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Cherokee County Courthouse Grand Opening Ceremony
Centre, AL — April 2, 2026

The Cherokee County Commission and the Cherokee County Public Building Authority are pleased to announce the official opening of the new Cherokee County Courthouse, located at 373 East Main Street in Centre. A parade and ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on Friday, May 1st with the parade scheduled to start promptly at 10:00 am. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will follow immediately thereafter at approximately 10:30 am. These festivities mark the completion of this historic project, which aims to improve efficiency, safety, and public access to justice services.

After two years of construction, the new 37,000-square-foot facility replaces the outdated courthouse, which has served the community since 1937. The modern, two-story building is designed to meet the needs of a growing population and features state-of-the-art technology to facilitate modern litigation.

Key features of the new courthouse include:

- **Two New Courtrooms:** Equipped with advanced audio-visual technology for jury demonstrations and evidence presentation.
- **Enhanced Security:** Dedicated secure transportation areas for detainees and modern screening facilities for public safety.
- **Increased Accessibility:** Fully ADA-compliant, offering improved access for all community members.
- **Functional Design:** Improved workspace for judges, clerks, the district attorney, and support staff, promoting "one-stop-shop" efficiency for court-related activities.

"This new courthouse is a testament to our commitment to preserving the rule of law while meeting the needs of a modern, growing community," said Tim Burgess, and Probate Judge and Chairman of the Cherokee County Commission. "This facility provides a safer, more efficient, and accessible environment for our citizens, staff, and justice partners. The project was a collaborative effort, with the District Attorney, District Judge, Circuit Judges, the Circuit Clerk, Alabama State Administrative Office of Courts, the Sheriff's Department and the County Commission all providing key support and direction."

The project was completed by general contractor Consolidated Construction Company and designed by McKee and Associates Architects, Inc. The design is aimed at serving the community for decades to come.

Event Details:

- **Date:** May 1, 2026
- **Time(s):** Parade at 10:00 am
  Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at approximately 10:30 am
  Location: 373 East Main Street, Centre, AL 35960
- **Details:** Parade will travel east on Main Street and end at the new Courthouse site. Public tours will follow the ceremony.

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