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Massive fire forces evacuations in Attalla

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The plume of black smoke from Highway 11.

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When hate tried to find a home in Gadsden, the community answers with unity

By Samantha Hill
Special Contributor

When a place of worship becomes the target of an act of violence, the impact reaches far beyond the walls of the building. It touches the people who gather there, the families who call it a second home and the community that surrounds it.

On November 11, the Gadsden Islamic Society became the target of an attempted arson when an individual approached the mosque and set fire to an object near its entrance. Thankfully, the fire was extinguished before it could spread into the building, and no injuries were reported.

What followed was a coordinated investigation involving the Gadsden Police Department and the FBI that led to the arrest of a suspect within days.

Thirty-five-year-old Daniel Black was taken into custody and charged in connection with the incident, including second-degree arson and possession or manufacture of a destructive device. Authorities credited the collaborative efforts of local and federal law enforcement, along with information provided by the public, in bringing the investigation to this point.

For a community that takes pride in looking out for its neighbors, the incident was difficult to process. But according to mosque co-founder Yousef Alabbasi, the response from the community has also been a powerful reminder of what makes Gadsden special.

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Local author debuts crime thriller

By Caylie Moore
Features Editor

Ty Landers's debut novel Baby Queen may center a matriarchal family and the secrets they keep buried deep — but those aren't the only things worth focusing on in this high-stakes, high-rewards story, as Alabamans might soon discover.

Baby Queen's fictional town of Noccalula, Alabama is inspired by the whirlwind of places Landers lived in when he was a child — from Gadsden and Attalla to Grant and Boaz — and named after the very waterfalls — Noccalula Falls — he adored growing up.

He wants readers to know that his love for the town he's created and the towns he's left behind are more than superficial tributes — they're love letters, from one proud Alabaman to another.

"We lived in Gadsden for about two years, and we lived in Attalla for… a very long time. I went to Stowers Hill and Curtiston; my dad taught at Stowers Hill and was the vice principal there; and my mom taught at Etowah High School for a little while," Landers stated in an interview with Features Editor Caylie Moore.

"We would go to Noccalula Falls all the time, and it was always such an interesting place to me. It made a really big impact on me," he continued with a smile. "I love The Falls, I love the statue, and I love that gnarly story behind it."



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NEWS

Gadsden prepares to light Alabama's tallest Christmas tree

The Christmas season has arrived in Gadsden as the city prepares for the lighting of Alabama's largest Christmas tree, along with other premier holiday events like Christmas at the Falls and Christmas on the Coosa.

"Gadsden is the place to be for family holiday fun," said Mayor Craig Ford. "We want to be known as Alabama's top Christmas city, and we can't wait for everyone to come enjoy all that we have to offer."

The 80-foot Christmas tree is a landmark at Christmas on the Coosa, which is located at Riverside Park, along Highway 411 and the beautiful Coosa River.

The tree lighting ceremony is set for 6:30 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 21.

The event will also feature ice skating, ice bumper cars, vendors, live music and more! (There is no cost to enjoy the ceremony and atmosphere, but skating and the bumper cars require a ticket.)

Gadsden's Christmas Parade will be held at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4. on Broad St.

"Our wonderful downtown is the heart of our city, and the parade is always a great chance to see the creativity and spirit that people put into their floats," Ford said.

For the rest of November and throughout December, two of the most popular Christmas attractions in the region will be open: Christmas at the Falls and Christmas on the Coosa.

Christmas on the Coosa features a rink with real ice and offers ice skating, bumper cars, food trucks, live music, fire pits and more.

"We want everyone to remember that it's free to visit Christmas on the Coosa," Ford said. "Even if you don't want to skate, you can enjoy the evening on the deck overlooking the rink and the river or warm up by a fire pit."

Christmas at the Falls, located at Noccalula Falls Park, has consistently been named one of the top holiday attractions in the Southeast, and more than 150,000 visitors are expected this season.

The park is decorated with more than 5 million Christmas lights, and it also features free train rides, a petting zoo, food vendors, visits with Santa and the Mean One, and more.

"Whether you're downtown, on the mountain or on the river, Gadsden has something for everyone to enjoy this time of year," Ford said.

Ticket information about Christmas on the Coosa and Christmas at the Falls can be found at www.cityofgadsden.com.

Habitat for Humanity to host Dancing with the Stars fundraiser Dec. 3

Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity will host its 2026 Dancing with the Stars Gala on Dec. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at 210 At The Tracks, bringing community members together for an evening of entertainment and fundraising.

Seven local dancers will take part in the event: Trent Thrasher, Nick Johnson, Jazmin Lopez, Dee Blackmon, Becki Cannon, Courtney Linum and Mike McClellan.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will support Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity's efforts to build homes and expand homeownership opportunities for families in Etowah County.

Over the past two years, the organization has closed on 12 homes and opened its own ReStore, which began operating in February. The store offers new and gently used furniture, household items and building materials while providing another source of support for Habitat's mission.

Executive Director Sarah Meehan said the organization's accomplishments reflect the dedication of its team and the community members who support its work.

"Every dollar raised helps us continue building homes, creating opportunities, and giving more families right here in Etowah County a place to call their own," Meehan said.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity ReStore or online through the organization's website at gadsden-habitat.com or directly at the event ticket page.

Holiday heroes needed

The Salvation Army of Gadsden is seeking volunteers to help with its annual Red Kettle Campaign and Angel Tree Program, two major holiday initiatives that support local families in need.

The programs provide more than Christmas assistance. Funds raised through the Red Kettle Campaign help support local services throughout the year, including food pantry assistance, hot meals, shelter services, utility assistance and women's programs.

"If you've never volunteered with The Salvation Army before, now is the perfect time to start. You'll be part of something special and make a meaningful impact on so many lives this holiday season," said Lt. Daniel Jones, Corps Officer of The Salvation Army of Gadsden. "We have options for everyone, whether you have an hour, a morning, or a full day to spare. We can use you."

The organization is particularly seeking volunteers to ring bells at Red Kettle locations. Businesses, community groups and individuals can sign up for shifts, and local choirs are also welcome to participate.

"We deeply appreciate our volunteers," Jones said. "Ringing the bell for a couple of hours is an easy way to give back. We have businesses that sign up to ring, and even choirs that come out to sing and spread holiday cheer."

Those interested in volunteering for the Red Kettle Campaign can sign up at volunteer.salvationarmyusa.org.

Volunteers are also needed for the Angel Tree Program, which provides Christmas gifts to children in local families. Last year, the Gadsden organization fulfilled the Christmas wishes of nearly 300 children, and officials anticipate an even greater need this year.



Volunteer opportunities include hosting and managing Angel Tree locations, sorting gifts and distributing them to participating families. For more information, contact Lt. Amanda Jones at Amanda.Jones@uss.salvationarmy.org.

The Salvation Army's work continues throughout the year, assisting individuals and families facing financial hardships. The organization expects requests for assistance to increase as families continue to navigate rising food, utility and housing costs.

"We simply could not do what we do without volunteers," Jones said. "They are the real holiday heroes, and we cannot thank them enough."

To volunteer for the Angel Tree Program, Red Kettle Campaign or other holiday initiatives, call The Salvation Army of Gadsden at 256-546-4673.

To donate or learn more about its programs, visit salvationarmygadsden.org. Those interested in providing ongoing support can also join the Army of Hope, a monthly giving program that helps fund services throughout the year. More information is available at ArmyofHopeGadsden.org.

Moxie coat drive

By Samantha Hill
Special Contributor

For those who may not know The Moxie Salon, you might assume its name comes from the energy and pep of the many talented people who work there. But after seeing the love that pours out of this place, I would say the moxie stands for something more: courage, determination, and the nerve to stand up for those in need.

I spoke with Jenny Franchi this week about the coat drive The Moxie Salon is currently hosting. I wanted to know what inspired them to take on this cause. Jenny shared that after years of working downtown, the staff have built friendships with many members of the homeless community. Those relationships have opened their eyes to ways they can help. Along with coats, they leave emergency blankets, hand warmers, and scarves in areas where they know people gather, hoping to provide a little warmth and comfort when it is needed most.

Jenny also wanted to share an important message with the community: "I want to remind people that you don't have to walk in someone else's shoes to feel the pain for them. Having empathy for others, even when you don't understand their way of life, makes such a difference." It's a simple reminder that kindness doesn't require us to understand someone's circumstances, only to care enough to make a difference.

If you would like to help, donations can be dropped off at The Moxie Salon, located at 340 Locust St. Every coat, scarf, pair of hand warmers, and blanket is an opportunity to show someone that their community cares.

Unity

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Despite hateful comments circulating online in the wake of the incident, Alabbasi expressed gratitude for the many neighbors, friends and people of different faiths who reached out to offer prayers, encouragement and support. The Gadsden Islamic Society has been part of this community for more than 20 years. Since its founding, the mosque has worked to serve not only its congregation but the broader Gadsden area through community outreach, free clinics and food assistance. For Alabbasi, the mosque is more than a place to gather for worship. It is a place where people can find help, build relationships and connect with their neighbors, regardless of their background or beliefs.

An act intended to cause fear should never define a community. Neither should the hateful comments of a few define the people who live here. The quick work of local law enforcement deserves recognition, as does the willingness of residents to speak up and stand beside their neighbors. In this case, that response has been one of solidarity, compassion and a reminder that we do not have to share the same beliefs to stand together.

For those looking for a way to show their support beyond words, the Gadsden Islamic Society has also established a GoFundMe campaign to help strengthen security at the mosque and ensure its community programs can continue.

Fire

- From A1

A fire erupted Wednesday night at Omaha Track, prompting evacuations of residents within a one-mile radius and the closure of Attalla City Schools on Thursday.

Omaha Track is a railroad materials and service company. According to its website, the Attalla facility is the company's first tie-processing location in the eastern United States. The facility processes used railroad ties into renewable energy.

"By turning railroad ties into renewable energy and fuel, we help reduce landfill waste and provide a locally sourced, sustainable biomass solution for cement, paper and power producers," the company's website states.

The fire involved a large quantity of railroad ties at the facility, creating a dense plume of black smoke that spread across the city.

Elizabeth Quinn, an Ivalee firefighter responding to the incident, said crews were working to contain the fire and prevent it from spreading into nearby wooded areas.

Quinn said the railroad ties are treated with preservatives that soak into the wood, making the fire difficult to extinguish.

Multiple fire departments and emergency personnel were at the scene Wednesday, including crews from Gadsden, Attalla and Ivalee, she said.

Quinn said she was not aware of what caused the fire.

Creosote, a substance derived from coal tar, is commonly used to treat railroad ties and protect the wood from rot, fungi, termites and other pests, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA identifies creosote as a potential health hazard, noting that exposure has been associated with cancer and other adverse health effects.

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EDUCATION

Public school report card shows improvements

By Andrea Tinker
Alabama Reflector

Alabama's public K-12 schools saw slight improvement on the state's report card released Thursday afternoon.

The Alabama Department of Education, which determines policies for public schools in the state, received an 88 on the 2025-26 state report card. That is up one point from the 2024-25 school year report card.

"We're real proud," said Alabama State School Superintendent Eric Mackey after the meeting. "This would be the highest score on the state report card we've ever had. And one of the things I'm most proud of is where the points went up, is in academic achievement."

The report card measures academic achievement, academic growth, graduation rate, progress in English learner proficiency, chronic absenteeism and college and career readiness.

According to the state report card, the state saw an increase in academic achievement going from 67 in the 2024-25 school year to 69.20 in the 2025-26 school year.

"It's much harder to move achievement because to move achievement, students have to actually move from level one, level two, two to three, three to four," Mackey told board members. "So this is a significant change as students are moving from band to band to make that number change."

English language proficiency also increased – receiving 49.92 in the 2025-26 academic year – up from 45.65 in the 2024-25 school year.

Other improvement areas include chronic absenteeism, graduation rate and college career readiness.

The graduation rate went from 91.56 in the 2024-25 school year to 92.77 in the 2025-26 school year. College career readiness also increased, receiving a score of 90.70 in the 2025-26 school year, up from 87.88 in the 2024-25 academic year.

Chronic absenteeism decreased over the past two school years going from 12.05 in the 2024-25 year to 10.54 in the 2025-26 year.

Schools under statewide intervention also improved on the state report card.

Bessemer City Schools, which was placed under state intervention due to the board's dysfunction, went from an overall score of 75 in the 2024-25 year to 77 in the 2025-26 year.

A message seeking comment was left with Bessemer City Schools Thursday afternoon.

Dallas County also saw an increase going from 77 in the 2024-25 school year to 79 in the 2025-26 year. Dallas County was placed under state intervention due to financial and board governance concerns.

Dallas County Schools Superintendent Corey Jones said in a statement Thursday that the increase "a step in the right direction for (the) Dallas County School System."

"Although we recognize that there is still work to be done, we are encouraged by the progress reflected in this year's accountability results," Jones said in the statement. "This improvement represents the dedication of our educators, the hard work of our students, and the continued support of our families and community. We are not satisfied with simply maintaining a letter grade. Our goal is to continue moving forward, strengthening instruction, increasing student achievement, and ensuring that every child has access to opportunities that prepare them for success."

Sumter County Schools, which was placed under intervention due to a population decline in the area among other reasons including board governance and academics, received a 70 for both the 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years.

Sumter County Schools recognized the report card score in a statement Thursday.

"While we recognize this achievement, we also understand that there is more work to be done. We remain committed to strengthening classroom instruction, improving student achievement, and providing opportunities for every student to succeed," the statement said.

Gadsden City and Etowah County scores from 2025 and 2026

Elementary Schools

	2025	2026
Eura Brown	100	100
Southside	92	98
Donehoo	91	95
John S. Jones	97	94
Ivalee	90	93
Glencoe	85	92
Mitchell	93	91
Hokes Bluff	86	91
Gaston	84	89
W.E Striplin	80	87
Whitesboro	92	82
Walnut Park	80	80
Duck Springs	85	78
Carlisle	88	78
Highland	78	77
Adams	72	77
West End	79	75
Thompson	66	70
Floyd	68	69

Middle Schools

	2025	2026
Rainbow	83	90
Sardis	86	87
Hokes Bluff	89	87
Gadsden	83	85
Glencoe	88	83
Sansom	79	82
Litchfield	72	71

High Schools

Hokes Bluff	80	86
Glencoe	83	84
Southside	79	83
Gadsden	80	82
Gaston	81	80
West End	81	79
Sardis	70	70

GSCC Police Department earns accreditation

Gadsden State Community College Police Department announced it has officially received accreditation from the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police.

The department voluntarily pursued accreditation and successfully demonstrated that its policies, procedures and operations meet the professional standards established for law enforcement agencies throughout Alabama.

The achievement marks a significant milestone for the department, which was established in July 2023 and serves all five Gadsden State campuses.

"From day one, our goal was to build a department that Gadsden State and the communities we serve could be proud of," Jay Freeman, police chief at GSCC, said in a press release. "Our police officers and public safety staff earn that pride every day by showing up when people need us, treating people with respect and working alongside our local partners. I'm proud of what this team has built and grateful for the trust our communities place in us."

The accreditation process involved a comprehensive review of the department to ensure compliance with recognized standards for law enforcement professionalism, accountability and effectiveness.

"Our students deserve a safe, welcoming place to learn, and our employees deserve the same in their workplace," Alan Smith, GSCC president, said in a press release. "That takes people who know our campuses and care about the people on them. I'm proud of Chief Freeman and his team for the work they've put into earning this accreditation and for the way they serve Gadsden State every day."

The accreditation reflects the department's ongoing commitment to public trust, transparency, officer safety, accountability and ethical conduct. These principles guide the department's service to students, employees, visitors and the communities surrounding Gadsden State's campuses.

During a special presentation, Chief Camp Yancey of the Rainbow City Police Department and Chief Mark Bailey of the Alabama Community College System, presented Freeman with the Certificate of Accreditation awarded by the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police.

Members of Gadsden State Community College's executive cabinet were also in attendance to celebrate this significant achievement and recognize the department's commitment to excellence in law enforcement and public safety.









EDUCATION

Southside girls attend Alfa leadership conference

Etowah County students Ella Loyd and MeiLeigh Mintz, both students at Southside High School, attended the Alfa Youth Leadership Conference Nov. 10-11 at the Alabama 4-H Center in Columbiana.

Out of more than 250 applicants, the conference brought together almost 90 ninth- and 10th-grade students from across Alabama for an opportunity to develop leadership skills and learn more about the state's agricultural industry, according to the Alfa website.

"Federation President Jimmy Parnell always encourages young people to learn to think for themselves," Hunter McBrayer, Alabama's FFA leadership programs director said on the website." This conference is designed to gather students from across the state in one place to teach them just how to do that."

Throughout the event, students explored ways to advocate for agriculture, recognize their individual potential and prepare to take on leadership roles in their schools and communities. The conference also provided an opportunity for participants to connect with other students who share an interest in leadership and agriculture.

The conference was sponsored by the Alabama Farmers Federation, Alabama Farmers Ag Foundation, Etowah County Farmers Federation, Alabama Ag Credit and Alabama Farm Credit.



Submitted photo

Pictured above from left are Alabama Farmers Federation's Matthew Durdin, Ella Loyd and MeiLeigh Mintz.

Jax State introduces new Doctor of Arts in English

Jacksonville State University is expanding its graduate offerings with a new Doctor of Arts in English, a fully online doctoral program designed primarily for educators who want to deepen their knowledge of the subject while continuing their careers in the classroom.

Applications are now open for the program, which will welcome its first students in Fall 2027. Through Jax State's No Fee November initiative, domestic applicants can apply without paying an application fee through Nov. 30.

The Doctor of Arts, or D.A., offers a different path from more traditional doctoral degrees. While a Ph.D. typically emphasizes original scholarly research and an Ed.D. often focuses on educational leadership and administration, Jax State's program emphasizes advanced knowledge of English, teaching and the practical application of research in the classroom.

The program is the only Doctor of Arts in English offered in Alabama and was developed with working educators in mind. Delivered entirely online, it allows teachers in Alabama and across the country to pursue a terminal degree without relocating or stepping away from their classrooms.

The degree could also expand professional opportunities for high school English teachers, including qualifying them to teach dual enrollment and other college-level English courses. This could give more high school students the opportunity to earn college credit before graduation.

Students will also have the opportunity to pursue National Board Certification, with support available through Jax State's Regional Inservice Center.

The additional credentials could offer financial benefits for Alabama educators. Under the state's teacher salary schedule, educators with doctoral degrees may qualify for a higher level of compensation, while National Board-Certified Teachers may be eligible for additional pay.

"This program reflects exactly what we want graduate education at Jax State to accomplish — respond to a real need while creating opportunities for professionals to advance without having to leave the communities they serve," said Dr. Christie Shelton, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. "The Doctor of Arts in English builds on the strength of our faculty and our longstanding commitment to educators while giving teachers a pathway to deepen their expertise and bring what they learn directly back to their students."

The 45-credit-hour, post-master's program includes advanced coursework in literature, rhetoric and composition, linguistics and English pedagogy. Core courses cover research methods, teaching composition and literature, and curriculum development and assessment.

Students will also complete a 12-credit-hour Doctor of Arts Project focused on practice-oriented research and defend the project before earning their degree.

"We created this program for educators who love their discipline and love being in the classroom," said Dr. Raina Kostova, professor and head of Jax State's Department of English, who led the program's development. "Teachers should not have to choose between pursuing the highest level of education in their field and continuing to teach. The D.A. gives them an opportunity to become stronger scholars and stronger teachers, and to immediately apply what they are learning in their own classrooms."

The proposal received support from education leaders across the state, including the Alabama State Department of Education and Jax State's Regional Inservice Center. Supporters cited its potential to strengthen English instruction, expand access to dual enrollment courses and support teacher development and retention.

The program was approved by the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education before receiving accreditation approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

"Ultimately, the impact of this program reaches beyond the educators who earn the degree," Kostova said. "When teachers strengthen their knowledge of literature, writing, language and pedagogy, their students benefit. We believe this program can make a meaningful difference in classrooms across Alabama and beyond."

Applications are open for Fall 2027. Domestic applicants who apply by Nov. 30 can have their application fees waived through Jax State's No Fee November initiative.

For admission requirements and additional information, visit Jax State's Doctor of Arts in English program website.



Your CALENDAR Community

Featured Events
Nov. 20-Nov. 27

Christmas at the Falls
- **Where:** Noccalula Falls Park - 1500 Noccalula Road, Gadsden
- **When:** Nov. 13-15, Nov. 20-Dec. 23 and Dec. 26-Jan. 2, 4 to 10 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and range from $11.18 to $25.24 each. Search for the event on greatergadsden.com for more information.

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

Downtown Dance Conservatory's Nutcracker Princess
- **Where:** Wallace Hall - 1001 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden
- **When:** Nov. 21, 6 to 8 p.m.; Nov. 22, 2 to 4 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and cost $25 each. Search for the event on purplepass.com for more information.

City of Gadsden's Tree Lighting for the Tallest Christmas Tree in Alabama
- **Where:** 344 First St., Gadsden
- **When:** Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and range from $7.18 to $28.52 each. Search for the event on eventbrite.com for more information.

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. 20-Dec. 4

Nov. 20

Lights On the Landing Opening
- **Where:** River Rocks Landing Resort - 1 River Road, Gadsden
- **When:** 5 to 10 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and cost $8 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. Search for the event on riverrockslanding.com for more information.

Nov. 21

City of Champions Half Marathon, 10K and 5K
- **Where:** Back Forty Beer Company - 200 N. Sixth St., Gadsden
- **When:** 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Registration is required and costs $70 for the half marathon, $40 for the 10K and $30 for the 5K. Search for the event on runsignup.com for more information.

An Evening with Author Ty Landers
- **Where:** Noccalula Falls Park - 1500 Noccalula Road, Gadsden
- **When:** 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Additional Info:** Tickets are required and range from $7.18 to $28.52 each. Search for the event on eventbrite.com for more information.

Nov. 26

Thanksgiving Lunch at Sip and Chill
- **Where:** Sip and Chill - 710 E. Broad St., Gadsden
- **When:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Glencoe Community Thanksgiving Meal
- **Where:** FBC Glencoe - 103 N. College St., Glencoe
- **When:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dynamic Outreach Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- **Where:** Dynamic Outreach Ministries - 2101 Broadway Ave., Gadsden
- **When:** 12 to 2 p.m.

Thanksgiving Lunch at The Freedom Center
- **Where:** The Freedom Center - 1608 Alabama Ave., Gadsden
- **When:** 12 to 2 p.m.

Nov. 27

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

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

Nov. 28

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

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

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

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

Dec. 1

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

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

Dec. 3

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

Dec. 4

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

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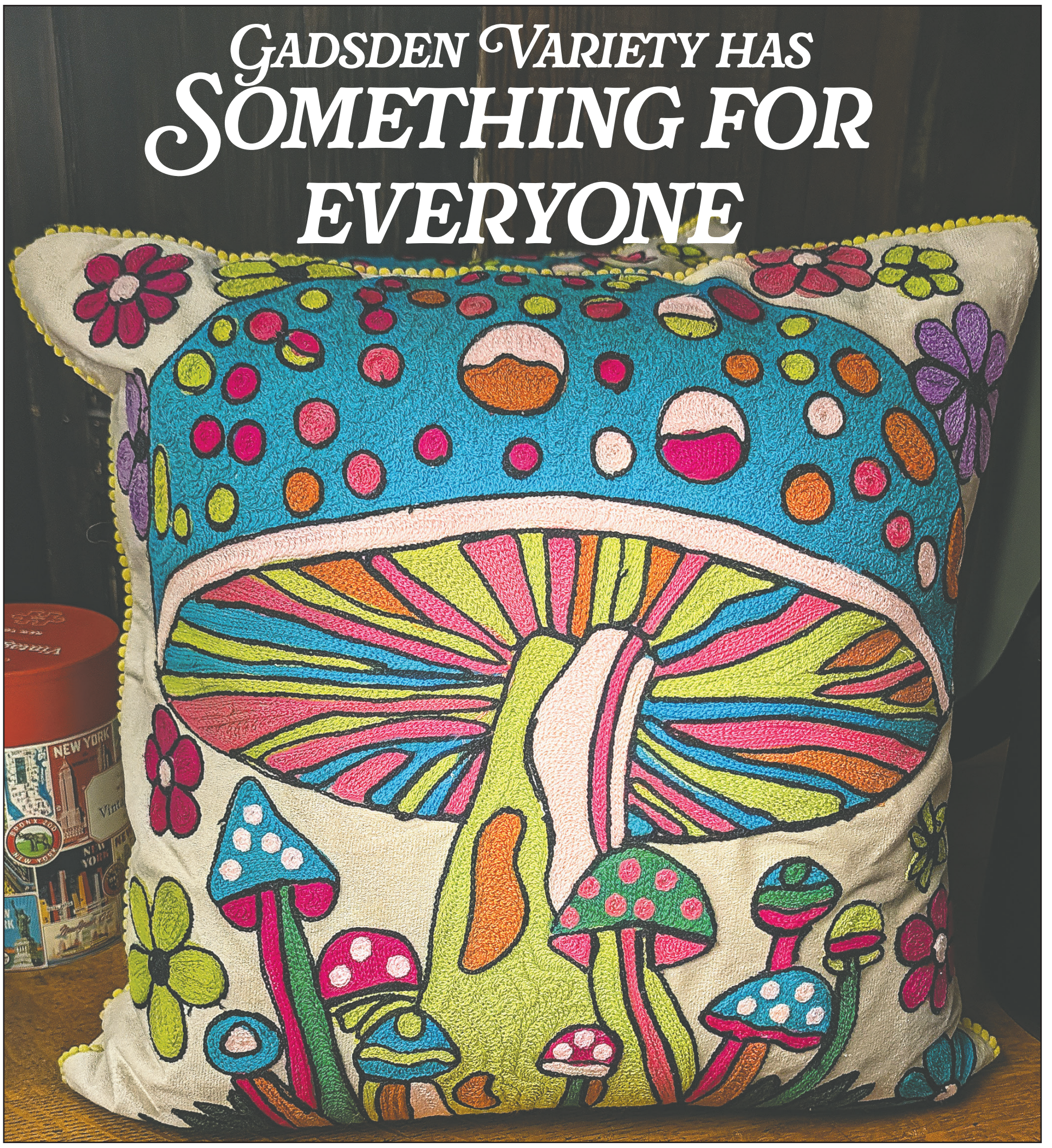

The Messenger's Shopping Guide

There is something specail about shopping local. From unique finds to one-of-a-kind gifts, our communiy is filled with local shops all with their own flare. Each week until Christmas, The Messenger is highlighting small businesses worth discovering and giving you peek at what's inside.



Our first business highlight is Gadsden Variety Antique Mall, a downtown staple with a gift for everyone.

Although antique mall in the name, the store has much more to offer. Toys and flowers, robes and light fixtures, this store carries a wide arrange of gifts

It even has a resturant, Deli 101, where you can fuel up after the shopping trip.

The store is open Moday through Thrusday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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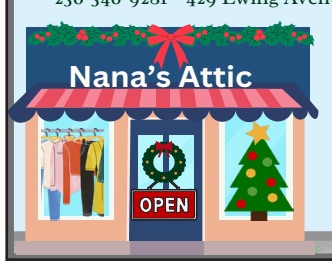

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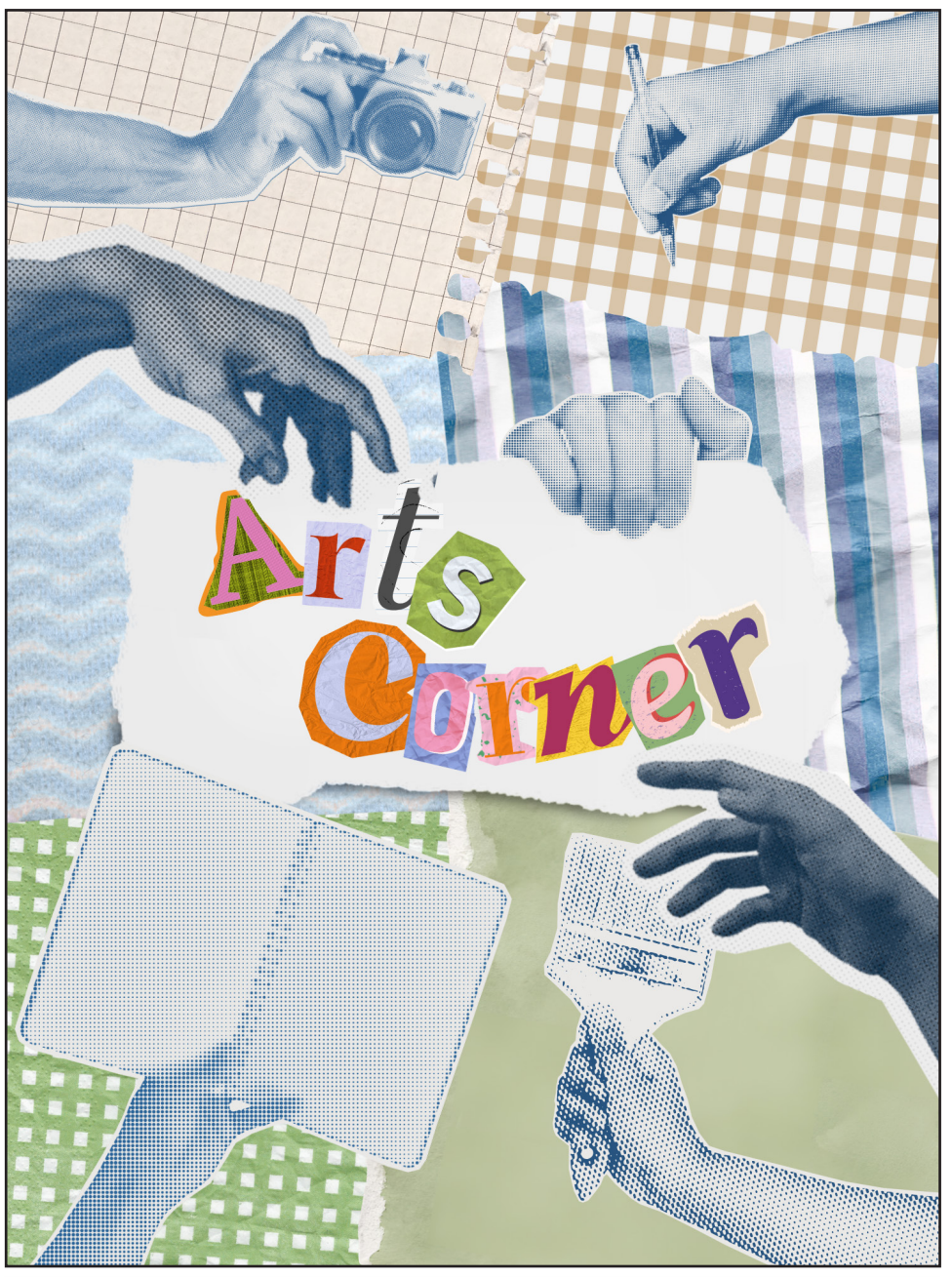

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Fall Reading Challenge

Holiday Reads

November challenge forms are available at the main GPL branch, located at 254 S. College Street. Adult challenge forms may be obtained from the main circulation desk, while Children's and Teen challenge forms are found in their respective departments. All forms must be returned to the library no later than Dec. 4.

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Landers

- From A1

The story that Landers is referring to, of course, is the one that locals know all too well: how one Native American girl chose to end her life by throwing herself over the waterfall instead of being married off to someone she didn't love. When push came to shove, Noccalula — as Noccalula Falls's website states — "took the step that ended her life, depriving not only her husband and greedy father, but her lover of any hope of stealing her away, her community of all she had to offer, and herself of all that could have been."

With the waterfall and the statue that sits upon it having had a lasting effect on Landers, it was only natural that he drew inspiration from The Falls in creating this work. But that inspiration goes further than just a namedrop, he says.

"The things the young woman is going through in my novel is similar to that story of the Native American princess who, instead of marrying someone she didn't want to marry, threw herself off of the waterfall. She was faced with a tough choice and made a tough decision, and the protagonist in my novel is in the same situation: she's faced with a tough choice, and she makes a tough decision."

In Baby Queen, a young woman returns to her home in Alabama to take over her grandmother's ailing honey farm, and while she aims to revitalize it, what she finds instead is a body crystallized in a 55-gallon drum of 30-year-old honey — and a family secret that was never supposed to get out.

"From there, she has to determine, "Who is my family? Were the things I was raised to believe real or were people casting us in this weird light?" Landers carefully explained. "She realizes her grandmother is not the person she thought she was."

"…And hijinks ensue!" he added with a laugh.

Ty Landers will host a book signing event at Books-A-Million in Gadsden at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 21. The event will feature discussions about the book and its writing process, as well as its TV show production by HBO. It will also feature a Q+A and a live reading.

"Come out if you're into books — even if this isn't your style of book. There's something in it for everyone," Landers concluded.

"You're going to know these roads, these towns — and the people in the book."

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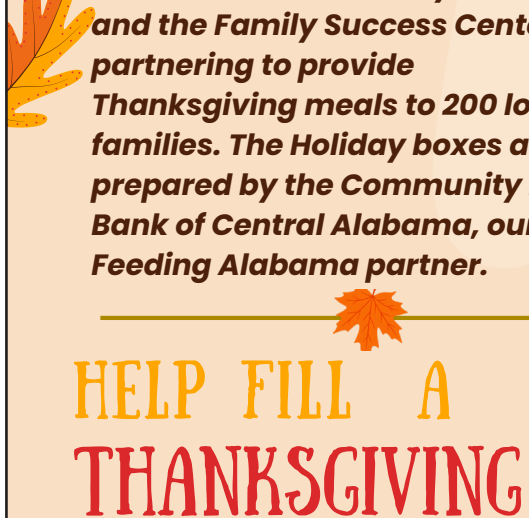

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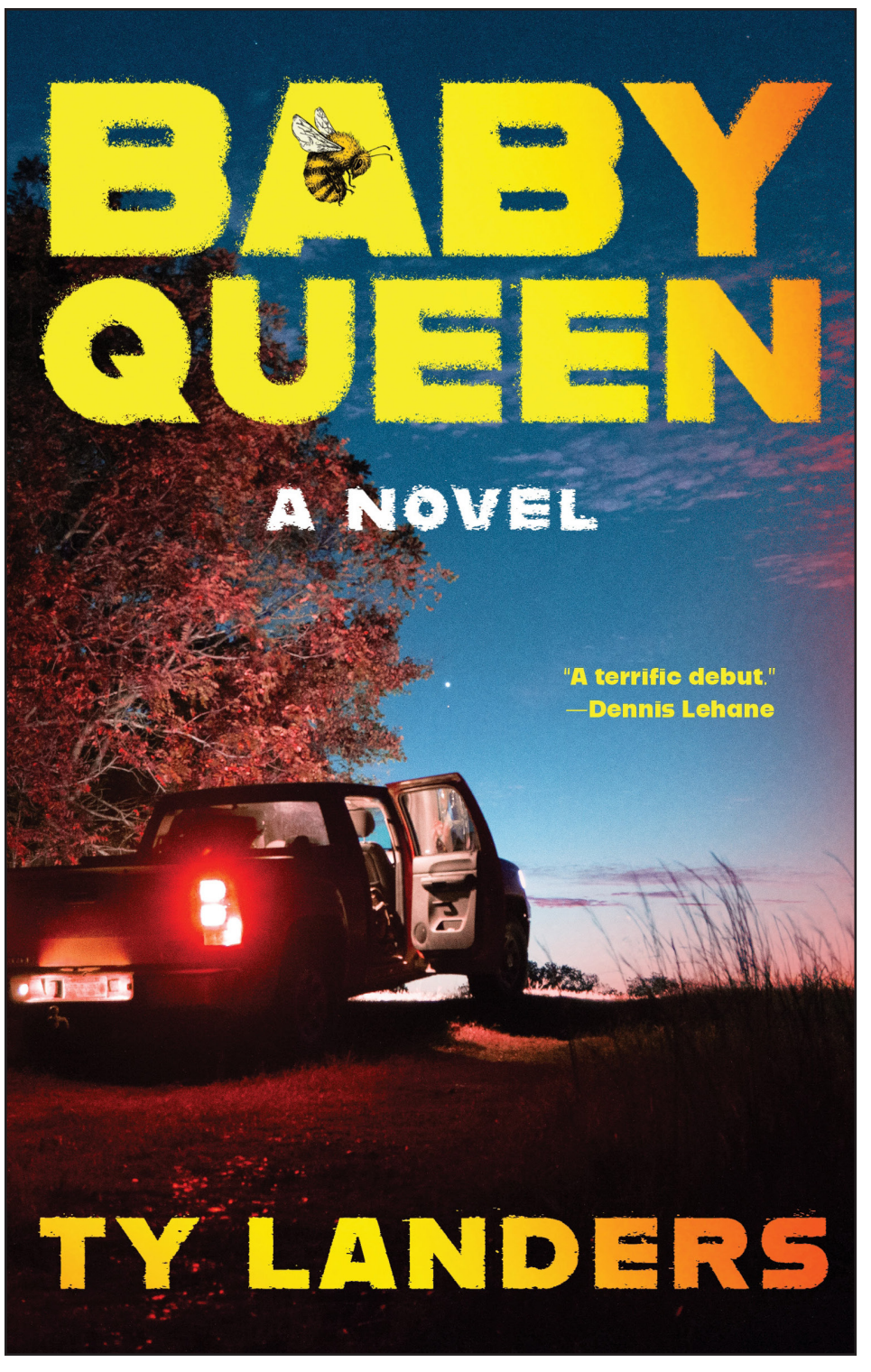

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LIFESTYLE

Going home can make you feel 15 again



You can be 45 years old, have a career, raise children, pay a mortgage and handle your own life just fine.

Then you walk into your parents' house for Thanksgiving and, within 20 minutes, you're 15 again.

Your sister makes one comment, and suddenly you're irritated in a way no other human being can make you irritated. Your mother asks a perfectly innocent question, and you immediately feel defensive. Your brother starts telling the same old story about you, and you find yourself arguing your case like it happened yesterday instead of 30 years ago.

Welcome home.

Families have long memories, and most of us grew up playing some kind of role within ours.

Maybe you were the responsible one who kept everything together. Maybe you were the peacemaker who tried to prevent everyone from fighting. Perhaps you were the rebel, the funny one, the invisible one or the person who always seemed to get blamed when something went wrong.

Those roles often developed for a reason. They helped us find our place in the family and sometimes helped us cope with difficult situations.

The problem is that families don't always update their picture of us.

You may have changed tremendously, but when everyone gets together, the old family system can come right back to life. And without even realizing it, we can step right back into our assigned roles.

The peacemaker starts managing everyone's emotions.

The responsible one starts doing everything while quietly resenting everyone else.

The rebel becomes defensive before anyone has actually criticized them.

The person who spent childhood trying to earn approval finds themselves doing it again.

This doesn't mean your family is dysfunctional or that you need to spend Thanksgiving analyzing everyone at the dinner table. It simply means that family relationships have history, and history creates emotional shortcuts.

The good news is that you don't have to play the same role forever.

Before walking into a family gathering, think about the patterns you tend to fall into. What comments reliably get a reaction from you? Whose approval do you still find yourself seeking? What responsibility do you automatically take on that no one actually asked you to carry?

Then decide what you want to do differently.

Maybe you don't have to settle the argument between your siblings. Maybe you can let someone be disappointed without trying to fix it. Maybe you can respond to an intrusive question with "I'd rather not talk about that" instead of defending your choices.

And maybe when someone pushes that button they've been pushing since 1987, you can recognize it without letting them push it.

That is growth.

You don't have to confront your entire family or announce that you're establishing boundaries over the turkey and dressing. Sometimes change is much quieter than that.

Sometimes it's simply noticing There I go again and choosing a different response.

So if Thanksgiving dinner somehow makes you feel like an awkward teenager again, remember this:

You may return to your childhood home, but you don't have to return to your childhood role.

You're allowed to come home as the person you've become.

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Good Food, Full Hearts & Stretchier Pants

By Samantha Hill
Special Contributor

Well, hello again, friends! It's been a little while since I've popped into these pages, and I have to admit, I've missed it! Life has kept me busy these past several months as I stepped away from writing to focus on finishing my bachelor's degree, but with the holidays rolling around, I thought there would be no better time to stop by and share a little something with you. Consider it my holiday gift! No fancy bows or wrapping paper needed, maybe just some stretchier pants.

What better way to ease back into things than with a dish that feels like a warm hug from the South? When it comes to Thanksgiving, some dishes are simply expected to make an appearance. Enter Southern Sweet Potato Casserole. Rich, creamy, buttery, and topped with a sweet, crunchy pecan topping this dish falls somewhere between a side dish and a dessert. Either way, it's sure to find its place on just about everyone's plate.

Southern Sweet Potato Casserole with Pecan Crunch Topping

Ingredients

For the sweet potato filling:
3 cups mashed, cooked sweet potatoes (about 3-4 medium sweet potatoes)
½ cup granulated sugar
½ cup melted butter
2 eggs, beaten
⅓ cup milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
½ tsp ground cinnamon
¼ tsp salt

For the pecan topping:
1 cup chopped pecans
½ cup brown sugar
⅓ cup all-purpose flour
⅓ cup melted butter

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.

Cook the sweet potatoes until fork-tender. Allow them to cool slightly, peel, and mash until smooth.

In a large bowl, combine the mashed sweet potatoes, sugar, melted butter, beaten eggs, milk, vanilla, cinnamon, and salt. Mix until creamy and well combined.

Spread the sweet potato mixture evenly into the prepared baking dish.

In a separate bowl, combine the chopped pecans, brown sugar, flour, and melted butter. Stir until crumbly.

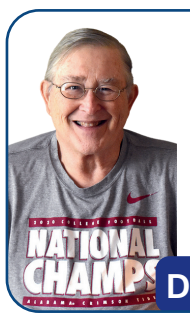
Sprinkle the pecan mixture evenly over the sweet potatoes.

Bake uncovered for 30-35 minutes, until heated through and the topping is golden brown. If starting with a cold casserole, allow extra baking time. (Note: You may want to cover with foil to not overcook your topping.).

Let stand for about 10 minutes before serving.

Until next time, may your tables be full, your hearts be thankful, and your holidays be sprinkled with a little extra sweetness!

Families on the first "public school" roll



The first registration book of Gadsden's first "public school" was discovered recently. (An actual public school would be established only many years after said school's founding.)

The school, occupying the same space that Striplin Elementary School once did and the Gadsden Public Library now does, was housed in a large two-story wooden structure on the site. Its first session started in 1880.

In that old register, the following family names were found: Christopher, Cowan, Cobb, Condon, Caddell, Cunningham, Carson, Dean, Dunlap, Denson, Daughdrill, Dagg, Dubose, Echols, Ewing, Erwin, Foster, Kyle, Glatz, Golightly, Gunn, Green, Garrison, Hale, Hughs, Holly, Hardy, Hurst, Hamil, Hollingsworth, Hamlin, Hollis, Hicks, Hetzberg, Heddleston, Hagen, King, Lay, Lane, Lewis, Lowe, Lindsay, Langley, Meeks, Martin, Moragne, McCormick, Milam, Midgley, May, Mcallister, McCartney, Pope, Porter, Patters, Parr, Perry, Paschel, Plunkett, Riddle, Roper, Reed, Robinson, Ralls, Rogers, Randall, Sims, Standifer, Shahan, Sibert, Smith, Shook, Sulser, Sullivan, Slack, Thornton, Turrentine, Tolson, Tarvin, Thomas, Timmons, Tatum, Ullman, Upton, Wright, Tinsley, Woodard, Wimpee, Ward, Williams and Nowlin.

These families were not only the first patrons of that fine school but also the first families of Gadsden. All of them were active in the development of the city through the 1880s and 1890s — and many even before that time.

Going over the names of the children that represented these old families, many interesting stories are revealed.

Some of these children were Ed and Rufus Christopher, Roe Tinsley, Gus Cowan, Eddie Cobb, Mrs. Ida Carson Rains, Mrs. Daisy Hagen O'Bannon, Bernard Green, Miss Laura Lewis and Charles E. Meeks.

Professor. A.B. Goodhue, grandfather of Edwin and Miss Elva Goodhue, was the first principal. He was a native of New Hampshire and a graduate of Dartmouth. He first taught in Alabama at Howard College — when it was located at Marion — and held the chair of mathematics. Later, he moved to Oxford in Calhoun County, where he conducted Oxford College, which was one of the most important schools in Alabama at that time.

He came to Gadsden in 1880, and in later years, he returned to Howard College — then moved to Birmingham — and served in the English and Speech department. His assistants were D.P. Goodhue, J.W. Dubose, A.J.C. Hail and Mrs. C. Dunn. They were all trained well as teachers and educators, and together, they conducted an invaluable school.

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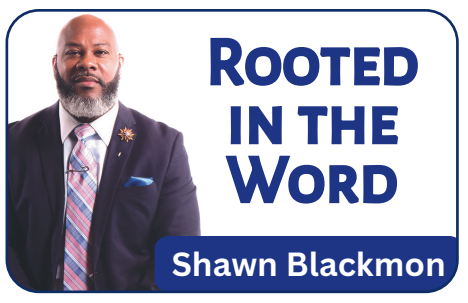
DEVOTIONALS



Even if nothing changes

Have you ever faced a situation where nothing you do seems to change your circumstances? Maybe it is trouble at work. Maybe it is tension at home. Maybe it is a financial struggle, a difficult relationship or a problem that just will not go away.

You pray. You work harder. You try to fix it. You make adjustments. And yet the problem is still there to wear you down.

But here is the question: Can I still thank God when my circumstances have not changed?

Habakkuk understood what it felt like to live with unanswered questions. In chapter 1, he asks God why injustice and violence were happening around him. God answers, but the answer creates even more questions.

By chapter 2, God calls Habakkuk to faith. And by chapter 3, something changes. Not the circumstances. Habakkuk changes. That is what makes Habakkuk 3:17–19 so powerful.

Habakkuk says that even if the fig tree does not blossom, there is no fruit on the vines, the olive crop fails, the fields produce no food and the livestock are gone, "yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation."

Think about what he is saying. This was not a minor inconvenience. These were the things people depended on for food, income and survival. Habakkuk is describing the possibility of losing almost everything that represented security.

And then he says: Yet I will rejoice. That word yet changes the whole passage. The fig tree may not blossom. Yet. The fields may not produce. Yet. The situation may not improve. Yet. The prayer may not be answered the way I hoped. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord.

Habakkuk's circumstances were still unresolved, but his confidence in God had changed. That is real faith.

Faith does not require us to pretend everything is fine. There are people who are hurting. There are families dealing with financial pressure. There are people grieving. There are people carrying health concerns, family problems and situations they never expected to face.

Being thankful does not mean pretending those things are not real. Faith allows us to acknowledge what is wrong without allowing what is wrong to determine what we believe about God. Habakkuk could look honestly at what might happen and still say, "God, I trust You."

Why? Because his joy was no longer rooted in the harvest. His joy was rooted in God. There is a difference between happiness based on circumstances and joy rooted in trust. Happiness says, "I am thankful because I got the raise." Joy says, "I am thankful because God gave me strength to get up and go to work." Happiness says, "I will praise God when the situation changes." Faith says, "Even if nothing changes today, God is still worthy."

Then Habakkuk says in verse 19, "God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places." Notice that God does not remove the difficult terrain. He gives Habakkuk strength to move through it.

Sometimes that is how God answers us. We ask Him to remove the mountain, and He gives us strength to climb. We ask Him to stop the storm, and He gives us peace in the middle of it. We ask Him to change the situation, and sometimes He begins by changing us.

That is why thanksgiving cannot simply be a holiday on the calendar. If we wait until everything is perfect before we thank God, we may never become thankful. Thanksgiving is confidence in who God is even when life is difficult.

So this week, identify one situation you have been praying about that has not changed. Bring it honestly before God. Do not pretend it does not hurt. Do not pretend you are not disappointed. But then remind yourself of one thing about God that has never changed. His faithfulness. His mercy. His presence. His love. Then say what Habakkuk said: "Yet I will rejoice." Because even when everything around you changes, the God of your salvation remains the same.

Let's pray.

Father, thank You for being constant when everything around me feels uncertain. Help me trust You even when my circumstances do not change. Give me the strength to be honest about my struggles without allowing them to control my faith. Remind me of Your faithfulness in the past and help me rejoice in who You are today. Even when I cannot see the answer, teach me to say, "Yet I will rejoice." In Jesus' name, Amen.

Walk in grace. Stand in truth. Live blessed.

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From Bible drills to beyond measure



If I asked you to name the most famous Bible verse in history, you probably wouldn't even need a second to think about it. You would almost immediately say John 3:16. It's most likely the first verse you memorized as a child — the first verse that planted the Truth of God's great Love inside your heart. If you are like me, you memorized it in the King James Version for Bible Drill with your blue, hardback Holman Bible and can still recite it with a hearty "believeth."

According to web data, John 3:16 is the verse that gets over two million global search queries per month. It's the one that appears most frequently on stadium banners, bumper stickers, tattoos, and eye black. It's literally everywhere. But with its popularity, is it possible that we've become desensitized to the Love behind those words?

I was listening to the daily devo "Sing" the other day when guest speaker Anna Golden pointed out something I have experienced but never put into words. She talked about how we come to Christ knowing how deeply we are loved, but the longer we walk with Him, we sometimes think we graduate from that Love into the conviction of God.

And that resonated. While it is true that as we walk with the Lord, we should grow in our knowledge of right versus wrong — developing a sensitivity to the conviction of God that leads us away from the milk that Hebrews 5:13 warns us against. But this meaty maturity is not just about avoiding sin. It should also sink us deeper into the unshakeable certainty of God's Love. It is a weighty realization, yet it is one I so easily forget when life gets heavy.

My thoughts turned to a recent short-tempered reaction with a friend that had my mind reeling. Inevitably, that moment led me to other past failures that whispered lies that His love has limits — as if my shortcomings could somehow shrink the ocean of Grace surrounding me.

Scripture is filled with verses about the unchanging, unfailing Love of God. When I looked into the original languages, I found that in the Old Testament, the word most used is the Hebrew word hesed. Likewise, in the New Testament, God's Love is referred to by the Greek word agape. Both words refer to a steady, enduring, and unchanging kind of Love — a Love rooted directly in His immutable character and unalterable nature (Crossway.com).

The Love of God referred to in John 3:16 is agape. It is an unconditional Love that does not wait for humans to earn favor; instead, it is initiated by Love Himself. It is not a catchy Bible verse or even a single chapter; it is reflected in an entire book. Since God is Love, it is everything. It draws us to Him, inspires our obedience and shapes us into His image.

Consider the opening line of this beloved hymn:

"How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure" ("How Deep the Father's Love").

At the end of her devotion, as the band started playing the chords of that hymn, Anna talked about how fundamental it is for Christians to truly understand how deeply loved we are. She said if we can settle our spirits and let His Love grip our hearts, unforgiveness, sadness and fear fade away, allowing us to carry that living assurance into the world.

Maybe you are struggling today with whether or not you have outgrown — or outsinned — the Love of God. Take a moment to reflect on that word: agape. Where in your life are you letting fear, failure or the heavy demands of "doing the right thing" overshadow the simple Truth of how completely you are Loved?

This week, don't just try harder to avoid sin or believe the voice that tells you that you have outgrown the Love of Jesus. Instead, let your heart be drawn to obedience because of His unconditional, perfect love. Let your spirit be gripped by Love, so that you can carry Him into the world with the freedom of a beloved child–because you are.

Let's pray:

Father, thank You that your Love isn't something we can grow out of or graduate from, but something we can fall deeper into. When the noise of life threatens to drown out Your Voice of Truth, remind us of the wonderful cross, the empty tomb, and the promise that You are coming back for Your own. May we know — with all our hearts — Your Love has paid our ransom.

We love You, Jesus. Thank You for loving us first.

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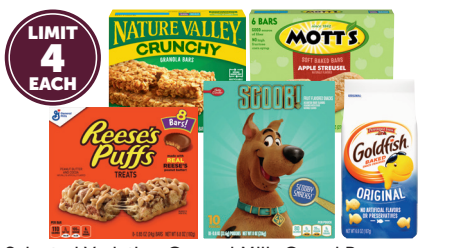
Food Club Shredded Cheese
32 Oz.
4.99 With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH



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LIMIT 2



Selected Varieties
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22.6-25.9 Oz.
9.99 With Card

LIMIT 2



Selected Varieties
Old Trapper Jerky
8-11 Oz.
9.99 With Card

LIMIT 10 EACH



Selected Varieties, Chunk Light Tuna (5 Oz.), Shells & Cheddar Cups (2.05- 2.39 Oz.) or
Food Club White Chunk Chicken
5 Oz.
5/$5 With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH



Food Club Twin Pack Cream Cheese (16 Oz.), Selected Varieties, Shamrock Farms Santa's Milk (32 Oz.), Campbell's Chunky Frozen Bowls (12-12.5 Oz.) or
Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits
Frozen, 25 Oz.
2.99 With Card

LIMIT 4 EACH



Selected Varieties, Family Size Bugles or Chex Mix (13.5-15 Oz.), Klondike Bars (4-6 Ct.), Pepperidge Farms Cookies (4-8.6 Oz.) or
Breyers Ice Cream
48 Oz.
2.99 With Card

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SPORTS

Westbrook advances to round 3 of AHSAA playoffs

Cole Frederick

The Westbrook Christian Warriors continued their perfect season with a 42-18 victory over Whitesburg Christian in the second round of the Class A AHSAA State Playoffs last Friday (Nov. 13). Westbrook is now 12-0, and they advanced to the semifinals this Friday (Nov. 20) where they will travel to Tuscaloosa Academy.

Westbrook quarterback Brody Blevins rushed for 182 yards and five touchdowns, and he also added 107 yards and a score through the air.

This is the first appearance in the semifinals for the Warriors since the 1997 season. That year, Westbrook made it to the championship game before losing to Billingsley. The Warriors are seeking their fifth state championship in school history and their first perfect season. Head coach Steve Smith is seeking his sixth state championship. All five previous titles came during his 17-year tenure at Piedmont.

Etowah's playoff run ended with a 55-7 loss at Class 3A, No. 1 Plainview last Friday. The Blue Devils trailed 42-0 at halftime, and they were held to 200 yards of offense on the night. Former Coosa Christian running back Kylen Johnson had five touches for 211 yards and five touchdowns for the Bears.

The Blue Devils finished the season 7-5, and first-year head coach Davin Hawkins orchestrated one of the biggest turnarounds in the state this year.

Hawkins said his team had trouble with consistency on both sides of the ball against the Bears.

"Our biggest challenges were limiting explosive plays defensively and finding consistency and rhythm offensively," Hawkins said. "We struggled at times to accomplish both, and against a quality opponent, those challenges can make it difficult to put together a complete performance."

Despite the loss, Hawkins said he is proud of how much it meant to his players after the game.

"What I was most proud of was seeing how much the loss genuinely affected our players," he said. "They weren't simply brushing it off and moving on as if it didn't matter. They understand the standard we are working to establish, and they want to live up to it. Their disappointment showed me that they care deeply about this program and take pride in what we are building."

Hawkins credited his senior class with helping orchestrate the turnaround from last year's 1-9 campaign.

"This senior class has laid the first bricks in rebuilding this program," Hawkins said. "They have helped establish a standard and created a level of expectation that is visible both inside and outside our program. I'll remember them as the group that helped lay the foundation for what we believe Etowah football can become. Their impact will extend well beyond their playing careers."

Hawkins added that he is proud of the relationships that have been built in the locker room.

"Our biggest accomplishment has been the relationships we have built. Coming into a program and finishing 7-5 with a second-round playoff appearance doesn't happen without establishing trust, creating meaningful relationships, and getting players to believe in a common vision. I'm extremely proud of how our players bought into what we were building and committed themselves to moving this program forward."

For next year, Hawkins says he wants his team to continue establishing their identity, and he believes that begins in the offseason.

"My biggest hope is that they understand we are in control of our identity," he said. "That identity isn't something we simply talk about or expect to develop when the season begins. It is something we create through our daily habits, preparation, discipline, and commitment. That process starts right now in the offseason, and the decisions we make moving forward will determine the direction of this program."

This Week in Sports

High School Sports

Boys' Football Playoffs

Nov. 20
Westbrook at Tuscaloosa Academy at 7:00 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Nov. 20
Hokes Bluff at Cedar Bluff at 6:30 p.m.
Sardis vs Fort Payne at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 21
Gadsden City vs. Etowah at 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 23
Gaston vs. Douglas at 6:30 p.m.
Glencoe vs. Pleasant Valley at 7:30 p.m.
Hokes Bluff vs. Sand Rock at 7:30 p.m.
Southside vs. Faith Academy at Orange Beach at 6:00 p.m.
Sardis vs. Springville at 6:30 p.m.
West End vs. Brindee Mountain at 7:15 p.m.

Nov. 24
West End at Appalachian at 6:30 p.m.
Gaston vs. Jacksonville Christian at 7:30 p.m.
Glencoe vs. Locust Fork at 7:30 p.m.
Hokes Bluff vs. Geraldine at 7:00 p.m.
Southside vs. Wetumpkia in Orange Beach at 12:00 p.m.
Sarids vs. Sand Rock at 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 25
Glencoe vs. White Plains at 4:30 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Nov. 23
Gaston vs. Douglas at 5:00 p.m.
Hokes Bluff vs. Sand Rock at 6:00 p.m.
Southside vs. Faith Academy in Orange Beach at 6:00 p.m.
Sardis vs. Springville at 5:00 p.m.
West End vs. Brindee Mountain at 5:45 p.m.

Nov. 24
West End at Appalachian at 5:00 p.m.
Gaston vs. Jacksonville Christian at 6:15 p.m.
Hokes Bluff vs. Geraldine at 5:30 p.m.
Sarids vs. Sand Rock at 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 25
Glencoe vs. Asbury at 12:00 p.m.

Girls' Bowling

Nov. 20
Southside vs. Etowah, Trussville, and Calera

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

Boys' Wrestling

Nov. 24
Gadsden City at Dora

Girls' Wrestling

Nov. 24
Gadsden City at Piedmont

Last Week's Scores

High School Sports

Football

Nov. 13
Etowah lost to Plainview 7-55.
Westbrook defeated Whitesburg Christian 42-18.

Boys' Basketball

Nov. 13
Glencoe defeated Southside78-74.

Nov. 16
Glencoe defeated Springville 65-55.
West End lost to Westbrook 31-61.
Gadsden City defeated Trussville 57-54.

Nov. 17
Sardis lost to Hokes Bluff 34-72.
West End lost to Holly Pond 45-48.

Girls' Basketball

Nov. 13
Glencoe defeated Southside 64-55.

Nov. 16
Sardis defeated Boaz 44-35.
West End lost to Westbrook 30-54.
Gadsden City lost to Trussville 25-89.

Nov. 17
West End lost to Holly Pond 25-41.

College School Sports

Mens' Basketball

Nov. 13
Gadsden State defeated Gordon State 79-52.

Nov. 14
Gadsden State defeated Georgia Highlands College 102-82.

Nov. 16
Gadsden State defeated Snead State 78-67.
p.m.

Womens' Basketball

Nov. 14
Gadsden State lost to Chattanooga State 63-67.

Nov. 16
Gadsden State lost to Snead State 44-52.



Photo from Westbrook football game on Oct. 23.



Gadsden City girls basketball

The Gadsden City girls basketball team faced a tough challenge Monday, falling to Trussville, 89-25.

Jac'Keria Woods led the Titans offensively with 12 points. Ryleigh Bullard, Naomi Taylor, Ma'Liyah Kennon and Jayda Gaddis each contributed two points in the effort.



SPORTS

Hokes Bluff, Sardis split wins in varsity basketball games

By Alex Chaney
Sports Correspondent

Hokes Bluff and Sardis met Tuesday night for a full slate of basketball action, with the teams splitting their varsity matchups.

In the girls' varsity game, Sardis defeated Hokes Bluff, 67-33. The Sardis JV girls also picked up a 36-23 victory.

Hokes Bluff claimed a 72-34 win in the boys' varsity game. The Eagles pulled away in the second quarter, using consecutive 3-pointers from freshman Brody Morgan to build momentum. Hokes Bluff continued to extend its lead in the second half to secure the season-opening victory.

The Hokes Bluff JV boys also came away with a 34-28 win over Sardis.

Hokes Bluff travels to Gaston on Thursday, while Sardis hosts Oneonta.











Photos by Alex Chaney

Glencoe Boys and Girls sweep Southside on the court

On Nov. 13 Glencoe boys' varsity basketball team defeated Southside 78-41 and Glencoe girls' varsity basketball defeated Southside 64-55.

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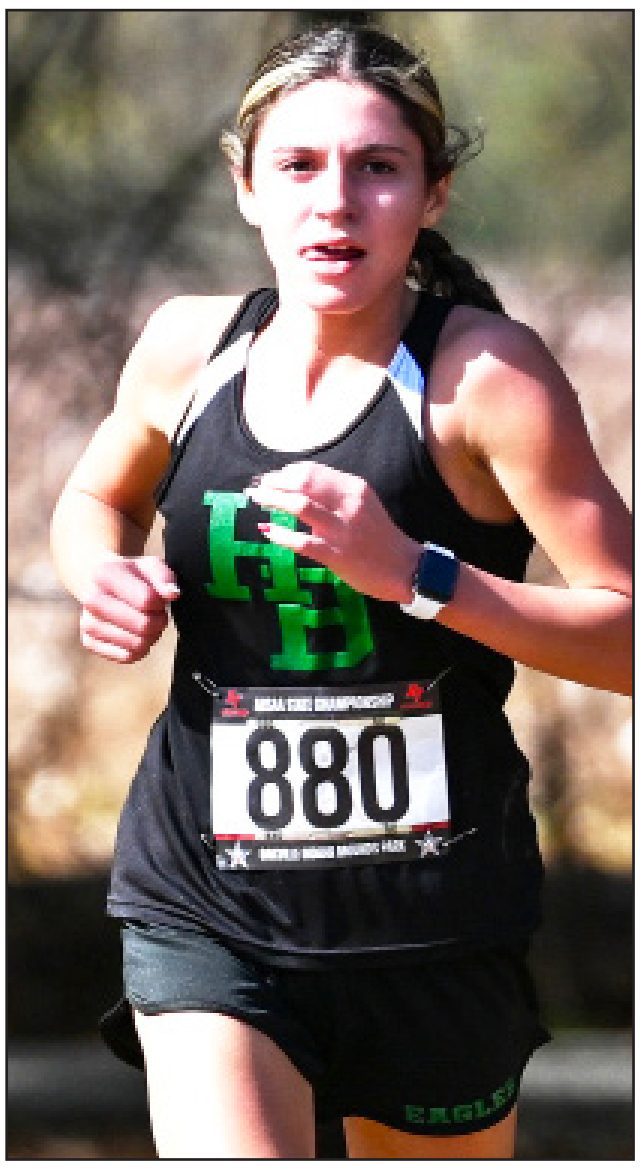
SPORTS

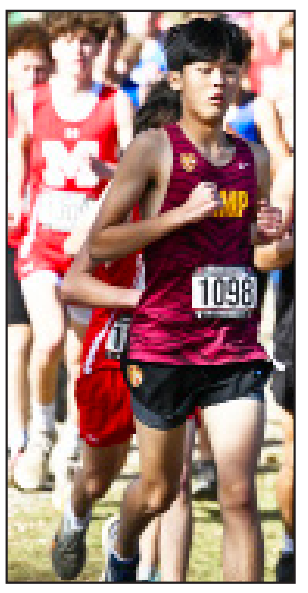
Etowah schools compete in 71st AHSAA Cross Country Championship



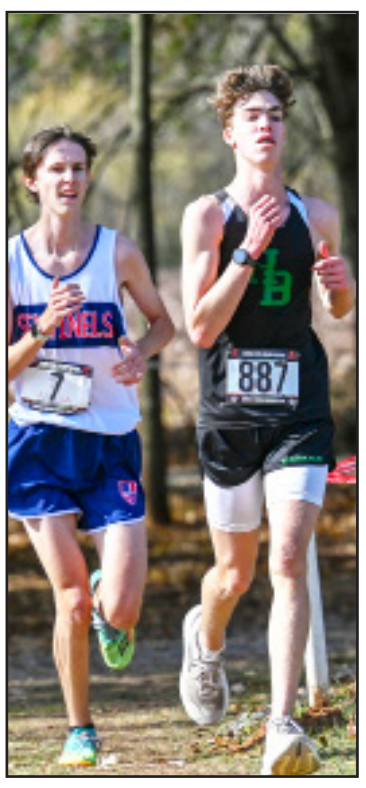


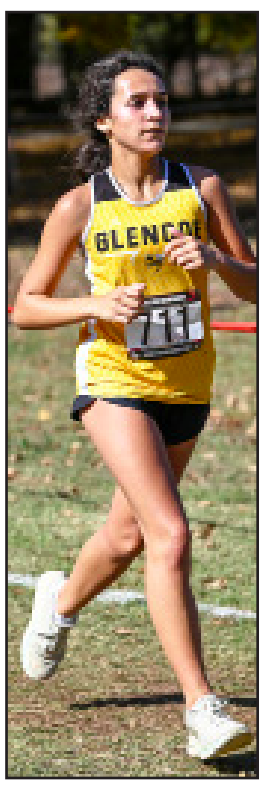


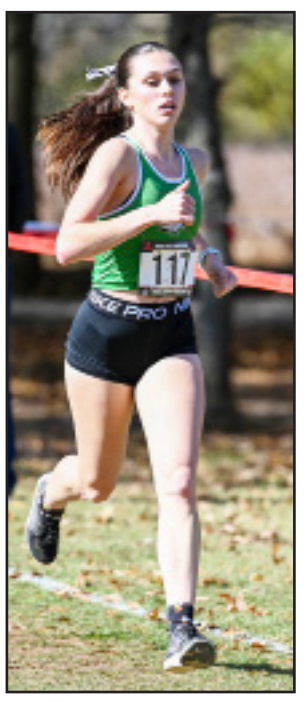
Emma Godfrey of Hokes Bluff placed 7th in the 5,000 meter race.











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November 7, 2026

Girls 5000m 5A
49th – Marlee Tucker, Southside, 20:50.5
80th – Khole Bujan, Southside, 21:41.0
84th – Sara Davis, Southside, 24:46.0

Boys 5000m 5A
53rd – Conner Christopher, Southside, 17:18.1
54th – Colton Mikle, Southside, 17:18.8
69th – Chase Hall, Southside, 17:36.8
76th- Keegan Sherrell, Southside, 17:42.9
77th – Mark Valentine, Southside, 17:43.3
80th – Carson Thacker, Southside, 17:45.8

Girls 5000m 3A
7th – Emma Godfrey, Hokes Bluff, 20:25.8
20th – Sara Pnder, Hokes Bluff, 21:42.4
22nd – Kylee Noles, Hokes Bluff, 21:50.3
26th – Juliana Smith, Hokes Bluff, 22:02.7
62nd – Sadie Brothers, Hokes Bluff, 23:51.5
74th – Crosby Smith, Glencoe, 24:12.0
76th – Lee Miller, Hokes Bluff, 24:17.6

Boys 5000m 3A
94th – Will Miller, Hokes Bluff, 20:24.2

Girls 5000m 1A-2A
9th – Kate Konkol, West End, 21:18.0
22nd – Karsten Campbell, West End, 22:02.3
65th – Avery Flores, West End, 24:06.4
80th – Emma Franklin, West End, 24:33.3
85th – Tensley Young, West End, 24:40.7
94th – Carolina Rainey, West End, 25:10.7

Girls 5000m Single A
86th – Noel Griffin, Westbrook Christian 24:16.0

Boys 5000m Single A
62nd – Calvin Gant, Westbrook Christian, 19:01.0
95th – Dominique Cooper, Westbrook Christan, 20:26.1





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LEGALS

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

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 FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Barbara McCurdy, Unmarried woman and Deric W. Cline, Unmarried Man, to Regions Bank, on May 9, 2022, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama, on May 26, 2022, as Document Number 3541089. Regions Bank, its successors and assigns, the current holder, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Etowah County Courthouse, in Gadsden, Alabama, on December 16, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

THE FOLLOWING LANDS AND PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, LYING IN CITY OF SOUTHSIDE. ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA TO WIT: PARCEL ONECOMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH. RANGE 6 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, AND RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, 466.70 FEET TO AN EXISTING PK NAIL; THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, LEAVING SAID EAST LINE 834.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 45.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST. 330.38 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY): THENCE RUN NORTH 38 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.PARCEL TWOCOMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPOKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9. TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, AND RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, 466.70 FEET TO AN EXISTING PK NAIL: THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, LEAVING SAID EAST LINE, 879.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST. 112.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST, 330.38 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 38 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 112 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST. 330.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA. PARCEL THREECOMMENCE AT AN EXISTING RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, AND RUN SOUTH 03 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, 466.70 FEET TO AN EXISTING PK NAIL; THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, LEAVING SAID EAST LINE 991.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 38 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, 234.42 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF DEED BOOK 1199, PAGE 635. PROBATE OFFICE, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE RUN SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 330.50 FEET TO AN EXISTING PINCH PIPE ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SMITH ROAD (60 FEET RIGHT OF WAY): THENCE RUN NORTH 38 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, 234.41 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 47 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY 330.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 AND THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

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November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ETOWAH

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Shannon D Baty, an unmarried person, to Compass Bank dated July 21, 2014; said mortgage being recorded on July 22, 2014 as Instrument No. 3404745 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Etowah County, Alabama..

The undersigned, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Successor by merger to BBVA USA, formerly known as Compass Bank, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Etowah County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on December 23, 2026 the following property, situated in Etowah County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at a 2 inch pipe marking the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (Northeast 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (Northwest 1/4) of Section Thirty Two (32), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Seven (7) East, thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 09 seconds East 644.80 feet along the East line of said forty to a 1/2 inch rebar on the Southerly right of way of Keysburg Road (30 foot right of way), thence leaving said forty line North 69 degrees 32 minutes 22 seconds West 21.73 feet along said right of way to a 1/2 inch rebar, thence North 74 degrees 08 minutes 31 seconds West 105.02 feet along said right of way to a 3/8 inch rebar capped (Dowdy) also being the Point of Beginning, thence leaving said right of way South 02 degrees 54 minutes 33 seconds West 210.39 feet to a 3/8 inch rebar, thence North 62 degrees 48 minutes 12 seconds West 9.00 feet to a point, thence South 02 degrees 56 minutes 59 seconds West 214.43 feet to a 2 inch pipe on the Northeasterly right of way of L & N Railroad (right of way varies), thence along said right of way a chord bearing and distance of North 40 degrees 33 minutes 06 seconds West 250.08 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar capped (CA-497-LS), thence along said right of way a chord bearing and distance of North 29 degrees 37 minutes 26 seconds West 435.08 feet to a 3/8 inch rebar on the Southerly right of way of said Keysburg Road (30 foot right of way) thence South 66 degrees 35 minutes 30 seconds East 238.71 feet along said right of way to a 3/8 inch rebar, thence South 74 degrees 45 minutes 36 seconds East 170.18 feet along said right of way to a nail, thence South 74 degrees 44 minutes 23 seconds East 16.69 feet along said right of way to the Point of Beginning.

Said property is commonly known as 204 Keysburg Road, Gadsden, AL 35905.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Successor by merger to BBVA USA, formerly known as Compass Bank as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 22-04043AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage given by Ceandra S. James and Jennifer James, as Mortgagor, to G & M Homes, LLC, as Mortgagee, dated March 18, 2013, and recorded as Instrument Number 3382713, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and the Mortgagee, by reason of such default, having declared the entire remaining indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the Mortgagee will sell, at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the door of the Etowah County Courthouse in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 3rd day of December, 2026, the following described property to-wit:

Lots Number Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Shaddowlawn Addition, as recorded in Plat Book "C", page 74, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.
Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of said mortgage. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This the 10th day of November, 2026.

G & M Homes, LLC, Mortgagee
/s/ James C. Inzer, III
Inzer, Haney, McWhorter & Haney, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee

November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage given by Erin Shorder, as Mortgagor, to G & M Homes, LLC, as Mortgagee, dated September 13, 2013, and recorded as Instrument Number 3391818, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama, and the Mortgagee, by reason of such default, having declared the entire remaining indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be immediately due and payable and said mortgage subject to foreclosure, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the Mortgagee will sell, at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the door of the Etowah County Courthouse in Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 3rd day of December, 2026, the following described property to-wit:

Lot Number Seven (7) in Spring Hill Estates, Rainbow City, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book "I", page 121, Probate Office, Etowah County, Alabama.
Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of said mortgage. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This the 10th day of November, 2026.

G & M Homes, LLC, Mortgagee
/s/ James C. Inzer, III
Inzer, Haney, McWhorter & Haney, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee

November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.
Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed.
Onity Mortgage Corporation f/k/a PHH Mortgage Corporation ("Transferee")

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

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

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

Suzanne M. Hammock was/were appointed Personal Representative(s) on 10/12/2026 to the Estate of John Dow Hammock 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

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 6, 13, and 20, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

FILE CLAIMS

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

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: 2026-00644

THE ESTATE OF: McGuire, Tammy Genette, DECEASED.

You will take notice that a Petition for Disposition of Remains filed by West Gadsden Funeral Home, for the disposition of the remains of Tammy Genette McGuire, who passed from this life and stepped into eternity on the 13th day of November, 2026, is set to be heard on the November 25, 2026, alleging that there are no known next of kin to take custody of the remains of the Decedent.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this matter or desire to take custody of the remains of the Decedent of the proper disposition, you must file a written response within two (2) days of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, Courthouse, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.
DONE THIS THE 16nd DAY OF November, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

TO: Kristen Faulkner and Shaun Robinson; whereabouts unknown

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

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

DONE THIS THE 10th DAY OF November, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

DONE THIS THE 10th DAY OF November, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

TO: unknown heirs; whereabouts unknown

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

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

DONE THIS THE 16th DAY OF November, 2026.

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Case No.: 2026-00325

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

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

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

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

DONE THIS THE 16th DAY OF November, 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20 ,27, and December 4, 2026

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.
Done the 13th of November 2026

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

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

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

CASE NO. 2026-00656

Notice to: Unknown Father
Address Unknown

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

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

DONE this 12th day of November, 2026

Scott W. Hassell
Judge of Probate

November 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT BY PUBLICATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

256-547-7200

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

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

CV-2025-900024.00

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

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

The subject property is described as follows:

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

Cassandra Johnson
Clerk of the Circuit Court Etowah County, Alabama

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

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

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION FORFEITURE ACTION

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

PLAINTIFF,
CIVIL DIVISION
V.S.
CASE NO: CV-2026-900561-CDR
$1,880.00 U.S. CURRENCY
DEFENDANT
IN RE: JIMMIE DEVON WILLIMAS

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

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

DONE this the 11th day of November, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

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

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION-FORFEITURE ACTION

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

PLAINTIFF,
CIVIL DIVISION
V.S.
CASE NO: CV-2026-900562-BTC
$403.00U.S. CURRENCY
Ruger EC9S 9mm
SN: 455-57576

DEFENDANT
IN RE: KEVIN OSHAY WILLIMAS

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

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

DONE this the 11th day of November, 2026

Cassandra Johnson, Circuit Clerk
Etowah County, Alabama

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

TITLE VI NOTICE OF PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

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November 20, 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 TO CONTRACTORS STATE PROJECT NO. RACR-028-759-002 ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on December 04, 2026 and at that time publicly opened for constructing SR-759 (East Gadsden Connector) (Grading, Drainage, Pavement, Bridges, Traffic Signals, Intelligent Traffic Systems (ITS), Traffic Signs, Lighting, and Traffic Stripe) from the Coosa River Bridge to the intersection of SR-1 (US-431) and SR-74 (US-278) in Gadsden. Length 2.058 mi.
The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate.
The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Six Hundred (600) Working Days.
A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for $5.00. Plans may be purchased for $236.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Cashier’s check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - $50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.
The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project’s complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.
The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From $81,254,429 To $99,310,969 .

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.
In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.
The bidder’s proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.
Section 34-8-8. Code of Alabama 1975 as amended states in part as follows: ‘… it will be necessary for him or her to show evidence of license before his or her bid is considered,’ Further, Section 34-8-8, Code of Alabama 1975 as amended also states in part as follows: ‘All Owners, Architects, and engineers receiving bids pursuant to this chapter shall require the person, firm, or corporation to include his or her current license number on the bid.’
The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director

November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL (UIC) PERMIT
AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
PUBLIC NOTICE - 212

Cherokee County
Weiss Lake Egg Company c/o Mr. Jeremy Bryant, PO Box 190, Centre, AL 35960, UIC Permit Number AL-SI9910816 has applied for the reissuance of a permit for Class V Injection Wells at Weiss Lake Egg Co., 9602 County Road 59, Centre, AL 35960 for discharge resulting from the injection of treated effluent from an egg washing facility.

The draft permit contains requirements and limitations which are protective of groundwater quality.

Copies of the draft permit, conditions, limitations and a fact sheet as applicable describing the methodology for setting the limitations and conditions and other related documents are available for public inspection electronically via http://adem.alabama.gov/newsEvents/publicNotices.cnt, and at the following location Monday – Friday (except legal holidays), 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. A nominal fee for copying and/or mailing may be charged. Arrangements for copying should be made in advance.

James H. Carlson, Chief
ADEM-Water Division
1400 Coliseum Blvd.
[Mailing address: PO Box 301463; Zip 36130-1463]
Montgomery, Alabama 36110-2400
(334) 271-7823
water-permits@adem.alabama.gov

Persons wishing to comment may do so, in writing, to the Department’s named contact above by 5:00 PM on Monday, December 28, 2026. COMMENTERS SHOULD IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATE UIC PERMIT NUMBER ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THEIR COMMENTS. In order to affect final decisions, comments must offer technically substantial information that is applicable to the draft permit.

A written request for a public hearing may also be filed within that 30-day period and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever it is found, on the basis of hearing requests, that there exists a significant degree of public interest in the permit application or draft permit. The Director may also hold a hearing if he determines that it would clarify one or more issues involved in the permit decision.

After consideration of all written comments, review of any public hearing record, and consideration of the requirements of the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations, the Department will make a final determination. The Department will develop a response to comments, which will become part of the public record. The Department will post responses to comments as well as the final permit determinations to the Department’s website at http://app.adem.alabama.gov/eFile/. To find the response to comments and final permit determination, you may search by the permit number listed in this notice.

The Department maintains a list of interested individuals who are emailed legal notices regarding proposed permits. If you wish to receive such notices, please sign up at http://adem.alabama.gov by entering your email address on the left side of the page and clicking the submit button.

Notice is hereby given this 25th day of November, 2026, by authorization of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.
Edward F. Poolos
Director
Nondiscrimination Statement: The Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in the administration of its programs.

November 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:

2027 Periodic Bid for Smoke Testing

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the offices of The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden located at 515 Albert Rains Boulevard, on December 1, 2026, at 1:30 PM local time.

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 December 8, 2026, at 1:30 PM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

This project provides for continuous smoke testing investigation and documentation at locations designated by the Owner during the contract period. Investigations will be performed on an as-requested basis and may vary in size, quantity, and location, see Section 00500 for minimum task order quantities. The Contractor shall respond to work orders and complete investigations in accordance with the specifications and contract requirements.

Each Work Authorization will be designated by Gadsden Water, or its consultant, as needed utilizing unit prices for commonly performed contractor work items. Completion of these investigations is intended to be performed within the shortest possible time frame with the work beginning and ending on dates selected for each work authorization. Failure to comply with the times specified within each Work Authorization may, in the sole determination of Gadsden Water, result in the contractor being prohibited from additional work for Gadsden Water, until such time as contractor is back on schedule. Contractors must submit with their bid a completed Bidder’s Qualification form and any valid licenses and insurance.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Agent, Three Notch Group, Inc (Louie Arvelo - louie.arvelo@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, P.E.
Title:
General Manager

November 20, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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

NORTHEAST ALABAMA REGIONAL MEGASITE LIFT STATION
Sealed bids for the Northeast Alabama Regional Megasite Lift Station CBHM220009(2B) will be received at Etowah County Commission located on the first floor of the Courthouse, Room 108, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901, until Thursday, December 17, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. local time at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. local time at the Etowah County Commission located on the first floor of the Courthouse, Room 108, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901. Attendance is non-mandatory, but encouraged.

The Project includes the following Work: Construction of a sanitary sewer lift station, electrical building, 6500 linear feet of 12” force main, and related appurtenances.

Information for the Project can be found at the following designated website: www.gmc-network.com/bids.
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Goodwyn Mills Cawood LLC, 1906 E Three Notch Street, Andalusia, AL 36421, Email: Patsy Stinson patsy.stinson@gmcnetwork.com. Prospective Bidders may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Copies of the Bidding Documents shall be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of $20.00 for a one time administrative fee for digital access/file sharing and/or $100.00 for each printed set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, therefore no refund will be granted. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to “GMC.” Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruc-

tions to Bidders.
The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the best and most responsible bidder. All bidders shall submit, with their bid, a list of projects "successfully completed" in the last 5 years, having the same scope of work and approximate construction cost as specified in this project. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered.
No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the opening thereof.

Bidders will be fully responsible for the delivery of their bids in a timely manner. Reliance upon the U.S. Mail or other carriers is the bidder's risk.

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

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

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:

2027 Periodic Bid for Asphalt Patching, Milling & Resurfacing, and Concrete Patching

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the offices of The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Gadsden located at 515 Albert Rains Boulevard, on December 1, 2026, at 2:30 PM local time.

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 December 8, 2026, at 2:30 PM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

This project provides for continuous asphalt pavement repair and patching services at locations designated by the Owner during the contract period. Repairs will be performed on an as-requested basis and may vary in size, quantity, and location, see Section 00500 for minimum task order amount. The Contractor shall respond to task orders and complete repairs in accordance with the specifications and contract requirements.

Each Work Authorization will be designated by Gadsden Water, or its consultant, as needed utilizing unit prices for commonly performed contractor work items. Construction of these projects is intended to be performed within the shortest possible time frame with the work beginning and ending on dates selected for each work authorization. Failure to comply with the times specified within each Work Authorization may, in the sole determination of Gadsden Water, result in the contractor being prohibited from additional work for Gadsden Water, until such time as contractor is back on schedule. Contractor must meet experience requirements. Contractors must submit with their bid a completed Bidder's Qualification form and any valid licenses and insurance.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Agent, Three Notch Group, Inc (Louie Arvelo - louie.arvelo@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 or HS classification as listed in the latest edition of the Roster of the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama. The Owner will not consider any bid unless the bidder produces evidence that they are so licensed. All nonresident contractors preparing bids shall submit with their bid evidence of proper registration with the Alabama Secretary of State as a foreign corporation, and a Certificate of Good Standing as a Foreign Corporation from the State of Alabama Department of Revenue.

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

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

November 20, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Contractor Name
Temple J Electric, LLC

November 13, 20, and 27, 2026

JOB COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Clements Dean Building Company, Contractor, has completed the Contract for construction of Gadsden Athletic Center PKG #3 Recreation Center Foundation and Structural Steel for the city of Gadsden and the County of Etowah, Owner(s) and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All Persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Chambless King Architects 12 West Jefferson St Suite 300 Montgomery AL 36104.

CLEMENTS DEAN BUILDING COMPANY
5455 HIGHWAY 51
WILSONVILLE, AL 35186

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

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

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

November 20, 27, and December 4, 2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is here by given that the contents of the following storage buildings will be sold by Off Campus Storage on November 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at 474 George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, AL. 35903.

Christopher Hodge
Unit 121

German Malone
Unit 125

Dexter Harrell
Unit 53 and 71

Jessica Body
Unit 94 and 133

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

November 20 and 27, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Regional Warehousing & Mini Storage located at 3525 Mountain View Dr Southside, AL 35907 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by tenants for default on their Storage Contracts. The sale will occur at the facility on 12/2/2026 at 9:00AM. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

November 20, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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

2024 Mitsubishi Outlander
VIN: JA4J-4VA81RZ038303

The public auction will be held at Thacker Towing, 927 5th Ave NE, Attalla, AL 35954 on December 18, 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 13 and 20, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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

2018 Dodge Charger
VIN: 2C3CDXCT-8JH233626

The public auction will be held at Thacker Towing, 927 5th Ave NE, Attalla, AL 35954 on January 8, 2027. 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 13 and 20, 2026

NOTICE OF VEHICLE POSSESSION

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

2010 FORD FOCUS
VIN: 1FAHP-3GN1AW171958

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

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