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Members of the Hueytown Junior Ambassador Program

## Hueytown Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassador Program Stays Engaged

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

It is indeed an honor to be invited to join the Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassador Program. Membership is open to Hueytown High School, Oak Grove High School and Bessemer Academy 9-12 grade students.

The Chamber of Commerce started the program in 2021.

Chamber Executive Director Debbie Kiker stated, "I am thrilled to see our young leaders taking the initiative and making a difference. They are not only gaining valuable experience, but

also having a positive impact on our community."

The students participating in the program learn invaluable experience which prepares them for their future careers; the program provides a forum to network with potential employers; develop an understanding of the benefits of volunteerism; become aware of the needs of their communities and how best they can contribute; and earning community service hours.

The members of the Ambassador Program are Aaliyah Ruffin, Abby Tanner, Allie Moore, Angel Thompson, Cameran Bartlett, Cameron Hamilton, Camryn Moore, Gavin Williams, Hal-

lie Brooks, Jacey Wallace, Jackson Mitchell, Jackson Reardon, Jacob Hanberry, Jade Melton, Jamison Veasey, Jazlynn Morning, Joanna Reardon, Jordan Jackson, Kaitlin Ye, Katelyn Hilyer, Katie Smith, Kylee Kelley, Leionna Ware, Madi Manning, Maggie Perry, Major Roper, Mason Irvin, Melissa Jimenez, Merritt Morris, Michelle Hines, Morgan Reeves, Nicholas Robinson, Owen McGriff, Rayla Patterson, Reese Franklin, Samantha Hanks and Tabitha Wade.

Chamber liaisons for the Ambassadors Program are Catherine Vergiglio, Meagan White and Leah Andrews.

## Meet the Candidate

## Hope Marshall Candidate for District Criminal Judge

SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN STAR

Hope Marshall has over 20 years of legal experience, 17 of those years in private practice fighting for justice. In addition to fighting for her clients, Ms. Marshall is a Commissioner on the Alabama Securities Commission, a commission which protects Alabama investors, including fighting for vulnerable citizens – often the elderly - who have been the victims of financial fraud. Ms. Marshall is involved in local, state and national bar associations, and has served on nearly countless sections, committees, and

boards throughout her legal career.

After a lot of thought and sincere prayer, Ms. Marshall felt that God was guiding her to the decision to run for District Criminal Judge, Place 11. "I am not a career politician or a seasoned candidate for judge," Hope shared. "I am a candidate of and for the people."

Ms. Marshall has lived and worked in and around the Bessemer Cutoff for the majority of her adult life. While attending Birmingham School of Law at night, she worked as a legal assistant during the day at the firm White Arnold & Dowd P.C. She continued her employment with White Arnold & Dowd as a law partner, where she has practiced primarily in criminal defense, white collar criminal defense, and complex civil litigation. She said she feels like she is the perfect candidate for the District Criminal Judge because it is the "people's court."

"District Criminal Court is the first court of law that most citizens interact with law enforcement, attorneys, and judges," ex-

plained Hope. Honest, as well as humble, open-minded, polite and experienced are qualities Ms. Marshall believes Jefferson County needs in the District Criminal judgeship. "No two cases are the same," she said, "and the citizens and members of the bench and bar all deserve a judge who will treat each with dignity and respect."

"A vote for me will get you a judge that has all of those qualities, plus one that has been dedicated to fighting for justice in and out of the courtroom every day," she said.

"Let's be honest," Ms. Marshall said "before this election, a lot of people may not have known my name. However, there is a good chance that they themselves or someone they know has seen me volunteering at a school, shelter, or community event. They may have even heard of at least one of my 'fights for justice.'

Ms. Marshall was instrumental in securing the release of Mr. Michael Schumacher in 2021.

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## Grace Life Baptist Hosts "Walk For Life" Feb. 3

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Get your walking shoes and bottled water and get ready to walk for a good cause.

On Saturday, February 3 at 10 a.m., Grace Life Baptist Church in McCalla will host "Sav-A-Life, Walk-For-Life".

Joel Frederick is pastor

of Grace Life Baptist located at 5911 Old Tuscaloosa Highway in McCalla.

Local churches will be participating in the one-mile walk which will start at 10:30 in the morning.

Heather Hopkins, a liaison for the fundraising event stated, "Grace Life is excited to be able to host this very important event this year." She added, "We will go LIVE

on Facebook at 11 a.m. to announce the top walker winners and prize basket winners."

The event is the largest fundraiser of the year for Sav-A-Life, Inc. T-shirts will be for sale on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The public is welcome and for more information, please call Grace Life at 205-881-2211.

## Still Serving By Faith

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

This past Sunday, Greater Bethel Primitive Baptist Church (Pastored by Rev. Eades) celebrated their forty-third church anniversary. Within the times, these faithful ones have stood the test of time through many hardships, yet with blessed triumphs to keep them involved within the community and relevant to those still seeking the word of truth through faith.

Starting with their morning service, Rev. Shaw gave a meaningful text from Psalms 121, as the evening program brought forth Rev. Jerome

Bonner and members of New Saint Paul Baptist.

Parishioners heard a message of 'Holding up the Blood Stained Banner' during the evening celebration that prompted thoughts of self-reflection and the importance of consistency in a weary world, despite the many failings that come along.

Sister Vera Eades & Sister Jessie Waller served nourishing meals afterwards as churchgoers laughed and celebrated the goodness within the day.

Pastor Eades told us, "It's just great to still be here and to serve our congregation and the community when needed. Forty-three years is long to some, yet with God it's been a plea-

sure to be a help to those in need and reassurance for doing good in the world today."

We congratulate Greater Bethel and its congregation for staying steadfast, along with celebrating many of our communal houses of worship throughout the city in continuing to give us all hope in uncertain times.



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## Conservative Strategist Conway Keynote Speaker ALGOP Winter Dinner

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

One of former President Donald Trump's senior advisors, Kellyanne Conway will be the keynote speaker at the ALGOP annual Winter Dinner on February 9, 2024.

The event will be held at the Birmingham Sheraton Hotel in the Birmingham Ballroom.

Among the most recognized and respected conservative strategists in America, Conway is the

first woman to have run a successful presidential campaign in United States history. She served as President Trump's campaign manager in the 2016 election.

Tickets are available at [www.algop.org](http://www.algop.org) and there will be sponsorship opportunities available.

Conway, a leading Republican strategist and pollster has represented Governor Kay Ivey, Newt Gingrich and Senator Marsha Blackburn.

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# NEWS

## Monthly Business Appreciation: The BLOcton Sports Grill Scores Big on Flavor and Community

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN  
REPORTER

In our society today, the importance of a gathering space cannot be understated for the youth in our community and adults alike. Seeing a need in Bibb County, the Deerman family has been working together to address this need for generations, and their legacy carries on with The BLOcton Sports Grill.

A strong sense of community and family welcomes you as soon as you walk through the door. Owned and operated by Tonya and Jerry Deerman, Jr., The BLOcton Sports Grill offers both dine-

in and carry-out experiences with a sports atmosphere, West Blocton High School sports memorabilia lining the walls, and big screens to watch your favorite games on. They have been open since October 2023 and have been blown away by the amount of support they have received from the community ever since.

Think with me here for a moment – we all know Central Perk from Friends, Cheers from... well, Cheers, The Max from Saved by the Bell, Luke's Diner from Gilmore Girls, and even Floyd's Barbershop from The Andy Griffith Show. We have all grown up watching

on television just how important these gathering spaces are, yet few of us have been able to truly have one for ourselves, our friends, and our family. That is no longer the case now that The BLOC is around.

Creating a safe, fun place for their kids to hang out with their friends, classmates, and teammates was a driving force behind the establishment of The BLOcton Sports Grill, and it was a dream they have carried with them ever since their kids were very young. They wanted to create a place for the community similar to what they had growing up with Jerry's parents, Jerry

Claude and Jo Deerman, when they owned The Pit Stop in the eighties and nineties.

"Way back when," the youth of Bibb County had The Pit Stop on Main Street in West Blocton where they could hang out. Many still reminisce about all the fun they had there, playing pool, cards, and just goofing around. At The Pit Stop, many felt safe, supported, and watched over – and that's what The BLOcton Sports Grill hopes to replicate for today's generation.

The menu offers a variety of appetizers, salads, subs, pizzas, calzones, sides, and specialty items. Under "Appetizers," you can choose from Cheese Fries, Cheesestix, Fried Pickles, and Onion Rings. The "Salads" section includes options like the House Salad with lettuce, tomato, onions, olives, and cheese, the Chef Salad with ham, lettuce, tomato, onions, olives, and cheese, and the Grilled Chicken Salad featuring chicken, cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onions. Moving on to "Subs," there's the Chicken Bacon Ranch, Chicken Parmesan, Ham & Cheese, and Italian, each with specific ingredients and prices.

The "Pizzas" section lists various options such as Cheese Pizza, One Topping, Two Toppings, Supreme, and Meat Lovers, with the possibility of adding all of your favorite extra toppings for a small additional cost. The "Calzones" category offers choices like Pizza Calzone, Meaty Calzone, Ham & Cheese Calzone, and Veggie Calzone, each with different fillings and prices. Sides include French Fries, Curly Fries, and Onion Rings.

For those craving chicken, there are Traditional Wings, Boneless Wings,

and Chicken Fingers available in quantities of 5, 10, or 20, with flavor options like Buffalo Mild, Buffalo Hot, Honey BBQ, and Garlic Parmesan.

Serving Pepsi products, they offer small and large sizes of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Diet Mountain Dew, Dr. Pepper, Starry, and Sweet Tea. Overall, the menu provides a diverse selection of dishes, allowing customers to customize their orders based on preferences and cravings – a crowd pleaser for the whole family.

The BLOC has hosted class reunion gatherings, team celebrations, family Friday night dinners, and more. If you or someone you know has a need for a place to come together and celebrate and spend time with loved ones, you know where to go!

Closed Monday through Wednesday, they are open Thursdays from 11am to 9pm, Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 10pm, and Sundays from 1pm to 9pm. However, come football season, don't be alarmed if they close for a few hours to go out and support the Tigers!

The BLOcton Sports Grill is located at 108 Florida Street in West Blocton, just off Main Street. For any questions or call-in orders, you can give them a call at 205-286-4111. Look for Crystal Phipps' phenomenal artwork on the windows out front featuring a WB Tiger, and you know you're in the right place.

"Community is family," shared Tonya Deerman when asked about what community means to them as a business, and her staff readily agreed. A community cares for and serves one another, holding space for each other throughout the throes of life – and beyond a doubt, one of the best places Bibb County has to offer for its community members to gather is The BLOcton Sports Grill.

Supporting our local businesses is more important now more than ever, and the community is strongly encouraged to stop by and give it a try. Whether you are local looking for an easy weeknight dinner or one who must drive a bit farther for a weekend treat, you and your family will love The BLOcton Sports Grill.



## Alabama Music Awards

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The 10th Annual Alabama Music Awards, slated for July 28th at the Bessemer Civic Center, promises a spectacular celebration of the state's diverse music scene. Recognizing talent across genres, the awards showcase categories like Best Male/Female Artists and Best Album, providing an inclusive platform for both emerging and seasoned artists and fostering Alabama's musical prowess.

A major highlight is the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award, honoring individuals who've made enduring contributions to the industry. In 2020, Jeff Cook, lead guitarist for Alabama, received this prestigious accolade for his pivotal role in the band's success. Boasting 21 gold/platinum albums and over 78 million records sold, Alabama, under Cook's influence, clinched more than 150 awards.

The Bessemer Civic Center, a fitting venue, will host a night brimming with live performances, presentations, and special segments, offering an immersive experience into Alabama's rich music cul-

ture. As the 10th edition approaches, anticipation swells for this year's winners and the commemoration of a decade-long journey honoring the state's musical legacy.

Presented by Zeus, Zyoos & (zoos) Entertainment LLC, the 10th Annual Alabama Music Awards encourages music enthusiasts to stay tuned for thrilling pre-events leading up to the grand celebration. Look out for announce-

ments and activities building anticipation for this landmark occasion. For comprehensive information on upcoming events, nominees, and all things related to the Alabama Music Awards, visit [www.alabamamusicawards.com](http://www.alabamamusicawards.com) and [www.the3z.org](http://www.the3z.org). Stay connected to these official websites for the latest updates on the festivities surrounding the Alabama Music Awards.



## Hope Marshall

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Mr. Schumacher WAS convicted under Alabama's Habitual Felony Offender Act for a crime he committed when he was just 24 years old. Despite never being involved in a crime where anyone got hurt, he received a sentence of mandatory life imprison-

ment without parole based on three minor prior convictions, two of which occurred during a single incident when he was 17 years old. At 60 years old, Mr. Schumacher had given up hope he would ever be released from prison. Hope, along with her law partner, worked with Alabama Appleeed and suc-

cessfully petitioned for Mr. Schumacher's release after being imprisoned for 36 years.

"I am asking to be the 'Hope for Justice' for Jefferson County," Ms. Marshall said. "Grab a friend and head to the polls on March 5th to vote for me the only Hope on the ballot."

## OBITUARY

Mark Warren Elmore

Mark Warren Elmore, age 52, passed away on January 26, 2024. He was preceded in death by father, Elbert Warren Elmore. He is survived by his mother, Yvonne Elmore; one sister; daughter, Taylor Morris (Justin); granddaughters,

Brooklyn and Raelyn. There will be a gathering of friends and family from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM with a memorial service will be Thursday, February 1, 2024 with the service beginning at 3:00 PM. at Patterson-Forest Grove Funeral Home.

## Have You Seen the Child?

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The following is an excerpt from a devotion printed in Forward Day by Day and published by Forward Movement.

"Have you seen the child wrapped in swaddling clothes? The infant Jesus was here a few weeks ago.

"How quickly he disappears after the New Year begins. Just when we need him most, Jesus has been packed up as if he were tinsel and twinkling lights, just another decoration to store in an attic box or stack carefully in a basement corner.

"I can't find a sign of his birth anywhere. Even the living nativity scene in front of the church is gone, just up and walked away.

"Wait a minute! Jesus has walked off into the real world! Then, He can be anywhere, right around the corner filling bowls and slicing bread at the soup

kitchen, volunteering for Hospice, cleaning toilets at the homeless shelter, giving blood, holding the hand of a friend in the depths of chemo, comforting the dying or strengthening a family at the hospital. He is everywhere.

"Jesus is right in front of me, holding me close in this embrace.

"Then Christmas isn't over and can never be boxed up and put away.

"Christmas, God with us, has just begun!"

**Adger Cemetery Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 29th @ 7:00 PM at Adger Storm Shelter, Adger, Alabama. Please use this time to address any concerns with the cemetery or ask questions. Trustees will be replaced as their terms end during this meeting. Maintenance goals for the upcoming year addressed. Plans for any fundraisers and Decoration Day schedule of volunteers completed.**

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# JEFFERSON & TUSCALOOSA COUNTY NEWS



## Maxie Thomas Way: A Symbol of Resilience and Courage in Tuscaloosa

**SPECIAL TO THE STAR**

In a significant and poignant gesture, the City of Tuscaloosa recently paid tribute to a true hero by officially renaming 11th Street to Maxie Thomas Way. This renaming commemorates the remarkable courage and resilience displayed by Maxie Thomas, a fearless civil rights activist who left an incredible mark on Tuscaloosa's history.

Maxie Thomas and "Bloody Tuesday": The transformative event that led to this honorary renaming occurred on June 9, 1964, during what became known as "Bloody Tuesday." Maxie Thomas, standing as a beacon of resistance against injustice, confronted the harsh realities of discrimination in Tuscaloosa. This day marked a turning point in the fight for civil rights, and Maxie Thomas emerged as a symbol of unwavering determination.

Fearless Activism and

Brutal Adversity: Maxie Thomas's commitment to equality was evident in the face of adversity. Despite facing a brutal attack during "Bloody Tuesday," he stood firm, undeterred by the violence inflicted upon him. His fearless activism resonated with the community, inspiring others to join the fight for justice.

Maxie Thomas's journey did not end with that fateful day. Instead, it marked the beginning of a lifelong dedication to the cause of equality. By renaming 11th Street to Maxie Thomas Way, the city pays homage to his perseverance and unwavering commitment to creating a more just and inclusive society.

"Maxie Thomas Way" – A Symbolic Street Name: The renaming of 11th Street to Maxie Thomas Way goes beyond a mere change in nomenclature; it serves as a powerful symbol of resilience and courage. Every

step taken on this street is a reminder of the sacrifices made by Maxie Thomas and the countless others who fought for civil rights during a challenging period in American history.

The renaming ceremony not only honors Maxie Thomas but also provides an opportunity for the community to reflect on the progress made in the pursuit of justice. It is a celebration of the triumph of resilience over adversity and a recognition of the ongoing work needed to foster equality.

Maxie Thomas Way stands as a living tribute to a man who stood against injustice and persevered in the face of brutality. The renaming of 11th Street encapsulates the spirit of resilience and courage that continues to inspire future generations in Tuscaloosa. It is a testament to the transformative power of individuals who, against all odds, leave an enduring legacy of progress and equality.

## Vulcan Park & Museum celebrates love with its latest event

**SPECIAL TO THE STAR**

Join Vulcan Park & Museum (VPM) this Valentine's Day for a relaxing evening of romance with the best view of The Magic City! Bring your special someone to enjoy wine, food and music on February 14 at 6 p.m.

Valentine with Vulcan will provide couples with a package for two which includes:

- Access to a grazing table of artisan cheeses and meats, market fresh fruit,

- crackers and assortment of pastries provided by The Happy Catering Company
- Two drink tickets for wine or beer of your choice
- Complimentary champagne toast for two
- Two complimentary Vulcan keepsake champagne flutes
- Romantic photo scenes & photo booth
- Access to the museum, park grounds and observation deck
- Live acoustic music

VPM has partnered with City Brew Tours for an optional VIP Expe-

rience for an additional charge. This add-on includes a behind-the-scenes tour of two local breweries, Cahaba Brewing and Good People Brewing, sampling craft beers and popular appetizers including the Smash Burger and more!

This event is sponsored by Vulcan Park & Museum with additional support from our corporate partners Regions, Protective, Birmingham Coca-Cola Bottling Company United and Vulcan Materials Company.

## Shaping the Future: Birmingham's Commitment to Transit Innovation

**SPECIAL TO THE STAR**

In the quest for a more accessible and efficient future, the State of Transit has become a pivotal conversation shaping the mobility landscape in Birmingham. At the forefront of this transformative dialogue is Council President Darrell O'Quinn, whose collaborative efforts with the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) leadership have been instrumental in driving forward the modernization and enhancement of public transit options for residents.

This article delves into the significance of these ongoing efforts and highlights the anticipation surrounding key updates poised to revolutionize public transportation in Birmingham.

Recognizing the integral role that transit plays in the daily lives of residents, Council President Darrell O'Quinn has been steadfast in his commitment to fostering positive change in Birmingham's public transportation system. Over the last several years, he has worked in tandem with the BJCTA leadership, focusing on innovative strategies to address current challenges and propel the city towards a more sustainable and accessible future.

Initiatives aimed at improving the overall transit experience for Birmingham residents. From enhanced route planning to technological advancements, these efforts underscore a commitment to embracing contemporary solutions that align with the evolving needs of the community.

As the State of Transit conversation unfolds, residents and stakeholders are urged to stay tuned for important updates on public transportation in Birmingham. The anticipation surrounding these announcements is palpable, with expectations high for transformative changes that will make commuting more convenient, reliable, and sustainable for everyone.

A key aspect of Birmingham's transit transformation involves community engagement. Council President O'Quinn recognizes the importance of incorporating the perspectives

and needs of residents into the decision-making process. Public forums, surveys, and town hall meetings have provided valuable insights, ensuring that the proposed changes resonate with the diverse and dynamic population that makes up Birmingham.

The State of Transit is not just a conversation; it's a commitment to shaping a future where mobility is seamless, sustainable, and inclusive. With Council President Darrell O'Quinn's unwavering dedication and collaboration with the BJCTA leadership, Birmingham is on the cusp of a transit revolution. As the city eagerly awaits crucial updates on public transportation, the collective anticipation underscores the significance of these efforts in propelling Birmingham towards a more connected and forward-thinking future in transit.

## Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority, The University of Alabama and Techstars Partner to Bring Accelerator and Pre-Accelerator Programs to Tuscaloosa

**SPECIAL TO THE STAR**

The Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority and The University of Alabama are partnering with Techstars, the most active pre-seed investor in the world, to bring a first-of-its-kind, hydrologic innovation-focused accelerator and pre-accelerator program to Tuscaloosa.

Techstars WaterTech and Sustainability, an accelerator program for early-stage startups, and Founder Catalyst WaterTech and Sustainability, a pre-accelerator program for idea-stage startups, will create a pathway for founders to progress through their entrepreneurial journey building water technology companies. The programs merge the business and technology expertise of TCEDA with UA's cutting-edge water-related research capabilities and Techstars' accelerator model which has helped thousands of startups to succeed.

opportunities that exist within our vibrant community. We are enthusiastic about the prospect of nurturing a new generation of entrepreneurs who will play a pivotal role in addressing the critical challenges related to water use and management.

"The decision to establish the Techstars program in Tuscaloosa underscores the richness of resources available in Alabama, making our state an ideal location for fostering groundbreaking innovation," said Innovate Alabama Chair Bill Poole, a Tuscaloosa resident. "At Innovate Alabama, we are building a future where entrepreneurs thrive, and the presence of Techstars further solidifies our commitment to this vision."

The University of Alabama stands as a national hub for water-related research and is home to an unrivaled academic and federal water research enterprise, to include the Alabama Water Institute, which administers the Cooperative Institute for Research to Operations in Hydrology (CIROH); the University's College of Engineering and College of Arts and Sciences, among others; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Water Center, and the soon to be opened U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Instrumentation Facility.

"The University of Alabama is proud to be at the epicenter of cutting-edge water research. Our talented faculty, staff and students are helping address critical water-related challenges through the programs and facilities housed on UA's campus," said Dan Blakley, associate vice president for economic and business engagement at UA. "The accelerator will align the strengths of UA's talent and state-of-the-art facilities with the most innovative start-up companies in the world to create sustainable solutions to society's most urgent issues and continue to develop the Tuscaloosa community as a hub for the water economy."

"Water is the most essential resource - one that affects every single person's livelihood - and yet, it's also among the most challenged resources on Earth," said Techstars Chief Accelerator Investment Officer Shirley Romig. "We believe that entrepreneurs play an instrumental role in addressing the critical challenges related to water use and management, and we're thrilled to partner with TCEDA and UA to support and enable them as they create a better future for all."

Both Techstars WaterTech and Sustainability and Founder Catalyst WaterTech and Sustainability will welcome founders who are focused on progressing the future of hydrological innovation, which includes water resources prediction and observing systems, drinking water systems, wastewater systems, water utility management, urban water management, treatment technologies and digital water solutions - among others.

Applications for the Founder Catalyst pre-accelerator program are now being accepted through March 3, 2024. The 10-week, non-equity-based program will provide idea-stage to early-stage founders access to valuable startup education, mentorship, community building, and access to Techstars' global network of entrepreneurs, mentors and corporate partners. Those interested are encouraged to visit Founder Catalyst WaterTech and Sustainability to learn more.

Techstars WaterTech and Sustainability, a 13-week, equity-based accelerator program for early-stage startups will launch in September 2024. Founders who are selected will receive hands-on mentorship, curated entrepreneurial content and programming, up to \$120 thousand in funding, and access to Techstars' global network of mentors, investors, alumni and corporates. Those interested in applying when applications open in March 2024 should get in touch here.

The collaboration between Council President O'Quinn and the BJCTA has laid the groundwork for several modernization ini-



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### Probate Notices

**PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
**ESTATE OF: MITZI CORBIN, a protected person.**  
**CASE NO. 2004-039097**

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

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, came Gregory H. Hawley, Esq., the Successor Guardian and Conservator for the Estate of Mitzi Corbin a protect-

ed person, and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 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. Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024. James P. NafTel JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star 1/19/24, 1/26/24 & 2/02/24

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: FREDDY LEE ABERNATHY, DECEASED**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000003**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

JOY NADINE GOODWIN Personal Representative(s) Western Star 01/19/24, 01/26/24 & 02/02/24

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES C. HOLMES, DECEASED**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000017**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 10<sup>TH</sup> 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.

ANITA KATHERINE CUSIMANO Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/19/24, 1/26/24 & 2/2/24 Attorney of Record

**CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: A.N.J., A MINOR**  
**CASE NO. 24BES000002**

NOTICE TO: KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN

On the 3RD day of JANUARY, 2024, came DANESHA HARDY, Mother and Petitioner for the Change of Name for A.N.J., A Minor

And whereas the 21ST day of MARCH, 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 9TH day of JANUARY, 2024. Elizabeth North JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star 1/19/24, 1/26/24, 2/2/24, AND 2/9/24

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RICHARD DELL ALLEN SR., DECEASED**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000014**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 8TH 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.

RICHARD DELL ALLEN, SR. Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/19/24, 1/26/24 & 2/02/24 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GLADYS BANKS GOLDEN, DECEASED**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000026**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

TERESA HESTER Personal Representative(s) Western Star 01/19/2024, 01/26/2024 & 02/02/2024 Attorney of Record

**CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: K.P.M.C., A MINOR**  
**CASE NO. 23BES000938**

NOTICE TO: DANIEL MCCLENDON OR UNKNOWN FATHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN

On the 29TH day of DECEMBER, 2023, came TASHA KING, Mother and Petitioner for the Change of Name for K.P.M.C., A Minor

And whereas the 21ST day of MARCH, 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 8TH day of JANUARY, 2024. Elizabeth North JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star 1/19/24, 1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: TRACY JANE RILEY, A/K/A TRACY RILEY, DECEASED**  
**CASE NUMBER: 23BES000817**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18TH day of JANUARY, 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.

JEFFERY W RILEY CANDY L TIDMORE Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MEKA YOUNG, DECEASED**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000033**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

REGINALD WATTS Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/26/2024, 2/2/2024 & 2/9/2024 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GRADY BROWN WATKINS, DECEASED**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000020**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

KELLY WALLACE Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: TEENA LEE, DECEASED**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000034**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17TH 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.

KANDIES ST. JOHN Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MELANIE JEAN MESTLER, DECEASED**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000024**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

MICHELLE KIZZIAH Personal Representative(s) 1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARIANN M. WORTHINGTON, DECEASED**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000032**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17TH day of JANUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAF-

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.

LUCIE W GORY Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24 Attorney of Record



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## **PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

**ESTATE OF: CANDI GUY, DECEASED CASE NO. 19BES000410**

To: J.M.H, a minor, Anthony Red Fenley, Robie Sue Whitson Guy, David Wayne Guy, Sonia Nicole Ray and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, came Amanda Counts, the Personal Representative for the

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

It is therefore ordered that the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 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.

Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.  
James P. Naftel  
JUDGE OF PROBATE  
Western Star  
1/19/24, 1/26/24 & 2/02/24

## **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BILLY SMITH ROBERTS, DECEASED**

**CASE NUMBER: 23BES000801**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 4<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY, 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.

BETH BURLERSON  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
1/19/24, 1/26/24 & 2/2/24  
Attorney of Record

## **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WANDA TUCKER, DECEASED**

**CASE NUMBER: 23BES000538**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 15<sup>TH</sup> day of AUGUST, 2023. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffe-

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.

JEFFERY TUCKER  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
1/19/24, 1/26/24 & 2/2/24  
Attorney of Record

## **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CLAUDIA MAE WARE, DECEASED**

**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000018**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffe-

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.

REGINALD E WARE  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
1/19/24, 1/26/24 & 2/2/24  
Attorney of Record

## **NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION**

**ESTATE OF: ESTELLE A. GREEN, DECEASED CASE NO. 24BES000015**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, came MERCEDES PASQUALETTI 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 ESTELLE A. GREEN, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, at 10:45 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:

SAMUEL JASON GREEN, WILLIAM GREEN, JR., 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

Done this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.  
Elizabeth North  
JUDGE OF PROBATE  
Western Star  
1/26, 2/2 & 2/9/24

## **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CECIL L. GILBERT, A/K/A CECIL LAWRENCE GILBERT, DECEASED**

**CASE NUMBER: 23BES000805**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY, 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.

CHERYL SIBLEY  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24  
Attorney of Record

## **PUBLICATION FOR PETITION OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN/CONSERVATOR STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

**ESTATE OF: ROBERT LOUIS CUNNINGHAM, AN ALLEGED INCAPACITATED PERSON CASE NO. 24BES00013**

TO: Susie Matthews, Clifford Hollis, Felicia Shelton, Veronia Watkins, Emmatine Smith, Fannie Williams and any and all Unknown Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Whereabouts are Unknown

and to any and all interested parties;

Take notice that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, Willie Watkins filed a pe-

tion for the appointment of a Guardian/Conservator for Robert Louis Cunningham, An Alleged Incapacitated Person.

Notice is hereby given the above named person and all persons in interest that said petition for appointment of Guardian/Conservator has been set for hearing on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2024, at 3:30 p.m. All persons in interest should be and appear in this Court on said day of hearing to object to said petition and make such other defense in the premises as to them that may seem meet and proper.

WITNESS MY HAND, this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024.  
James P. Naftel  
JUDGE OF PROBATE  
Western Star  
2/2/24, 2/9/24, 2/16/24 & 2/23/24

## **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: TIMOTHY KURT GWIN, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000039**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 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.

MARY E VAUGHN  
GWIN  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
2/2/24, 2/9/24 & 2/16/24  
Attorney of Record

## **PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

**ESTATE OF: RONALD EUGENE HILL, DECEASED CASE NO. 23BES000097**

TO: MAXINE JOHNSON, DIANNA HARRIS HILL, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown

And to any and all interested parties;

On the 17<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY, 2024, came ASHLEY GREEN, and filed her Petition to MARSHAL ASSETS, in the matter of the Estate of RONALD EUGENE HILL, Deceased.

And whereas the 26<sup>TH</sup>

day of FEBRUARY, 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 23<sup>RD</sup> day of JANUARY, 2024.  
Sherri C. Friday  
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: TAMMY TERELLE JACKSON, DECEASED**

**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000040**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

ELIZABETH MCELROY  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
2/2/24, 2/9/24 & 2/16/24  
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 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 22<sup>ND</sup> 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: CARL LOGAN MCCRAW, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000048**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

DEBRA W MCCRAW  
Personal Representative(s)  
2/2/2024, 2/9/2024 & 2/16/2024  
Attorney of Record

## **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RODNEY L. ROSSER, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000046**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffe-

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.

SHARON HELTON  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
2/2/2024, 2/9/2021 & 2/16/24  
Attorney of Record

## **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LEO TURNER, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000563**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY, 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.

TONY TURNER  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
2/2/24, 2/9/24 & 2/16/24  
Attorney of Record

## **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARY ELIZABETH PARKER, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000050**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 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.

CHELISIE ERRIN TAYLOR  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
2/2/2024, 2/9/2024 & 2/16/2024  
Attorney of Record

## **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JEAN M. HANDLEY, A/K/A IRA JEAN HORTON HANDLEY, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000051**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 25<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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## Advertisement for Prequalifications

### 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](mailto:williamb@robinsmorton.com) or delivery to 400 Shades Creek Pkwy. Birmingham, AL 35209; UNTIL 5:00PM LOCAL TIME; ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024, for:

**SOFTBALL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MARTIN CAMPUS**  
SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

and thereafter delivered to the Owner for consideration of approval to bid this project. Only Non-Prequalified Bidders will be notified

in writing ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021, but no later than the date Bid. Construction Documents will be available to bidders, currently anticipated to be on or about THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024.

Prequalification proposal requirements may be obtained from Robins & Morton, by written request on the Contractor's company letterhead.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all prequalification and/or proposals, to waive technical errors, and/or abandon this process if, in their judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

Sealed proposals will be received only from Prequalified General Contractor Bidders by Shelton State Community College; at their offices at 9500 Old Greensboro Rd, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405; AT 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY

27, 2024, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

The Work of the project includes, but is not limited to renovation of existing softball complex to include new spectator seating and associated press box, new concessions building with public toilets, new backstop and associated netting, and complex landscaping at the Shelton State Martin Campus Softball complex; as specified and as indicated on the Drawings; coordination and supervision of the entire project; and all related work, as indicated in the Bid and Contract Documents.

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 compli-

ance 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 9500 Old Greensboro Rd, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405; at 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024, for the purpose of reviewing the project and answering 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 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.

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Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
Dr. Jonathan Koh, President  
Construction Manager:  
Robins & Morton  
400 Shades Creek Pkwy.  
Birmingham, AL 35209  
Phone: (205) 870-1000  
Western Star  
FEBRUARY 2, 2024

## Notice to Contractors

### Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No.

#### HPP-TAPBH-CMAA-A104(916) JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on February 23, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Pedestrian Bridge and Sidewalks over SR-3 (US-31) near Wald Park in Vestavia Hills. Length 0.104 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate.

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Three

Hundred (300) Working Days. A 5.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$34.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at the Alabama Department of Transportation; East Central Region Office; 100 Corporate Parkway; Suite

450, Hoover, AL 35242. Any qualified bidder wishing to bid this proposal is required to have a company representative present at this MANDATORY pre-bid conference. Proposals issued to bidders who fail to attend the MANDATORY pre-bid conference and/or register their attendance will be voided and their bids will not be received nor considered.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama

Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$3,251,972 To \$3,974,633

The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama

Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regu-

lations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.  
JOHN R. COOPER  
Transportation Director  
Western Star  
February 2, 9 & 16, 2024

### Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No.

#### STPAA-HSIP-FMGR-0269(512) JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on February 23, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Resurfacing (Micro-Surfacing Seal Coat, Type II and Type III), Guardrail Installation, Steel Block-out Replacement, and Traffic Stripe on SR-269 from the West City Limits of Birmingham (MP 1.959) to the junction of Old Mulga Loop Road. Length 4.591 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the

amount of his or her qualification certificate.

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Sixty-five (65) Working Days. A 2.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$6.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This

project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$2,127,786 To \$2,600,627

The proposed work shall be performed in

conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

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The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regu-

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JOHN R. COOPER  
Transportation Director  
Western Star  
February 2, 9 & 16, 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 04/03/2024 at 12pm. Location Copart Auto Auctions 3101 Davey Allison Blvd Hueytown, AL 35023.

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1HGCR2F50FA166511	2015	HONDA	ACCORD	BLUE
1J4FX58S8WC135656	1998	JEEP	GRAND CHE	BLACK
1HGCM56715A098736	2005	HONDA	ACCORD	RED
JM1BL1UF1C1526785	2012	MAZD	3	SILVER
2T1BURHE1GC601855	2016	TOYOTA	COROLLA	BLACK
1GCCS199588170298	2008	CHEVROLET	COLORADO	WHITE
KMHGC4DD1CU20120	2012	HYUN	GENESIS	WHITE
JM1GJ1V59G1419684	2016	MAZDA	6	BLACK
2GCEC13J371618144	2007	CHEV	SILVERADO	WHITE
1HGCM66817A045181	2007	HOND	ACCORD	SILVER
1N4AA5AP2BC851105	2011	NISSAN	MAXIMA	BLACK
4T1BF1FK8CU632405	2012	TOYT	CAMRY	BLACK

## Public Notice

### Public Notice

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4 A BILL  
5 TO BE ENTITLED  
6 AN ACT  
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9 Relating to the City of Lake View in Tuscaloosa County;  
10 to provide that the municipal judge or magistrate for the City  
11 of Lake View may recall a failure to appear or comply warrant  
12 upon the payment of fee by the defendant.  
13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:  
14 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
15 a municipal judge or a municipal magistrate of the City of  
16 Lake View in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, may assess a  
17 defendant with a warrant recall fee that shall be paid in  
18 order for a municipal judge or municipal magistrate to recall  
19 a failure to appear warrant or failure to comply warrant  
20 arising from any municipal ordinance violation

or other  
21 offense brought against the defendant in the municipal court  
22 of the City of Lake View.  
23 (b) The warrant recall fee shall not exceed one hundred  
24 dollars (\$100) and is to be paid by the defendant at the time  
25 the warrant is recalled.  
26 (c) This section shall not be construed or interpreted  
27 to require the City of Lake View to recall a warrant that has  
28 been issued. All orders to recall a warrant shall be issued  
29 solely in the discretion of the municipal judge or municipal  
30 magistrate.  
31 All fees received by the City of Lake View  
32 Municipal Court for a warrant recall fee shall be deposited  
33 into the City of Lake View Corrections Fund and allocated in  
34 conformity with Section 11-47-7.1 of the Code of Alabama 1975.  
35 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2024.  
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OR LOCAL LAW CAN BE PASSED, except in reference to fixing the time of holding courts, unless notice of the intention to apply therefor shall have been published, without cost to the State, in the county or counties where the matter or thing to be affected may be situated. The notice must state the substance of the proposed law and be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in such county or counties. Such publication must have been completed prior to the day on which the bill is introduced.  
Proof by affidavit (proof of publication) which verifies that notice has been properly published must be exhibited to the House of Representatives and the Senate, and one copy of such proof must be attached to the original copy of the bill which is offered for introduction.  
The county or municipality affected by a local law introduced by a legislator must pay for advertising the notice, if the notice is signed by the Legislator, even though the bill is not passed. (Section 11-13-6, Code of Alabama 1975)  
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## Notice to Contractors

**Notice to Contractors  
Federal Aid Project No.  
IM-1459(322) JEFFERSON COUNTY,  
ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on February 23, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Traffic Sign Replacements on I-459 from the I-20/I-59 Interchange (Exit 0) in McCalla to the I-59 Interchange (Exit 33).

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate.

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In One Hundred Thirty (130) Working Days. A 1.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$41.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates

for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket

should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$2,438,201 To \$2,980,023

The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to

prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in

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The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director Western Star February 2, 9 & 16, 2024

**NOTICE  
Alabama Department of Transportation  
2024-2027**

**Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment No. 2**

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 2, 9 & 16, 2024

**NOTICE  
Alabama Department of Transportation  
2024-2027**

**Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment No. 3**

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>

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John R. Cooper Transportation Director Western Star February 2, 9 & 16, 2024

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

Karen Dunn Burks Circuit Clerk of Jefferson County Bessemer Division Western Star February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2024

### BIDS FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES

(AMENDED)

Bessemer Board of Education has reposted and will be accepting sealed bids for Custodial Services for the following locations:

Bessemer City High School  
BCS-2023-823-1 (REPOST)

Bessemer City Middle School  
BCS-2023-823-2 (REPOST)

The initial contract will be for one (1) year and four (4) months, with a two-year option of satisfactory service to be evaluated by May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year thereafter. Your bid must include a deep clean, stripping all floors and applying 4-6 coats of wax throughout the building during the months of June and July.

RFP Posted	January 24, 2024
*Mandatory Site Visit at 4:00 p.m.	FEBRUARY 7, 2024
Deadlines for Inquiries	FEBRUARY 9, 2024
Proposals Due by 4:00 p.m.	FEBRUARY 13, 2024
School Board Meeting	FEBRUARY 20, 2024
Commencement of Services (projected)	MARCH 1, 2024

Date for commencement of service is approximate and subject to change.

\*\*\*All bidders must attend the mandatory site visit on **February 7, 2024**. You will meet with an employee from Maintenance and Facilities at 4:00 p.m. in the Library at Bessemer City High School, located at 4950 Premiere Parkway, Bessemer, Alabama 35020. Please ensure that you have signed in, if you do not sign in, your proposal will not be considered.

\*\*Please refer to the Bessemer Board of Education website ([www.bessk12.org](http://www.bessk12.org)) Business & Accounting Department for a detailed RFP, time sensitive information, scope of work and required documents. \*\*

## Probate Notice

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ELIZABETH ANN WALTON, DECEASED**

**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000055**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said

decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

TERRI WILLIAMS-GLASS Personal Representative(s) Western Star 2/2/2024, 2/9/2024 & 2/16/2024 Attorney of Record

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Bessemer Economic and Community Development Department, is preparing to submit the City's anticipated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation and Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2024 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The public hearing will be Thursday, February 22nd, 2024, in the Multipurpose Room, 1st Floor, Bessemer City Hall, 1700 Third Avenue North, at 10:00AM and 4:00PM.

The hearing will be in accordance with federal regulations found at 24 CFR 91.105 and the city's Citizen Participation Plan. As an entitlement community and a recipient of CDBG funds, the city is soliciting suggestions, recommendations, ideas, and comments on proposed projects and programs for the City of Bessemer to implement for its Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan from a cross-section of interested parties including low-to-moderate income persons, residents of public housing, local and regional institution, Continuum of Care, and other agencies such as business, developers, non-profits, philanthropic organizations, and community and faith-based organizations.

Persons needing special assistance (such as translated materials) or a reasonable accommodation to participate, contact the Economic and Community Development Department at 205-424-4060 or via email at [tnorris@bessemeral.org](mailto:tnorris@bessemeral.org) by noon on Friday, February 16th, 2024.

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# SOUTHERN STYLES

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual James Bond Gala, ROAR, Another Triumph



**DONALD JAY HOWTON, III**  
WESTERN STAR,  
SOCIAL EDITOR

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual James Bond Gala, ROAR was an evening to remember. The glitz, gaiety and glamour of the evening ushered the black-tie and bejeweled set into an elegant affair.

The Club, atop Red Mountain was again the setting for the ROAR Gala. Mona Stephens is pres-

ident of the Board of Directors of ROAR, a non-profit organization affiliated with UAB committed to raising money for cancer research. 2024 marks Mona's second year as president and her resolve contributes significantly to the annual success of the Gala.

Assisting Mona in planning the highly successful and memorable event were **Cathy Pilcher, Regina Cash, Irisa Kahn, Julie Kim, Yvonne Albaugh, Kim Bunn, Suzette Fisher, Donna Conklin, Martha Thompson, Tiffany Talbot, Deane Giles and Audrey Lindquist.**

**Pat Lynch** of Hoover is the 2024 ROAR honoree and was honored during the ROAR Gala.



*Matt Stephens and Brittany Hall*



*Kelly and Alan Rice*



*Tynette and Pat Lynch*



*Mona Stephens, Sybil Howard and Barry Buckner*



*Pat Lynch and Gene Hallman*

## GOOD AFTERNOON

### A chat with Leslie Fox, supervisor, Mama's Country Cooking



**DONALD JAY HOWTON, III**  
WESTERN STAR,  
SOCIAL EDITOR

Leslie Fox of McCalla has worked at Mama's Country Cooking, 700 Brooklane Drive in Huey-

town since 2020. She has worked in the restaurant industry all of her life. Many will remember Leslie when she worked at Rabbit's BBQ in Hueytown and she also worked at Rollercoaster Pub and Grill. Warm and engaging, Leslie is committed to helping people and seeing that everybody is comfortable. A proud Auburn fan, she also enjoys playing pool. Leslie is a workaholic who loves spending time at the Warrior River. Go see her at

Mama's Country Cooking and enjoy a bowl of delicious, homemade vegetable soup and cornbread.

What are your responsibilities? Leslie: As the restaurant supervisor, I am responsible for the day-to-day operation of the restaurant. I see after the ordering, some cooking and make sure the customers are satisfied. I really enjoy my job and the customers.

How many meals do you serve daily? Leslie: We serve breakfast, lunch

and dinner daily to a large number of hungry customers six days a week. We are open Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

What are the most popular items on the steam table? Leslie: The public loves our grits, eggs and biscuits; at lunchtime the homemade vegetable soup, meatloaf, cream potatoes and cornbread, regular and jalapeno, are favorites and at supper, the beef tips and rice, hamburger steak,

baked spaghetti and fried fish are extremely popular.

What desserts do y'all offer? Leslie: Our banana pudding is delicious and we also sell peach cobbler and fresh baked chocolate chip cookies.

Tell me about your family? Leslie: I am the baby of four siblings of Theresa Smitherman and Preston Eugene Raney. I have two grown sons, Colby Fox, 28 and Caleb Fox, 23.

Do you have a favorite movie? Leslie: I have al-

ways loved *The Wizard of Oz*.

What is your favorite meal? Leslie: My comfort food is cube steak, cream potatoes, butterbeans, sweet peas, homemade cream corn, cornbread, lima beans and for dessert pecan pie.

What type of music do you listen to? Leslie: I enjoy listening to different types of music, but my favorite is country music. I like listening to Brooks & Dunn.

## 2024 Birmingham Boat Show

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~ Oscar Wilde