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MLK DAY Celebrations of 2024

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

This past Monday was a day full of reverence, remembrance and dedication nationally. The cities of Birmingham and Bessemer were no exception as several programs in dedication to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day were held at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

Amongst the celebrations was the stage play, I Am The

Dream of Martin Luther King performed by the Make It Happen Theatre Group, who put on a passionate display of performance through, song, monologues and dances amongst others for audiences in the BCRIs Odessa Woolfolk Gallery.

The troupe delivered speeches and orations based around the words of Dr. King and about his life and achievements. We spoke to Make It

Happen Theatre director, Alicia Johnson-Williams who told us, "I'm just appreciative to this fabulous cast of young adults and adults. We really appreciate serving the community through the talents that are right in our city, and continuing to spread the message of love and togetherness by Dr. King".

Audiences clapped and cried in viewing the touching deliverance of the cast.

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McAdory Wrestling Champion "Takes Next Shot" at Campbell University

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

He has been wrestling since the age of seven.

Hudson Waldrop, son of Adam and Kristi Waldrop of McCalla is all in when it comes to wrestling.

The two-time state wrestling champion from McAdory High School graduated in 2023. Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina offered him a four-year wrestling scholarship earlier that year. The 133 lb. freshman is a folk-style wrestler at Campbell, Division I NCAA.

Waldrop will graduate in 2027 with a BS degree in Trust and Wealth Management.

"My family is honored and humbled for all the assistance, guidance and commitment shown to our son. And above all, we thank God for his many blessings," stated Adam Waldrop, Hudson's father.

He wrestled at McAdory under Coach Blake Dutton where he was a varsity starter for five years, five time State qualifier and placed at State four times. Waldrop amassed 333 ca-

reer wins, which is the most in McAdory wrestling history. Also, the regional freestyle champion recorded the most tech falls in one season in Alabama wrestling.

Waldrop became a High School All-American in 2020 after placing at the 2020 All-American Brian Keck Preseason Nationals in Iowa.

The grandson of Steve and Geneva Waldrop of Smith Lake, Waldrop began his career at Brookwood Youth Wrestling at Brookwood High School, then he joined the Warrior Wrestling Club in Shelby County, in 2018 he enrolled at McAdory Middle School and joined the wrestling team and the rest, as they say, is history.



Adam Waldrop and Hudson Waldrop

The End of an Era: Nick Saban Bids Farewell to Alabama Football

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

In a stunning announcement that reverberated through the college football world, Alabama's legendary head coach, Nick Saban, officially declared his retirement on Wednesday, marking the conclusion of one of the most illustrious coaching runs in the history of the sport.

Addressing the Crimson Tide community, Saban expressed gratitude for his 17-year tenure at the University of Alabama and emphasized the profound impact the program had on him and his wife, Terry. "The University of Alabama has been a very special place to Terry and me," Saban stated. "We have enjoyed every minute of our 17 years being the head coach at Alabama as well as becoming a part of the Tuscaloosa community."

Reflecting on the legacy he leaves behind, Saban went beyond the mere tally of victories and losses. "It is not just about how many games we won and lost, but it's about the legacy and how we went about it. We always tried to do it the right way," Saban said. "The goal was always to help players create more value for their future, be the best player they could be, and be more successful in life because they were part of the program. Hopefully, we have done that, and we will always consider Alabama our home."

During his tenure, Saban

secured an astonishing six national championships for the Crimson Tide, clinching titles in 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017, and 2020. Additionally, he led Alabama to the College Football Playoff eight times since its inception a decade ago.

Alabama Director of Athletics Greg Byrne lauded Saban as one of the greatest coaches in the history of sports. "Simply put, Nick Saban is one of the greatest coaches of all time, in any sport, and The University of Alabama is fortunate to have had him leading our football program for the past 17 seasons," Byrne remarked.

Highlighting Saban's remarkable coaching achievements, Byrne pointed out that Saban's teams secured seven national championships, 11 conference championships, and an impressive 312 victories. Furthermore, Saban played a pivotal role in developing an NCAA-record 49 NFL first-round draft picks and, most notably, hundreds of college graduates.

"His impact is felt far beyond the football field," Byrne added, acknowledging Saban as not only a consummate coach but also a mentor and leader.

As the curtain falls on Nick Saban's extraordinary coaching career at the University of Alabama, the legacy he leaves behind is not just one of championships but of a commitment to integrity, player development, and the enduring impact

on the lives of those who were fortunate enough to be part of his program. The University of Alabama will forever bear the indelible mark of Saban's influence, as the football world bids farewell to a coaching icon.

In the wake of Nick Saban's retirement, the University of Alabama swiftly introduced Kalen DeBoer as the 28th head coach of the Crimson Tide football program. The announcement, made by Director of Athletics Greg Byrne, came on Friday, heralding a new era for Alabama football.

DeBoer, a decorated coach, earned six prestigious Coach of the Year awards in 2023 – the Associated Press, AFCA, Eddie Robinson, George Munger, Walter Camp, and Home Depot honors. His impressive coaching resume includes two successful seasons at Washington, culminating in a remarkable 25-3 record and a trip to the College Football Playoff National Championship Game in 2023, where he led the Huskies to the title match.

"We are excited to welcome Kalen and Nicole DeBoer, and their daughters, Alexis and Avery, to The University of Alabama," said Byrne. "Coach DeBoer has proven he is a winner and has done an incredible job as a head coach at each of his stops."

Byrne emphasized DeBoer's prowess not only in the strategic aspects of the game but also in his commitment to player development and mentorship.

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City Council Makes Appointment to Bessemer Airport Authority Board

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Former Bessemer Police Chief Mike Roper has been appointed to the City of Bessemer Airport Authority Board of Directors.

On the fifth day of December, 2023 the Bessemer City Council at a regular

meeting duly assembled with a quorum being present, approved the motion nominating Mike Roper to the Bessemer Airport Authority Board, Place No. 3.

Roper's term is for six years ending on November 5, 2029. Former board member Nikki Jordan's term has expired.

Bessemer Mayor Kenneth Gulley nominated Roper for the appointment.

Pursuant to the Code of Alabama (1975) the mayor with approval of the Bessemer City Council, has the authority to appoint members to the Bessemer Airport Authority Board of Directors.

Bessemer Approves Transit Service Agreement with BJCTA

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

At the December 5, 2023 Bessemer City Council meeting, the City Council approved a resolution authorizing a Transit Service Agreement between the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority and the City of Bessemer.

Having reviewed the FY 2024 Transit Service Agreement and the pro-

posed Route Schedule, the City Council determined that the provision of public transportation in the Bessemer area is desirable and addresses a public need.

City Attorney Aaron Killings stated, "The resolution is an agreement between the City of Bessemer and the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority known as MAX bus service. This agreement sets forth the routes, dates and times they will be servicing

the city of Bessemer." He added, "That it is an annual agreement that the city has with them in the amount of \$968,845.42 yearly and at the rate of \$94.71 per hour."

The motion to approve was made by Councilor Carla F. Jackson.

Bessemer Mayor Kenneth Gulley is authorized to sign the Transit Service Agreement and any other documents necessary and not inconsistent with this resolution.

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NEWS



Photo by Jason Knighten

Retired Eastern Valley Fire Chief Passes away unexpectedly

Robert "Rob" Edward Ryan

Robert "Rob" Edward Ryan, 70, of Bessemer, AL passed away January 3, 2024. Rob retired from Alabama Power Company after 40 years of service. He also retired from the Eastern Valley Fire District as Fire Chief after 20 years. He was an avid deer hunter and enjoyed working and serving his community. Rob is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Janet Ryan; his children, Amanda (Dale) Johnson, Katie (Brooks) Fountain-Ryan, and Robert Andrew (Jennifer) Ryan; and his grandchildren, Mackenzie, Will, Madie, Marlie, and Harper. A graveside service for Rob will be held

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery with Bro. Alan Head officiating. The family will receive

friends Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in McCalla, AL.



Photo by Jason Knighten

Tuscaloosa's Riverwalk: Sweet Trails Alabama's Trail of the Month

Sweet Trails Alabama is delighted to present Tuscaloosa's Riverwalk as its inaugural Trail of the Month, showcasing the culmination of two decades of dedication and planning. What began as a visionary master plan in 2003 has transformed into a breathtaking reality along the scenic Black Warrior River, providing a picturesque setting for outdoor enthusiasts and locals alike. In this article, we will explore the evolution of the Tuscaloosa Riverwalk, its significant milestones, and the exciting developments that await in 2024.

Twenty years ago, Tuscaloosa set out to enhance its riverfront, and today, the Tuscaloosa Riverwalk stands as a testament to that vision. Spanning 4.5 miles on the south side of the Black Warrior River, the paved paths seamlessly weave through the heart of Tuscaloosa, connecting prominent landmarks such as the Mercedes-Benz Amphitheater, the Tuscaloosa River Market, and the University of Alabama's Manderson Landing. This vibrant network of trails has become a popular destination for walkers, runners, and cyclists, providing a perfect blend of recreation and natural beauty just a stone's throw away from

downtown.

The evolution of the Tuscaloosa Riverwalk didn't stop with its initial conception. Last year, the addition of Randall Family Park and trailhead on the north side of the river brought an extra 3,000 feet of trail to the network, further enriching the overall experience. This expansion not only diversified the scenery but also provided more space for the community to embrace an active and healthy lifestyle along the river.

The excitement doesn't end there. A new park and trailhead are on the horizon, set to open in early 2024 to the west of the Mercedes-Benz Amphitheater. This addition is anticipated to contribute an additional three-quarters of a mile to the existing span, enhancing the Riverwalk's overall appeal and provid-

ing even more opportunities for residents and visitors to immerse themselves in the natural beauty and recreational opportunities that Tuscaloosa has to offer.

Tuscaloosa's Riverwalk has evolved from a visionary plan into a vibrant reality that continues to capture the hearts of those who explore its paths. As Sweet Trails Alabama's Trail of the Month, the Riverwalk stands as a shining example of successful community planning and development. With ongoing expansions and new additions on the horizon, the future of Tuscaloosa's Riverwalk promises to be even more exciting, inviting individuals to connect with nature, embrace an active lifestyle, and enjoy the scenic beauty of this remarkable trail system along the Black Warrior River.



Alabama Music Awards

Written by Ashley S.

Fashion lovers near and far come experience the unique and exciting world of fashion at The Boutique Fashion Show presented to you by Alabama Music Awards and Zeus, Zyoos & zoos Entertainment LLC. The show will be held at Bosses at Midtown on March 10, 2024. This fashion show will host the hottest boutiques in the State and surrounding areas under one roof for them to illuminate the runway

in the latest fashions and one of a kind designs. The Boutique Fashion Show is guaranteed to inspire and entertain you by giving you a chance to connect with the designers and business owners. This event will have a variety of activities for you to enjoy. This is just one of the many events being held that will lead you into the 10th Anniversary of the Alabama Music Awards held on July 28th.

Tickets are on sale now.

Doors open at 4pm and show starts at 5pm. Registration is still open for participating fashion boutiques and designers. To register and for more information, please contact our Fashion Show Coordinator, Ash, at (205) 565-8508. You may also contact us at (205) 503-6840, (205) 259-8461, or amassinfo@gmail.com. For event details and updates, please visit our websites www.alabamamusicawardsshow.com and www.the3z.org.

MLK

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Apart of this magnificent production were songs dedicated to the four young women who were victims of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, along with highlighting civil rights fighters like Rev. Shuttle-

worth, Coretta Scott King and Rosa Parks.

A day of reflection and honor, we thank those who made such a somber day, one we'll remember and reflect upon to be better human beings towards one another.

We salute those

who've fought for the freedom of others and those continuing to fight for fairness such as Dr. King did, along with theatre companies such as 'Make It Happen' who continue to share stories of inspiration throughout our communities.

Saban

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"One of the things I told our team the other day is we are going to get someone who is not only a great coach with the Xs and Os but also someone who cares about his players and someone I'd want my sons to play for, just like I would have wanted them to play for Coach Saban. We got that in Coach DeBoer," said Byrne.

In his nine seasons as a head coach, DeBoer boasts an impressive record of 104 wins and only 12 losses. During his tenure at Washington, he guided the team to a historic 14-win season, clinching the Pac-12 Championship and making a memorable appearance in the College Football Playoff National Championship Game in 2023.

Expressing his reverence for the Alabama football program, DeBoer acknowledged the weight of following in the footsteps of a coaching legend. "Following Coach Saban is an honor. He has been the standard for college football, and his success is unprecedented," said DeBoer. "I would not have left Washington for just any school. The chance to lead the football program at The University of Alabama is the opportunity of a

lifetime."

The sentiment was echoed by UA President Stuart R. Bell, who expressed confidence in DeBoer's ability to uphold the tradition of excellence synonymous with Alabama Athletics. "With great enthusiasm for the future, we are confident that Coach DeBoer will uphold the proud tradition and standard of excellence synonymous with Alabama Athletics," said President Bell.

DeBoer's coaching journey includes successful stints at Fresno State, where he led the Bulldogs to the 2021 New Mexico Bowl, and the University of Sioux Falls, his alma mater, where he accumulated an impressive 67-3 record with three NAIA national titles and three national Coach of the Year awards.

"I want nothing more than to see Alabama football continue to be successful, and Coach DeBoer is an outstanding choice to lead

this program," said Nick Saban. "He has a proven track record of success and is one of the brightest football minds. Coach DeBoer has an excellent understanding of what it takes to be a successful head coach, whether it's coaching, recruiting, developing players, or building a culture. He has done a fantastic job at every stop of his coaching career, and I am excited to see what he will be able to accomplish in Tuscaloosa. Terry and I will be here to support Coach DeBoer and his family with anything they need."

As DeBoer takes the reins of the Alabama Crimson Tide, the anticipation is palpable, and the legacy of success left by Nick Saban serves as both a challenge and an inspiration for the new head coach. The Alabama football community eagerly awaits the next chapter under the leadership of Coach Kalen DeBoer.

Griefshare

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

"I felt like a victim," Pat Taylor said recently at the GriefShare meeting. "But after attending a few GriefShare sessions, I feel like a victor. I have received comfort from the others who have also had a loss of a loved one. I am regaining hope and love for living. GriefShare has changed my life."

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Elizabeth North
JUDGE OF PROBATE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CHERYL L BROWN, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 23BES000922
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18th day of December 2023. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffers-

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.
ALTRICE B GLOOR
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
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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 testimo-

ny 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: BEATRICE H. RILEY, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 23BES000841
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22ND day of DECEMBER, 2023. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffers-

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.
LORI SHAWN RILEY ASHLEY
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
01/05/24, 01/12/24 & 01/19/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RILEY P GUIN, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 23BES000931
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22nd day of December 2023. 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.
GAIL K GUIN
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
1/5/24, 1/12/24 and 1/19/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CARL M BELL, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000004
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 4th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffers-

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.
KELLY SCOTT
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
1/12/24, 1/19/24 & 1/26/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES EARL JOHNSON, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000009
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 5TH 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.
TANYA JOHNSON JONES
Personal Representative(s)
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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 4th 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.

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: 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 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.

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

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 4th 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 6th 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 10th 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: 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 12th 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

Notice of Auction

NOTICE OF AUCTION

In accordance with Alabama Law, there now being due and unpaid charges, the undersigned shall sell or otherwise dispose of the following on 1.31.24

Dorline Levels, 1822 Short 12th Street North Bessemer, AL 35020. Unit A08. Furniture, electronics, clothes.

Antoine Rogers, 457 FLint Hill Road Bessemer, AL 35022. Unit A36. Clothes, furniture, electronics.

James Hulsey, 22821 Bucksville Road McCalla, AL 35020. Unit A43. Furniture, clothes.

Second Attic Storage, 1760 4th Ave SW, Bessemer, AL, 35022. Western Star
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NOTICE OF AUCTION

IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions of Alabama Self Storage Act Section 8-15 there now being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to, shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of; the contents of the following storage units to satisfy an owner's lien, as set forth by Alabama Self Storage Act. Not all units may be available for sale. The auction/disposal shall be conducted at Discount Self Storage at 1027 Woodward Road, Midfield, AL 35228 on January 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Unit A04 Cynthia Davis, 2008 Henry Compton Dr. Birmingham, AL 35211,

Bags, Household items, Furniture.

Unit A05 Cynthia Davis, 2008 Henry Compton Dr. Birmingham, AL 35211, Bags, Furniture, Household items.

Unit A08 Cynthia Davis, 2008 Henry Compton Dr. Birmingham, AL 35211, Furniture, Totes.

Unit A12 Cynthia Davis, 2008 Henry Compton Dr. Birmingham, AL 35211, Furniture, Totes.

Unit E28 Donnell Campbell, 6132 Ct. M. Birmingham, AL 35228, Industrial Fan, Furniture, Tools, Misc. items.

Unit G10 Kevin Harper, 3175 45th Ave N. Birmingham, AL 35207, Furniture, Fishing Equipment, Misc. Items.
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January 12 & 19, 2024

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: 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 10TH 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

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 4TH 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 BURLESON
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
1/19/24, 1/26/24 & 2/2/24
Attorney of Record

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 10th 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 6th 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 10th 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: WANDA TUCKER, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000538

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

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

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 11th 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.

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

Notice of Auction

NOTICE OF AUCTION

PURSUANT TO 32-13-1 ET SEQ, CODE OF ALABAMA, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOVERING STORAGE, TOWING, AND/OR REPAIR BILLS ON March 8, 2024, AT 2:00 PM ANDY'S TOWING INC. 3800 FLIGHT DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 35215. ANY OWNER, SECURED PARTY, LIEN HOLDER MAY CONTEST THE RIGHT TO SELL SUCH VEHICLE BY FILING AN APPLICATION FOR

HEARING WITH THE CIRCUIT CLERK OF SHELBY COUNTY AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SALE. SELLER RESERVES ALL RIGHTS TO REFUSE ANY BID.

2007 HONDA CIVIC 1HGFA16527L020406
2002 PONTIAC FIREBIRD.
2G2FV22G522107018
2006 NISSAN MAXIMA. 1N4BA41E26C839362
2018 LAND ROVER DIS SPORT.
SALCR2RX2JH737162
2004 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER
JTEGP212A640014449
2012 GMC TERRAIN

2GKALMEK2C6334320
2004 NISSAN MAXIMA 1N4BA41EX4C839509
2013 DODGE CARAVAN 2C4RDGCG0DR760440
2015 CHRYSLER 200 1C3CCCBB9FN619295
2018 KIA OPTIMA 5XXGT4L36HG154287
2005 CHEV IMPALA 2G1WF52E059190953
2003 MITSUBISHI LANCER.
JA3AJ86E43U117434
2005 LEXUS ES
JTHBA30G555078481
2009 NISSA SENTRA 3N1AB61E59L620177
2015 HONDA CIVIC 19XFB2F59FE002915
2003 HYUN SONATA KMHWF35H13A851940

2019 FORD MUSTANG 1FA6P8CFXL5122818
2002 DODGE RAM 1500
1D7HU18Z02J20399
2010 TOYT COROLLA 1NXBU4EE5AZ240790
2010 NISS PATHFINDER
5N1AR1NN4AC608863
2013 FORD TAURUS 1FAHP2E83DG223113
2008 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU04178KA51513
1999 NISS ALTIMA 1N4DL01D6XC189472
NISSAN FRONTIER-1N6BD06T8C440288
Western Star
January 12 & 19, 2024

NOTICE OF AUCTION

PURSUANT TO 32-13-1 ET SEQ, CODE OF ALABAMA, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOVERING STORAGE, TOWING, AND/OR REPAIR BILLS AT Classic Towing & Recovery LLC, 1185 Love Street Hueytown, AL 35023. ANY OWNER, SECURED PARTY, LIEN HOLDER MAY CONTEST THE RIGHT TO SELL SUCH VEHICLE BY FILING AN APPLICATION FOR HEARING WITH THE CIRCUIT CLERK OF JEFFERSON COUNTY AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SALE. SELLER RESERVES ALL RIGHTS TO REFUSE ANY BID.

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YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN	SALE DATE
1997	BUICK	PARK AVE	1G4CW52K9V4650562	2.14.24
2012	FORD	FUSION	3FAHP0HA2CR435978	2.17.24
2018	KIA	RIO	3KPA24AB1JE060366	2.19.24
2014	CHEVROLET	SPARK	KL8CA6S97EC593086	2.21.24
2012	CHEVROLET	TRAVERSE	1GNKRFD2CJ253288	2.21.24
2006	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	1C3EL75R06N205461	2.22.24
2004	ACURA	TSX	JH4CL96824C033168	2.22.24
2009	LEXUS	ES 350	JTHBJ46G792287340	2.24.24
2005	FORD	TAURUS	1FAFP53265A172895	2.25.24
2007	CHEVROLET	HHR	3GNDA23D57S534470	2.29.24
1997	HONDA	ACCORD	JHMCD5637VC012490	3.1.24
2009	CHEVROLET	HHR	3GNCA13B19S631365	3.2.24
2017	HYUNDAI	SONATA	5NPE2HAFXHH447475	3.4.24
2004	CHEVROLET	TRAILBLAZER	1GNDS13S242121063	3.5.24
2006	KIA	SORENTO	KNDJD733265589751	3.5.24
2011	DODGE	AVENGER	1B3BD4FB8BN588041	2.6.24
2012	KIA	SPORTAGE	KNDPB3A24C7299367	2.7.24
2005	LAND ROVER	LR3	SALAA25455A303942	2.7.24
2012	CHEVROLET	TRAVERSE	1GNKRGED6CJ296599	2.9.24
2005	DODGE	RAM 1500	1D7HA16N05J558608	2.10.24
2010	NISSAN	ALTIMA	1N4AL2AP0AN544480	2.12.24
2022	CHRYSLER	300	2C3CCAAG8NH116186	2.13.24

NEWS



Congratulations to our newest Cheers for Peers award recipients - Brianna Jones and Lauren Ramsey, the coordinators of Tuscaloosa Fire Rescue EMS Prevention services. Brianna and Lauren go above and beyond coordinating community outreach efforts to improve community health and bridge the gap between the community and emergency medical services. Thank you both for all that you do! (City of Tuscaloosa)



Congratulations to Alexis Washington, RN, MICU 3, DCH Regional Medical Center, for being named the most recent recipient of The DAISY Award. In the nomination, Washington was cited for her ability to immediately put a patient at ease, along with going above and beyond to check on the patient and the patient's family. The compassion and care shown by Washington gave hope to a critically ill patient. The patient also complimented Washington's seasoned bedside manner and was surprised that she only recently graduated from nursing school. The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses is an international program that honors the compassionate care and clinical excellence nurses bring to their patients every day. The program is now in 4,300 health care facilities across 26 countries.

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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 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.
d) All fees received by the City of Lake View
31 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.
SPECIAL NOTICE RE LOCAL LAWS
NO SPECIAL, PRIVATE, 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)
Western Star
January 12, 19, 26 & February 2, 2024

Notice to Contractors

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. HPP-TAPBH-CMAQ-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 January 26, 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, January 16, 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 Regulations, 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
January 5, 12 & 19, 2024

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No Name Club Christmas Luncheon Filled with Merry Laughter and the Warmth of the Season



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

With every knock at the decorated front door, the warmth of friendship welcomed the club member.

The ladies of the No Name Club held their December meeting at the beautifully decorated Virginia Estates home of Peggy Hicks.

Karen Tucker is president of the club.

The rooms were made festive with boughs of greenery, the wintery fragrance

of candles burning and a brightly trimmed Christmas tree in silver and gold.

The buffet table was spread with a delicious luncheon menu including an assortment of salads and a homemade coconut cake made by Miss Deborah.

Following luncheon, the ladies played Dirty Santa and exchanged gifts.

Cindy Gilbert won the prize for Best Dress for Christmas.

Seen sharing the Christmas spirit with Peggy were **Becky Wall, Deborah Dabbs, Shirley Posey, Betty Seale, Mitzi Ellenburg, Cindy Gilbert, Karen Tucker, Sandra Kirkland, Darlene Rye and Becky Champion.**



Top to bottom: Mitzi Ellenburg, Karen Tucker, Sandra Kirkland, Cindy Gilbert, Betty Seale, Darlene Rye, Peggy Hicks, Becky Champion, Shirley Posey and Becky Wall



Cindy Gilbert

American Cancer Society

The 43rd Annual Hope Gala benefitting the American Cancer Society was held at The Birmingham Country Club.

The elegant French-themed affair was planned by Jane Huston Crommelin, Anne Liles and Jodi Benck.

The honorees were Neillie Butler, Jack Darnall, Lynn Lloyd and Jen-

ny Sobera.

Seen in the crowd were Tricia and Jeff Golden, Marisa, Naseem and Tee-na Ajlouny, Alice Maxwell, Chase Lacy, Anne Liles, Carolyn Smith, Jason Comer, Lula Comer, Anna Comer, Doug Shook, Jackie and Paul Currie, Vickie and Dave Rader and Jodi and David Benck.

Then there were Kel-

and Jordan Holt, John and Melanie Gross, Pam White, Marty Heslin, Katie and Philip Currie, Deana and George Christian, William Truhill, Rachel Johannes, Katie Bauder and Kendra Watson.

Legacy League

Vestavia Country Club was the site for the Legacy League at Samford University Membership Kickoff Luncheon.

A highlight of the event was the recognition of the 2022-2023 board members and volunteers.

Seen in the crowd of over 300 were Dr. Gary Fenton, Kay McLean, Julie and Beck Taylor, Fran Duncan, Kathy Clay, Daisy Perrigin, Cindy Anderson, Cheryl Acton, Marianne Livingston, Allison Hancock, Kasey Fiscus and Madge Noland.

Quote of the Week
by Donald J. Howton
Being thankful is the most powerful gift in life.
~ Curtis G. Almquist

GOOD AFTERNOON

A chat with Justin Sanchez, businessman, funeral escort services



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A young Marine Corps veteran, Lance Corporal Justin Sanchez has lived in West End since last year. Originally from Texas, but lived most of his life in Colorado. Justin moved to Birmingham with his father in 2023 from Colorado. Intelligent and

levelheaded, he has worked in bail enforcement, private security and customer service for several years. A funeral escort service business is ideal for this reserved and focused young man. A small business owner, Justin is a man who welcomes a challenge.

Tell me about your business enterprise? Justin: In Colorado, my father and I operated a security company named Genesis Security Services. While working private security, I became interested in providing security and escort services for funeral processions. Escort service has always been of interest. We will be the only

funeral escort company in Birmingham that does not require the services of off-duty police officers.

What services do you provide? Justin: First and foremost, we provide security to the convoy while in the procession. It is our goal to ensure that the funeral party arrives safely at its destination.

What is the cost associated with the service? Justin: The charge for the service ranges from \$200. to \$500.

Tell me about your family? Justin: I was born in Decatur, Texas, the older of two siblings of Janette Inman and Elvis Sanchez. My father's family is from Merida, Mex-

ico.

Why did you want to be a Marine? Justin: I believe the Marine Corps gave me the opportunity to become a better man and contribute to the life of the community.

Did you make a New Year's resolution? Justin: I have not been someone to make New Year's resolutions, however I plan on learning more patience this year.

What does community mean to you? Justin: Community means family, friends, neighbors and even pets are all valuable and important members of any community. It makes life more comfortable and pleas-

ant.

What is your favorite meal? Justin: I enjoy a rib eye, medium rare with a baked sweet potato, asparagus or broccoli and for dessert strawberry cheesecake.

Do you have a favorite

television show? Justin: I enjoy watching Dr. Who and The Office.

What are your hobbies? Justin: I like skateboarding because it gives me a good workout. I also collect coins, butterfly knives and guns.



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