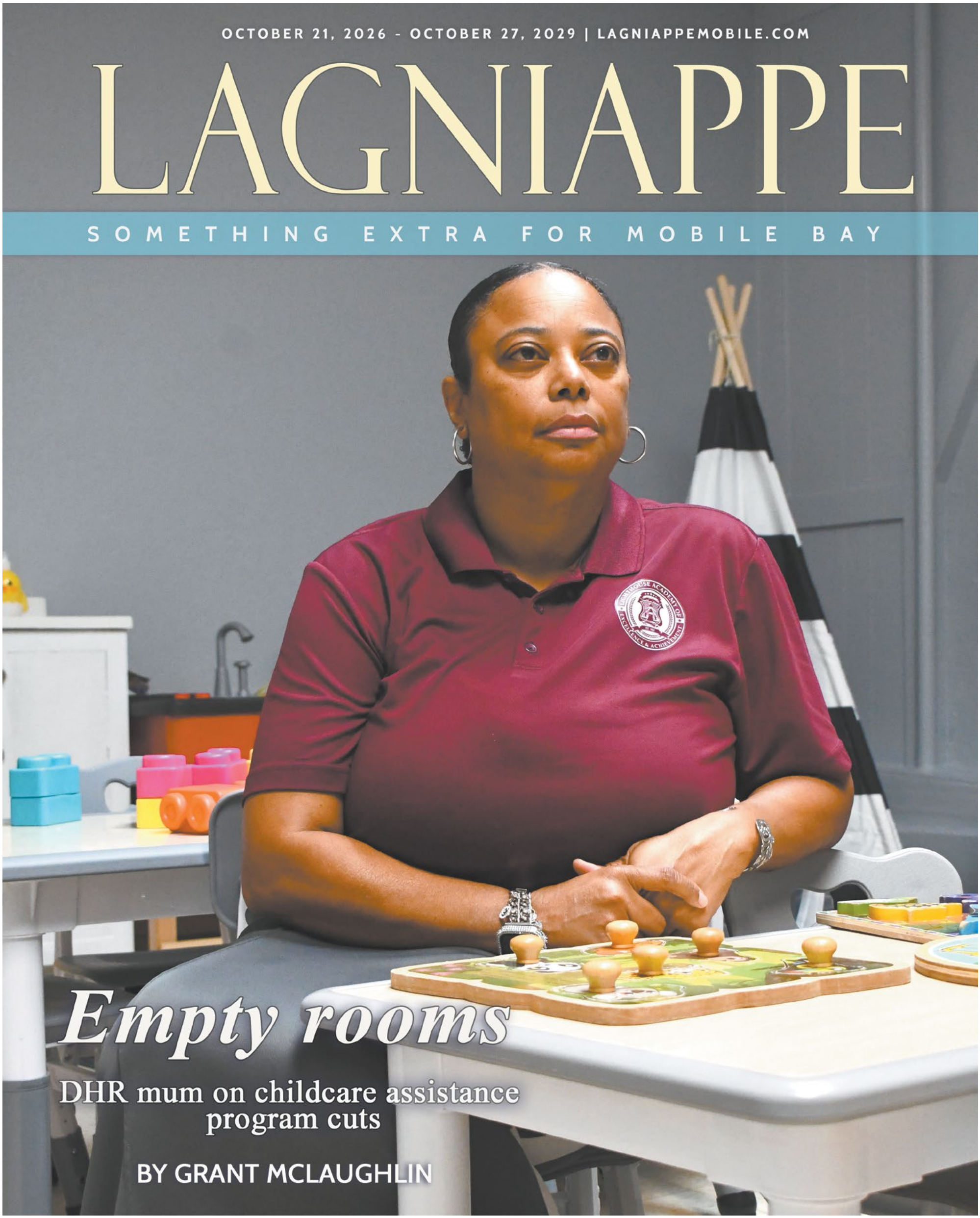
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To the editors,

Last century, when I lived in Chicago, newspapers like the Chicago Tribune and Sun-Times would publish their political endorsements in editorials at some point prior to Election Day, with explanations for those choices. I notice you don't do that here.

I understand that times have changed and readership in today's world is diminishing. You don't want to alienate anyone willing to pick up or read your publication, but that doesn't diminish your responsibility to keep your readers informed. Your position on candidates and issues can provide an important source of information to those who remain undecided. You have access to facts, statistics and personnel who specialize in interpreting those facts and statistics to better explain them to your readers.

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Responsible leadership comes in many forms. Be a leader.

Respectfully,
D. Carroll

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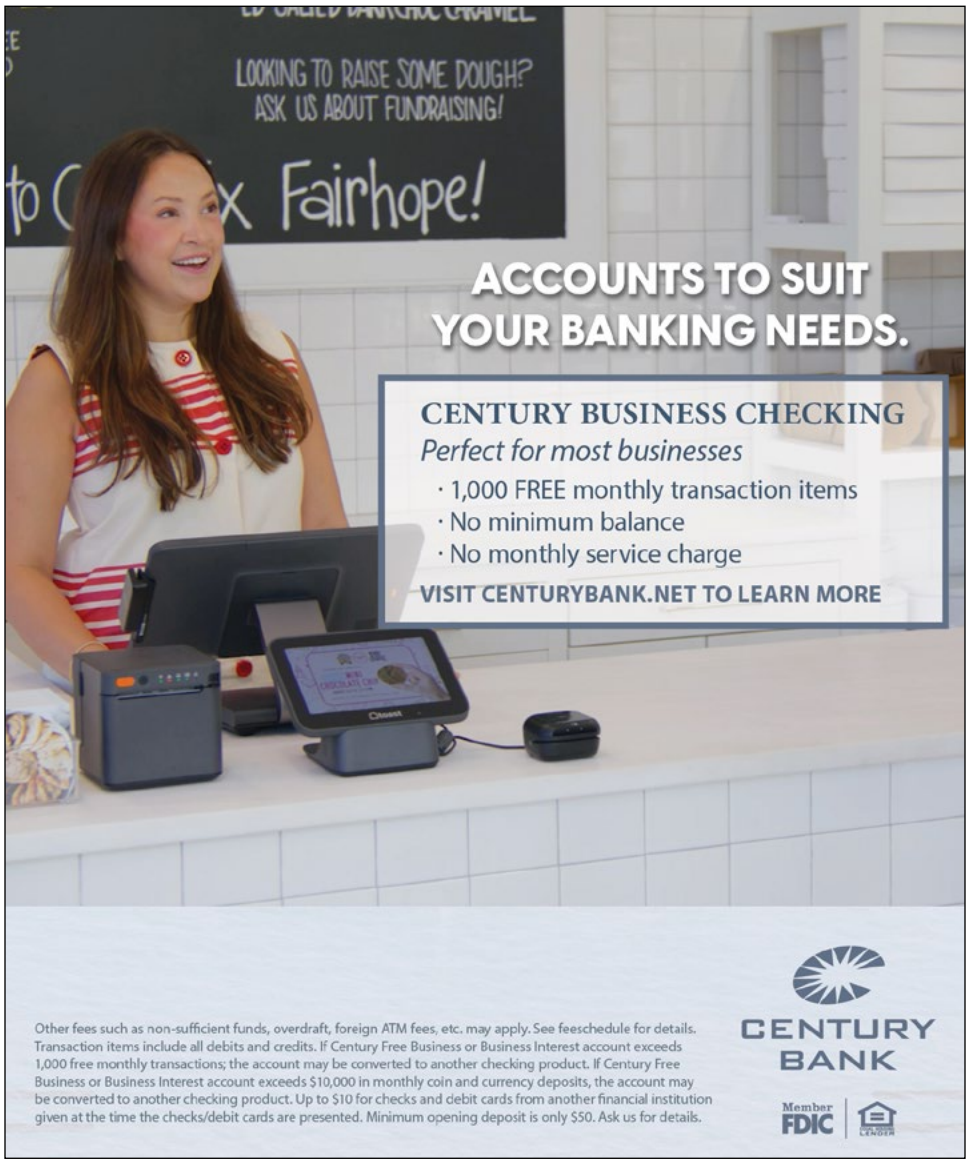
As a Mobile resident, I support improving public access to our beautiful waterfront. However, the questions surrounding Brookley by the Bay's funding deserve clear answers.

Before committing additional taxpayer dollars, city leaders should provide a transparent budget, timeline and explanation of how this project compares with other community priorities.

Mobile deserves both a beautiful waterfront and responsible management of public funds. We should not have to sacrifice one for the other.

Louis Carlisle
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Isaias from the sidelines

BY ALAN SEALLS



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The first hurricane of the 2026 hurricane season came to the Gulf Coast, as Isaias. I watched Hurricane Isaias from the sidelines, as a retired meteorologist, and I didn't mind at all, although the homeowner in me was a bit concerned. This was the first time in four decades when I was under a hurricane warning that I did not have to go to work and cover the storm!

On the afternoon of landfall, with my home in West Mobile as prepared as it should have been, I even took a nap, between glancing at the different local TV stations. I generally followed the National Hurricane Center and the National Weather Service to gain confidence that my West Mobile neighborhood would not be severely impacted. It wasn't.

The evening before Isaias was named, I made a generic post on social media reminding people to follow their trusted forecaster, unless he was retired! I was serious. It was nice to see many flattering comments about my past work covering the commotion in the ocean, regardless of what it was named. Those comments were mixed in with personal questions about what people should do, and what the AI models were doing, along with posts from many people who asked me to return "just this time" or for "just this storm." Nope.

Think of the many athletes who come out of retirement, and then everyone wishes they had stayed retired! I no longer forecast. I do look at weather forecast models at times, but that's only for something specific in the small radius of my daily scamper.

When the hurricane watch for Isaias was issued for the central Gulf Coast, within hours I got a handful of media requests to talk about it. For each, I gave a quick "no thanks." There still seems to be a sentiment that I can just glance at data and have a full forecast in seconds.

Imagine you are at a social event and see your friend, an attorney. You have a question about an ongoing dispute with a store you shop in and ask the attorney what seems like a simple question. You shouldn't expect full legal advice on the spot from the attorney. The attorney would say, "I have to take time and sit down and research the issue and study case law, after you give me all the information," and they would add, "and then you pay me!" If the attorney is retired, they likely would tell you to talk to someone who is actively working.

Forecasting weather involves constant vigilance. There are no quick answers to complicated scenarios. As soon as you wake up, you're studying the data from overnight. Throughout the day, you're constantly sifting through analyses and forecast models. Before you go to bed, you're reviewing the latest data.

Only then can a meteorologist speak intelligently and confidently on something as complex as a hurricane. It takes time and energy. That's called work. My state of being is retired. The two conflict. From the sidelines of active weather, I don't miss the stress of predicting high-impact storms.

Alan Sealls is an adjunct meteorology professor at the University of South Alabama.

Tiff over TIFs

Council delays vote on tax districts

BY KYLE HAMRICK

Plans to start the process of setting up new tax increment financing (TIF) districts around Mobile derailed last Wednesday morning after a city councilman and county commissioner voiced concerns that the mayor said took him by surprise.

The City Council was ready to vote on a pair of resolutions that would schedule public hearings later this month for TIF districts in Midtown and along the Mobile River when District 4 Councilman Ben Reynolds said the city should slow its roll.

Speaking during the council's pre-meeting work session, Reynolds said the vote should be delayed two more weeks so the Mobile County Commission and the Mobile County Board of School Commissioners could have more time to review the proposals, which would freeze property tax values in the two districts, save revenues collected from tax value increases and direct those funds to development projects.

"There's a cost associated with a TIF because you affect not just the county's ad valorem tax and the school board's ad valorem tax, but you also affect the city's general fund and the other organizations' general funds," Reynolds said. "They're scared to death right now the city is going to have this big money grab and it's going to affect their general fund and they're not going to be able to provide services to the level they need to. That includes things like the sheriff's department, that includes the jail, that includes our ordinary schools."

While the vote before the City Council on Wednesday, Oct. 14, only authorized public hearings for the two districts later in October, Reynolds said the body should not vote on the matter and take more time to understand the implications of the TIF districts.

District 6 Councilman Josh Woods cautioned the council from "going down a road of scary and doom" and noted ad valorem property taxes make up only 6 percent of the city's budget.

Reynolds then invited Mobile County Commissioner Randall Dueitt to share his thoughts on the TIF proposals with the body. He cast doubt on comments Mayor Spiro Cheriogotis made earlier in the meeting that the city and county discussed the TIF districts in advance.

"I would like for this to feel like a partnership, I really would, but I don't feel like it has been," Dueitt said. "We got the maps at the end of last week. The County Commission really hasn't had an opportunity to digest this."

Dueitt said he asked Reynolds to slow the TIF process because the city, county and school board need more time to discuss the TIF districts' proposed boundaries and how they will affect all three public bodies' finances.

Reynolds said it is "clear as day" that the city needs the county's support in setting up new TIF districts, and warned the three county commissioners are "fighting mad" about the issue.

"There is a finish line to make the city of Mobile prosperous, Mobile County prosperous and the school board prosperous," Reynolds said. "The last thing I want to do is poke a finger in Commissioner Dueitt's eye."

Later in the morning, the City Council did not vote on scheduling public hearings for the TIF districts and instead decided to revisit the items in two weeks. The move also delayed action on a TIF district proposed for Tillmans Corner for two weeks.

Woods urged his colleagues on the council not to let the TIF districts die for lack of action.

"I've come to realize with any level of politics whenever people don't want something to get done or they want something to go and die, they lay it over or send it to a committee," Woods said. "I hope this doesn't kick this can down the road a little longer."

Reynolds defended his proposal.

"If we don't have our partners on board, we will not be successful. Let's use these next two weeks to get things in a way that are amicable to all our partners so that when we have the public hearing we can get the fine details worked out, not the big strokes," Reynolds said. "This is a big deal."

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Cheriogotis criticized the delayed vote.

"The only thing I've heard as far as disagreement is whether you start this conversation in the public or in private, whether all the decisions get made behind closed doors with a handful of people or whether the public is engaged in the process," Cheriogotis said. "All we were requesting today is for that public hearing to be scheduled so we can put out the information we have available."

Dueitt's comments caught Cheriogotis by surprise, he said.

"It felt like a partnership when we were riding together talking about it when we first opened his golf course, and he said he had no issues with it," Cheriogotis said. "It felt like a partnership when we had lunch yesterday and when we sat in my office this morning to talk about it prior to those comments."

Cheriogotis said Mobile's TIF districts could replicate Huntsville's success. Because of TIF districts, the Rocket City is booming, he said.

"I want that for Mobile," Cheriogotis said. "I want these TIFs to encourage the kind of development we see in other places."

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Simpson denied

Ethics Commission rules on fund use

BY GRANT MCLAUGHLIN



An Alabama lawmaker's wish to use campaign funds to bankroll a lawsuit against political groups who he claims defamed him in campaign advertisements did not pass muster with the State Ethics Commission.

However, he said he's not ready to throw in the towel on using campaign cash to fund the pending litigation.

During the Alabama Ethics Commission's Oct. 7 meeting in Montgomery, its members voted unanimously not to approve House Rep. Matt Simpson, R-Daphne, using his roughly $33,927 in leftover campaign funds to pay his lawyers in at least one pending lawsuit. They mostly stated his request simply falls out of line with deadlines for political candidates to receive campaign funds.

"The Ethics Act prohibits campaign funds from being used to pay the legal fees and costs associated with a personal injury claim that would result in damages being personally paid to a public official," the opinion reads. "The FCPA [Fair Campaign Practices Act] prohibits a PCC [principal campaign committee] from receiving a payment of damages from a lawsuit against a PAC [political action committee] outside of the 12 months prior to an election in which the person intends to be a candidate."

The lawsuit, Simpson said, will be filed against the Alabama Values PAC, a Wisconsin-based PAC that ran campaign ads and mailers with claims Simpson said misrepresented his voting record and contributed to him losing a primary race in May with political newcomer Danielle Duggar.

"I didn't expect the Ethics Commission to do me any favors. You know, I've gone after them for years," Simpson said. "I'm not worried about it. If the damage happened during the time of your campaign, why couldn't you recover for the damage that happened during the time of your campaign? I just think that this was kind of them trying to do some loopholes to try to figure out a way to get to a resolution that they wanted to get to."

Simpson spearheaded efforts to make changes to the state's ethics laws and the commission last year, but they were not passed into law.

The commission's opinion specifically says Simpson and his campaign would be unable to receive any damages awarded in any litigation if he uses campaign funds to pay for legal representation.

"The only time a candidate is permitted to accept a campaign contribution is during the period of 12 months prior to an election in which they intend to be a candidate with the period when the Legislature is convened in session being excluded for legislative and statewide office and for a period of 120 days after the election in which the person was a candidate but only to the limited extent provided," the commission wrote. "Therefore, unless an award of damages were to be made within the 12 months prior to an election in which Rep. Simpson intends to be a candidate, Rep. Simpson's PCC would not be permitted to accept any award of damages if his lawsuit were to be successful."

Simpson was one of several local lawmakers who were targeted in a surge of campaign materials and independent PAC spending during the Republican primaries earlier this year. Simpson claims some, like the Alabama Values PAC, spread false information about his voting record.

A Lagniappe investigation earlier this year found over $4 million of dark gambling-associated funds flowing into local legislative races via groups like the American Conservative Fund, including Simpson's. The Alabama Values PAC itself was funded with roughly $190,000 in dark money that came from Virginia-based Freedom Forward Alliance, which did not report the source of that money to federal or state election regulators.

Simpson is also considering litigation against the Christian Coalition of Alabama for similar third-party campaign advertisements that he said contributed to his primary loss. One of the ads claimed he tried to "protect" AI companies creating sexual content depicting minors. According to Alabama Legislature voting records, Simpson voted to make the creation of online sexual material depicting minors a crime in 2024.

Simpson told Lagniappe Daily he will now ask the commission whether he can use the funds for his lawsuit if he makes a legally binding agreement to donate any damages awarded in litigation to charity. State law currently allows candidates to donate campaign funds to certain tax-exempt organizations.

"I'm not giving up," Simpson said. "I still think [the commission] left me an avenue. It's never been about the money for me. It's about holding these people accountable. So if they allow me to give the money to charity, I'll have to do that. We've had some significant decisions recently in Alabama on defamation suits, and you're talking multiple seven-figure settlements. So if that money can go to charity, even better."

‘Cat-and-mouse game’

Tuberville wants to see Jones’ finances

BY SCOTT JOHNSON

Asked again about his promise to donate his U.S. Senate salary to veterans, Tommy Tuberville avoided a direct answer but said he “hope[s] everybody believed it.” Instead, he suggested his gubernatorial opponents’ earnings while in Washington, D.C., are worthy of scrutiny.

Throughout the 2020 campaign for his current office in Congress, the former Auburn coach repeatedly touted a pledge to forgo his $174,000 annual salary and give it to veterans and their widows and children. However, according to Tuberville’s tax returns and officials with his own charitable foundation, that has not happened. Over six years in office, that pledge would be worth more than $1 million.

Speaking to reporters Thursday before a Republican event in Guntersville, Tuberville pushed back against attacks from Democratic gubernatorial opponent Doug Jones, who recently accused Tuberville of breaking his 2020 campaign pledge, according to multiple news outlets.

Tuberville brushed the criticisms aside, claiming Jones was misinformed and appeared to accuse Jones of making more money while a U.S. senator than he had.

“He needs to do his background,” Tuberville told reporters, according to 1819 News. “I’m on the VA committee. When you go up there, you have to take a check because they want your tax money for some reason. You have to pay taxes on that. So he needs to do his homework a little bit better than what he did.”

Tuberville’s campaign did not acknowledge or answer questions seeking to clarify his statements.

Jones recently criticized the title of Tuberville’s “Veteran Fraud Reimbursement Act,” which was passed into law last year.

“Interesting title, Tommy,” Jones stated in a post to X. “Are you going to reimburse veterans for the fraud you committed when you promised to donate your Senate salary to them and then didn’t send a penny? ... That could get expensive.”

Tuberville promised on multiple occasions that he would donate “every dime” he earned as a senator to veterans, and even pledged to appear on a local radio station to personally present checks to widows and their children.

Responding to those attacks Thursday, Tuberville told reporters before the event, “I said that back in 2020, and I hope everybody believed it.”

Tuberville also flipped those attacks back at Jones, saying the former senator, whom Tuberville unseated during the 2020 election, had worked in D.C. for a long time and should show his own financial information.

“I want to see his bank returns also,” Tuberville told Huntsville station WHNT. “But we won’t play that cat-and-mouse game.”

It’s unclear what financial records Tuberville was asking for — however, Lagniappe Daily previously reported that Jones has not released tax returns publicly, despite promising to do so if Tuberville did.

While fighting a residency challenge before the Alabama Republican Party in June, Tuberville’s campaign released seven years of state tax returns for 2018-24. Those records do not reflect charitable giving equivalent to his Senate salary.

Lagniappe asked Jones for copies of his state tax returns in March, pointing to Jones’ extended work in D.C., even after leaving elected office.

Jones clarified to Lagniappe last month in an interview that he would not release his returns until Tuberville produced his federal taxes as well.

Appeal denied

Harris wins case with Gulf Shores

BY GRANT MCLAUGHLIN

A future Baldwin County commissioner has won a criminal appeal against the city of Gulf Shores.

The Alabama Supreme Court ruled on Friday, Oct. 9, not to reconsider an overturned conviction of District 4 Commissioner-elect John Carl “Tater” Harris for allegedly operating a business in Gulf Shores without a license.

“The petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced cause has been duly submitted and considered by the Supreme Court of Alabama and the judgment indicated below was entered in this cause on October 9, 2026: Writ Denied. No Opinion. Cook, J. — Stewart, C.J., and Wise, Sellers, and Parker, JJ., concur,” the court wrote.

Harris, whose district includes Gulf Shores, was charged with a misdemeanor by the city in 2024 for operating a rental business that included golf carts without a proper license.

“It’s great to have the courts agree that we’ve always had a license and we were always allowed to operate, even though the city disagrees,” Harris said.

Harris told Lagniappe Daily he has always maintained a proper recreational business license for his store, Gulf Coast Rental Company. However, when he asked about a special license to rent golf carts in 2022, the city reportedly refused to issue him one, and Harris continued to rent golf carts under his general business license, which he argued was sufficient.

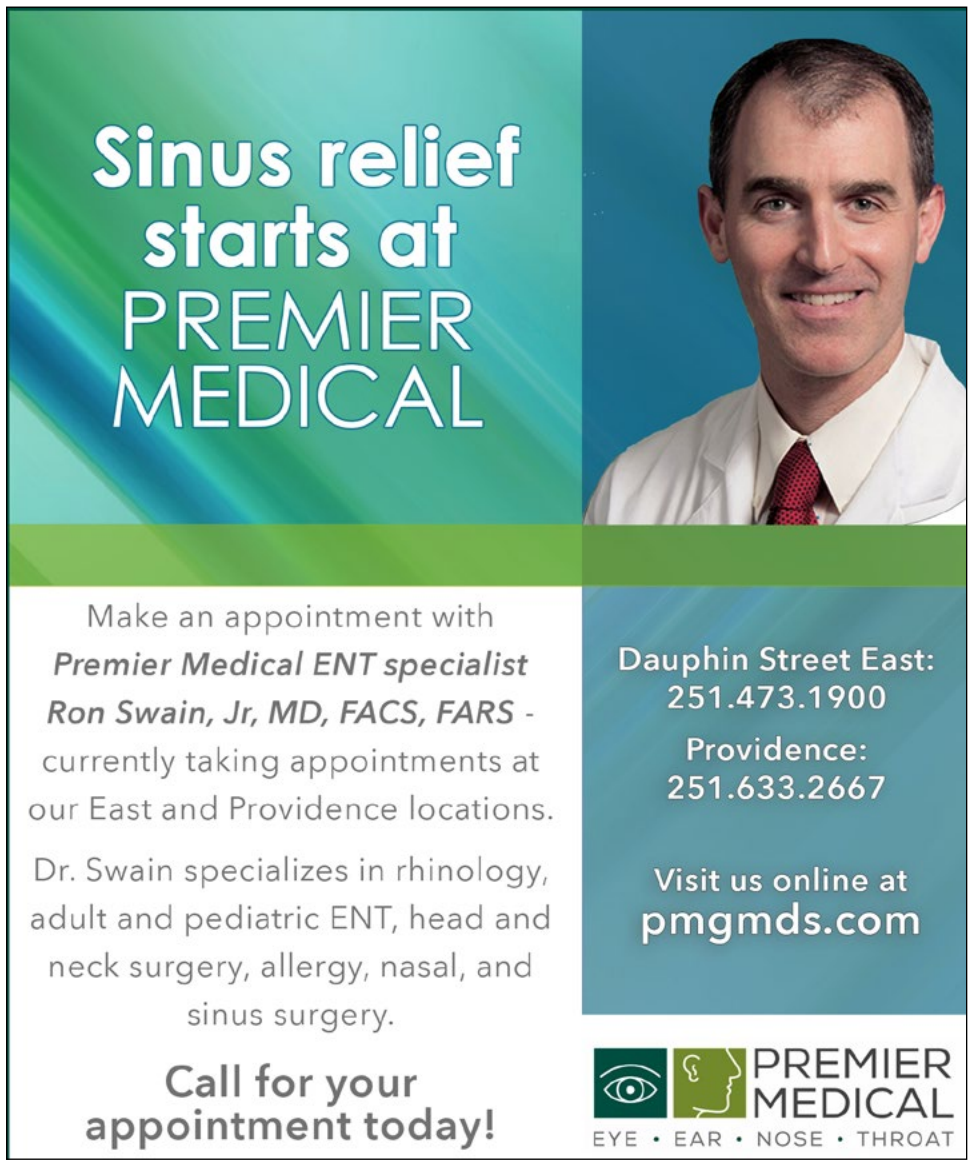
Then the city charged him.

In 2024, Harris filed a lawsuit with the city, arguing it prosecuted him for not obtaining a proper license while he, in fact, had a recreational business license already that covered the rental of the vehicles. He also alleged Gulf Shores was negligent in not issuing the license and had even harassed him.

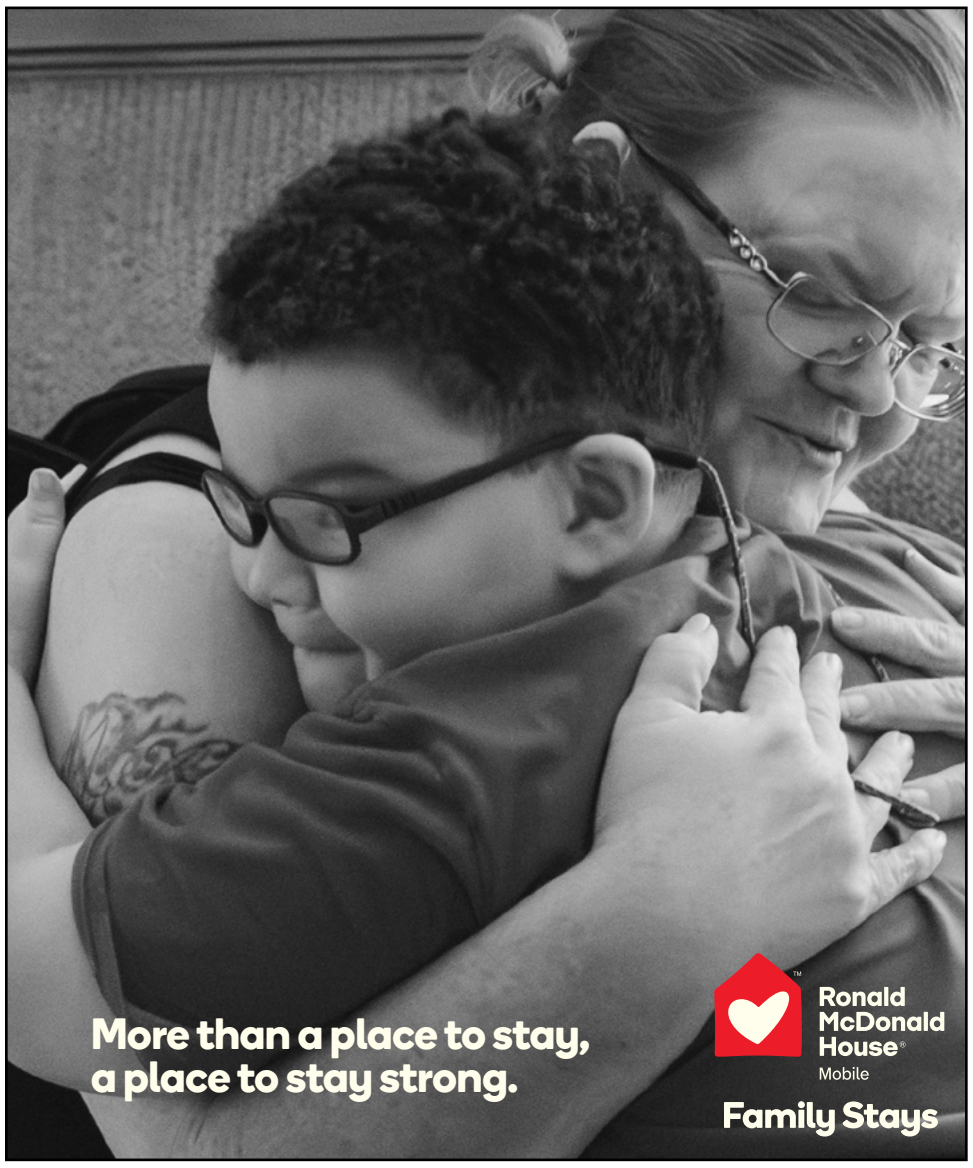
“Defendants, through their agents and employees, engaged in a pattern of harassing conduct directed at Plaintiffs and their business, including but not limited to, the arbitrary investigation and denial of Plaintiff’s license application and the initiation of baseless legal proceedings,” the complaint reads.

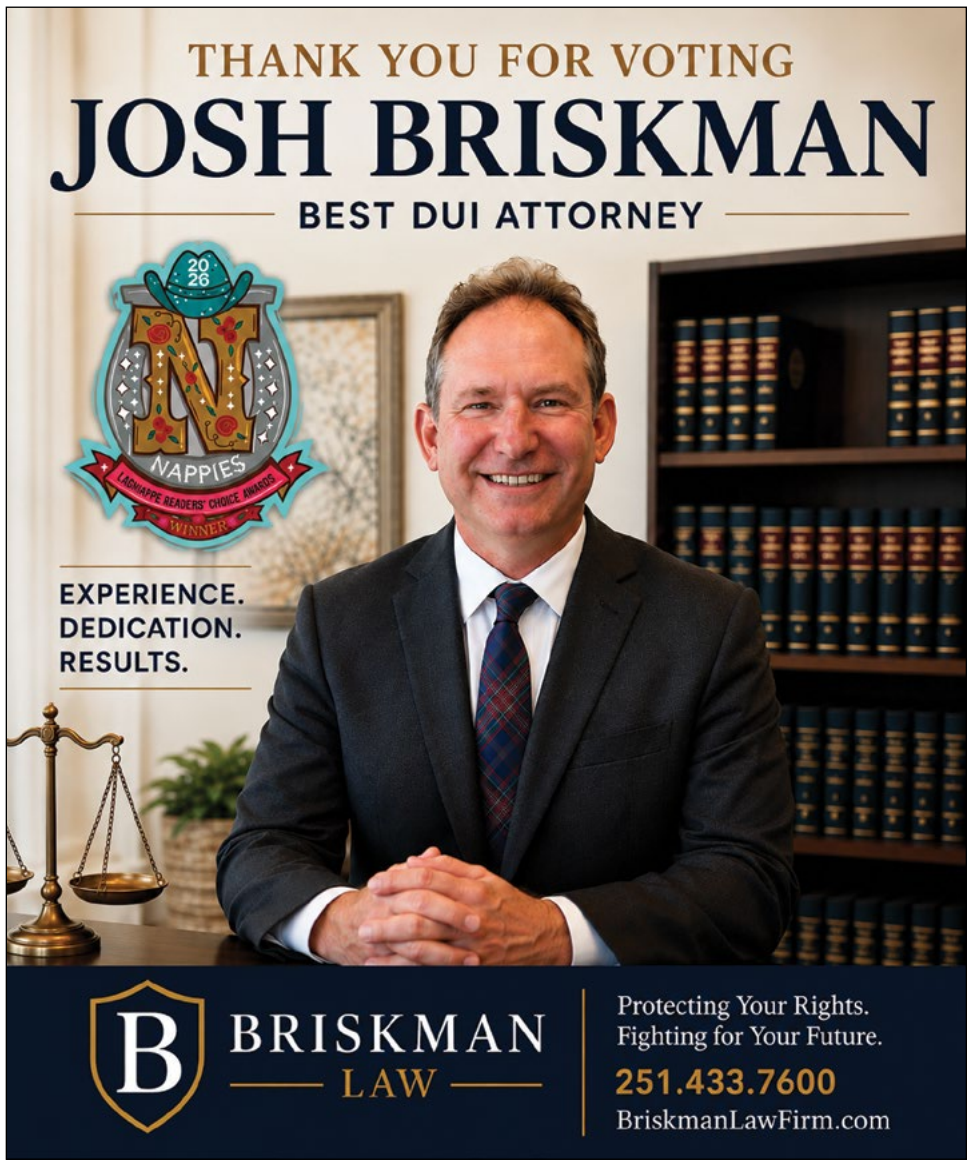
Harris was initially convicted in Baldwin County Circuit Court, but appealed to the State Court of Criminal Appeals. He won that case, and his conviction was overturned, which the State Supreme Court is now upholding.

As of Friday, Harris’ lawsuit with the city is ongoing. Harris said that with the criminal case now done, he hopes he can enter into some form of mediation with Gulf Shores. A status hearing is currently scheduled for Nov. 30.









West Mobile murder

Double murder suspect institutionalized

BY GRANT MCLAUGHLIN



A Mobile man who has been charged with decapitating his aunt and grandmother with a chainsaw is being sent to a mental institution to treat his "deteriorated" mental state and later undergo an evaluation to test whether he is fit to stand trial.

On Friday, Oct. 16, Mobile County Circuit Court Judge Wesley Pipes ordered 47-year-old Thomas Steele be handed over to the Alabama Department of Mental Health's custody to receive immediate treatment.

Pipes said in his Friday afternoon order that since Steele was slated to receive a mental evaluation on Tuesday, Oct. 13, "it has become apparent that defendant's mental condition has deteriorated and that an outpatient evaluation will not be sufficient to determine his mental condition."

Steele was previously removed from a courtroom that same afternoon after he reportedly said "kill him" when asked if he wanted a public defender who was standing next to him.

"As such, and because of the severity and circumstances of the charges against defendant, it is ordered that he is immediately and on an emergency basis committed to the Alabama Department of Mental Health for stabilization, treatment and an in-patient evaluation of his competency to stand trial, with transport to occur no later than Oct. 20, 2026," Pipes wrote.

Steele is alleged to have murdered his aunt, Christy Deloach, and grandmother, Dora Boone, by decapitating them with a chainsaw last Monday afternoon. Deloach's daughter has been reported to have been in the house during the incident, but she was unharmed in the attack.

A 911 call obtained by Lagniappe also found that Deloach told dispatchers Steele may have been having a mental health crisis just hours before police believe he committed the murders. The call also revealed that Steele, who was arrested Monday afternoon, is bipolar.

"I'm calling about my nephew [Steele]. He's off his medication for lithium and I'm not sure who to call or contact," Deloach said to a 911 dispatcher at around 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19. "... He's doing some bizarre things, and I don't know if that's uh ... good, or ... He says he's just going to live for God and not going to have any kind of electronics. He's giving away his car right now. So, I don't know what to do.

"He's off his lithium and is on SSI and he's canceled everything. And he's just going to be living on the street and he's about to leave now. So, I don't know what else to do. Um, I called 988, the [suicide] hotline, and he's not suicidal, but he is off his medication."

During the call, a dispatcher asked Deloach if Steele needed medical attention or if he had been making threats to harm anyone in the home. She said he didn't and he was not a danger to himself or others, although 988 is a suicide hotline.

"He's just ... I mean the next step he gives away his car and he's just downtown. Uh … you know, with everybody hanging out," Deloach said. "He's got a nice home. I don't know what to do. Anyway, I just needed to figure out what to do. I called 988 and tried to talk to him. He's calm! He's not violent or anything. So, I guess I'll just let it play itself out."

The dispatcher then said she could give Deloach a number for the Mobile Police Department (MPD) and the two hung up. It is not clear if Deloach ever contacted MPD.

Neighbors who knew the family said Deloach was a hairdresser in Mobile and her family was kind and polite.

"We would chit-chat at [the] Santa parade because she would have her little girl come around with her," Suzanne Lassiter, who lived across the street and two doors down, said. "They would dress up in beautiful dresses and hair, do her hair. She's a gorgeous woman, and she would come to my yard sales."

Steele is scheduled to be arraigned on Nov. 19.

Location, location, location

Figures lives in Montgomery; wife voted in Mobile

BY SCOTT JOHNSON

Congressman Shomari Figures, formerly D-Mobile, will now be including Montgomery after his name, at least throughout the current election cycle. However, his wife still appears to live in Mobile, according to voting records.

Voter registration records obtained by Lagniappe Daily show that Figures registered to vote in the Alabama state capital on Oct. 5, 2026, listing a new 2,100-square-foot house just outside of the main metropolitan area as his residence. He's not listed as the owner of that address in probate records.

A four-bed, two-bathroom home on Trace Oaks Lane in Montgomery — 20 minutes southeast of downtown — is now the claimed home of Figures, who is the son of the longtime Mobile state senator Vivian Davis Figures.

The congressman has called Mobile home since November 2023, when he registered his campaign for Alabama's 2nd Congressional District with the Federal Election Commission. He won that election and took office in 2024.

The 2nd Congressional District was redrawn in 2023 under a federal court order and featured a narrow extension to include much of the city of Mobile. That map stretched from Mobile and Washington County east to the Georgia state line, including much of Alabama's Black Belt.

In May and June 2026, though, the U.S. Supreme Court vacated federal court injunctions in the Allen v. Milligan case, allowing Alabama to revert to a congressional map approved by state lawmakers in 2023. Mobile was then drawn back into the 1st Congressional District with the rest of the Mobile Bay region, leaving Figures outside the newly configured district in which he is seeking reelection.

The U.S. Constitution does not require members of Congress to reside in the districts they represent. However, while seeking office in 2024, Figures criticized opponents for living outside the district, such as his eventual runoff opponent, then-House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels of Huntsville and State Rep. Juandalynn Givan of Birmingham.

In February 2024, Figures told Alabama Media Group a candidate's residence reflected their commitment to the district.

"That is as transactional as it gets, and we cannot afford transactional leadership that only does for those who do something for them," Figures stated. "To refuse to move into the district to run for this seat is a slap in the face of voters."

He argued that candidates living elsewhere valued their existing constituents more than the people of District 2.

Figures moved from Bethesda, Maryland, to West Mobile in late 2023, according to federal campaign disclosures. He later registered to vote and formed his congressional campaign on Nov. 10, 2023.

The voter records do not disclose his initial address when he returned to Alabama, only his most recent registered residence. However, a December 2023 campaign donation lists Figures as living in the 36608 area, which covers most of the county west of Interstate 65.

It's unclear whether Figures is living primarily in Montgomery while his family remains in Mobile. His campaign did not respond to questions seeking more information.

Just three days after Figures transferred his voter status, on Oct. 8, his wife, Dr. Kalisha Dessources Figures, cast an absentee ballot using her Mobile voter registration address, which would have only allowed her to vote in the AL-1 race between Democrat Clyde Jones and Republican Jerry Carl — not for her husband.

It's not the first time Kalisha has missed an opportunity to vote for Figures, either.

According to voter records, Figures' wife registered to vote in Mobile County on March 7, 2024, two days after Figures first appeared on the primary ballot on March 5.

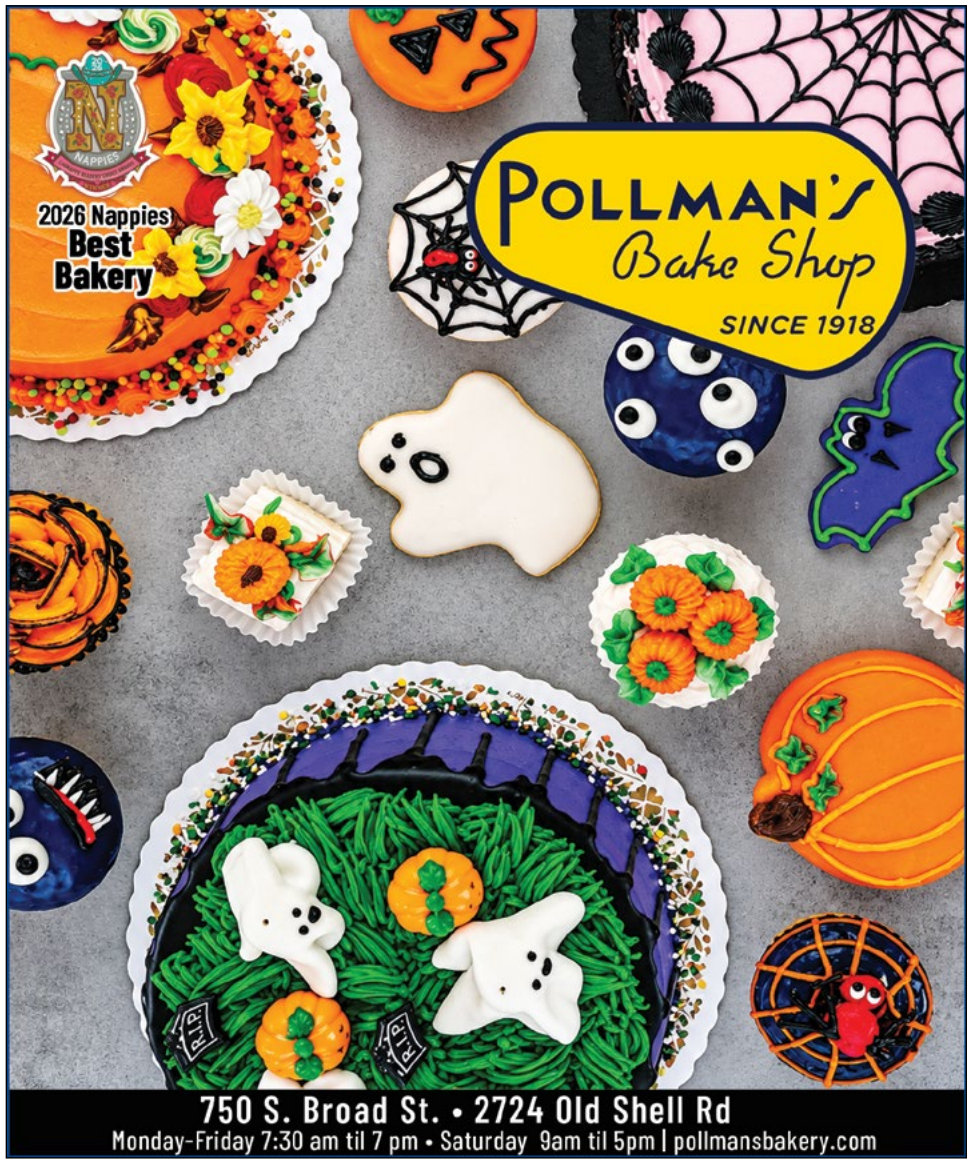
Her voter history shows she cast her first vote on April 16, 2024, during the Democratic runoff election where Figures faced Daniels for the AL-2 nomination.

Figures faced residency criticism himself during the runoff as Daniels claimed Figures' family was still living in a $1.2 million home in Maryland as of April. He disputed those claims at the time.

"We live in the same place I was born and raised — in Mobile, Alabama — and we have the receipts to prove that, most notably: my kids go to school every day in this district, and my wife and I were able to vote in this race on March 5 — unlike Mr. Daniels," Figures said in a statement. "Mr. Daniels obviously feels very ashamed that on April 16 he can't even vote for himself, because he refuses to live in the district."

Mobile County records show Figures purchased a 4,000-square-foot home on Cranebrake Road near Medal of Honor Park in May 2024 for $545,000.

Real estate records show Figures' Montgomery residence changed hands on Aug. 27, 2026, for $272,000. However, that transaction was between two companies owned by Lloyd R. Daniel III.





DAMN THE TORPEDOES

BY ROB HOLBERT

Let's prioritize the park

As someone who has lived on Mobile Bay for three years now not far south of where the city's Brookley by the Bay park is supposed to be built, I often think about how nice it will be when and if it is ever finished.

The 300 acres of waterfront property that used to be the University of South Alabama's golf course at Brookley is primed to be a game-changer and finally offer the people of this city something they haven't had for decades — access to Mobile Bay.

Seven years ago, it looked like this opportunity was going to slip through our fingers when the University of South Alabama Foundation made a deal to sell it to 24/7 Development Partners for $45 million. Our future park would be dotted with hotels and parking lots by now if that had happened. But when the deal fell apart, then-mayor Sandy Stimpson and the city were able to negotiate a $33 million deal to secure the property.

Since then, there's been some planning, but not much actual doing. There are different phases for the buildout of BBTB, and we're still waiting to get the first one done.

The park is back on my mind because at last week's Mobile City Council meeting, there was discussion about a $9 million GOMESA grant recently awarded to help get Phase 1 rocking, but some unhappiness from one councilor about the $5 million in matching money the city would need to come up with as part of the deal.

District 4 Councilman Ben Reynolds took the occasion to express the opinion that too much money is being spent downtown.

"We're just going to spend our cash on Brookley by the Bay," Reynolds said. "We're spending a lot of our cash in downtown Mobile and at some point we've got to spend our cash somewhere other than downtown Mobile. I love this project, I think it's great, but my goodness, how long are we just going to keep gathering up taxes and cash and spending it in downtown or near downtown?"

One of Mayor Spiro Cheriogotis' main campaign promises was getting BBTB out of the planning phases and into reality, so I can't imagine Reynolds' complaints were well received.

I do think at this point, it's worth pointing out that Brookley by the Bay isn't the same as paving a road, building a bridge or improving one of the city's existing parks. This is a transformative park for the entire city.

Mobile is a city on the water that currently offers very little public opportunity for its citizens to make contact with that water, which is why BBTB is vital. This will be our Audubon Park, our Central Park. It's not an amenity for tourists; it is a taking back of what should have been a birthright of every Mobilian — access to our bay.

At different times, Mobile had Frascati Park, Monroe Park and Old Arlington Park, all south of downtown. They provided a bayside park and access. Hurricanes may have been the starting point for their disappearance, but industrial and military growth were what ultimately killed them. For decades now, Mobilians have simply accepted living near the water without having access to it.

When my kids were growing up, I frequently took them fishing at Meaher State Park on the Causeway — because that was the closest place I could find.

For decades, city leaders put economic growth ahead of public access. Historic bayside parks went away and nothing replaced them. Such public spaces have been sacrificed to improve the city's finances.

I consider the not-inconsequential cost of this park the repayment of decades of deferred maintenance on public spaces that should never have gone away.

Brookely by the Bay has been backburnered long enough.

Cheriogotis ran on a promise to finish what Stimpson started, and he's almost through a quarter of the only term he's guaranteed. This GOMESA money will help move things along, but the city needs to make it a priority. I know there are a lot of balls in the air right now, but we're on the downhill side of a decade since the land for BBTB was acquired.

There will never be a time when roads don't need to be paved, ditches filled or infrastructure replaced. If we're waiting for a concrete utopia to arrive, then we might as well just sell the property to a developer.

By now I had hoped at least the first phase of the park would have opened, but it got shoved to the back of the line for airports, arenas, roads, bridges and golf courses. Is this going to be the "Park of Perpetual Potential" — to borrow a phrase — or are we going to finally do something that will improve quality of life citywide?

It's counterproductive to pretend this project is the equivalent of some newly paved roads. Nobody wakes up on Sunday and says, "Hey kids, let's get in the car and drive on those flat new streets in District 4." This is quality of life — an opportunity for families to touch the water, to fish, to kayak, to wade and to experience one of the things that makes this place special. When you go to other cities and see how much access they offer to their waterways, it's impossible not to wonder why we can't or won't do the same.

All of our city councilors should get on board not just to do the bare minimum, but to actively participate in getting BBTB opened to the public so that when they're all at the ribbon-cutting ceremony one day soon (I hope), they can actually say they helped make it happen.

Mayor, let's git 'er done!



AFTER ONE OF THE CRAZIEST WEEKENDS IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL HISTORY, SENTIMENT HAS CHANGED A BIT.







HIDDEN AGENDA

BY ASHLEY TRICE

Yes, it's still available!

The very, very strange world of Facebook Marketplace



Need a cotton candy pickle, a reborn baby or a handmade pillory? Facebook Marketplace has got you.

I had not spent a tremendous amount of time on Facebook Marketplace of late until about a month or two ago. Sure, I was a member of several "trading post" groups for my kids' schools, or areas of town, like Midtown or Springhill, some with rules, some "with no rules and no banning."

These feel a little less Wild, Wild, West because you usually know or know of the people you are buying from. Or you can at least stalk them to see if they look decent enough to buy panties from. That's a joke. I would not buy or sell, for that matter, any used undergarments. But people do. Not on the dignified trading post pages, but once you leave the safety of those and venture into the market at large, you are going to find all kinds of very, very strange things. Don't worry, the undies I mentioned are "Used," but they are "Like New." Ewwww.

Like I said, my entry into the Marketplace started a couple of months ago. My teenagers decided they wanted to turn our garage into a man cave/hangout space and, for some reason, we thought this would be a good project for them to take on and allow for some sibling bonding time. It kind of started out that way, but with all of their weekend activities, it became clear pretty early on that if we were going to get this thing finished, my husband and I were going to have to do it.

But hey, we got good spousal bonding time, right? As Frank remembers tweaking his back out as he moved rusty, old (and extremely heavy) lockers I had spray-painted around to different corners, I doubt he is picturing marital bliss. In fact, he probably started Googling "best divorce attorneys." But long story short, we got it cleaned out, power washed and painted.

At that point, the kids got interested again, and we all started looking for well-loved leather furniture to furnish said cave, which my daughter is calling "Gladys Palace" for some reason. I figured it was some TikTok thing, but all I could find was it might be a reference to a castle in the HBO show "The Gilded Age." But she doesn't watch that, so I don't know. But that one hasn't really stuck anyway.

It took about a month, two trips to Foley, one to Extremo WeMo and a couple of wild goose chases, but we finally found all the stuff we needed. And it looks great. Frank and I have actually spent more time in it than the kids have at this point. Why is sitting out in a formerly dark, dank, dirty garage more appealing than being in our house? I really can't tell you, but it is.

But in the almost daily obsessive search for all of these pieces, I came across a lot of really weird stuff on ye ol' Marketplace. And also learned that many of these sellers get real pissy if you ask "Is this still available?" They issue preemptive warnings. "Will not respond to 'Is this still available?'" or "If it's up, it's available. Don't ask!" I don't think all of these items are being sold by perimenopausal women, but it sure seems like it.

But anyway, first of all, there's a lot of strange food. Mostly sold out of people's homes. Do you want a cotton candy pickle? Well, you can get it! Would you like quail balut? Not sure because you don't know what that is? Well, let me tell you. It's a Southeast Asian culinary delicacy made from a fertilized quail egg embryo. Yum! While traditional balut is made from duck eggs, the quail version uses smaller quail eggs that are incubated for roughly 12 to 17 days until the embryo partially develops, and then they are boiled or steamed.

It actually sounds kind of fancy, but such a bizarre thing to go pick up from someone's front porch. Can I Venmo you for the quail embryos?

Speaking of bizarre, if you would like to NOT have nightmares, do not search for baby dolls on Marketplace. If you would like to NOT have nightmares that could kill you a la "Nightmare on Elm Street," then DO NOT search "reborn baby doll." I don't understand. I do want to know. But I don't even want my algorithm messed up by having that search in it. They creepy. Real creepy.

Last week, as I was casually scrolling because, of course, now I am addicted to the weirdness, there seemed to be some sort of torture device for sale. It had no description — just a price of $900 (ouch, indeed) — but it looked like something out of a horror movie.

Against my better judgment, I dropped it into Google Images. Lord knows what kind of ads I am going to get now. Gemini said it was a medieval stock or pillory device, which they put people in during medieval times in a public place to humiliate them. Let's just say, this doesn't look like an antique.

I guess it's for someone's crazy bedroom antics. But I can't imagine arranging a pickup on that one. "Yes, could you tell me if the kinky bondage device you had listed on Facebook Marketplace is still available?"

To which, 30 minutes later, you get a bitchy reply: "The ad clearly said, if it's still up, it's still available!! Gah!!"





Enjoy a spooktacular Halloween without scary spending

BY TAMMY LEYTHAM

Alabama consumers will spend an estimated $115.14 per person on Halloween in 2026, according to the National Retail Federation. That represents a statewide projection of about $126 million on decorations, costumes and candy.

But consumers don't have to sacrifice fun to keep Halloween spending under control, according to Gwen Lee, certified financial counselor at PenAir Credit Union's Foley branch.

"With rising costs putting pressure on household budgets, celebrating Halloween can feel scarier than ever, but creating lasting memories with family and friends doesn't have to come with a frightening price tag," Lee said. "By being intentional with your spending, planning ahead and finding creative ways to save, families can enjoy all the fun and excitement of Halloween without breaking the bank. A little preparation can go a long way while still embracing the Halloween spirit."

Use these tips to save:

Set a Halloween spending limit before you shop, and divide it into categories. Set small limits for costumes, candy, décor and events. If you overspend in one category, adjust another.

Reuse, swap or DIY costumes. Look at costumes and accessories you already own or organize a swap with friends and family.

Compare prices. Know what you need before entering the store.

Be strategic about candy. How many trick-or-treaters knock on your door each year? Buying in bulk can save money, but only if you actually need that many treats.

Remember that memorable doesn't have to be expensive. A variety of free or low-cost community and church events are held throughout Mobile and Baldwin counties.

BUSINESS NEWS, MOVES & TRANSACTIONS

• Gaillard Builders, Inc., a Mobile-based commercial and industrial general contractor, celebrated the grand opening of its new headquarters in a renovated, one-story brick building at 612 Dauphin St. Built in 1940, the structure contributes to the Lower Dauphin Commercial Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. PCDA Architecture designed the renovation. Daley Industrial Services, Rowe Plumbing and Irrigation, and Abbott Services completed electrical, plumbing and mechanical work.

• Greer's Market is opening in the former Family Dollar location on U.S. Highway 98 in Magnolia Springs. The store announced an opening date of Summer 2027. Revelry Bloom also announced it will continue its partnership with Greer's Market by having a location in the new Magnolia Springs store. Revelry Bloom creates handmade fresh floral bunches, candles, wax melts, sprays and lotions.

• Kiera Lynch joined the Innovation Portal team as its programs coordinator. A Baldwin County local, Lynch brings energy, a people-first spirit and a knack for organization. She studied international business at the University of South Alabama and discovered the world of economic development through an internship with the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance.

• Kim Lawkis, a longtime food banker and disaster-response leader, was named new CEO of Feeding Alabama, the statewide association of Alabama's eight member food banks. Lawkis previously served as chief operating officer. She began as CEO on Oct. 1, succeeding founding CEO Laura Lester.

• Baldwin Health dedicated a permanent memorial in the medical intensive care unit waiting room to honor the life, career and legacy of Donald "Donnie" Gray, R.N., who served as a critical care nurse at the hospital for over 20 years. Gray was known for bringing a blend of deep compassion, unwavering strength, humor and grace into every shift.

• Mobile-based DSBP Agency rebranded as DavisSouth, a shorter name with a new identity built around "Strategy. Story. Growth." Co-founded by Don Davis and Meridith South, the advertising, digital marketing and public relations firm helps clients build brands, earn attention and grow their businesses. The new name is already on the agency's downtown Mobile office.

• Ben Murray joined Wilkins Miller LLC accounting firm as a manager. Murray holds a Bachelor of Science in accountancy from the University of Mississippi and a Master of Accounting from the University of South Alabama. He brings public accounting experience from two national firms.

• The annual National Shrimp Festival was canceled due to Hurricane Isaias, but fest merch is available for purchase at the Coastal Alabama Chamber of Commerce office, 3150 Gulf Shores Pkwy. The Chamber plans to offer merchandise through an online store. Watch for details.

• Baldwin Preparatory Academy was recognized with a Silver Award from the International Economic Development Council as part of the 2026 Excellence in Economic Development Awards. In collaboration with Baldwin Alliance, they received an award in the Postsecondary Education Partnership category for communities with between 200,000 and 500,000 residents. The recognition highlights the academy's approach to preparing skilled workers and its partnership with Coastal Alabama Community College to provide high school students access to college coursework, credentials and hands-on training.

• Baldwin County real estate data for September 2026 shows higher average sales prices, despite fewer closed sales and new listings compared to September 2025, according to the Baldwin Realtors housing report. Average sales prices in the resort market reached $868,897, compared to $720,726 last September. In the traditional market, average sales price increased to $422,269 from $395,525. Resort sales volume increased despite fewer transactions, reaching $150.3 million compared to $134.8 million last year. Closed sales decreased from 187 to 173. Traditional residential sales volume dropped to $202,712,727, compared to $230,628,294 last year. Closed sales declined from 585 to 482, and new listings decreased from 743 to 604.

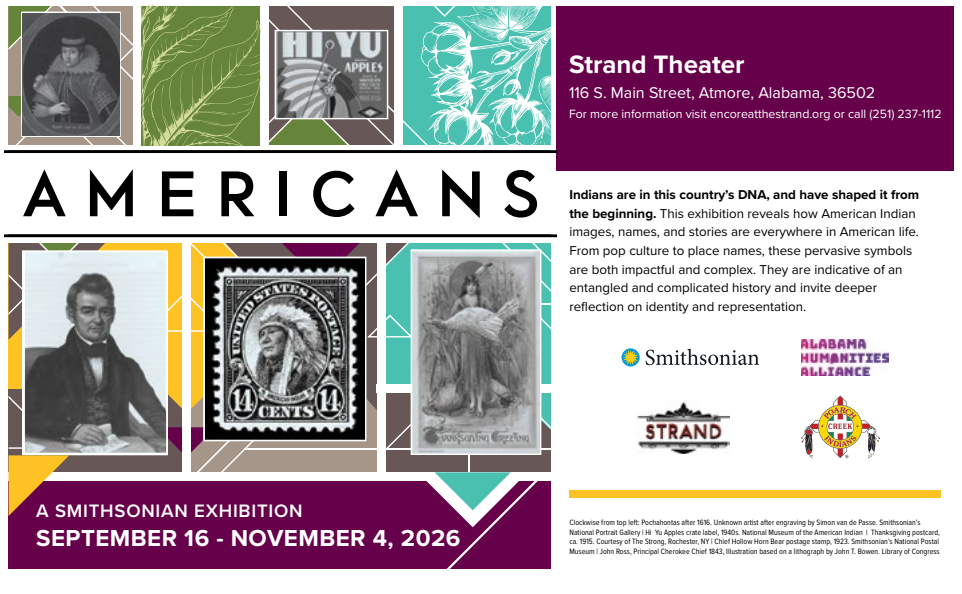
• USA Health University Hospital now offers new minimally invasive technology to help detect lung cancer. The Intuitive Ion Robotic Bronchoscopy system, coupled with AI software and other technology, uses 3D mapping, robotic navigation, artificial intelligence, real-time location tracking and robotic stability to help physicians navigate the airways of the lungs and reach areas that can be difficult to access.

• The USA Health Mitchell Cancer Institute will celebrate breast cancer survivors and those who support them during the 16th Annual Think Pink Tea on Oct. 25, 3 p.m., at the Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center. To RSVP, become a sponsor or make a donation, visit usahealthsystem.com/think-pink-tea.

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A family tradition, low and slow

BY ANDY MACDONALD





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Barbecue is a hotly contested topic in any area, metropolitan or small town. Under the wrong circumstances, discussions over favorites could easily come to blows. It's almost as bad as a Mississippi catfish argument.

There have been songs written about specific styles of cue, the subject of which mainly focuses on the differences in sauces region by region. I take all of that with a grain of salt. I do not care if you are in Texas or the Carolinas; you can find whatever sauce you please, though the sum of all the sauces may lean enough to have someone claim, "This is how they do it here."

For example, Alabama is famous for its white sauce, of which I am certainly a fan. As unpopular as this may sound, I feel the white sauce is not as popular as culture makes it out to be. Take a head count of barbecue restaurants in Mobile, and you will find more do not serve it than do. The Mobile barbecue trend tends to lean one way: uncommitted.

Dreamland and Moe's will always be contenders, but these two popular spots came from out of town. There is a marked difference between J. Rodger's on Saraland's Industrial Parkway and Rodger's BBQ on Saint Stephens Road, as well as their Airport Boulevard location (as if it were not confusing enough). Bama Bob's rules the DIP. Three Little Birds Smokehouse is a Mobile original, seeing barbecue through a different lens with their smoked burgers and daily specials. Let's not forget Saucy Q.

Founded in 1989, Elbert Wingfield piloted the popular Saucy Q brand through a couple of locations, finally settling at 1111 Government Street. Once that one shut down, over three decades of local smoke looked to be snuffing out. But the flame of this family's barbecue tradition would not be extinguished. That brings us to this week's review of Elbert's son, Darnell Wingfield's, take on his family tradition with Moffett Road's Wingfield BBQ.

I was a couple of weeks late on taking Rob Holbert for his birthday lunch. I'd reached out prior to his birthday, but he was committed to something out of town, as if time with his wife was more important than time with me. I handled the rejection well, and within seconds of texting, he mentioned Wingfield's as a possibility.

When the old chap picked me up, he looked as if he'd lost a couple of pounds. I could tell he was famished. Luckily, from my house there are only two turns to Wingfield's, so we were there in a hurry. For reference, this is barely on Moffett, just behind the Springhill Avenue Burger King.

The smallish facility is the usual setup where you order at the counter, and they bring it to you. We sat down with a pair of giant **unsweetened teas ($2.49 each)** for some catching up. Now, let me say that there are many barbecue joints in this area that do not offer unsweetened tea. I was happy about the accommodation.

Out of character for a barbecue restaurant, there was a series of egg rolls on the menu. Tempted by the salmon and shrimp hibachi egg rolls or the Rotel version, I had to defer to the belated birthday boy, who ultimately selected the **Philly cheesesteak egg rolls ($5.95)**. Nothing barbecue about them; you won't mind. I just had to stay out of the way while my hungry friend dug in.

The name of the game here is to sample as much as we can without rupturing anything. We thought it best to try the **Wingfield's BBQ sampler ($32.95)**. With five meats from which to choose, we had our hands full, starting with the chicken. Rob tackled a leg, leaving me with a thigh. Though we had sauce on the side, the chicken had been basted in a thin layer that imparted a sweetness to the skin. I loved it.

On each corner of the platter rested a scoop of meat. The southwest corner was the prized **pulled pork**, marked with a pickle and onion slices. This is where the side of sauce came in handy. The best way to describe it is runny and sweet with a spicy aftertaste. When the mood hits me, this is the sauce.

The northeast corner had a scoop of brisket. I certainly appreciate brisket in a town that does not seem to celebrate it. No sauce needed; I take this one straight up and smoky.

Center platter sat the **ribs**. Lightly sauced the same as the chicken, I did make use of the extra sweet and spicy sauce, though they were fine without. I may be more of a rib guy than Rob, but he had his hands full of **sausage**, and he had not even touched the sides.

The **jambalay**a didn't look promising. Watery rice, heavy on tomato, didn't qualify in my book, but when I tasted it, it was admittedly good with chicken and sausage. Call it soup if you must; it'll eat. **Collard greens** were barbecue restaurant good as they should be, but better with a little cornbread, which I was thankful did not taste like cake.

Just as you can argue over sauces, **coleslaw** is as much of a point of contention. The Wingfield's version is stark white, but the flavor is balanced between a little bit of vinegar and the cooling effect of mayonnaise. It is fitting for the level of spice in the sauce.

With a box of leftovers and half of an unsweet tea in my hands, I had to use my shoulder to exit the building. But by the front door, a sign says, "Ring the bell if we did well." Clang, clang, clang, Rob shook it like it owed him money.

It is a small, unassuming dining room with good stuff on the tables. Glad Darnell is carrying on Elbert's traditions. They better go ahead and train the grandkids.

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Where to three martini lunch

BY ALYSON SHEPPARD



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On certain occasions (two to three days a week), I like to cosplay as a lady who lunches. I'm not talking about eating cucumber sandwiches with a pot of Earl Grey here, although that does sound nice. I like to go out for an interesting sandwich, maybe a soup, perhaps a little pasta salad, and an adult beverage to pair with it.

Lunch spots are pretty easy to come by around here, but not many also serve alcohol at 11 a.m. on a Tuesday. Recently, I've been on the hunt for places where I can have a little grown-up break in the middle of the workday, with good food and good drinks, and there are a couple I keep going back to again and again.

Velvet Pig at Ice Box Bar (755 Monroe Street) doesn't allow kids inside, so lunchtime, while my daughter is at school, is quite literally the only time I can visit. This makes it an ideal locale for an adult lunch. You can't go wrong with their pork loin and collard sandwich, which is shaved Italian pork loin, Havarti, collards and sun-dried tomato aioli on rye bread, or their buffalo chicken dip served with Saltines.

Order your food and then head to the adjoined Ice Box Bar. They always have at least one fun frozen drink spinning, like a frozen gin and tonic, plus new-to-me RTDs like Super Lyte, a canned vodka cocktail that's meant to taste like a sports drink. Ice Box and Velvet Pig both open at 11 a.m. on weekdays.

I slept on Stamped Sandwich Co. at POST on the Hill (4513 Old Shell Road) for way too long. For the uninitiated, there is no separate window or entrance for the restaurant; you order your food and drink from the same place, right at the bar. The half sandwich-soup combo is a great option, as they have weekly specials like creamy cauliflower and Tuscan kale and sausage soups, plus can't-go-wrong sammys like the Italian and roast beef dip.

Their cocktail menu mirrors the downtown POST. Their current October menu includes a matcha-vodka concoction (The Matcha Coven: vanilla vodka, matcha, oat milk, apple-cinnamon syrup) and a bubbly caramel apple version (Kiss My Candy Apple: vanilla vodka, cinnamon-caramel apple syrup, salted caramel, Prosecco). I recently visited with a large group of moms; we all ordered something different and we all left very happy. POST on the Hill and Stamped open at 11 a.m. on weekdays, but Stamped is closed on Mondays.

Speaking of lunching with the ladies, The Cheese Cottage (650 St. Louis Street) has something on the menu that will please everyone: WINE. Also, sandwiches and soups and charcuterie. The half sandwich-soup combo is also the way to go here, just so you can try more yummy things. They have a chipotle-fig and turkey sandwich on the menu now, which contains toasted turkey enrobed in chipotle-fig jam, melted white cheddar and arugula, plus a creamy Zuppa Tuscana soup made with Italian sausage and carrots.

They offer their wines — reds, whites, even sparkling — by the half bottle, 350 milliliters, which is a great option if you're not looking to go too crazy. I'm a sucker for a midday rosé, so I'm always going to order the half bottle of Côtes des Roses while I'm there. They are closed on Mondays but open at 11 a.m. the rest of the week.

There are some other great places downtown open for lunch and drinks like Debris, Roosters and Callaghan's, but if I'm being honest, I'm more likely to end up at Taco Mama (2534-A Old Shell Road). I've basically been priced out of taking my kids there, so having a ground beef salad and a pitcher of cucumber margs to myself in the afternoon is a luxury like no other.

Really, knocking back three martinis should not be the goal of a boozy lunch. It's about carving out a little space for yourself when you can get it. And maybe making those afternoon work calls just a little more bearable.





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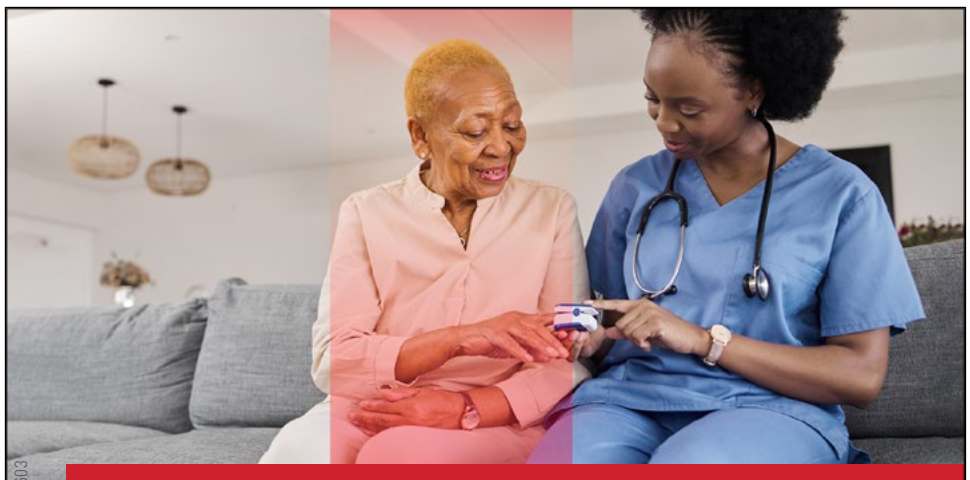
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DHR mum on childcare assistance program cuts

BY GRANT MCLAUGHLIN

Every morning, Melody Patterson opens up the Lighthouse Academy daycare in downtown Prichard, where she then waits for dozens of children to arrive for a day of early-age learning while their parents work.

She knows that in towns like Prichard, where options for early-age childcare can be scant, her facility provides a resource in a community where some families are often strapped for cash and cannot afford to take off work to look after young children.

Just down the hall from Patterson's office sit two empty classrooms that just a few months ago were filled with children. Inside, toys are put away in containers, and the tables are bare. The doors to the rooms remain closed.

"In a matter of maybe two to three weeks, I lost probably about 20 kids," she said. "... I literally have three classes that are closed: the infant class that holds five, a toddler class that holds seven and another toddler class that holds seven."

Patterson told Lagniappe Daily most of the children who attend her daycare facility in Prichard benefit from a statewide federally funded assistance program where the government covers some or most of the cost for low-income families to send their children to daycare.



Melody Patterson of Lighthouse Academy in Prichard says DHR program cuts have caused roughly 20 kids to leave her early learning program. Photo by Grant McLaughlin

Like many other daycares in the Yellowhammer State, she was hit hard after the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) quietly made significant eligibility changes to its Childcare Assistance Program, which pays providers to subsidize a family's cost for childcare. Those changes were made to address sudden and unexplained funding lapses the agency announced in May. DHR has yet to report the extent of those changes, as well as others made to the program that could impact families and cause some care providers to close, including Patterson.

Patterson said she lost a few students earlier this year, but she lost a large share of the total in September. Another care provider in Baldwin County, Johnnie Frost, said she saw similar rates of families no longer using the program around the same time.

As of September, the agency reported that 2,748 families have been placed on a waiting list to become enrolled in the program on a first-come, first-served basis for the first time in roughly eight years. This includes new families and those already in the program that have been made to reapply because of recertification issues.

Written correspondence obtained by Lagniappe Daily suggests that number could be much higher. DHR previously said it does not track the number of families that are being kicked off the program.

According to correspondence between a childcare management agency (CMA), which partners with DHR to basically run the day-to-day program, the state agency mandated social workers to implement a mass disenrollment of families in September from the program because of changes made earlier this year.

Notifications to parents and providers of other changes implemented or enforced in late September also suggest the agency has disenrolled families who were not meeting recently implemented program changes. Some providers said those changes were made to both address the possibility of fraud and also to make further cuts to ensure DHR can afford to run the program.

"When I tell you it is massive attrition, it is massive," Frost said. "The number of calls we're getting is just mind-boggling."

Sam Charif, the director of the Alabama Childcare Owners' Association, said providers noticed an uptick in removals from the program in September, and that the changes will most impact daycares in low-income areas throughout the state that rely most on the subsidy.

"The parent and provider communication we are receiving is that providers are being greatly impacted in minority areas. … It's a known fact, and those facilities and centers are serving a large population of subsidized care families, and the families are getting booted off at renewal time either due to paperwork errors or due to income guidelines being changed without parents being notified," she said of the funding cuts.

"There was no planning, no progressive situation where they came out and said, 'OK, you guys, you know, we're doing this, and we're going to cut you here.' [Families] are just being cut off without warning at renewal time because they no longer meet the income guidelines."

She also said despite having several meetings with providers regarding subsidy payments, changes and pauses of payments to providers who make certain covered upgrades to their facilities and new sign-in requirements, DHR has disclosed little to no information.

DHR did not respond to several requests for comments by press time, but a spokesperson did ask for a copy of the correspondence on Friday, Oct. 16.

ENROLLMENT CUTS ORDERED

The correspondence obtained by Lagniappe Daily shows a conversation between a daycare provider and a CMA social worker in early October regarding the enrollment of certain children in the subsidy.

Among other things, the CMA worker informed the provider that DHR ordered a "mass statewide termination" of families on the subsidy that were using more than one cellular device to sign a child in and out of daycare. Around the same time, DHR reported it was experiencing issues with attendance recording, causing parents and providers to not know if children were being counted as present or absent on daycare rolls. Typically, families have 10 days of absences before they could be disenrolled from the subsidy.

"The state has just been made aware of a system error which has been corrected regarding notifications for absences," reads the notice posted Sept. 30. "Parents will need to resume scanning attendance beginning today. Failure to resume scanning attendance will result in your child being unenrolled from your provider."

Patterson said she knows of several families that fell in that gap and may have recently been placed on the waiting list because of attendance issues.

CMA directors who were contacted to explain what this meant or how many families were removed from the childcare subsidy program did not respond to requests for comment.

A CMA official in Tuscaloosa, who did not fully identify herself, said over the phone that questions about CMAs needed to be directed to DHR. She also said the email, which was sent from a different CMA office to a care provider, was false but that changes have been made to the program due to federal funding cuts. When asked for further clarification, she hung up.

DHR previously told Lagniappe Daily it has seen no change in its federal funding.

CMAs partner with DHR to essentially run the subsidy program, servicing both families with application and recertification services, running notifications about changes to the program and working with families on any issues they encounter. They also facilitate payments to providers for the government's portion of the daycare tuition cost.

The termination of families the CMA was referring to was because of changes made to who in the family can actually sign in to daycares.

When families previously went to sign up for an app that allows them to scan a barcode at a daycare to track attendance, only one family member had to register a specific cellular device with their account. The agency has since made the change to require all family members who drop off or pick up a child to use a registered device.

Charif said this change was made suddenly and caused some families to be removed from the program, and Frost said the move may have been prompted to avoid any poten-

tial fraud through previous attendance tracking methods.

Lagniappe Daily previously identified at least two significant changes to a state plan DHR submitted to the federal government that dictates how it runs the childcare subsidy program. These changes will, in practice, reduce the number of families using it. The plan includes payment methods to daycares for educating children, how DHR bases payments, such as on attendance or enrollment, and basic eligibility.

The changes are:

Lowering income eligibility from between 180 to 200 percent of the federal poverty line ($59,400 – $66,000 for a family of four) in January to between 150 to 170 percent FPL ($49,500- $59,400 for a family of four) in June.

Changing the definition of "special needs" that could effectively reduce the number of special needs children from roughly 500 to 200.

These changes were submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which funds the subsidy program, as amendments to its 2025-27 state plan, but neither of them has been approved by the federal government or publicly disclosed as of Oct. 1. DHR is allowed to implement the policy changes while awaiting approval. DHR did not say how many families are no longer expected to be eligible for the subsidy under these amendments. HHS's Office of Child Care (OCC) was in the process of approving the changes as of October.

The only notice DHR appears to have given related to the state plan amendments is swapping out documents on its website, which is required under program guidelines.

FUNDING CHANGES?

Alabama House Rep. Ginny Saver, R-Leesburg, who serves as the chair of the House Children and Seniors Advocacy Committee, said the changes made by DHR are likely the result of dwindling or exhausted COVID-19 pandemic-era funds from the federal government. She also said the income eligibility changes were going to happen unless more federal money was sent in.

"There's very little money with the general fund to bridge that gap. I mean, the general fund is really squeezed," she said.

DHR received hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal government to run some of its key programs during the pandemic, which includes the childcare subsidy, as well as other relief funds. By 2023, federal cash infusions allowed DHR to increase its income eligibility thresholds, raising the total number of families utilizing the program. As of January 2026, roughly 29,000 families were on the subsidy.

This also kept DHR from having to implement a waitlist for families to get onto the program, something DHR has not had since 2018.

Since those funds have begun to expire nationwide, 22 other states and Washington, D.C., have begun to implement waitlists and other freezes to their childcare subsidy programs.

From a federal standpoint, the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which provides the money for the subsidy program, has actually increased prior to DHR's decision to implement cost-saving measures in May.

Specifically, the funding for the entire program nationwide has increased from $8.747 billion in Fiscal Year 2025 to $8.831 billion for the current fiscal year.

It would also appear that state funding for DHR, which would include some spending on the subsidy, has also increased during the past fiscal year. From FY25 to FY26, the Legislature passed a roughly $5 million increase in funding for DHR up to $149.2 million from the state's general fund.

DHR has not disclosed the exact source of its funding lapse or if there will be other cuts. It previously said current fiscal year finances were being reviewed to see how many families could be taken off the subsidy waiting list.

Charif said DHR should explain where the funding lapse came from and why no one was informed until May, roughly eight months into its funding cycle at the time.

"I would like to know where the money is because it was allotted already through this year," she said. "If they knew it was coming, you would be working on the next state plan year. So, I don't see how it's possible. That's the age-old question: Where did the funding go that was already allotted and earmarked for this?"

CLOSURES IN FUTURE

Saver said her committee, which steers legislation regarding DHR, will likely not hold hearings, request the agency to explain the funding lapse or ask what other changes DHR plans to make to the childcare subsidy program.

"This is normal business," she said. "Things change, and programs change. You can't keep funding at the higher levels. We knew it was going to drop back."

Other state lawmakers who work on agency budgets did not respond to requests for comment by press time.

As DHR's current state plan amendments are being considered, it is unclear what other changes could be made to the program.

Earlier this year HHS also made changes to the CCDF, which now allow states to base the payments they make to care providers based on daily attendance rather than student enrollment and capacity figures. This could, in theory, reduce the payments made to care providers whenever a student is absent even if they are still enrolled for that day, Charif and Patterson said.

With the current funding cuts, Patterson said she is hopeful she can avoid either closing or merging her daycare center with another in the Lighthouse Academy network, which has four other locations.

However, she said, closing the doors permanently could happen. At least two other providers in the Mobile County area were identified as being moderate-to-high risk of closing due to the current funding cuts.

"It's not a good feeling, you know, and it's because the community needs [daycares]," Patterson said.

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A seasonal indulgence

BY KEVIN LEE

The air holds a different scent when chilled, with an extra tingle, a spark. Add to it hints of chimney smoke, burning leaves or caramel, and enchantment arises.

Like 30 to 40 percent of Americans polled, I revere autumn. My adoration is undeniably rooted in a childhood north of the Gulf Coast and the fall line where seasons are more distinct. Instead of dodging hurricanes and plotting storm tracks in October, we indulged in relief.

Other Mobile transplants from the inner South share my seasonal connection. When former City of Mobile Poet Laureate Charlotte Pence initially moved to Mobile, we spoke about her Tennessee background. She wistfully noted her daughter's childhood would be largely absent the same autumnal wonders Pence experienced early on.

I came by my bias honestly. The Alabama State Fair took place each October just down the hill from our house on Birmingham's west side. The glowing, bustling midway's hubbub murmured in the distance, and when they concluded each evening with fireworks, we stood in our front yard, redolent with turning leaves and watched the night sky sparkle.

Legion Field, the self-professed "Football Capital of the South," was about a mile away and on Saturdays when Alabama or Auburn tangled with opponents, we heard the crowd's roar waft over the treetops. If the game was important enough, we scanned the sky for the visiting Goodyear blimp all week, running excitedly across the schoolyard when the silver dirigible floated past.

Regional gridiron passions filled fall family gatherings with good-natured ribbing. Uncle Marvin would chuckle as his terrier, Grady, dutifully plopped over when asked, "Would you rather be an Auburn fan or a dead dog?"

Some years, Thanksgiving visits to my grandparents' house included driving past an honest-to-goodness covered bridge nestled in the gold, orange and red foliage of the North Alabama hills. Add in the aroma of roasted turkey and delectable leftovers that filled our car, and it sounds nearly contrived.

Autumn's crown jewel was Halloween. Costumes, candy, permission to roam our neighborhood after the streetlights flickered on — it all culminated in peak fascination. When my parents took us "backstage" while they spent evenings helping stage the Jaycees' haunted house fundraiser, it heightened the seasonal magic. Little wonder I became spellbound by horror and science-fiction movies.

I eventually deciphered how Halloween's roots in fear and morbidity meant essentially the occasion was about cherishing the value of life. I also recognized how the holiday's eventual connection with a pair of 19th-century literary works became both prescient and philosophically precious.

When Mary Shelley published "Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus" in 1818, the 20-year-old penned more than Gothic horror or science fiction. The novel is a study of existential necessity and responsibility.

In its pages, technology's crucial ethics are overwhelmed by hubris when the namesake scientist cobbles together a being from cadaverous material. Once animated, the creature exhibits the innate human craving for connection. Frankenstein, meanwhile, pushes away those around him, including his creation.

Frankenstein's "wretch" is soulfully wounded when rejected by his creator and others. The brittle agony of forced existence, then denial of primal communion, fuels the creature's vengeance. Reciprocal bitterness is stoked in Frankenstein before inevitable tragedy results.

Shelley's popular work moved to the stage, then the screen. Ironically, mid-20th century depictions of Frankenstein's creature as a lummox defied her original portrayal and became her own unintended consequence.

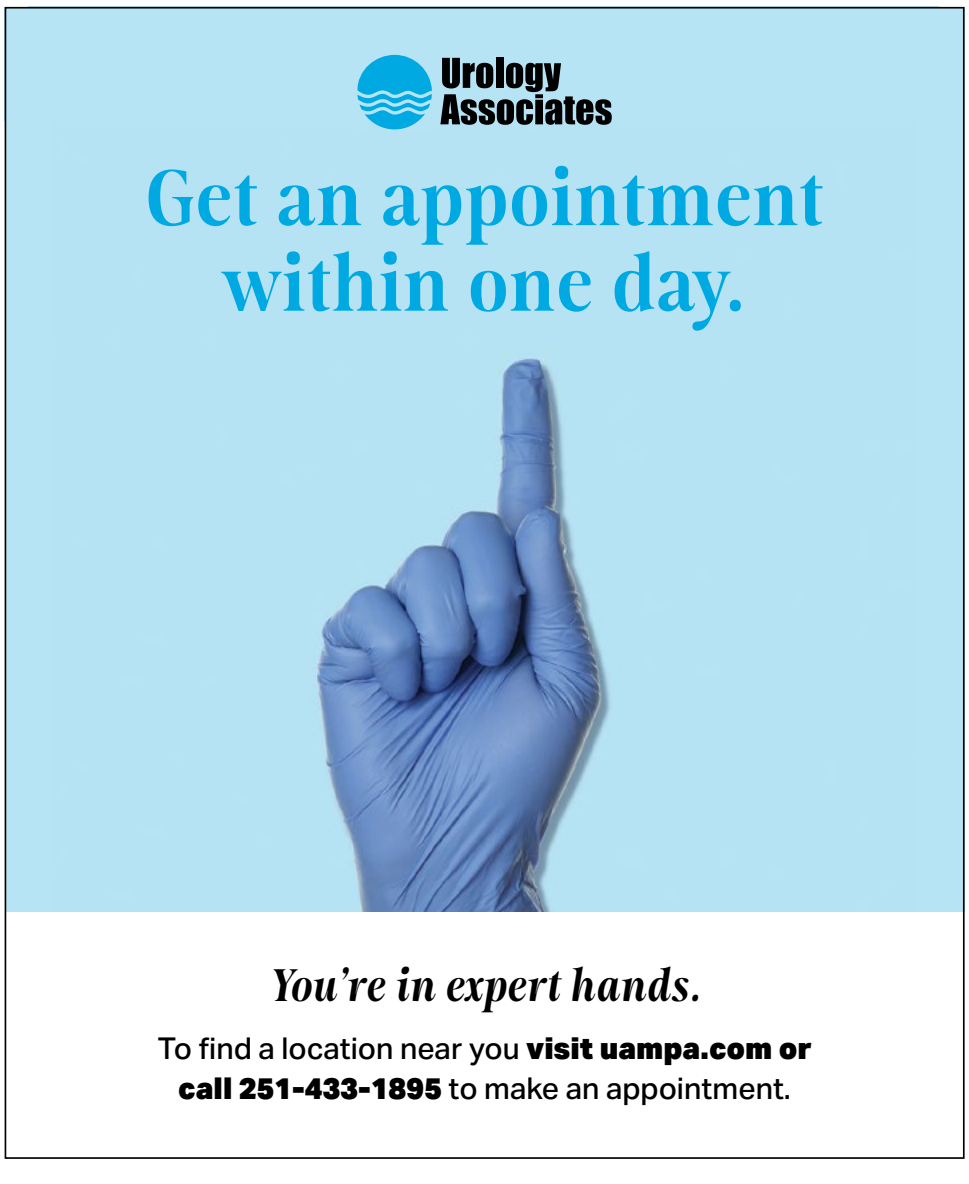
"Frankenstein" has endured due to its apt warnings. Its cries for precaution echo even louder through our growing technological era and inhabit the current debate over artificial intelligence.

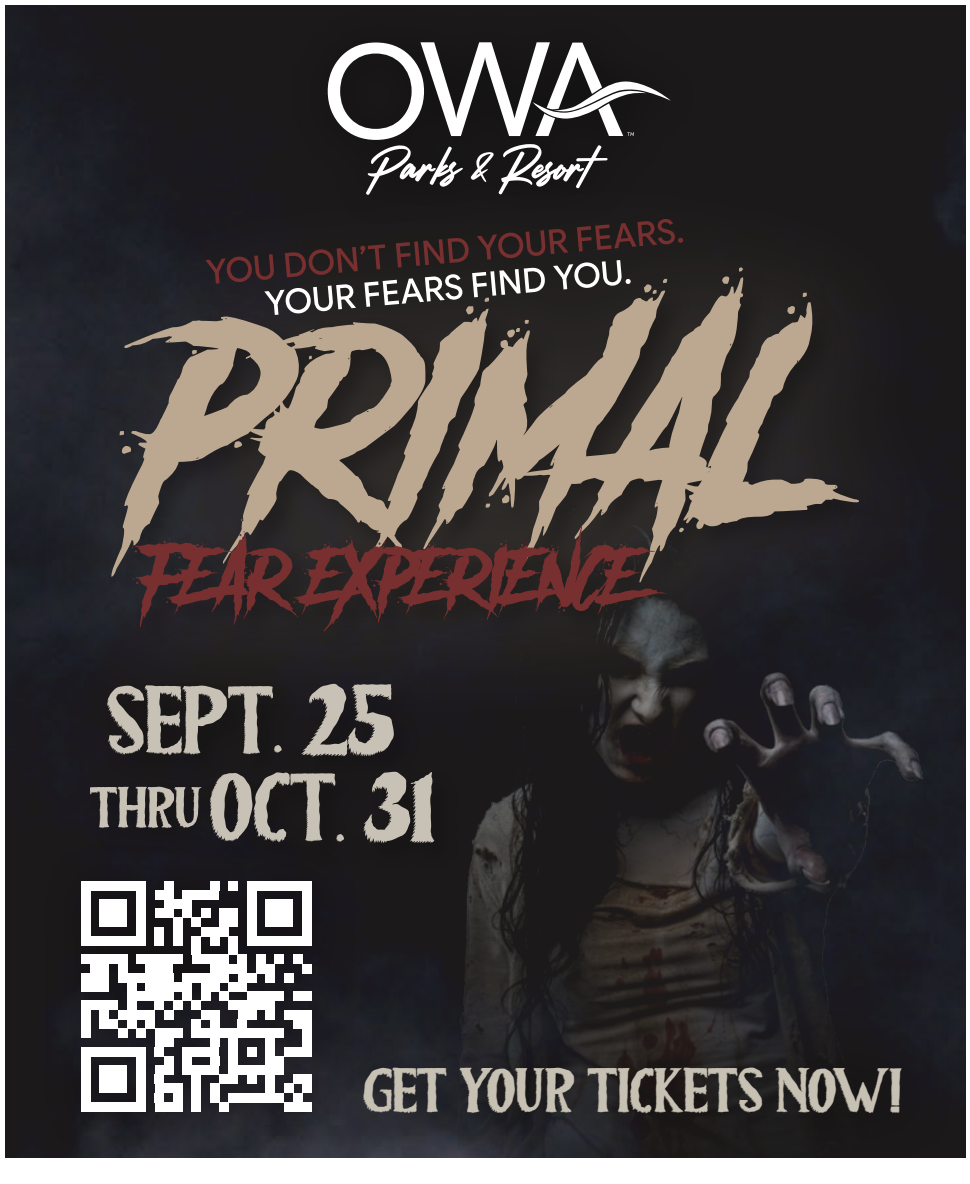
Then at the 19th century's close, H.G. Wells wrote "War of the Worlds," a story about Earth's invasion by intellectually superior Martians. Though humanity's most advanced technology proves powerless to stop the invaders, the Martians are finally overcome by terrestrial pathogens. Humankind was puny where microbes were mighty.

"By the toll of a million deaths, man has bought his birthright of the Earth," Wells wrote.

The 1898 critique of colonialism, environmental destruction, human conceit and science denial most famously became a 1938 Halloween radio play that ignited panic across America's Eastern Seaboard and made Orson Welles a household name. It was adapted into musical plays and feature films throughout the modern era.

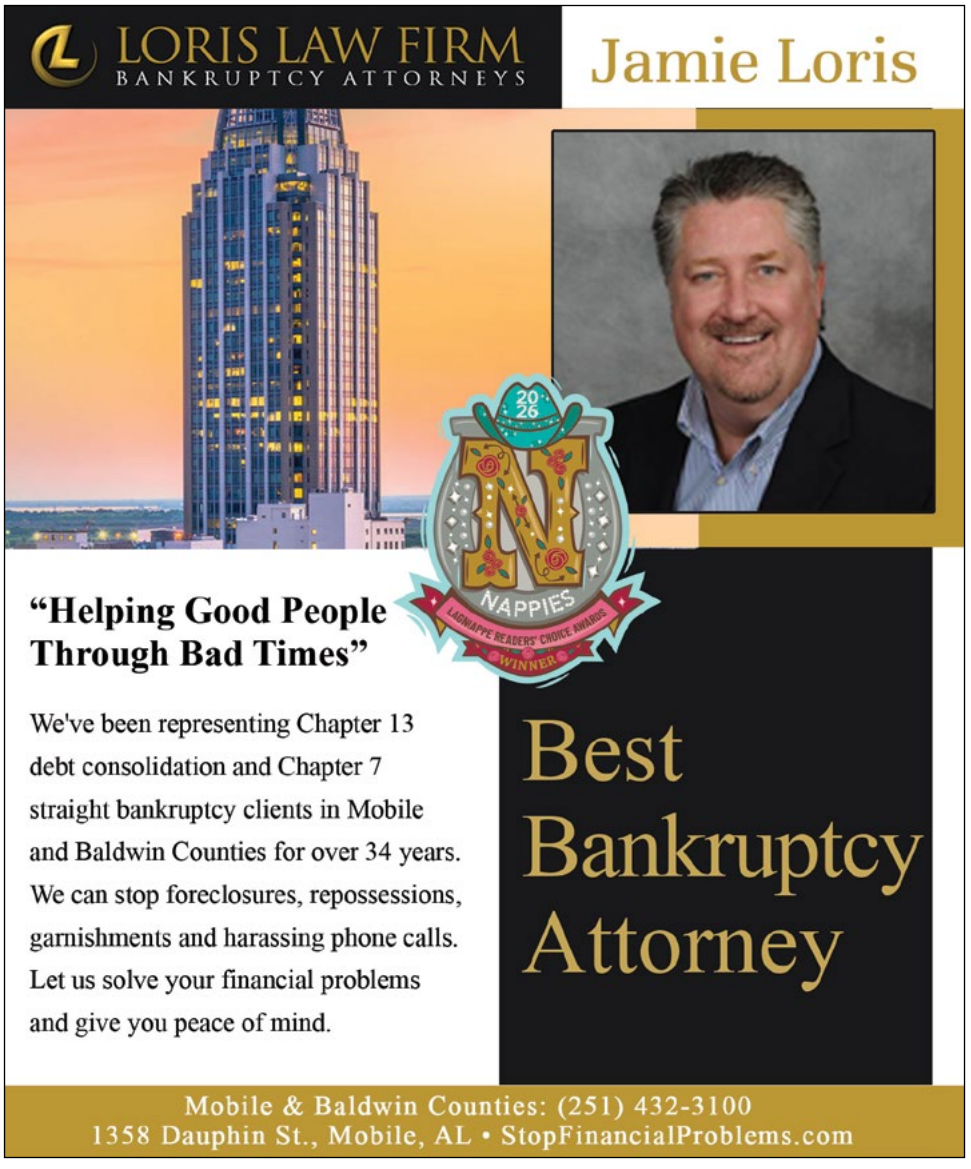
I've long said these Halloween tales don't resonate from their thrills, but from what they say about isolation and arrogance. We are the Martians. We are Frankenstein and his lonely creation. All of them are all of us, powerless before the universe and lost without each other.






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Before ghosts and goblins fill the streets of the Azalea City, Callaghan's will be setting the mood for local Halloween festivities with a musical treat from Mont-de-Marsan, France. The Inspector Cluzo will be introducing its monstrous blues rock sound to Mobile.

Featuring guitarist/vocalist Laurent "Malcolm" Lacrouts and drummer Mathieu "Phil" Jourdain, The Inspector Cluzo uses a two-member format in the same tradition as bands such as Flat Duo Jets, The White Stripes and The Black Keys. The end product is a 10-album catalog featuring blistering waves of progressive blues rock that has taken them to 65 countries and earned them opening slots for bands ranging from Suicidal Tendencies to Clutch.

With society's collectively short attention span flowing through modern media, Lacrouts and Jourdain's dedication to The Inspector Cluzo spans almost two decades. The two recognized that bands with longevity are a rare commodity in today's music industry. However, The Inspector Cluzo has chosen to travel through life as a pair of bluesmen, weaving the world around them into fiery rock overtures steeped in the deep, muddy waters of the blues, especially on the duo's latest album, "Less Is More."



The Inspector Cluzo. Courtesy.

"Our career looks like a journey," they said. "We sing what we live or experience in our farm as professional farmers [Ferme Lou Casse], and also travelling all around the world. So, we've seen a lot. It's our 10th LP, and we're constantly evolving and finding the correct notes and tones.

"It's kind of a mission for life, a bit like jazzmen or bluesmen were doing. We're not interested in fame and greed. We're interested in the search of the tone and making our art evolve constantly to something better. So, it will end when we decide it ends and not when the market decides."

"Less Is More" is a perfect description of the tracks found on this album, which begins with the bold blues rock strut of "We Win Together, I'm Losing Alone." This song is also a proper representation of the band's eclectic, progressive blues. When the hook breaks through the verses, The Inspector Cluzo releases a short, sweet mix of smooth indie rock, funk and soul before falling back into the band's audacious blues rock.

As the tracklist progresses, The Inspector Cluzo cannot deny the band's love for blends of dynamic transitions through shades of blues, rock, funk, soul and psychedelic. Taking in the album as a whole, another overall dynamic appears. The duo's uncompromising approach to music shows no mercy until the final two tracks that begin with a dramatic delivery of the Crosby, Stills & Nash classic "Almost Cut My Hair."

The album concludes with "Journey Men." The duo draws everything into a slow, haunting acoustic overture pulled from the shadowy early days of the blues.

"Dynamics and harmony are our obsession," they said. "It's very close to what we do live. When we play live, the dynamic is even more obvious. We've done 1,300 gigs in 65 countries, so we're a live band."

To assist in establishing the album's dynamics, The Inspector Cluzo sought the guidance of producer Vance Powell of Sputnik Sound in Nashville. With Powell's credits including a wide range of bands such as Clutch, The Revivalists, Jack White and Arctic Monkeys, The Inspector Cluzo could not have found a better producer for the duo's expansive musical style.

Powell has been in the studio for four of their albums, with more on the way. The duo revealed they are working with Powell on the band's next album, which will be released in December and features a past live performance with a symphonic orchestra. The Inspector Cluzo has already written a 12th release that will be tracked with Powell.

"Vance is a kind of Yoda master," they said. "He's the best analog engineer in the world and always up front. He's the only producer we met who can catch in the studio the live power of the band without making a live recording in the studio. He did that for Jack White, The Raconteurs, Chris Stapleton and many other massive artists."

When they are not in the studio, The Inspector Cluzo experiences two different realities. One reality consists of the 45-acre Ferme Lou Casse farm. With the attitude that "running a family farm is more rock than playing rock 'n' roll music," they fill part of their lives organically farming vegetables, corn and wheat as well as raising geese, sheep and chickens.

The other reality is a wild contrast courtesy of a busy tour schedule that takes these two Gascon farmers into a kaleidoscope of cultures wherever they go, even in their home country.

When it comes to touring in Europe, the duo notes a continent boasting 25 countries all with their own laws and cultural traditions. They note the U.S. boasts a number of different cultures all while being connected under one flag.

They also recognize America still has live music outlets for up-and-coming bands looking to nurture their reputation and music. In Europe, they said, smaller venues that cater to up-and-comers are slowly disappearing. All the while, European venues are more focused on streaming data stats than musical talent.

In the end, they note another quality of the blues and its connection to America. Ultimately, the blues is a worldwide sound. They said the African roots of blues still run through artists such as Ali Farka Toure, Tinariwen and Songhoy Blues. They also acknowledge that all bluesmen of the world long to bring their own style to America.

"We're bringing our own blues from the two Gascon farmers stuck in their land and living in a 300-year-old farm and really curious about the world while fully respecting the original Deep South blues and adding something in their own way," they said. "This is why we're coming here in a very humble way to this very historical place to share this music and show that it [the blues] is also evolving and how it's still very alive."



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‘The Lowdown’ one of the smartest, most entertaining TV shows in years

BY ASIA FREY


“The Lowdown” - FX Productions

“The Lowdown” is a literate, humane, hilarious noir masterpiece. It stars Ethan Hawke as a citizen journalist and self-described “truthstorian,” who alternates between being insufferable and irresistible. His character, Lee Raybon, owns a used bookstore and a beat-up white van, and challenges the status quo of today and yesterday in his beloved Tulsa, Oklahoma, a compelling setting that is enriched with Native American characters and elements, the specialty of series creator Sterlin Harjo.

Season 1 of this FX television show saw Lee delve into the mysterious suicide of the black sheep of a prominent Tulsa family. Tim Blake Nelson played the unhappy brother of gubernatorial candidate Kyle MacLachlan, and his fascination with pulpy noir novels informed the vibe of the entire show, to excellent effect.

The Coen brothers are another huge influence on both seasons of “The Lowdown.” The presence of Nelson struck that chord, as did Harjo’s deft blending of influences. Lee is very much a “Big Lebowski” anti-hero. He is bumbling his way through solving a mystery, and even managing to bed a few femme fatales along the way. When I saw bowling in the preview for Season 2, which premiered Oct. 14, I knew we were in for another journey not just through the underbelly of Tulsa, but through a rich pastiche of cinematic and literary genre references.

Season 2 hilariously undercuts any triumphs Lee ended with in Season 1. He receives an award for the reporting that was the subject of last season, and accepts it with a drug-fueled disaster of a speech, witnessed by his horrified daughter, some offended journalists, his long-suffering bookstore staff and an intrigued public defender. Betty Gilpin plays Ginger, a statuesque lawyer who is concerned for her own life and that of an incarcerated client.

I have only seen the first episode of the new season, but the relationship between her character and Hawke’s is an onscreen partnership beyond romance, boy-girl hero and damsel in distress, or even straight guy to comic foil. Gilpin is electric, hilarious, brilliant and more than a match for Hawke as the main character. It is unusual to see two characters share screen space in quite this way — you just have to see it for yourself.

As delicious and over-the-top a role as Lee is, the supporting characters are also phenomenal. Recurring and incidental characters include Keith David, Killer Mike, Peter Dinklage and, in this season, Tommy Lee Jones as Lee’s estranged father. My all-time favorite episode (so far) saw Lee doing battle with some grizzled criminals who ended up being paddlefish caviar smugglers, and in the final scene, Lee wrote a love poem from one of the bad guys to his ex-wife. Books deeply inform this extraordinary series.

Ryan Kiera Armstrong returns as Lee’s teen daughter, an essential audience for his shenanigans. These father-daughter moments really anchor Lee’s struggle between brash success and humiliating failure, and Hawke gives his character delusions and grandeur and a deep humanity. Whether strutting down the street triumphantly or staggering away from the losing end of a fist fight, Hawke is superb in this fabulously well-written neo-noir that is complex and challenging, but also a good hang and hilarious continuously.

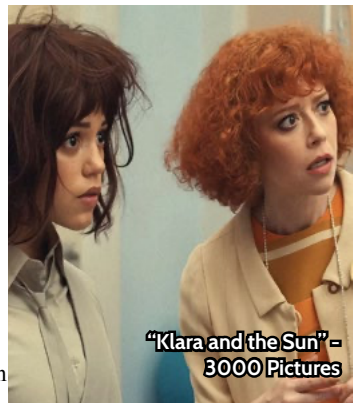
Writer-director Harjo must be the coolest guy in the world, because with “The Lowdown” he has created a singular vision out of a million satisfying references and found a scruffy muse in Hawke. These two also have the generosity of vision to fill this series with a truly marvelous cast of utterly indelible characters, giving us one of the funniest, smartest, liveliest TV shows in years.

“The Lowdown” is streaming on FX, Hulu and Disney+.

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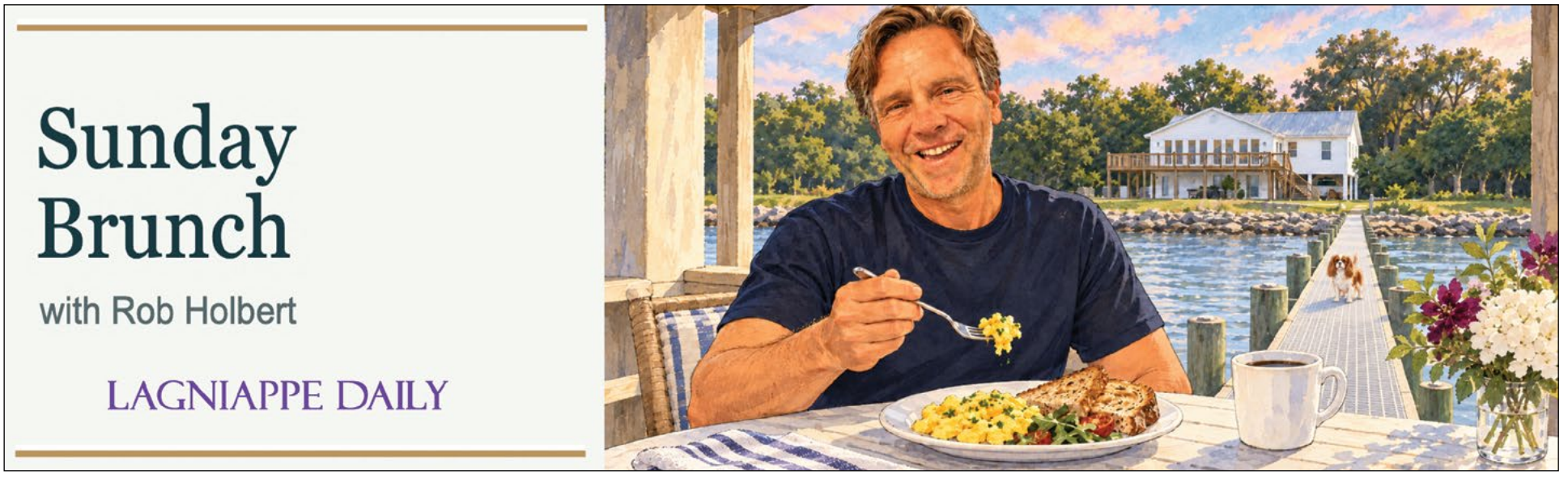
“Klara and the Sun”: Klara (Jenna Ortega) is an AI friend who wants nothing more than to find the perfect home. It soon meets Josie, a young woman who has a fraught relationship with her mother. But Klara’s innocent wonder and unwavering loyalty soon start to heal the family and bring some light to Josie’s complicated world. All multiplex theaters, Nexus Cinema Dining.


“Klara and the Sun” - 3000 Pictures

“Wildwood”: After her baby brother is abducted by a murder of crows, headstrong teenager Prue McKeel launches a desperate rescue mission into an enchanted forest hidden just beyond Portland, Oregon. Joined by a hapless but loyal classmate, Prue risks it all as she navigates a world of bandits, talking animals and powerful figures driven by grief and ambition. All multiplex theaters.


“Wildwood” - Laika Entertainment

“Clayface”: Matt Hagen’s meteoric rise from Gotham street kid to Hollywood leading man is tragically cut short when the actions of a local crime boss leave him horribly disfigured. He soon seeks out a cutting-edge treatment that miraculously returns him to his former self, but also affects his grip on reality, spiraling him down a destructive path of all-consuming revenge. All multiplex theaters, Nexus Cinema Dining.





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Playoff spots, seedings on the line

BY TOMMY HICKS

This is not the last week of the high school football regular season — that arrives next week. But this is the last week of the regular season that really matters. The games played this week are all region matchups, and many of those games will determine which teams advance to the playoffs and also the seeding of teams headed to the playoffs.

Every game next week for teams in the Mobile County-Baldwin County area is a non-region game and will have no bearing on playoff position or inclusion. That will have already been decided with this week's results.

Some regions are already decided in terms of teams in the playoffs, though perhaps not the seedings. All of this will be settled — in some cases via established tiebreakers — following the results of this week's games.

Here is a look at each of the region races involving teams in the Lagniappe coverage area:

CLASS 2A, REGION 1

Chickasaw is the only team from the area in the region, and the Chieftains, with an overall record of 1-7 and a 0-5 region record, have already been eliminated from the playoffs.

CLASS 4A, REGION 1

This one is interesting and will likely require a tiebreaker to figure out. The four playoff teams are set — Orange Beach, Williamson, Vigor and Citronelle — and Citronelle will be the No. 4 seed. Entering this week, Orange Beach, Williamson and Vigor are tied for first with equal 4-1 region records. Orange Beach beat Vigor, Vigor beat Williamson and Williamson beat Orange Beach. That one will have to be sorted out. Orange Beach is at Citronelle, Satsuma is at Vigor and Williamson is at LeFlore this week.

CLASS 5A, REGION 1

Gulf Shores, with its impressive win at Spanish Fort last Friday night, clinched the region championship. The Dolphins are unbeaten on the season (8-0 overall, 6-0 in region). The remaining playoff-bound teams from the region are already determined — Saraland and Spanish Fort are both 5-1, and Theodore is 4-2.



UMS QB MAX FOWLER/File photo

All four playoff teams are involved in games against each other this week, with Saraland at Spanish Fort and Theodore at Gulf Shores. The playoff seedings — the top two teams earn home games in the first round — will be determined after the results of those games are known.

CLASS 6A, REGION 1

This season the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) decided to increase the number of playoff berths for Class 6A teams from four to six. The Class 6A title will now feature a 24-team bracket (Class 1A-5A features a 32-team bracket). In Region 1, Mary G. Montgomery is banned from the postseason this year as part of AHSAA sanctions against the school for recruiting violations. That means six of the seven remaining teams will make the playoffs.

Heading into this week, Davidson at 0-5 in the region (MGM games do not count in region records) is the odd team out. However, the Warriors play Alma Bryant at home this week, and if they win, both teams will have 1-5 region records, as will Robertsdale if it loses its game at Baker. That will require tiebreakers to figure out who is in and which team is out.

If Alma Bryant wins, the six teams are set; only the seedings have to be determined. The region championship will also be determined as Fairhope (4-1) plays at Daphne (5-0). The winner will claim the region crown.

PRIVATE CLASS A

The top three teams are determined, with a game this week deciding the fourth team to earn a spot in the playoffs. Bayside Academy is 6-0, having defeated Mobile Christian in a comeback victory last Friday night. Mobile Christian is 5-1, and Cottage Hill Christian is 4-2. They are all set for the postseason. Providence Christian travels to St. Luke's this week. Both are 3-3 in the region and the winner heads to the playoffs.

PRIVATE CLASS AA

All eight teams will play in the postseason, with the top-ranked team playing No. 8, No. 2 vs. No. 7, No. 3 against No. 6 and No. 4 against No. 5 in the first round. The top spot will be claimed by the winner of Friday's UMS-Wright at McGill-Toolen game. Both are 6-0 in region play. The No. 3 and No. 4 spots will be determined by the Montgomery Catholic at St. Michael game; both teams are 4-2 in the region. St. Paul's is 2-4, and Glenwood and Faith Academy are both 1-5 and play each other at Faith this week. Houston Academy is 0-6.

–ONE MAN'S OPINION–

Vigor-Williamson big for many reasons

BY TOMMY HICKS

If you love defensive football, you should have been at Ladd-Peebles Stadium last Thursday night for the Vigor-Williamson showdown. For that matter, if you love Mobile-area high school football … if you love strong, competitive high school football … if you love high school football featuring a playoff-like atmosphere … if you love high school football between teams led by several top college prospects … if you love matchups between highly ranked teams … you should have been at Ladd-Peebles Stadium last Thursday night.

To summarize, the Vigor-Williamson game had it all.

If you now wish you had attended the game, be patient. The odds would appear pretty good you'll get the opportunity to see the Wolves and Lions play again this season, with the stakes even higher.

Vigor won Thursday's game 12-0, giving it two consecutive wins over the Lions. Last season, Williamson won 13 straight games, including a regular-season victory over Vigor in overtime in a No. 1 (Vigor) vs. No.2 (Williamson) matchup. But in the Class 5A state semifinals, Vigor ended Williamson's win streak, avenged the regular-season loss and advanced to the 5A state title game. In the semifinal, No. 2 Vigor beat No. 1 Williamson.

Last Thursday night, Williamson entered the game unbeaten and ranked No. 1 in Class 4A in the latest Alabama Sports Writers Association (ASWA) poll. Vigor was ranked No. 3. The Wolves lost a region game to Orange Beach a few weeks back, the Makos taking advantage of a Vigor roster missing some key players, believed to have been suspended for the game. That has led to a three-way tie for first place in Class 4A, Region 1 between Vigor, Williamson and Orange Beach

There appears to be a pattern, at least in the past three meetings between the two teams, of the underdog (or more accurately, the lower-ranked team) winning the game. In that case, Williamson may have positioned itself perfectly should there be a rematch in the playoffs as anticipated. One would assume Vigor will jump to No. 1 in next week's ASWA poll or at least be ranked ahead of Williamson. It is also likely the Lions don't fall far (No. 2? No. 3?) in the ASWA poll.

Most of those involved in last Thursday's game — played before an estimated and enthusiastic crowd of about 15,000 fans — expect the rematch to take place.

"It's huge for MCPSS [Mobile County Public School System], man," Williamson head coach Antonio Coleman said after the game. "Two teams — No. 1, No. 3 in the state dueling it out — and I don't think a lot of people realize that some of the best football that we've played down here. We beat up on each other, especially in our region in 4A, and when we get up the road [in postseason], we're banged up. You know, you've got the No. 1 and No. 3 team in the state down here, and one of us is going to play for a championship. Let's just be honest. But we beat up on each other week in and week out, and then we get up the road and we're kind of banged up, you know. So we just have to go into it. We've got to bow. We've got to go into it, be smart and just continue to push our kids, man."

Vigor linebacker and Texas commit Jabarrius "Chicken" Garror noted in a postgame interview the talent of the two teams, calling Williamson a "great team," but also placing his team in the same category.

He was asked, what do you think of your team now?

"Best team in Alabama," he said. "We work like it. We work for it. And, you know, we're going to continue to push. Wolfpack mentality is winning mentality."

Do you think you'll play Williamson again this season?

Garror was quick to answer. "Oh, yes sir. Most definitely. Great team."

Garror wasn't the only big-time prospect on the field Thursday. On the Vigor roster, there's also linebacker Isaac McNeil (Auburn commit), defensive back Miguel Wilson (Kentucky), wide receiver Zy Wilson (Arkansas State), defensive back Kelton Agee (Alcorn State) and defensive lineman Cameron Williams (East Mississippi Community College).

The Williamson roster includes defensive back Jaylen Scott (Oklahoma commit), linebacker Ellis McGaskin (Florida), defensive back Julian McDonald (Mississippi State), offensive lineman Brelan Broom (South Alabama) and underclassmen Captain Munnerlyn Jr. (sophomore defensive back) and Demarcus Dale-Brown (junior edge rusher), both of whom are being heavily recruited. Now you know why college recruiters know

And the star of the show Thursday was a 5-foot-5, 145-pound running back. Demetris Johnson led the Vigor offense with 31 carries for 190 yards, including a 59-yard scoring run right up the middle of a Williamson defense that had allowed just 25 total points in its first six games of the season.

There are two weeks remaining in the regular season, but the final region games for all teams in this area will be played next week. The playoffs begin the first week of November and end the first week of December with the AHSAA state championship games played at South Alabama's Hancock Whitney Stadium.

If we're lucky, somewhere along the way we'll get the chance to see Vigor and Williamson play against each other again.

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Last-second FG wins it for McGill

VICTORY SETS UP REGION SHOWDOWN WITH UMS

BY TOMMY HICKS

Ollie Poiroux's last-second field goal last Friday night didn't just win McGill-Toolen's game at No. 3-ranked Montgomery Catholic, 16-14. It also kept alive the Yellow Jackets' hopes of winning the Private Class AA, Region 1 championship.

Poiroux's 22-yard field goal on the game's final play lifted No.2-ranked McGill to its sixth consecutive win and a 7-1 overall record. More importantly, it improved the Yellow Jackets' region record to 6-0, which matches the mark of rival UMS-Wright for a share of first place in the region standings.

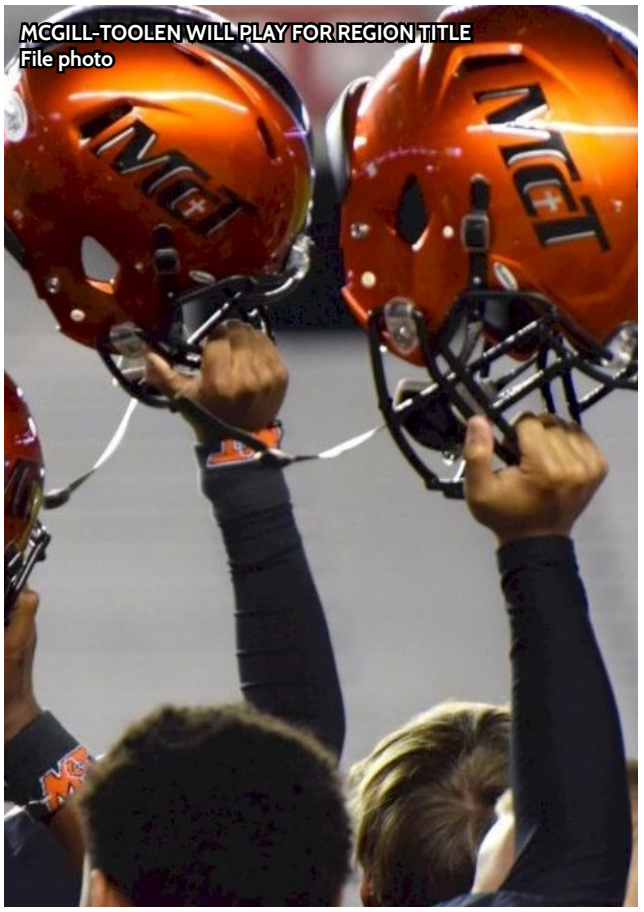
The two teams will meet at McGill's Lipscomb Stadium this Friday night to decide the region championship. The title comes with the region's No. 1 seed in the upcoming Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) state playoffs.

Poiroux's kick — his second game-winner of the year — also helped the Yellow Jackets earn the Lagniappe Team of the Week award. The Team of the Week is sponsored by the Mobile County Sheriff's Office.

Montgomery Catholic led 14-13 with 2:21 to play when the Yellow Jackets began their game-winning drive that covered 59 yards.

"You know, in this region, every one of these games are crucial and that game was really down to, in terms of seeding, determining if we were going to be a one, two or three seed [in the playoffs] depending on the outcome of that game, what we would be in play for us," McGill head coach David Faulkner said. "Winning the game has now put us into a winner-take-all deal with UMS in terms of the region championship. At least the way I've got it figured, we can't finish worse than the two seed with a loss, and obviously with a win we could be the region champ and have the one seed in the playoff draw."

McGill's only loss this season came at Jackson, Miss., Academy in a 16-0 shutout in the Yellow Jackets' second game of the year. Faulkner said he has seen progress from his team from week to week, and he is pleased with where his team stands heading into Friday's game with UMS.



MCGILL-TOOLEN WILL PLAY FOR REGION TITLE
File photo

"I think the one thing that we've been able to do is we've consistently improved from week to week, especially in special teams," he said. "I think we've gotten better as the year went along with our special team units. I think our team has kind of really worked hard from week to week to try to create an identity, and I think we've been able to do that and kind of figure out who we are and what the formula is for us to be successful, and I think that's been one of the things that our team's been able to move towards and improve on from game to game."

An obvious part of the Yellow Jackets' special teams play is field goal kicking, and Faulkner said he was confident Poiroux would make the game-winner.

"Without a doubt," he said. "We had some time there where we probably could have taken a couple of shots at the end zone, but we felt really confident in Ollie being able to make the kick. So we decided that we would try to just set him up for the best kick possible and let that kind of be an all-or-nothing situation; we were gonna make the kick and win or miss it and lose, but we felt really good about Ollie. He'd already hit one early in the year in the same situation to beat St. Michael, so we were confident with putting the game in his hands."

A win such as the one claimed at Montgomery Catholic also does a lot for a team's confidence, although Faulkner said he believes his team already possessed a decent dose of that intangible.

"I think our team's confident already," Faulkner said. "I think that's one of the things that allowed us to find a way to win the game Friday [against Montgomery Catholic]. Catholic's got a very good football team, and they played extremely hard and they played extremely well, and I think our team's confidence in itself just allowed our guys to just keep playing and to keep battling and find a way to win the game. I think we'll play that way on Friday, and obviously UMS they feel the same way, so it'll be two teams that feel confident about the game Friday and feel like they can win it."



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AHSAA volleyball moves to regionals

BY TOMMY HICKS

The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) volleyball postseason now moves into the sub-regional and regional portion of the playoffs following the completion of area tournaments this week.

A total of 19 teams from the Mobile County-Baldwin County area have advanced from area tournaments to the sub-regional or regional tournaments slated next week. Sub-regional tournament games will feature local teams in Class 2A, Class 4A and Class 5A of the public school classifications. Area teams in public school Class 6A as well as in private school A and AA will advance directly to the South Regional tournament being played at the Cramton Bowl Multiplex in Montgomery. Local teams that win their sub-regional games will then advance to the regional in Montgomery.

Local teams still in the state championship chase include Chickasaw (2A); Williamson, Satsuma, Citronelle and Orange Beach (4A); and Gulf Shores, Saraland, Murphy and Spanish Fort (5A). Those teams will play a sub-regional game on Monday, Oct.19.

The local teams headed directly to the regional tournament include Davidson, Daphne, Fairhope and Alma Bryant (6A); Bayside Academy and Mobile Christian (private A); and McGill-Toolen, UMS-Wright, St. Paul's and Faith Academy (private AA). The regional tournament starts on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

The state tournament is scheduled Oct. 27-29 in Birmingham.

Here are the matchups, dates and times of the sub-regional and regional matches involving teams from the Lagniappe coverage area. (Times for the sub-regional games, played on the home courts of the higher seed, were not available at press time. Results of Monday's sub-regional matches also were not available at press time):

SUB-REGIONALS

Monday, Oct. 19

Class 2A: Chickasaw at Luverne.

Class 4A: Williamson at Satsuma; Citronelle at Orange Beach.

Class 5A: Gulf Shores at Saraland; Murphy at Spanish Fort.

REGIONALS

Class 6A: Davidson vs. Daphne, Oct. 21, 9 a.m.; Fairhope vs. Alma Bryant, Oct. 21, 9 a.m.

Private A: Bayside Academy vs. Northside Methodist, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.; Mobile Christian vs. Providence Christian, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.

Private AA: McGill-Toolen vs. Lee-Scott, Oct. 21, 9 a.m.; Glenwood vs. UMS-Wright, Oct. 21, 9 a.m.; St. Paul's vs. Montgomery Catholic, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.; Faith Academy vs. Houston Academy, **Oct. 21, 11 a.m.**

AREA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Class 2A, Area 1: J.U. Blacksher 3, Thomasville 0; Chickasaw 3, **Clarke County 0. Title:** J.U. Blacksher 3, Chickasaw 1.

Class 4A, Area 1: Citronelle 3, LeFlore 0. Title: Satsuma 3, Citronelle 0.

Class 4A, Area 2: Williamson 3, B.C. Rain 2. Title: Orange Beach 3, Williamson 0.

Class 5A, Area 1: Saraland 3, Blount 0; Murphy 3, Baldwin County 1. Title: Saraland 3, Murphy 0.

Class 5A, Area 2: Spanish Fort 3, Theodore 0; Gulf Shores 3, Elberta 0. Title: Spanish Fort 3, Gulf Shores 0.

Class 6A, Area 1: Davidson 3, MGM 0; Alma Bryant 3, Baker 0. Title: Davidson 3, Alma Bryant 1.

Class 6A, Area 2: Fairhope 3, Foley 0; Daphne 3, Robertsdale 1. Title: Daphne 3, Fairhope 1.

Private A, Area 1: Cottage Hill Christian 3, Bayshore Christian 2; St. Luke's 3, Snook Christian 0; Bayside Academy 3, Cottage Hill Christian 0; Mobile Christian 3, St. Luke's 0. Title: Bayside Academy 3, Mobile Christian 0.

Private AA, Area 1: St. Paul's 3, St. Michael 2; McGill-Toolen 3, St. Paul's 0; Faith Academy 3, UMS-Wright 1. Third place: UMS-Wright 3, St. Paul's 0. Title: McGill-Toolen 3, Faith Academy 0.

Local stars dot Alabama all-star roster

BY TOMMY HICKS

The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) announced its roster for this year's Alabama-Mississippi High School All-Star football game last week. The roster includes nine players from the Mobile County-Baldwin County area as well as two coaches from the area.

The local players named to the Alabama all-star team include WR Carter Davis of Gulf Shores, edge rusher Jabarrius Garror of Vigor, DB Elijah Malone of Gulf Shores, ILB Ellis McGaskin of Williamson, ILB Isaac McNeil of Vigor, DL AJ Pauley of McGill-Toolen, QB Jamison Roberts of Saraland, DB Jaylen Scott of Williamson and RB Kamron Smith of Mary G. Montgomery.

The two local coaches named to the Alabama staff include St. Michael head coach Philip Rivers and Alma Bryant head coach Bart Sessions. Helena head coach Richie Busby will serve as head coach of the Alabama team.

Alabama has won the past six meetings against Mississippi and 28 of the 39 all-star games. This year's game will again be played at South Alabama's Hancock Whitney Stadium on Dec. 12, one week after the stadium plays host to the 12 AHSAA football and flag football state championship games for the first time, Dec. 1-5.

FLAG PLAYOFFS NEAR

Like its counterpart, flag football's regular season is nearing an end and the postseason is set to begin the week of Nov. 2. The AHSAA has split the state championship path into four classifications — Class 1A-4A, Class 5A and Class 6A for public schools and one private school division which combines Class A and Class AA. Twelve teams will earn playoff berths in the private school bracket, with 24 teams qualifying in Class 6A and 32 teams qualifying in the Class 1A-4A and Class 5A brackets.

In the Class 1A-4A, Region 1 standings, Satsuma and LeFlore are tied at 4-1 in region play, with B.C. Rain, Escambia County and Vigor all at 3-2. Citronelle is 1-3, Williamson is 0-3 and Chickasaw is 0-4.

In Class 5A, Region 1 Spanish Fort is at 5-0 in region play and has already qualified for the playoffs. Baldwin County is 4-2, followed by Theodore at 3-2. Blount is 1-2, with Saraland and Elberta both at 1-3 and Murphy at 1-4.

The Class 6A, Region 1 has Fairhope at 7-0, Daphne at 6-1 and Alma Bryant at 4-2. All three teams have qualified for the state playoffs. Mary G. Montgomery is 3-3, with Robertsdale 3-4 and Davidson 1-5.

In the private school, Region 1, McGill-Toolen, Mobile Christian and St. Michael are all 1-1 in region play, and all three are headed to the playoffs.

The flag football state championship games, to be played at South Alabama's Hancock Whitney Stadium, are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 1. The schedule of games finds the private school state title game played at 10 a.m., with the Class 1A-4A game at 1 p.m., the Class 5A game at 4 p.m. and the Class 6A game at 7 p.m.

SENIOR BOWL TICKETS ON SALE

The Senior Bowl announced last Thursday tickets are officially on sale for the 78th annual Panini Senior Bowl, set for Saturday, Jan. 30, at South Alabama's Hancock Whitney Stadium.

With visitors from across the country coming to Mobile for Senior Bowl week, which coincides with the city's Mardi Gras celebrations, this year creates a unique Mobile experience for players, NFL personnel, fans and visitors.

As the NFL calendar has evolved in recent years, Senior Bowl week has increasingly overlapped with Mobile's Mardi Gras season. To provide the best possible experience for both traditions, the Senior Bowl submitted a formal request to the NFL in early 2025 to move the 2027 game one week earlier on the NFL calendar. Following approval from the League Office and collaboration with Mobile's city and county leaders, the Oak View Group and local hotels, the 2027 game will be played one week earlier, on Jan. 30.

The earlier date also brings into play another aspect of the game — for the first time since 2022, the NFL will provide two full coaching staffs to coach the Senior Bowl's National and American teams. The participating NFL teams will be announced in early 2027 prior to game week.

"The Senior Bowl is truly the first stage of the NFL draft process, and with representation from all 32 NFL teams, it's the perfect opportunity for the best college players in the country to showcase their talent right here in Mobile," Senior Bowl Executive Director Drew Fabianich said. "Bringing back two full NFL coaching staffs for the first time since 2022 will only elevate the experience for our players, coaches and fans."

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JESSIE MCCOVERY DIES

Former Theodore High School and Auburn University football standout Jessie McCovery died recently at the age of 53. His passing was announced by his niece, Jessica, on a social media post.

McCovery was part of an impressive 1993 recruiting class at Auburn — Terry Bowden's first class — that included Mobile-area standouts Willie Anderson, Dameyune Craig and Bobby Daffin. McCovery and Anderson, who played their prep careers at Vigor, were roommates at Auburn.

Both McCovery and Anderson were among the top recruits in the state during their senior seasons. McCovery was named to the Parade High School All-America team as a tight end. AL.com produced a story in 2024 ranking the top tight ends in the state of all time, and McCovery held the No. 3 position in the ranking. He was a four-year starter and All-State selection at Theodore, playing for then-head coach Joe Downey.

A knee injury impacted McCovery's final season at Auburn, and he did not play in the NFL.

He is survived by daughters Jasmine McCovery and Brionna Walker; his mother, Lillie McCovery Parker; sister, Angela McCovery Williams (Kelvin); niece, Jessica McCovery Williams; nephew, Tyrone Peyton (Sharmella); grandson, Braley Walker; and great-nieces Pylee Peyton and Teionna Sanders.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jessie McCovery Sr., in 2025, and his daughter, Jordyn McCovery, who passed away in 2020 at the age of 16.

Funeral services were held last Saturday.

ASTROS FIRE ESPADA

Former University of Mobile standout baseball player Joe Espada has been fired as manager of the Houston Astros. The team made the announcement last Wednesday afternoon. Espada held the position for three seasons, posting a 256-229 record and leading the Astros to the American League West title in 2024 and 2026.

His firing by owner Jim Crane follows the firing in late August of general manager Dana Brown. Although the Astros' manager the past three seasons — his first Major League Baseball managerial position — Espada has been with the Astros' organization the past nine seasons. He served as bench coach for both A.J. Hinch and Dusty Baker. He was promoted to manager after Baker's retirement.

The Astros made the American League playoffs but were swept 2-0 by the Chicago White Sox. Houston was 0-4 in two playoff appearances under Espada.

A middle infielder at Mobile, Espada had a celebrated college career. He was a three-time, first-team All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) selection and was twice named the GCAC Player of the Year. He was also a two-time, second-team All-America selection (1995, 1996).

His jersey No. 6 was retired by Mobile in 2019, and he was named to the University of Mobile Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2024.

Following the 1996 season, he was selected in the second round of the Major League Baseball draft (No. 45 overall) by the Oakland A's. Espada would spend 10 seasons in the minor leagues before retiring as a player and entering the coaching ranks. He was with the Marlins' organization from 2006-13 and later was a third base coach for the New York Yankees. He interviewed several times for Major League managerial openings but was not selected until his promotion by the Astros.

Espada has reportedly interviewed for the Seattle Mariners' managerial opening.

JMU LEAVING SUN BELT

James Madison University (JMU), which joined the Sun Belt Conference in 2022 after its transition from a Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) team to a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) member, announced recently it plans to leave the Sun Belt for the American Athletic Conference.

The plan is for JMU to join the American by July 1, 2028, at the latest. It is believed JMU officials would prefer to join the American Athletic at the end of the current athletic calendar, which would be July 1, 2027. That would likely require the school to pay the Sun Belt an early exit fee.

JMU is the second school to leave the Sun Belt in recent months. Texas State left the Sun Belt on July 1 of this year to join the Pac-12 Conference. Texas State paid a $5 million exit fee to the Sun Belt. The JMU fee is expected to be at least that amount, perhaps more. The league was rumored to be considering a vote to raise its exit fee when JMU made its announcement.

The Sun Belt replaced Texas State with former Conference USA member Louisiana Tech. It will be interesting to see what schools emerge as candidates to fill the vacancy left by JMU's departure. At the time of Texas State's departure, it was reported Western Kentucky, East Carolina, Liberty, Ohio University and Middle Tennessee were considered for membership before Louisiana Tech was selected.

Sun Belt Commissioner Keith Gill issued a statement following JMU's announcement. The statement included the note, "In an era of collegiate athletics marked by nationwide conference expansion, the Sun Belt has distinguished itself in its commitment to a geographic footprint and a divisional model that fosters regional rivalries, engages passionate fan bases and supports its member institutions' pursuit of excellence in all sports at a reasonable cost. It just makes sense.

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It's a brand-new conference race in the SEC

BY RANDY KENNEDY

Here are the updated football power rankings for the Southeastern Conference. All 16 teams are equal.

That's a slight exaggeration of where things stand more than halfway through the season, but it's far more accurate than the popular narrative that was accepted just a week ago.

Remember what most everyone thought in the aftermath of Georgia's instant classic win in Tuscaloosa two weeks ago? The pecking order in the SEC was Georgia, Alabama then everyone else.

Just one week later, that thinking appears not just premature but outright wrong.

Auburn upset Georgia, Tennessee humiliated Alabama and Texas lost consecutive games after rising to No. 1 in the country.

Suddenly, fans of Ole Miss, Tennessee and even Kentucky have a right to wonder if maybe their team is the best in the league.

Last week was one of the craziest in the history of college football. For the first time in history, dating back to the beginning of the AP poll in 1936, five of the top seven teams in the country lost. It could have been six out of seven if Florida State had gotten a fair shake from the officials in the Seminoles' double overtime loss at Miami.

The highest-ranked team to win was Ohio State, which won by a literal inch when the potential game-winning catch by Indiana was correctly ruled out of bounds.

The story of the week in the SEC was the unmitigated success of the league's six new head coaches. All six won, with four of them recording the most important wins at their new schools.

Jon Sumrall led Florida to a road win at Texas despite having to play his back-up quarterback.

Will Stein took Kentucky to Oklahoma and proved to be the best team. If not for one bad half against Alabama, the Wildcats would be undefeated. As it stands, they are very much in playoff contention.

Arkansas is not going to win a championship anytime soon, but Ryan Silverfield recorded his most impressive win so far against Vanderbilt.

LSU's 31-0 win over Mississippi State was much needed for Lane Kiffin. And Pete Golding continues to stack good wins at Ole Miss, this time dismantling Missouri.

But the story of the week was what Alex Golesh and the Auburn Tigers accomplished between the hedges in Athens.

When Auburn fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter, my first thought was that I was glad for my Auburn friend who told me he was going to play golf instead of watching his team for the first time ever. Maybe he got to a TV to see the Tigers score the next 24 points.

Even when Georgia rallied to tie the game, Auburn was the better and more poised team.

For Golesh, this is the biggest win of his career. And here's a hot take: If he goes on to win five national championships at Auburn, this win over Georgia in 2026 will remain his most important win ever.

The 27-24 win on the road against a major rival that happened to be the No. 1 team in the country changed the narrative about Golesh and the Auburn program he's trying to build.

Before entering Athens as a three-touchdown underdog, it was hard to find many more wins on the Auburn schedule. It looked like a fifth straight year of seven losses was not only possible but probable.

But with the unlikely win over Georgia, the narrative changes. Now, the Tigers have four wins with only two losses to ranked Tennessee and ranked Florida. Both games were in doubt in the last two minutes.

Up next is a home game against LSU, and road games still remain against Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Alabama.

Clearly, there is no guarantee the win at Georgia is the start of a winning streak. But, just like every other SEC team with a first-year coach, the outlook is more positive today than it was before one of the craziest days in college football history.

Randy Kennedy, who has been a leading voice on the Gulf Coast sports scene for 24 years, writes a weekly column for Lagniappe. He received the Mel Allen Award from the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and was named one of the "50 Legends" in the history of the Alabama Sports Writers Association.




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-UPON FURTHER REVIEW-

USSU completes project to upgrade facilities, earns another honor

BY J. MARK BRYANT





Daphne's U.S. Sports University recently completed approximately $500,000 in athletic renovations, transforming key spaces used for student-athlete performance, training, treatment and rehabilitation. Photos courtesy USSU.

When Dr. Steve Condon accepted the position of president and chief executive officer at the U.S. Sports University (USSU), he strongly supported the introduction of intercollegiate sports programs.

The Daphne-based college now offers athletic competition in baseball, cross country, soccer and track & field for men, along with cross country, soccer, softball, track & field and volleyball for women.

These programs quickly found success in the U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA). In April, the men's track & field team captured the school's first national championship.

Then, on July 1, the Eagles officially became a full member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). After a one-year stay in the Continental Athletic Conference, they will join the University of Mobile in the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC).

With the sports teams having been created, the next phase of the plan was to work on its facilities. USSU recently completed approximately $500,000 in athletic renovations, transforming key spaces used for student-athlete performance, training, treatment and rehabilitation.

BUSY SCHEDULE

USSU officials announced in a news release that the project included improvements to its Human Performance Lab, athletic weight room, athletic training room, hydration infrastructure and performance equipment. The work was completed during a compressed summer construction schedule to have the facilities ready for student-athletes returning for this academic year.

"These renovations represent an investment in student-athlete experience and the continued growth of our athletic department," Shealynn Miller, USSU's director of athletics, said. "As our program grows and we prepare for the transition to NAIA competition, it is important that our facilities and resources grow with them.

"We want to invest in our student-athletes by providing spaces that support how they train, recover and prepare to compete. From the expanded weight room and athletic training space to hydration and new equipment, this project helps ensure we are building infrastructure needed to support our athletes."

The most obvious transformation occurred in the weight room, where USSU nearly doubled the available square footage by removing and opening a wall separating existing spaces. The expansion provides significantly more room for strength and conditioning activities while improving the overall flow and functionality of the facility.

Beyond the additional space, the weight room received air conditioning, widened door frames, refreshed paint and lighting, new sport-specific flooring and new strength and conditioning equipment.

"With USSU's recent [enrollment] growth, the weight room renovation was a necessity," Cody Cleveland, USSU's head strength and conditioning coach, said. "The expansion allows me to train larger groups of athletes at one time and overall makes the weight room more efficient. In addition, it allows me more time to target team programs, decipher specific athlete data and continue studying the latest trends in strength and conditioning.

"The renovation has elevated our weight room to a standard that few NAIA institutions can match. I'm grateful for the support that made this project possible, and I look forward to seeing the impact on our student-athletes."

BEYOND MORE SPACE

USSU also installed new water fountains throughout the building, increasing convenient access to hydration for student-athletes during practices, workouts and training sessions.

For USSU's strength and conditioning program, the renovation represents more than a cosmetic upgrade. Officials said the expanded footprint allows coaches to better organize training groups, improve movement through the room and make more effective use of equipment and training stations.

"As a student who has been here since the original weight room, I can say the new [space] really feels like a college-level athletic facility," Annabeth Parrish, a senior on the softball team, said. "It's bigger, more modern and better reflects the growth of our athletic programs. The upgrades go beyond just having more space. We also have new technology that directly supports us as athletes, including Vitruve encoders that help track our workouts and performance."

The project also relocated the athletic training room into the primary athletic area adjacent to the school's previously renovated locker rooms. This places treatment and rehabilitation services closer to the student-athletes who use them. The new location provides expanded square footage for athlete evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation and creates a more functional connection between sports medicine and USSU's other athletic spaces.

As part of the investment, USSU purchased additional therapeutic modality equipment for the athletic training operation, expanding the resources available to athletic training staff for student-athlete treatment and rehabilitation.

"I am extremely pleased with how this project turned out. The look and feel of these spaces are even better than I originally imagined," Miller said. "Executing a project of this scale over a short summer break required careful planning, coordination and constant communication. RH Build and Tailored Living Design [of Daphne] helped us take an ambitious vision and turn it into a beautiful, functional facility in a very tight timeframe."

LATEST HONOR

University staff made a special announcement on Tuesday. The school has officially been selected and accepted into the Ethos Universitas worldwide network.

Last year, USSU's Center for the Study of Olympic Sport & Culture (CSOSC) received formal recognition from the International Olympic Committee's Olympic Studies Centre, becoming just the second university in the U.S. to receive this recognition at the time. Since then, two additional U.S. universities have joined that network.

"While that recognition was an exciting milestone, this latest distinction is especially remarkable, as USSU is now the only university in the country to hold the Ethos Universitas designation," Sophie Brooks, USSU's director of marketing and communications, said.

She went on to explain that what makes this honor even more significant is that educational institutions cannot apply for it. They must be selected through the PCU Committee of Panathlon International, an organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

USSU was selected for its commitment to the universal values promoted through the Olympic Charter, extending beyond athletics into education, leadership and the broader community. The CSOSC will help coordinate the university's initiatives associated with this new designation.

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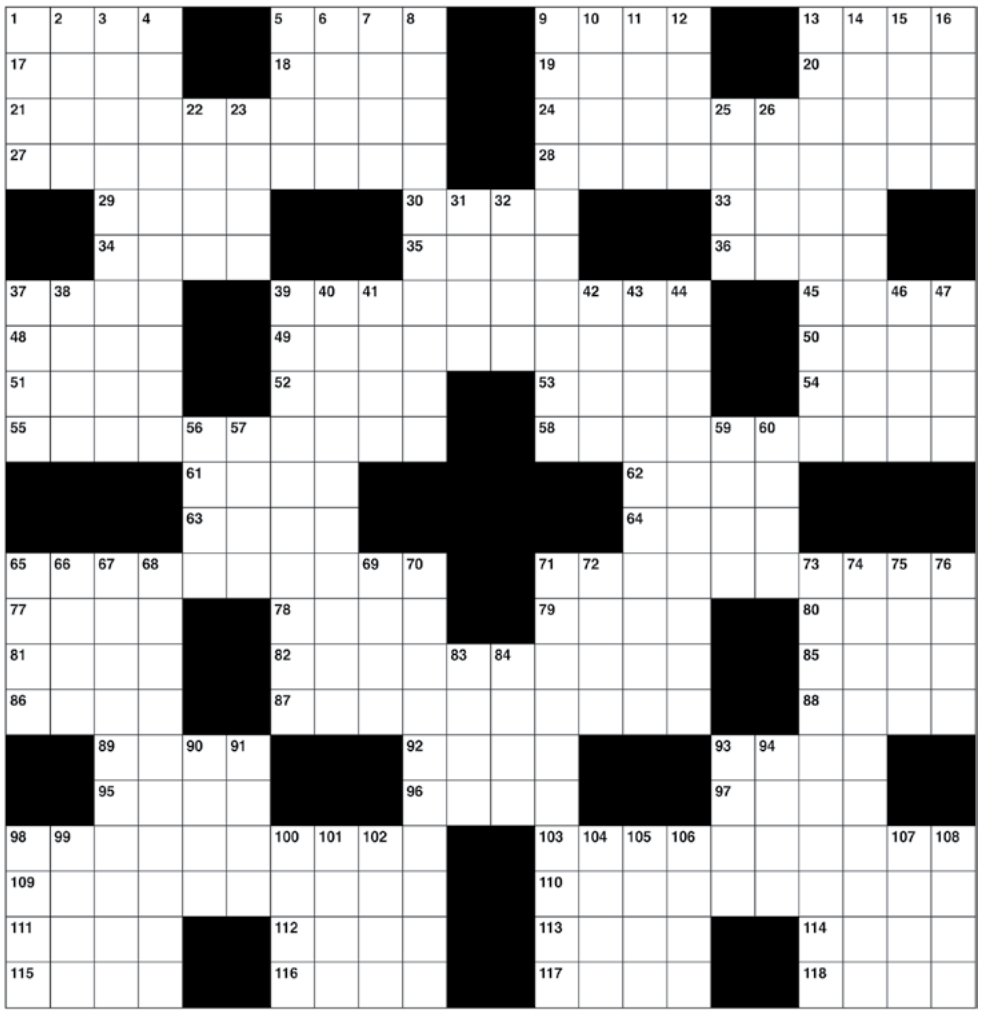
Kathryn Bale, of Walnut Grove, British Columbia, is a postdoctoral researcher on graph theory at the École Normale Supérieure, in Paris. This is her first published crossword. She says: "I wanted to build a crossword with just two entry lengths. '10-4' was a lucky and beautiful justification for the grid." – W.S.

ACROSS

1 Neglect to mention
5 "Oh, and … "
9 Other sock
13 Not much, as of lotion
17 Prefix with technology
18 You'll pay for this!
19 Finishes off
20 Liver's output
21 "10-4"
24 Profiteroles, by another name
27 Fit perfectly
28 Dieter's choice
29 "____ the One" (song on Springsteen's "Born to Run")
30 Tow job, maybe
33 Hurt all over
34 Philippine currency
35 Certain graphical shapes
36 Russian ruler of old
37 One may be teen or false
39 High-powered but lightweight racers
45 Diminutive for "Elizabeth"
48 "Most definitely!," in Mexico City
49 "That's my preference as well"
50 Crushing on
51 "____ there!"
52 "The 12 Days of Christmas" bird
53 Ring
54 Component of wine or vinegar
55 No-nos for many high-profile actors
58 Epoch conclusion?
61 Titanic
62 Central
63 ____ Nublar, fictional setting of "Jurassic Park"
64 Pizzicato's opposite, musically
65 Summer cookout dish
71 Classic brand with the slogan "When it rains it pours"
77 Fair
78 Org. created in response to 67-Down
79 Electronic musician Steve
80 Stench
81 Oversupply
82 Takes to task
85 ____ cake
86 Son of Adam and Eve
87 Message about a suspicious login, e.g.
88 Mimicked
89 Hawaiian goose
92 Sections of pre-K days
93 Defense in a snowball fight
95 Wedding vows
96 Doc who might screen for HPV
97 Deets
98 Source of the Mississippi River
103 Behaves as if one were going to fail
109 At sea
110 10/4 celebration … as suggested by this grid, which is made up entirely of 10- and 4-letter answers
111 Noun-forming suffix
112 "Ammunition" for a bubble gun
113 Lewis who wrote "The Taste of Country Cooking"
114 Morass
115 "Yuck!"
116 Both digits on Groundhog Day
117 Nails will do it, but not teeth
118 Texting button

DOWN

1 Weight to bear
2 Ginóbili in the Basketball Hall of Fame
3 Busy with something else
4 Conform
5 "____ girl!"
6 Pillager's plunder
7 Blackthorn berry
8 Drawback to a brownstone
9 What gets a lot of viral views?
10 About 75% of a football field
11 Angry, with "off"
12 Son of Isaac and Rebekah
13 Resident of a Mideast capital
14 Result of 10 – 4, e.g.
15 ____ Romeo
16 Tops
22 Ways to go: Abbr.
23 OK
25 Seven-plus-hour exam with a lunch break, in brief
26 Neighbors of delts
31 German article
32 Furry friends
37 Library ID
38 Victor Hugo's religious epic poem
39 Oblique look
40 Ring around the doze-y?
41 Wander
42 Egyptian god of the sun disk
43 Reflective post
44 Beyoncé or Harry Styles, now
46 Agitate
47 Scotch's partner
56 Like most Iranians
57 Say "$%&!," say
59 Kind of score between 300 and 850
60 Ever's partner
65 Dowels, e.g.
66 Wheel support
67 Pioneering satellite launched 10/4/57
68 How some duels are fought
69 Home to a majority of people
70 Downloads that pair with your smartphone?
71 Post office post
72 Move like mud
73 Large photovoltaic arrays
74 Maxim about surviving in a rapidly changing world
75 Cause of "that butterfly feeling"
76 Prefix with "wife" for some influencers
83 "Now ____ me down to sleep"
84 Title for Horatio Magellan Crunch
90 Femme-fatale-filled genre
91 Approx.
93 Hall of Fame catcher Carlton
94 Start of a fairy tale
98 Gentle soul
99 Son of Adam and Eve
100 Rank of some profs: Abbr.
101 Spectacle
102 "See ya!"
104 Language written from right to left
105 Sisters
106 Style of singing on Louis Armstrong's "Heebie Jeebies"
107 Make
108 Like denim fabric, typically



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A compassionate rock-a-bye baby

BY LESLIE ANNE TARABELLA

I've got a small suggestion that may help temper the cold-hearted callousness in this world. The solution involves a politically incorrect baby doll.

I say it's incorrect because a baby doll immediately transforms children into role-playing along gender lines — and that upsets many. But when you see a little girl in your kindergarten class who is yelled at and hit at home, sit in a little chair and sing to a plastic doll, you'll change your mind. She and the other girls discuss who will keep the baby while they go to work as astronauts and artists, then a boy will walk over and say, "I'll be the Daddy, and I'll keep him." The girl looks happy he's playing along, but then adds, "Ok — but it's a girl." They laugh as their open-ended imaginative play builds problem-solving and communication skills, and tenderhearted compassion grows like kudzu in July.

We used to take care of each other. Children, old folks, neighbors and strangers — we watched out for everyone, and children saw us model compassion. But now, the media depicts nothing but harsh contempt for other humans. News of a car plowing into a festive crowd, or someone punching strangers in the face for no reason, or a mother killing her own children is overwhelming for adults to comprehend, and soul-shattering for children who hear and see it.

Children used to play with dolls up until the age of 12 or 13. Now, by the time they are 5, they have so many video and phone accessories that a non-electronic toy seems dull.

Although sales of baby dolls have fallen, the actual revenue for the doll industry has increased, due to the higher cost and collectability of the newer dolls, purchased by adults who the industry has dubbed "Kidults." These dolls sport purple hair, ripped jeans, curvy figures and bare bellies. They look like they need to be grounded for sneaking out past curfew, not snuggled.

The last cuddly dolls I can remember were the Cabbage Patch Dolls from the BabyLand General Hospital in Cleveland, Georgia. I think it's still open, but few little girls know what they are unless they've seen their mom's chubby doll still sitting on the guest room bed at Grandma's house.

This Christmas, when giving gifts to children you know, and even when donating to those you've never met, why not consider the sweet gift of a doll? You'll be surprised how tricky it is to find a cuddly baby doll amongst the groovy hipster dolls (try looking in the Cabbage Patch). But don't give up — putting a cherub-faced baby in the arms of a child may be the source of tenderness they need in their lives. Who knows? It may be the very thing that turns them into caring, compassionate adults. And don't we need more of those in our world?

Leslie Anne Tarabella will be speaking and signing her book "Bringing Christmas Home," a true story about a very



BayPointe Hospital, a division of AltaPointe Health, today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

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• All children in households receiving benefits from Alabama SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Alabama TANF, are eligible for free meals.

• All children in the households receiving benefits from Medicaid are eligible for free or reduced meals.

• Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.

• Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.

• Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.

• Children who are directly certified are eligible to receive free meals.

• When known to BayPointe Hospital, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual child's designation as Other Source Categorically Eligible, as defined by law. Children are determined Other Source Categorically Eligible if they are: Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, A foster child, or Enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program (see: SP 40-2013: Q&As Regarding the Participation of Head Start Programs in Child Nutrition Programs, Q&As Regarding the Participation of Head Start Programs in Child Nutrition Programs | Food and Nutrition Administration

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3	27,320	50,542	4,213	2,107	1,944	972	35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683
4	33,000	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,348	1,174	42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825
5	38,680	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377	50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967
6	44,360	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579	57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109
7	50,040	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781	65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
8	55,720	103,082	8,590	4,295	3,965	1,983	72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393
For each additional family member, add	5,680	10,508	876	438	404	203	7,384	616	308	284	142

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Nicolette Harvey, Director at BayPointe Hospital at nharvey@altapointe.org or 251-662-7986.

PUBLIC NOTICE - BayPointe Hospital National Lunch Nutrition Notice

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Nicolette Harvey, Director at BayPointe Hospital at nharvey@altapointe.org or 251-662-7986.
4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Nicolette Harvey, Director at BayPointe Hospital at nharvey@altapointe.org or 251-662-7986. immediately.
5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE?
_X__ No, an online application is not available at this time.
6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through August 15th. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC MAY be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application.
8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. In accordance with program regulations school officials will be verifying the income of some households at some time during the school year. Selected households will be requested to provide income documentation in order to continue receiving free and reduced-price meals.
9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Nicolette Harvey, Director at BayPointe Hospital at nharvey@altapointe.org or 251-662-7986.
11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.
12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make $1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made $900, put down that you made $1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
14. DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER? Only the last 4 digits of the social security number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of "none") is required.
15. MAY I DECLINE BENEFITS? Yes. Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact BayPointe Hospital or school if they choose to decline the free meal benefits.
16. WHAT IF ALL CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS ARE NOT ON THE NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY LETTER? If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.
17. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
18. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact Nicolette Harvey, Director at BayPointe Hospital at nharvey@altapointe.org or
251-662-7986 or mail 5800 Southland Drive Mobile, AL 36693. to receive a second application.
19. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for Alabama SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call (800) 382-0499.

If you have other questions or need help, call 251-662-7986.

Sincerely,

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2 dba CINTAS CORPORATION #211,
Plaintiff,
v.
DONNIE WILSON TRUCKING LLC
Defendant.
DV-2026-900449
NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
Baldwin County Alabama
Notice to Defendant of Complaint issued out of District Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.
Cintas Corporation No. 2 dba Cintas Corporation #211 vs. Donnie Wilson Trucking LLC
Notice is hereby given that Plaintiff Cintas Corporation No. 2 dba Cintas Corporation #211, filed on the 4 th of March 2026, a Complaint in the District Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, against the above-named Defendant. The Complaint alleges breach of contract. On the 2 nd day of October 2026, Benjamin N. Kearns, attorney for Plaintiff, filed an Affidavit of Service Attempts by Integrity Investigations LLC in the above cause stating that service of the Summons and Complaint cannot be made upon Defendant due to avoidance of service, and the Affiant cannot, with reasonable diligence ascertain the whereabouts of the Defendant or perfect service upon Defendant.
NOW, THEREFORE, same Defendant is hereby commanded to answer or plead within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this Legal Notice to the Complaint filed in the above cause, or a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendant in Case Number DV-2026-900449, in the District Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.
Lagniappe HD October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

FORECLOSURES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain vendor's lien retained in deed from JWC RENTALS, INC. to JIMMTERICA WASHINGTON, dated September 1, 2021, and recorded at Instrument #2023010266, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Mobile County, Alabama.
otice is hereby given that the undersigned, as holder of said vendor's lien will, under power of sale contained in said vendor's lien, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale, on the 9th day of October, 2026, at the front door of the Mobile County Courthouse, Mobile, Alabama, the following described property in the County of Mobile, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to vendor's lien:
Lot 6, Kayson Court, according to the plat thereof recorded in Map Book 10, Page 32 in the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Mobile County, Alabama.
Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The 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 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 vendor's lien, as well as the expense of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender certified funds by noon the next business day to Davis, Davis & Associates, 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 Davis, Davis & Associates, P.C. The undersigned reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The holder of the vendor's lien reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit the purchase price against the expenses of sale and indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.
THIS FORECLOSURE SALE HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO OCCUR ON OCTOBER 22, 2026.
Lagniappe HD October 21, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Robert L. Purifoy and India A. Purifoy, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, Home Mortgage of America, Inc., and Lender's successors and assigns), dated the 3rd day of October, 2022, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Mobile County, Alabama, as Instrument # 2022065508; said Mortgage having been transferred and assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, Home Mortgage of America, Inc., and Lender's successors and assigns), to Alabama Housing Finance Authority by virtue of that certain Assignment of Mortgage dated December 23, 2024, and recorded in said Probate Office in Instrument # 2024078259. The undersigned, Alabama Housing Finance Authority, as Assignee of said Mortgage will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before the front or main door of the Government Street entrance of the Mobile County Courthouse, in the City of Mobile, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on November 18 , 2026, the real property described in said Mortgage, which said description is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said property being situated in Mobile County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot 11, Burke Forest, according to plat recorded in Map Book 121, Page 78 and Records Book 6507, Page 1675, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Mobile County, Alabama.
Property is being foreclosed subject to the following Partial Claim Mortgage in favor of the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development dated May 10, 2024 and recorded in said Probate Office as Instrument # 2024033964.
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 purposes of realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses of the sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.
CAPELL & HOWARD, P.C.
Bowdy J. Brown, Esq.
150 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
Our File No.: 37591-3518
ATTORNEYS FOR ASSIGNEE
ALABAMA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY
ASSIGNEE
Lagniappe HD October 21, 28, November 4, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain vendor's lien retained in deed executed by STEPHEN V. MORGAN and DIANA M. DEUPREE , as Grantors and STEVEN JOHN LORENTSON and NICOLE CARLENE LORENTSON, as Grantees , on October 20, 2023 and recorded as Instrument No. 2091991, Probate Court Records of Baldwin County, Alabama, and the undersigned holder of said vendor's lien deed having declared the entire indebtedness due and payable notice is hereby given that the undersigned, under and by virtue of the powers contained in said vendor's lien deed, will sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder during the legal hours of sale on the 10th day of NOVEMBER, 2026 at the front or main door of the Courthouse of Baldwin County in Bay Minette, Alabama, the following described real property lying and being situated in the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama, to-wit:
Lot 5, Isabella Estates, as shown on that certain Slide 2814F recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama.
Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said vendor's lien deed and all charges as provided therein and the expense incident thereto, including a reasonable attorney's fee.
Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions contained in said vendor's lien deed and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment, and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.
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STEPHEN V. MORGAN AND
DIANA M. DEUPREE
Holders of said Vendor's Lien Deed
JIM H. FERNANDEZ
FERNANDEZ, CRANE & COMBS, L.L.C.
Attorneys for Holder of said Vendor's Lien Deed
Post Office Box 162
Mobile, Alabama 36601
(251) 433-0738
Lagniappe HD October 21, 28, November 4, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Demetrius Gray, Sole Ownership, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, Direct Mortgage Loans, LLC, and Lender's successors and assigns), dated the 1st day of April, 2024, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Mobile County, Alabama, as Instrument # 2024019806; said Mortgage having been transferred and assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, Direct Mortgage Loans, LLC, and Lender's successors and assigns), to Alabama Housing Finance Authority by virtue of that certain Assignment of Mortgage dated September 3, 2026, and recorded in said Probate Office in Instrument # 2026054469. The undersigned, Alabama Housing Finance Authority, as Assignee of said Mortgage will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before the front or main door of the Government Street entrance of the Mobile County Courthouse, in the City of Mobile, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on November 4 , 2026, the real property described in said Mortgage, which said description is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said property being situated in Mobile County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot 45, Woodland Hills, Unit 3, according to plat thereof recorded in Map Book 78, Page 110 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Mobile County, Alabama.
Property is being foreclosed subject to the following Partial Claim Mortgage in favor of the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development dated September 15, 2025 and recorded in said Probate Office as Instrument # 2025060063.
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 purposes of realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses of the sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.
CAPELL & HOWARD, P.C.
Bowdy J. Brown, Esq.
150 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
Our File No.: 37591-3790
ATTORNEYS FOR ASSIGNEE
ALABAMA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY
ASSIGNEE
Lagniappe HD October 7, 14, 21, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Egnarts Management Services, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company to Market Street Management, Inc., a Florida corporation, dated August 15, 2024, and Recorded in Instrument #2024052636, which said mortgage was modified by amendment to mortgage and promissory note recorded in Instrument #2026050018 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Mobile County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that the undersigned as mortgagee will under power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on the November 6, 2026, at the front door entrance of the Courthouse of Mobile County, Alabama, 205 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602, the following described real property in the County of Mobile, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to mortgage:
A Portion of Lots 5, 6, and 7, Block 9 of Government Street Heights as recorded in Deed Book 124 N.S., Page 219 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Mobile County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of Government Street (80 foot right-of-way) and the West right-of-way of Pinehill Drive (58 foot right-of-way) being also the Northeast corner of said Lot 5; run thence Southwardly and along the East line of said Lot 5 and the West line of Pinehill Drive a distance of 105.0 feet; thence with a deflection angle to the right of 90 degrees run Westwardly and along the South line of said Lots 5, 6, and 7, a distance of 132.00 feet to a point, being also the Southwest corner of said Lot 7; thence with a deflection angle to the right of 90 degrees run Northwardly and along the West line of said Lot 7 a distance of 63.46 feet to a point on the South line of Government Street; thence with an interior angle of 107 degrees 28 minutes 12 seconds run Northeastwardly and along the South line of Government Street and the North line of said Lot 5, 6, and 7 a distance of 138.38 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 5 and the point of beginning;
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This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the judge of the probate where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.
Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the mortgagee.
Market Street Management, Inc.
Mortgagee
William McFadden
McFadden, Rouse & Bender, LLC
718 Downtowner Blvd.
Mobile, AL 36609
Lagniappe HD October 14, 21, 28, 2026

FORECLOSURE NOTICE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain Vendor's Lien retained in deed from ESMERALDA TREVINO to MIGUEL AJIATAS PUAC dated June 20, 2024, and Recorded in Instrument #2024039800 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Mobile County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that the undersigned as holder of said Vendor's Lien will under power of sale contained in said Vendor's Lien, will sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on the November 6, 2026, at the front door entrance of the Courthouse of Mobile County, Alabama, 205 Government St. Mobile, Alabama 36602, the following described real property in the County of Mobile, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to in said Vendor's Lien:
Lots 26-30 inclusive in Block 1 of Grand Bay Heights, a subdivision of part of Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, according to the plat thereof recorded in Map Book 3, Page 6, 7 and 8 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate Court of Mobile County, Alabama.
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This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the judge of the probate where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.
Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the mortgagee.
Esmeralda Trevino
Holder of the Vendor's Lien
John T. Bender
McFadden, Rouse & Bender, LLC
718 Downtowner Blvd.
Mobile, AL 36609
Lagniappe HD October 14, 21, 28, 2026

POSTPONEMENT FORECLOSURE NOTICE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by CHARTER WHOLESALE, LLC and dated February 19, 2025 and recorded in as Instrument No. 2172206, Probate Records of Baldwin County, Alabama to THAMES, JACKSON, HARRIS COMPANY, INC.; and which mortgage was thereafter transferred and assigned to WILLIAM CURTIS WILSON, JR. by instrument dated April 2, 2025 and recorded as Instrument No. 2179783 of the aforesaid Probate Court records; and the undersigned holder of said mortgage having declared the entire indebtedness due and payable notice is hereby given that the undersigned, under and by virtue of the powers contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder during the legal hours of sale on the 3rd day of November, 2026, at the front or main door of the Courthouse of Baldwin County Alabama in Bay Minette, Alabama, the following described real property lying and being situated in the County of Baldwin, State of Alabama, to-wit:
Lot 9, Block "A", Dauphine Acres, as recorded in Map Book 4, Page 101 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama.
Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and all charges as provided therein and the expense incident thereto, including a reasonable attorney's fee.
Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment, and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.
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THIS NOTICE IS FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF PUBLICIZING THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE FROM THE LEGAL HOURS OF SALE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 UNTIL THE LEGAL HOURS OF SALE ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026; SAID POSTPONEMENT WAS ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.
WILLIAM CURTIS WILSON, JR.
Holder of said Mortgage
JIM H. FERNANDEZ
FERNANDEZ, CRANE & COMBS, L.L.C.
Attorneys for Holder of said Mortgage
Post Office Box 162
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Lagniappe HD October 21, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PREQUALIFICATION AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed Bid Proposals will be received by The University of Alabama at Birmingham Facilities Planning Design and Construction at the Facilities Administration Building Conference Center, 801 6 th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35233, November 19, 2026 , until 2:00 pm Central Time for UAB Project No. 251055: Campus Recreation Center: Roof Replacement located at 1513 University Blvd, Birmingham, Alabama 35233 at which time they will be opened and read.
Prime Contractors that are properly licensed for this type of work, and Roofing Contractors who intend to bid as a Subcontractor to the Prime are required to prequalify in order to bid. For more information about the project and how to prequalify, please go to the UAB Facilities Bid Calendar at www.uab.edu/facilities/pdc/bids , refer to the bid date above, and click on the specific project number.
Applicants for Prequalification are strongly encouraged to submit applications at the earliest date possible following the first date of advertisement. UAB will review applications as submitted and notify applicants within two (2) working days of submission. Applications received after the date of the Pre-bid Conference may not be considered.
A Pre-bid Conference for all Prequalified Prime Contractors will be held at the Ground Floor Entrance of the Campus Recreation Center located at 1513 University Blvd, Birmingham, Alabama 35233 at 9:00 am Central Time November 12, 2026.
Bid Documents will be available from the UAB Facilities Bid Calendar prior to the Pre-bid Conference.
Lagniappe HD October 21, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
Sealed proposals will be received from qualified bidders by The University of South Alabama at the office of Robert Brown in the Purchasing Department located at 650 Clinic Drive, Suite 1400 Mobile, AL 36688 until 3:00 PM Central Time, December 1, 2026 for:
University Hospital - GI/ Endo Suite Renovation
University of South Alabama Mobile, Alabama
USA Job No.25-054
USA Bid No. 6081202
at which time and place shall be publicly opened and read.
SCOPE OF WORK: The general scope of the work includes but is not limited to: USA Health System - University Hospital, located at 2451 University of South Alabama Medical Center Drive, Mobile, is renovating their Endoscopy Department with the creation of a sixth Endoscopy Procedure Room. The work described encompasses an area approximately 3,500 sf and will be performed in two Phases. Responsibilities include demolition of existing spaces, accommodating a new GI/ Endoscopy Procedure Room, expanding the exist-

ing Decontamination and Clean Scopes rooms, adding a new Motility room and support spaces. Mechanical upgrades include new ductwork, extended off the existing HVAC system, replacing existing ductwork for the Procedure, Decontamination and Clean Scopes rooms. Newly installed Air Terminal Units (ATUs) and the relocation of an existing ATU will be required. Electrical upgrades including power, LED lighting, and data connections to make the department fully operational. New finishes such as sheet vinyl flooring, gypsum board, wall protection, and acoustic ceiling tiles will make the job complete. This project will require companies with specialty experience of hospital work including endoscopy procedure and decontamination rooms, and the installation of overhead clinical booms. Additionally, contractors should be familiar with ICRA and Test & Balance procedures. This will be a turnkey prime contract which includes but is not limited to the following: demo, structural, equipment, sprinkler, MEP, equipment testing, and all state approvals.
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 PM CST time on October 29, 2026 in AD023 of the Administration Building located at 307 University Blvd. North Mobile, AL 36688. Zoom will also be an option for those who cannot attend. Please go to the following link: https://www.google.com/url?q=https://southalabama.zoom.us/j/94452546462?jst%3D2&sa=D &source=calendar&usg=AOvVaw2uJLEIwul3xokekS7z29Y4
CONTACT INFO:
Elizabeth Russ
Elizabeth.russ@southalabama.edu
601-941-8915
DOCUMENTS: Bid Documents shall be available only through the USA Purchasing Office or at the following link: https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/financialaffairs/purchasingdepartment/bidlist.ht ml
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650 Clinic Drive, Suite 1400
Mobile, AL 36688 rbrown@southalabama.edu
BONDS: A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the University of South Alabama 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 will be required at the signing of the contract.
BIDS: Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect (Engineer) or copies thereof. 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 (Engineer); 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.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed proposals will be received from qualified bidders by The University of South Alabama at the office of Robert Brown in the Purchasing Department located at 650 Clinic Drive, Suite 1400 Mobile, AL 36688 until 3:00 PM Central Time, November 12, 2026 for:
Low Voltage Communications
Installation Services
University of South Alabama
Mobile, Alabama
USA Job No. 27-002
USA Bid No. 6100801
at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.
SCOPE OF WORK: Any technical questions concerning the scope of work or submittal requirements should be directed to Austin Langner, Associate Director, Data Center Operations & Infrastructure, Computer Services Center, Finance & Administration at alangner@southalabama.edu.
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00pm CST time on October 27, 2026 , in the Purchasing Training Room 1425 in the Technology & Research Park Building III Suite 1400 located at 650 Clinic Drive, Mobile, AL 36688.
In accordance with Code of Alabama, 39-2-2(a), prequalification is required for this project.
DOCUMENTS: Bid Documents shall be available only through the USA Purchasing Office.
University of South Alabama
Procurement Services
Technology & Research Park Bldg. III
650 Clinic Drive, Suite 1400
Mobile, AL 36688
rbrown@southalabama.edu
BONDS: A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the University of South Alabama 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 will be required at the signing of the contract.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Pre-Qualified Questionnaires will be received by The University of South Alabama until 2:00 PM Central Time, November 12, 2026 for:
University of South Alabama
Police Department Renovation/Addition
USA Job No. 24-059
Please provide submittal (sent via email only) by the required deadline. Submittals shall be a single PDF file of no more than 35 pages and 20 MB maximum. Submittals shall be 8 1/2 x 11 format.
SCOPE OF WORK:
The project consists of the renovation of the existing University of South Alabama Police Department facility and the construction of an addition to the existing building on the University's campus in Mobile, Alabama. The work includes renovations to existing interior and exterior spaces, new construction, and associated architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing improvements, as well as sitework as required. The project includes all labor, materials, equipment, and services necessary to complete the work in accordance with the construction documents, specifications, and contract requirements.
In accordance with Code of Alabama, 39-2-4, prequalification is required for this project.
CONTACT INFO:
Elizabeth Russ
Elizabeth.russ@southalabama.edu
David Strain
dstrain@southalabama.edu
Trent Davis
trentdavis@southalabama.edu
Pre-Qualification Documents:
The documents will be provided through the following link: https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/financialaffairs/purchasingdepartment/bidlist.html
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

Dauphin Island Parkway Community Center
Pre-qualification Proposals shall be received on behalf of the City of Mobile by Volkert Inc. Pre-qualification proposals shall be submitted electronically in PDF document format to nathan.hancock@volkert.com no later than 4 pm Central Time November 06, 2026 . The subject line of your email will be: "COMPANY NAME – DIP Community Center Pre-qualification Package."
All interested Contractors shall obtain written pre-qualification procedures and additional criteria from the City of Mobile Website. The Pre-qualification documents will be available for download from the City of Mobile Website Bid page on or around October 23, 2026. Participation by disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE) is strongly encouraged.
The Work will i nclude but is not limited to: Renovation of the existing Parkway Senior Center building, the construction of a new community gym facility, and all related site work at 1600 Boykin Blvd., Mobile, Al 36605 as will be further defined in t he Bid and Construction Documents.
Bid documents will be made available for download from the City of Mobile Website Bid page on or around November 10, 2026.
A PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be conducted following the issuance of the bid documents . Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference will be Mandatory for all Pre-qualified Contractor Bidders intending to submit a Bid . Bids from Pre-qualified Contractor Bidders who do not attend the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be rejected .
Only Contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to the pre-qualification procedures and criteria established by the City of Mobile will be eligible to bid the project. The City of Mobile reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technical errors, and to add additional bidders beyond the date stated above if, in their judgment, it is in the best interests of the Owner.
The City of Mobile Alabama
205 Government Street
P.O. Box 1827
Mobile, AL 36633
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Pre-Qualified Questionnaires will be received by The University of South Alabama until 2:00 PM Central Time, November 12, 2026 for:
University of South Alabama
Laundry Room Buildings
USA Job No. 26-006
Please provide submittal (sent via email only) by the required deadline. Submittals shall be a single PDF file of no more than 35 pages and 20 MB maximum. Submittals shall be 8 1/2 x 11 format.
SCOPE OF WORK:
The project consists of the new construction of two laundry room buildings on the University of South Alabama campus in Mobile, Alabama. The buildings will be approximately 600 square feet and 1,500 square feet, respectively. Construction will include concrete masonry unit (CMU) block walls with brick veneer, along with associated foundations, roofing, interior finishes, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and minor sitework. The work includes all labor, materials, equipment, and services necessary to complete the project in accordance with the construction documents, specifications, and contract requirements.
In accordance with Code of Alabama, 39-2-4, prequalification is required for this project.
CONTACT INFO:
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dstrain@southalabama.edu
Trent Davis
trentdavis@southalabama.edu
Pre-Qualification Documents:
The documents will be provided through the following link: https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/financialaffairs/purchasingdepartment/bidlist.html
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Professional Design Services
Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center
Mobile, Alabama
MU-017-24
The City of Mobile Real Estate Asset Management Department is seeking qualified design professionals to provide design and construction administration related services for upgrading the HVAC system throughout the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center ("Exploreum").
The full extent of requirements and services are contained within the formal Request for Qualifications, as posted on the City of Mobile website. The document may also be obtained by contacting the Real Estate Asset Management Department, (251) 208-7454, Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, 5 th Floor South Tower, Mobile, AL 36602.
Qualification forms will be accepted until 3:00 pm local time on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 . All applicants must submit, via email, a single PDF containing the Qualifications checklist form, their qualifications, and all required RFQ responses to Elizabeth Miller at elizabeth.miller@cityofmobile.gov .
For information on obtaining Request for Qualifications documents go to: www.cityofmobile.gov/bids/
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ITEM I
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the County Commission, in the Mobile Government Plaza, Alabama, Eighth Floor South Tower, Mobile, AL, until 10:00 A.M Wednesday, November 11, 2026, and then publicly opened for furnishing all labor and materials, and performing all work required by Mobile County and described as follows:
Project Name: Cooling Tower Replacement at Government Plaza
Project Number.: CCP-018-2024
Project Summary: Full replacement and assembly of three 500-ton Cooling towers and installation of new auxiliary chilled water connection piping at the Mobile Government Plaza One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days are allowed for the construction of the project.
All bids must be on blank forms provided in the Specifications and submitted in its entirety. A cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank or a Bidder's Bond, payable to Mobile County, Alabama, for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid, but no more than ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, shall be filed with the proposal, the Bidder's Bond being prepared on the form specified and signed by a bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Alabama.
A Performance Bond in the form and terms approved by the County in an amount not less than the contract price will be required at the signing of the contract. A labor and materials bond in form and terms approved by the County in an amount not less than the contract price, insuring payment for all labor and materials, shall also be required at the signing of the contract. In addition, the Contractor must furnish to the County at the time of the signing of the contract a certificate of insurance coverage as provided in the specifications. The right is reserved to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities and to furnish any item of material or work to change the amount of said Contract.
Liquidated damages for non-completion of the work within the time limit agreed upon will be assessed in accordance with the terms of the Contract.
Specifications are on file and may be seen at the office of the Facilities Design and Construction, 7th Floor West, South Tower, Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile Alabama, and at the offices of Smith Mechanical Consulting and Design, 61 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, AL 36602. Specifications may be obtained at the office of Smith Mechanical Consulting and Design by depositing One-Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each set. This deposit shall be refunded in full to each prime Contractor Bidder upon return of the documents in reusable condition within ten (10) days after Bid Opening for up to two (2) sets. The cost of and return of additional sets of Specifications shall be in accordance with Section 39-2-3 in the code of Alabama 1975. No specifications will be issued to contractors later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time indicated above for receiving bids.
All prospective bidders shall have a representative present at a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference that will be held on 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, November 3, 2026, on-site at the Mobile Government Plaza Atrium. All contractors not having a representative at this meeting will be disqualified from bidding on this project.
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No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly licensed and qualified to submit a proposal for this construction in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. This shall include evidence of holding a current license from the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. In addition, non-residents of the State, if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama.
Prior to the award of a competitively bid contract to a contractor having one or more employees in the state of Alabama, Alabama law requires that the contractor provide the county proof of enrolment in E-Verify (see www.uscis.gov/everify).
If applicable to a contract resulting from this bid invitation, the successful bidder must comply with the Mobile County Contractor Felony Investigation, available in the Engineering Department, or online at https://www.mobilecountyal.gov/uploads/investigationpolicy1107.pdf.
No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the County Commission of Mobile County.
Contractors and suppliers wishing to do business with Mobile County may now review Bids and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) at Mobile County Bid Alerts.
https://www.mobilecountyal.gov/bids/
FOLLOWING DATES:
PUBLISH LAGNIAPPE:
October 14, 2026
October 21, 2026
October 28, 2026
PUBLISH MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER
October 14, 2026
PUBLISH ALABAMA MESSENGER:
October 14,2026
PUBLISH SPEAKIN' OUT NEWS:
October 14, 2026
COUNTY COMMISSION OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA BY: Connie Hudson, PRESIDENT
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INVITATION TO BID

Notice to Contractors :
Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Mobile, Alabama, 205 Government Street, 9 th Floor, South Tower, until 2:30 p.m. local time, Thursday, November 12, 2026 and then publicly opened and read in the Government Plaza Atrium, 1st Floor for constructing:
Project No: 2020-2060-01
Project: HALLS MILL ROAD AND DEMETROPOLIS ROAD
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT
Project Description: TRAFFIC SIGNALS, CURBING, ROADWAY WIDENING
Plans and contract documents may be inspected and obtained from the office of McCrory & Williams, Inc., 3207 International Drive, Suite G, Mobile, Alabama 36606, upon payment of seventy-five dollars ($75.00). This deposit shall be refunded in full to each prime Contractor Bidder upon return of the documents in reusable condition within ten (10) days after Bid Opening. The cost of and return of additional sets of specifications shall be in accordance with Act 97-225, Public Works Contracts.
No Bid Packages will be issued to Contractors later than twenty-four (24) hours after the Pre-Bid Conference. No questions, whether orally or written, will be addressed after 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 6, 2026.
A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Traffic Engineering Department, at 852 Gayle Street Mobile, Alabama, 36604 on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. Significant items related to the proposed construction will be explained. Any contractor not represented at the Pre-Bid Conference will be disqualified from bidding on the project .
No bid will be received and considered unless made out on the blank form or Proposal attached, and unless all papers attached hereto are returned with the bid and the Proposal sheet attached.
Each bid shall be accompanied by a check or bid bond for the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount bid (maximum amount of bond $10,000), made payable to the CITY, and certified by a reputable banking institution. These monies shall serve as assurance that within ten (10) days of notice of contract award contemplated in the Proposal, the successful bidder will enter into such contract and file a bond for the execution of same.
The performance bond required will be for the amount bid, and labor and material bond shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of contract and shall be made by a Surety Company acceptable to the City of Mobile and upon the forms of bonds appended hereto.
In default of the entering into of such contract and the execution of such bond, the certified check required to accompany such bid shall be forfeited to the City of Mobile, Alabama. These fees shall not be a penalty but damages for delays, or for the additional cost or expenses that the CITY may incur by reason of such default.
In addition, the Contractor must furnish to the City at the time of the signing of the Contract a certificate of insurance coverage as provided in the specification which will include comprehensive insurance, Contractor's Automobile Liability Insurance, Owner's Protective Liability Insurance, or a Comprehensive General and Public Liability policy naming the City of Mobile, its agents and employees as additionally insured, and where applicable, subcontractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance. The right is reserved to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities and to furnish any item of material or work to change the amount of said Contract.
Liquidated damages for non-completion of the work within the time limit agreed upon will be assessed according to Section 108.11 of Alabama Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Highway Construction 2018 Edition.
Bidders must be licensed Contractors in the State of Alabama pursuant to Sections 34-8-1 through 34-8-27 of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended and shall indicate State License Number on outside of bid envelope. Any contractor that desires to bid as a prime contractor must possess a Municipal & Utility (MU) Major Classification or a Highways & Streets (HS) Major Classification per Section 230-X-.27 of the State of Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors Administrative Code. The bidder must be on ALDOT's "bidder's list" in effect at the time of the Pre-Bid Conference.
The awarding of a contract will require the Contractor to pay the prevailing wage rates for this district that are applicable to the trades engaged in this project.
The City of Mobile reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities in the bidding.
Bids must be sealed and have the project name and number marked on the outside of the envelope. The envelope containing bids must be addressed as follows, and delivered to Ms. Lisa Lambert, City Clerk; City of Mobile, P. O. Box 1827, Mobile, Alabama 36633; "Bid for Completion of HALLS MILL ROAD AND DEMETROPOLIS ROAD
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT, C ity of Mobile Project No. 2020-2060-01 , in the City of Mobile, Alabama".
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Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Rd, Mobile, AL 36618 until 10:30 am, CST, November 5, 2026, and then publicly opened and read, for

furnishing all Materials for the following project: DWSRF Contract Gaillard Pump Station Bypass Pipe and Fittings, IFB #26-052. All questions regarding the project shall be submitted by close of business on October 29, 2026.
Specifications may be requested from the office of the Purchasing Dept. at 4725 Moffett Rd., Mobile, AL 36618 or by emailing Seth Tatman at seth.tatman@jacobs.com. Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents. Bidders shall be listed as plan holders.
The Owner's intent is to use funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan for this project. Additional requirements beyond those of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama and the State of Alabama bid law are included in this project and are outlined in Supplemental General Conditions for SRF Assisted Public Drinking Water and Wastewater Facilities Construction Contracts of the project specifications. Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Purchasing Department with IFB # & desc. marked on envelope.
The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS IS CONDENSED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. ADDT'L INFO & REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS OR ON MAWSS.COM.
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PREQUALIFICATION AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bid Proposals will be received by The University of Alabama at Birmingham Facilities Planning Design and Construction at the Facilities Administration Building Conference Center, 801 6th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35233, November 19, 2026 , until 2:00 pm Central Time for UAB Project No. 230426: Sterne Library: Exterior & Interior: Renovations located at 917
13th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama 35233 at which time they will be opened and read.
Prime Contractors that are properly licensed for this type of work are required to prequalify in order to bid. For more information about the project and how to prequalify, please go to the UAB Facilities Bid Calendar at www.uab.edu/facilities/pdc/bids , refer to the bid date above, and click on the specific project number.
Applicants for Prequalification are strongly encouraged to submit applications at the earliest date possible following the first date of advertisement. UAB will review applications as submitted and notify applicants within two (2) working days of submission. Applications received after the date of the Pre-bid Conference may not be considered.
A Pre-bid Conference for all Prequalified Prime Contractors will be held in RM 174 at the Sterne Library located at 917 13th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama 35233 at 9:00 am Central Time November 2, 2026.
Bid Documents will be available from the UAB Facilities Bid Calendar prior to the Pre-bid Conference.
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PREQUALIFICATION AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bid Proposals will be received by The University of Alabama at Birmingham Facilities Planning Design and Construction at the Facilities Administration Building Conference Center, 801 6th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35294, Thursday, November 12th , 2026 until 2:00 pm CST for UAB Project No. 210142 – UAB Central Utilities Plant Optimization Phase 3 at which time they will be opened and read.
Prime Contractors that are properly licensed for this type of work are required to prequalify in order
to bid. For more information about the project and how to prequalify, please go to the UAB Facilities Bid Calendar at www.uab.edu/facilities/pdc/bids , refer to the bid date above, and click on the specific project number. Prequalification submissions must be received prior to 5:00pm CST on October 30th .
A Prebid Conference for all Prequalified Prime Contractors will be held at the Facilities Administration Building Conference Center at the above address at 10:00 am CST Thursday, November 5th , 2026.
Bid Documents will be available from the UAB Facilities Bid Calendar prior to the Prebid Conference.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Pre-Qualified Questionnaires will be received by The University of South Alabama until 2:00 PM Central Time, November 6, 2026 for:
University of South Alabama
Military Services Addition to ROTC Building
USA Job No. 24-067
Please provide a Cover Letter and completed Questionnaire (sent via email only) by the required deadline. Submittals shall be a single PDF file of no more than 35 pages and 20 MB maximum. Submittals shall be 8 1/2 x 11 format. In accordance with Code of Alabama, 39-2-4, prequalification is required for this project.
SCOPE OF WORK: Roughly an 8000sf addition to the south of the existing ROTC building providing a new home for Military Services and a shared entry to the new Military Services, Army ROTC, and Air Force ROTC programs. Expansion of the conditioned space to the north, utilizing the existing slab and steel structure of the open-air covered training area for shared program space. Miscellaneous interior renovations within the existing ROTC building allowing access to these new additions. Expansion and modifications to the existing parking lot. A new covered training pavilion accompanied by a decorative flag plaza.
CONTACT INFO:
Trip Puckett
cpuckett@southalabama.edu
Pre-Qualification Documents: The documents will be provided through the following link:https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/financialaffairs/purchasingdepartment/bidlist.html
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed proposals will be received from pre-qualified bidders by The University of South Alabama at the office of Robert Brown in the Purchasing Department located at 650 Clinic Drive, Suite 1400 Mobile, AL 36688 until 2:00 PM Central Time, November 18th, 2026 for: University of South Alabama Mitchell Cancer Institute Elekta Vault Addition University of South Alabama Mobile, Alabama USA Job No. 22-29 USA Bid No. 6081301 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.
SCOPE OF WORK: The general scope of the work includes but is not limited to: New addition tying into the East side of the existing Mitchell Cancer Institute, housing an Elekta linear accelerator. The new addition includes a heavily reinforced concrete vault encompassing the linear accelerator, outfitted with radiation shielding equipment and requirements. In addition to the vault, the build includes: new restrooms, exam rooms, nursing stations, work rooms, tech rooms and storage rooms constructed of metal framing and sheetrock. The building exterior is consisted of color match pre-cast.
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 PM CST time on 10/26/2026, in room AD 23, of the of the Administration Building Basement at the University of South Alabama located at 307 University Boulevard North, Mobile, AL 36608, followed by an on-site meeting at Mitchell Cancer Institute, located at 1660 Spring Hill Ave, Mobile, AL 36604. In accordance with Code of Alabama, 39-2-2(a), prequalification is required for this project.
CONTACT INFO: David Strain: Dstrain@southalabama.edu; 251-295-2596 Elizabeth Russ: Elizabeth.russ@southalabama.edu; 601-941-8915
DOCUMENTS: Bid documents may be obtained through the USA purchasing department:
University of South Alabama
Procurement Services
Technology & Research Park Bldg. III
650 Clinic Drive, Suite 1400
Mobile, AL 36688
rbrown@southalabama.edu
BONDS: A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the University of South Alabama 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 will be required at the signing of the contract.
BIDS: Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect (Engineer) or copies thereof. 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 USA Form C-1 October 25 2023 00 11 10 Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect (Engineer); 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.
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INVITATION TO BID

Mobile Airport Authority
RFQ No: 2026-013
ST. ELMO AIRPORT ROADWAY REHABILITATION
The Mobile Airport Authority in Mobile, AL, is accepting sealed bids for the above referenced item. Sealed bids should be plainly marked and will be received at:
Mobile Airport Authority
1891 9th Street
Mobile, AL 36615
Until 2:00PM CDT, Thursday, October 22, 2026 at which time bids will be opened in the main conference room at the Mobile Airport Authority Administration Office at 1891 9 th Street, Mobile, AL 36615 and read aloud. All bids received after that time will be returned unopened.
Project consists of the rehabilitation of approximately 4,000 linear feet of asphalt entrance roadway pavement serving the St. Elmo Airport. Improvements generally consist of asphalt pavement resurfacing, pavement markings, and associated traffic controls.
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: Non-mandatory pre-bid Meeting will be held on October 8 th , 2026 at 3:30 PM (CDT), in the main conference room at the Mobile Airport Authority Administration Office, 1891 9 th Street, Mobile AL, 36615 with an option for remote attendees to participate via teleconference. This pre-bid conference is recommended to be attended by all prospective bidders.
COPIES OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Beginning on October 1, 2026 a complete set of electronic bid documents can be obtained at no cost on the Mobile Airport Authority website at www.maabids.com .
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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

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In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that JLS International, Inc. has completed the Contract for Construction of Baldwin County Courthouse Boiler for the State of Alabama and the County of Baldwin, Owners, and have made request for the final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify:
Baldwin County Commission
JLS International, Inc.
P.O. Box 928
Robertsdale, AL 36567
Lagniappe HD September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Rogers & Willard, Inc. Contractor has completed the Contract for Dave Patton House Renovation, 1252 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Ave, Mobile, AL 36602 for Mobile County Commission, Owner, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify
Rogers & Willard, Inc
550 St. Michael Street, Suite A
Mobile, AL 36602
Lagniappe HD October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Mid-America Sports Construction is proud to celebrate the completion of four new soccer fields and supporting improvements in Mobile, Alabama. We are excited to see these new facilities come to life and, most importantly, to seem them enjoyed by the youth, families, athletes, and soccer community of Mobile for years to come.
The project included the construction of four new soccer fields established with Celebration Bermuda grass, providing a quality playing surface designed for the demands of competitive and recreational soccer. New Musco Sports Lighting was also installed throughout the complex, allowing the fields to remain active into the evening and providing additional opportunities for practices, games, tournaments, and other community events.
Beyond the playing fields, the project included a new parking area with more than 300 parking stalls, along with designated pullout and drop-off areas to make arriving and departing the complex easier for players, families, coaches, and visitors. Extensive landscaping was incorporated throughout the site as well, including a wide variety of new trees that will continue to enhance the appearance and character of the complex as they mature.
For Mid-America Sports Construction, projects like this are about more than the finished fields. They are about creating spaces where young athletes can develop their skills, teams can compete, families can gather, and communities can enjoy the game together. Every element of the project–from the playing surfaces and sports lighting to the parking, landscaping, and supporting infrastructure–was completed with the goal of creating a facility the Mobile community can enjoy for many years.
Lagniappe HD September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Hughes Companies, Inc. has completed the contract with The Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama for the Big Creek Lake Dam and Toe Berm and Drainage Improvements Contract No. 175578363. Any claims held against same shall be itemized, notarized and presented to The Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama at 4725 Moffett Road, Mobile AL 36618.
Lagniappe HD October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Harris Contracting Services, 5413 Lott Rd Eight Mile, Al 36613, has completed New Baseball / Softball Fieldhouse. Coastal Alabama Community College, 1990 Highway 31 South, Bay Minette, Al 36507.
For the State of Alabama and the Coastal Alabama Community College, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All person(s) having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify McKee & Associates, Inc. 631 S Hull St, Montgomery, Al 36104.
Lagniappe HD October 14, 21, 28, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

"Notice is hereby given that Dixie Painting & Sandblasting, Inc. of 6703 Boggan Level Rd. Andalusia, AL 36420 has completed all work on the CONTRACT 1: WATER STORAGE TANK IMPROVEMENTS: ANDERSON AND LOTT ROAD for The Water Works & Sewer Board of the City of Prichard. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should notify the above named contractor and the engineer, Hazen and Sawyer, 2 Chase Corporate Drive Suite 170 Birmingham, AL 35244. 205-547-5960 by November 4, 2026"
Lagniappe HD October 21, 28, November 4, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT

HCL CONTRACTING, LLC,.
has completed its work on Project No. MCR-2018-005, Howells Ferry Road at Firetower Road Roundabout, in MOBILE COUNTY. ANY PERSONS HAVING A CLAIM AGAINST THE PROJECT SHOULD NOTIFY HCL Contracting LLC., Inc., P.O. Box 1245, Semmes, Al. 36575. All Claims should be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice.
Lagniappe HD October 14, 21, 28, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Advanced Roofing Solutions, LLC, Contractor, has completed the Contract for Saenger Theatre Re-Roofing at 6 South Joachim Street, Mobile, AL 36602 for the State of Alabama and the City of Mobile, 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 Architectural Engineering Department.
Advanced Roofing Solutions, LLC
1001 30th Ave
Northport, AL 35476
Lagniappe HD September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Section 39-1-1, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Tindle Construction,LLC Contractor, has completed the contract for: Cypress Creek Golf Course - New Driving Range Building Mobile County Project No. MCPI-GC-003n3700 St. AndrewsLane,Mobile, Alabama for the Mobile County Commission, Owner, and has 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:TindleConstruction210 Saraland Blvd S Saraland Al 36571and/or
Mobile County Commission
Mobile County, Alabama
Lagniappe HD October 7, 14, 21, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Figures Construction & Development, Inc. has completed its BP10D roofing subcontract work for the Mobile Airport Authority Terminal Building and Supporting Infrastructure project at Mobile International Airport in Mobile, Alabama, under its subcontract with JESCO, Inc., and has made request for final settlement of that subcontract.
All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this BP10D roofing subcontract should immediately notify:
JESCO, Inc.
531 Oliver Road
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
Construction Manager
Figures Construction & Development, Inc.
2476 Commercial Park Drive
Mobile, Alabama 36606
BP10D Roofing Subcontractor
Lagniappe HD October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Bienville Construction Services, LLC has completed the contract for Mobile, Alabama Cruise Terminal - Fixed Gangway Repairs at 201 South Water Street Mobile, AL 36602. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise connection with this project should immediately notify Watermark Design Group, LLC smontoya@thompsonengineering.com
Lagniappe HD September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2026

STORAGE SALES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Self-storage Cube contents will be sold for cash by CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC as Agent for the Owner 2906 Halls Mill Rd., Mobile, AL 36606 to satisfy a lien for rental on November 12, 2026 at approx 3PM at www.storagetreasures.com. The contents of approximately 15 units will be sold.
Lagniappe HD October 21, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
To satisfy the operator's storage lien, PS Retail Sales, LLC will sell at public lien sale on October 30, 2026, the personal property in units subject to lien at the following facilities, which may include but are not limited to: household and personal items, office and other equipment. The public sale of these items will begin at 08:00 AM and continue until all units are sold. The lien sale is to be held at the online auction website, www.storagetreasures.com, where indicated. For online lien sales, bids will be accepted until 2 hours after the time of the sale specified.
PUBLIC STORAGE # 23981, 3679 Airport Blvd, Mobile, AL 36608, (251) 332-1744 Time: 08:00 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 26966, 5010 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL 36618, (251) 328-4083 Time: 08:00 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 28184, 5100 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL 36618, (251) 415-4826 Time: 08:00 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 28186, 4253 Government Blvd, Mobile, AL 36693, (251) 206-6363 Time: 08:00 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 28183, 664 Azalea Road, Mobile, AL 36609, (251) 415-4795 Time: 08:00 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 68504, 3765 Moffett Rd, Mobile, AL 36618, (251) 355-3786 Time: 08:00 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 68009, 5363 Halls Mill Road, Mobile, AL 36619, (251) 234-5733 Time: 08:00 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 68010, 902 Magnolia Road, Mobile, AL 36606, (251) 328-4293 Time: 08:00 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 68833, 771 Lakeside Dr, Mobile, AL 36693, (800) 688-8057 Time: 08:00 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 27683, 2262 Hillcrest Rd, Mobile, AL 36695, (251) 318-2896 Time: 08:00 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 28182, 1265 Hillcrest Road, Mobile, AL 36695, (251) 415-4792 Time: 08:00 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 27583, 3304 Halls Mill Rd, Mobile, AL 36606, (251) 999-8320 Time: 08:30 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 28185, 6200 Grelot Road, Mobile, AL 36609, (251) 441-4404 Time: 08:30 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 27426, 6441 Moffett Rd, Mobile, AL 36618, (251) 472-9747 Time: 08:30 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 27496, 8601 Jeff Hamilton Road Ext, Mobile, AL 36695, (251) 217-9860 Time: 08:30 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 77907, 203 Celeste Rd, Saraland, AL 36571, (251) 332-1540 Time: 08:30 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 77908, 2580 Schillinger Rd, Mobile, AL 36695, (251) 332-1627 Time: 08:30 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 77906, 2034 Schillinger Rd N, Semmes, AL 36575, (251) 332-2507 Time: 08:30 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 78052, 1447 Industrial Parkway, Saraland, AL 36571, (251) 384-4929 Time: 08:30 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com. PUBLIC STORAGE # 68503, 708 Montlimar Park, Mobile, AL 36693, (251) 219-4552 Time: 08:30 AM Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com.
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Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com.
Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available prior to the sale. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be in cash or credit card-no checks. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By PS Retail Sales, LLC, 701 Western Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 244-8080.

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ABANDONED VEHICLE NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be available for public auction on November 16, 2026 at 9:30 am located at 7401 Half Mile Rd Irvington Al 36544
2013 Nissan Rogue
JN8AS5MT8DW000528
2016 Nissan Altima
1N4AL3AP8GC250450
2006 Mercedes E350
WDBUF56J06A935730
2005 Toyota Avalon
4T1BK36B45U047167
2011 Jaguar XJ
SAJWA2GB7BLV08947
2011 Nissan Maxima
1N4AA5AP1BC867697
2007 Infiniti G35
JNKBV61E17M717077
1985 Oldsmobile
1G3EZ11C4JU312181
2010 Pontiac G6
1G2ZA5E09A4158278
2015 Nissan Verano
3N1CE2CP7FL380908
2022 Taotao
L9NTCGGDXN1300170
2011 Ford Fusion
3FAHP0HG2BR242815
2014 Kia Optima
5XXGM4A79EG324916
2002 Ford Mustang
1FAFP444X2F129279
2006 Chevrolet Impala
2G1WT58K569167109
2012 Toyota Camry
4T1BF1FKXCU613578

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Notice of Sale
The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on November 30, 2026 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 1037 St Stephens Rd, Prichard AL 36610.
2010 Nissan Maxima
1N4AA5AP7AC864107
2008 Chevrolet Silverado
2GCEK133881196667
2010 Honda Accord
1HGCS1B87AA020534

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Notice of Sale
The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on November 30, 2026 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 311 6th St, Chickasaw, AL 36611.
2008 Chevrolet Impala
2G1WD58C889214822

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Notice of Sale
The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on November 30, 2026 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 5000 Gaynor Rd, Eight Mile. AL 36613.
2013 Hyundai Genesis
KMHGC4DD0DU241836

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The following vehicle will be sold at auction on DATE NOV 20 2026
2016 Audi A8 Quattro
WAU34AFD4GN015208
@1415 Dauphin Island Pkwy Mobile Alabama 36605
Guaranteed Tire and Auto Repair
251-3012673 or alabamatitles@gmail.com

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THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE UP FOR PUBLIC AUCTION NOVERMBER 19, 2026 (9:00AM) AT 5113 HALLS MILL ROAD MOBILE AL 36693:
2015 Nissan Sentra Silver
3N1AB7AP8FY383044
Boat Trailer
12UBG3L11P1317250
2008 Hyundai Sonata Silver
5NPEU46F78H352679
2001 Ford F-150 Black
2FTRX07W71CA14453
2003 BMW 7 Series Gray
WBAGN63443DR13405
2006 Honda Accord
1HGCM723X6A024182
2009 Honda Civic Other
2HGFA16569H543542
2012 Lark United UTIL
10' Closed Black
5RTBE1015DD031265
2005 Toyota Highlander Silver
JTEGP21A650065869
1996 Ford F-350 White
1FTJX35F4TEA45206
AL9267HN
12UB3L11P1317250
Trailer Black
2013 Hyundai Elantra
KMHDH4AE0DU504084
2006 Cadillac CTS
1G6DP577160111228
2008 Hyundai Sonata Blue
5NPEU46F18H372913
2008 Chevrolet Malibu Gold
1G1ZH57B18F180711
2004 Chevrolet Suburban
3GNEC16Z54G201801
2002 Toyota Sienna Bronze
4T3ZF13C32U423493
2004 Chrysler Sebring Burgundy
1C3EL55R74N414326
2015 Kia Forte Black
KNAFX4A60F5337650
2004 Toyota Camry Solara Gold
4T1CA30P44U004250
2012 Ford Focus
1FAHP3K26CL140772
2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Red
2GCEC19J371677721

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Notice of Sale
The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on November 20, 2026 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 3351 Dauphin Island Pkwy, Mobile AL 36605.
2015 Hyundai Elantra
5NPDH4AE5FH555355

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Notice of Sale
The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on November 20, 2026 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 7740 Highland Ave, Mobile AL 36608.
2005 Chevrolet Avalanche
3GNEK12Z45G181454
2010 BMW 328I
WBAPH7G57ANM48156

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Notice of Sale
The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on November 20, 2026 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 4505 Myers Rd, Eight Mile AL 36613.
2015 Toyota Highlander XLE
5TDKKRFH2FS045838

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Notice of Sale
The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on November 20, 2026 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 1254 Alba St, Mobile AL 36605.
2016 Honda Accord
1HGCR2F39GA183775
2020 Nissan Sentra S
3N1AB8BV1LY289439

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PEARL MOTORS INC.
PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE
REPOSSESSED VEHICLES
Notice is hereby given that the following repossessed vehicle(s) will be offered for sale at public auction to the highest bidder:
2013 Dodge Journey
3C4PDCBB9DT722174
2012 GMC Acadia
1GKKRNED0CJ228669
Date: Thursday, October 29th, 2026
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Pearl Motors Inc.
3351 Cottage Hill Road
Mobile, Alabama 36606
BIDDING OPTIONS
• Sealed bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on the auction date.
• At 3:00 p.m., all timely received sealed bids will be opened and announced. Interested members of the public may attend and submit oral bids before final acceptance of the highest bid.
Vehicles will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties, express or implied.
Pearl Motors Inc. reserves the right to reject any or all bids and reserves the right not to sell a vehicle if an acceptable bid is not received.
For information or vehicle inspection hours, contact Sam at (251) 479-5439.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING
CASE NO. 2026-1697
IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Notice of the filing of Petition for Summary Distribution in the estate of Donna Thomas, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Merrie L. Elmore on August 12, 2026, and that 30 days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to law the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent. C. Mark Erwin, Judge of Probate.
Petitioner:
Merrie L. Elmore
54 Thompson Blvd.
Chickasaw, AL 36611

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CITY OF MOBILE
CONSOLIDATED PLAN/ACTION PLAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM
PY 2027 (MAY 1, 2027 - APRIL 30, 2028)
ACTION PLAN-ONE YEAR USE OF FUNDS SUMMARY
TWO WEEK NOTICE PERIOD AND
30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 91, the City of Mobile's ("the City's) Community & Housing Development Department hereby publishes a summary of its Proposed Program Year (PY) 2027 (May 1, 2027-April 30, 2028) Action Plan One Year Use Of Funds Submission for citizen comment for a period of at least thirty (30) calendar days from the date of publication. The summary was published in order to afford affected citizens an opportunity to examine contents and to submit comments relating thereto.
The Final PY 2027 Action Plan will be developed after giving consideration to citizen comments and alternative proposals received at a Public Hearing conducted by the City's Community & Housing Development Department on November 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. and from the timely receipt of written comments and alternative proposals received in the Community & Housing Development Department on or before December 8, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. following the publishing of the Proposed PY 2027 Action Plan-One Year Use of Funds Summary in the Lagniappe Mobile on October 21, 2026. Please note, any comments received during the two week notice period prior to the beginning of the at least thirty (30) calendar day comment period will not be considered.
Copies of the City's Proposed PY 2027 Action Plan-One Year Use of Funds are available for inspection in the City's Community & Housing Development Department, 205 Government Street, South Tower, 5 th Floor, Suite 517 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.
The City's Community & Housing Development Department encourages citizens to participate in the development of its Final PY 2027 Action Plan One Year Use of Funds Submission and is thereby making the Plan available for public inspection and comment for a period of at least thirty (30) calendar days.
I. BACKGROUND:
In 1995 the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) introduced a consolidated application process involving four HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula programs: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG). This process replaced at that time all current HUD-CPD planning and application requirements with a single submission, and satisfied the minimum statutory requirements for the four referenced HUD-CPD formula programs. The Emergency Shelter Grants were later renamed Emergency Solutions Grant.
In summary, the Consolidated Plan actually serves four separate, but integrated, functions. The Consolidated Plan is 1) A planning document for the City, which builds on a participatory process; 2) An application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs referenced above; 3) A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs, and lastly; 4) An action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance. The City's Five Year Consolidated Plan covers the period May 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2027 and contains six basic components: (1) housing and homeless needs assessment, (2) housing market analysis, (3) strategies and priority needs and objectives, (4) action plan, (5) certifications, (6) monitoring. The action plan and certification portions of the document must be submitted annually to HUD for approval.
Copies of the City's PY 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan are available for inspection in the City's Community & Housing Development Department, 205 Government Street, South Tower, 5th Floor, Suite 517 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.
II. PROPOSED PROGRAM YEAR_2027 ACTION PLAN SUMMARY:
The City's Action Plan-One Year Use of Funds is an annual description of the City's Federal and other resources that are expected to be available to address its priority needs and how the Federal funds will leverage other resources. The description includes activities for Plan Year (PY) 2027 (May 1, 2027 thru April 30, 2028) for the City to address its priority needs. The Action Plan explains where the assistance will be directed by geographic area during PY 2027.
The Proposed Action Plan also includes narrative, maps and tables which identify the geographic areas in which it will direct assistance, a description of homeless and other special needs activities, as well as a description of other actions to foster affordable housing, public housing improvements and resident initiatives, evaluation and reduction of lead-based hazards, reducing the number of persons below the poverty line, development of the City's institutional structure, efforts to enhancing coordination between housing and service agencies, and assistance to public housing.
Additionally, the Proposed Action Plan includes program specific requirements such as: a) the total amount of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds allocated including anticipated program income; b) For the HOME Program, a description of; i) Other forms of investment, if any, to be used; ii) for use of HOME funds for homebuyers, a description of guidelines for resale or recapture of HOME funds required under 24 CFR 92.254; iii) for use of HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds a description of the City's refinancing guidelines required under 24 CFR 92.206(b).
The Proposed Action Plan contains a narrative description of the standards and procedures that the City will use to monitor activities that it will carry out in advancing its plan. Also included are definitions, required certifications and other statutory and program requirements.
III. PY 2027 CONSOLIDATED FORMULA ALLOCATION :
The following is a description of the Federal resources that the City's Community & Housing Development Department estimates to be available during PY 2027 and the activities to address the priority needs identified in the City's PY 2023 thru PY 2027 Consolidated Plan.
The City's Consolidated Formula Allocation for PY 2027 has yet to be released by HUD. Should the actual allocation differ from the estimated allocation in an amount that causes the need of a substantial amendment, the following projects will be adjusted accordingly: CDBG-Housing Programs, HOME-Rental Activities, ESG-Administration.
The eligibility and beneficiary outcome for the CDBG Float Loan Program described in the proposed budget will be determined by the applications received for qualified activities. Any float funded activity will be required to have an irrevocable letter of credit from a banking institution to secure the funding should the activity fail to produce an eligible activity or should the funding be needed for the original activity the float amount was derived from. The requirement for an irrevocable letter of credit may be waived, at the City's discretion, for proposals that include funding toward Public Housing and/or Rental Assistance Demonstration. In the unlikely event that this requirement is waived and the loan becomes defaulted upon, the City would balance any shortfall by defunding Administration up to $300,000, Blight Removal up to $175,000, Volunteer Paint Program up to $85,000, Residential Rehabilitation Loans up to $200,000, and Housing Rehabilitation up to $240,000.
Even if defaulted upon, the float funded activity must still meet a National Objective and Eligible Activity. Float Activities are required by HUD to be shown as an activity and program income for budgeting purposes. The actual term of a float loan will be 6-30 months depending on the need of the individual activity.
Funding within the Public Services Project will be determined based on applications received in response to this Request for Proposals and comments. Under the HOME Program, should an entity be designated a CHDO and fit one of the other funding categories, the City may include them in either location during activity setup in IDIS.
Included with the PY 2027 Formula Allocation are estimations to be utilized for planning purposes which includes an estimate of the annual allocation, anticipated program income receipts, surplus income from urban renewal settlements, grant funds returned to the City's line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan, and income from float-funded activities as follows:
1. Community Development Block Grant Program:
PY 2027 Anticipated Grant
$ 2,150,595.00
PY 2027 Anticipated Program Income:
539,591.00
PY 2027 Float Loan Program Income:
1,000,000.00
Prior Year Funds:
0.00
3,690,186.00
2. PY 2027 HOME Grant:
$ 818,110.60
PY 2027 Anticipated HOME
Program Income
175,396.40
$993,507.00
3. PY 2027 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): $ 205,331.00
TOTAL $
4,889,024.00
IV. PY 2027 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN-ONE YEAR USE OF FUNDS ACTIVITY SUMMARY BY PROGRAM :
CONSOLIDATED FORMULA ALLOCATION BUDGET AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: PY 2027: May 1, 2027-April 30, 2028
A. _COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG):
PY 2027 CDBG Grant
$2,150,595.00
Anticipated Program Income:
539,591.00
Float Loan Program Income:
1,000,000.00
TOTAL CDBG:
$3,690,186.00
Planning and Administration-$593,400
City of Mobile Administration of the Grant; Administration; $593,400.
Public Facilities/Infrastructure-$250,000
Acquisition of a building for a public facility; Low/Mod Area benefit Activity; Improve quality/increase quantity of public improvements for low income; $250,000
Microenterprise Loan Program - $86,186
Micro-Economic Loans to assist local Small Disadvantaged Business Owners- $86,186
Float Loan Program-$1,000,000

Float funded activities-City Program; Removal of Slum and Blight, Special Economic Development, and/or Low/Mod Housing Benefit; Suitable Living/Sustainability,
Economic Opportunity/Availability, Decent Housing/Availability, Decent Housing/Sustainability; $1,000,000
Housing Programs-$995,360.00
Housing Rehabilitation-City Program; Proposed Accomplishments: 35 Housing Units to be rehabilitated; Decent Housing/Sustainability; $660,360.
Fortified Roofing Program-City Program;
Proposed Accomplishments: 5 Housing Units to be rehabilitated; Decent Housing/Sustainability; $50,000
Volunteer Paint Program; Community Partners Selected Based Upon Proposals; Proposed Accomplishments: 20 Housing Units to be rehabilitated; Decent Housing/Sustainability; $85,000.
Residential Rehabilitation Loans; Developers Selected Based on Proposals; Decent Housing/Sustainability; $200,000.
Blight Removal-$450,000
Rehabilitation, Demolition, and/or Code Enforcement of Blight-City Program; Low/Mod Area benefit Activity; Proposed Accomplishments: 15 blighted units to be rehabilitated and/or demolished; Suitable Living Environments/Sustainability; $450,000.
Public Services -$315,240
Various Public Services Activities based on responses; Examples include the following: Economic Opportunity/Availability, Suitable Living/Availability, Suitable Living/Sustainability, any other eligible combination per HUD regulations; $315,240.
CDBG PROGRAM TOTAL: $3,690,186.00
B. PROJECT: HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) :
PY 2027 HOME Grant:
$818,110.60
Anticipated Program Income:
$175,396.40
TOTAL
$993,507.00
City of Mobile and Developers
Administration
City of Mobile Administration of the Grant; Administration; $99,300.
CHDO Affordable Housing
Homebuyer Activities (TBD); Decent Housing/Availability; $149,000.
Affordable Housing Activities
Down Payment Assistance Activities (TBD); Decent Housing/Availability; $200,000.
Homebuyer/Rental Activities (TBD); Decent Housing/Availability; $545,207.
HOME PROGRAM TOTAL: $993,507 .00
C. PROJECT: EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG): $205,331.00
Administration
City of Mobile Administration of the Grant; Administration; $15,300.
Emergency Shelter-Community Partner Provided TBD; Suitable Living/Availability; $107,500.
Street Outreach-Community Partner Provided TBD; Suitable Living/Availability; $15,000.
Homeless Prevention-Community Partner Provided
TBD; Decent Housing/Affordability; $67,531.
ESG PROGRAM TOTAL: $205,331
GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL ACTION PLAN PROGRAMS: $4,889,024.00
V. ANTICIPATED BENEFIT TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS:
The City anticipates that approximately 75% of available funds described herein to be used for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons. Should displacement occur as a result of any of the activities described herein, the City will provide assistance pursuant to its Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, copies of which are available in the City's Community & Housing Development Department at the referenced address. The City does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, and handicapped status in employment or provision of services.
VI. THIRTY DAY CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD:
The City's Community & Housing Development Department encourages citizens to participate in the development of its Final PY 2027 Action Plan One Year Use of Funds Submission and is thereby making the Plan available for public inspection and comment for a period of at least thirty (30) calendar days.
Copies of the Proposed PY 2027 Action Plan One Year Use Of Funds Submission are available for inspection in the City's Community & Housing Development Department, 205 Government Plaza, South Tower, 5th Floor, Suite 517, Mobile, Alabama from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.
The City's Community & Housing Development Department will conduct a public hearing on November 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at the Levon C. Manzie Neighborhood Resource Center, located at 110 North Lafayette Street, Mobile, AL 36603. The purpose of the hearing will be to obtain comments regarding the proposed use of the City's PY 2027 consolidated formula allocation including the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties on the housing and community development needs of the City, and to receive proposals for the possible use of funds.
Also, citizens will be afforded an opportunity to 1) identify housing and community development needs and priorities; 2) review proposed uses of funds; and 3) comment on and review the City's program performance. All comments and proposals received will be considered in the development of the City's Final PY 2027 Action Plan-One Year Use of Funds.
All interested parties who are unable to attend the public hearing but desire to submit written views, comments, or proposals regarding the City's development of its Final PY 2027 Action Plan-One Year Use of Funds submission may do so by addressing them to Mr. James Roberts, Senior Director; Neighborhood Development Department; P.O. Box 1827, Mobile, Alabama 36633 or by email to Shakeena.Cox@CityofMobile.org .
For all interested parties that plan to respond to this request for proposals, the City will hold an application workshop after the public hearing on November 5, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Levon C. Manzie Neighborhood Resource Center, located at 110 North Lafayette Street, Mobile, AL 36603. While the workshop is not mandatory, it is encouraged.
The hearing location is accessible to persons with disabilities; however, anyone who requires further information or has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance should notify the Community & Housing Development Department at the previously referenced address no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing dates. This assistance includes any request for translators, or related services for non-English speaking persons. The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices as mandated by Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS OR PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CITY'S COMMUNITY & HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AT THE REFERENCED ADDRESS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8, 2026 BY 4:00 P.M. TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY'S FINAL PY 2027 ACTION PLAN-ONE YEAR USE OF FUNDS SUBMISSION. NO FAX TRANSMISSION SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED.
Written Proposals should address the criteria as outlined in the application guidelines that can be found on the City of Mobile's website at www.cityofmobile.org . The scoring criteria are as follows:
For CDBG and ESG sub-recipient proposals, the City reserves the right to reject any proposal that is outside industry norms for administrative costs, as determined by the City.
Scoring Criteria (CDBG)
Maximum Score
Prior experience with federal funding-
15 points
Proposed Leveraged Funding
10 points
Proposal Reduces Blighted Housing Stock within the City-
20 points
New Program (less than 5 years old)-
15 points
Proposal Addresses Goals of CHD Plan-
15 points
Ability to complete the proposed accomplishments within 12 months-
15 points
Proposal increases existing program capacity or provides new service-
10 points
Total Score Possible
100 points
Scoring Criteria (ESG)
Maximum Score
Prior experience with federal funding-
15 points
Proposed Leveraged Funding
10 points
Proposal Reduces Blighted Housing Stock within the City-
20 points
New Program (less than 5 years old)-
15 points
Proposal Addresses Goals of CHD Plan-
15 points
Ability to complete the proposed accomplishments within 12 months-
15 points
Proposal increases existing program capacity or provides new service-
10 points
Total Score Possible
100 points
For HOME and CDBG Developer proposals, please contact Ken Knox at Ken.Knox@CityofMobile.org or call 251-208-6294. Developer programs accept applications on a rolling basis and projects are funded based on items such as availability of funds, City need, developer experience, project impact, construction costs, developer subsidy request, developer fee request, project leverage, and location.
The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in response to this request for proposals and comments. Funding requests to this publication may be used by the City for awarding other eligible funds as allowed and as they become available.

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Public Notice
Technical Coordinating/Citizens Advisory Committee of the Mobile MPO Meeting

The Mobile MPO Technical Coordinating Committee/Citizen Advisory Committee (TCC/CAC) will meet on Wednesday, October 28th, 2026 at 10:00 am at the GM&O Building at 110 Beauregard St, Mobile, AL 36602.
The Mobile MPO Policy Board will have a joint meeting with the TCC/CAC on Wednesday, November 18th, 2026 at 10:00 am at the GM&O Building at 110 Beauregard St, Mobile, AL 36602.
The MPO will consider for adoption the following project changes to the Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program:
Project: 100040267 (CN) Federal aid number: NHF I010 (357) County : Mobile
Project Description : Additional Lanes on I-10 from 1 Mile West of March Rd to CR-39 (McDonald Rd) Including Bridge Replacement over March Road (BIN 8124 and 8125) and ITS
Old Engineers Estimate : $24,162,721.00 New Engineers Estimate : $51,567,879.51
Project : 100076033 (CN) Federal aid number : NH I010 County : Mobile
Project Description: Additional Median Lanes on I-10 from SR-188 to 1 Mile West of March Road and Interchange Modification at SR-188 (Exit 4)
Old Engineers Estimate
: $33,106,816.00 New Engineers Estimate : $56,121,459.45
Projects to be added to the TIP:
Project : 100082328 Federal aid number : IM I065 County : Mobile Scope : PE
Project Description : Sign Replacement on I-65 from I-10 to the Conecuh County Line
Target Start Date : 10/1/2026 Engineers Estimate : $50,500.00
Project : 100082330 Federal aid number : IM I065 County : Mobile Scope : CN
Project Description : Sign Replacement on I-65 from I-10 to the Conecuh County Line
Target Start Date : 4/30/2027 Engineers Estimate : $2,020,000
Project : 100082327 Federal aid number : IM I010 County : Mobile Scope : PE
Project Description : Sign Replacement on I-10 from the Mississippi State Line to the Florida State Line
Target Start Date : 10/1/2026 Engineers Estimate : $50,500.00
Project : 100082329 Federal aid number : IM I010 County : Mobile Scope : CN
Project Description : Sign Replacement on I-10 from the Mississippi State Line to the Florida State Line
Target Start Date : 4/30/2027 Engineers Estimate : $2,020,000
Project removed from the TIP:
Project : 100076783 (TR) Federal aid number : UMTAC TR24 County : Mobile
Project Description : Section 5310 Capital Apportionment Year 2023 Program of Projects
Old Delete Indicator : New Delete Indicator : D
Additional information may be obtained from the Transportation Planning Coordinator at the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission, (251)433-6541.
Physically challenged persons who need special accommodations should contact SARPC in advance so arrangements can be made to meet their needs.

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

MOBILE AND BALDWIN COUNTIES
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR A REVIEW OF A FEDERAL AGENCY'S CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION FOR A PROPOSED FEDERAL ACTION
PUBLIC NOTICE - 591

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) hereby gives notice that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has requested, in accordance with Title 15 C.F.R. 930 Subpart C, review of a proposed federal action pursuant to ADEM Administrative Code division 335-8.
The NMFS is proposing, through Amendment 63 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources (Reef Fish FMP) of the Gulf (Amendment 63), to establish a quota pool pilot program by setting aside a portion of the increase in red grouper commercial quota under Amendment 62 to the Reef Fish FMP. This three-year pilot program is intended to run from 2027 to 2029, using the increase in red grouper quota as an opportunity to test a new method to improve access to red grouper allocation for some participants in the Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota program and reduce bycatch of red grouper. The NMFS has determined that the proposed activity is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program (ACAMP).
Any person wishing to make comments or provide additional information relative to the proposed activity's consistency with the ACAMP must submit such comments or information by letter or by email to ADEM at the address below within fifteen (15) calendar days following the publication date of this notice. Only those comments, which address issues within the Department's scope of authority, can be considered. All correspondence regarding this proposal should reference application number ACAMP-2027-003.
Autumn Nitz
Mobile Branch Office
Alabama Department of Environmental Management
1615 South Broad Street
Mobile, AL 36605
Coastal@adem.alabama.gov
Copies of all information submitted are available for public inspection at the ADEM office located at the above address Monday – Friday (except legal holidays), 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Arrangements for review and copying should be made in advance. These documents related to this proposed action and documents otherwise related to this facility also may be viewed at the Department's eFile system located at http://app.adem.alabama.gov/eFile/ by selecting Media Area "Water," entering "2027-003" in place of the "Permit Number," and pressing Search.
This Public Notice is available on the internet at http://adem.alabama.gov/newsEvents/publicNotices.cnt . The ADEM Division 335-8 rules are available on the internet at adem.alabama.gov.
After consideration of all written comments and consideration of the requirements of the Alabama Coastal Area Management Act and ADEM Coastal Program rules, the Department will make a final determination. The Department's determination, associated documents and all comments received during the public comment period will be available for inspection at the ADEM office located at the above address during normal working hours and on the Department's eFile system. Notice of the final decision will be sent to any person who requests such notice, in writing, during this comment period.
The Department maintains a list of interested individuals who are emailed legal notices regarding proposed permits. If you wish to receive such notices, please submit your email address on http://adem.alabama.gov under the "Subscribe for the Latest Updates" field.
Notice is hereby given this 21st day of October, 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.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE
A SEDAN SERVICE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Mobile, Alabama, proposes to consider the application of Tiffany Monique Williams to operate a sedan service in the City of Mobile. The adoption of such Certificate will be considered by the City Council in the Auditorium of the Mobile Government Plaza, located at 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama, on October 27, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. At such time and place, all persons who desire shall have an opportunity to be heard in opposition to or in favor of the proposed resolution.

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Legal Notice
Pursuant to Section 610 (D) of the Internal Revenue Code, the annual report for the calendar year 2025 of the Tuthill Square Foundation is available for inspection at 4058 Old Shell Rd Mobile Al 36608 between the hours of 10am and 3pm Monday through Friday for 190 days after publication of this notice.
Amanda Hunter Inge
Trustee & Manager
Tuthill Square Foundation
251-533-1445

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BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MOBILE
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 1:30 P.M. local time, at MAWSS Park Forest Plaza, 4725 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL, for the purpose of hearing input, if any, to the adoption of the 2027 Operation and Maintenance Budget and proposed changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual of MAWSS. The 2027 budget includes a rate and fee adjustment. The increase is needed to repair and replace aging infrastructure, and to protect public health and the environment.
Any recommended adjustments to the budget will be discussed at that time.
All interested parties may submit questions or any comments on the adoption of the 2027 budget during the meeting. A copy of the proposed budget may be viewed at www.mawss.com .

Lagniappe HD October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE ON THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 2022, SAID ORDINANCE BEING COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE
WHEREAS, a Planned Unit Development was approved on December 17, 2020, to allow multiple buildings on multiple building sites with shared access between building sites located at 1891 & 1901 Hurtel Street and described as follows:
LOTS 1, 2, & 3, MARYVALE PLACE SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT #2022028493 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA.
WHEREAS, on July 20, 2026, the owner of said property applied for a Major Modification of the Planned Unit Development allowing multiple buildings on multiple building sites with shared access between building sites, to remove two (2) lots from the previously approved Planned Unit Development.
WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the requested Major Modification on August 20, 2026, and recommended approval of the Major Modification of the Planned Unit Development subject to the following conditions:
1. Retain the notes on Lots 2 and 3 stating, "Not to be included in PUD," on the Final PUD Site Plan;
2. Revise the Final PUD Site Plan to label the required 25-foot minimum front yard setback along Hurtel Street;
3. Revise the Final PUD Site Plan to provide the size of each building in square feet;
4. Revise the Final PUD Site Plan to depict the location of any dumpsters or dumpster enclosures, or provide a note stating curbside waste collection is utilized;
5. Revise the Final PUD Site Plan to either depict compliance with the approved landscape and tree planting plan on file with the Planning and Zoning Department or include a note stating that the site shall comply with the applicable tree planting and landscaping requirements of the Unified Development Code;
6. Provide a note on the Final PUD Site Plan stating parking lot lighting shall continue to comply with the applicable illumination standards of the Unified Development Code;
7. Retain the lot area for Lot 1 on the Final PUD Site Plan;
8. Retain the previously recorded 50-foot-wide right-of-way along Hurtel Street on the Final PUD Site Plan;
9. Provide a note on the Final PUD Site Plan stating that any future development, redevelopment, or site modifications affecting Lot 1 may require modification of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) in accordance with Article 5 of the Unified Development Code, unless the PUD is subsequently terminated through the applicable approval process;
10. Comply with all Engineering comments noted in the staff report;
11. Comply with all Traffic Engineering comments noted in the staff report;
12. Comply with all Urban Forestry comments noted in the staff report;
13. Comply with all Fire Department comments noted in the staff report;
14. Submit a revised Final PUD Site Plan for Planning and Zoning Approval prior to its recording in the Mobile County Probate Court, and provide one (1) copy of the recorded site plan (hard copy and/or pdf) to the Planning and Zoning Department; and
15. Fully comply with all municipal codes and ordinances.
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed modification:
a. Is consistent with all applicable requirements of this Chapter;
b. Is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood;
c. Will not impede the orderly development and improvement of surrounding property;
d. Having considered the applicable factors, the request will not adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of persons living or working in the surrounding neighborhood, or be more injurious to property or improvements in the neighborhood;


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e. Is subject to adequate design standards to provide ingress and egress that minimize traffic hazards and traffic congestion on the public roads;
f. Is not noxious or offensive by reason of emissions, vibration, noise, odor, dust, smoke or gas; and
g. Shall not be detrimental or endanger the public health, safety or general welfare.
h. Benefits Consideration. In addition, consideration was given to the City's and the larger community's best interests and the need, benefit, or public purpose of the proposed request.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE AS FOLLOWS:
Section One: That the modification of the Planned Unit Development is hereby approved with the following required conditions:
1. Retain the notes on Lots 2 and 3 stating, "Not to be included in PUD," on the Final PUD Site Plan;
2. Revise the Final PUD Site Plan to label the required 25-foot minimum front yard setback along Hurtel Street;
3. Revise the Final PUD Site Plan to provide the size of each building in square feet;
4. Revise the Final PUD Site Plan to depict the location of any dumpsters or dumpster enclosures, or provide a note stating curbside waste collection is utilized;
5. Revise the Final PUD Site Plan to either depict compliance with the approved landscape and tree planting plan on file with the Planning and Zoning Department or include a note stating that the site shall comply with the applicable tree planting and landscaping requirements of the Unified Development Code;
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7. Retain the lot area for Lot 1 on the Final PUD Site Plan;
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10. Comply with all Engineering comments noted in the staff report;
11. Comply with all Traffic Engineering comments noted in the staff report;
12. Comply with all Urban Forestry comments noted in the staff report;
13. Comply with all Fire Department comments noted in the staff report;
14. Submit a revised Final PUD Site Plan for Planning and Zoning Approval prior to its recording in the Mobile County Probate Court, and provide one (1) copy of the recorded site plan (hard copy and/or pdf) to the Planning and Zoning Department; and
15. Fully comply with all municipal codes and ordinances.
Section Two: This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its adoption and publication.
City of Mobile (James Roberts, III, Agent)
1891 & 1901 Hurtel Street
Council District 3
C.J. Small
Lagniappe HD October 21, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER A VACATION OF RIGHT OF WAY FEE AS A CONDITION OF THE VACATION OF A PUBLIC ALLEYWAY ADJACENT TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 144 HYLAND AVENUE
The City of Mobile has been requested by Covenant Presbyterian Church to vacate a public alleyway adjacent to property located at 144 Hyland Avenue.
The City of Mobile may require abutting landowners who will directly benefit from such vacation to pay a vacation of right-of-way fee equal to the fair market value of the land. The fair market value shall be determined by the Mobile City Council after a public hearing which will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., in the Mobile Government PlazaLisa C. Lambert,
City Clerk
Lagniappe HD September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2026

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
BALDWIN COUNTY
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR A REVIEW OF A COASTAL CONSISTENCY VARIANCE FOR AN ACTIVITY REQUIRING A FEDERAL LICENSE OR PERMIT
PUBLIC NOTICE - 591
In accordance with ADEM Administrative Code r. 335-8-1-.14, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) hereby gives notice that Wetland fill for Commercial/Retail Development has applied to the ADEM for a variance pursuant to ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-8-1-.13.
Shaver Investments, Inc. requests a variance from ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-8-2-.02 and seeks authorization to place approximately 888.6 cubic yards of fill material within 8,300 square feet (0.19 acres) of coastal wetlands to construct a commercial office and retail development at 25299 Canal Road in Orange Beach, Alabama. This proposal is associated with parcel 05-65-03-05-0-000-030.002 240853 in Orange Beach, Baldwin County, Alabama. The proposal is being reviewed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under SAM-2022-00410. Mitigation for wetlands impacts would be through the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank.
Any person wishing to make comments or provide additional information relative to the proposed activity's consistency with the ACAMP must submit such comments or information by letter or by email to ADEM at the address below within fifteen (15) calendar days following the publication date of this notice. Only those comments which address issues within the Department's scope of authority can be considered. All correspondence regarding this proposal must reference application number ACAMP-2022-263.2 .
J. Scott Brown, Chief
Mobile Branch Office
Alabama Department of Environmental Management
1615 South Broad Street
Mobile, Alabama 36605
Coastal@adem.alabama.gov
Copies of all information submitted are available for public inspection at the ADEM office located at the above address Monday – Friday (except legal holidays), 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Arrangements for review and copying should be made in advance. These documents related to this proposed action and documents otherwise related to this facility also may be viewed at the Department's eFile system located at http://app.adem.alabama.gov/eFile/ by selecting Media Area "Water," entering the application number in place of the "Permit Number," and pressing Search.
This Public Notice is available on the internet at http://adem.alabama.gov/newsEvents/publicNotices.cnt . The ADEM Division 335-8 rules are available on the internet at adem.alabama.gov.
After consideration of all written comments and consideration of the requirements of the Alabama Coastal Area Management Act and ADEM Coastal Program rules, the Department will make a final determination. The Department's determination, associated documents and all comments received during the public comment period will be available for inspection at the ADEM office located at the above address during normal working hours and on the Department's eFile system. Notice of the final decision will be sent to any person who requests such notice in writing during this comment period.
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 21st day of October, 2026, by authorization of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.
Edward F. Poolos
Director
Discrimination Statement: The Department does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in the administration of its programs.
Lagniappe HD October 21, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER VACATION OF A PUBLIC ALLEYWAY ADJACENT TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 144 HYLAND AVENUE
Notice is hereby given that the Mobile City Council proposes to consider adoption of a resolution assenting to the vacation of a public alleyway adjacent to property located at 144 Hyland Avenue. The adoption of such resolution will be considered by the Mobile City Council on the 27 th day of October, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., in the Mobile Government Plaza Auditorium, 205 Government Street.
Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may submit a written objection or may speak at the public hearing.
Lagniappe HD September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2026

PROBATE COURT

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
PROBATE COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Estate of CYNTHIA ANN DUNN, Deceased
Case No. 2026-1364
Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the below named party on the 29th day of September, 2026 by the HONORABLE C. MARK ERWIN, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. BRENNA GRIMES as Personal Representative under the last will and testament of CYNTHIA ANN DUNN, Deceased.
Attorney of Record:
ASHLEY DAY, Esq.
8335 GAYFER ROAD EXT STE B
FAIRHOPE, AL 36532
Lagniappe HD October 7, 14, 21, 2026

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
PROBATE COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Estate of THOMAS WAYNE HOUSE, Deceased
Case No. 2026-1867
Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the below named party on the 13th day of October, 2026 by the HONORABLE C. MARK ERWIN, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. JOHN E. CHASON JR. as Personal Representative under the last will and testament of THOMAS WAYNE HOUSE, Deceased
Attorney of Record:
JOSEPH D THETFORD JR, Esq.
PO BOX 100
BAY MINETTE, AL 36507
Lagniappe HD October 21, 28, November 4, 2026

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
PROBATE COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Estate of JOHN GUNNELS
Case No. 2025-2375
Take notice that Letters of Administration have been granted to the below named party on the 25th day of August, 2026 by the HONORABLE C. MARK ERWIN, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. TINA PARNELL as Administratrix of the estate of JOHN GUNNELS, deceased.
Attorney of Record:
JACOB KNIGHT PAYNE, Esq.
Lagniappe HD October 21, 28, November 4, 2026

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING
CASE NO. 2026-1793
IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Notice of the filing of Petition for Summary Distribution in the estate of Kimberly Clydette Jones, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Jeffery Kent Jones on September 8, 2026, and that 30 days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to law the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent. C. Mark Erwin, Judge of Probate.
Attorney:
James B. Schrimsher, Esq.
P. O. Box 414
Huntsville, AL 35804
Lagniappe HD October 21, 2026

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
PROBATE COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Estate of FLORENCE W. GOMEZ, Deceased
Case No. 2026-1387
Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the below named party on the 8th day of October, 2026 by the HONORABLE C. MARK ERWIN, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. CLARENCE VROCHER as Personal Representative under the last will and testament of FLORENCE W. GOMEZ, Deceased
Attorney of Record:
DEENA R TYLER, Esq.
PO BOX 1
MOBILE, AL 36601
Lagniappe HD October 14, 21, 28, 2026

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING
October 02, 2026
Case No. 2024-1363-6
IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Estate of SAMMIE L. DAVIS JR., Deceased
On to-wit the 23rd day of November, 2026 at 2:00 PM in COURTROOM 1, THIRD FLOOR, Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street the court will proceed to consider the Petition for Final Settlement by Surety for Former Personal Representative as filed by STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY. NOTICE is hereby given to all parties in interest, specifically DONALD DAVIS, who may appear and contest same or file a proper responsive pleading thereto if they then think proper. C. MARK ERWIN, Judge of Probate.
Attorney Name and Address:
JOEL SCOTT DICKENS
1901 6TH AVENUE NORTH,
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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF MOBILE, ALABAMA
Estate of Stanley Thomas Nolan Sr., Deceased
Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution pursuant to § 43-2-692, Code of Alabama 1975, has been filed by Charles Richard Nolan, claiming to be entitled to the assets of the estate of Stanley Thomas Nolan Sr., who died on 11/01/2023, a resident of Theodore, Alabama.
Any person having a claim against the estate must present such claim, in writing, to the undersigned or to the Probate Court of Mobile within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.
Dated: 10/09/2026
Petitioner: Charles R. Nolan
1644 Farmstead Rd.
Rock Hill, SC 29732
803-517-9359
Judge Of Probate: C. Mark Erwin
Lagniappe HD October 21, 28, November 4, 2026

ESTATE NOTICE
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
WILLIE MAE MOODY, DECEASED
CASE NO. 2026-1619
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Willie Mae Moody, deceased, were granted to Peggy Holston, as Personal Representative and Executrix under the Last Will and Testament of Willie Mae Moody, on September 2, 2026, by the Probate Court of Mobile County, Alabama.
Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the Estate of Willie Mae Moody are required to file the same with the Probate Court of Mobile County, Alabama, within the time allowed by law, or such claims will be barred.
Peggy Holston
Executrix and Personal Representative
Estate of Willie Mae Moody, Deceased
Attorney for the Estate:
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Lagniappe HD October 14, 21, 28, 2026

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
PROBATE COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
KATRINA LYNN BROWN
Case No. 2026-1668
Take notice that Letters of Administration have been granted to the below named party on the 25th day of September, 2026 by the HONORABLE C. MARK ERWIN, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. JANDY LEA LUNDY as Administratrix of the estate of KATRINA LYNN BROWN, deceased.
Attorney of Record:
DEENA R. TYLER, Esq.
Lagniappe HD October 7, 14, 21, 2026

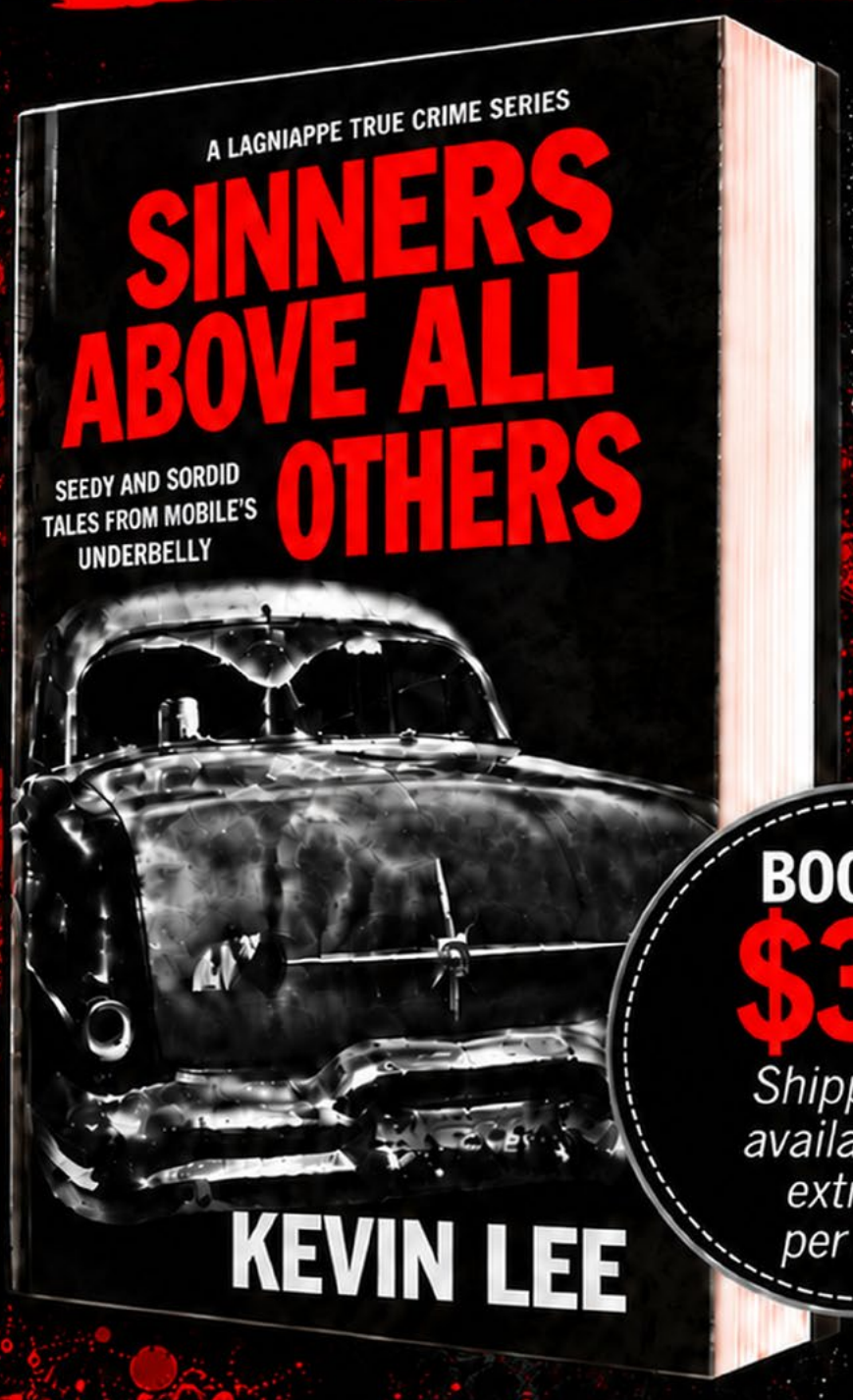
NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING October 07, 2026
Case No. 2025-1314-2
IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Estate of WILLIAM A. POWELL, Deceased
On to-wit the 30th day of November, 2026 at 2:00 PM in COURTROOM 1, THIRD FLOOR, Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street the court will proceed to consider the Petition for Final Settlement as filed by THOMAS E. POWELL.
NOTICE is hereby given to all parties in interest who may appear and contest same or file a proper responsive pleading thereto If they then think proper. C. MARK ERWIN, Judge of Probate.
Attorney Name and Address:
WILLIAM S MCFADDEN,
718 Downtowner Blvd.
Mobile, AL 36609
Lagniappe HD October 14, 21, 28, 2026

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
PROBATE COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Estate of BRENDA GAIL WEAVER, Deceased
Case No. 2026-1601
Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the below named party on the 17th day of September, 2026 by the HONORABLE C. MARK ERWIN, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. DEANA ROCHELLE WEAVER NEAL as Executrix under the last will and testament of BRENDA GAIL WEAVER, Deceased.
Attorney of Record:
MECHELLE MUSGROVE, ESQ.
6348 Picadilly Square Drive
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