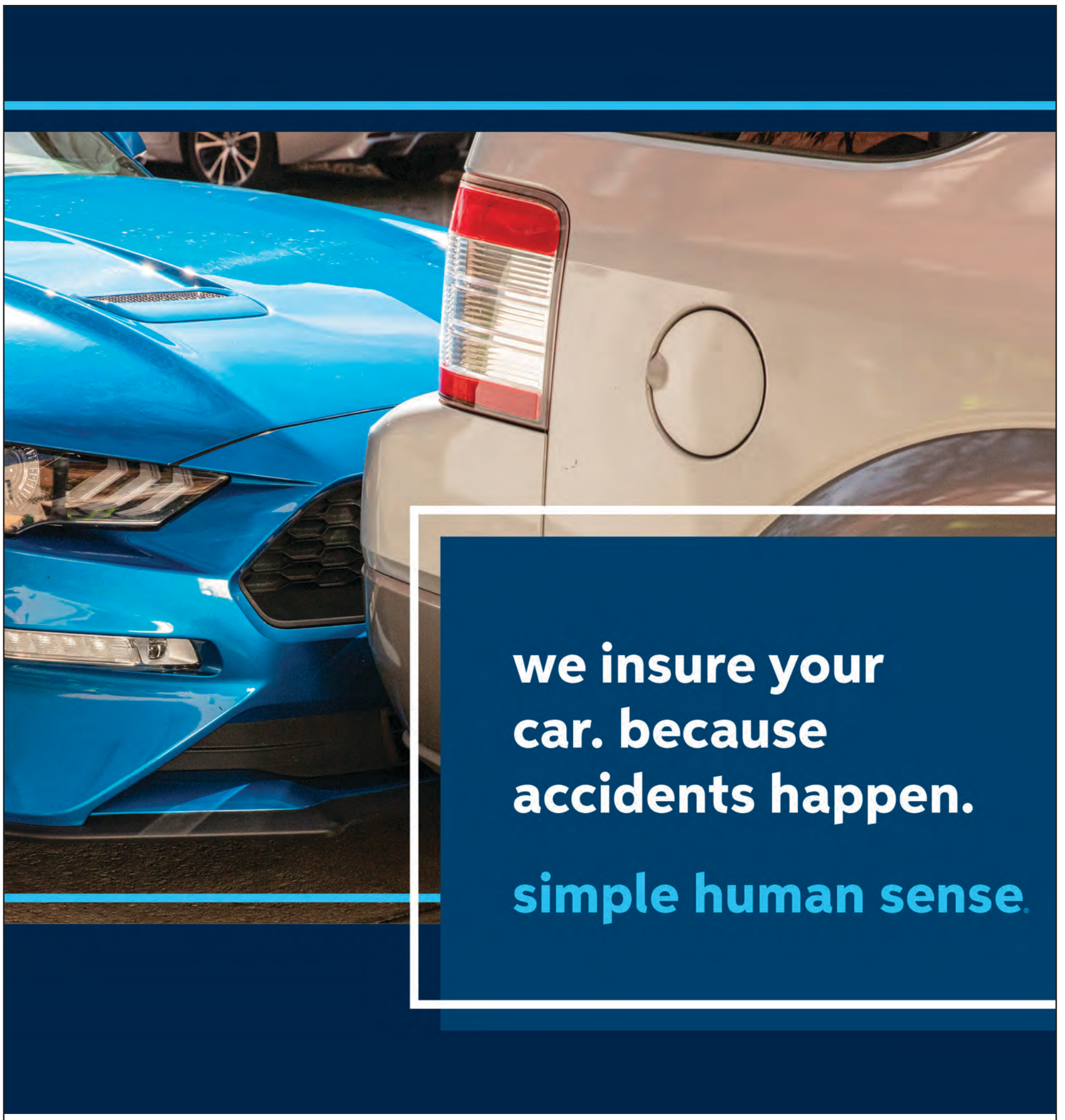
The Bulldogs and Rebels split a pair of meetings a season ago, but Ole Miss got the better of Georgia in the quarterfinals of the playoffs. Pete Golding earned his first signature win as the Rebels' head coach in the 39-34 Sugar Bowl victory in January. A win on Saturday would go a long way in securing another playoff berth for the Rebels, and if they lose, they will have to rely on the strength of their LSU victory from September. Prediction: Georgia 30, Ole Miss 27.

*Oklahoma at Florida (-6.5)*

No one in the SEC has been more disappointing than Oklahoma. A year after making the playoffs, the Sooners are 4-4 and just fired offensive coordinator Ben Arbuckle. It's not even a guarantee that Oklahoma will make a bowl game. Florida is still fighting for its playoff livelihood, and they are hoping to be one of the 9-3 teams in the playoff field next month. Prediction: Florida 20, Oklahoma 16.






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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Leahgrace Claire Thompson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for GenWay Home Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated March 6, 2026; said mortgage being recorded on March 11, 2026 in Deed Book 2026, Page 3605836 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Planet Home Lending, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3615364 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Planet Home Lending, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on November 25, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: The south 48 feet of Lot Number Fifteen (15), in Block Number Nine (9), of Walnut Park Addition according to map or plat thereof as the same appears of record in Book of Town Plats "B", Page 117, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in the City of Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, together with all improvements thereon.

Said property is commonly known as 302 Clark St, Gadsden, AL 35904.

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Joshua Llewellyn Knowles, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Federal Bank, A FSB, its successors and assigns dated June 7, 2024; said mortgage being recorded on June 7, 2024 as Instrument No. 3575390 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2025, Page 3600817 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, 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 3, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number Thirty-Three (33) in Block Number One (1) in Rolling Green Farm Tracts Number One (1), according to the map thereof recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 265, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 368 Riverside Drive, Gadsden, AL 35903.

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

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

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Labrena Artessa Brewster, an unmarried woman and Linda C Brewster, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Federal Bank, its successors and assigns dated November 30, 2011; said mortgage being recorded on December 7, 2011 as Instrument No. 3359124 as having been modified by an agreement recorded as Instrument No. 3420139 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3616772 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, 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 9, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Numbers One (1) and Three (3), in Block Number One (1) of the Glendale Subdivision to East Gadsden, according to the map or plat thereof as the same appears of record in Plat Book "E", Page 53, in the Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, and lying and being in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 1031 Springfield Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35903.

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

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

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October 30, November 6, and 13, 2026

**MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

Whereas, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Lee Investment Consultants, LLC, to John Hayes, a married man on the 14th day of April, 2013, said mortgage being recorded in Instrument No. 3384268, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, also that certain mortgage executed by Lee Investment Consultants, LLC, to John Hayes, a married man on the 15th day of February 2019, said mortgage being recorded in Instrument No. 3479887, 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, J. Lance Smith, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the rear Courthouse door Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 23rd day of November, 2026, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commencing at a nail in concrete marking the Northwest Corner, SW 4 of the NW 4, Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 7 East, thence along the North line of said forty North 87 degrees 40 minutes 04 seconds East 308.00 feet to a point; thence South 02 degrees 20 minutes 30seconds East 20.56 feet to a pinch pipe, also being the point of beginning; thence North 87 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 220.26 feet to a point; thence Sout 01 degrees 42 minutes 16 seconds East 173.71 feet to a CPF, Walker; thence South 83 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds West 120.64 feet to the CPF, Walker; thence South 86 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds West 101.98 feet to a grader blade; thence North 01 degrees 06 minutes 27 seconds West 184.24 feet to the point of beginning.
Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
John Hayes, a married man
BY:
J. Lance Smith, his Attorney
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October 30, November 6 and 13, 2026

**MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

Whereas, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Lee Investment Consultants, LLC, to John Hayes, a married man on the 15th day of February, 2015, said mortgage being recorded in Instrument No. 3479886, 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, J. Lance Smith, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the rear Courthouse door Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 23rd day of November, 2026, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

PIN: 25220; 25219; 25221:
All that part of Tract 13 of the J.T. Morris Farms Tract lying above that certain datum Plane of 512 feet above mean sea level as established by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey as adjusted in January 1955.
Save and Except: any portion thereof contained within the Plat of Riverview Addition Number 2 to Hokes Bluff as same appears of record in Plat Book "F", Page 5, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama and,
Save and Except: any portion thereof which would be either alone or together with other lands entirely surrounded by waters of the Coosa River or its tributaries such river or its tributaries be raised and back up to the 512 datum plane.
Subject to: all rights of the Alabama Power Company as set forth in instruments recorded in Book 7F, Page 321 and Book 1060, page 534, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

PIN: 92003:
To reach the point of beginning of a tract or parcel of land described herein commence where the North line of North Sibert Street intersects the East R/W line of Main Street and run East along the North line of North Sibert Street a distance of 133 feet to the point of beginning; thence run North and parallel to the East R/W line of Main Street for a distance of 124 feet to a point; thence run East and parallel with the South line of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 for a distance of 127 feet to a point; thence run South and parallel to the East R/W line of Main Street to a point in the South line of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4; thence run Westerly and along said South line to a point in the Easterly line of North Sibert Street; thence run Westerly and along the East line of said street to the point of beginning. Said description embracing a portion of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 7 East of the Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama.

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

PIN: 28173:
Commencing at a ½" rebar marking the North West corner of lot 17 Block 1 J.C Morris Subdivision, lying on the Eastern 40' right of way (R.O.W) of Sibert Road, in Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 7 East of the Huntsville Meridian, in Etowah County Alabama; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; thence, leaving said R.O.W, run S89°53'13"E for a distance of 212.74' to an existing ½" rebar found; thence run N90°00'00"E, for a distance of 50.00' to an existing ½" rebar found; thence run N90°00'00"E, for a distance of 100.00' to an existing 5/8" rebar found at the West 110' R.O.W of Appalachian Road; thence run, along said R.O.W, S07°23'33"W, for a distance of 141.36' to a point at the intersection of the North 50' R.O.W of Third Street and the West 110' R.O.W of Appalachian Road; thence run, along said R.O.W of Third Street, N89°50'06"W, for a distance of 228.32' to a point at the intersection of the North 50' R.O.W of Third Street and the East 40' R.O.W of Sibert Road; thence run, along said R.O.W of Sibert Road, N39°42'37"W, for a distance of 181.92' to an ½" rebar found; Said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being herein described; said property being a portion of Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 7 East of the Huntsville Meridian in Etowah County, Alabama, and being lots 17, 18, 19, 20 and a portion of lot 21 J.C Morris Subdivision Block 1 Plat E-59.

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

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

PIN:97229:
Commence at a 1" pipe marking the NE corner of tract (15), J.T. Morris Farm (AKA NE corner of Fraction "A", Section 10, T-12-S, R-7-E), as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 120, in the Etowah County Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, said point on the Westerly R/W of Johnson Road (50' R/W), thence S 04 degrees 56 minutes 45 seconds 49.95 feet along the East line of said tract (15) and along said R/W to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence leaving said East line of said tract (15) and said R/W N 89 degrees 39 minutes 15 seconds West 210.00 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), said point being the point of beginning. Thence South 04 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds West 170.21 feet to a crimped pipe, thence South 04 degrees 51 minutes 02 seconds West 249.26 feet to a crimped pipe, thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 37 seconds East 209.55 feet to a pinched pipe on the East line of said tract (15), thence South 04 degrees 56 minutes 38 seconds West 861.43 feet along said East line of said Tract (15) to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 54 seconds West 498.62 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS) on the approximate 51; contour, thence along said approximate 512' contour, the following chord bearings and distances: North 13 degrees 57 minutes 08 seconds West 108.59 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 03 degrees 38 minutes 53seconds East 145.71 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 25 degrees 29 minutes 59 seconds East 94.77 feet to a point, thence North 05 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds East 53.89 feet to a point, thence North 34 degrees 56 minutes 08 seconds West 53.43 feet to a point, thence North 43 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds West 46.93 feet to a point, thence North 21 degrees 32 minutes 29 seconds West 73.77 feet to a point, thence North 68 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West 28.86 feet to a point, thence South 86 degrees 27 minutes 17 seconds West 51.56 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 66 degrees 24 minutes 01 seconds West 33.01 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 15 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West 184.35 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 38 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds West 107.61 feet to a point, thence North 27 degrees 04 minutes 23 seconds West 90.78 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 12 degrees 06 minutes 10 seconds West 4904 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence leaving said approximate 512 contour South 89 degrees 39 minutes 50 seconds East 647.67 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 04 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 340.28 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East 60.00 feet to the point of beginning.
Also a 50' Access Easement described as follows:
Begin at a 1" pipe marking the NE corner of Tract (15), J.T. Morris Farms (aka NE corner of Fraction "A", Section 10, T-12-S, R-7-E), as recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 120, in the Etowah County Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama, said point on the Westerly R/W of Johnson Road (50' R/W), thence South 04 degrees 56 minutes 45 seconds 49.95 feet along the East line of said Tract (15) and along said R/W to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence leaving said East line of said tract (15) and said R/W N 89 degrees 39 minutes 15 seconds West 210.00 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), said point being the point of beginning. Thence South 04 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds West 170.21 feet to a crimped pipe, thence South 04 degrees 51 minutes 02 seconds West 249.26 feet to a crimped pipe, thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 37 seconds East 209.55 feet to a pinched pipe on the East line of said tract (15), thence South 04 degrees 56 minutes 38 seconds West 861.43 feet along said East line of said Tract (15) to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 54 seconds West 498.62 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS) on the approximate 51; contour, thence along said approximate 512' contour, the following chord bearings and distances: North 13 degrees 57 minutes 08 seconds West 108.59 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 03 degrees 38 minutes 53seconds East 145.71 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 12 degrees 06 minutes 10 seconds West 4904 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence leaving said approximate 512 contour South 89 degrees 39 minutes 50 seconds East 647.67 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 04 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 340.28 feet to a ½" rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East 60.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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October 30, November 6 and 13, 2026

**MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

Whereas, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Karla V Lanzas, to Family Savings Credit Union on the 1st day of June, 2026, said mortgage being recorded in Instrument No. 3542846, 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 30th day of November, 2026, the following described real estate situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the County of Etowah, State of Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:
Lot Number Five (5) in Block Eight (8), Metropolitan Subdivision, Unit Three, according to the plat or map thereof as the same appears of record in Plat Book "G", Page 251, Probate Office of Etowah County, Alabama.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mort-gage, 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 fore-closure process.

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

November 6, 13, and 20, 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 Allen D Parker Jr and Jeannine Parker, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns dated December 9, 2025; said mortgage being recorded on January 16, 2026 in Deed Book 2026, Page 3603335 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2026, Page 3615992 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on December 9, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot "A", in Rearrangement of Lots 18, 19 and 20, in Block 3 of the Oak Hill Division of the Country Club District Rearrangement and Addition to, and Rearrangement of Block 12 of Rainbow Park, as recorded in Plat Book G, page 115, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 509 Country Club Dr, Gadsden, AL 35901.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
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November 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

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

The undersigned, BMO BANK N.A. s/b/m with First Indiana Bank, N.A., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on June 10, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BMO BANK N.A. S/B/M WITH FIRST INDIANA BANK, N.A.
as holder of said mortgage
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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until July 15, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Messenger, July 3, 2026

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

The Messenger, August 7, 2026

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

The Messenger, October 2, 2026

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until November 20, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Messenger, November 6, 2026
26-08354AL

November 6, 2026

**MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jason McIntyre and Jen-

nifer McIntyre, husband and wife, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Family Savings Credit Union, on June 14, 2017, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, in Instrument Number 3452124; the undersigned Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, on January 15, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit: Commence at a 1-1/2 inch pipe marking the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 8 East; thence South 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 734.24 feet along the East line of said forty to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA497-LS) also being the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 325.00 feet along said forty line a 3/8-inch rebar on the Northerly right of way of U.S. Highway Number 278 (80-foot right of way); thence leaving said forty line North 69 degrees 43 minutes 21 seconds West 283.00 feet along said right of way to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA-497-LS); thence leaving said right of way North 02 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds East 325.00 feet to a 1/2-inch capped rebar (CA-497-LS); thence South 69 degrees 43 minutes 21 seconds East 283.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated, lying and being in Etowah County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 9234 US Highway 278 E , Hokes Bluff, 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 win-ning 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. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from January 15, 2026 until March 19, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from April 30, 2026 until June 18, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from June 18, 2026 until August 20, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from August 20, 2026 until October 29, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from October 29, 2026 until December 17, 2026, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-06399-CE-AL
PUBLICATION DATES: December 5, 2025, December 12, 2025, December 19, 2025, January 30, 2026, March 27, 2026, May 8, 2026, June 26, 2026, August 28, 2026, November 6, 2026.
NEWSPAPER: The Messenger.

November 6, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Latalia Riley was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/09/2026 to the Estate of Larry Dewayne Riley 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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Joseph Hutchins was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/15/2026 to the Estate of Paul Norris Hutchins, 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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Joe Lynn Washburn was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/15/2026 over the Estate of Bobby Joe Washburn, 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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Catherine Lance Pope was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/11/2026 to the Estate of Bobby Joe Lance, 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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Susannah Quigley was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/09/2026 to the Estate of Nancy Beane, 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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Tommy Ray Early was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/29/2026 over the Estate of Thomas Edward Walker, 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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

James H. Griffin was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/09/2026 to the Estate of Henrietta Griffin, 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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Jesse Lee McCain was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/03/2026 to the Estate of Barry Jay McCain, 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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Catherine Lance Pope was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/10/2026 to the Estate of John Clanton 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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Julienne Allen was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/18/2026 over the Estate of Timothy Aaron Allen, 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 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Shirley D. Marbut was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/16/2026 to the Estate of David Roger Shields, 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 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Mary Ellen Burgess-Parker was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/15/2026 over the Estate of David Wayne 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 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Brittany Robbins was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/15/2026 over the Estate of Wesley Robertson, 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 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Pamela Gregerson was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/08/2026 to the Estate of Peter Gregerson, 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 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Tim Huddleston was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/18/2026 to the Estate of Paula Allard, 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 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Rickey Lee Wordlaw was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/20/2026 to the Estate of Ruby Sue Johnson, deceased, Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama notifies all persons that claims not filed within six months will be barred.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**FILE CLAIMS**

Takeishea Rudolph was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 09/16/2026 over the Estate of Alice Jean Buggs, 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 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROBERT EDWARD CROW, DECEASED.
Case No.: 2025-00499

TO: Bobby Crow, Stephen Woodard, Danielle Woodard, Guy Woodard, Charles Vann Crow, Tracy Dewayne Crow, Marie Crow Dendy, Wylene Crow Bynum, Wanda Woodard Daniels, Douglas Crow, Michelle Rinker, Agatha Crow Davis, Michael Rinker; 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 Robert Edward Crow, 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 18th 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 Robert Edward Crow, 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 October, 2026

Scott W. Hassell
JUDGE OF PROBATE

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: YANG "KUMI" FLYNN, INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2026-241
TO: Any interested party

Please take notice that a PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 23 day of NOVEMBER 2026 at 1:00P.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.
DONE THIS THE 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

Scott Hassell
PROBATE JUDGE

October 30, November 6 and 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MILFORD LEON GARMON, III, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026-643

TO: Trent Garmon and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, PROTECTIVE PLACEMENT AND/OR SERVICES of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 7th day of DECEMBER 2026 at 1:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

October 30, November 6 and 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: CATHERINE PATE, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2026-647

TO: Richard Pate and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 9th day of DECEMBER, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Scott Hassell
Judge of Probate

October 30, November 6, and 13, 2026

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

IN THE PROBATE COURT ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD CLEMENTS TRIMBLE, SR., DECEASED.

CASE NO: 2026-00635

TO: Ronald Clements, Jr., Victoria Ann Bourne, Teresa Lynn Trimble, Anthony Dwayne Trimble, Wenona Jo Trimble Hardenburg and any and all unknown heirs.

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

You are FURTHER NOTIFIED to be and appear before this Court on the 4th day of January, 2027 at 1:30 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 Ronald Clements Trimble, Sr., deceased, should not be admitted to probate and recorded in this Court as the true Last Will and Testament of said decedent.
This the 30th day of October 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: LAURA LEE WRIGHT, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2026-547

TO: Cathy Whitmore and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 30th day of NOVEMBER, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.
DONE THIS THE 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Scott Hassell
Judge of Probate

October 30, November 6, and 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: MILFORD LEON GARMON, III, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED

Case #: 2026-643

TO: Trent Garmon and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, PROTECTIVE PLACEMENT AND/OR SERVICES of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 7th day of DECEMBER 2026 at 1:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

October 30, November 6 and 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: CATHERINE PATE, ALLEGED INCAPACITATED
Case #: 2026-647

TO: Richard Pate and any unknown family, whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP of the above referenced incapacitated individual was filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, and further, that the 9th day of DECEMBER, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. was appointed a day and time for hearing on said Petition, thereof at which time you may appear and support and/or contest the Petition, if you so choose.

DONE THIS THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Scott Hassell
Judge of Probate

October 30, November 6, and 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION PURSUANT TO ALA. CODE § 40-10-197(i)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Order Resetting Public Auction entered October 23, 2026, by the Honorable Sonny J. Steen, Circuit Judge, in the above-styled tax lien foreclosure action, and pursuant to Ala. Code § 40-10-197(i), the real property described below will be sold at public auction as follows:

The public sale will occur on Thursday, December 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and will occur at the main entrance of the Etowah County Judicial Building, 801 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. The property to be sold is described as follows:
Lot 6, Block 2 of the Goodwater Heights Addition as recorded in Plat Book B, Page 279 as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Etowah County, Alabama.

The manner and terms of the sale are as follows:
1. The property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of Etowah County, Alabama.

2. The minimum bid, as set by the Court pursuant to Ala. Code § 40-10-197(i)(5), is $7,202.87.

3. The highest bidder must pay a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of $2,500.00 immediately upon being declared the highest bidder. The deposit will be applied to the purchase price.

4. The balance of the high bid must be delivered to the Circuit Clerk of Etowah County, 801 Forrest Avenue, Suite 202, Gadsden, Alabama 35901, in cash or certified funds, no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2026.

5. If the highest bidder fails to pay the balance timely, the next highest bidder must pay its bid amount to the Circuit Clerk within twenty-four (24) hours of the highest bidder's default. If the next highest bidder also fails to pay, the sale will be void. A defaulting highest bidder's deposit will be applied to court costs, attorney's fees, and commissioner's fees as determined by the Court at the confirmation hearing.
6. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Court at a later date. Upon confirmation, the Court will enter judgment vesting title in the successful bidder and will direct the Circuit Clerk to execute and deliver a clerk's deed.
This notice is also posted at the Etowah County Judicial Building as required by Ala. Code § 40-10-197(i)(4). For further information, contact the Circuit Clerk of Etowah County at (256) 549-2150 or the undersigned counsel.

Knowles & Sullivan, LLC
413 Broad Street
Gadsden, AL 35901
256-547-7200

October 30, November 6 and 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

AND

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

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

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

CASSANDRA JOHNSON
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

October 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 2026

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

NANCY HUNT,
PLAINTIFF

V.

CASE NO.:
CV2026-900468

JEFFREY HOWARD OWEN,
DEFENDANTS.

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

described real property:

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

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

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

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

October 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

IN RE THE MATTER OF: K.W., A MINOR CHILD

CASE NO.: JU-2025-63.02

TO: Quintarius Lavontay Swann

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

Cassandra Johnson
Circuit Clerk of Etowah County, Alabama

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

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

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, from Qualified General Contractors will be received by The Etowah County Board of Education at the board office 401 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 until 10:00am CST, Thursday, December 3, 2026 for Re-roofing of Rainbow Middle School Gym: at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Etowah County Board of Education in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than $10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Bid Documents may be examined at the office of B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 442 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 and obtained from the Architect at cost of printing. Digital documents are available from the Architect at no cost.
Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures, attended the mandatory pre-bid conference and have demonstrated the ability to provide 24/7/365 service with a main office within 60 miles driving distance of the project site as described in the pre-qualification package and/or Div 1 specifications and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof.
Prequalification packages are due at the office of the Architect by 10am CST on Friday, November 20, 2026. Utilize standard AIA 305-2020 Contractor's Qualification Statement.
A mandatory pre-bid conference shall be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2026 at 10am CST at the architect's office.
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 Architect ; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgement, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.
Etowah County Board of Education (Awarding Authority)
B. Craig Lipscomb, Architect, 256-390-5657, craig@bclarch.com (Architect)

November 6, 13, and 20, 2026

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

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

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

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

**JOB COMPLETION**

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

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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

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

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

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

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

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

Chestnut Street Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation

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

The Project includes the following Work:

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

The Owner requires the Project to be Substantially Completed within 30 calendar days after the date when the Contract Time commences to run, and completed and ready for final payment withing 60 calendar days after the date when the Contract Time commences to run.

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

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

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

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

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

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

October 23, 30, and November 6, 2026

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

Sealed construction proposals, in duplicate, will be received at the office of the City Clerk, Centre City Hall, 350 E. Main Street, Centre, Alabama, 35960 until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The bidder shall file with his bid either a cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank, payable to the City of Centre, Alabama, or a bid bond executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make such bonds in Alabama, in an amount equal to the lesser of five percent (5%) of the bid or ten thousand ($10,000).
Bid Documents may be examined at the office of the Architect, The Owner; Alabama AGC / ISQFT Plan Room; McGraw Hill Construction; and Construct Connect. Electronic copies of Bid Documents may be obtained from the Architect upon request of same by email. No printed hard copies of bid documents will be issued. Plan requests should be submitted to tom@tmmarchitect.com. Only email requests will be accepted. The same process is applicable to subcontractors and vendors.
General Contractors who obtain bid documents and wish to withdraw from the Official Bidders List must do so in writing to the Architect prior to the bid date. Bids received from General Contractors who are not on the Official Bidders List will not be accepted or opened. Thomas M. McElrath, Architect, makes no guarantee of bid documents obtained by Contractors and Vendors from sources other than the issued documents provided by the Architect. Contractors and Vendors who base their pricing from bid documents obtained otherwise, either in part or whole, do so at their own risk.
A Mandatory Attendance Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at the Project Site. All General Contractor Bidders expecting to submit a bid shall have a knowledgeable representative at this meeting.
Scope of Work includes, Phase Three renovations of the existing Centre Gymnasium located on the City's Property at 350 E. Main Street, Centre, AL. The Work consists generally of general demolition of existing equipment, fixtures and finishes in the gymnasium, office and gymnasium toilet areas. New gymnasium flooring, wood wainscot, trim and base at the new seating addition. New HVAC systems for the renovated office areas, main gymnasium and new seating addition. New lighting and power and fire alarm system extension at the renovated areas. New finishes (T-111 plywood wainscot and gyp. bd. walls and lay-in ceiling at the new addition) and new gyp bd., resilient flooring, rubber base and lay-in ceiling in the renovated office areas. Project will also consist of new motorized bleachers and new motorized basketball backstops at the gymnasium area and new sidewalks at exit locations.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for the satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bond in the amount required by Section 39-1-1(a), Code of Alabama 1975, and evidence of insurance as required by the bid documents within ten (10) days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract.
Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. The Owner desires to delay the "Start Date" of this project until 3-1-27 and requests that no bid be withdrawn until that date. In order for the successful bidder to be able to "lock in" pricing for materials that are subject to price fluctuations, the Owner will issue a letter stating that they are agreeable to paying for "stored materials" that are purchased prior to the start date subject to said materials being stored in a bonded warehouse or facility. The successful bidder will provide proof of enrollment in the Federal E-Verify Program and in compliance with the Beason-Hammon Act (Act 2011-535). The bidder must comply with all requirements of the public works bid law Section 39-2-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.
CITY of CENTRE, ALABAMA
350 East Main Street, Centre, Alabama
(256) 927-5222
THOMAS M. McELRATH, ARCHITECT.
717 Merit Springs Road, Gadsden, AL 35901
(256) 490-8244

October 30, November 6, and 13, 2026

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

Jennifer Drummond
Unit 538

Jacqueline Looney
Unit 326

Tabatha Mobuary
Unit 421

Dana Bradley
Unit 1-20

Kodjovi Missika
Unit 391

Lisa Tuck
Unit 184

Deborah Walker
Unit 408

Lisa Tuck
Unit 533

Stacy Kelly
Unit 559

Sheryl Post
Unit 617

Brett Matthews
Unit 793

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

Lanalda Woods
Unit 83-14

David Partiridge
Unit G15

Roosevelt Johnson
Unit 49

Rodney Eley
Unit 54

Jacob Cornelious
Unit 717

Marlana Pruitt
Unit 427

Charles Stanley
Unit 595

Annete Barge
Unit 13-23

Brandon Garrard
Unit 162

Sonya Atchison
Unit 361

Tammy Parker
Unit 482

Adam Stinson
Unit 548

Joe Gielarowski
Unit 577

Phillip McGuire
Unit 660

Ayden Rossenberger
Unit 838

Katie Baracomb
Unit 52-17

Carson Riddlespur
Unit M2

Donna Parton
Unit 45

Jolinda Perrin
Unit 1-4

David Turner
Unit 135

Cherri Hudson
Unit 173

Carolyn Moore
Unit 183 & 186

Shane Smith
Unit 419

Latonya Rutledge
Unit 446

Tammy Parker
Unit 482

Jessica Spears
Unit 520

Kristie Bell
Unit 585

Danielle Mead
Unit 619

Christian Hulsey
Unit 684

Angela Vaughn
Unit 739

Suzanne Barrett
Unit 740

Joshua Kilgore
Unit 831

Dana Bradley
Unit 1-20

Angela Nelson
Unit 13-11

Brenda Gipson
Unit 13-24

Robert Lash
Unit 33-15

Kim Emerson
Unit 211-19

Dewayne Hardin
Unit N1

Brunson Assoc. Collection Dept
Unit 151

Jerry Kinard
Unit 177

Marlana Pruitt
Unit 427

Matthew Cole
Unit 464

Alexander Bothwell
Unit 496

Stefnie Propst
Unit 540

Mary Butler
Unit 581

Deborah Perry
Unit 662

Reggie Powell
Unit 680

Nicholas Branson
Unit 734

Steve Powell
Unit 788

Lylah Donaldson
Unit 834

Austin Lane
Unit 68-3

Annette Barge
Unit 13-23

Latona Garrett
Unit 15-10

Thomas Preston
Unit 37-12

Leon Taylor
Unit 211-33

Sammy Satcher
Unit M-3

Michael Herring
Unit R-18

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

October 30 and November 6, 2026

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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

Sandra Jackson
Unit 99

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

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following storage unit will be disposed of on November 13, 2026 beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the business premises of B&J Thrift Store and Mini Storage at 1101 Hwy 77, Attalla, AL. 35954.

Unit 37

B&J Thrift and Mini Storage
1101 Hwy 77
Attalla, AL. 35954
256-485-8656

November 6 and 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

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

1999 GMC Sierra Black
VIN# 2GTEC19T7X1539102, 2012

Nissan Pathfinder
VIN# 5N1AR1NNXCC621927

2010 AUDI A4 Black
VIN # WAUFFAFL8AN068046

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

October 30 and November 6, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Please take NOTICE that Matt's Towing will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following abandoned motor vehicle 2014 jeep Cherokee Vin## 1C4PJLDS7EW183328 The public auction will be held at Matt's Towing 927 B 5th Ave NE Attalla AL 35954 at 10:00am 12/23/2026 The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.

November 6 and 13, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Attalla Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on 19th day of November 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Attalla City Hall located at 612 4th Street NW, Attalla, AL 35954. The following items will be considered:

A Petition for Variance requested and filed by Linda Knight to replace an existing mobile home on the property located at 895 Gaines Street SW, Attalla, AL 35954 with a new 2026 mobile home. The lot is zoned R-2 (Two Family Residential).

Mandy Cash
City Clerk

November 6 and 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

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

2010 Lincoln MKS Gray
VIN 1LNHL9DR7AG608996

2013 Nissan Versa Gray
VIN 3N1CN7AP3DL894817

1999 Chevrolet Silverado Gray
VIN 1GCEK19T2XE119801

2004 Chevrolet Impala White
VIN 2G1WF52E149277341

2013 Volkswagen Jetta Red
VIN 3VWPP7AJ8DM642508

2005 Chevrolet Tahoe Black
VIN 1GNEC13T95R199942

2015 Nissan Sentra Red
VIN 3N1AB7AP8FL669067

1998 Honda Accord Blue
VIN 1HGCG5645WA211666

2016 Chrysler 200 Black
VIN 1C3CCCFB1GN189788

2006 Chevrolet HHR Red
VIN 3GNDA23P36S628534

2013 Nissan Maxima White
VIN 1N4AA5AP8DC807094

The public auction will be held at ER Towing, 1733 Forrest Ave, Gadsden, AL 35901at 8:00am on December 11, 2026. The Seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low. The seller expressly reserves the right to bid and pur-

chase at the public auction.

November 6 and 13, 2026

**LEGAL ZONING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on November 18, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the City of Gadsden will hold a regularly scheduled public hearing in the Council Chamber at City Hall, First Floor, 90 Broad Street to give all persons who desire an opportunity to be heard, in opposition to or in favor of, the following requests:

Final/Preliminary Plat for Subdividing of property described below: (Property Address being in an around 910 Rainbow Drive)

A tract or parcel of land being located in the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 12 North, Rang 6 East, Etowah County, Alabama; containing 7.20 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described as follows:

As a POINT OF COMMENCEMENT, start at a capped rebar at the intersection of the East right-of-way of Rainbow Drive (U.S. Highway No. 411) and the North line of the Republic Steel Pump Station Easement, as recorded in Deed Book 6-H, Page 252, Etowah County, Alabama Office of Probate; thence run N 02°56'22" E and along the East right-of-way of Rainbow Drive for a distance of 168.06 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described parcel; thence continue N 02°54'12" E and along the East right-of-way of Rainbow Drive for a distance of 50.15 feet to a point; thence leaving said right-of-way, run N 85°26'27" E for a distance of 250.15 feet to a point; thence run N 02°48'04" E for a distance of 249.65 feet to a point; thence run S 85°30'25" W for a distance of 253.34 feet to a point lying on the East right-of-way of said Rainbow Drive; thence run N 03°07'04" E and along the East right-of-way of Rainbow Drive for a distance of 60.07 feet to a point; thence leaving said right-of-way, run S 70°19'05" E for a distance of 23.96 feet to a point; thence run N 85°31'28" E for a distance of 230.00 feet to a point; thence run N 02°52'51" E for a distance of 211.75 feet to a point; thence run S 87°37'13" E for a distance of 342.14 feet to a point lying on the 511' contour of Lake Neely Henry; thence run S 51°01'34" E and along Lake Neely Henry for a distance of 32.24 feet to a point; thence run S 12°36'11" E and along Lake Neely Henry for a distance of 122.03 feet to a point; thence run S 05°21'05" E and along Lake Neely Henry for a distance of 189.53 feet to a point; thence run S 06°11'12" W and along Lake Neely Henry for a distance of 93.54 feet to a point; thence run S 12°31'13" E and along Lake Neely Henry for a distance of 122.20 feet to a point; thence run S 55°51'20" E and along Lake Neely Henry for a distance of 50.80 feet to a point; thence run N 82°28'20" E and along Lake Neely Henry for a distance of 46.89 feet to a point; thence run S 17°32'11" E and along Lake Neely Henry for a distance of 62.27 feet to a point; thence leaving the 511' contour of Lake Neely Henry, run S 85°18'58" W for a distance of 201.87 feet to a point; thence run S 04°50'24" E for a distance of 50.15 feet to a point; thence run S 85°35'31" W for a distance of 177.55 feet to a point; thence run S 85°19'18" W for a distance of 145.00 feet to a point; thence run N 02°48'28" E for a distance of 167.34 feet to a point; thence run S 85°28'26" W for a distance of 249.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described parcel.

November 6, 2026.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

The City Council of the City of Gadsden will hold a public meeting on November 16, 2026, at 10 a.m., during the regular weekly council meeting, to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing an economic development agreement with GP6 Wellness, LLC at Bama Bloom, DBA, which is authorized to do business in Alabama, and proposes to locate a Bama Bloom on property located at 601 E. Meighan Blvd in Gadsden. GP6 Wellness, LLC at Bama Bloom, DBA proposes to spend approximately $900,000.00 in the Project, and proposes to employ the equivalent of approximately 10-15 employees. GP6 Wellness, LLC at Bama Bloom, DBA expects the Bama Bloom to generate annual sales of $6,000,000.00. GP6 Wellness, LLC at Bama Bloom, DBA has requested financial assistance from the City of Gadsden to make this project feasible. The City of Gadsden proposes to pay $500,000 over a period of up to five years, based on a 3/2 split on sales tax 60/40, or until the $500,000 maximum is reached, whichever occurs first. The City of Gadsden seeks to provide citizens a medical pharmaceutical facility to increase employment, and return revenue back to the City of Gadsden. All interested persons may examine and review the Agreement and Resolution in the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours, before and after the meeting referenced herein.

Jennifer Smith, City Clerk

November 6, 2026

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## Friday & Saturday November 6 & 7

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Mild
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Per Lb.
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4 Ct.
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Selected Varieties
**Coca-Cola Products**
6 Pk., 16.9 Oz. Btls.
4.50 With Card

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**Gala Apples**
5 Lb.
4.99 With Card




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**Snack Cups**
Each
1.99 With Card

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14-16.5 Oz.
2.99 With Card




Selected Varieties
**Gatorade**
8 Pk., 20 Oz. Btls.
2/$11 With Card




Selected Varieties
**Wright Bacon**
24 Oz.
7.99 With Card




Sweet & Tangy Slaw, Macaroni Salad or
**Mustard Potato Salad**
15-16 Oz.
3.99 With Card




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**Hostess Snack Cakes**
10 Ct.
2/$5 With Card




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**Totino's Pizza Rolls**
50 Ct.
3.99 With Card




Selected Varieties, Lily's Toaster Grills or Quesadillas (2 Ct.), Food Club Chunk Light Tuna (12 Oz.) or
**Kraft Singles**
16 Slices, 12 Oz.
2/$5 With Card




Selected Varieties, Novelties (12 Ct.) or
**Crav'n Flavor Ice Cream**
48 Oz.
2/$5 With Card




Selected Varieties
Frito-Lay Multipacks (42 Ct.) or
**Monster Energy Drinks**
12 Pk., 16 Oz. Cans
18.99 With Card



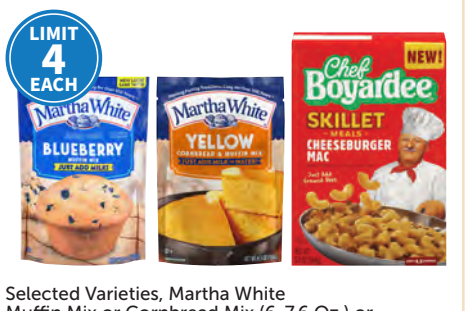

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**Food Club Deluxe Shells & Cheese**
12-14 Oz.
3/$5 With Card




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**Food Club Sliced Cheese**
6-8 Oz.
1.69 With Card




Selected Varieties
**Crav'n Flavor Pizza**
14.5-32.7 Oz.
2.99 With Card




Selected Varieties, Martha White Muffin Mix or Cornbread Mix (6-7.6 Oz.) or
**Chef Boyardee Skillet Meals**
5.3-5.8 Oz.
4/$5 With Card




Selected Varieties
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14.5-15.25 Oz.
4/$5 With Card




Selected Varieties, Nilla Wafers (11 Oz.), Oreos (9.21-14.3 Oz.) or
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8.1-13.7 Oz.
3.49 With Card




Selected Varieties
**Lay's Potato Chips**
5-8 Oz.
2/$5 With Card




Frozen, Selected Varieties, Devour Entrees (9-12 Oz.), Lean Cuisine or
**Stouffer's Entrees**
5.25-12.75 Oz.
2.99 With Card




Selected Varieties
**Wesson Cooking Oil**
40 Oz.
2.99 With Card




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6 Ct.
2.49 With Card




Selected Varieties
**Kellogg's Rice Krispies Treats**
6-8 Ct.
2.49 With Card




Selected Varieties
**Cesar Dog Food**
3.5 Oz.
10/$10 With Card




Selected Varieties, Brawny Paper Towels (4 Double Roll), Simply Done Laundry Detergent (100 Oz.) or
**Quilted Northern Bath Tissue**
6 Mega Rolls
6.99 With Card

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Certified Angus Beef
Per Lb.

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Digital Coupon.....-1.00

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Digital Coupon.....-1.50

FINAL PRICE WITH COUPON 2.49 With Card

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