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Change Making In the Technical Sense

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"I think Tech Change-makers is an awesome program for our youth and it simply needs to be expanded" said Jefferson County 4-H extension agent Bridget Helms-Harris.

This past week students of the Kimbrough Homes residence were educated through the 4-H Program's technical installment.

The 4-H Program partners with various housing authorities throughout Jefferson County to teach its residents useful mechanisms in our ever-growing worlds of professionalism and technology expertise.

This particular session found students learning to digitally build resumes along with performing workplace interview enactments. This plays a big part within our

youth, due to the fact that this upcoming spring will see such students sharing what they've learned with elders within neighboring communities.

Auburn University Program Assistant, Mrs. Paige Naylor told us "This is a national program that's been granted through Verizon. This year it is all about workforce development to train the youth to go out in their communities and be vital as knowledge sharers from what they have learned through the exercises they will partake in here".

Excited and diligent performing such exercises, students also wore self-made professional name tags during this session.

This has been the first year we've had this program extended to our housing authority locations in Jefferson County. It has been such a perfect fit as an oppor-

tunity for many, especially being that one of the housing authority's main platforms is workforce development. So, we look forward to giving the kids tools that will further exemplify how we all help each other despite age groups" 4-H Development Coordinator, Mrs. Izette McNealy told us.

In bridging the digital gap, this program will have its students present what they have learned to elders of their communities due to the realization that one of six working class Americans are unable to use email, web search or other basic online tools. This journey within 4-H looks to change such statistics with great courses and lessons that will benefit us all.

For further information email mneai@aces.edu or call 205-325-5342 or 205-535-0160.

Let us digitize in the right way.



Harrison Museum of George Washington

Harrison Museum of George Washington to be Relocated to American Village

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
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The American Village in Montevallo is extremely excited to announce the historic Karl C. Harrison Museum of George Washington is coming to the American Village.

The museum's collection will be housed in the East Wing of Independence Hall.

The historic collection is an extraordinary collection of George Washington memorabilia.

President and CEO of The American Village Col. Alan Miller stated, "We are pleased to have this collection coming to The Amer-

ican Village campus and it will expand our opportunities to allow students and citizens to engage in the study and appreciation of America's founding history."

The Harrison Museum was founded in 1982 in Columbia by Karl C. Harrison a local Columbiana banker and philanthropist.

The collection is one of the largest collections of George and Martha Washington artifacts and memorabilia outside of Mount Vernon.

The significance of the collection is highlighted with the art and artifacts of the Colonial Period. The collection also features Washington family heir-

looms through 1865.

Among the items are paintings, letters, furniture, porcelain, glassware, silver, jewelry, bust and tools. On view will be Martha Washington's prayer book from 1783; George Washington's survey writing instruments, tools and case; an original 1787 Samuel Vaughn sketch of Mt. Vernon grounds; and an original tintype depicting General Robert E. Lee in his uniform for the last time.

The oldest item in the collection is the handwritten will of Colonel Daniel Parke dated 1710.

The American Village celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.



Vacancy on Bessemer Industrial Development Board

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
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The vacancy on the Bessemer Industrial Development Board is due to a member retiring and does not want to be reappointed.

Therefore, a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors of the Bessemer

Industrial Development Board.

At the February 6 meeting of the Bessemer City Council, the Council approved a motion made by Councilor Chester Porter to authorize the publication of notice to solicit resumes from qualified individuals interested in serving on the board.

An advertisement will appear in *The Western Star* and *The Birmingham Times* for a period of two (2) weeks giving public notice to the citizenry concerning the vacancy.

The time to submit resumes will expire on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 5 p.m.

A Workshop That Works for the Community

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
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Throughout the month of February, Jefferson County has seen many eventful functions and contributions to the community. Within such, the city of Bessemer was gifted with a substantial amount of knowledge from its very own, the Bessemer Public Library. Several workshops were conducted for the benefits of the city's business owners and future entrepreneurs. We had the opportunity to visit a workshop and in doing so, had to opportunity to speak with Bessemer's Library Director, Omar Chapman and Create Birmingham Community Engagement Manager, Viola Ratcliffe.

Mr. Chapman told us, "These particular workshops brought out the entrepreneurs in the working class. With all due respect to Ms. Ratcliffe, and Create Birmingham for curating this program, they've

made available valuable resources to our citizens who've sought such information as business people within our city."

We asked Ms. Ratcliffe why did Create Birmingham want to share their platforms within the Bessemer community and she told us, "This collaboration has been great. Our Co-Starters program is something we've curated in Bessemer since Fall 2022, and it's a program that runs for ten weeks and brings together creative entrepreneurs and non-profit leaders which throughout the program run, they learn skills

and tools that help them start or strengthen and scale their businesses. We partner with several Library locations throughout the state, and we see the potential future growth of a great city like Bessemer and want its citizens to have the best opportunity with the information we have to share."

Several of the programs garnered impressive crowds Mr. Chapman told us, as the library is looking forward to inform Bessemer citizens of all the necessities it can afford library visitors and city residents.

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Hueytown Chamber Awards Celebration March 15

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
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Get your tickets now



for the Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Celebration on Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

The Hueytown Chamber will recognize their 2023 Local Stars at the event.

The event will be held at Venue 3131 in Hueytown with social hour starting at 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.

Chamber Executive Director Debbie Kiker stated, "The Awards Celebration is an opportunity for the Chamber to celebrate and recognize

the successes of our local businesses and community leaders. We are proud to recognize their achievements."

They will be rolling out the red carpet for the 2023 winners of the following categories: Citizen of the Year; Educator of the Year; Business of the Year; Small Business of the Year; Not for Profit of the Year and a several special awards.

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NEWS



Unveiling the Enhanced Rock Quarry Landing Boat Dock in Tuscaloosa: A Gateway to Lake Tuscaloosa

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

On Friday, February 9, the City of Tuscaloosa celebrated a significant milestone with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Rock Quarry Landing Boat Dock. Attended by Mayor Walt Maddox, Councilor Norman Crow, and Lakes Manager James LaFoy, the event marked the culmination of the Elevate Tuscaloosa project that commenced construction in the Spring of 2023 and concluded in January 2024.

Lake Tuscaloosa, a vital asset for the city, has played a crucial role in fostering growth, attracting prestigious entities like the University of Alabama and world-renowned companies such as Mercedes-Benz. Mayor Walt Maddox acknowledged the lake's instrumental role, stating, "We've been very fortunate as a City to have

this amazing asset, and it took a lot of vision to make that happen."

The enhancements made to the Rock Quarry Landing Boat Dock are geared towards providing the community with easier access to the lake, ensuring a safer and more enjoyable experience for boaters. The addition of aluminum boat docks and safety improvements reflects the city's commitment to continually improve recreational facilities for its residents.

During the ceremony, Councilor Norman Crow expressed optimism for the future, emphasizing the city's commitment to expanding opportunities for its residents. "The future is bright," Crow stated, "We will keep expanding opportunities so we can keep seeing more people enjoying the lake."

James LaFoy, the Lakes Manager, highlighted the significance of Rock Quar-

ry as a gateway for those who do not reside by the lake. "Rock Quarry is a gateway for people who don't live by the lake to use the lake," said LaFoy. "It's amazing to me how far we've come."

The completion of the Rock Quarry Landing Boat Dock project is a testament to the city's dedication to improving its recreational infrastructure. The community is invited to explore the newly renovated dock and enjoy the improved amenities designed to enhance the overall lake experience.

For more information about the Elevate Tuscaloosa project and its various initiatives, visit elevate-tuscaloosa.com. The city looks forward to a future where residents and visitors alike continue to benefit from the beauty and recreational opportunities offered by Lake Tuscaloosa.

ALDOT's Regional Traffic Management Center improves travel

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Twenty-one high-definition monitors line the wall inside the newly built Smart Communities and Innovation Building (SCIB) on the University of Alabama campus.

The Alabama Department of Transportation's West Central Region partnered with the University of Alabama in 2017 to create a Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) to monitor and manage traffic. The RTMC also actively manages traffic signals to fit varying conditions throughout the region.

The RTMC acts as the main information hub for local organizations whose goal is to watch for crashes, construction or anything that could potentially delay traffic. Operators staff the center 24/7, gathering data from cameras, wireless devices and other roadway monitoring tools to improve traffic flow. That data is then disseminated over ALGOtraffic.com, roadway signs and social media while operators coordinate with entities, such as 911 centers, local responders

and Emergency Management Agencies.

The RTMC is designed to handle major events, such as football traffic and concerts, and equipped to manage weather operations with 244 cameras throughout the region. The RTMC also has 192 of those cameras within ALGO and controls 11 message boards.

A study by Florida International University found that RTMCs reduced fatalities by 10 percent, decreased crashes by 2.8 percent and improved travel time.

ALDOT has upgraded 229 traffic signal control-

lers throughout the region with new equipment and timing schedules. This resulted in improved travel times and intersection efficiency.

"The Regional Traffic Management Center is essentially the nervous system of our roadways," said Wallace McAdory, West Central Region Engineer.

"We can coordinate with emergency services and move traffic more efficiently. This wouldn't be possible without the extraordinary level of cooperation and relationships we have made with local governments."



Unleash the Fun at the 2024 Hoover Met Complex Summer Sports Camps!

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Summer is right around the corner, and what better way to ensure your child has an unforgettable experience than by enrolling them in the 2024 Hoover Met Complex Summer Sports Camps! With an exciting lineup of activities, skilled instructors, and an emphasis on fun, this summer promises to be like no other.

The 2024 Summer Sports Camp runs from May 28 to July 12 and caters to campers aged 6-12. Whether your child is a budding basketball star, a soccer enthusiast, or a future tennis pro, our diverse range of sports camps has something for everyone. The Hoover Met Complex is the ultimate destination for an action-packed summer!

Campers can expect to engage in a variety of sports, including basketball, flag football, soccer, golf, tennis, volleyball, and more. Our experienced counselors are dedicated to providing skill instruction, instilling sportsmanship values, fostering teamwork, and nurturing creativity in every child.

Apart from the sports-focused activities, the camp also offers a blend of arts and crafts, recreational games, and the chance to conquer the Hoover Heights Climbing Center. With a focus on holistic development, we ensure that every camper has the opportunity to explore and enhance their

skills in a supportive and encouraging environment.

One of the highlights of the 2024 Summer Sports Camp is the refreshing water play at our Splash Pad. As temperatures rise, campers can beat the heat and enjoy some aquatic fun, adding an extra layer of excitement to their summer experience.

At the Hoover Met Complex, we understand the importance of balancing skill development with non-stop fun. Our dedicated counselors work tirelessly to create an atmosphere where laughter, camaraderie, and enjoyment are at the forefront. We believe that a positive camp experience goes beyond sports, and our goal is to ensure that every child leaves

with lasting memories and newfound friendships.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity for your child to thrive and have a blast this summer! Secure your child's spot by registering now. Simply click the button below to access more information and embark on a journey of sports, fun, and personal growth at the 2024 Hoover Met Complex Summer Sports Camps!

This summer, let the Hoover Met Complex be the backdrop for your child's adventure, filled with sports, laughter, and memories that will last a lifetime. Join us in making the 2024 Summer Sports Camp an experience your child will cherish forever!

Workshop

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The workshop held multiple classes with topics such as Steps to Running Your Business In Alabama, Make More Money & Social Media Marketing which tackled ideas and concepts that birth profitable business tactics, social media rebooting and learning the natural ways of being a great CEO and leader.

Mr. Chapman told us, "Here in Bessemer we have many business minded individuals whom of which just need the necessary

knowledge to be valuable to our community as entrepreneurs and business owners. This partnership with Create Birmingham can and will show results once they visit these workshops which will be great for not only the library but the city as well."

Ms. Ratcliffe shared how inspiring the workshops have been and what she's witnessed through her observation, "We're very excited about what we've seen and have been glad to see exactly what these

workshops have done for others."

This coming spring will see Create Birmingham and Bessemer Public Library collaborating from April 8th- June 17th from 9:30AM to 12:30 Noon.

We thank Bessemer Public Library and Create Birmingham for bringing brighter ideas and resources to us as we strive to broaden the horizons of the Bessemer skyline.

For further information visit www.bessemerlibrary.com

City's Arbor Day Celebration

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

It's one of the City's most beloved events and this year's 25th Annual city-wide Arbor Day Celebration will be held Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 from 9 am to 1 pm at Aldridge Gardens, 3530 Lorna Rd, Hoover, AL 35216.

The celebration includes various events including the ever-popular tree give away, the recognition of this year's 4th Grade Arbor Day Essay and Poster Contest winners, the unveiling of a new sculpture, the introduction of a new Aromi garden along with vendors and a food truck.

The trees that will be given away this year include the following species: Blackgum, Baldcy-

press, Vitex, Sweet Bay Magnolia, Dawn Redwood, American Fringetree, Eastern Mayhaw, Willow Oak, Southern Red Oak, Sioux Crapemyrtle and Catawba Crapemyrtle.

The sculpture that will be unveiled is by sculptor Nelson Grice, a retired Hoover City Schools art teacher who went into private practice to pursue his dream of sculpting. The 9-foot tall bronze piece weighs 700 pounds. When asked to describe his work, Grice said, "She is a traveling daydream. Silly seeks to dispel fear and anxiety from all who see her. Her features are a gallimaufry of whimsical eye candy that allow the viewer the experience of childhood

imaginations."

This year, a new Aromi garden was built on the Aldridge grounds that attendees will get to enjoy. The garden contains a unique, native Azalea flower. Aromis are a deciduous, hybrid azalea bred by the late Dr. Gene Aromi of Mobile, Alabama.

Also, for the 25th year, Hoover will be recognized as a "Tree City" in the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program. There will be nearly 20 vendors in attendance at the Arbor Day event including: Birmingham Bonsai Society, Alabama Wildlife Center, Aldridge Birdwatching Group, Jefferson County Master Gardeners and Alabama 4H.

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Hoover Chamber Celebrates Successful 2024 State of the City Membership Luncheon and Welcomes New Board Leadership

SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN STAR

The Hoover Chamber Community recently gathered for the highly anticipated 2024 State of the City Membership Luncheon, an event that not only met but exceeded expectations. Mayor Frank Brocato took center stage, providing insights and updates on the city's progress. The luncheon, made possible by the dedicated efforts of the Hoover Chamber staff, turned out to be a resounding success, setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

Chamber staff, whose hard work and dedication played a significant role in making the event truly remarkable. Their efforts ensured that the luncheon not only met the high standards of the Hoover community but surpassed them, leaving attendees excited about the city's future prospects.

One of the highlights of the luncheon was the introduction of Rohen Porbanderwala as the 2024 Board Chair. Porbanderwala, representing Lake Crest Chevron, steps into this pivotal role with enthusiasm and a commitment to furthering the Chamber's mission. The newly appointed Executive Board, alongside dedicated board members, promises to lead the Chamber with passion and innovation throughout the year.

The 2024 Executive Board includes:

- Chair: Rohen Porbanderwala - Lake Crest Chevron
- First Vice Chair: Kimberly Jackson - Alabama Power
- Second Vice Chair: Tyler Lipe - Regions
- Vice Chair of Administration: Kim Starling - Ascension St. Vincent's
- Vice Chair of Finance: Keith Barfield - BMSS Advisors & CPA's

Board of Directors are esteemed individuals from various sectors, each bringing unique perspectives and expertise to the table:

- Doug Ayers, PhD - UAB Collat School of Business
- Shannon Driver - Gagliano Mortgage
- Vivian Mora - State Farm Insurance, Mora Agency
- Lynn Ray - Business Telephones, Inc. BTI
- James Robinson - Retired Executive
- Reggie Torbor - Pylon Building Company
- Tyler Williams - Blue-Cross BlueShield of Alabama

Office members who will provide valuable guidance and support include:

- April Hare DeLuca - Past Immediate Chair - Magic City Law
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- Greg Knighton - City of Hoover Liaison - City of Hoover Office of Economic Development
- Derrick Murphy - Hoover City Council Liaison Chair - Hoover City Council Member

group of individuals at the helm, the Hoover Chamber looks forward to advancing its mission of promoting economic growth and community development in the City of Hoover.

As the year unfolds, the Hoover Chamber Community anticipates exciting developments and collaborative initiatives that will further enhance the city's vibrancy and prosperity. With Mayor Frank Brocato's vision, the commitment of the Chamber staff, and the collective expertise of the newly appointed leadership, the City of Hoover is well-positioned for a successful and thriving 2024.

LONESOME DAY RECORDS Releases "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man" Featuring Bo Bice

SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN STAR

Lonesome Day Records releases a gritty, Rocking Bluegrass version of "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man" featuring American Idol star Bo Bice today. It's the first radio single from the upcoming all-star Bluegrass tribute to Bob Seger, SILVER BULLET BLUEGRASS, due out this summer. Programmers can access the track now via AirPlay Direct, CDX and PlayMPE. Fans can stream "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man" now.

Luberecki (Banjo), Mike Bub (Bass) and Wayne Bridge (Dobro). Background vocals were handled by Gary Nichols and Cindy Walker.

"I asked Gary to recommend an artist for this song," Deaton recalls. "He and Bo had played the bar scene together in Muscle Shoals and Gary had nothing but good things to say about him." Nichols recalls, "I was always a fan of Bo's. His devotion to 'selling a song' as a vocalist is unmatched. I knew he would be perfect." Nichols adds, "And he delivered big

time."

Seeger released "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man" in 1968 and the song would become the first of his many hits. For Bice to interpret this classic was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. "As soon as Gary mentioned this project to me, I knew I was on board," Bo recalls. "Seeger had an influence on my vocal and performance style for sure. As entertainers we take pieces from our favorite artists and meld them into our stage persona. I'd be proud to think there's a little bit of Seeger in me."



Just a Thot

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People love surprises. It is great to receive gifts on such celebratory occasions as your birthday or Christmas. But gifts on those days are usually expected. People experience a greater joy when someone gives them an unexpected gift or recognizes someone in a special way on just an usual day. The gift has a special significance because it is not merited by the occasion or anything a person has done. Such a gift is simply a gesture of love or appreciation. It may be as simple as a lunch invitation.

God did something for us we did not deserve as a demonstration of His love. In Romans 5:8 (HCSB), the Bible teaches us that "God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!" Wow! What a demonstration of God's love for each of us!!! He showed His love for us in giving His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. Sin is not a popular word. Neither is it a pleasant or attractive word. Sin places us in bondage. We are helpless to do anything about our sin nature. We deserve separation from a Holy God. But God loves us anyway. Isn't it great and marvelous that a Perfect and Holy God loves us who are so imperfect?!! His love

is marvelous in that it sustains us in the power of the Holy Spirit regardless of how bad the circumstances in life may become.

God proved His love by giving up His only Son to die for us. This is amazing as well as marvelous! We would expect God to save righteous and good people, but it catches us completely off-guard when it is stated that He saves sinners such as you and I. Such is the unbelievable love of God.

Notice how God proved His love for us.

God had to send His Son out of the spiritual and eternal world into the physical and corruptible world.

God had to humiliate His Son by stripping Him of His eternal glory and insisting that He become clothed with corruptible flesh and die as a man.

God had to watch His Son walk through life being rejected, denied, cursed, abused, arrested, tortured, and murdered. God had to sit back and watch His Son suffer being murdered by the hands of men. God had to sit back when He knew He could reach out and deliver His only Son.

God had to destine His Son to die upon the cross for the sins of men.

God had to lay all the sins of the world upon His Son and let Him bear them all.

God had to judge His Son as the sinner and condemn Him to death for sin.

God had to turn His back upon Christ in death.

God had to cast His wrath against sin upon Christ.

God has to bear the pain of His Son's sufferings eternally, for He is eternal and the death of His Son is ever before His face.

"For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will never perish, but have everlasting life."

Yes, God proved His love for you and for me. He gave up His Son to die for you and for me!!!

Today, the greatest decision you will ever make in your life time is to give your heart and life to Jesus and follow Him the rest of your life. You can do that today! Yes, today! Jesus gave His best for us. The least that we should give Him is our best.

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Probate Notices

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JEANLEON 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

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

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

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 protected per-

son, and filed ther 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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000089
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 Undersigned on the 13TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffer-

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.

JULIE ANNETTA DEASON
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
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: 23BES000919
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned 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 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: ROBERT LEE BLAIR, JR., DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000099
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 20TH 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.

LINDA BLAIR
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24, 3/8/24 & 3/15/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000104
ROYCE O'DEAN FIELDS, DECEASED
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffer-

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.

JOHN BRYAN FIELDS
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24
3/8/24
3/15/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000057
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CAROL QUINN, A/K/A CAROL LYNN CRIBBS QUINN, DECEASED
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 26TH 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.

LORI BELCHER
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24, 3/8/24 & 3/15/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000106
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ELIZABETH ANN ROSSER, DECEASED
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate

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.

W JEFFREY HONEA SR
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24
3/8/24
3/15/24
Attorney of Record

PUBLICATION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION
STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 24BES0074
ESTATE OF: MARK ANTHONY MUSSO, DECEASED
TO: The Heirs and Creditors and To Whom It May Concern
And to any and all interested parties;
On the 1st day of February, 2024, came Lana Rose Musso Woolweaver, as beneficiary of Mark Anthony Musso, Deceased, having expired on 9th day of January 2024 a resident of Jefferson County, Alabama, and filed her Petition for Summary Distribution in this matter as provided in

the "Alabama Small Estates Act".

And whereas the 11th day of April 2024, at 10:15 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 one time publication for one week 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 February 2024.

Judge is Elizabeth North
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
March 1, 2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOSEPH DENNIS HANKS, DECEASED
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Ala-

bama, 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.

IVEY H LITTLE
J RYAN HANKS
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24
3/8/24
3/15/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000105
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARILYN RAMONA NEAL PITESA, A/K/A RAMONA NEAL PITESA, DECEASED
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Ala-

bama, 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.

CATHERINE PITESA
ARMSTRONG
JOHN WILLIAM PITESA
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24
3/8/24
3/15/24
Attorney of Record

PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION
STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY
CASE NO. 24BES000091
NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL
ESTATE OF: BARBARA REYNOLDS LOVELL, DECEASED
On the 12th day of February, 2024, came TERRY REYNOLDS LOVELL and filed his petition in writing therewith producing and filing in this Court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of BARBARA REYNOLDS LOVELL, 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 21st day of March, 2024, at 10:45 A.M., having been set as a day for hear-

ing 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: THOMAS BRENT LOVELL, 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 Co., 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 21st day of March, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

Done this the 20th day of February, 2024.
Elizabeth North
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
PUB: 3/1, 3/8 and 3/15/24

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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.

TEL, 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 Representative 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: 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, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 27th day of December 2023, 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.

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 No-

vember 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

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

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 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.

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 Administratrix 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

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 MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: TERENCE 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. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffer-

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.

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

PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

ESTATE OF: MARION KEITH KING, DECEASED
CASE NO. 23BES000842

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SANDRA KAY VASSAR, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000087

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 Jeffer-

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.

ELIZABETH W. MCELROY
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: REGINALD JAMES MCGARY, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000063

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 Jeffer-

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.

MARIA MCGARY
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/16/24; 2/23/24 AND 3/1/24
 Attorney of Record

ALABAMA LEGAL JOURNAL

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

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

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 Substantial Amendment to FY23 Action Plan

The City of Bessemer proposes a Substantial Amendment to its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY20-24 Consolidated Plan and FY19, FY20, FY21 and FY22 Annual Action Plans in accordance with federal regulations found at 24 CFR 91.105 and the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The purpose of the amendment is to reprogram funds to Emergency Housing Grants and Public Facilities/Improvement activities. The City proposes to reprogram grant funds of approximately \$200,565.24.

To the Emergency Housing Grant Program.

FY19 - Reprogram grant funds of \$27,372.50.

FY20 - Reprogram grant funds of \$111,446.47.

FY21 - Eliminate the

Down Payment Assistance and the Lead Paint line items and reprogram \$16,529.27.

FY22 - Eliminate the Lead Paint line item and reprogram \$15,538.

Public Facilities and Improvements

FY22 - Eliminate the \$29,679 Planning line item and reprogram \$29,679 to the Public Facilities/Improvements line item.

The total reprogrammed grant funds for Emergency Housing Grants will be \$170,886.24. The total reprogrammed for Public Facilities/Improvements activities will be \$29,679

Written or verbal comments on the proposed amendment will be accepted beginning on Friday March 1, 2024 and lasting until 3 p.m. on April 2, 2024. Comments on the proposed amendment may be mailed to

the City of Bessemer Economic and Community Development Department, 1700 Third Avenue North, or emailed to Mr. Toraine Norris, Economic and Community Development Director, at tnorris@bessemeral.org. Oral comments will be accepted by contacting the Department at 205-424-4060 during normal City Hall business hours.

A public meeting on the substantial amendment will be held on March 21, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at Bessemer City Hall, 1700 Third Avenue North. Persons needing special assistance (such as translated materials) or a reasonable accommodation to provide comment during the hearing are asked to contact the Community Development Department at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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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 allowed 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 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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PUBLICATION ON ADOPTION (UNKNOWN FATHER, KNOWN MOTHER UNKNOWN LOCATION) IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL. CASE NO. 23BES000790 IN THE MATTER OF: ADOPTION OF: M.T.H., A MINOR NOTICE TO THE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED PAR- ENT OF: M.T.H

WHOSE ADDRESS IS ALSO UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

You will take notice that a Petition for the

Adoption of M.T.H., (born to A.H., Natural Mother), was filed on the 19th day of October, 2023, alleging that the identity of the natural parent of said minor child is unknown or has not been disclosed to the Court, and whose relationship of said unknown or undisclosed natural parent to the aforesaid minor child is that of NATURAL FATHER. Minor Child's birth date is 2/26/2021.

Also, the whereabouts of A. H., whose relationship to the aforesaid Minor Child is that of natural mother are unknown to the petitioner.

Please be advised that should you intend

to contest this adoption, you must file a written response with thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with Stephen H. Jones, Esq., whose name and address is shown below, and) with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Courthouse, Bessemer, AL 35020.

DONE this the 22nd day of February 2024.

ELIZABETH NORTH
JUDGE OF PROBATE
STEPHEN H. JONES
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1714 4TH AVENUE
NORTH

BESSEMER, ALA-
BAMA 35020
Western Star
March 1, 8, 15 & 22,
2024

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice of Sale:

In accordance with Section 32-13-1, Code of Alabama 1975, notice is hereby given to the owners, lien holders and other interested parties that the following described abandoned vehicle will be sold at public auction for cash to the highest bidder on 05/08/2024 at 12pm. Location Copart Auto Auctions 3101 Davey Allison Blvd Hueytown, AL 35023.

1LNHM97V32Y651670 2022 LINC CONTINENT TAN
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3N1AB7AP2FY298054 2015 NISS SENTRA WHITE
1N4BA41E17C858678 2007 NIS-

SAN MAXIMA WHITE
1B3HB78K47D324777 2007
DODGE CALIBER ORANGE
KMHT4AEXEU733027 2014
HYUN ACCENT SILVER
2GCEC19T8Y1343400 2000 CHEV SILVERADO WHITE
5N1BA0ND7FN620160 2015 NISS ARMADA GREEN
1G4HP52K244137848 2004 BUICK LESABRE WHITE
2G4WS52M4X1473556 1999 BUICK CENTURY
1G8JU54F03Y528187 2003 STRN L200 WHITE
1N4AL3AP9DN539773 2013 NISS ALTIMA BLACK
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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@besskl2.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 7 th , 2024
Deadlines for Inquiries	March 8 th , 2024
Proposals Due by 4:00 p.m.	March 12 th , 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.

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PROBATE NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000103
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: THOMAS Z STRINGFELLOW, DECEASED
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21st 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.
THOMAS DALE STRINGFELLOW
 Personal Representative(s)
 WESTERN STAR
 03/01/2024
 03/08/2024
 03/15/2024
 Attorney of Record

INVITATION FOR BIDS

INVITATION FOR BIDS GUARDRAIL COMPONENTS BID ANNOUNCEMENT ITB # 8-24
 Sealed bids will be accepted by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) on March 25, 2024, for proposed Guardrail Components. Bids will be opened on March 26, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. CDT, in Room 830 of the Jefferson County Courthouse. Any "Reasonable Accommodations" can be provided upon request. Interested

parties may retrieve a copy of the bid package at Jefferson County Purchasing: 716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N., Suite 830, Birmingham, AL 35203 or download at <https://paca.jccal.org>.
 A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on March 18, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. CDT, virtually through MICROSOFT TEAMS. All questions must be written and faxed to the attention of Ericka Andrew at (205) 214-4034 or emailed to procurementservices@jccal.org.
 Western Star
 March 1, 8 & 15, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PREQUALIFICATION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AND FOR BIDS FROM BIDDERS THAT ARE PREQUALIFIED
Prequalification Proposals from General Contractors shall be submitted and will be received on behalf of the Owner by Robins & Morton; submit electronically Attn: William Byrd at williamb@robinsmorton.com or delivery to 400 Shades Creek Pkwy. Birmingham, AL 35209; UNTIL 5:00PM LOCAL TIME; ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2024, for:
RENOVATIONS AT THE C.A. FREDD CAMPUS (BUILDINGS 100-700)
SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

Sloped Metal Roof
 3 – Mechanical: Plumbing and HVAC
 4 – Electrical: Site Electrical and Lighting, Building Power & Lighting, Low Voltage
 A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Shelton State Community College 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 statutory Labor and Material Payment Bonds, insurance in compliance with requirements, and verification of E-Verify enrollment (also with Proposals), will be required at the signing of the Contract.
 Drawings and Specifications will be distributed free of charge electronically through Robins & Morton's Building Connected Platform. Plans may be examined at the Office of Robins & Morton.
 Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the Provision of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, and must show such evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by Architect or Owner; The bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered; Bidder must also include their current license number on the Proposal Form. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of SIXTY (60) days.
PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at 3401 Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401; at 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024, to review the project and answer Bidder's questions. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference IS NOT REQUIRED but highly recommended FOR ALL GENERAL CONTRACTOR BIDDERS (and any subcontractors) intending to submit a proposal.
 This project is being bid **EXCLUDING TAXES** and requires the Contractor to comply with the requirements of Act 2013-205, which was signed into law on May 9, 2013. The Contractor and the Owner will be required to apply for Certificates of Exemption with the Alabama Department of Revenue which will handle administration of the Certificates. The Contractor shall account for the tax savings on the Proposal Form.
 Additional qualifications and requirements for General Contractor Bidders and separate Subcontractors and Manufacturers are indicated in the Bid and Contract Documents.
SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Dr. Jonathan Koh, President
 Construction Manager:
 Robins & Morton
 400 Shades Creek Pkwy.
 Birmingham, AL 35209
 Phone: (205) 870-1000
 Western Star
 March 1, 2024

CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR
State of Alabama Jefferson County Probate Court
Case No. 24bes00107
In the matter of the change of name of: JVP, a minor
NOTICE TO: KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN
 On the 22nd day of FEBRUARY 2024, came Jalen Marquise Kelley, Mother and Petitioner for the Change of Name for J.V.P., A Minor
 And whereas the 11th day of APRIL 2024, at 9:30 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 four consecutive 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. Please note that an answer may be filed within 30 days from the date of this last publication notice.
 Given under my hand, this, the 23rd day of FEBRUARY 2024,
 Elizabeth North
 GE OF PROBATE
 Western Star
 03/1/2024, 03/08/2024,
 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024

INVITATION FOR BIDS READY-MIX CONCRETE BID ANNOUNCEMENT ITB # 5-24
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 Western Star
 March 1, 8 & 15, 2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000090
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIE LONG JR, DECEASED
 LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12TH 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.
BRENDA LONG
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
March 1, 8 & 15, 2024
 Attorney of Record

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FY 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROPOSED ACTION PLAN CITY OF BESSEMER
 As set forth in 24 CFR Part 91, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires jurisdictions to

incorporate their planning and application requirements into one five-year document called the Consolidated Plan. In turn, an Annual Action Plan must then be prepared for each year of the Consolidated Plan. The following constitutes the City of Bessemer's FY24 Action Plan for the

use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Consolidated Plan period of 2020-2024. The projected use of funds has been developed to give maximum priority to activities that will primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, or aid in the

prevention/elimination of slum and blight conditions. The projected use of funds is consistent with the City's established strategy of stabilizing the community and reversing negative trends associated with urban decay and blight.

2024 CDBG Action Plan Budget

PROJECTED GRANT FY24 Funding*		\$625,648
PROJECTED Program Income (from RLFs) **		\$98,071
Total FY24 REVENUES		\$723,719
Budgeted Items		
Administration & Planning		\$144,744
HOUSING Delivery Costs		\$70,518
Public Services		\$60,000
Public Facilities/improvements		\$175,000
Senior and Disabled Housing Grants		\$160,000
Historic District Façade grants		\$35,000
Revolving Loan Funds (Economic development and housing)		\$78,457
Total Proposed activity expenditures		\$723,719

The city of Bessemer anticipates submitting a "Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds" to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at least 60 days after grant allocations are announced by HUD.
CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD
 The City of Bessemer, Economic and Community Development Department will receive public comments on the above proposed Action Plan for 30 days beginning on Friday, March 1, 2024 and ending on

Tuesday, April, 2, 2024 at noon.
 Copies of the proposed Action Plan will be available in the Economic and Community Development Department on the Second Floor of Bessemer City Hall during normal working days. The plan will be available online at bessemeral.org on the Community Development Department page.
 Comments may be made orally by contacting the department at 205-424-4060. Written comments may be mailed to the City of Bessemer, Economic and

Community Development Department, 1700 Third Avenue North, Bessemer, AL 35020 or emailed to Mr. Toraine Norris, Economic and Community Department Director, at tnorris@bessemeral.org.
 *HUD has not released the City's 2024 CDBG Allocation, therefore allocation amounts are based on the City's 2023 grant allocation. All proposed activity budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts once received. Priority of

any additional funds will be dedicated to Public Facilities/Improvements and Housing grants.
 **Program income is comprised of loan receipts from past Housing Revolving Loan Funds and Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds. Such repaid funds, once received, can be directed towards eligible CDBG activities, including 20% for program administration costs and 15% of prior year funds towards eligible public service activities.
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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

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SOUTHERN STYLES

Pisgah National Forest Three-Day Hike Memorable Adventure



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

Robby Hallmark will long remember his three-days, two-nights hiking adventure in western North Carolina on February 17-20.

Joining his sons, **Colby Hallmark** and **Tanner Hallmark** and their friend **Landon Castleberry**, they travelled to Pisgah National Forest in North Caroli-

na. Over 500,000 acres, the hardwood forest is a land of rivers, waterfalls and hundreds of miles of hiking trails.

The first school of forestry in the United States was opened at Pisgah National Forest.

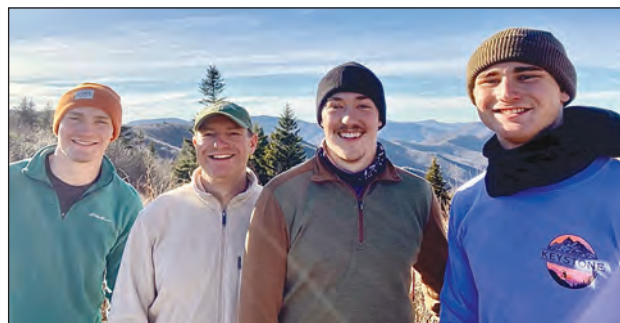
Ideal camping and hiking awaits the visitor.

The 30-mile hike was very challenging over 7,000 ft. of elevation gain.

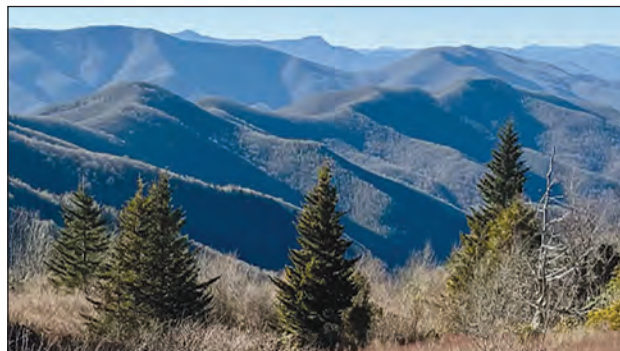
The boys slept in tents with temperatures around 17 degrees at night.

Their food was stored in a bear proof canister.

I guess it is true, each day should be rewarding.



Colby Hallmark, Robby Hallmark, Landon Castleberry and Tanner Hallmark



Pisgah National Forest

Eagle Scout
Congratulations to **Kane Hollifield** of Vestavia Hills on earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

He is the son of **Todd** and **Erin Hollifield** and **Kathryn Hollifield**.

Kane's Eagle project was improving a greenhouse for Grace Works Kids in Woodlawn. He poured a concrete slab, replaced a dirt floor inside the greenhouse and planted pollinator bushes in the garden.

Grace Works is a ministry of Grace Episcopal Church.

Coronets
The Coronets Dance Club is a delightful

group of young ladies. Cheers to the 2023-2024 officers **Carol Powell**, president; **Cathie Amos**, vice-president; **P. A. Carmichael**, secretary; and **Marsha McCarty**, parliamentarian.

Firehouse Shelter
The Grand Bohemian Hotel in Mountain Brook was the site for the inaugural Firehouse of Hope Gala.

Dunn Companies was the honoree of the evening.

The event raised money for the shelter and its medical respite care program.

GOOD AFTERNOON

A chat with Bobby Horn, lieutenant, Bessemer Fire Department



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Always wearing a smile, Lieutenant Bobby Horn of the Bessemer Fire Department has been with the Fire Department for 27 years. A native of Bessemer, Bobby joined the department in 1997

and was stationed at Station One on 18th Street, North. A 20-year veteran of the US Navy, he served for eight years as a combat medic and for 12 years in the Psychiatric Department. A good, solid, decent man, Bobby worked at Hillcrest Behavioral Hospital in Birmingham for 20 years. He also taught Behavioral Health and Therapeutic Communication in the Bessemer School System in 2010-2017. He also has been passionate about poetry for over 30 years. In 2015 Bobby established the Just Because I Love

You Foundation. What are your duties at the department? Bobby: First and foremost, I am responsible for assisting the Public Education officer in the inspection of schools and daycares. I also work in educating the public in fire prevention and health and wellness education.

What is most rewarding for you? Bobby: What has been most rewarding has been mentoring young firefighters and seeing the progress and positive changes made in their lives.

Do you miss being

at the fire station? Bobby: Yes Sir. What I miss most is the general camaraderie with my fellow firemen and the relationship with their families. Also, as the best cook at the fire station, they all loved my delicious meals.

Tell me about your foundation? Bobby: I started the Just Because I Love You Foundation in 2015. It was established to reach out and help people spiritually, educationally, therapeutically and financially. The foundation also serves as a liaison to organizations and people that provide beneficial services.

What is your favorite meal? Bobby: My favorite meal is salmon, broccoli, corn on the cob, spinach, garlic bread and for dessert a piece of fruit.

Do you have a favorite television show? Bobby: I enjoy watching *Criminal Minds* on Ion Television.

Tell me about your family? Bobby: I was born in 1966 in Gary, Indiana one of five children to the late Catherine Horn and Percy Horn of Bessemer. I have four daughters, Antonia, 37, Madison, 23, JaQual, 35 and Jordyn, 21.

Who do you credit

for your love of poetry? Bobby: My fifth grade English teacher Mrs. Bates at Hard Elementary School. She would read poetry to the class and inspired us to write poetry. I quickly realized I had an interest in poetry.

What is the title of your first book of poetry? Bobby: "Inspirational Thoughts" which I wrote in 2007.

What are your hobbies? Bobby: I really enjoy working out. I go to the gym five times a week. Writing poetry is also a hobby of mine. I have published 14 books of poetry.



Columbiana Cowboy Day Photo by Jason Knighten

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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



Marcellis Twitty

How long have you been playing tennis? 3 months

What is your favorite subject in school? English

What is your favorite book? Animal Farm by George Orwell

Who is your favorite celebrity role model? Ryan Gosling

What historical person would you want to meet & why? Nikola Tesla because I think its interesting how he thought about making electricity.

Lizette Carr

How long have you been playing tennis? A few months

What is your favorite subject in school? history

What kind of music do you listen to? What is your favorite song? My favorite music is country and my favorite song is Where it Ends

What is your dream job? cosmetology

What is the most beautiful place you've seen in person? Probably Zion in Utah



Charlie Delph

How long have you been playing tennis? 2 years

Do you play any other sports? Yes volleyball

What kind of music do you listen to? What is your favorite song? Rap The Real Slim Shady

What is your dream job? to run my own bakery

How do you overcome tense moments? I start singing.



Miguel Diaz

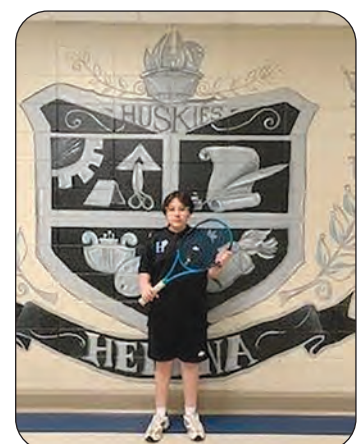
How long have you been playing tennis? 3 months

What kind of music do you listen to? I like cumbias, corridos, pop, rap, kpop, and jazz.

What is your favorite book? The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

What is your dream job? a travel nurse

If you were a car, what would you be? I would be a Kia k5



OBITUARY



Betty Francis Garver Clark

Betty Francis Garver Clark died Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the age of 98. She was born March 12, 1925 in Tarrant to Eva [Priest] and Claude Garver, Sr., who preceded her in death.

She graduated from Jefferson County High School, and worked for Southern Railway during WWII. A resident of the Bessemer area for over 70 years, she was a faithful and active member of Canaan Baptist Church, Cheerful Helpers Sunday School Class, Young at Heart Choir, Women on Mission, and also volunteered for Grace Place. She was a faithful servant to her husband, family, church and her God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Clark, son; Claude Garver Clark; and brother, Claude Garver Jr.

Survivors include her

sons, David Edwin (Carol) Clark of Marion, Hugh Webster (Patricia) Clark of Charlotte, and Mark Edward (Wendy) Clark of Bessemer; a daughter, Mollie Francis (Belle) May of Cape Cod; nine grandchildren, Jennifer, Stephanie, John Allan, Katie, Scott, Tyler, Matthew, Abbie, and James; and several great grandchildren.

The family extends a special thank you to Gentiva Hospice for their loving care of our mother.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024 at Canaan Baptist Church on Morgan Road in Bessemer with Bro. Charles Teague officiating. Interment followed at Elmwood Cemetery.

In her memory, the family asks that memorials be made to The Grace Place, 1630 Powder Plant Road, Bessemer, AL 35022, or Canaan Baptist Church, 2543 Morgan Road, Bessemer, AL 35022.

Quote of the Week

by **Donald J. Howton**

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

~ **C. S. Lewis**



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