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City of Bessemer Appoints New Fire Chief

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Bessemer's new fire chief is career fireman Kendrick Hughley. Bessemer Mayor Kenneth Guley appointed him in November of 2023.

Hughley is Bessemer's 10th fire chief.

A 25-year veteran of the fire department, he started as a firefighter in 1999. He advanced through the ranks first as a lieutenant, in 2010 a captain, next, battalion chief over training where he managed the training department for two years and then deputy chief in 2021.

Chief Hughley stated,

"I am very honored to have been appointed Bessemer's Fire Chief. I want to again thank Mayor Guley for his commitment to the Bessemer Fire Department and entrusting me to lead and serve the department and the community."

Hughley's main goal as chief is to continue improving the overall training process and expertise. This allows the department to provide excellent service to the city.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Physiology from Auburn University Montgomery in 1996 and a Master of Business Administration from

Herzing University in 2014.

A licensed paramedic for over 20 years, Chief Hughley has been married to Julie Hughley for 24 years and they have three children, Kristen, Madelyn and K J.



Chief Kendrick Hughley



Hueytown's FCCLA Going For the State

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
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Hueytown High School's promising students are heading to state competitions this coming month. Hueytown High's FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) were invited to present their upcoming competition piece at the monthly executive board meeting for Hueytown's Chamber of Commerce's board members.

Level three competitors, Alfred Steele, Laila Drake, Jaiden Steele, Galilea Ar-

teaga & Jaiden Barnes will tackle the professional topic of 'The Solutions and Effects of Distracted Teen Driving' within this particular grade level category competition in Montgomery, AL. March 6th-8th. Their topic will be presented to legislators, lawmakers & community inhabitants.

This particular evening we witnessed the students in rare form with feedback given by Board Members of the Hueytown Chamber of Commerce.

The presentation started with an enactment of an actual car accident which had

one student act as an emergency dispatcher and one other student in the role as a parent notified of the terrible news, followed by the students' passionate reasoning why such an issue should be spoken and presented to others for future thought and reference. FCCLA President for Hueytown High, Jaiden Steele told us "We're looking to bring awareness based around significant topics with this presentation my peers will be sharing to get conversations started from their ideas."

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Another Spiritual Milestone

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
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This past Sunday, Bethel Baptist Church celebrated its 137th Church anniversary. The church congregation celebrated this day with fellowships that've been significant in the congregation's progress throughout the years along with contributing to the city of Bessemer. Bethel's culinary ministry contributed to the day through table fellowship, serving field peas, baked/fried chicken, mac & cheese, cornbread and other dishes with an Afrocentric in-

fluence.

The day was also celebrated with a passionate message from Pastor, Ollie Gunn and the congruence of the Christian Walk Baptist Church family.

Within the Bessemer community Bethel has played a significant role within the lives of many of the city's citizens. Ironically, Bethel Baptist was formed in the same year (1887) Bessemer was (established) incorporated as a city

within the state of Alabama.

We spoke with Bethel's (B.B.C's) pastor, Rev. Calvin Bell. A deeply devoted and fearless leader within the ministry, Rev. Bell spoke with us intently. "We looked at this annual day more so as a homecoming. We have several generations of members and families that continue to congregate here so we saw it as a day of fellowshiping in total," he told us.

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Jessica Holden and Nia Lewis

Greenwood Community Welcomes Food Trucks

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
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The Greenwood community is on the move. A tightly knit community, the children of longtime families have either remained or moved back to Greenwood. Also, young couples are taking up residency.

It is a testament to its deeply rooted values.

Last fall, Jessica Holden of Pleasant Hill Road, a resident of 11 years, had the idea of bringing food trucks to Greenwood. She shared

the idea with family, friends and neighbors along with her council member, Bessemer City Councilwoman Donna Thigpen. LD Cut & Print donated the signage.

Everybody was on board and the first trucks rolled in on August of 2023. They park in front of Greenwood Elementary School two Thursdays a month from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

According to Holden, "Greenwood is a special place and seeing the neighbors enjoying themselves is

wonderful and exciting."

The food trucks offer a variety of food ranging from shaved ice, BBQ, pizza, Cajun tacos and even waffles.

Among the vendors are Dina's Shaved ice, Kelley's Kitchen, Chef Mike Bacon Co., Hey Be Be, Southern Coffee and Waffles, Eugene's Hot Chicken, Uncle G's Pizza, Parsol Treats, Corazon, Moe E. Moore's BBQ, Heavenly Donut and A Dab of This and a Dab of That.

2024 Valley Creek Clean-Up March 2

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
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It must be a community effort to be successful.

The 2024 Valley Creek Clean-Up will be Saturday, March 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The 14th annual event is being coordinated by the Bessemer Storm Water Department under the direction of Freddie Freeman.

Freeman stated, "This annual event is a good way for the citizens to get involved in community clean-up activities."

If you are able to par-

ticipate then go to one of the following five locations: Adger Fire Department on Johns Road; Bessemer's McNeil Park on 20th Avenue, North; Five Points West Library on Avenue W; Betty Hill Grocery on Groundhog Road and Providence Baptist Church on Bruce Shaw Road in Providence.

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NEWS



Steps Beyond

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
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“Just because you’ve tried, doesn’t mean you’ve succeeded, but if you succeed, it means you’ve tried hard enough” is what Airman First Class, Mason J. Wilson told us after receiving new pins in his progressive moves within the CAP Program.

This past Monday, Bessemer’s Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol) celebrated their promotions ceremony for current cadets. This ceremony was a step forward for the cadets who’ve not only completed courses but have furthered their skills within the process.

Colonel Michael A.

Oakman, Group Commander for Group Three & Airforce Veteran served as guest to salute the cadets within their steps further in the program along with properly placing the earned pins upon the lapels of proud cadets.

This portion of the CAP Program serves as one that honors the excellency of program members by way of various portions, with physical fitness tests being a part of such requirements.

In-person and online module completions are a part of such program requirements that many of these cadets have honored and are working towards earning pilot’s licenses as well.

Deputy Commander for Cadets, Ted Hoffman told us, “A lot of the opportunities here may appear as military training, but it’s geared towards not only aerospace but engineering and even STEM, so anyone from grade six to adulthood are welcome to come and join us and learn the essentials to being a part of the great services provided for our country.”

We congratulate the cadets of CAP for their continued progress and diligence to serve others throughout the world.

For more information email cc087@alwg.com or visit 700 Mitchell Field Road SE Bessemer, AL. 35022.

A Historical Dose of Love

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
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“In the words of Malcom X, ‘Of all of our studies, History is best required to reward your research’” is what Historic Content Expert, Barry McNealy of the BCRI told us this past Wednesday.

From family, students to co-workers (past and present) many came out to share vibes of appreciation, consideration and more than that, love for a man who loves what he does and those he does them for.

Mr. McNealy has also been a high school instructor at A.H. Parker for twenty-five years and for many students, a go-to when they’re in search for reasoning and more importantly, advice and historic notes whenever needed.

Held at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Mrs. Izette McNealy told us, “My husband celebrates everything and everybody yet he never wants to be celebrated, so we decided this year we’d celebrate a man who loves everyone on his birthday at the place he loves to be more than anywhere else.”

Known for his knowledge of Alabama History, U.S. History and history period, many have noted that Mr. McNealy is a deeply humble being who strives to help others learn about History and to build strong founda-

tions within the diaphragm of future generations that’ll become upstanding citizens.

With an immaculate spread of various dishes, deserts and drinks fitting for Valentine’s Day, the celebration brought to mind a ceremony for not only a man but one who means much to Jefferson County. Students like Tiffany Williams, Shiloh Britt and Tiarra Austin spoke on the importance of having a mentor and passionate teacher such as Mr. McNealy, as family spoke on one who’s exemplified what a man should be as an example for others.

Mr. McNealy’s sons spoke eloquently about the importance of having a father, as B.J. McNealy told us, “I’m just so proud of my father for what he’s done and I thank him for pushing me hard as he has to be a better person.”

Dr. John Plump spoke on the importance of brotherhood and colleagues being more than just co-workers as he gave a riveting rendition of the known Sinatra tune, “My Way” as a birthday presentation to Mr. McNealy.

BCRI (Birmingham Civil Rights Institute) President and CEO DeJuana Thompson told us, “Mr. Barry is a champion within our community and a true fixture of what our Institute embodies within our mission, he’s truly the heartbeat here at our museum.”

We thank Mr. Barry McNealy for his professional expertise, but more so just for being an exceptional human being in today’s society.

We salute all of our February born as we continue to recognize history and the lessons it can share with us all.

Birmingham Home Show

Photos by Jason Knighten



FCCLA

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Board members gave sincere advice within the realms of vocal projections, articulation and eye contact with audience members to shed light within the message the students will be presenting. Debbie Kiker (Director of Hueytown Chamber of Commerce) told us, “We’re glad to partake in this event to help our kids gain confidence for their big day and to advise as needed.”

Hospitality & Tourism Pathway Instructor, & FCCLA Chapter Advisor, Ms. Tiana Thompson spoke with us, saying “Being a part of their lives is unexplainable. They’ve taught me more than I’ve taught them. But this helps to teach them about politics,

professionalism and more. So it’s just great for them to learn also, going forward into being great contributors in society as they reach adulthood.”

Principal of Hueytown High, Ryan Howard spoke enthusiastic words for the students, telling us, “I’m proud of this group of students and their initiative to speak on these particular topics and am looking forward to seeing them be victorious within the upcoming competitions.”

Other Hueytown students will also participate in professional presentations concentrated on the topics of Baking & Pastry, Repurpose & Redesign, Job Interviewing, Entrepreneurship and Focus On Children.

We send all of our state’s student body competitors well wishes in their various endeavors, programs and events they’ll partake with in the coming months.

We support you all wholeheartedly.

Milestone

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Reverend Bell has been pastor of Bethel Baptist for twenty-four years now and has seen the progress of the church throughout the years, and with a strong understanding of the church’s history and the role it has/plays in the community. “Here at Bethel we see the importance of bringing in our youth and making sure they feel

as much a part of services along with our elders and to teach them viable roles that’ll benefit them in the future. We want to tell others also, no matter what condition the world is in, nor the situations you/we as people may be going through, Jesus is still the author and finisher of our faith, so don’t give up stay with God and seek the spirit of truth.”

We celebrate the significance and historic value of churches such as Bethel Baptist and the works they’re striving to get done to make our communities better in the best way possible.

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Alabama State Games Forge Exciting Partnerships with WRPF Powerlifting and PERFECT GAME & PG SOFTBALL

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

As the Alabama State Games proudly celebrate their 41st year, organizers are thrilled to announce groundbreaking partnerships with the World Raw Powerlifting Federation (WRPF) and PERFECT GAME & PG SOFTBALL. These collaborations are set to bring new energy and prestige to the annual event, aligning with the mission of promoting academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good citizenship through the vehicle of sports. Laura Creel Burt, Executive Director of the ASF Foundation and Home of the Alabama State Games since 1982, expressed the importance of finding sports organizations that not only align with their mission but also contribute to the excitement of the event. The goal is to attract over 6,500 participants of all ages and abilities.

Academic Scholarship Initiative

The ASF Foundation, the parent organization of the Alabama State Games, introduced a scholarship initiative that has already awarded an impressive \$363,000 in academic scholarships. During the 40th-anniversary celebration in 2023, \$20,000 in scholarships were awarded, with more slated for distribution in June. To be eligible for an academic schol-

arship, athletes must register for the 41st Alabama State Games, attend the State Farm Athlete Leadership Summit, and participate in the Opening Ceremony on June 7 inside Legacy Arena at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Complex.

WRPF Powerlifting Partnership

The World Raw Powerlifting Federation is a global organization dedicated to promoting powerlifting competitions. Emphasizing integrity and inclusivity, WRPF provides a platform for athletes to showcase their strength and passion for the sport. Heidi Dehnel, Meet Director and State Chairman for WRPF Alabama, expressed excitement about bringing a premier raw powerlifting event to the state. Key features of the WRPF Powerlifting Competition include a drug-tested environment to promote fair play and the opportunity for athletes to showcase their raw talent. This collaboration also serves as a qualifying event for the 2024 State Games of America. Powerlifting registration is currently open at ALAGAMES.com, with the competition scheduled for June 8 at Hoover High School.

PERFECT GAME & PG SOFTBALL Showcase

Baseball and softball enthusiasts are in for a treat as PERFECT GAME joins forces with the Alabama State Games to elevate these sports

into showcase events. PERFECT GAME, with a mission to promote the games of baseball and softball, will present the Alabama State Games Baseball Showcase for teams ranging from 9U to 13U. PG SOFTBALL will host the Alabama State Games Softball Showcase for 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U travel/club teams, including an NFHS/AHSAA division.

Both showcases are open to out-of-state teams and serve as qualifying events for the 2024 State Games of America. Registration is currently open at ALAGAMES.com, with the Baseball Showcase scheduled for June 7-9 at Bill Noble Park in Gardendale and the Softball Showcase set for June 8-9 at Liberty Park Softball Complex in Vestavia Hills.

In conclusion, the Alabama State Games continue to evolve and expand, fostering partnerships that not only enhance the event's profile but also contribute to the promotion of sportsmanship, academic success, and healthy lifestyles. For registration information and Games' updates, visit ALAGAMES.com or follow on Facebook and Instagram. Get ready to witness raw powerlifting and showcase baseball and softball events that promise to make the 41st Alabama State Games a memorable experience for participants and spectators alike.



A momentous ribbon-cutting event at Concepcion Salon in Hoover, marking the start of a beautiful new chapter. The Hoover Chamber extends heartfelt thanks for choosing our community. Welcome to the neighborhood! (Hoover Chamber)

Hueytown's Women in Business Luncheon March 8

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

March 8 is National Women's Day in America when the importance of women in business is recognized.

The Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce is preparing for their very first "Women in Business" event. The Women in Business luncheon will be held on Friday, March 8 at 11:30

in the morning.

The event will be held at Venue 3131 in Hueytown.

The luncheon is sponsored by WestJeff Magazine, EXIT Home-style Realty and Earth-Scripts Publishing.

Hueytown Chamber Director Debbie Kiker stated, "Out of the 250 plus chamber members, over 55 are women-owned. This will be

a good opportunity for all our ladies to meet and network."

Along with headshots and door prizes, there will be booths set-up by the sponsors.

March 1 is the deadline for making a reservation. No walk-ups.

For more information, call the Chamber at 205-491-8039 or visit www.hueytownchamber.com.

Jennifer Chandler named director of community outreach at Vulcan Park & Museum

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Vulcan Park & Museum (VPM) is pleased to announce a key change in its leadership team. Effective immediately, Jennifer Chandler, the former Director of Development, will be stepping into the role of Director of Community Outreach to support VPM's mission.

Chandler has been a valued member of the VPM family for three years and has made significant contributions to the growth and success of the organization during her tenure as Director of Development. Prior to joining VPM in 2021, Chandler spent the previous 10 years in development and special events at organizations such as the Lakeshore Foundation and the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. In addition to

her accomplished career in fundraising and public engagement, she has served as a national level motivational speaker and as an advisor for the local 1996 Olympic Soccer games. Jennifer's successful competitive athletic career culminated in what is undoubtedly the highest honor for an athlete, an Olympic Gold Medal in the 1976 Montreal Games.

In her new role as Director of Community Relations, Chandler will be responsible for building and maintaining community relationships and collaborating

with stakeholders to continue to bridge the gap between VPM and the communities that it serves. VPM President & CEO, Cynthia Cardona states "This transition not only reflects Chandler's continued career growth within VPM, but also highlights our commitment to fostering internal talent and promoting within."

Currently, VPM is currently seeking to fill the Director of Development position. Interested applicants can email their cover letter and resume to ccardona@visitvulcan.com.

City of Hoover donates fire equipment to surrounding cities in honor of fallen 9/11 firefighter

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

When New York Firefighter Terry Farrell lost his life in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, his family wanted to find a way to keep his memory and love of firefighting alive. They did so by forming the Terry Fund, which according to its website, conducts a number of services including supplying "rural Fire Departments with surplus equipment and apparatus donated from Fire Departments having a greater tax base ability to obtain gear through such tax base." There are chapters of the Terry Fund all across the US, including one headquartered at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa.

"We just think it's a win for everybody," says Hoover Fire Chief Clay Bentley.

So when his department gets new equipment, they donate the older equipment to the Terry Fund.

"And then the Fund will donate that equipment to the department we'd like it to go to," Bentley explains. "It helps us with liability and it's kind of a network between fire departments where they can find equipment that's needed for certain areas."

This week, the Hoover Fire Department was able to make donations to three smaller fire departments in surrounding areas.

"We're giving away a couple of pallets of loose equipment; nozzles, hose clamps, brackets, things of that nature. And then we're also giving away a 1995 pumper truck, a 2008 75-foot ladder truck, a medical transport unit and 100-foot ladder truck," says Bentley.

He goes on to add that the City is meticulous in maintaining its equipment over the years, so the donations are in good shape. He also hopes it provides some financial relief to the receiving departments. For example, a new EMS transport unit costs

\$250-thousand. A new engine runs roughly \$900-thousand and a new ladder truck costs almost two million dollars.

"I think that is a tremendous cost savings for departments that cannot afford new, expensive equipment," Bentley says.

You could see the City's donation as a lesson in "paying it forward". Just last month, the Jefferson County Commission gave the Hoover Fire Department a brand new medical rescue transport unit, which cost around \$250-thousand. Now it's Hoover's turn to spread the love.

"We're very grateful for Jefferson County and we enjoy helping other departments," Bentley affirms. "By donating, I think it shows our culture and what we do. Anytime we can offer something that would improve other departments' services in their communities, we always want to do that."

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2/9/24, 2/16/24 & 2/23/24
Attorney of Record

PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: BILLY WESS HOWELL, DECEASED
CASE NO. 24BES000011
TO: RAVEN MOEL HOWELL, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown
And to any and all interested parties;
On the 8TH day of JANUARY, 2024, came KELLYE SULLIVAN, and filed her Petition for Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed, in the matter of the Estate of BILLY WESS HOWELL, Deceased.
And whereas the 7TH

day of MARCH, 2024, at 11:00 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.
It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do.
This the 22ND day of JANUARY, 2024.
Elizabeth North
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/2/24, 2/9/24 & 2/16/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DONALD EVANS SPARGO JR., DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000072
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1st day of February 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.
JOHN EVANS SPARGO
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/9/24, 2/16/24 & 2/23/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CLOTTEE MAXINE MCKINNEY, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000066
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 31st day of JANUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE SHERRI C FRIDAY, Judge of the Pro-

bate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.
PAIJE FRAZIER
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/9/24, 2/16/24, 2/23/24
Attorney of Record

PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: LEVIS BULLARD BARTON, DECEASED
CASE NO. 24BES000056
On the 25th day of January 2024, came Martha Hosey, and filed her Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of Levis Bullard Barton, Deceased.
And whereas the 21st day of March 2024, at 10:30 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said petition and

the testimony to be submitted in support of same.
It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the WESTERN STAR, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do.
This the 29th day of January 2024.
Elizabeth North
Judge of Probate
Western Star
2/9/2024, 2/19/2024 & 2/23/2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES WILLIAM SPAIN, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000062
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 29th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson

County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.
WILLIAM DOUGLAS SPAIN
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/9/24, 2/16/24 & 2/23/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES PAUL HATCHER, JR., DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000071
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1st day of February 2024. by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson

County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.
BESSIE HALE HATCHER
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/9/2024, 2/16/2024 & 2/23/2024
Attorney of Record

PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: RICHARD CLAYTON TREADAWAY, A/K/A RICHARD C. TREADAWAY, DECEASED
CASE NO. 21BES000316
TO: ELLEN MIMS, KENNETH MIMS, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown
And to any and all interested parties;
On the 5TH day of JANUARY, 2024, came JACKIE TREADAWAY, and filed his Personal Representative Petition for Possession of Real Property, in the matter of the Estate of RICHARD CLAYTON TREADAWAY, A/K/A RICHARD

C. TREADAWAY, Deceased.
And whereas the 6TH day of MARCH, 2024, at 9:00 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.
It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do.
This the 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2024.
James P. Naftel
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/9/24, 2/16/24, AND 2/23/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DANNY MARK SMITH a/k/a DANNY M. SMITH, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000060
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 29th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County,

Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.
CHARLES MANUEL SMITH II
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/9/2024, 2/16/2024 & 2/23/2024
Attorney of Record

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION
ESTATE OF: DAE BARRENTINE SELF, A/K/A DAE B. SELF, DECEASED
CASE NO. 24BES000047
On the 24th day of January, 2024, came PATRICIA JACKSON and filed her petition in writing therewith producing and filing in this Court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of DAE BARRENTINE SELF, A/K/A DAE B. SELF, deceased, and praying for such orders decrees and proceedings as will duly and legally effect the Probate and record of said instrument as such will.
And the 7th day of March, 2024, at 10:30 A.M., having been set as a day for hearing said petition and the proof to be submitted in support

of same and it further appearing that the following next of kin of said deceased are: viz:
ESTATE OF RONALD RUSSELL UNKNOWN HEIRS, ESTATE OF SUE WYNN UNKNOWN HEIRS, Any and All Known and Unknown Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Whereabouts are Unknown
It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in Jefferson County, Al. Notice is hereby given the said named next of kin and all other persons in interest, to be and appear in this Court on said 7th day of March, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.
Done this the 29th day of January, 2024.
Elizabeth North
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/9, 2/16 & 2/23/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIE LEE STEPHENS, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000064
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 30th day of JANUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson

son County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.
LOLITA STEPHENS
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/9/24, 2/16/24 & 2/23/24
Attorney of Record

PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: PATRICIA H. WILEMON, DECEASED
CASE NO. 24BES000070
TO: Thomas Cody Wilemon, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown and to any and all interested parties;
On the 1st day of February 2024, came Patti Wilemon, and filed her Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of Patricia H. Wilemon, Deceased.
And whereas the 2ist day of March 2024, at

11:45 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.
It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the WESTERN STAR, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do.
This the 1st day of February 2024.
Elizabeth North
Judge of Probate
Western Star
2/9/2024, 2/16/2024 & 2/23/2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: OLIVIA WALKER, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000053
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 25th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson

son County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.
KATHALEEN PERKINS
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/9/2024, 2/16/2024 & 2/23/2024
Attorney of Record

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BEVERLY GLOVER REED, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000061
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 29th day of JANUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

KIA REED
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/9/24, 2/16/24 & 2/23/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MELODY HOPE TAYLOR WILSON, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000077
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 2ND day of February 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Pro-

bate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

JUSTIN WILSON
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/9/2024, 2/16/2024 & 2/23/2024
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JACKIE MARRELL DEASON, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000073
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

JACKY N SELLERS
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/9/24, 2/16/24 & 2/23/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARTHA S. BEACHUM, A/K/A MARTHA STAN-SILL BEACHUM, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 23BES000833
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE ELIZABETH NORTH,

Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

JANE B CATHEY
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/9/24, 2/16/24 & 2/23/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: NORMA GRAY FLEMING, A/K/A NORMA SIGMON FLEMING, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000037
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 6TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL,

Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

MICHAEL THOMAS FLEMING
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24
Attorney of Record

PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: BOB JOHN DREW, DECEASED

CASE NO. 2012-045294

To: KEITH DEWING, RICHARD WAYNE DREW, JAMES WALTER DREW PATTI LYNN CARRAWAY, FRANCES DREW NUCKOLS and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 9th day of November 2023 came Marianna C. Nichols the Personal Repre-

sentative for the Estate of Bob John Drew deceased, and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 22nd day of April 2024, at 2:15 P.M., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper. This the 6th day of February 2024.

Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24

PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT

STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION ESTATE OF: JAMES RALPH BEDFORD, a protected person, now deceased.

CASE NO. 19BES000856
To: Barbara Gunner and ANY and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;
On the 14th day of December 2023, came Deborah Lowrey, Conservator for the Estate of James Ralph Bed-

ford, a protected person, now deceased and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 13th day of May 2024, at 1:30 p.m.,

be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

This the 5th day of February 2024.
Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/16/24; 2/23/24 AND 3/1/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARVELEAN BELL, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000084
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 7TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

FRANCES E MARABLE
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LILA S. BERTHON, A/K/A LILA STACEY BERTHON, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000081
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 6TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Pro-

bate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

RENEE ELISE GRIFFIN
STACEY BERTHON
BRUCE BERTHON
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24
Attorney of Record

PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT

STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION ESTATE OF: BECKIE LYNN BONNELL, deceased.

CASE NO. 21BES000437
To: Edward Allen Ellenberg and ANY and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;
On the 14th day of October 2023, came Adam Ellenberg, former Administrator for the Estate of Beckie Lynn Bon-

nell, deceased, and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 13th day of May 2024, at 3:00 p.m.,

be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

This the 7th day of February 2024.
Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARY C. CRAGON, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000065
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 2ND day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

CAROL SIMS
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: KEITH VERNON DEWING a/k/a KEITH DEWING, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 23BES000933
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent,

P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

BETH MCELROY
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/16/2024, 2/23/2024 & 3/1/2024
Attorney of Record

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT

STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: ROBERT LOUIS DILL, SR. DECEASED

CASE NO. 22BES000556

ROBERT LOUIS DILL, SR., DAVID WILLIAM DILL, SHELIA G. SIRLES, DEVAN S. SIRLES, CALEY SIRLES, STEPHANIE ATKINS, MICHAEL SIRLES, MELISSA SANDERS, KRISTINA DAVIS and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take

notice;

On the 17th day of November 2023, came Nancy Elizabeth Rice, the Personal Representative for the Estate of Robert Louise Dill, Sr., deceased, and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 13th day of May 2024, at 2:30 P.M., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

This the 7th day of February 2024.
Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24

PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: TERESA MOORE EDWARDS, DECEASED

CASE NO. 22BES000871

TO: CLAUDETTE MOORE LONG, CLARENCE MOORE, KATHLEEN EDWARDS, PEGGY JEAN JONES, MARY-ANNANN NATHAN, JOHN LEE NATHAN, MACK NATHAN, JR., NATASHA PRUITT, ISABELL COTRELL, MARY SANDERS, MARILYN PAULDING, LINDA PAULDING, ALICIA PAULDING, TANI SHA PAULDING JACKSON, STEVEN DAVIS, CLEOTHIS WILSON, MICHAEL HASBERRY, JACKIE PITTMAN, MILDRED WILSON, ROY WILSON, KINDRED WILSON, LARRY MILLER, CHARLISA WILSON, DEANDRA WILSON, SHALITTA ELLINGTON, MARTARIUS D. WILSON, FERLINDA BRAXTON, MARISSA BOGLIN, ANTHONY WINDSOR, VANESSA SEWELL, CHRISTOPHER WINDSOR, BERNADETTE PAYNE, VELETRIA SHARP, LOUISE LEWIS, FREDDIE BELTON, DOMINIQUE UNDERWOOD JONES, DEBRA TOOLE TOWNSEND, MARVIN MOORE, SHA-

RON MOORE WYATT, WANDA MOORE LEETH, SYLVESTER MOORE, ROBERT MOORE, BRITANY MOORE, TIFFANY GAINES, COURTNEY GAINES RICHARDSON, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown

And to any and all interested parties;

On the 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2024, came CYNTHIA MOORE TAYLOR, and filed her Petition to DETERMINE HEIRS, in the matter of the Estate of TERESA MOORE EDWARDS, Deceased.

And whereas the 11TH day of MARCH, 2024, at 10:45 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.

It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the WESTERN STAR, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

This the 6TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BRUCE MULLE, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000078
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 2ND day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffrey-

son County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

TIMOTHY WAYNE STRICKLAND
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24
Attorney of Record

PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION

ESTATE OF: KENYATTA C. SAMUELS, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2014-046836

To: M.E.D., a minor and K.C.S., a minor and ANY and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 24th day of January 2024, came Hartford First Insurance Company, as surety for Vanessa Shepherd, the former Ad-

ministratrix for the Estate of Kenyatta C. Samuels, deceased and filed their accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 22nd day of April 2024, at 2:30 P.M., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper. This the 5th day of February 2024.

Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CLIFTON SANDERS SR., DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000076

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 2ND day of February 2024, by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of

the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

CLIFTON SANDERS JR
Personal Representative(s)
2/16/2024, 2/23/2024 & 2/29/2024
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: KATIE NIXON SHEFFIELD, DECEASED

CASE NUMBER: 23BES000880

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 8TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jef-

erson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

RAPHAEL HOUSE
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24
Attorney of Record

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PROBATE NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: TERRENCE ALLEN DECEASED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000007

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18th day of January 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

APRIL ALLEN
Personal Representative(s)
The Western Star
February 16, 23 & March 1, 2024
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JEARLDEAN ANNE FORD JONES, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000075

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1st day of February 2024, by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County,

Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

LANCE FORD JONES
MICHAEL RAY JONES
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/16/2024, 2/23/2024
3/1/2024
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DENNIS BURREN FRANKLIN, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000085

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 7th day of February 2024, by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama,

notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

LISA FRANKLIN
NICHOLS LYNN BURREN
FRANKLIN
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/16/2024, 2/23/2024 & 3/1/2024
Attorney of Record

PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: MARION KEITH KING, DECEASED CASE NO. 23BES00842

TO: Tanya M. King Sanner, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown

And to any and all interested parties;
On the 22nd day of January, 2024, came Deborah I. Patterson, and filed her Motion to Order Surrender of Estate Assets, in the matter of the Estate of Marion Keith King, Deceased.

And whereas the 25th

day of March 2024, at 11:00 a.m. has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.

It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do.
This the 9th day of February 2024.
Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/16/24; 2/23/24 AND 3/1/24

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: WILLIE C. RUSSELL, DECEASED CASE NO. 21BES000280

STACY RUSSELL JONES, VICTORIA RUSSELL, AHALIVIA RUSSELL, ALEXUS JOHNSON and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 1st day of December 2023 came Tiffany Russell the Personal

Representative for the Estate of Willie C. Russell, deceased, and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 17th day of April 2024, at 2:00 P.M., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

This the 7th day of February 2024.

James P. Naftel
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S SALE Court Case Number: CV-2022-900306

Sheriff #: 23025876

By virtue of Execution Fieri Facias issued out of the Clerk's Office of the Bessemer Division - Circuit Court (CV) of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against EVETTE CRUMPTON of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said EVETTE CRUMPTON.

I have levied on the following property, to-wit:
LOT 34 SUMMERSET PHASE III 38/71

Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named EVETTE CRUMPTON in and to the above described property, on Monday, the 26th day of February, 2024, during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at steps of the Courthouse Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2024.
Mark Pettway
Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama
Western Star
2/9/24, 2/16/24 AND 2/23/24

SHERIFF'S SALE Court Case Number: CV-2022-900456

Sheriff #: 23025875

By virtue of Execution Fieri Facias issued out of the Clerk's Office of the Bessemer Division-Circuit Court (CV) of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against KIZZY D. WILLIAMS of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said KIZZY D. WILLIAMS.

I have levied on the following property, to-wit:
LOT 429 CHESHIRE

PARC PHASE II - C 46/69
Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named KIZZY D. WILLIAMS in and to the above described property, on Monday, the 26th day of February, 2024, during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at steps of the Courthouse Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2024.
Mark Pettway
Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama
Western Star
2/9/24, 2/16/24 AND 2/23/24

SHERIFF'S SALE Court Case Number: CV-2023-900031

Sheriff #: 23025863

By virtue of Execution Fieri Facias issued out of the Clerk's Office of the Bessemer Division-Circuit Court (CV) of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against JASMINE JOHNSON of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said JASMINE JOHNSON.

I have levied on the following property, to-wit:
UNIT 1710 PATTON CREEK CONDOS PLAT 220/95 PLUS .597% INT IN

THE COMMON ELEMENT

Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named JASMINE JOHNSON in and to the above described property, Monday, the 26th day of February, 2024, during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at steps of the Courthouse Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2024.
Mark Pettway
Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama
Western Star
2/9/24, 2/16/24 AND 2/23/24

SHERIFF'S SALE Court Case Number: CV-2023-900306

Sheriff #: 23027634

By virtue of Execution Fieri Facias issued out of the Clerk's Office of the Bessemer Division-Circuit Court (CV) of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against URIEL MANZO-BARRAGAN, ANA ROSA MANZO AND MARIA I. FARIAS of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said URIEL MANZO-BARRAGAN, ANA ROSA MANZO AND MARIA I. FARIAS.

I have levied on the following property, to-wit:
LOT 459-A GIVIAN-

POUR'S RESUR OF LOTS 543 & 459 LAKE CYRUS 35/19

Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named URIEL MANZO-BARRAGAN, ANA ROSA MANZO AND MARIA I. FARIAS in and to the above described property, on Monday, the 26th day of February, 2024, during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at steps of the Courthouse Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2024.
Mark Pettway
Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama
Western Star
Please run 2/9/24, 2/16/24 AND 2/23/24

PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY BESSEMER DIVISION PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: PETER HERRING, a protected person CASE NO. 19BES000333

To: ANY and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 7th DAY OF December 2023, came Margaret Fenton and William Fenton, Conservators for the Estate of Peter Herring, a pro-

tected person, and filed their accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 13th day of May 2024, at 2:00 p.m., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper. This the 5th day of February 2024.

Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
2/16/24, 2/23/24 & 3/1/24/24

Notice of Divorce

In the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Bessemer Division

Hicks, Kendra Davida, Plaintiff
Vs.
Harris, Bryant Lamar, Defendant
DR-2023-900073.00

Notice of Divorce Action
Harris Bryant Lamar, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Hicks Kendra Davida, Complaint to Divorce and other relief

by March 28, 2024 or thereafter, a judgement by default may be rendered against him/her, in case number DR-2023-900073.00, in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Bessemer Division.

Done this the 30th day of January 2024.
Karen Dunn Burks
Circuit Clerk of Jefferson County Bessemer Division
Western Star
February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Dominguez Design-Build, Contractor, has completed the contract for Construction of the New JROTC Facility for Pleasant Grove High School, for the State of Alabama and the Jefferson County Board of Education, 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 Lathan Associates Architects, P.C., 300 Chase Park South, Suite 200, Hoover, AL 35244.

Dominguez Design-Build, Contractor 4340 Devereux Dr. Pensacola, FL 35204
Western Star
February 9, 16, 23 & March 1, 2024

NOTICE OF CONTENT

Notice Content Civil Action No.: CV-2023-000088 PUBLICATION NOTICE Int the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama

RUBY A. COTTRELL, Plaintiff
Vs.
FRED BETTIS AND HIS HEIRS OR DEVISEES, et al.

TO: Fred Bettis and his heirs or devisees, Nellie Bettis and her heirs or devisees, Ida B Elliott, Lela B Anderson, Leona B Beeley, Edna B Lee, John Bettis, Jesse Bettis and all unknown parties, including any person claiming any present, future, contingent, reversionary, remainder or other interest in the following described property whose whereabouts are unknown, and which cannot be ascertained after due diligence.

Take notice that on the 22nd day of November 2023, the Plaintiff, Ruby A. Cottrell, filed a Complaint For Declaratory Relief And To Quiet Title To Real Property against the Defendants and in Rem in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, against the following real property located in Jefferson County, Alabama, to wit:
Lot 6, Block 20, according to the Survey of Brewer Place, as recorded in Map Book 5, page 130, in the

Probate Office of Jefferson County, Alabama, Bessemer Division

Parcel ID#: 30 00 35 2 005 019.000

Address: 5920 Ivy Street, Bessemer, Alabama 35228

That the Complaint For Declaratory Relief And To Quiet Title To Real Property mentioned above is being filed for the purpose of obtaining an Order from the Court declaring fee simple title to be in the name of Ruby A. Cottrell.

That the Publication of this notice be made in the Western Star once a week for four consecutive weeks, and that all those to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon the above described real estate, or for any part thereof, or any interest therein be, and they are hereby required to plead or answer to the Bill of Complaint in this cause within thirty (30) days from the 5th day of March 2024, or on failure to do so that a judgment by default may be taken against them.

Done this 7th day of February 2024.
Karen Dunn Burks
JAMES L. STEWART
Attorney for Plaintiff
501 19th Street North
Bessemer, AL 35020
Western Star
February 16, 23 & March 1, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

Alabama Department of Transportation
2024-2027
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment No. 4
The Alabama Department of Transportation has submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration an amendment to modify projects with the FY 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program which was approved October 2023.

This amendment is available for review during

normal business hours at the following location:

Alabama Department of Transportation, E-101 1409 Coliseum Boulevard Montgomery, AL 36110
or visit the ALDOT's webpage at https://www.dot.state.al.us
https://cpmsapps.dot.state.al.us/OfficeEngineer/Plan/Statewide

Written public comments will be received for a 21-day period from this publication's notice date.

John R. Cooper Transportation Director
Western Star
February 16, 23 & March 1, 2024

PUBLIC SALE

Notice of Public Sale

Wheeler Wrecker Service, Inc. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 3/9/2024, 10:00 AM at 129 1st Ave W, Alabaster, AL 35007, pursuant to subsection 32-13-3 of the Alabama Statutes, Wheeler Wrecker Service, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

19UUA662X7A036472 2007 Acura TL
2G4WS52J711314625 2001 BUICK CENTURY
1G6KD57Y28U173239 2008 CADILLAC DTS
1G6KD57Y96U128893 2006 CADILLAC DTS
1G1JB6SH9C4146925 2012 CHEVROLET SONIC
1G1ZE5ST9CF351650 2016 CHEVROLET MALIBU
1GGCEC14X15Z152527 2005 CHEVROLET SILVERADO

2C3LA63H86H13546 2006 CHRYSTLER 300
1FAPP36321W335418 2001 FORD FOCUS
1GDM7H1J2RJ501235 1994 GMC TC7H042
1HGCS1B36AA016740 2010 HONDA ACCORD
5FNRL3H74AB045723 2010 HONDA ODYSSEY
KNAFE121575380227 2007 KIA SPECTRA
4F4YR16E61TM19463 2001 MAZDA B4000
JN8AF5MV3CT106455 2012 NISSAN JUKE
4T1BF1FK8FU076780 2015 TOYOTA CAMRY
3VW7F71K36M801069 2006 VOLKSWAGON JETTA
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF BESSEMER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The City of Bessemer seeks bids on "Three (3) Ford Explorers." These specifications are not meant to exclude any manufacturer but to provide a minimum specification to be met or exceeded. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with "BID PROPOSAL FOR (3) 2024 FORD EXPLORER VEHICLES" on the outside of the envelope.

Bid Proposals will be received by Wanda D. Taylor,

City Clerk, 1700 3rd Avenue North, (1st Floor), Bessemer, AL 35020 no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on **Monday, March 4, 2024**. The City will keep late proposals, but not consider for award. The City will not consider for award any bid proposals submitted via facsimile, email, or other forms of electronic transmission.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the City's judgment, the best interests of the City will be promoted. The bid will be

awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

The City of Bessemer's programs, services, employment opportunities, and volunteer positions are open to all persons regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, handicap, or political affiliation.

Wanda D. Taylor
City Clerk
City of Bessemer
205-424-4060 extension 4192
WESTERN STAR
February 23 & March 1, 2024

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO.: 3668 A ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF UNNEEDED MUNICIPAL REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Cox Investments, LLC conveyed certain real property located at 2225 Berkley Avenue Bessemer, AL, to the City of Bessemer on December 20, 2006, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and said property had unpaid property taxes when conveyed, and

WHEREAS, said property was bid in by the State of Alabama on May 22, 2007, for payment of State and County taxes and fees. After the time allowance for redemption had expired, the State sold said property to 2434 Properties, LLC for the sum of Five thousand One Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Seven Cents (\$5,154.07) an amount sufficient to satisfy the claims of the State and County, and

WHEREAS, 2434 Properties, LLC has offered to purchase any interest in the City of Bessemer has in said property for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and

WHEREAS, Section 11-43-56 Code of Alabama provides that the City council shall have the management and control of the finances and all of the property, real and personal, belonging to the city or town, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-47-20 Code of Alabama provides that governing body of any city or town in this state may, by ordinance to be entered on its minutes, direct the disposal of any real property not needed for public or municipal purposes and direct the mayor to make title thereto, and a conveyance made by the mayor in accordance with such ordinance invests the grantee with the title of the municipality, and

WHEREAS, the City

Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama hereby determines that the herein described real property is no longer needed for municipal purposes and desires to authorize the mayor to accept the offer and sell said property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDIANED by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, at a regular meeting duly assembled, with a quorum being present as follows:

That the real property located at 2224 Berkley Avenue Bessemer, Alabama 35020 is no longer needed for any municipal purpose.

That the Mayor, Kenneth E. Gulley, is hereby authorized to execute a quit claim deed conveying said property for the sum set forth herein above.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of February 2024.

Western Star
February 23 & March 1, 2024

REQUEST FOR RESUMES

Advertisement CITY OF BESSEMER Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Bessemer REQUEST FOR RESUMES

The City Council of the City of Bessemer invites qualified electors and taxpayers of the municipality and qualified electors and taxpayers in the area outside of the corporate limits of the municipality where a project may be located to submit resumes to the City Clerk to serve as a member

of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Bessemer for the term beginning on February 26, 2024, and ending on February 25, 2030. The Director so chosen shall be a member of the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce, unless in the judgment of the City Council there are no members who are both suitable and available to serve as directors of the industrial development board.

Resumes will be received by Wanda Taylor, City Clerk,

1700 3rd Avenue North, (1st Floor), Bessemer, AL 35020 no later than 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on **March 6, 2024**. The City will keep late resumes, but they will not be considered for the position. The City Council will not consider any proposals submitted via facsimile, email, or other forms of electronic transmission.

Wanda D. Taylor
City Clerk
City of Bessemer
Western Star
February 23 & March 1, 2024

SOLICITING PROPOSALS

RFP Engineer

The City of Brighton, Alabama, is soliciting proposals from qualified and experienced firms to provide professional storm cleaning services. We are seeking a highly qualified individual with expertise in stormwater management, civil engineering, and compliance with environmental regulations to oversee this crucial aspect of our infrastructure maintenance.

I. Qualifications and Requirements The ideal candidate should possess the following qualifications and meet specific requirements:

- Educational Background:** A Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering is mandatory.

- Professional License:** The candidate should have a minimum of 10 years of practical experience in stormwater management. This includes a proven track record of successfully managing stormwater systems and drainage infrastructure.

- Regulatory Knowledge:** The candidate must demonstrate an in-depth understanding of federal, state, and local environmental regulations related to stormwater management, ensuring full compliance with all applicable laws.

- Technical Proficiency:** The individual must be capable of drafting a comprehensive plan of action for cleaning storm drains, specifying the type of equipment, methods, and materials to be used. The plan should encompass a strategic approach to ensure the efficient maintenance and cleaning of the stormwater systems within the city!

II. Scope of Work

The selected individual will be responsible for the following key tasks:

- Conduct regular inspections of storm drain systems within the city to determine proper Cours of action for cleaning drains

- Develop and implement a proactive cleaning schedule for storm drains.
- Oversee the execution of cleaning operations, including the coordination of equipment, manpower, and materials.
- Ensure compliance with all relevant environmental regulations during storm drain cleaning activities.
- Provide a report on the condition of storm drain systems, and recommendations for improvements.

III. Submission of Proposals

All interested professionals or firms meeting the qualifications and requirements outlined in this RFP are invited to submit their proposals by February 29, 2024.

Proposals should be addressed to:

Mayor Eddie Cooper
City of Brighton
3700 Main Street
Brighton, AL 35020
Email: info@brightonal.org

Tel. 205-425-8934
IV. Evaluation and Selection

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Cityofbrighton@att.net

- Qualifications and experience.
- Knowledge and understanding of relevant regulations.
- \$ Approach to storm drain inspection cleaning.
- Proposed equipment and materials.
- Competitive pricing.

V. Contact Information

For any questions or clarifications regarding this RFP, please contact:

Mayor Eddie Cooper
City of Brighton
3700 Main Street
Brighton, AL 35020!
Email: info@brightonal.org!

Tel. 205-425-8934!

The City of Brighton looks forward to receiving your proposal to provide essential storm cleaning services for our community.

Your expertise in this field will contribute to the efficient management of our stormwater systems, ensuring the safety and environmental sustainability of our city.

Sincerely,
Eddie Cooper, Mayor
City of Brighton
cityofbrighton@att.net
Western Star
February 23, 2024

PROBATE NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES00089

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: EARNEST MELTON DEASON, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said

decedent, having been granted to the Under- signed on the 13TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of

JULIE ANNETTA DEASON
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/23/24
3/1/24
3/8/24
Attorney of Record

the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

TIMOTHY WAYNE STRICKLAND
Personal Representative(s)
2/23/24
3/1/24
3/8/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BARBARA MULLE, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES00919

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said

decedent, having been granted to the Under- signed on the 15TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE ELIZABETH NORTH, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is

hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and pay-

ment prohibited.

WAYNE STRICKLAND
Personal Representative(s)
2/23/24
3/1/24
3/8/24
Attorney of Record

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Office of Business Affairs and Finance
1621 Fifth Avenue, North
Bessemer, AL 35020
Phone: 205.432.3029 Fax: 205.432.3085
Email: pstewart@bessk12.org

BCS-2024-312 Commercial HVAC Duct Cleaning

Bessemer City Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for **Commercial HVAC Duct Cleaning** for all school locations and the Board of Education buildings. All respondents are required to submit **3 (three) copies** of your proposal.

Sealed Bids Will Be Received By The Finance Department Located At Bessemer City Board of Education, 1621 5th Avenue North, Bessemer, AL 35020 Until **Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 4:00 P.M.**

The envelope should be labeled:

BCS-2024-312 Commercial HVAC Duct Cleaning
Bessemer Board of Education
Finance Department
ATTN: Patricia Stewart, CSFO
1621 5th Avenue North
Bessemer, AL 35020

RFP Issued	February 9 th , 2024
Mandatory Site Visit/Q&A 9:00 a.m.	March 7th, 2024
Deadlines for Inquiries	March 8 th , 2024
Proposals Due by 4:00 p.m.	March 12th, 2024
Board Meeting/Bid Opening	March 15 th , 2024
Commencement of Services (projected)	April 1 st , 2024

The bids will be opened and read publicly at the Bessemer Board of Education in the Boardroom during the scheduled **Work Session on March 14, 2024 @ 5:30pm**. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE SEALED BID IS RECEIVED IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT ON/BEFORE MARCH 12TH, 2024. ANY BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE DESIGNATED DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. THE BOARD HAS THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

SOUTHERN STYLES

Special Birthday Celebrated with Family and Friends at Legendary Restaurant



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

Recently, the delightful **Mona Stephens** celebrated a very special birthday.

The fun and exciting celebration was held at the legendary Bright Star Restaurant on February 6.

The event was planned and hosted by family and friends.

As Mona entered the party room, there wait-

ing for her was a beautiful spring, fresh floral arrangement from her dear friend **Regina McQueen**.

Mona's daughter **Melissa Bogardus** brought the delicious birthday cake.

Seen in the crowd was her husband, **Commissioner Jimmie Stephens**, **Jennifer and Bryan Gamble**, **Cathy Pilcher** and **Tommy Hudson**, **Sandra Brown**, **Elizabeth and Harry Hill**, **Sherry Parsons**, **Steve McClinton**, **Liz Elliot**, **Julie Kim**, **Audrey Lindquist**, **Irisa Kahn**, **Kim Bunn**, **Babs and Bob Barrett**, **Tynette and Pat Lynch**, **Dwight Sandlin**, **Theresa Theriot**, **John Prestige**, **Yvonne and Randy Albaugh**, and **Nancy and Ken Deaver**.



Mona Stephens



Mona Stephens and Julie Kim



Bryan Gamble, Mona Stephens and Jennifer Gamble



Julie Kim, Audrey Lindquist, Irisa Kahn and Kim Bunn

Quote of the Week

by Donald J. Howton

I love thee to the depth and breadth and height my soul can reach.

~ Elizabeth Barrett Browning

GOOD AFTERNOON

A chat with Pedro Reyes, owner, The Garden



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

There is always a lot of pine straw at The Garden located at 118 Aviation Road, SE off Morgan Road in Bessemer. Pedro Reyes, owner of The Garden always has 1,000 rolls of South Alabama long needle pine straw for sale at his garden shop. A good, solid, decent man, he is a quiet man who is always thinking. Pedro, a 45-year-old man, moved to Bessemer in 1998. He is comfortable with his work so much so that he simply loves it. He

thinks of The Garden which he opened in 2005 as his own yard. Pedro is certainly committed to providing the best customer service at his garden shop, landscape supply and florist ship.

Did you always want to own a garden shop? Pedro: Yes Sir, ever since I met the late David Baggett in 1998 owner of Creative Home Horticultural Products in 5 Points West. The opportunity to own a garden shop and landscape business was due in large part to David who became my mentor and father figure. In 2005 I was able to purchase the property where The Garden is today located.

Describe a typical day? Pedro: I start deliveries at 5 a.m. and then open the gates at 8 a.m. I make sure all the plants and shrubbery are well watered and in good condition. My clients include landscape

contractors and other professionals. Also, the general public regularly starts shopping with me in March through November.

Tell me about your greenhouse? Pedro: Mr. Baggett built the greenhouse in 2005 and it is constructed of metal, wood and greenhouse plastic. It is the soul of my business. It houses my tropical plants and bedding plants.

Tell me about your family? Pedro: I was born in 1978 in Cancun, Mexico the youngest of five. My parents have been married for over 50 years and still call Cancun home. I try to visit my family at least once a year.

What do you sell at The Garden? Pedro: I sell Alabama grown annuals, perennials and shrubbery. I also sell starter seeds, pine straw, mulch, sand, gravel, river rock, topsoil and sod.

The Garden features Flow-erwood Encore azaleas and bedding plants from Wright's Nursery.

What is your favorite movie? Pedro: I have watched 300 many, many times. It is my favorite.

What is your favorite meal? Pedro: My favorite

meal is turkey and dressing, turnip greens, fired okra, broccoli, cabbage, green beans, cornbread and for dessert coconut pie.

What is the most important thing you have learned about life? Pedro: How important it is to learn from your mistakes.

Do you have a hobby? Pedro: Playing soccer. I have played all of my life and I never get tired of playing.

Do you have a favorite television show? Pedro: I really enjoy watching the television sitcom *Two and a Half Men*.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Student athletes from Helena Middle are in the spotlight this week, as tennis season begins for local schools.



Kinley Bolton

How long have you been playing tennis? 1 year

What is your favorite part about playing tennis? Playing with friends and meeting new people

What qualities do you look for in a friend? Loyal, kind and caring

What is your dream job? nursing

Who is your favorite celebrity role model? Coco Gauff

Bristol Halechko

How long have you been playing tennis? 2 years

What is your favorite book? Any historical book. I like to read a lot of books that tell major parts of the past.

What historical person would you want to meet & why? I would like to meet Anne Frank because I would ask her questions.

What is the most beautiful place you've seen in person? I personally loved Aruba!

What is your dream job? Either an Influencer or a real estate agent



Emmy Sharp

How long have you been playing tennis? 1 year

What is your favorite subject in school? English

What is your favorite book? Vacancy By K.R. Alexzander

If you were a car, what make and model of car would you be? Subaru outback 2021

Favorite quote? "You have people come into your life shockingly and surprisingly. You have losses that you never thought you'd experience. You have rejection and you have to learn how to deal with that and how to get up the next day and go on with it." Taylor Swift



Jacob Young

How long have you been playing tennis? 3 months

Do you play any other sports? Cross country

What is your favorite subject in school? math

What is the most beautiful place you've seen in person? Victory Lake at Berry College

What is your dream job? Civil engineer



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