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Bessemer City Council Fills Industrial Development Board Vacancies

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

There have been two vacancies this past year on the board of the Bessemer Industrial Development Board.

The executive director of the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce and a local businessman have

been appointed to fill the vacancies on the Bessemer Industrial Development Board.

Recently, the Bessemer City Council appointed Latasha Cook-Williams and Charles King, respectively to the Bessemer Industrial Development Board.

Williams term will expire on February 22, 2028

and King on February 22, 2026.

The Industrial Development Board law is now that five of the seven members must be qualified electors and residence of the city of Bessemer. The city can have two members that are not residents of the city as long as they reside within 25 miles of the jurisdiction of Bessemer.

Bessemer Approves Performance Contracts with Non-Profit Corporations

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
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At the November 21, 2023 meeting, the Bessemer City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into performance contracts with non-profit corporations.

The non-profit corporations and the amounts to be paid from non-profit line item in the General Fund account are the American Red Cross Serving Mid-Alabama Chapter \$15,000;

Nurturing Golden Hearts \$2,500; Bessemer Hall of History, Inc. \$5,000; The Clay House Children Center \$10,000 and the Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Services System \$5,000.

Section 94.01 of the Alabama Constitution gives municipalities flexibility that serve a "public purpose" providing expenditures are in "aid of or to any individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or

private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of the county or the municipality.

The City Council of the City of Bessemer determined that providing funds to non-profits serve a valid and sufficient public purpose in that it has for its objective the promotion of public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community.



ZOO YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION AT BIRMINGHAM ZOO
The Birmingham Zoo swung into 2024, with two Zoo Year's Eve celebrations featuring Jingles, a giant plush monkey, on Sunday, December 31. The night ended with a giant 5-foot plush primate that was given away in a drawing at the end of the evening. (Photo by Jason Knighten)

Hoover City Schools District Maintains Stellar "A" Grade on 2023 State Report Card

The Hoover City Schools District (HCS) celebrates a remarkable continuation of academic excellence by proudly maintaining its esteemed A grade on the newly released 2023 State Report Card. The Alabama State Department of Education awarded HCS an overall grade of 93. District leaders commend school administrators, teachers, students, and support staff for their commitment to academic achievement and for remaining dedicated to keeping academics at the forefront. District leaders are proud of our educators who consistently analyze student data to identify areas for improvement and implement interventions to bolster academic growth.

HCS Superintendent Dr. Kevin Maddox expressed immense pride in the results.

"We are thrilled to maintain our A grade on the State Report Card. This accomplishment reflects the hard work and commitment of our entire school community. While this is only one small measure of our progress, it certainly reflects a positive trajectory for the entire district. Our staff members and students are to be commended for their hard work," said Dr. Maddox.

In a notable accom-

plishment, HCS not only sustained its district-wide "A" status but also demonstrated remarkable improvement across multiple key metrics. Among the highlights:

School-Level Achievements: Out of the 16 schools in the district, 14 maintained or exceeded their A status from the previous year's State Report Card, showcasing the consistent dedication to improving academic growth. Out of 16 schools in the district, 6 scored a 98 or 99.

Middle School Success: All three middle schools in the district experienced growth in every academic area, resulting in an overall higher A than the previous year.

District-Wide Academic Achievements: The combined academic achievement scores have significantly increased district-wide. Elementary school scores are up by 4 points, middle school scores by 7 points, and high school scores by 4 points. The overall district-wide combined academic achievement has surged by an impressive 5 points.

College and Career Readiness (CCR) and Graduation Rate Gains: Hoover High School and Spain Park High School demonstrated commend-

able increases in their CCR and Graduation Rate percentages with the Class of 2023! However, since the ALSDE uses Class of 2022 data to calculate the 2023 State Report Card, the Class of 2023 gains will not be reflected until the 2024 State Report Card. These amazing gains in the graduation rate and CCR serve as a testament to the district's commitment to preparing students for success beyond their academic journey.

Spain Park High School Principal Dr. Amanda Esslinger said, "We are proud to receive an A on our report card again this year. This score is reflective of the challenging curriculum that our teachers provided and that teachers continue to provide in a truly caring environment. I am grateful to the entire faculty and staff at Spain Park and those at the district level for all that they do to empower our students to be successful at and after Spain Park. We are excited to continue working to help our students learn and grow."

Trace Crossings Elementary School Principal Quincy Collins said, "I am beyond proud of the Trace Crossings Elementary School family! Together, we continue to foster a learning environment that not only meets but exceeds expectations."

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Chef Ron Cook

Back Porch Restaurant Southern Cooking at its Best

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
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People from all over drive to Bessemer to enjoy delicious Southern cooking served at the Back Porch Restaurant. The local eatery is located at 1924 First Avenue, North.

The Back Porch is excited about the new year and welcoming even more customers.

The restaurant was opened in October of 2019

by local businessman Chef Ron Cook. His love of Southern cooking along with his unique style of cooking opened the door to the establishment of The Back Porch. Also, opening the restaurant has been an opportunity to utilize his signature spices.

Opened Sunday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the restaurant serves daily five entrees including one Italian dish, nine vegetables and five desserts including strawberry cake. Custom-

er favorites include neck bones, oxtails, fried chicken, candied yams, dressing, black-eyed peas, pinto beans, collard greens, cabbage and of course, cornbread.

Chef Cook plans on expanding his steam table selections. He stated, "I intend to add several more entrees and locally grown fresh vegetables to the menu."

Most importantly, the customer service at the restaurant is top notch.

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NEWS

Alabama Music Awards

Written by: La'Voris Garrett

Get ready for an unforgettable evening at the 10th Annual Alabama Music Awards on July 28th, 2024, held at the Bessemer Civic Center. This event is more than a celebration; it's a testament to Alabama's cultural significance and artistic excellence in global music. From soulful blues to energetic hip-hop, the ceremony promises diverse performances, capturing the essence of Alabama's musical diversity.

The 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Mr. Shelley Stewart, transformed from a local radio personality into a prominent African American entrepreneur, overcoming adversity. Beyond radio, Stewart co-founded o2ideas in 1967, a Birmingham-based marketing and advertising firm, earning recognition in the Alabama Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame and the Smithsonian Institution.

Anticipation for the grand occasion builds with monthly events preceding the main ceremony, offering a glimpse into Alabama's vibrant music

scene and showcasing emerging talents. As we approach July 28th, 2024, stay tuned for updates on these events, spotlighting incredible talents at the Bessemer Civic Center. Join us in commemorating a decade of musical excellence and celebrating the artists defining Alabama's music scene. The 10th Annual Alabama

Music Awards is set to unite music lovers in the heart of Alabama's cultural hub, paying homage to the enduring spirit of Shelley Stewart, a living legend whose legacy resonates in Alabama's musical landscape. For the latest updates, visit www.alabamamusicawards.org and www.the3.org.



Spreading Holiday Cheer: A Recap of Birmingham Police Department's Santa Sleigh

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The holiday season is a time of giving, and this year, the Birmingham Police Department, in collaboration with the community, embarked on a heartwarming initiative to bring joy to children's lives. The Santa Sleigh, a festive endeavor to distribute toys to youngsters, turned out to be a resounding success. As the Birmingham Police Department hit the streets to share the spirit of the season, the community's generosity shone brightly, making a significant impact on the lives of countless children.

Delightful Scenes of Joy:

The streets were filled with excitement and anticipation as the Santa Sleigh made its way through the community, bringing cheer and happiness to children of all ages. The Birmingham Police Department's commitment to fostering positive relationships with the community was vividly evident in the smiles and laughter of the youngsters who eagerly awaited their turn to receive a special holiday surprise.

Generosity in Action:

The generosity of the community played a pivotal role in making the Santa Sleigh initiative a success. From dolls and action figures to board games and stuffed animals, the variety of toys provided reflected the diverse interests of the children. It was heartening to witness the joy on the faces of the recipients, underscoring the profound impact that thoughtful donations can have on brightening the holiday season for those in need.

A Testament to Community Spirit:

Each child's smile became a living testament to the power of community spirit and the positive change that can be achieved when individuals come together for a common cause. The Birmingham Police Department, in collaboration with the generous contributors, succeeded in creating lasting memories for the children and their families, demonstrating the strength of unity in fostering a sense of belonging and shared joy.

Expressing Gratitude:

The Birmingham Police Department extends

heartfelt thanks to the community for their unwavering support and generosity. Your contributions made the Santa Sleigh a memorable experience for the children, and the impact of your kindness will resonate throughout the holiday season and beyond. The joy, laughter, and sparkle in the eyes of the children served as a reminder of the profound difference that acts of kindness and generosity can make in the lives of those less fortunate.

As the Santa Sleigh journey comes to a close, the Birmingham Police Department and the entire community can take pride in the collective effort to spread holiday cheer and create magical moments for children. The success of this initiative underscores the positive impact that can be achieved when communities unite in the spirit of giving. With heartfelt gratitude, the Birmingham Police Department extends warm wishes for a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with compassion, generosity, and continued community support.



Strengthening Partnerships: Alabama's Commitment to Higher Education

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES STANDARD

In a significant stride towards advancing education in Alabama, a powerful collaboration has emerged between the state's community colleges, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, and the Alabama Department of Education. Dr. Eric Mackey, the State Superintendent of Education, highlighted the success of this partnership, emphasizing the positive impact it has had on sending more students to college. The recent joint meeting, which brought together key stakeholders, showcased the commitment to providing excellent academic education and workforce training opportunities for the residents of Alabama.

Dr. Eric Mackey, the State Superintendent of Education, expressed gratitude for the collaboration between Alabama's community colleges and the education system. According to Dr. Mackey, the partnership has played a pivotal role in sending more students to college than ever before. He commended the dedication of high school counselors, principals, career coaches, and community college presidents, stressing the collaborative efforts undertaken

to build a better Alabama. The shared goal of advancing education and creating opportunities for students underscores the importance of unified efforts in shaping the future of the state.

The joint meeting, which brought together the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, the Alabama Department of Education, and the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees, provided a platform for each team to share their contributions to the mission of serving Alabama's residents. The inclusive collaboration highlighted the coordinated efforts aimed at providing excellent academic education and workforce training opportunities. By fostering an open dialogue, the meeting facilitated the exchange of ideas and strategies to further enhance educational initiatives throughout the state.

The collective mission of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, the Alabama Department of Education, and the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees is to serve the residents of Alabama through quality academic education and workforce training opportunities. This joint commitment reflects a comprehensive approach to addressing the diverse needs of stu-

dents and preparing them for success in higher education and the workforce.

Dr. Mackey acknowledged the integral role played by community college presidents in working with their local high schools. Their hands-on involvement and commitment to collaboration have significantly contributed to the success of initiatives aimed at sending more students to college. The appreciation for community college presidents underscores the importance of local partnerships in creating a seamless transition for students from high school to higher education.

Alabama's dedication to advancing education is evident in the collaborative efforts of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, the Alabama Department of Education, and the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees. Dr. Eric Mackey's acknowledgment of the partnership's success in sending more students to college emphasizes the positive impact of unified efforts. As Alabama continues to build a better future through education, the commitment to providing excellent academic education and workforce training opportunities remains at the forefront of the state's educational mission.



Hoover

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Maintaining an A grade on the State Report Card reflects our commitment to excellence and the limitless potential that thrives within the walls of Trace Crossings. We celebrate this success as a shared victory, knowing that every member of our school community has played a vital role in achieving this remarkable milestone.

The annual State Report Card evaluates school districts based on a comprehensive set of criteria, including achievement and learning growth measured by state achievement tests, attendance, English language proficiency, college and career readiness, and graduation rate. The overall grade, marked on a tradi-

tional A to F scale, is a holistic measure of a district's educational effectiveness.

HCS Chief Learning Officer Dr. Chris Robbins says he is very proud to be a member of the HCS family; the district continues to trend positively.

"We are so excited to know that Hoover students have shown academic growth in every measurable way over the last three years. This year's State Report Card is no exception - our district improved upon last year's already fantastic district report card. We will continue to use this report card and many other forms of data to gauge our progress and continuously look for ways to improve to best meet the needs of every student in Hoover City

Schools," said Dr. Robbins.

Dr. Robbins attributes this success to the support of the board of education, the Hoover community, the hard work of our teachers, the dedicated support of our staff, and the strong leadership of our principals.

HCS remains committed to providing a nurturing and challenging learning environment that prepares students for success in college, careers, and beyond. While district leaders recognize and celebrate accomplishments, efforts to identify areas of growth at each school will continue. The district takes pride in setting high expectations for teachers and students, resulting in consistently favorable outcomes for our schools.



John Carroll Catholic High School are the Champions of the Big Orange Holiday Tournament in Hoover! The Cavs defeated Central Tuscaloosa 42-33! (JCCHS)

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COVERING TUSCALOOSA COUNTY NEWS

Celebrating Excellence: The Inaugural BEE Awards Recognize Exceptional Service

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

In a heartfelt ceremony, the inaugural BEE (Being Exceptional Everyday) Awards were recently presented, shining a spotlight on the extraordinary contributions of non-nursing staff members. These awards, a testament to the dedication and commitment of healthcare professionals, acknowledge those who go above and beyond in their service. Among the deserving recipients were Dana Mullenix and James Williams, both exemplifying the spirit of exceptionalism in their respective roles.

Dana Mullenix: A Lifesaver in Observant Action

The spotlight first turned to Dana Mullenix, a dedicated member of the healthcare team whose keen observations proved to be life-changing for a patient. During a routine imaging study, Dana's attentive eye caught something concerning, prompting her to alert the radiologist. The subsequent diagnosis unveiled a very serious condition, enabling the patient to receive immediate and critical treatment. Dana's actions truly underscore her as a lifesaver, demonstrating the impact that vigilance and dedication

can have on patient outcomes. In honoring Dana, the healthcare community expressed gratitude for her unwavering commitment to prioritizing patient well-being.

James Williams: 40 Years of Quiet Dedication

James Williams, another standout recipient of the BEE Award, has been an integral part of the DCH Health System for an impressive span of over 40 years. His contributions extend far beyond the spotlight, as he quietly works behind the scenes to ensure the smooth operation of the inpatient rehab program and the entire healthcare system.

Nominated by a colleague who recognized James's exceptionalism, the nomination highlighted his diverse range of tasks, from the mundane to the transformative. Whether changing ceiling tiles, crafting solutions for patients' walkers, or overseeing necessary renovations, James's work ensures that the healthcare environment is not only functional but also compliant with Joint Commission standards.

However, what sets James apart is not just the tasks he performs but the manner in which he approaches his work. Col-

leagues describe him as someone who lights up with excitement when discussing his job, finding joy not only in what he does but also in the collective mission of healthcare. Despite his decades of experience, James remains approachable, responsive, and trustworthy. His positive attitude and unwavering commitment to excellence make him an exceptional asset to the healthcare community.

In receiving the BEE Award, James Williams is not only acknowledged for his technical skills but also for the intangible qualities that make him exceptional. His humility, dedication, and understanding of the impact of his work underscore the essence of what it means to be exceptional every day.

Conclusion: A Celebration of Unsung Heroes

The BEE Awards serve as a poignant reminder that exceptionalism in healthcare extends beyond the frontline. Dana Mullenix and James Williams represent the countless unsung heroes who contribute to the well-being of patients and the smooth operation of healthcare systems. Their stories inspire not only their colleagues but also serve as a beacon for

the broader community, showcasing the profound impact that dedicated individuals can have on the lives of those they serve.

As we celebrate Dana and James, let their stories encourage us all to strive for exceptionalism in our daily contributions, recognizing

that every role, no matter how seemingly small, plays a vital part in the collective effort to provide exceptional care.



TPD Recognized as Outstanding Community Partner at Tuscaloosa City Schools' Apple Awards

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Tuscaloosa City Schools recently celebrated its annual Apple Awards ceremony, a prestigious event that recognizes outstanding community partners and individuals who contribute significantly to the educational landscape of the community. Among the honorees was the Tuscaloosa Police Department (TPD), acknowledged for

its exemplary collaboration and commitment to fostering safe learning environments. Additionally, Officer Mike Cain received well-deserved recognition as Tuscaloosa Magnet Elementary School's Support Personnel of the Year. This commendation highlights the department's dedication to supporting academic, social, and personal growth for students.

Outstanding Community Partner Recognition:

Tuscaloosa City Schools bestowed the title of "2023 Outstanding Community Partner" upon the Tuscaloosa Police Department during the Apple Awards ceremony. This recognition underscores the department's unwavering dedication to collaborating with educational institutions and the broader community to ensure the well-being and success of students. The TPD has consistently demonstrated

a commitment to creating a safe and supportive learning environment, aligning with the school district's mission to provide an enriching educational experience for all students.

Officer Mike Cain's Achievement:

A special congratulations is in order for Officer Mike Cain, who was honored as Tuscaloosa Magnet Elementary School's Support Personnel of the Year. This accolade recognizes Officer Cain's exceptional efforts in supporting the school community, fostering positive relationships with students, and contributing to the overall well-being of the school environment. His commitment to excellence reflects the values upheld by the Tuscaloosa Police Department and reinforces the importance of collaboration between law enforcement and educational institutions.

Collaborative Efforts for Safe Learning Environments:

The acknowledgment of TPD as an Outstanding Community Partner reinforces the belief that

creating safe learning environments is a collective effort. By working hand in hand with Tuscaloosa City Schools, the police department aims to contribute to the holistic development of students, ensuring they thrive academically, socially, and personally. The partnership exemplifies the significance of community collaboration in enhancing the educational experience for all students.

Appreciation for Teachers and School Staff:

In expressing gratitude, the Tuscaloosa Police Department extends heartfelt thanks to all the dedicated teachers and school staff who play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the community's youth. Their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to the education and well-being of students contribute significantly to the overall

success of Tuscaloosa City Schools. The collaborative spirit between law enforcement and educational institutions stands as a testament to the community's shared goal of providing a nurturing environment where students can flourish.

The recognition of the Tuscaloosa Police Department as an Outstanding Community Partner and the acknowledgment of Officer Mike Cain's contributions highlight the positive impact that collaborative efforts between law enforcement and education can have on the community. Through these partnerships, Tuscaloosa City Schools continues to pave the way for safe, supportive, and enriching learning environments that empower students to succeed in all aspects of their lives.



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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.

CHAD ERIC GILLANTINE
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
12/22/23, 12/29/23 & 01/05/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LAURINDA LEE AYCOCK, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000902

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MONROE J. LANDRUM, A/K/A MONROE JARMAN LANDRUM, JR., DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000892

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PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ESTATE OF: BARBARA MULLE, DECEASED CASE NO. 23BES00919

TO: Anthony Thomas Strickland, Lisa Ann Smith, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown and to any and all interested parties:

On the 18th day of December 2023, came Timothy Wayne Strickland, and filed his Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of Barbara Mulle, Deceased.

And whereas the 15th day of February

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

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

This the 19th day of November 2023.
Elizabeth North
Judge of Probate
Western Star
12/29/23, 1/5/24 & 1/12/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PATRICIA ANN PALMER, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000904

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12TH day of DECEMBER, 2023, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, 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.

VERONICA EDWARDS JOHNSON
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
12/22/23, 12/29/23 & 01/05/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PEGGY SUE BOLIN WOOD a/k/a PEGGY S. WOOD, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000899

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11th day of December 2023, by the HONORABLE James P.

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

MAX A. WOOD
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
12/22/2023, 12/29/2023 & 01/05/2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIAM DAVID LEE, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000905

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 14TH day of DECEMBER, 2023, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the

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

THOMAS JAY LEE
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
12/22/23, 12/29/23 & 01/05/24
Attorney of Record

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION ESTATE OF: MINNIE LEE STEELE, DECEASED CASE NO. 23BES000885

On the 7th day of December, 2023, came CAROLYN AVERHART and filed her petition in writing therewith producing and filing in this Court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of MINNIE LEE STEELE, 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 15th day of February, 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:

TONYA HALL, RHONDA GRAY, DEJEANINE LYNCH, 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 15th day of February, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

Done this the 18th day of December, 2023.
Elizabeth North
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
12/29, 1/5 & 1/12/24

PUBLICATION FOR PETITION OF APPOINTMENT OF PROTECTIVE PLACEMENT AND/OR SERVICES AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN IF NECESSARY STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

ESTATE OF: HAYES ANDERSON, AN ADULT IN NEED OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASE NO. 23BES000876

TO: DANNY RAY Any and All Unknown Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Whereabouts are Unknown and to any and all interested parties;

Take notice that on the 29th day of November 2023 Jefferson County Department of Human Resources filed a petition for the appointment of protective placement

and/or services and appointment of a guardian if necessary for Hayes Anderson, an adult in need of protective services.

Notice is hereby given the above named person and all persons in interest that said petition for appointment of protective placement and/or services and appointment of a guardian if necessary has been set for hearing on the 3rd day of January 2024, at 3:30 p.m.. All persons in interest should be and appear in this Court on said day of hearing to object to said petition and make such other defense in the premises as to them that may seem meet and proper.

WITNESS MY HAND, this the 12th day of December 2023.
James P. Naftel
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
12/22/23; 12/29/23, 01/05/24 and 1/12/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARILYN BIDNER, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000894

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 8TH day of DECEMBER, 2023, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, 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.

AUDRA KATHERINE RODRIGUEZ
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
12/22/23, 12/29/23 & 01/05/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA BLACKWELL, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000889

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 7th day of DECEMBER, 2023, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, 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.

ROBIN BECK
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
12/22/23, 12/29/23 AND 01/05/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIAM ALBERT BRIGHT, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000903

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11th day of December 2023, by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jef-

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

WILLIAM DANIEL VEST
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
12/22/2023, 12/29/2023 & 01/05/2024
Attorney of Record

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PUBLICATION ON ADOPTION (UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED PARENT) IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL.

IN THE MATTER OF: ADOPTION OF: S.R.M., A MINOR CASE NO. 23BES000747

NOTICE TO: DAWSON BLACKSON, PURPORTED NATURAL FATHER

WHOSE ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN AND/OR NOTICE TO THE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED PARENT OF:

S.R.M., A MINOR WHOSE ADDRESS IS ALSO UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of S.R.M., (born to H.L.M., Natural Mother), was filed on the 4TH day of OCTOBER, 2023, alleging that the identity of the natural parent of said minor child is purported to be DAWSON BLACKSON and/or is unknown or has not been disclosed

to the Court, and whose relationship of said unknown or undisclosed natural parent to the aforesaid minor child is that of FATHER. Minor Child's birth date is OCTOBER 12, 2019.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with AMY M. OSBORNE, ESQ., whose name and address is shown below, and) with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Courthouse, Bessemer, Al. 35020. DONE this the 13TH day of DECEMBER, 2023.

ELIZABETH NORTH, JUDGE OF PROBATE AMY M. OSBORNE 4770 EASTERN VALLEY ROAD, SUITE 111 THE SHOPPES AT LETSON FARMS, PMB 106 MCCALLA, ALABAMA 35111

Western Star 12/22/23, 12/29/23, 01/05/24 & 01/12/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF: JAMES LEE BARNES, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000907

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 19TH day of DECEMBER, 2023. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

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

JOAN H BARNES Personal Representative(s) Western Star 12/29/23, 01/05/24 & 01/12/24 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA BESSEMER DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA A political subdivision of the State of Alabama Plaintiff,

v. MARY JEAN WILLIAMS JOHNSON; HAYES TAYLOR WILLIAMS; JAMES D. WILLIAMS, as Personal Representative Of the Estate of James Richard Williams; MCADORY AREA FIRE DISTRICT AND JOHNNY L. CURRY, Assistant Tax Collector, Defendants. CASE NO. 23BES000900

On the 11th day of December 2023, came the Jefferson County, Alabama, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by its Attorney of Record, Brent G. Grainger, Assistant County Attorney and filed its complaint, for the condemnation of certain lands therein described for and on behalf of the said Jefferson County, Alabama for use for public road school purposes, said lands belonging to Mary Jean Williams Johnson; Hayes Taylor Williams; James D. Williams, as Personal Representative of the Estate of James Richard Williams; McAdory Area Fire District; and Johnny L. Curry, Assistant Tax Collector, John S. Bivona; Mary Jane Bivona, First Financial Bank, McAdory Area Fire District and Johnny L. Curry, Assistant Tax Collector, et al.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the 23rd day of January

2024, at 10:00 a.m. be set as a day for hearing said Complaint for Order of Condemnation and the proof to be submitted in support of same and upon said hearing an order be made appointing three commissioners to assess the damages and compensation to which the owners of the said lands may be entitled for the taking of said lands.

It is further ordered that notice of the filing of said Complaint and of the days set for hearing thereof be given to Mary Jean Williams Johnson; Hayes Taylor Williams; James D. Williams, as Personal Representative of the Estate of James Richard Williams; McAdory Area Fire District; and Johnny L. Curry, Assistant Tax Collector and any and all unknown heirs or devisees, of the individual defendants; Any and all unknown claimants of the property hereinafter described who may have any right, title or interest in said property whose names, ages, addresses and conditions are unknown and cannot be ascertained after exercise of reasonable diligence by publication once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, at which time they or any other parties interested in said cause may appear and contest the same if they think proper. Please note that an answer may be filed by each defendant within 30 days from the date of this last publication notice.

This the 12th day of December 2023. ELIZABETH NORTH JUDGE OF PROBATE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL. 12/22/23, 12/29/23, 01/05/24 & 1/12/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA BESSEMER DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA A political subdivision of the State of Alabama Plaintiff,

v. MARCUS BRENT MITCHAM; MCADORY AREA FIRE DISTRICT; and JOHNNY L. CURRY, Assistant Tax Collector, Defendants. CASE NO. 23BES000897

On the 11th day of December 2023, came the Jefferson County, Alabama, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by its Attorney of Record, Brent G. Grainger, Assistant County Attorney and filed its complaint, for the condemnation of certain lands therein described for and on behalf of the said Jefferson County, Alabama for use for public road school purposes, said lands belonging to Marcus Brent Mitcham, McAdory Area Fire District and Johnny L. Curry, Assistant Tax Collector, et al.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the 23rd day of January 2024, at 10:00 a.m. be set as a day for hearing said Complaint for Order of Condemnation and the proof to be submitted in support of same and upon said hearing an

order be made appointing three commissioners to assess the damages and compensation to which the owners of the said lands may be entitled for the taking of said lands.

It is further ordered that notice of the filing of said Complaint and of the days set for hearing thereof be given to Marcus Brent Mitcham, McAdory Area Fire District and Johnny L. Curry, Assistant Tax Collector and any and all unknown heirs or devisees, of the individual defendants; Any and all unknown claimants of the property hereinafter described who may have any right, title or interest in said property whose names, ages, addresses and conditions are unknown and cannot be ascertained after exercise of reasonable diligence by publication once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, at which time they or any other parties interested in said cause may appear and contest the same if they think proper. Please note that an answer may be filed by each defendant within 30 days from the date of this last publication notice.

This the 12th day of December 2023. ELIZABETH NORTH JUDGE OF PROBATE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL. Western Star 12/22/23, 12/29/23, 01/05/24 & 1/12/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: NORMAN LEE GILLESPIE, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000911

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 14th day of December 2023. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate

Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited. JOY SELF GILLESPIE Personal Representative(s) Western Star 12/29/23; 1/05/24 & 1/12/24 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: TERESA DARLENE ROBERTS, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000914

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 14th day of December 2023. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate

Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited. SHIRLEY HAYNES Personal Representative(s) Western Star 12/29/23; 1/05/24 and 1/12/24 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DAVID VICTOR DIDCOCT, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000913

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 14TH day of DECEMBER, 2023. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama,

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

TRACY BROOK TYN-DALL Personal Representative(s) Western Star 12/29/23, 01/05/24 & 01/12/24 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA BESSEMER DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA A political subdivision of the State of Alabama Plaintiff,

v. HAYES TAYLOR WILLIAMS; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; MCADORY AREA FIRE DISTRICT; and JOHNNY L. CURRY, Assistant Tax Collector, Defendants. CASE NO. 23BES000901

On the 11th day of December 2023, came the Jefferson County, Alabama, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by its Attorney of Record, Brent G. Grainger, Assistant County Attorney and filed its complaint, for the condemnation of certain lands therein described for and on behalf of the said Jefferson County, Alabama for use for public road school purposes, said lands belonging to Hayes Taylor Williams; Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; Successor By Merger to Wachovia Bank, N.A.; McAdory Area Fire District; and Johnny L. Curry, Assistant Tax Collector, et al.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the 23rd day of January 2024, at 10:00 a.m. be set as a day for hearing said Complaint for Order of Condemnation and the proof to be submitted in support of

same and upon said hearing an order be made appointing three commissioners to assess the damages and compensation to which the owners of the said lands may be entitled for the taking of said lands.

It is further ordered that notice of the filing of said Complaint and of the days set for hearing thereof be given to Hayes Taylor Williams; Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; Successor By Merger to Wachovia Bank, N.A.; McAdory Area Fire District; and Johnny L. Curry, Assistant Tax Collector and any and all unknown heirs or devisees, of the individual defendants; Any and all unknown claimants of the property hereinafter described who may have any right, title or interest in said property whose names, ages, addresses and conditions are unknown and cannot be ascertained after exercise of reasonable diligence by publication once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, at which time they or any other parties interested in said cause may appear and contest the same if they think proper. Please note that an answer may be filed by each defendant within 30 days from the date of this last publication notice.

This the 12th day of December 2023. ELIZABETH NORTH JUDGE OF PROBATE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL. 12/22/23, 12/29/23, 01/05/24 & 1/12/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA BESSEMER DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA A political subdivision of the State of Alabama Plaintiff,

v. JOHN S. BIVONA; MARY JANE BIVONA; FIRST FINANCIAL BANK; MCADORY AREA FIRE DISTRICT; and JOHNNY L. CURRY, Assistant Tax Collector, Defendants. CASE NO. 23BES000898

On the 11th day of December 2023, came the Jefferson County, Alabama, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama, by its Attorney of Record, Brent G. Grainger, Assistant County Attorney and filed its complaint, for the condemnation of certain lands therein described for and on behalf of the said Jefferson County, Alabama for use for public road school purposes, said lands belonging to John S. Bivona; Mary Jane Bivona, First Financial Bank, McAdory Area Fire District and Johnny L. Curry, Assistant Tax Collector, et al.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the 23rd day of January 2024, at 10:00 a.m. be set as a day for hearing said Complaint for Order of Condemnation and the proof to be

submitted in support of same and upon said hearing an order be made appointing three commissioners to assess the damages and compensation to which the owners of the said lands may be entitled for the taking of said lands.

It is further ordered that notice of the filing of said Complaint and of the days set for hearing thereof be given to John S. Bivona; Mary Jane Bivona; First Financial Bank; McAdory Area Fire District and Johnny L. Curry, Assistant Tax Collector and any and all unknown heirs or devisees, of the individual defendants; Any and all unknown claimants of the property hereinafter described who may have any right, title or interest in said property whose names, ages, addresses and conditions are unknown and cannot be ascertained after exercise of reasonable diligence by publication once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, at which time they or any other parties interested in said cause may appear and contest the same if they think proper. Please note that an answer may be filed by each defendant within 30 days from the date of this last publication notice.

This the 12th day of December 2023. ELIZABETH NORTH JUDGE OF PROBATE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL. 12/22/23, 12/29/23, 01/05/24 & 1/12/24

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DOROTHY F CHAMBERLAIN, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000920

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. NAFTTEL, 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. BARRY NEAL CHAMBERLAIN Personal Representative(s) Western Star 12/29/23, 01/05/23 & 1/12/24 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BILLY JOE MARTIN, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000909

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 14TH day of DECEMBER, 2023. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, 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. SONYAM TWITTY Personal Representative(s) Western Star 12/29/23, 01/05/24 & 01/12/24 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LETICIA N TATUM, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000910

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 14th day of December 2023. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, 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. DOUGLAS TATUM Personal Representative(s) Western Star 12/29/23, 1/05/23 & 1/12/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARGARET JANE REED, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000891

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 15TH day of DECEMBER, 2023. by the HONORABLE ELIZABETH NORTH, 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. BRYAN MICHAEL REED Personal Representative(s) Western Star 12/29/23, 01/05/24 & 01/12/24 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DEBORAH ANN CARROLL, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000730

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 7TH day of DECEMBER, 2023. 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. JANICE K KNIGHT Personal Representative(s) Western Star 01/05/24, 01/12/24 & 01/19/24 Attorney of Record

CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: 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 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 28TH day of DECEMBER, 2023. Elizabeth North JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star 1/05/24, 1/12/24, 1/19/24 & 1/26/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA BLACKWELL, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000889

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 7th day of December 2023. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, 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. ROBIN BECK 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: CHARLES CLIFFORD CAMPBELL, JR., DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000840

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21ST day of DECEMBER, 2023. 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. EDNA CAMPBELL 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: PEGGY L HARRISON, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: 23BES000932

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. NAFTTEL, 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. JUSTIN FRANKLIN HARRISON 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: 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. NAFTTEL, 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. 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. NAFTTEL, 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. GAIL K GUIN Personal Representative(s) Western Star 1/5/24, 1/12/24 and 1/19/24 Attorney of Record

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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NEWS

Children's Harbor client chosen as 13th man for Birmingham Squadron

SPECIAL TO WESTERN STAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.— Twelve-year-old Children's Harbor client Christopher Robinson will suit up as the "13th Man" with the Birmingham Squadron for their home games during the 2023-2024 season. As part of the program, Christopher received his own jersey, warm-up gear, sneakers and his own locker, as well as tickets for his family for all home games.

"Our 13th man program is in its second season and has been very meaningful to our players and coaches," said Squadron general

manager Leslie Claybrook. "We love having Chris as our 13th man at every game, where he has a special seat and a locker at Legacy Arena. The excitement and energy Chris brings as a full member of our team is truly infectious. This community outreach truly reflects that we are more than just 24 home games."

Christopher was born prematurely and has endured medical challenges throughout his life. He is a frequent visitor at the Children's Harbor Family Center, located on the 2nd floor of the Harbor Building at Children's of Ala-

bama, as well as a summer camp attendee at the Children's Harbor Lake Martin campus. Due to recent medical accomplishments, Christopher has finally been granted clearance to participate in sports for the first time in his life. Spectators can catch a glimpse of Christopher at home games this season, suited up and cheering on his Birmingham Squadron team.

The Birmingham Squadron is the NBA G League affiliate of the New Orleans Pelicans, established in 2019. The team home games are played at Legacy Arena, located in the hub

of the Birmingham arts and entertainment district.

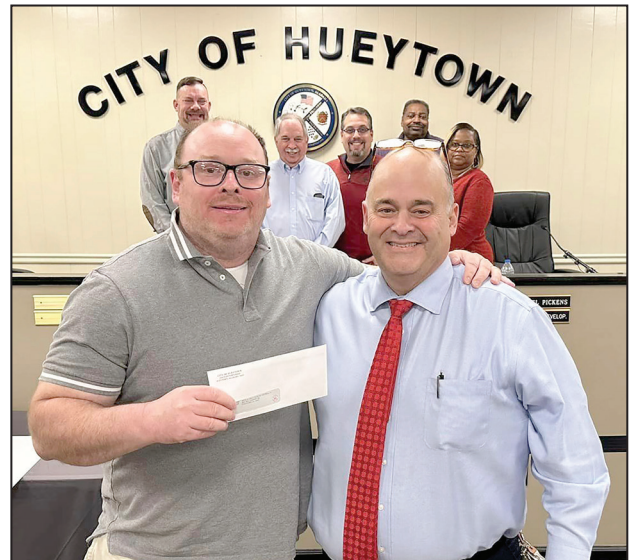
For more information please call Jaete Nelmsat (205)728-7243 or visit us online at www.childrensharbor.com.

About Children's Harbor Children's Harbor's mission is to strengthen families of seriously ill children through refuge, respite and resources. These unique, no-cost services are offered at The Harbor Family Center at Children's of Alabama in Birmingham and at the Lake Martin retreat facility in Alexander City. Children's Harbor has been in service since 1989.



It was giving night at the City Council Meeting tonight! Chamber of Commerce.... Thank you to our Hueytown area community for helping raise "\$7,000" to help our local citizens who do not have insurance Receive a free mammogram in conjunction with Baptist Health Foundation! The

Hueytown Arts Council presented Neighborhood Bridges Hueytown with "\$2,325" from proceeds of the United Worship Concert! The City of Hueytown presented the Hueytown Boys & Girls Club a \$2,500 check! A total of \$11,825! (Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce)



Advertisement for Prequalifications

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Sealed proposals will be received by the Alabama Community College System at the office of Sain Engineering Associates, Inc. 2700 Corporate Drive Suite 230, Birmingham, Alabama 35242 until 2:00 PM CST Date: TBD, for ACCS Project # 2022

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A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Alabama Community College System in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the

amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of

Shelton State Community College Facilities Department / Channing Marlowe, 9500 Old Greensboro Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405

Bid Documents may be obtained from the Engineer of Record upon deposit of \$25per set, which will be refunded in full on the first (1) set issued to each general contract

bidder submitting a bonafide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subcontractors and dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution.

Prequalification: Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Written prequalification procedures and criteria are available for review at the office of Sain Engineering Associates, Inc. Attn. Jason Brooks (jason.brooks@saineng.com)

2700 Corporate Drive Suite 230, Birmingham, Al 35242. Requests for prequalification information will be provided via email. Prequalification packages to be received by 2:00 PM CST January 26, 2024.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect (Engineer) or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be

received or considered by the Architect (Engineer); the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgement, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted. Shelton State Community College (Alabama Community College System) Sain Engineering Associates, Inc. (Architect/Engineer) Western Star January 5, 2024

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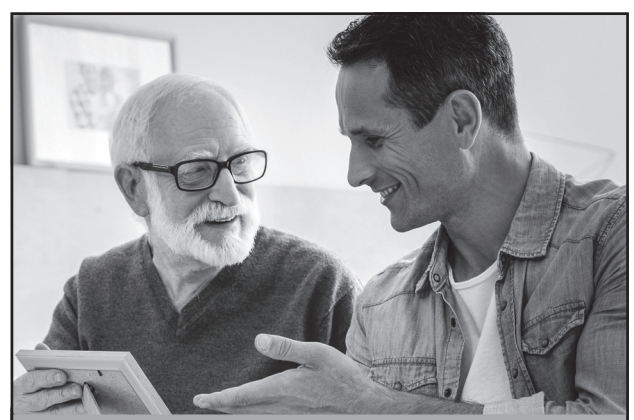
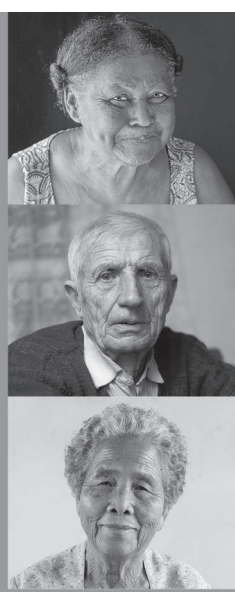
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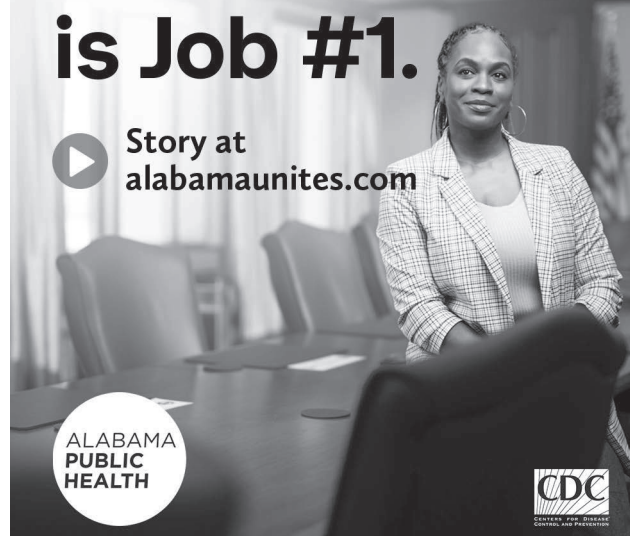
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SOUTHERN STYLES

Hueytown's "Whoville Christmas" Parade Filled with the Joy of the Holiday Season



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
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Young and old alike always enjoy a parade, especially a Christmas parade. The city of Hueytown turned out for the 36th Annual Hueytown Christmas Parade held on December 9.

This year's theme was a "Whoville Christmas." The Hueytown Area

Chamber of Commerce hosted the event which was the largest parade ever seen in Hueytown.

The sponsors were **Venue 3131, Fitness 1440, McDonald's Black Family Restaurants, Morrow Railroad Builders, Aux Home Services, Michael E. Cashaw, Jr., City Auto Sales** and the City of Hueytown.

Festive floats, the Hueytown High School Marching Band and characters in colorful costumes paraded through the streets before cheering crowds.

The joy of the season was realized as the spectators delighted in the Whoville Wonderland! Whoytown Believes.



Melissa Bogardus and Ashley Seligson



Hueytown Baptist Church



Debbie Kiker, Roxanne Crane and Meagan White

Beauty Queens

Melissa Bogardus and **Ashley Seligson** were the official greeters at **Mona** and **Jimmie Stephens'** annual Christmas party.

The festive affair was held on December 16.

Their charming smiles put everybody in the

Christmas spirit.

Children's Theatre

The Birmingham Children's Theatre has celebrated their 75th anniversary.

The occasion was marked at an annual fundraising gala.

The evening's theme

was "An Enchanted Evening at The Fennec."

Proceeds benefit the Birmingham Children's Theatre's onstage productions.

Seen in the crowd were **Mike Boody, Jay Tumminello, Stacy and Lee Watts, Jennifer and Scott**

Taylor, Jackie and Rami Semaan, Stephanie and John Dean, JoAnn and Gary Weatherly, Laura and Mike Mikos, Ann Haan, Amanda Marcum, Jessica Clark, Katherine BeShear, Jean Noojin, Paul P. Bolus, Jean Pierce and Buffy Rigby.

GOOD AFTERNOON

A chat with Buffy Longworth, holiday shopper, impeccable taste



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Soon after her November 5 birthday, Buffy Longworth of Forest Park begins preparations for her holiday shopping. For 19 years she has been passionate about assisting her family and clients with their holiday shopping. A woman on a mission, Buffy is as comfortable shopping at Big Lots as she is shop-

ping at Saks Fifth Avenue. A statuesque blond with a fetching smile, she is flamboyant with a pop of Christmas flash. With her alligator shopping bag in tow, Buffy's foray into the holiday retail-shopping world is underway. Her impeccable style and taste coupled with a lilting, Southern accent, enhances the joy of the season.

What was a popular Christmas gift for the ladies? Buffy: My darling, they were all delighted to receive Med. Spa gift cards.

Not to leave the men out, what did they receive from Santa? Buffy: Sporting stores gift cards and of course, cabin socks and boxers.

Did you make a New Year's resolution? Buffy: I can't be bother with such senselessness. However, I will make it up as I go along. Merry! Merry!

What did you purchase for yourself for Christmas? Buffy: My dear, I needed several more sweaters and another pair of Hokas.

The little loves all received what for Christmas? Buffy: They all wanted Legos and Barbie dolls.

Tell me about your family? Buffy: I was born in 1968 the only child of Catherine and William Watson of Charleston, South Carolina. We moved to Birmingham when I was

10-years-old. I have been happily married to Thomas Longworth and we have two children, William and Mary Elizabeth.

What is your favorite meal? Buffy: I find delicious a filet, a loaded baked potato, asparagus, Caesar salad and for dessert tiramisu.

What is your favorite

music? Darling, I simply adore both secular and sacred Christmas music. Classical Christmas music is glorious.

Which stores did you find most accommodating? Buffy: Without question, Saks, Von Maur and Nordstrom Rack. Van Maur offered free gift-wrapping and shipping.

Quote of the Week by Donald J. Howton

I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy, happiness and peace to this world.
~ Norman Vincent Peale



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