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Bessemer Street Resurfacing Project 60% Complete

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON

WESTERN STAR STAFF

By the end of May, 2024 the Bessemer Street Resurfacing Project will be completed.

Dunn Construction Company of Birmingham is the general contractor.

EEFS Company, PC of Bessemer is overseeing the iel Mayfield of EEFS is the project manager.

It is anticipated that the cost of the project will come in at approximately \$6 million.

City Engineer Ron Gilbert stated, "Once this project is finished. Mavor Gulley and the Bessemer City Council have directed

construction project. Dan- EEFS to prepare bids for a second phase of paving of city streets."

There are 120 streets throughout the city of Bessemer being paved.

Bessemer has long been committed to paving and maintaining city streets. The majority of the Gas Tax money is spent on paving city streets.



Port of Mobile's Alabama **Economic Impact \$98.3 Billion**

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON WESTERN STAR STAFF

Last week, Governor Kay Ivey announced at an event with the Alabama Port Authority that the Port of Mobile's economic impact on Alabama's economy totaled \$98.3 billion, an increase of \$13 billion from

the previous year's impact. This tremendous growth once again provided a ma-

jor benefit to all 67 Alabama counties. The Port also provides 351,359 jobs in Alabama.

Governor Ivey stated, "Whether it's our booming automotive industry, exports of natural resources such as coal and limestone and other Alabama-made and Alabama-sourced goods, the Port of Mobile touches every corner and every industry in our state. The future is brighter for our Port and I look forward to seeing its growth continue to contribute and impact all of Alabama."

The Port currently has more than \$1 billion in capital projects underway statewide.

There are plans to construct a fly-over bridge which will create on-dock rail access at the container terminal, modernizing general cargo piers and develop an inland intermodal facility in North Alabama.

"Alabama's Port has had tremendous growth and we are just getting started," stated Alabama Port Authority Director and CEO John Driscoll.

Forbes ranks the Port of Mobile the second fastest growing port of entry into the United States over the past decade.

It's All In The Genes

BY ROBERT BURGINS JR.

WESTERN STAR STAFF

This past Saturday sparked a momentous and knowledgeable day for the founders and members of the (Birmingham African-American Genealogy Group, Inc.) BAAGG Organization. Held at the public library's central location it was an interesting and intriguing visit for those in the city. Marking their 25th Anniversary, this event was one the community will cherish for many more years.

BAAGG Co-Founder, Mary Jones-Fitts told us. "We started this group

and roots as a whole, and that's exactly what we've been doing in the community for the last twenty-five years, helping those that're interested in learning such."

Josephine Martin, BAAGG Co-Founder addressed the audience with a touching message about the mission of the Birmingham Genealogy Group.

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2024 World of Wheels

Photos by Jason Knighten • See more on page 2



Southern Memorial and Bronze, LLC Business License Revoked

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON WESTERN STAR STAFF

The Bessemer City Council has revoked the business license of

205.426.1400 1724 9th Avenue North Bessemer, AL 35020 Bronze, LLC, 1111 4th Avenue, North in Bessemer. The action was taken at the December 19, 2023 City Council meeting.

The motion to revoke passed unanimously.

Having received numerous incident/offense reports, the Bessemer Police Department initiated investigations into the business operations of Southern Memorial and Bronze.

Following the investigations criminal and civil charges were brought against the owner/operator of the

Southern Memorial and business. Southern Memorial and Bronze was being operated in violation of City Ordinance.

Next, the Bessemer City Council heard evidence and reviewed reports from the Bessemer Police Department of complaints from citizens that they paid for services and never received the services and were refused a refund.

All persons present at the public hearing were given the opportunity to speak and comment on the proposed revocation.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of the owner/operator.

because we felt African-Americans weren't being taught anything about genealogy. So we wanted to make a way that our people could learn about their heritage

The Passion Of It All

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR. WESTERN STAR STAFF

The second month of the new year is already amongst us, yet soon enough March will be also. The primary runoff will see many voters going to the polls March 5th.

Well we sat down with an exceptional candidate this past week(a Probate Lawyer looking to serve as Probate Judge, Place 1), youthful looking and bright eyed, yet seasoned in experience within the duties of the courts and one ready and willing to serve the community and residents of Jefferson County.

"I'm looking to move people through the court



be stuck there without a decision made, not for the court to hold up the process, and to let people know how accessible the courts are to their needs," is what Probate Judge candidate Mrs. Yawanna McDonald told us. Enthusiastic and thoughtful to the needs of our citizens and the lack of understanding many have when it comes to the justice system, she's looking to change such a narrative so that all will be served rightfully in our court systems.

With over a decade of probate law experience, Mrs. McDonald enlightened us within certain processes and knowledge concerning this profession in one seating, which says alot about one who's not iust about gaining a position but all about serving others fairly.

Representing many cases within Alabama throughout the years, Mrs. McDonald also has a Mississippi Bar License(helping clients in the state of Miss. as well) and she's proven a reliable and sufficient spokesperson for those in need, as she told us, "It's very important

process so they won't that a Probate Judge has experience in Probate Law, so whether you have a small case or a multi-million dollar case, I just love helping people and I want to help many more of our citizens within Jefferson County and that's why I'm running for this position".

She also added, "I just ask our citizens to really look at us as candidates and make sure what we're telling you, adds up to our resume. When we have a heart issue we don't go to the podiatrist seeking help, so as voters we should want a Probate Judge that's had experience as a Probate Lawyer. We'd also like our citizens to exercise their right to vote wholeheartedly because it's something we should never take for granted".

We also asked Mrs. Mc-Donald what'd she tell the youth seeking careers in professions such as the law and others, and she said, "I'd want them to know no matter how hard it seems to accomplish anything, you can do it, it is possible therefore you can achieve. See The Passion on

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NEWS

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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



Evan Grizzard How long have you been playing tennis? A couple of months

Do you play any other sports? Yes, I bowl.

What is your favorite subject in school? Science

Who is your favorite celebrity role model? Jim Henson

What is your dream job? Engineer

Claire Reynolds

How long have you been playing tennis? 4 years

What is your favorite part of tennis? Serving and running

What is the most beautiful place you have visited? The Golden Gate Bridge

What historical person would you want to meet & why? Albert Einstein seems like he would be fun to talk to.

Who is your favorite celebrity role model? Serena Williams because she is an amazing tennis player, and she is very confident.



Jurnee Cunningham

How long have you been playing tennis? 3 years

What kind of music do you listen to? What is your favorite

song? pop, kpop, RMB, and my favorite song is yes and by Ariana Grande

What is your favorite subject in school? Teen Challenges

What is the most beautiful place you have visited? Disney World



Dalton May

How long have you been playing tennis? This is my first year playing tennis.

Do you play any other sports? I play football.

What is your favorite book? Grenade by Alan Gratz

Who is your favorite celebrity role model? Ryan Reynolds

If you were a car, what make and model of car would you be? 2015 blue BMW M4



from soulful blues to modern

hip-hop. This year's event,

marking a decade of such

celebrations, promises an un-

forgettable evening with per-

formances from top Alabama

to be on the lookout for ex-

citing events leading up to the

award show. For more infor-

mation about the 10th Annual

Alabama Music Awards and

related events, please vis-

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show.com and www.the3z.org.

These websites will provide

updates and details, ensuring

fans won't miss out on any

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mary voting will take

place March 5th at all

available poll stations,

so don't forget to pick up

a ballot and make your

voice heard next month.

pre-event festivities.

Mrs. McDonald.

Readers are encouraged

artists.

2024 World of Wheels

Photos by Jason Knighten



















Local Authors to Meet BCS **Students Thanks to Amazon Grant**

SPECIAL TO THE STAR On Friday, nearly 300

"It feels good knowing by Amazon Labs can have on that I can inspire the next young scholars.

For me, second grade seems like yesterday and now we are looking at 10thgrade course selections," said



What historical person would you want to meet & why? MLK because he has done so much for my people and people of color.

Alabama Music Awards

Written By: La'Voris Garrett

The Alabama music scene is abuzz with excitement as the 10th Annual Alabama Music Awards, brought to you by Zeus, Zyoos & (zoos) Entertainment LLC, prepare to light up the Bessemer Civic Center on July 28th. This prestigious event, celebrating its significant tenth milestone, is set to be an evening of glamour, talent, and a vibrant showcase of the diverse musical artistry found in Alabama.

Looking back, the 2021 Alabama Music Award Show honored Leonard Brown with the Lifetime Achievement

Award, recognizing his vast contributions to the music industry. As a member of The Controllers, and his roles as a producer, writer, and arranger, Brown's influence has been profound. Additionally, his work as the creator and host of "Inside The Juke Joint" on 987 KISS FM has significantly promoted music and artists. His philanthropic efforts, including supporting education and healthcare initiatives, further highlight his remarkable career.

Alabama Music The Awards have consistently celebrated the state's musical talent, featuring genres ranging

The Passion

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I'd also encourage them to start reading more, being unafraid to ask questions, because they're many people willing to help them believe it or not, more than those that aren't."

Mrs. McDonald is an honors graduate of Cumberland Law and

member of the 17th Alabama State Bar Leadership Class with community volunteer services served in schools and community programs for two decades.

We wish all running candidates the best this election year as well as our communities and present leaders.

Genes

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She spoke about the significance and importance of one finding their roots within their family trees, also noting that she herself through the BAAGG Group had found out she's related to present members. "Despite the pricing, this organization affords travels to discover specific documentation and records of one's family lineage. Being a founder and a part of this group has been an amazing journey with which its afforded knowledge I could never imagine, and I'm grateful for that as well as those who've helped us move

this organization forward." She and fellow co-founder, Mary Jones-Fitts were awarded special plaques for their communal contributions along with helping others thru historical presents that've benefitted them over the

BAAGG member, Diane Moore told us, "I've learned so much through this group from my heritage to contributions African-Americans have made that I wasn't even aware of. I'm just glad to be apart of such that is historical and meaningful, it's just amazing to be apart of such these past years.'

vears.

The program also presented entertainment thruough music, poetry, paintings, puppeteer impressions and others from Richard Mmnfone, Bobbie J. Lewis, Kloe Webb, Barbara Shores & more.

Door prizes were also presented to raffle ticket winners, as visitors could also view art, clothing and other products at several vending tables.

We thank BAAGG for their work and dedication to our communities.

For more information, visit baaggroup.org or by email ethelalexander2@ gmail.com

Find Your Roots.

Bessemer City Schools' third graders will become one step closer to being published authors. It's all part of the district's approach to introduce young scholars to literacy and careers, thanks to a \$25,000 grant from community partner Amazon.

The grant-funded literacy centers at the district's five elementary schools and New Horizon Alternative School bring in authors to discuss their work. BCS School Improvement Specialist Remeka Little said the labs have eye-catching furniture and engaging instructional materials to support the love of reading and writing. Plus, fun tools to capture their best ideas like gel ink pens and notebooks.

"When they step into that room, everything supports reading and writing and allowing their creative juices to flow," said Little.

She said the opportunity supports the intent of the Alabama Literacy Act and focuses on building foundational reading skills in grades K-3 and readiness for reading at the third-grade level.

The event is scheduled for Feb. 2 and will feature two local authors, area high school student Nia Mya Reese and Tonja McKelvey, a product of Bessemer City Schools.

McKelvey, a former reading instructor in an area school district, says she's excited to bring her book about a young student who finds the courage to make it through her first day at school.

"I was just overwhelmed. Not only did they read it to me, but they hugged me and invited me back!" said the author of "How Will I Get Through My First Day at School." It's just been an honor for me to do it because it's helping so many children to read and get over being nervous (about school)."

The 275 third graders will also meet 15-year-old, threetime author Nia Mya Reese, who was once a budding elementary school student writer herself.

generation," said Reese, author of the viral sensation "Bully at School from the Bully's Perspective."

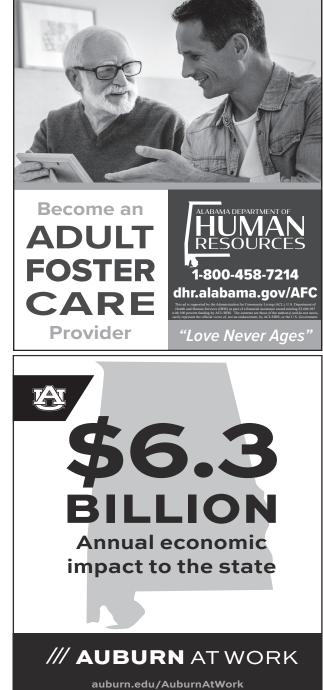
The teenager's mother even celebrated the impact spaces like the ones created

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Shelton State Community College (SSCC) and the United States Sports Academy (United States Sports Academy) have signed a Transfer Articulation Agreement aimed at creating a pathway for SSCC students with an associate degree who wish to continue their education to earn a bachelor's degree from USSA. A signing event was held on Tuesday, January 30, on SSCC's Martin Campus. According to the terms of the agreement, USSA will accept credits for students who have completed an associate degree at SSCC and are seeking a bachelor's degree in any specialty. In addition, USSA has agreed to accept all full-time faculty or staff wanting to pursue a master's degree or Doctor of Education Degree. (Shelton State Community College)





The Diverse **Business Council** recently hosted a successful Welcome Event, introducing new members of the DBC Steering Committee and outlining goals and plans for the first half of the year. This year's committee will be led by Erica Grant, owner of The Charm District. (West Alabama Chamber)

Mrs. Richards, a

Interme-

5th-grade teacher at

Hueytown



Elementary students from across the Tuscaloosa City School System gathered at TCTA this week to display their gifted class projects, from robotics to science projects growing seeds to creating their version of a Mars colony. The event was part of the annual TCS Gifted Showcase. Great job, students! (*Tuscaloosa City Schools*)



Exciting progress on the McWright's Ferry Road Extension Project! Construction is in process of the vehicle bridge over North River + the pedestrian bridge truss span has been set. This Tuscaloosa County Road Improvements Commission (TCRIC) project will connect Rice Mine Rd to New Watermelon Rd, reducing commute times and creating additional access for first responders. Stay tuned for more updates soon! (*City of Tuscaloosa*)



Congratulations to Ramsay IB High School scholars who competed in the State Trumbauer Theatre Competition in Florence, Alabama recently. Issac Simon and Cadence Porter received medals of Excellence in the dramatic acting category and Morghan Hamilton received Superior for costume design. We are very proud of their accomplishment as first-time participants! (*Birmingham City Schools*)

diate School, is the well-deserved winner of the 2023-2024 Outstanding Elemen-Subscribe to the tary School Science Western Star today! Teacher Award, pre-Call 205.424.7827 sented by the Alabama Science Teach-Don't miss out on all Association. ers of the community Congratulations! (Jefnews! ferson County Schools) Vehicle Title Problem? We have a Solution! Unclaimed/Abandoned Vehicles, Mobile Homes & Surety Bonds JSE:Alabama's Vehicle Title **Recovery Service!** We can help with most Titled Vehicles in Alabama, including Cars Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's & Trailers. Stop in, by phone or online! Free Phone Consultation Call 1-205-267-5735 www.JSEAL.com 208 Pierson Ave |Centreville, AL on completion of signup CLINICAL **Radiology Technician**** 0 .ogin Patient Care Tech ** **RN - Emergency Department ** RN - Nursing Home**

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NOTICE TO: DANIEL MCCLENDON OR UN-KNOWN FATHER, AD-DRESS UNKNOWN

On the 29TH day of DE-CEMBER, 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 JAN-UARY, 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 JEFFER-SON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **MEKA YOUNG, DE-**CEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 24BES000033

LETTERS OF ADMIN-ISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE 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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY. ALABAMA IN THE MATTER **OF THE ESTATE OF: GRADY BROWN** WATKINS, DE-CEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000020 LETTERS OF ADMIN-ISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-**SON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **TEENA LEE, DE-**CEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000034 LETTERS TESTAMEN-TARY 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

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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 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 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 JEFFER-**SON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **RODNEY L. ROSS-ER, DECEASED**

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000046

LETTERS OF AD-MINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 24th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffer-

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

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IN THE PROBATE **COURT OF JEFFER-**SON COUNTY, ALABAMA **IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARIANN M.** WORTHINGTON, DE-CEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 24BES000032

LETTERS TESTAMEN-TARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17TH day of JANU-ARY, 2024. by the HON-ORABLE JAMES P. NAF-

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 JAN-UARY, 2024. Elizabeth North JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star 1/19/24, 1/26/24, 2/2/24, AND 2/9/24

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY, **ALABAMA** IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **MELANIE JEAN MES-TLER, DECEASED** CASE NUMBER: 24BES000024

LETTERS OF ADMIN-ISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JEAN M. HANDLEY, A/K/A **IRA JEAN HOR-TON HANDLEY, DE-**CEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 24BES000051

LETTERS TESTAMEN-TARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 25TH day of JANU-ARY 2024. by the HON-

ORABLE 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. JON ERIC HORTON Personal Representative(s) Western Star 2/2/24; 2/9/24 and 2/16/24 Attorney of Record

LETTERS TESTA-MENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18TH day of JANUARY, 2024. by the HON-ELIZABETH ORABLE NORTH, Judge of the

23BES000563

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER **OF THE ESTATE OF: MARY ELIZA-BETH PARKER, DE-**CEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 24BES000050

LETTERS TESTA-MENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 25th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jef-

NOTICE TO RES-IDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUN-TY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION ESTATE OF: ES-TELLE A. GREEN, DE-CEASED CASE NO. 24BES000015

On the 10th day of January, 2024, came MER-CEDES 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 ES-TELLE 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 7th 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

ferson 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. CHELSIE ERRIN TAY-LOR Personal Representative(s) Western Star 2/2/2024, 2/9/2024 & 2/16/2024 Attorney of Record

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 7th day of March, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do. Done this the 17th day of January, 2024. Elizabeth North JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star 1/26, 2/2 & 2/9/24

February 9, 2024

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CE-CIL L. GILBERT, A/K/A **CECIL LAWRENCE GILBERT, DECEASED** CASE NUMBER: 23BES000805

LETTERS TESTAMEN-TARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18TH day of JANU-ARY, 2024. by the HONOR-ABLE ELIZABETH NORTH,

PUBLICATION FOR PE-TITION OF APPOINT-MENT OF GUARDIAN/ CONSERVATOR **STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: ROBERT** LOUIS CUNNINGHAM, AN ALLEGED INCA-**PACITATED 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 8th day of January 2024, Willie Watkins filed a petition for the appointment of

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEF-FERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA **IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: TIMOTHY KURT GWIN, DE-**CEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000039

TESTA-I FTTFRS MENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TES-TAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22nd day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of

PUBLICATION **STATE OF ALA-**

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

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 21st 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 23rd day of January 2024

James P. Naftel JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star 2/2/24, 2/9/24, 2/16/24 & 2/23/24

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

of FEBRUARY, dav 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.

PUBLICATION **STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: LEVIS BULLARD BARTON,** DECEASED CASE NO. 24BES00056

On the 25th day of January 2024, came Martha Hosey, and filed her Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of Levis Bullard Barton, Deceased.

And whereas the 21st day of March 2024, at 10:30 A.M., has

been set as a day for hearing said petition and

IN THE PROBATE **COURT OF JEFFER-**SON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **CARL LOGAN MC-CRAW, DECEASED CASE NUMBER:** 24BES00048 LETTERS TESTAMEN-TARY UPON LAST WILL

AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 24th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Pro-

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ELIZ-ABETH ANN WALTON, DECEASED CASE NUMBER:

24BES000055 LETTERS OF ADMIN-ISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 25th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY, ALA-BAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JO-**SEPHINE S. BRUCE** a/k/a JOSEPHINE **ELIZABETH BRUCE** a/k/a JOSEPHINE E. **BRUCE** a/k/a JOSE-

the testimony to be submitted in support of same.

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

This the 29th day of January 2024.

Elizabeth North Judge of Probate Western Star 2/9/2024, 2/19/2024 & 2/23/2024

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

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

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

NOTICE TO RESI-DENTS AND NON-RES-IDENTS TO PROBATE

WILL **STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUN-TY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION ESTATE OF: DAE BARRENTINE SELF,** A/K/A DAE B. SELF, DECEASED CASE NO. 24BES000047

On the 24th day of January, 2024, came PATRICIA JACKSON and filed her petition in writing therewith producing and filing in this Court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of DAE BARRENTINE SELF, A/K/A DAE B. SELF, deceased, and praying for such orders decrees and proceedings as will duly and legally effect the Probate and record of said instrument as such will.

And the 7th day of March, 2024. at 10:30 A.M., having been set as a day for hearing said petition and the proof to be submitted

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY, ALA-BAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DAN-NY MARK SMITH a/k/a DANNY M. SMITH, DE-CEASED

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000060

LETTERS TESTAMEN-TARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 29th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jef-

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY, ALA-BAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **JAMES WILLIAM** SPAIN, DECEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 24BES000062

LETTERS OF ADMIN-ISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the

in support of same and it further appearing that the following next of kin of said deceased are: viz:

ESTATE OF RONALD UNKNOWN RUSSELL HEIRS, ESTATE OF SUE WYNN UNKNOWN HEIRS, Any and All Known and Unknown Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Whereabouts are Unknown

It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in Jefferson 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 7th day of March, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

Done this the 29th day of January, 2024.

Elizabeth North JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star 2/9, 2/16 & 2/23/24

ferson 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.

MANUEL CHARLES SMITH II Representa-Personal

tive(s)

Western Star

2/9/2024, 2/16/2024 & 2/23/2024 Attorney of Record

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. DOUGLAS WILLIAM

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

BAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT **ESTATE OF: RON-**ALD EUGENE HILL, DECEASED CASE NO. 23BES000097

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

And to any and all interested parties:

On the 17TH 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 26TH

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: TAMMY TERELLE JACKSON, DE-CEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 24BES000040

LETTERS OF AD-MINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22nd day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

PUBLICATION **STATE OF ALA-BAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE** COURT **ESTATE OF: BILLY** WESS HOWELL, DE-CEASED CASE NO. 24BES000011

TO: RAVEN MOEL HOWELL, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown And to any and all interested parties;

On the 8TH day of JANUARY, 2024, came KELLYE SULLIVAN, and filed her Petition for Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed, in the matter of the Estate of BILLY WESS HOWELL, Deceased.

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 23RD day of **JANUARY**, 2024.

Sherri C. Friday JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star 2/2/24, 2/9/24 & 2/16/24

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

And whereas the 7TH day of MARCH, 2024, at 11:00 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.

It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do. This the 22ND day of JANUARY, 2024. Elizabeth North JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star

2/2/24, 2/9/24 & 2/16/24

PHINE BRUCE, DE-CEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 24BES000069

LETTERS TESTAMENTA-RY 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.

IN THE PROBATE **COURT OF JEFFER-**SON COUNTY, ALA-BAMA **IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROST R. EDWARDS,** DECEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 24BES000068 LETTERS OF ADMIN-ISTRATION UPON THE

ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 31st day of JANUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL , Judge of the

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEF-FERSON COUN-TY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER **OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES PAUL** HATCHER, JR., DECEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 24BES000071 LETTERS TESTA-MENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TES-TAMENT of said decehaving dent. been granted to the Undersigned on the 1st day of February 2024. by the HONORABLE James

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY, ALA-BAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **CLOTEE MAXINE** MCKINNEY, DE-CEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 24BES000066 LETTERS OF

MINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 31st day of JANUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE SHERRI C FRIDAY, Judge of the

barred and payment prohibited.

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SCARLETTE MCBRAY-

CHARLES D BRUCE Personal Representa-

tive(s) Western Star 2/9/2024, 2/16/2024 & 2/23/2024 Attorney of Record

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.

RODERICK EDWARDS Personal Representa-

tive(s) Western Star

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

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

BESSIE HALE HATCHER

2/9/2024, 2/16/2024

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. PAIJE FRAZIER

Personal Representative(s)

Western Star 2/9/24, 2/16/24, 2/23/24 Attorney of Record

Undersigned on the 29th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

IN THE PROBATE **COURT OF JEFFER-**SON COUNTY, ALA-BAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DON-**ALD EVANS SPARGO** JR., DECEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 24BES000072

LETTERS OF ADMIN-ISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE / of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1st day of February 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY, ALA-BAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WIL-LIE LEE STEPHENS, DECEASED CASE NUMBER:

24BES000064 LETTERS OF ADMIN-ISTRATION 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

PUBLICATION **STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUN-TY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: RICH-ARD CLAYTON** TREADAWAY, A/K/A **RICHARD C. TREAD-**AWAY, DECEASED CASE NO.

21BES000316 TO: ELLEN MIMS, KENNETH MIMS, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown

And to any and all interested parties:

On the 5TH day of JAN-UARY, 2024, came JACK-EY TREADAWAY, and filed his Personal Representative Petition for Possession of Real Property, in the matter of the Estate of RICHARD CLAY-TON TREADAWAY, A/K/A RICHARD C. TREAD- Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

JOHN EVANS SPARGO Personal Representative(s)

Western Star

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

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.

LOLITA STEPHENS

Personal Representative(s)

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

AWAY, Deceased.

And whereas the 6TH day of MARCH, 2024, at 9:00 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.

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

This the 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

James P. Naftel JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star 2/9/24, 2/16/24, AND 2/23/24

Personal Representative(s) Western Star & 2/23/2024 Attorney of Record P. Naftel, Judge of the

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February 9, 2024

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Notice to Contractors

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. НРР-ТАРВН-CMAQ-A104(916) **JEFFERSON COUN-**TY, 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

Notice to Contrac-

tors Federal Aid

Project No.

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of Transportation at the

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Department of Transpor-

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February 23, 2024 and at

that time publicly opened

for constructing the Re-

surfacing (Micro-Surfac-

ing Seal Coat, Type II

and Type III), Guardrail

Installation, Steel Block-

out Replacement, and

Traffic Stripe on SR-269

from the West City Lim-

its of Birmingham (MP

1.959) to the junction of

Old Mulga Loop Road.

Sealed bids will be re-

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

The total amount of

uncompleted work under

contract to a contrac-

tor must not exceed the

amount of his or her qual-

The Entire Project

Shall Be Completed In

Sixty-five (65) Working

Days. A 2.00% DBE Con-

tract Obligation Is Re-

A Bidding Proposal

may be purchased for

\$5.00. Plans may be pur-

chased for \$6.00 per set.

Plans and Proposals are

available at the Alabama

Department of Transpor-

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Boulevard, Room E-108,

Montgomery, AL 36110.

Checks should be made

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Length 4.591 mi.

Any qualified bidder wishing to bid this proposal is required to have a company representative present

at this MANDATORY prebid conference. Proposals issued to bidders who fail to attend the MANDATO-RY 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

Proposals will be mailed

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Department of Transpor-450, Hoover, AL 35242. tation 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

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this contract. The Bracket Estimate

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 pregualified 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

2000D TO U.S.C. 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regu-

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The bidder's proposal

day of opening of bids.

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

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Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. IM-I459(322) JEF-FERSON COUNTY.

ALABAMA Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office

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

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 im-

plementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid

bond for 5% of bid (maxi-

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The bracket range is

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

\$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, propos-

11:45 A.M., has been

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in the WESTERN STAR,

a newspaper published

in this County, notifying

all parties in interest to

appear and contest said

petition if they think prop-

Elizabeth North

Western Star

Judge of Probate

This the 1stday of Feb-

2/9/2024, 2/16/2024 &

lief by March 28, 2024

or thereafter, a judge-

ment by default may be

rendered against him/

her, in case number

DR-2023-900073.00,

in the Circuit Court of

Jefferson County, Ala-

bama, Bessemer Divi-

Done this the 30th day

Circuit Clerk of Jeffer-

of January 2024.

son County

23, 2024

Western Star

Karen Dunn Burks

Bessemer Division

February 2, 9, 16 &

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It is therefore ordered

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als will be issued only to pregualified 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

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 advertise-

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discriminated against on

the grounds of race, color,

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origin in consideration for

The right to reject any or

Transportation Director

all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER

an award.

Minimum wage rates used in preparing a bid, for this project have been nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decipre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and sion to award this conare set forth in the advertract. tised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and \$2,600,627 Safety Standards Act and

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In accordance with the

On This Project Is From

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

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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

NOTICE

Alabama Depart-

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2024-2027

Statewide Trans-

portation Improve-

ment Program

(STIP) Amendment

No. 2

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has submitted to the

Federal Highway Ad-

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amendment to modify

FY 2024-2027 State-

Improvement Program

which was approved Oc-

This amendment is

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The Alabama Depart-

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.

tation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket

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 Trans**portation Improve**ment 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 State-Transportation wide 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

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

PUBLICATION STATE OF ALA-**BAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE** COURT **ESTATE OF: PATRI-CIA H. WILEMON,** DECEASED CASE NO. 24BES00070

TO: Thomas Cody Wilemon, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown and to any and all interested parties:

On the 1st day of February 2024, came Patti Wilemon, and filed her Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of Patricia H. Wilemon, Deceased.

And whereas the 2ist day of March 2024, at 2/23/2024

Notice <u>of Divorce</u>

sion.

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 re-

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,

Western Star February 2, 9 & 16, 2024 PROBATE NOTICE

> **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEF-**FERSON COUNTY. ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: OLIVIA WALK-ER, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000053

LETTERS OF AD-**MINISTRATION UPON** THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 25th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama,

& 2/23/2024

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.

tative(s)

Western Star 2/9/2024, 2/16/2024

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 for Pleasant Facility Grove High School, for the State of Alabama and the Jefferson County Board of Education, Owner(s), and have made request for final

tract. 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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFER-SON COUNTY. ALA-BAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **BEVERLY GLOVER REED, DECEASED** CASE NUMBER: 24BES000061 LETTERS OF AD-

MINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 29th day of JANUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffer-

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEF-**FERSON COUNTY,** ALABAMA **IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MELODY HOPE TAYLOR WILSON.** DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000077

LETTERS OF AD-MINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 2nd day of February 2024. by the HONORABLE JÁMES P NAFTEL , Judge of the Probate

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.

KIA REED

Personal Representative(s)

Western Star 2/9/24. 2/16/24 & 2/23/24 Attorney of Record

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

JUSTIN WILSON Personal Representative(s)

Western Star 2/9/2024, 2/16/2024 & 2/23/2024

Attorney of Record



IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEF-FERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA **IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JACKIE MAR-RELL DEASON, DE-**CEASED

CASE NUMBER: 24BES000073 LETTERS TESTA-MENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTA-MENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1ST day of FEBRU-ARY, 2024. by the HON-ORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

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

JACKY N SELLERS Personal Representative(s)

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

IN THE PROBATE **COURT OF JEFFER-**SON COUNTY, ALA-

BAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **MARTHA S. BEA-**CHUM, A/K/A MAR-**THA STANSILL BEA-**CHUM, DECEASED **CASE NUMBER:** 23BES000833

TESTA-LETTERS MENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1^{s⊤} day of FEBRUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE ELIZA-BETH NORTH, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

JANE B CATHEY Personal Representative(s)

Western Star

2/9/24, 2/16/24 & 2/23/24

Attorney of Record

SHERIFF'S SALE

Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named EVETTE CRUMPTON in and to the above described property, on Monday, the 26th day of February, 2024,

Dated this 18th day of January, 2024.

Mark Pettway Sheriff of Jefferson Coun-

ty, Alabama Western Star

2/9/24, Please run 2/16/24 AND 2/23/24

PARC PHASE II - C 46/69 Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at

public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named KIZZY D. WILLIAMS in and to the above described property, on Monday, the 26th day of February, 2024, during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at steps of the Courthouse Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2024. Mark Pettway

Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama

Western Star

SHERIFF'S SALE Court Case Number: CV-2023-900031 Sheriff #: 23025863

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

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

SHERIFF'S SALE **Court Case Number:** CV-2023-900306 Sheriff #: 23027634

By virtue of Execution Fieri Facias issued out of the Clerk's Office of the Bessemer Division-Circuit Court (CV) of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against URIEL MANZO-BARRAGAN, ANA ROSA MANZO AND MA-RIA I. FARIAS of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said URIEL MANZO-BARRAGAN, ANA ROSA MANZO AND MA-RIA I. FARIAS. I have levied on the following property, to-wit: GIVIAN-LOT 459-A

THE COMMON ELEMENT

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

Dated this 18th day of January, 2024.

Mark Pettway Sheriff of Jefferson County,

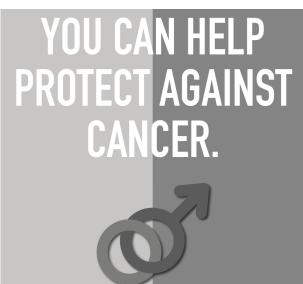
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Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named URIEL MANZO-BARRAGAN, ANA ROSA MANZO AND MA-RIA I. FARIAS in and to the above described property, on Monday, the 26th day of February, 2024, during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at steps of the Courthouse Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama. Dated this 18th day of January, 2024. Mark Pettway Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama Western Star Please run 2/9/24. 2/16/24 AND 2/23/24

RESOURCES



CV-2022-900306 Sheriff #: 23025876 By virtue of Execution Fieri Facias issued out of the

SHERIFF'S SALE

Court Case Number:

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

I have levied on the following property, to-wit: LOT 34 SUMMERSET

PHASE III 38/71

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

Sheriff #: 23025875 By virtue of Execution Fieri Facias issued out of the Clerk's Office of the Bessemer Division-Circuit Court (CV) of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against KIZZY D. WIL-LIAMS of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said KIZZY D. WIL-

I have levied on the fol-

LIAMS.

during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at steps of the Courthouse Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.



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Department of Labor

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is a healthy Alabama.

Story at alabamaunites.com ALABAMA PUBLIC HEALTH CDC



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 31st 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 (<u>www.bessk12.org</u>) Business & Accounting Department for a detailed RFP, time sensitive information, scope of work and required locuments. **

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

aps@dhr.alabama.gov

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 by noon on Friday, February 16th, 2024.

SOUTHERN STYLES

Former Bessemer Resident Celebrates 95th Birthday with Family and Friends



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III WESTERN STAR, SOCIAL EDITOR

A dear Southern lady, former Bessemer resident Kathryn Gibson observed her 95th birthday on Friday, January 26.

The intimate birthday dinner party was held at the Birmingham home of her daughter Kathy Wales.

Attending the party

Dance Club

Newly elected of-

ficers of the Lindy's

Dance Club are Cath-

erine Gross, president;

Heather Brock, first

vice-president; Kim Da-

vis, second vice-presi-

dent; Lucy Hawkins,

secretary; Beth Hinson,

treasurer; and Leigh

Anne Haas; parliamen-

going president.

the Dance Club.

Leigh Anne is the out-

Cindy Rysedorph,

Jennifer Wagoner, Car-

ol Ann Nicrosi, Lelia

Neil and Aimee Forbus

are the new members of

Hueytown Senior

John Host, 93 of

Huevtown loves the

Hueytown Senior Cen-

ter. He has been an ac-

tive member of the Se-

nior Center since 1997

where he has a commu-

tarian.

was Kathryn's dearest friend Annabelle Webb Cheatham, Kathy Wales and Laura and Blair Harlan from LaGrange, Georgia.

Kathryn and Annabelle have been friends since 1947 and she recently celebrated her 99th birthday. While enjoying devil's food cake with white icing, the charming ladies visited and caught up on family.

The evening was simply lovely and memorable.

Annabelle still divides her time between North Highlands and LaGrange, Georgia.

Happy Birthday, Kathryn.

nity of friends. A member of Dolomite Baptist Church, John is at the Senior Center five-days-a-week.

A resident of Hueytown since 1976 he is retired from Compass Bank.

The Woolley Institute

The fundraiser benefitting The Woolley Institute was a grand success. The fun event was held at Ferus on 41st Artisan Ales.

The Woolley Institute is committed to teaching hearing-impaired children to speak.

Seen in the crowd were Allyson and Audi Woolley, Melissa and Jonathan Romeo, Natalie Baldwin, Julianne Blackburn, William Truhill, Elizabeth Mize and Sydney Crosthwait.



Kathryn Gibson and Belle Cheatham

John Host

GOOD AFTERNOON A chat with Johnny Curry, Assistant Tax Collector, Jefferson County, Bessemer Division



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III WESTERN STAR, SOCIAL EDITOR

A native of Bessemer and a lifelong resident of Hueytown, former State Representative Johnny Curry has been assistant tax collector, Jefferson County, Bessemer Division since September 2023. He was appointed by Governor Ivey to fill the unexpired term of the late Eric Burks. A welcomed addition to the Bessemer Courthouse, Johnny is focused on improving and maintaining excellent customer service for the more than 200,000 residents of the Bessemer Cut-

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Off. A student of history, he has read and studied the life and service of former United States President Theodore Roosevelt. He is also interested in the history of Bessemer and Hueytown. Soft spoken and well mannered, Johnny believes that gentle persuasion can be most effective. A member of Valley Creek Baptist Church, he enjoys gardening and working in the yard. Johnny is seeking election for the unexpired term of Assistant Tax Collector, Jefferson County, Bessemer Division. He will be on the November ballot.

What is your goal as assistant tax collector? Johnny: It is my goal and desire for everyone to leave this office with their problems having been addressed and if it should turn out that we can't help them, then we will make sure they are directed to the correct office for assistance.

What is the function of the assistant tax collector? Johnny: The office is a custodial office and does not set policies or tax

rates. The office simply collects revenue and does it as efficiently as possible and redistributes it accordingly.

How much revenue was collected in 2023? Johnny: Over \$119 million was collected. The money is distributed to the State of Alabama, the Jefferson County Commission and all the municipalities and school systems in the Bessemer Cut-Off.

Do you have a favorite quote? Johnny: Former President Theodore Roosevelt said, "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena."

Tell me about your family? Johnny: I was born at the old Bessemer General Hospital in 1956, the oldest of two siblings of the late Mary Jane Curry and the late Orrie Curry. I have been happily married for 45 years to Mary Gugliotta Curry of Ensley and we have one son Jay, 42. My maternal grandfather moved to Hueytown from Brighton shortly before 1920 and most of my familv has lived there ever since.

Commissioner Sheila Tyson

District 2

Who are your favorite authors? Johnny: I have two favorite authors, David McCullough, a literary giant who is the author of John Adams and Edmund Morris author of Colonel Roosevelt.

Do you have a favorite movie? Johnny: It is an old black and white movie made in 1942, How Green Was My Valley, the story of a Welsh coal mining family.

Who are your favorite historical figures? Johnny: It is a tie, George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt. The first, Washington was truly an indispensable man. Roosevelt was one of the few presidents who had two highly successful terms.

Speak to your public service? Johnny: I serve on the Alabama Historic Ironworks Commission, a member of the Birmingham Chapter, SAR, I was Special Projects Coordinator at The American Village from 2006-2020, The Jefferson County Republican Party, and I am state historian for The Alabama Republican Party.

SEWER BOND DEBT REFINANCE TOWN HALL MEETING

Jefferson County will hold 2 Town Hall meetings to answer questions on the recent sewer bond debt refinance. Representatives from the County will be on hand to answer questions about what this historic event means to citizens.

Bessemer Town Event

Bessemer Civic Center (1130 9th Ave SW, Bessemer, AL 35022)

Tuesday February 13, 2024 5:30PM - 7:30 PM

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Birmingham Town Event Boutwell Auditorium (1930 Reverend Abraham Woods Jr Boulevard, Birmingham, AL 35203) **Thursday** February 15, 2024 5:30PM - 7:30 PM

