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Bessemer's Banquet of Information

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

"At the end of the day, it's about letting people know that they have a choice and it's time to vote," is what Karen Dunn-Burks told us this past Thursday at the 36th ADC Banquet.

Candidates were each given three minutes to introduce themselves & speak on behalf of their goals for this year's political seats in serving the state of Alabama.

In preparation for the March 5th primary race, candidates came out to give awareness of their plans, purposes and objectives to potential voters and residents within Jefferson County & the Bessemer community. Many of the candidates spoke with passion and enthusiasm, as they spoke upon their ideals with assuredness and confidence to bring about change and dedication in serving our communities.

Some candidates who

are seeking to be re-elected like Sherry McClain, Jackie Anderson-Smith, Judge Everett Wess and others spoke to the crowd personally from a perspective of loyalty and the determination of continuing the works they've started, as audiences applauded.

Candidates such as Angela Webb-Weinberg, Yawanna McDonald, Abdul Alwahid and others, spoke on the need and sufficient progress one can make for many through experience, sincerity and empathy for not some, but all in our community.

Master of Order, The Honorable Grover Dunn also spoke with fond enthusiastic cheer that kept the crowd's attention, as he brought an assurance of comfort to all candidates as they were called to speak.

Circuit Clerk, Karen Dunn Burks also inspired the audience with a speech on unity and knowing what's best for oneself in the world of today with pure passion and conviction that moved the audience deeply.

This event was a special one as it introduced and reintroduced community leaders that are willing to serve and motivate the city's residents, as the event also informed and made aware to the city's citizens about the issues and further progressive steps willing to be made in the future.

Vel Mar Productions serenaded the crowd through beautiful instrumentation as Bistro On 19th catered amazing dishes and desserts, as Dr. Emmanuel Foster gave a riveting invocation and grace.

We wish goodness upon our city's leaders and candidates within this election year, as we remember election will take place March 5th 2024 followed by two more elections in July & November. So to our citizens we say stay informed and go out and vote. See you at the polls.

We also give dedication of memory to the Honorable, Eric S. Burks.



Hueytown High School Peer Helpers

Hueytown High School Peer Helpers Sponsor Winter Coat Drive

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

We all know it has been extremely cold. There still remains a need for coats, hats, scarves and gloves, especially for children and teenagers.

The Hueytown High School Peer Helpers are sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive. The theme for the event is "Spread the Warmth."

Amanda Bryant is the school sponsor of the event which started on January 16 and ends on February 16.

The Peer Helpers are

students from the 9th to 12th grade. Their goal is to identify the needs of the Hueytown High School student body and address them to the best of their ability.

The organization is accepting gently used or new coats at any of the drop off locations: The Hueytown Library, the Hueytown Chamber of Commerce or sending the items with a Hueytown High School student to the school.

The 2023-2024 Peer Helpers are Alexis Barton, Colton Blackstock, Kennedy Brackett, Kait-

lyn Bryant, Zoe Brown, Destiny Clark, Chelsey Coronado-Rubio, Vanessa Duran, Jeremiah Evans, Lauren Finley, Liyah Fox, Sergio Gaytan, Arrayah Holmes, Kailah Jones, Preston Jones, John Lang, Olivia Lawrence, Emma Melanson, Terron Peterson, Amya Pouncy, Aylin Quinteros-Marin, Lizbeth Trejo-Arredondo and Destiny Zimmerman.

The students apply for this position in the spring of the year and go through an application and interview process before being chosen to represent the school.

Waldrop Electric "Lights Up" Bessemer Academy Football Field

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
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It is understood that college football is "King" in the state of Alabama. High school football is held in the same reverential regard and has the same impact on our society.

Bessemer Academy, located at 1705 4th Avenue, SW is no exception.

Committed to maintaining that standard, S & G Waldrop Electric of Bessemer, a local electrical contractor recently contributed to the significant lighting improvements at Bessemer Academy's football field.

S & G Waldrop has been serving the Southeast for 43 years.

Adam Waldrop, one of the owners of S & G Waldrop stated, "We were proud to offer a solution to the stadium lighting issues at Bessemer Academy." He further stated, "The existing lighting was 20 plus-years old."

Following a routine, reactive maintenance call to work on lights before Bessemer Academy's season

kicked-off, it was discovered that an upgrade was a great solution to an older lighting system.

S & G Waldrop has partnered with Gary Steelman, Southeast regional manager with ASD Lighting Corp. based in Houston, Texas and together they developed a system and plan to offer a feasible solution to a high-priced sports lighting issue.

The lighting application to retrofit the sport's lighting fields considers several factors when upgrading to LED. A leading benefit is the energy efficiency of the LED lighting and the brightness and quality of the new lighting. Other factors include the longevity

and durability of these new sports lighting fixtures.

The plan was to install affordable, state-of-the-art LED sports lighting fixtures.

With the help of Matt Waldrop, another owner of S & G Waldrop Electric, they went to work to upgrade. Matt has successfully installed and upgraded over 100 new sports lighting projects. The project was completed in less than two weeks.

Headmaster Tom Hannah who is also the basketball coach, was more than pleased with the product and Waldrop's professionalism. He is excited about the upcoming football season.



Bessemer Academy Football Field

Workshops Coming to Bessemer

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
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In congruence with Create Birmingham, the Bessemer Public Library will be hosting the "Business of Creating" workshop series. Starting February 5th - February 22nd, Bessemer residents will have the chance to involve themselves within these workshops that'll cover everything

from 'Learning How To Run Your Business In Alabama' and 'Social Media Marketing' amongst others.

This particular partnership is to grant opportunities for local artists and entrepreneurs to help get conversations started on how to become more business savvy and knowledgeable in various avenues of business intelligence within Alabama and to reach more customers with great business strategies and services. Bessemer's Library Director, Omar Chapman told us, "Our mission at the Bessemer Public Library is to provide our community with adequate resources in order to meet the needs of our people. I believe this partnership will do just that."

We also spoke to

Create Birmingham, Community Engagement Manager, Viola Ratcliffe, who told us, "We're excited to be partnering with Bessemer once more to give back. It is essential that we share resources with one another to bring a conglomerate of essentials to our community's visionaries, and we're glad they also see this vision worthwhile as well."

The workshops will take place between the hours of 9AM-11AM & 5:30PM-7:30PM on certain days throughout the month of February.

For further information, contact Viola Ratcliffe at 205-458-1393 ext. 804 or email at viola@createbirmingham.org

We'll see you at the Workshops.



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NEWS

King Makers Gym Offers Full Service Facility

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The King Makers Gym is for you.

The King Makers Gym, a boxing, mixed martial arts, health, and wellness and fitness facility is open in Bessemer for ages seven to a 100.

The facility is located at 3800 Bessemer Super Highway, the former Buddy's Marineland building. The King Makers Gym thanks Steve Weil and his family for donating the training facility.

The facility was established to encourage pre-teens, youth and adults in the pursuit of a positive, healthy, strong, mental and physical lifestyle.

CEO Marcus King believes the King Makers Gym is a truly distinctive facility in all of Western Jefferson County.

The safe, family-friendly 2,000 square foot training space in the fighting arts is ideal for the novice, weekend warrior and even the professional fighter.

According to Martial Arts Instructor Tony Pearson, "We are on a mission to invigorate and inspire future community leaders by uplifting and constructing a less violent, more productive healthy, happy neighborhoods and citizens for all of Western Jefferson County, through the disciplined, diligence and determination of the Fighting Arts."

The gym typically provides everything one needs to get started. There are no contracts, uniforms or

limitations on the amount of your desired achievements. All they require is a humble, respectful character, a willingness to learn and develop an openness to rid oneself of illegal activities, illegal drugs and unnecessary gang and gun violence.

Louis Hawkins and Gregory Bonds are the boxing coaches where they build kind hearts, strong bodies and strong minds.

For more information, call 205-478-7475 or 205-860-8649.



April Benson and Tony Pearson



Alabama Grown and Raised Ambassadors of 2024

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The ambassadors are in for Sweet Grown Alabama's 2024 season, and one in particular just so happens to be K. Marie (Alabama State grad), one whose talents revolve around, yet aren't limited to the kitchen. One who prepares sought after pound cakes & Cornish hen recipes. With inspiration and lessons from her Mom, K. Marie is keeping the oven hot as she'll be visiting notable Alabama farms & orchards this year.

Food blogger, cookbook author & party planner, this year K. Marie was chosen as an Ambassador for Sweet Grown Alabama.

S.G.A. is a non-profit organization that enhances marketing opportunities for farmers by connecting consumers and retailers to Alabama-Grown foods and other agricultural products.

After being visible for

years and winning several contests, Katrina Adams (K. Marie) has been chosen to visit several farms throughout the state. She told us, "There's nothing like fresh grown foods, simply. To me they enhance the food products I make and eat, so to be given the opportunity to visit farmers throughout our areas is something I'm looking forward to and excited about."

We learned also that K. Marie is no stranger to the farm, so being a part of this partnership is like a homecoming for her also. Throughout this year, she'll help make us aware of the varied products and items grown right in our backyards which will also make our favorite dishes evermore tasteful through naturally grown items we weren't even aware of right at home (including strawberries, apples & even plants).

As a 2024 Sweet Grown AL. Food Ambassador,

K. Marie's items can also be found in several Piggly Wiggly locations throughout the state (including Homewood, Hoover, & Clairmont locations) under 'In the Kitchen with K. Marie' in the freezer sections.

With a magnificent start to the new year, we asked K. Marie what'd she like to tell others that'd be interested in chasing their own personal dreams, and she said simply, "Put God first and never give up. Motivate yourself and try hard within the passions of your heart and you won't be disappointed at all."

We look forward to being tastebud pleased with these products via K. Marie & Sweet Grown Alabama this year and in the future.

For more information, visit kmariekitchen.com and sweetgrownalabama.org as well as on YouTube and social media platforms.

See you on the aisles at the farm.



City of Hoover New Rescue Unit

BY MATT BRYANT
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Residents in the City of Hoover, and beyond, will soon have an extra life-saving measure at their disposal--thanks to the Jefferson County Commission. For several years, the Commission has given medical rescue transport units to unincorporated fire districts as well as municipal departments that assist with mutual aid. This time around, they decided to give one to Hoover.

"We're all in this together. We're stronger when we work together and help out," says Jefferson County Commissioner Jimmie Stephens. "The City of Hoover has been a great partner with the county moving forward, going outside of the City limits to areas that may not have much coverage and this is our way of showing gratitude."

The County uses money from the American Rescue Plan Act to purchase the units, which cost around \$250 thousand to \$260 thousand.

"I had talked to the County Commission about a year or so ago about the possibility of us getting one of the units because we do cover a lot of unincorporated Jefferson County and they

were optimistic about us getting one," says Hoover Fire Chief Clay Bentley.

In 2023, the Hoover Fire Department answered 77-hundred emergency medical service calls. Of those, more than 52 hundred resulted in a patient being transported to a local medical facility.

"We already put two new rescue units in service in 2023 that the City purchased. We have another rescue unit that is coming in the first quarter of this year that was purchased through a FEMA grant. And then, this rescue unit that we'll be getting from Jefferson County will just be added to our fleet, which is desperately needed," Bentley explains.

He points out the unit from the county will be the first the city has owned that operates off of gasoline instead of diesel. And instead of a van type model, the new unit will be what's called a "type one" which has a 450-cab and chassis with a transport box on the back.

"It gives us a little bit more room in those units to carry structural firefighting gear because our paramedics are cross-trained," Bentley explains. "It also allows us to re-chassis that box after so many miles. We could buy a new chassis and put that box on that chassis and it could save us some money. From my perspective,

they're the safest because the boxes are larger. The vehicle has four tires on the back instead of just two. So we feel like those particular units are safer for our personnel."

Bentley points out that nationally, transport services are facing a number of challenges, especially private companies that may not pay as well or offer as many benefits as municipalities can. He says officials in Jefferson and Shelby County recognize those hurdles and taking steps to ensure residents have the transport services they need. "I feel that the Hoover Fire Department does an exceptional job in transporting every day and taking care of our patients."

I'm not going to tell you we're the best, but I'm gonna tell you we're trying to be the best that we can be every day. And we appreciate Jefferson and Shelby County's helping with the equipment and resources that we need to stay where we are.

"Hoover has always had a great relationship with all the commissioners. They're very supportive of our city and we're very supportive of the County Commission and we're very proud of that partnership. We are just grateful that they considered us in this donation."

10th Annual Alabama Music Awards

Written by La'Voris Garrett

Excitement is building as the 10th Annual Alabama Music Awards, presented by Zeus, Zyoos & Zoos Entertainment LLC, approaches on July 28th at the Bessemer Civic Center. This milestone event marks a decade of musical excellence, promising an unforgettable night of celebration that will resonate for years to come.

Zeus, Zyoos & Zoos Entertainment LLC, the visionary force behind the awards, has meticulously curated an experience that transcends the typical ceremony. This event serves as a tribute to the rich musical heritage of Alabama, showcasing the evolution of its music scene and the passion that defines the state's cultural identity.

Stay tuned for updates on lead-up events by visiting www.alabamamusicawardsshow.com and www.the3z.org.

Zeus, Zyoos & Zoos Entertainment LLC has orchestrated a prelude of activities, providing a sneak peek into the magic that will unfold on the stage of the Bessemer Civic Center.

In summary, the 10th Annual Alabama Music

Awards is not just a recognition of the past; it's a celebration of the present and a glimpse into the future of Alabama's music scene. Join us for a night that honors a decade of musical brilliance, marking a significant chapter in the state's musical journey.

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

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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.
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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 Jeffer-

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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 Jeffer-

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

CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: A.N.J., A MINOR CASE NO. 24BES000002
NOTICE TO: KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN
On the 3RD day of JANUARY, 2024, came DANESHA HARDY, Mother and Petitioner for the Change of Name for A.N.J., A Minor
And whereas the 21ST day of MARCH, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. has been set as a day for hearing said petition

and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.
It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do. Please note that an answer may be filed within 30 days from the date of this last publication notice. Given under my hand, this, the 9TH day of JANUARY, 2024. Elizabeth North
JUDGE OF PROBATE
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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 Jeffer-

son County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.
TANYA JOHNSON JONES
Personal Representative(s)
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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. Nafel
JUDGE OF PROBATE
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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. Nafel, Judge of the

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01/19/2024, 01/26/2024 & 02/02/2024
Attorney of Record

CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: L.B.B., A MINOR CASE NO. 23BES000906
NOTICE TO: BRANDON M. BOYCE, ADDRESS UNKNOWN
On the 12TH day of DECEMBER, 2023, came LEA A. FINCH, Mother and Petitioner for the Change of Name for L.B.B., A Minor
And whereas the 7TH day of MARCH, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be

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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: 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

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PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: CANDI GUY, DECEASED CASE NO. 19BES000410

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

On the 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: 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

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 Jeffe-

son County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited. JEFFERY TUCKER Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/19/24, 1/26/24 & 2/2/24 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CLAUDIA MAE WARE, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000018

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

son County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited. REGINALD E WARE Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/19/24, 1/26/24 & 2/2/24 Attorney of Record

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION ESTATE OF: ESTELLE A. GREEN, DECEASED CASE NO. 24BES000015

On the 10th day of January, 2024, came MERCEDES PASQUALETTI and filed her petition in writing herewith producing and filing in this Court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of ESTELLE A. GREEN, deceased, and praying for such orders decrees and proceedings as will duly and legally effect the Probate and record of said instrument as such will.

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

SAMUEL GREEN, 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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CECIL L. GILBERT, A/K/A CECIL LAWRENCE GILBERT, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000805

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18TH day of JANUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE ELIZABETH

NORTH, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited. CHERYL SIBLEY Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24 Attorney of Record

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

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffe-

son County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited. REGINALD WATTS Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/26/2024, 2/2/2024 & 2/9/2024 Attorney of Record

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

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18TH day of JANUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE ELIZABETH NORTH, Judge of

the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited. JEFFERY W RILEY CANDYE L TIDMORE Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24 Attorney of Record

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

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17TH day of JANUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the 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. KANDIES ST. JOHN Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24 Attorney of Record

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

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12th 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. MICHELLE KIZZIAH Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24 Attorney of Record

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

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17TH day of JANUARY, 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. 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. 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 JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GRADY BROWN WATKINS, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 24BES000020

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11th day of January 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited. KELLY WALLACE Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/26/24, 2/2/24 & 2/9/24 Attorney of Record

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NOTICE OF AUCTION

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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

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Public Notice

Public Notice
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 4 A BILL
 5 TO BE ENTITLED
 6 AN ACT
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 9 Relating to the City
 of Lake View in Tuscaloosa County;
 10 to provide that the
 municipal judge or mag-
 11 strate for the City
 of Lake View may
 12 recall a failure to appear
 or comply warrant
 13 upon the payment
 of fee by the defendant.
 14 BE IT ENACTED
 BY THE LEGISLATURE
 OF ALABAMA:
 15 Section 1. (a) Not-
 withstanding any law to
 the contrary,
 16 a municipal judge or
 a municipal magistrate of
 the City of
 17 Lake View in Tusca-
 loosa County, Alabama,
 may assess a
 18 defendant with a
 warrant recall fee that
 shall be paid in
 19 order for a munic-
 ipal judge or municipal
 magistrate to recall
 20 a failure to appear
 warrant or failure to com-
 21 ply warrant
 22 arising from any
 municipal ordinance vio-
 23 lation or other
 24 offense brought
 against the defendant in
 the municipal court
 25 of the City of Lake
 View.
 26 (b) The warrant re-
 call fee shall not exceed
 one hundred

24 dollars (\$100) and
 is to be paid by the de-
 25 fendant at the time
 26 the warrant is re-
 called.
 27 (c) This section
 shall not be construed or
 28 interpreted
 29 to require the City
 of Lake View to recall a
 30 warrant that has
 31 been issued. All or-
 ders to recall a warrant
 shall be issued
 32 solely in the dis-
 cretion of the municipal
 33 judge or municipal
 34 magistrate.
 d) All fees received by
 the City of Lake View
 35 Municipal Court for
 a warrant recall fee shall
 be deposited
 36 into the City of Lake
 View Corrections Fund
 and allocated in
 37 conformity with
 Section 11-47-7.1 of the
 Code of Alabama 1975.
 38 Section 2. This
 act shall become effec-
 tive on October 1, 2024.
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 NO SPECIAL, PRI-
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 cept in reference to fix-
 ing the time of holding
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 ply therefor shall have
 been published, without
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 county or counties where
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 the proposed law and be
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utive weeks in some
 newspaper published in
 such county or counties.
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 of publication) which
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 tives and the Senate,
 and one copy of such
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 bill which is offered for in-
 troduction.
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 ality affected by a local
 law introduced by a leg-
 islator must pay for ad-
 vertising the notice, if the
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 (Section 11-13-6, Code
 of Alabama 1975)
 Western Star
 January 12, 19, 26 &
 February 2, 2024

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Notice of Sale:

In accordance with Section 32-13-1, Code of Alabama 1975, notice is hereby given to the owners, lien holders and other interested parties that the following described abandoned vehicle will be sold at public auction for cash to the highest bidder on 04/03/2024 at 12pm. Location Copart Auto Auctions 3101 Davey Allison Blvd Hueytown, AL 35023.

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 January 26 & February 2, 2024

VIN	Year	Make	MODEL	Color
1HGCR2F50FA166511	2015	HONDA	ACCORD	BLUE
1J4FX58S8WC135656	1998	JEEP	GRAND CHE	BLACK
1HGCM56715A098736	2005	HONDA	ACCORD	RED
JM1BL1UF1C1526785	2012	MAZD	3	SILVER
2T1BURHE1GC601855	2016	TOYOTA	COROLLA	BLACK
1GCCS199588170298	2008	CHEVROLET	COLORADO	WHITE
KMHGC4DD1CU20120	2012	HYUN	GENESIS	WHITE
JM1GJ1V59G1419684	2016	MAZDA	6	BLACK
2GCEC13J371618144	2007	CHEV	SILVERADO	WHITE
1HGCM66817A045181	2007	HOND	ACCORD	SILVER
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The City of Bessemer is seeking Licensed Contractors to provide Housing Rehabilitation services through a program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Persons or firms interested in taking part in the program will be vetted based on provision of the following information (must be current):

- Proof of General Liability Insurance (\$1,000,000 minimum).
- Proof of Alabama Homebuilder License or General Contractor's License.
- EPA Lead-Safe Certification Firm / Individual Certificate.
- City of Bessemer Business License and Workman Compensation Insurance.
- Section 3 Certification.
- A list of references is required.

All interest parties are encouraged to contact the City of Bessemer's Economic and Community Development Department during normal business hours at 205-424-4060, ext. 4232 or via email at tnorris@bessemeral.org if there are additional questions.

Information must be received by noon on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

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Hueytown Girls Ring in the New Year Celebrating in Destin



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

People love going to the beach throughout the year, but none more so than for New Year's Eve.

Celebrating the New Year with lots of laugh-

ter and good fun in Destin were **Debbie Kiker, Leah Wallace, Amy Hunter and Misty Sorensen.**

Their ladies weekend was a grand way to begin the New Year.

The Inlet Reef Club Condos offered excellent, comfortable accommodations for their New Year's Eve weekend.

The beautiful beaches and stunning views were the highlights of the holiday trip.

Also many delicious restaurants and exploring local attractions made for a memorable time.



Debbie Kiker, Leah Wallace, Amy Hunter and Misty Sorensen



Michael Waid and Sheriff Mike Hale

Quote of the Week by Donald J. Howton

Every moment of the year has its own beauty.
~ Emerson

Vegetable Soup

As I was driving to Hut Stuff in Hueytown last weekend, I noticed the good price for gasoline at the Exxon Station on Brooklane Drive. I also noticed that the Exxon is the home of Mama's Country Cooking, Southern-Style Cooking at its Best.

For the best bowl of hot, homemade vegetable soup and cornbread around, Mama's is the place. Delicious!

At Mama's they serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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700 Brooklane Drive.

Local Actress

Congratulations to Hoover native and actress **Savannah Lathem** the star of "A Law for Christmas." The Christmas movie premiered at LUX Cine GSX & Pizza Club on Lakeshore Parkway.

The film is produced by Wesely Brothers, an independent film company.

Savannah is the daughter of **Gina and Don Lathem** of Helena. She and her husband **Matthew Blaes** lived in McCalla.

SAR

Recently, the Birming-

ham Chapter, The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, (SAR) recognized **Michael Waid** a firefighter/paramedic with the Sumiton Fire Department in Sumiton, Alabama.

The SAR honored Michael with their 2023 Life Saving and Heroism award which included a medal and a certificate.

In July of 2023 Michael was vacationing with his family in Orange Beach. While travelling on the Inter-Coastal Waterway along Perdido Key, Florida, Michael saw a panicking passenger on a nearby boat screaming for help.

Her husband had fallen overboard. Michael dove into the water toward the drowning man. He rescued the victim and kept him afloat until more help arrived. Michael then administered lifesaving care as he was boated to a nearby boat ramp and waited for the Escambia County Fire Department. During those critical minutes, he conducted an assessment for injuries and provided necessary care.

The presentation, made by **Sheriff Mike Hale** was held at the December meeting of the SAR held at The Club.

GOOD AFTERNOON

A chat with Michael E. Cashaw, Jr., secretary, board of directors, Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

Michael E. Cashaw, Jr. of Hueytown has been secretary of the Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce since 2020. When he is not doing Chamber work, he is serving grieving families at Smith & Gaston Funeral Services as the licensed funeral director. Michael is in the Funeral Service Industry and loves it

immensely. After all his work is done, he returns to Hueytown to do his Christian work at First Missionary Baptist Church, Hueytown.

Michael has been active in community service for as long as he can remember. He is also known for the many costumes he wears to all the chamber events. Hueytown is fortunate to have a man like Michael who just simply loves the city.

What are your duties as secretary? Michael: As the secretary, I am responsible for preparing the monthly minutes. Also, I make it my business to visit the membership.

Which quote inspires you? Michael: My favorite quote is

by George MacDonald, "It is our best work that God wants, not the dregs of our exhaustion. I think He must prefer quality to quantity."

What is the motto of the Hueytown Chamber? Michael: "Live Local and Shop Local."

What is the Hueytown Chamber's goal? Michael: The Chamber is focused on improving the quality of life throughout Hueytown. Hueytown is a vibrant city with a rich history and community spirit. We love blending our community with economic opportunities for our residents and business community. Our goal is to continue to grow our city and bring others together as one.

Tell me about your

family? Michael: I was born in Hueytown; the only child of Rev. Michael E. and Audrey Cashaw, Sr. I am a proud graduate of Hueytown High School. My family, the Towns family are longtime residents of Hueytown and have a rich history associated with the city. We have been members of First Missionary Baptist Church for over 60 years where I serve as youth director. My cousin, Dr. Jeremy Towns, is a former professional football player who today, practices medicine at UAB.

What is your favorite meal? Michael: I love Southern cooking especially chicken and dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, succo-

tash, broccoli casserole, squash casserole and for dessert lemon ice box pie.

What is your profession? Michael: I have been in the funeral service industry for 14 years where I am a licensed funeral director.

What is your favorite Little Debbie treat? Michael: I love the Oatmeal Cream pie.

Are you a member of any service organizations? Michael: I am a member of the Alabama and Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Inc., Hueytown Helpers, Gospel Music Workshop of America, Boys and Girls Club of Central Alabama, Hueytown Arts Council and Birmingham Community Mass Choir.



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