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A Ball for Future Change Makers

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

This past Saturday the Harbert Center was home to an evening of elegance and grandeur which was the Starlight Debutante Cotillion celebration for female leaders of tomorrow.

Debutantes were decked out in flowing white gowns as their escorts were neatly pressed in black tuxedos. Four states were represented that included Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Maryland as debutantes and escorts are positive examples throughout the U.S.

Mistress of Ceremony, Dee Griffin, was a welcoming fixture for the festivities as appetizing dishes were presented to guests by the fabulous catering of Chef Julia May and the J and J decorating team.

Classy and beautiful, the debutantes were presented before the audience as great contributors within their communities who will do even more in the near future as college students and professionals. Most of the debutantes and escorts are alumnus of the famed Jack and Jill of America Organization which was founded during the Great Depression in 1938 by Marion Stubbs Thomas along with twenty-one mothers whose goal was to establish a social and cultural union for their children.

Starlight Debutante Cotillion Chairperson of 2024 Mrs. Ty Davis told us, "I'm very honored and humbled by this moment and deep-

ly grateful. Our Cotillion program serves to equip young ladies to pursue academic excellence, personal development and civic involvement."

We spoke with one of the founders of the Starlight Debutante Cotillion, Dr. Stacy Haynes-Nelson who told us in regards to such a pleasant event saying, "Back in 2013 myself and friends Kim Hitchens, Diann Jackson and Brenda Adams wanted to empower our young ladies with such a ceremony. Our purpose was to give them the grace to honor their heritage and they've learned many things from makeup appliance, culinary skills and monetary management amongst other qualities. We hope our following Mothers will follow our template to share with their daughters in the future as well."

All four Starlight Debutante Cotillion founders said simply in cheerful unison regarding the event "We're excited!" with cheerful laughs.

This year The Altamont

School Senior, Maya Davis served as Teen President for the Birmingham, Alabama chapter as she was escorted by Richard "R.J." Washington. Fourteen other debutantes were also escorted by sons of the community who are also contributing positive examples throughout society. We spoke with the father of Maya's, Mr. Rodney Davis, who told us, "This has been a labor of love and these young people have bright futures ahead of them. They're dispelling a lot of the negative stereotypes of today and we as parents are here to support them fully."

We commend our bright young men and women who are looking to impact our society in various forms as philanthropists, community leaders, business owners, doctors and more.

We look forward to supporting all of our youth from every walk of life seeing to it they know the future depends on them with our wholehearted efforts of teaching them in all positivity.



Greenwood Little Library Opens

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

After years of doing without, the Greenwood community today has their first Little Library.

Located at the corner of Roselyn Road and Pleasant Hill Road, it is only steps away from the Greenwood Rock and Greenwood Elementary School.

Greenwood resident Jessica Holden was the driving force behind establishing the white and green Little Library.

Jessica and her husband Matt Holden built the Little Library and donated it to the community to share books with neighbors and the elementary school.

Local wood worker Holden stated, "My wife encouraged me to build the library. It is a small cabinet with a modern single-slope roof and a glass door, oak

face frame and shingled roof. I was pleased to provide this service."

The free library was open to the public on Monday, February 26. Among those at the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony were Councilwoman Donna Thigpen, Superin-

tendent Dr. Dana Arreola, Greenwood Elementary School Principal Angela Bedgood, students, teachers, neighbors and the Holden family.

Books can be new or used; whatever you want to share. Take a book, read it and then share it.



Jessica and Matt Holden with their son Sawyer

JeffCo GOP Executive Committee Prepares for Election

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The Jefferson County Republican Party Executive Committee met last Tuesday, February 27 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Homewood Public Library.

2024 officers Chris Brown, chairman; Phillip Brown, vice-chairman; Deanna Frankowski, secretary; and Keith Mitchell, treasurer.

Terry Richmond is the executive director.

The First Quarter Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown.

Following the approv-

al of minutes, hearing multiple reports and old business, Chairman Brown introduced new business.

Which included Super

Tuesday, March 5 election and the November election.

The meeting was well attended.



Chris Brown, Walt Kodak, Vickie Fuller and Tyler Thrasher

Gov. Ivey Appoints Judge Lewis to Ala. Court of Civil Appeals

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

On Wednesday, February 28 Governor Kay Ivey

appointed Judge Bill Lewis to the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.

Judge Lewis will fill the vacancy left by long-time Judge William C. "Bill" Thompson who retired on February 1, 2024. He served on the Court of Civil Appeals for 27 years. Judge Lewis was the presiding judge for the last 17 years.

Gov. Ivey stated, "Judge Lewis's distinguished record of jurisprudence ensures that he will serve on the Alabama Court of Appeals with honor and integrity. Through-

out his esteemed legal career, he has consistently demonstrated a devotion to justice and fairness under the law. I look forward to his contributions on the Court."

Judge Lewis has served as Circuit Court Judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit in Elmore County since 2016. He currently serves as the Circuit's presiding judge.

He received his undergraduate degree in political science and economics from the University of the South and his law degree from Cumberland School of Law.

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Looking south from 18th Street, North and First Avenue, North on Monday, February 26 billowing clouds of smoke were seen in the distance from the Muscoda community.

Upon further investigation, it was a hill near the New Village community, facing the old Muscoda Mines that was on fire.

There was no time to waste.

The Bessemer Fire Department received a fire call at 12:30 p.m. Engine Three was dispatched moments later. They reported a large debris

fire well involved.

Additional personnel and equipment were requested to

assist in extinguishing the debris fire.

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Debris fire near old Muscoda Mines

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NEWS



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Tannehill General Store destroyed in Fire

BY MATT BRYANT

An early morning fire at Tannehill State Park destroyed the General Store on February 28, 2024. Firefighters responded to the park at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday after a camper

leaving for work spotted the blaze and called 911. Crews extinguished the fire and made sure the surrounding areas were safe and no one was injured.

This popular landmark at the park, was closed at the time of the fire and no

one had been there since late Tuesday.

The cause has not yet been determined. The store is a total loss. The Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office is responding to lead the investigation.

Hoover, Pelham Fleet Maintenance Partnership Cruises into Fifth Year

BY MATT BRYANT
WESTERN STAR STAFF

On March 1st, 2019, the City of Hoover and the City of Pelham entered into a fleet maintenance agreement that has picked up steam over the last four years and is cruising into its fifth.

The groundbreaking agreement was arranged under Pelham Mayor Gary Waters and Hoover Mayor Frank Brocato.

"A lot is talked about regional cooperation, but we really put it into action with this agreement working with our neighboring city Pelham and it's really been a great partnership," says Brocato.

The five-year inter-local agreement says Hoover will perform maintenance and repair of all of Pelham's fleet vehicles. In exchange, Pelham funds two mechanics to work on Hoover's fleet staff.

"It's going really well. It's a win for both cities," says Hoover Fleet Manager Dustin Moore.

He admits in the beginning, it was an adjustment for everyone. There were logistics and communication styles to learn. But the biggest hurdle was getting a good baseline and a good fleet health check on Pelham's vehicles, Moore says,

comparing the process to what a doctor and patient might go through upon first meeting.

"To get them where they needed to be at a baseline and to continue to get them where we need them to be, we checked the temperature of everything and got the physicals up and got the right medication prescribed and now we're ready to go," Moore says enthusiastically.

He does have some words of advice for other cities that might be considering a similar arrangement:

Make sure both cities gain something from the process

Consider the size of the fleet and equipment and determine whether it's cost effective to have a facility and pay outsourcing costs

Consider if the adminis-

trations of the cities are similarly aligned in terms of political stance which makes it easier to agree on terms and to build trust.

The proximity of the cities should be considered along with the brands of the vehicles. Different brands could extend the learning curve timeline.

Moore applauds the foresight of Mayors Brocato and Waters, calling the agreement an intelligent decision.

"They saw a need and saw that it was a great opportunity to help both cities and it was a smart move. Nobody really thinks about fleet and vehicles a whole lot in taxpayer's eyes, but it's a big service to the taxpayers that they don't ever really get to see or know about."



Over 100 Attend Second Hoover Innovation Summit

BY MATT BRYANT
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Nearly 120 attendees listened attentively during information packed sessions at Hoover's Second Annual Innovation Summit. The event was held Thursday in the Hoover Public Library Theatre.

"I think it went very well," says Greg Knighton, manager of Hoover's Economic and Community Development Office. "I think it showcased the depth of companies that we have in the city of Hoover and in the surrounding area, plus the talent we have that can feed those companies."

Knighton says one goal of the Summit was to expose Hoover, its assets, and innovation to people who might not otherwise be aware of what the city has to offer.

"I think sometimes even people in Hoover think of our community as just being a suburb, but

we're so much more than that," he emphasizes. "We have so much more depth and diversity in our economy. We had some people who commented they had no idea that some of the assets we have in Hoover are here."

The theme of this year's Summit was "Elevating Health Tech and Life Sciences" and featured panels on next generation health-tech leaders, scaling success and Hoover's new

Riverwalk Village.

Speakers represented companies such as Compression Works, BioHorizons, Guideway Health, Asklepios Biopharmaceutical and Corporate Realty.

"It's definitely something we would like to continue," Knighton affirms when asked about future plans for the Summit. "We're already talking about ideas for what next year might be."



59 Years Since Bloody Sunday

BY MATT BRYANT
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Last weekend in Selma, people from across the country gathered to commemorate 59 years since Bloody Sunday.

On March 7, 1965, troopers and police attacked civil rights activists marching across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to advocate for voting rights.

Decades later, the Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee is held to honor the sacrifices made by civil rights foot soldiers.

It's truly important as we embark upon the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act in 1964, that we look at the crossing being the 59th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. To be able to assemble and come together in unity, bringing individuals from all walks

of life, really speaks volumes of the direction we're going to go in and carrying on the King legacy.

Seeing the very bridge where life-changing history was made is important to our history. We're still learning and evolving and having a concept and of history that we as a culture and a nation have been through. Unity is the answer.

Fire

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The Fire Department requested assistance from the Alabama Forestry Commission and they arrived with bulldozers and other heavy equipment. They cut firebreaks around the 10 acres that were burning.

The McAdory Fire District on Pochontas Road also assisted.

Bessemer Fire Marshal Michael Brannon stated, "The intensity of the debris fire and how it spread can be attributed to low humidity and wind conditions."

All total, 18 firemen were involved in suppressing the debris fire.

The fire was contained at 6 p.m.

The public needs to be mindful that any "Open Burning" within the city limits of Bessemer is illegal.

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NEWS

Explosive Device Outside AG Office

BY MATT BRYANT
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Attorney General Steve Marshall on Monday February 26, 2024 issued a statement regarding the detonation of an explosive device located outside the Alabama Attorney General's

Office in Montgomery.

Attorney General Marshall stated, "in the early hours of Saturday, February 24, an explosive device was detonated outside of the Alabama Attorney General's Office building in Montgomery. Thankfully, no staff or personnel were

injured by the explosion. The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency will be leading the investigation, and we are urging anyone with information to contact them immediately." To report any information, contact ALEA at (334) 676-7890.



Thank you to Representative Travis Hendrix- District 55 who presented Birmingham City Schools with \$31,800 for general public education funding today. Accepting on behalf of our district are Dr. Pamela Williams, Interim Academic Officer and BCS Chief of Staff, Dr. Spencer Horn. (Birmingham City Schools)



Recently, Alabama Community College System hosted its first TargetX Customer Relations Management (CRM) Administrator regional meeting of the year at Shelton State Community College, to discuss and share best practices. Representing the ACCS were Molly Pollard, Philip Green and Laura Swann. Colleges who had employees in attendance were Calhoun Community College, Central Alabama Community College, Lawson State Community College, Marion Military Institute, Northwest Shoals Community College, and Wallace Community College Selma, in addition to representatives from Jacksonville State University. (SSCC)

New Trail Opens for Mountain Bikers, Hikers at Oak Mountain State Park

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

A new trail named "Room Service" at Oak Mountain State Park opened Saturday, Feb. 24, as members of the Birmingham Urban Mountain Pedalers (BUMP) christened it with a group ride.

The new 1.5-mile multi-use trail connects the Sling-shot and Centipede trails and is optimized for mountain biking, but can also be used for hiking. The Shelby County Commission funded construction of the new trail, which was built by Anniston-based Flow-Motion Trail Builders.

"Oak Mountain State Park has rightfully earned a reputation as one of the best places in America for mountain biking, and this new trail can do nothing but enhance that reputation," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "We're thankful

for partners like the Shelby County Commission and BUMP, who help make Oak Mountain State Park even better for visitors."

The new trail is rated easy to intermediate and is suitable for beginners who have bike-handling skills and trail-riding experience. Signage has been installed by Oak Mountain State Park personnel to help mountain bikers navigate the new trail.

"The new trail will be an amazing addition to Oak Mountain State Park," said BUMP President Chase Draper. "There are already plans to use it for a variety of events at the park this year, including the upcoming Chain-buster Race, the Xterra North American Championship and the 30th annual Bump N Grind. It creates a much-needed mini loop for beginner and intermediate riders who want to venture out but aren't ready or don't have time to do the full loop around the park."

"It opens up multi-use access to a beautiful valley behind the Wildlife Center and is sure to be a favorite for years to come," Draper added. "We are very thankful to have the incredible partners we have in Shelby County and Oak Mountain State Park."

Shelby County Tourism and Events Manager Kendall Williams added, "Discover Shelby is proud to partner and fund one of Oak Mountain State Park's newest trails, Room Service. As the tourism arm of Shelby County, Alabama, we take the resources from our visitors who stay in hotels and reinvest them to improve the quality of life for our residents. One aspect of this is improving existing and building new trails for our residents to enjoy throughout the year. These world-class trails allow us to recruit and support top-notch events that bring in athletes from all across the United States and the world."



Recently marked a momentous occasion as El Tejano celebrated its ribbon-cutting and grand opening. This vibrant event brought together the community, and the Hoover Chamber is thrilled to witness the growth of another family-owned and operated business joining our thriving network. (Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce)

"The Best Turkey Season Ever" Free Webinar

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

While deer-hunting season is over, another hunting season is just on the horizon: turkey season. Alabama hunters can shake off the winter blues and gear up for the 2024 turkey season through the "The Best Turkey Season Ever" webinar hosted by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and is set for March 12 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The webinar is designed to benefit turkey hunters of all ages and has been helping hunters prepare for the last four years.

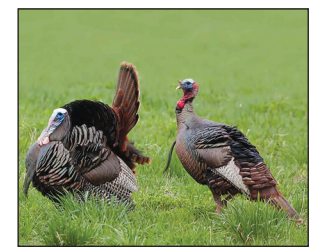
All turkey-hunting enthusiasts are invited to tune in to the webinar. The webinar is designed to provide a snapshot of turkey hunting in Alabama from beginner to expert. Topics for this year include: Environment, Equipment,

Rules and Regulations, Preparation and Mounting. Presenters include Alabama Extension wildlife professionals and Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources wildlife and freshwater fisheries professionals.

"The Best Turkey Season Ever" is FREE to attend through webinar on March 12 at 6:30 p.m. CST. Participants must register online to be able to attend the webinar. Upon registering, a Zoom meeting number and link will be provided. Register by visiting www.aces.edu/go/turkeyseason24.

This webinar is a con-

tinuation of the "Best Season Ever" webinar series, which is poised to reach more than 500,000 hunters this year. For more information, visit the "The Best Turkey Season Ever Webinar" web page on the Alabama Extension website, www.aces.edu. Or you can contact Mr. Smart at 205-367-8148 or bestturkeyseason@auburn.edu.



Alabama State Games

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Registration for the 41st Alabama State Games opens on March 1 at 2 p.m. (CST).

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- Ultimate Frisbee
- Wrestling (Individual TriStyle / Boys & Girls Duals)

To be entered into the scholarship drawing, athletes must register beginning March 1 for the 41st Alabama State Games and attend either the State Farm Athlete Leadership Summit or the Opening Ceremony (both on June 7, inside the Legacy Arena at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Complex).



Hueytown Offensive Line Coach Scott Glenn was presented with the ALFCA 6A Assistant Coach of the Year award. Congratulations, Coach Glenn! (Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce)

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ROYCE O'DEAN FIELDS, DECEASED
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson

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JOHN BRYAN FIELDS
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24
3/8/24
3/15/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000057
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CAROL QUINN, A/K/A CAROL LYNN CRIBBS QUINN, DECEASED
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 26TH day of JANUARY, 2024, 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.
LORI BELCHER
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24, 3/8/24 & 3/15/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000089
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: EARNEST MELTON DEASON, DECEASED
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 13TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson

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JULIE ANNETTA DEASON
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
2/23/24
3/1/24
3/8/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CASE NUMBER: 24BES000109
JOSEPH DENNIS HANKS, DECEASED
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Ala-

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IVEY H LITTLE J RYAN HANKS
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24
3/8/24
3/15/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000106
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ELIZABETH ANN ROSSER, DECEASED
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson

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W JEFFREY HONEA SR
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24
3/8/24
3/15/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000105
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARILYN RAMONA NEAL PITESA, A/K/A RAMONA NEAL PITESA, DECEASED
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Ala-

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CATHERINE PITESA ARMSTRONG JOHN WILLIAM PITESA
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24
3/8/24
3/15/24
Attorney of Record

PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION
STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY
CASE NO. 24BES000091
NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL ESTATE OF: BARBARA REYNOLDS LOVELL, DECEASED
On the 12th day of February, 2024, came TERRY REYNOLDS LOVELL and filed his petition in writing therewith producing and filing in this Court an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of BARBARA REYNOLDS LOVELL, 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 21st day of March, 2024, at 10:45 A.M., having been set as a day for hear-

ing 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: THOMAS BRENT LOVELL, 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 21st day of March, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.
Done this 20th day of February, 2024.
Elizabeth North
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
PUB: 3/1, 3/8 and 3/15/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000103
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: THOMAS Z STRINGFELLOW, DECEASED
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21st day of FEBRUARY 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.
THOMAS DALE STRINGFELLOW
Personal Representative(s)
WESTERN STAR
03/01/2024
03/08/2024
03/15/2024
Attorney of Record

CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR
State of Alabama Jefferson County Probate Court
Case No. 24bes00107
In the matter of the change of name of: JVP, a minor
NOTICE TO: KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN
On the 22nd day of FEBRUARY 2024, came Jalen Marquise Kelley, Mother and Petitioner for the Change of Name for J.V.P., A Minor
And whereas the 11th day of APRIL 2024, at 9:30 A.M. has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submit-

ted 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 23rd day of FEBRUARY 2024.
Elizabeth North
GE OF PROBATE
Western Star
03/1/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000090
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIE LONG JR, DECEASED
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the

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BRENDA LONG
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
March 1, 8 & 15, 2024
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000117
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BARBARA CROWE, A/K/A BARBARA FOSTER CROWE, DECEASED
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 27TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Ala-

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STEPHEN PAUL CROWE
Personal Representative(s)
Judge will be Sherri C. Friday
Western Star
3/8/24
3/15/24
3/22/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000128
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT N FARRINGTON, DECEASED
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1st day of March 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson

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CHRISTOPHER M FARRINGTON
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/8/24
3/15/24
3/22/24
Attorney of Record

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

INVITATION FOR BIDS GUARDRAIL COMPONENTS BID ANNOUNCEMENT ITB # 8-24

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) on March 25, 2024, for proposed Guardrail Components. Bids will be opened on March 26, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. CDT, in Room 830 of the Jefferson County Courthouse. Any "Reasonable Accommodations" can be provided upon request. Interested parties

may retrieve a copy of the bid package at Jefferson County Purchasing: 716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N., Suite 830, Birmingham, AL 35203 or download at <https://paca.jccal.org>.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS READY-MIX CONCRETE BID ANNOUNCEMENT ITB # 5-24

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PUBLICATION ON ADOPTION (UNKNOWN FATHER, KNOWN MOTHER UNKNOWN LOCATION)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL. CASE NO. 23BES000790
IN THE MATTER OF: ADOPTION OF: M.T.H., A MINOR
NOTICE TO THE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED PARENT OF: M.T.H.

WHOSE ADDRESS IS ALSO UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of M.T.H., (born to A.H., Natural Mother), was filed on the 19th day of October, 2023, alleging that the identity of the natural parent of said minor child 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 NATURAL FATHER. Minor Child's birth date is 2/26/2021.

Also, the whereabouts of A. H., whose relationship to the aforesaid Minor Child is that of natural mother are unknown to the petitioner.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response with thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with Stephen H. Jones, 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 22nd day of February 2024.

ELIZABETH NORTH
JUDGE OF PROBATE
STEPHEN H. JONES
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1714 4TH AVENUE
NORTH
BESSEMER, ALABAMA 35020

Western Star
March 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE Substantial Amendment to FY23 Action Plan

The City of Bessemer proposes a Substantial Amendment to its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY20-24 Consolidated Plan and FY19, FY20, FY21 and FY22 Annual Action Plans in accordance with federal regulations found at 24 CFR 91.105 and the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The purpose of the amendment is to reprogram funds to Emergency Housing Grants and Public Facilities/Improvement activities. The City proposes to reprogram grant funds of approximately \$200,565.24.

To the Emergency Housing Grant Program. FY19 - Reprogram grant funds of \$27,372.50. FY20 - Reprogram grant funds of \$111,446.47.

FY21 - Eliminate the Down Payment Assistance and the Lead Paint line items and reprogram \$16,529.27.

FY22 - Eliminate the Lead Paint line item and reprogram \$15,538.

Public Facilities and Improvements
FY22 - Eliminate the \$29,679 Planning line item and reprogram \$29,679 to the Public Facilities/Improvements line item.

The total reprogrammed grant funds for Emergency Housing Grants will be \$170,886.24. The total reprogrammed for Public Facilities/Improvements activities will be \$29,679.

Written or verbal comments on the proposed amendment will be accepted beginning on Friday March 1, 2024 and lasting until 3 p.m. on April 2, 2024. Comments on the proposed amendment may be mailed to the City of Bessemer Economic and Community Development Department, 1700 Third Avenue North, or emailed to Mr. Toraine Norris, Economic and Community Development Director, at tnorris@bessemeral.org.

Oral comments will be accepted by contacting the Department at 205-424-4060 during normal City Hall business hours. A public meeting on the substantial amendment will be held on March 21, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at Bessemer City Hall, 1700 Third Avenue North. Persons needing special assistance (such as translated materials) or a reasonable accommodation to provide comment during the hearing are asked to contact the Community Development Department at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Western Star
March 1, 8 & 15, 2024

PROBATE NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000124

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JEANNINE HAMILTON GODSEY, DECEASED

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TIMOTHY HAMILTON GODSEY
MICHAEL JOE GODSEY
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/1/24; 3/8/24 and 3/15/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000113

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ELAINE HENTON, DECEASED

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 26TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama,

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COREY HENTON
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/8/24
3/15/24
3/22/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000126

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PHILLIP E. MULLEN, JR., DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 29TH day of FEBRUARY, 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.

PAMELA M BOYLES
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/8/24
3/15/24
3/22/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000123

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WADE BENTON TIBBS, SR., DECEASED

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 29TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama,

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CHARLES HOWARD TIBBS
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/8/24
3/15/24
3/22/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000111

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CLAIRE ANN WATERS, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 27TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson

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KAREN NARRO
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
3/8/24
3/15/24
3/22/24
Attorney of Record

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. APDF-1602(542) 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 March 29, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Base, Pave, and Bridges on the Birmingham Northern Beltline from the junction of SR-79 to the junction of SR-75 (Partial), excluding Ramp C north of Pinson. Length 1.878 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 Five Hundred (500) Working Days. A 2.50% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$171.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

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

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

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

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

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$58,338,408 To \$71,302,499.

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, non-discrimination 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
March 8, 15 & 22, 2024

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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Official public notice is hereby given that the City of Bessemer will receive sealed bids for the bid of the **BESSEMER STORM SHELTER/POLICE PRECINCT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT**.

There will be a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting for this project on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 10:00 am at Bessemer City Hall – Multipurpose Room, 1700 3rd Avenue North, Bessemer, AL 35020.

Bids will be opened and read aloud on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 10:00 am at Bessemer City Hall – Multipurpose Room, 1700 3rd Avenue North, Bessemer, AL 35020.

Bids delivered prior to March 28, 2024, should be delivered to Bessemer City Hall – Office of Economic and Community Development Department, 2nd Floor, 1700 3rd Avenue North, Besse-

mer, AL 35020 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:45 pm.

Each bid must be sealed, and the following words must appear on the outside of the sealed envelope: **BESSEMER STORM SHELTER/POLICE PRECINCT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT**.

SCOPE OF WORK:

The scope of work on this project includes: Mobilization; installation of temporary traffic control along Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) SR-5 (US 11) in accordance with the temporary traffic plan submitted to ALDOT and developed in accordance with the latest edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD); installation of erosion and sediment control devices as shown on the drawings; removal of approximately 10 inches of existing base and pavement in the sections shown on the drawings; placement

of approximately 6 inches of ALDOT Crushed Aggregate Base Section 825B (to be placed in 2 equal lifts) (98% compaction required); placement of ALDOT Bituminous 'A' Treatment or Prime Coat; placement of ALDOT Superpave Bituminous Concrete Upper Binder Layer, 1" maximum aggregate size mix, ESAL Range A/B, approximately 275 lbs/sy or 2.5 inches thick; placement of tack coat; placement of ALDOT Superpave Bituminous Concrete Wearing Surface Layer, 1/2" maximum aggregate size mix, ESAL Range A/B, approximately 165 lbs/sy or 1.5 inches thick; and site cleanup and stabilization of any disturbed areas.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the City of Bessemer in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 must accompany the bidder's

proposal along with a Non-Collusion Affidavit. A one hundred percent (100%) Performance Bond and a one hundred percent (100%) Payment Bond and evidence of insurance is required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract.

To submit a bid, a completed set of bid documents MUST be obtained from the office of SIDNEY H. MAY, P.E., LLC., (SHM) 600 20th Street North, Suite 407, Birmingham, AL 35203 Monday through Friday by appointment at (205) 915-3937. Bid documents may be obtained from SHM, the Engineer upon deposit of \$50 per set which will be refunded in full on the first set issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bona fide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten (10) days of the bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and set for subcontractors and deal-

ers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution. Bid Documents must be picked up no later than 24 hours prior to bid opening.

All general contractor bidders must be pre-qualified pursuant to pre-qualification procedures and criteria established by the OWNER prior to picking up bid documents. Written pre-qualification procedures and criteria are available for review at the office of SHM. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Engineers 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 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 judgment, the best interest of the OWNER will thereby be promoted.

Engineer's Bracket Estimate: \$250,000 - \$300,000

Nonresident bidders must accompany any written bid documents with a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in such nonresident bidder's state of domicile, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that state in the letting on any or all public contracts.

CITY OF BESSEMER
Mayor Kenneth Gullely
1700 3rd Avenue North
Bessemer, Alabama
35020

(205) 424-3737
(OWNER)

CITY OF BESSEMER
Torraine Norris, MPA
Community Development Director
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35020

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(ENGINEER)

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice of Sale:

In accordance with Section 32-13-1, Code of Alabama 1975, notice is hereby given to the owners, lien holders and other interested parties that the following described abandoned vehicle will be sold at public auction for cash to the highest bidder on 05/08/2024 at 12pm. Location Copart Auto Auctions 3101 Davey Allison Blvd Hueytown, AL 35023.

- 1LNHM97V32Y651670 2022 LINC CONTINENT TAN
- KL8CD6SA2JC475295 2018 CHEV SPARK BLACK
- 2FAFP71W9XX130538 1999 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WHITE
- 3N1AB7AP2FY298054 2015 NISS SENTRA WHITE
- 1N4BA41E17C858678 2007 NISSAN MAXIMA

- WHITE
 - 1B3HB78K47D324777 2007 DODGE CALIBER ORANGE
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 - 5N1BA0ND7FN620160 2015 NISS ARMADA GREEN
 - 1G4HP52K244137848 2004 BUICK LESABRE WHITE
 - 2G4WS52M4X1473556 1999 BUICK BUIC CENTURY
 - 1G8JU54F03Y528187 2003 STRN L200 WHITE
 - 1N4AL3AP9DN539773 2013 NISSALTIMA BLACK
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PUBLIC NOTICE

FY 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROPOSED ACTION PLAN CITY OF BESSEMER

As set forth in 24 CFR Part 91, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires jurisdictions to

incorporate their planning and application requirements into one five-year document called the Consolidated Plan. In turn, an Annual Action Plan must then be prepared for each year of the Consolidated Plan. The following constitutes the City of Bessemer's FY24 Action Plan for the

use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Consolidated Plan period of 2020-2024. The projected use of funds has been developed to give maximum priority to activities that will primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, or aid in the

prevention/elimination of slum and blight conditions. The projected use of funds is consistent with the City's established strategy of stabilizing the community and reversing negative trends associated with urban decay and blight.

2024 CDBG Action Plan Budget

PROJECTED GRANT FY24 Funding*		\$625,648
PROJECTED Program Income (from RLFs) **		\$98,071
Total FY24 REVENUES		\$723,719
Budgeted Items		
Administration & Planning		\$144,744
HOUSING Delivery Costs		\$70,518
Public Services		\$60,000
Public Facilities/improvements		\$175,000
Senior and Disabled Housing Grants		\$160,000
Historic District Façade grants		\$35,000
Revolving Loan Funds (Economic development and housing)		\$78,457
Total Proposed activity expenditures		\$723,719

The city of Bessemer anticipates submitting a "Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds" to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at least 60 days after grant allocations are announced by HUD.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

The City of Bessemer, Economic and Community Development Department will receive public comments on the above proposed Action Plan for 30 days beginning on Friday, March 1, 2024 and ending on

Tuesday, April, 2, 2024 at noon.

Copies of the proposed Action Plan will be available in the Economic and Community Development Department on the Second Floor of Bessemer City Hall during normal working days. The plan will be available online at bessemeral.org on the Community Development Department page.

Comments may be made orally by contacting the department at 205-424-4060. Written comments may be mailed to the City of Bessemer, Economic and

Community Development Department, 1700 Third Avenue North, Bessemer, AL 35020 or emailed to Mr. Torraine Norris, Economic and Community Development Director, at tnorris@bessemeral.org.

*HUD has not released the City's 2024 CDBG Allocation, therefore allocation amounts are based on the City's 2023 grant allocation. All proposed activity budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts once received. Priority of

any additional funds will be dedicated to Public Facilities/Improvements and Housing grants.

**Program income is comprised of loan receipts from past Housing Revolving Loan Funds and Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds. Such repaid funds, once received, can be directed towards eligible CDBG activities, including 20% for program administration costs and 15% of prior year funds towards eligible public service activities.

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PROBATE NOTICE

PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 20BES000198

ESTATE OF: EDNA T. BARNHART, a protected person

To: Melissa Moore and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 20th day of February 2024 came Gregory H. Hawley, Esq. as Permanent Guardian and Temporary Conservator for the Estate of

Edna T. Barnhart, a protected person and filed his accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 24th day of June 2024, at 1:45 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. This the 4th day of March 2024.

Sherrri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
March 8, 15 & 22, 2024

PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 23BES000625

ESTATE OF: LENNIE M. SAMS, SR., a.k.a. LENNIE MICHAEL SAMS, SR. DECEASED

To: GREG A. SAMS and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 22nd day of February 2024 came Lennie M. Sams, Jr. the Personal Representative for the Estate of Lennie M.

Sams, Sr., a.k.a. Lennie Michael Sams, Sr. deceased, and filed his accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 24th day of June 2024, at 2:00 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. This the 4th day of March 2024.

Sherrri C. Friday
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ORDINANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing for the annexation listed below will be considered by the Bessemer City Council in the councilor's chambers on April 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

AN ORDINANCE ASSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OR TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY SO AS TO ALTER, REARRANGE AND EXTEND THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, all of the owners of certain properties or territories hereinafter described did sign and file a written petition with the City Clerk of the City of Bessemer, Alabama requesting that said herein described properties or territories be annexed into the corporate limits of the City of Bessemer, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the said petition filed with the City Clerk did include a legal description of said properties or territories together with a map of said properties or territories showing its relationship to the corporate limits of the City of Bessemer, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, said properties or territories described in the petition referred to above has been warranted by all of the owners of the properties or territories

thereof to be contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Bessemer located in Jefferson County, Alabama, and does not lie within the corporate limits of any other municipality as shown by the map attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, has determined that it is in the public interest that said properties be annexed into the City of Bessemer, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, said petitioners did request in their petition that the City of Bessemer adopt an ordinance assenting to such annexation and that the corporate limits of the City of Bessemer be extended and rearranged so as to embrace and include said properties or territories;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

That pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 11-42-20 et seq. of the Code of Alabama (1975), the Council hereby assents to the annexation of said properties or territories to the City of Bessemer, Alabama described as follows, to wit:

Commence at found capped rebar being the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the North-

east quarter of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 5 West,

Jefferson County, Alabama and run North 80 degrees, 47 minutes, 09 seconds West

(Based on a bearing of North 00 degrees, 44 minutes 13 seconds West for the East line of said Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter) along or very near an existing fence line

a distance of 360.03 feet to a found 1/2-inch solid bar on the inside of said fence line;

thence run North 89 degrees, 08 minutes, 12 seconds West along or very near to said

fence line a distance of 663.97 feet to the center of Moore Brook Creek, also being the

point of beginning; thence continue North 89 degrees, 08 minutes, 12 seconds West for

a distance of 30.13 feet, more or less to a reference iron set with a DBE cap; thence

continue North 89 degrees, 08 minutes, 12 seconds West for a distance of 288.21 feet to a

found capped rebar on the West line of said Northeast quarter of the Northeast

quarter; thence run South 00 degrees, 42 minutes, 23 seconds East along the West line of said

Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of same said Section 36 for a distance of 117.21 feet to a reference iron set with a

DBE cap; thence continue South 00 degrees, 42 minutes, 23 seconds East along the

Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of same said Section 36 for a distance of 40

feet, more or less to the center of Moore Brook Creek; thence run North 84 degrees, 51

minutes, 59 seconds East along the center of said creek for a distance of 167.19 feet to a

point; thence run North 61 degrees, 26 minutes, 37 seconds East along the center of said

creek for a distance of 60.87 feet to a point; thence run North 43 degrees, 16 minutes, 16

seconds East along the center of said creek for a distance of 106.95 feet to a point;

thence run North 37 degrees, 08 minutes, 08 seconds East along the center of said creek

for a distance of 38.22 feet to the point of beginning.

IS HEREBY ANNEXED TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER, ALABAMA,

and that said properties or territories shall be and hereby is, made a part of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, upon the date of the publishing of this Ordinance.

2. That the above-described properties or territories are not within the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of another municipality and/or that the new corporate limits of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, does not lie at any point more than one-half the distance between the old corporate limits of the City and the corporate limits of any other municipality.

3. Pursuant to Act No. 604, as amended, of the 1976 Legislature, the Petitioner has agreed that if the territories described in this petition or part thereof are in any fire district organized under the law of the State of Alabama, an amount shall be paid to the fire district equal to six times the amount of dues that the owners of the territories being annexed paid to the fire district the preceding year, with said payment to be made by the owners; otherwise, as to the defaulting property owners, this petition/ordinance shall be null, void, and of no effect.

4. That the City Clerk of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson Coun-

ty, Alabama, and that a copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Tax Assessor for Jefferson County, Alabama.

5. To the extent required by law, the City shall seek the requisite preclearance under the Federal Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973c, to annex the herein described properties.

6. That there is excluded from the territories annexed pursuant to this Ordinance any portion of the territories described above which may be found to be the properties of any person, firm or corporation other than the petitioners or which may be found to lie in an area more than one-half the distance between the old corporate boundaries of the City of Bessemer, Alabama and the corporate boundaries of any other municipality and within an overlapping police jurisdiction of the City of Bessemer, Alabama, and any police jurisdiction of any municipality.

7. That a copy of this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bessemer, Alabama and filed in the probate court of Jefferson County, Alabama.

Wanda D. Taylor, City Clerk
City of Bessemer
Western Star
March 8, 15, 22, and 29



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BCS-2024-325

Fiber Wide Area Network

Bessemer City Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for Fiber Wide Area Network for all schools and facilities within the district. All respondents are required to submit 3 (three) copies of your proposal.

Sealed Bids Will Be Received by The Finance Department Located at Bessemer City Board of Education, 1621 5th Avenue North, Bessemer, AL 35020 Until Monday, March 25, 2024 @ 10:00 A. M.

The envelope should be labeled:
BCS-2024-325

Fiber Wide Area Network Bessemer Board of Education Finance Department
ATTN: Patricia Stewart, CSFO 1621 5th Avenue North Bessemer, AL 35020

The bids will be opened and read publicly at the Bessemer Board of Education Work Session on March 25th, 2024 @ 5:30pm.

For more details and specifications, please visit our website at www.bessk12.org, under Departments/ Business & Finance/Bids tab or contact Dr. Williams at 205 432-3900.

Office of Business Affairs and Finance
1621 Fifth Avenue, North Bessemer, AL 35020
Phone: 205.432.3029 | Fax: 205.432.3085
Email: pstewart@bessk12.org



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Bid #BCS-2024-41

HVAC System - Greenwood

Bessemer City Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for a 15-ton HVAC system with a 30KW heat kit for Greenwood Elementary School Cafeteria. All respondents are required to submit 1 (one) copy of their bid.

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT LOCATED AT BESSEMER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1621 5TH AVENUE NORTH, BESSEMER, AL 35020 UNTIL WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2024 @ 4:00 P. M. Bids will be opened and read publicly during Work Session on March 14TH, 2024 @ 5:30pm.

For more details and specifications, please visit our website at www.bessk12.org, under Departments/ Business & Finance/Bids tab or contact Reginald Mitchell at 205 432-3900.

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SOUTHERN STYLES

Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution State Convention Sets Goals



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

The Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution celebrated 135 years of service on February 23-24.

The annual state convention was held at The Embassy Suites in Hoover.

The Tennessee Valley Chapter, SAR was the host chapter.

Jim Griffith, 2023-2024 president of the Alabama Society welcomed fellow compatriots and their guests to the annual business meeting and convention.

Michael Martin is the newly elected president of the Alabama Society.

President Martin presented his goals and objectives for 2024-2025 and encouraged the membership to become even more

involved in not only their local chapters, but in the work of the state society.

The future depends on the commitment of the membership.

The compatriots attended a Genealogy Workshop; DNA—Just the Basics program; annual Business Meeting, a lecture on Charles Carroll—America's First Catholic Politician; Training on Americanism program; and the American Revolution Trivia competition.

The Welcome Reception, annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony and the Memorial Service were the highlights of the convention.

Always of great interest, the Rumbaugh Orations were presented during the Youth Awards Luncheon on Saturday.

Medal of Honor Recipient **Captain Gary Mike Rose** (US Army Retired) was the guest speaker at the annual banquet. The banquet was held on Saturday evening in The Rio Grande Room.

Vice-President General Steve Gaines installed the 2024-2025 Alabama State officers.

Jim Maples presented the Alabama Society Awards and recognition.

The SAR Pledge: We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

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Jack Tribble, Captain Gary Mike Rose and President Michael Martin



Bobby and Gwen Waid, Emily and Michael Waid, David and Sonia Waid, Sumiton Mayor Petey Ellis and Sheriff Mike Hale



Jack Tribble, Greg Fanin, Dr. Paul Petznick and Tim Medders

SAR Award

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

Compatriot **Mike Hale** presented Michael with the

2023 Life Saving and Heroism Award which includes a medal and a certificate.

Michael rescued a drowning man at Perdido Key and kept him afloat until additional help arrived. He administered lifesaving techniques as they were boated to a nearby ramp.

GOOD AFTERNOON

A chat with Captain Carlton Jackson, Public Education Officer, Bessemer Fire Department



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

A robust, well-disposed man, Captain Carlton Jackson has been the public education officer for the Bessemer Fire Department since 2015. Originally from Birmingham, he is today a resident of McCalla. Carlton has always enjoyed assisting people throughout his career. Firefighter of the Year in 2016, he has been a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. since 1992. A pleasant personality, Carlton served as Chairman of the Board of the Bessemer Area

Chamber of Commerce in 2021. He has been a real estate agent since 2004 and an associate broker with Edge Realty Group in Birmingham. Carlton is CEO of Building Areas of Excellence, a real estate investment company named after my grandmother's nickname. He is committed to educating the public on the precautions that should be taken to prevent fires and promote life safety.

Tell me about your family? Carlton: I was born and raised in Birmingham, the son of Barbara Jackson who has done an excellent with the assistance of my grandmother Leola C. Jackson. I have been married to my lovely wife Latetia Abernathy Jackson for 19 years and we have a daughter Jailyn and a beautiful four-year-old granddaughter Avah Marie.

What is your favorite meal? Carlton: I am a turkey, chicken and fish man and

I will probably eat a salad at least four times a week. My favorite meal is blackened Mahi Mahi or grilled lemon pepper Amberjack served with grilled vegetables and a nice glass of Cabernet Sauvignon or Pinot Noir. My favorite desserts are Dove dark chocolate with almonds and if someone ever has an Edgar's Strawberry Cake, I am definitely getting a slice.

Do you have a favorite quote? Carlton: Yes Sir. Excuses are tools of incompetence, used to build monuments of nothingness and those who use them, seldom amount to anything.

Are you a member of any organizations? Carlton: I serve on the Board of Directors of the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce and have held the offices of chairman, treasurer and finance. For over 20 years, I have raised money for several charities including the Mus-

cular Dystrophy Association, Breast Cancer Awareness, American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross. I also hold memberships in the National Association of Realtors, Alabama Association of Realtors, Birmingham Association of Realtor, Accredited Buyers Representative and Certified New Homes Sales Professional. I am a member of the Vulcan Golf Club.

Tell me your duties at the fire department? Carlton: I started my career with the Bessemer Fire Department in 1997 as a firefighter and emergency medical technician. In 2010 I was promoted to lieutenant in the Fire Prevention Division. Several years ago I asked Fire Chief Paul F. Syx

if I could start a public education program for our schools, churches, senior citizens, communities and businesses. He was on board with the idea. As fate would have it, I was promoted to captain when we implemented the Public Education Division. Our goals are to develop and de-

velop fire prevention and safety education programs to reduce preventable injuries and the loss of life. Our programs are offered through presentations, media campaigns and smoke alarm installations. Many problems can be prevented with education.



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National Pig Day Observed in March

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

National Pig Day is a celebration dedicated to the beloved and sometimes underrated animal – the pig. Observed on March 1st each year, this day is a tribute to the intelligent, social, and often misunderstood animal that holds a special place in many cultures and cuisines. The origins of National Pig Day can be traced back to the 1970s when two sisters, Ellen Stanley and Mary Lynne Rave, decided to dedicate a day to honor the pig.

They chose March 1st as a way to recognize the beginning of the pigs' reproduction cycle and also because it is an easy date to remember – "March 1st" or "pig-like" sounds similar. The first National Pig Day was celebrated in Texas but soon gained popularity and spread to other countries. Pigs have been a crucial animal in the history of humankind, with evidence of domesticated pigs dating back to 5000 BC in Cyprus. They have been an essential source of food, providing meat and fat, and used for plowing fields, among other things. However, pigs have also been unfairly associated with negative connotations, such as being dirty, lazy, and gluttonous. National Pig Day aims to dispel these stereotypes and celebrate the pig for its many positive qualities and contributions to human society. One of the most fascinating aspects of pigs is their intelligence. They are highly social animals and have the ability to communicate with each other using various vocalizations. Pigs also possess excellent memories and can remember complex mazes and routes to food sources. Studies have shown that they can even play video games and learn to use mirrors to distinguish themselves from other pigs. These abilities make them one

of the smartest domesticated animals. Besides being intelligent, pigs are also incredibly social and affectionate creatures. People who have had the opportunity to interact with pigs often describe them as friendly and playful animals that enjoy human company.

Pigs have even been known to form strong bonds with their human caretakers and can become emotionally attached to them. National Pig Day also serves as a reminder of the vital role that pigs play in agriculture and food production. Pigs are highly adaptable and can thrive in various environments, making them a valuable resource for farmers. They are also efficient converters of feed, needing the least amount of grain to produce a pound of meat compared to other livestock, making them a sustainable source of food. Unfortunately, the mistreatment and poor living conditions of pigs in some factory

farms have sparked debates on animal welfare and ethical treatment. National Pig Day also serves as a reminder to treat these animals with kindness and respect and ensure they receive proper care and living conditions. Celebrating National Pig Day can take on many forms, from visiting a pig farm and learning about these animals to trying out different pork dishes or donating to animal welfare organizations. It is also an excellent opportunity to educate others about the true nature and importance of pigs in our daily lives. In conclusion, National Pig Day is a day to celebrate and appreciate the remarkable animal that has been a part of human history for centuries. It is a reminder to recognize and value their intelligence, sociability, and contributions to our society. So, let us take a moment on this day to appreciate and honor our fellow cohabitants of this earth – the pigs.



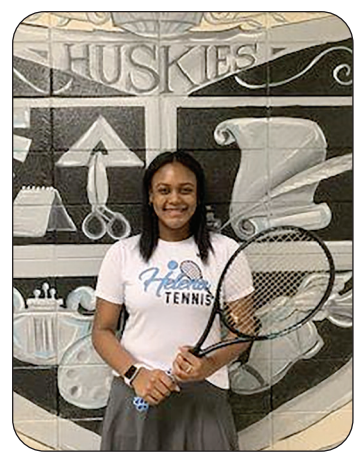
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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



Harper Ledyard
How long have you been playing tennis?
3 years
What is your favorite part of tennis? I get to meet and play with lots of different people from all over.
What is your favorite subject in school?
Math
How do you overcome tense moments? I try to think of something positive and not focus on the bad things
What historical person would you want to meet & why? Mae Jemison because what she accomplished was really cool and I'd like to ask her about her experience in space.

Brewer Jones
How long have you been playing tennis?
1 year
What is your favorite part of tennis?
Encouraging teammates
What is your favorite book?
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
What is your dream job?
Cooking in a restaurant
What historical person would you want to meet & why?
Julius Caesar to talk about his life and ask questions



Davyn Nix
How long have you been playing tennis?
This is my first year
Do you play any other sports?
Yes football
What is the most beautiful place you've seen in person?
Old San Jaun, Puerto Rico
If you were a car, what make and model of car would you be?
A McLaren P1 GTR
What historical person would you want to meet & why?
Kobe Bryant because of his mentality and i want to learn how to have it



Cali Tubbs
How long have you been playing tennis?
5 months
What is your favorite subject in school?
Choir
What kind of music do you listen to?
What is your favorite song?
Country; Tennessee Orange
Who is your favorite celebrity role model?
Taylor Swift
What is your dream job?
To be an RN

