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## Local Teacher Wins National Award

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

A seasoned professional, Montevallo High School History teacher Michael Martin recently won the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. This American history award is listed through the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Outreach Education program.

Martin is only the second teacher in Alabama to win this highly respected national award that recognizes excellence in teaching American History. He also teaches mathematics, science and technology.

In July, the National Society, SAR will recognize Martin as the recipient of this national award at the SAR National Congress in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He will also attend the STEAM in History Seminar in Colonial Williamsburg also in July where he will again be honored as the 2024 recipient of the American History Teacher Award.

Martin said, "I was in shock when notified of having won this prestigious award. I accept it on behalf of my students, co-workers and mentors who have

instilled in me a love of not only history, but being a lifelong learner and educator."

During his three-plus decades in education, Martin was named Teacher of the Year-Verbena High School, 2018; served as president, Cahaba-Coosa Chapter, SAR, 2022; chairman, Washington War Tent Education, Alabama Society, SAR, 2023; and a recipient of the Lafayette Medal, National Society, SAR, 2021. He

is currently the State President, Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

A classroom teacher with a focus on partnerships and innovation, Martin has presented numerous history programs including "Benjamin Franklin," "Colonial Life," "A Tribute to Veterans," "The American Revolution," "Exploring the Sons of the American Revolution" and "Freemasonry and the American Revolution."



Michael Martin

## Caribbean Food and Music Festival Receives Financial Commitment

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON  
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On February 20, 2024, the Bessemer City Council approved funding the annual Caribbean Food and Music Festival which is sponsored by the Central Alabama Caribbean American Organization.

The Central Alabama Caribbean American Organization, a non-profit, requested financial support for the event scheduled for June 8, 2024.

Councilman Jarvis Collier made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

The City Council

determined that it is in the best interest of the city and declared that it is a public purpose to provide financial support. They authorized Bessemer Mayor Kenneth Gully to enter into a performance contract with the organization and to provide financial support in the amount of \$9,000.00.

## To Form Solutions

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

"One day in church he came running, excited, I got the name for the organization, Solutions!" Ms. Vernessa Barnes told us as we sat down to learn about the youth led Nonviolent organization Solutions.

Solutions' goal is to help children, teens and young adults learn how to resolve

conflicts by managing their emotions.

Also it helps others form a means to their own management of self discipline.

Founder, Deon Arnold, an eighteen year old high school senior thru conversations

with his Mother came to an epiphany of ideas that could help others solve conflict. He told us, "It occurred to me, the future is ahead so I realized I had to commit to something higher than myself."

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Chamber Ambassadors L-R Kylee Kelley, Aaliyah Ruffin, Melissa Jiminez, Kaitlin Ye, Madi Manning, Samantha Hanks and Jazlyn Morning

## Hueytown Chamber Hosts Women in Business Luncheon

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

National Women's Day, Friday March 8 was a perfect day for the Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce to host their first-ever Women in Business Luncheon.

The event attracted 70 ladies and was held at Venue 3131 in Hueytown. Gold sponsors were

WestJeff Magazine, EarthScripts Publishing and EXIT Homestyle Realty.

Guest speakers for the event were Marietta Wick, owner of State Farm and Daitha Whitfield, owner of Day Dreams Boutique.

The Mad Platter catered the luncheon and the Chamber's Junior Ambassadors served the delicious meal.

Hueytown Chamber Executive Director Debbie

Kiker said, "It was great to see 70 women together and have the opportunity to connect and network with other businesswomen in the community."

Nearly half of the Chamber membership is women-owned businesses. This was an occasion for the women to get-together, share ideas and celebrate National Women's Day.

## Roots of the Past, Defining the Future

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

From their customer favorites of Braised Beef Ox Tails to their Famed Shrimp & Grits, for almost twenty years Audrey's has been a staple in the community. Like many other businesses, the pandemic brought about challenges, yet thru the test of time this particular business has stood and is still serving it up fresh to it's community and appreciated patrons.

We sat with Mr. Dan and Mrs. Audrey and learned the basics of hospitality and sharing with those who also share with them. Making dishes that the owners grew up eating, with a modernized distinction, Audrey's is soul food exemplified.

"We want people to know that we're here and that we've been here. We're restaurant owners, but also we're apart of the community" Mr. Roberts told us.

Never forgetting how they began, Mr. & Mrs. Roberts began sharing their cooking hobbies at local sporting events which soon led into their catering business, which led to the restaurant many know as Audrey's.

Mrs. Roberts spoke on the hindrances the pandemic

brought upon them as business owners, "It took a long time for us to get to a certain point within our business and certain events weren't being held, yet our customers continued to come by nonetheless which we eventually began our carryout and pre-order services. So slowly we have begun to have our dine-in numbers climb back up which is fantastic and also makes it feel like we're running normally again".

Yet personally we recommend all to be refreshed after a hearty Audrey's meal, with their Cranberry Tea(which we personally coined as the DanBerry Delight, after Mr. Dan) which will surely leave one with a warm smile across their face. Recently they've been recipients of the Penny

Foundation's Grant prize due to a phenomenal social media presence as well as a dedicated fan base.

Not just dish preparers, and innovators within the kitchen, the Roberts also look to have Audrey's as a meeting place for political figures to meet and greet neighborhood residents, along with hosting events and programs that'll inspire and cater to the youth of Jefferson County.

We salute businesses such as Audrey's who continue to provide sincere and wholesome services within the community.

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## Gov. Ivey Hosts Easter Egg Roll

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Here comes Peter Cottontail hopping down the Bunny Trail.

Last weekend, Governor Kay Ivey hosted the Magic Moments Easter Egg Roll

at the Alabama Governor's Mansion on Perry Street.

This is Governor Ivey's fifth annual Magic Moments Easter Egg Roll.

Following greetings from Governor Ivey, the Easter Egg Roll, held on the front lawn got underway at

10 a.m.

Magic Moments provides Alabama children who are diagnosed with chronic life-threatening illnesses the ability to experience non-medical magic moments.

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Barnes, a former Seinfeld, Curb Your Enthusiasm, 30 Rock & Carol

Burnett television show performer and writer, has made his mark in the blues community being hailed as The King of Hokum

Blues by Elmore Magazine. His first Vizztone Release; Hokum Blues was an homage to The Hokum Boys, i.e. Tampa Red & Georgia Tom, a number one Chart Topper recruiting fellow New York City musicians Will Lee (David Letterman), Jimmy Vivino (Conan O'Brien), Shawn Pelton (Saturday Night Live Band), Bete Sussman (Bette Midler), and Harmonica virtuoso Steve Guyger (Jimmy Rogers). His second Vizztone release LIVE, was recorded aboard the Legendary Rhythm and Blues Cruise. Tony Braunagel produced the album which received two Independent Blues Award nominations: Best Live CD and Best Blues Band. LIVE hit number eight on Billboard and number five on Amazon. Keeping the Blues Alive Award Winning Radio Broadcaster, Vincent Zummel, writes: "BAD-NEWS Barnes is in Blues what Frank Zappa was in 70's underground sound. Great."



## Bessemer Housing Authority Unveils Ambitious Plans for State-of-the-Art BHA Dream Center Announces \$5.7 million Campaign

### SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Bessemer Housing Authority (BHA) is excited to announce its visionary project, the BHA Dream Center, a transformative initiative aimed at providing essential services and educational opportunities to both BHA residents and the broader community. The proposed 13,500 sq ft. structure is slated for development on the northeast side of 1515 Fairfax Ave, adjacent to the BHA Central Office. The cost of the project is projected to be \$5.7 million.

Visionary Amenities for Community Empowerment

We believe this center will, serve as a one-stop center for residents to receive educational, health, and social services; propel us forward in our mission to reimagine public housing; provide a safe space for creativity; help close the gap between hopelessness and dreaming, and make advancements towards eliminating barriers that plague our community.

The BHA Dream Center is designed to be a beacon of hope and progress, offering an array of amenities that cater to the diverse needs of the community:

- **Commercial Kitchen:** Providing cooking classes featuring local chefs, with an emphasis on affordable and nutritious meals to address challenges related to unhealthy eating habits.
- **Auditorium/Basketball Gym/Exercise Room:** A versatile space for entertainment, exercise, and community outreach events, doubling as a basketball gym to fill a notable gap in athletic facilities within BHA properties.

• **Office Space:** Housing on-site service providers such as community service organizations and health professionals, making essential services more accessible to residents.

• **Computer Lab:** A space dedicated to teaching coding and providing tutoring to bridge the technology and education gap within the community.

• **Game Room:** Fostering social involvement through board games and interactive activities to build communication and interpersonal skills.

• **Two-lane Duckpin Bowling Alley/Movie Theater:** To engage families and group activities in a safe and fun environment.

• **Music Room/Theater Room:** A dedicated space for music education, promoting cognitive skills development and providing an outlet for creative expression.

• **K4 Program Space:** Offering a licensed K4 program for 3-4-year-olds, preparing them for elementary school and addressing the needs of an underserved population.

Closing the Gap: The BHA Dream Center aims to bridge the

gap between hopelessness and dreaming by providing a safe space for creativity. This one-stop center is envisioned as a hub where residents can access educational, health, and social services, breaking down barriers and changing the narrative.

Cortney Coleman, Executive Director of Bessemer Housing Authority states, "Delivering Hope is our mission, and the BHA Dream Center is a significant component of our plan to reimagine public housing. We believe that providing a safe space for creativity will breed results, and this center is a bold step towards a more empowered and self-sufficient community."

About Bessemer Housing Authority

The Housing Authority of the City of Bessemer's mission is to provide drug free, decent, safe, and sanitary housing for eligible families; to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low-income families who cannot afford to pay market rents, and to provide educational opportunities and promote self-sufficiency and economic independence for all residents.

For more information about the Dream Center Project, please contact:

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## Jameis Winston Tops Off Great Week With Bob Sykes

### SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Jameis Winston put pen to paper on his one-year deal with the Browns on Wednesday March 20, 2024 and made a callback to one of his most viral moments during an interview with a local radio station.

Jameis Winston has become quite the character during his nine years in the NFL, getting caught on multiple occasions delivering elaborate and corky pre-game speeches to his teammates.

One of his most viral moments of all came in 2017 when Winston was with the Buccaneers. During a pre-game speech, Jameis formed a 'W' with his hand and started pretending to eat it. That is not a typo. Don't believe me? Watch for yourself.

The clip took the internet by storm and it has followed

Jameis around everywhere he has gone. He has explained that when he was a child, he would eat the 'W's' in his alphabet soup last and that you can't spell Winston with W-I-N. Jameis is full of one-liners and as much an entertainer as he is a quarterback.

On Wednesday, Jameis was introduced as a **Cleveland Brown**, and went on the rounds with the local sports media. That included a stop on the Browns radio affiliate 92.3 the fans where he was asked whether or not he still eats W's and what do they taste like? Winston had a perfect response.

"I definitely eat W's. I eat them every single morning and they taste as sweet as victories. They are delicious, magically delicious!" Browns fans are just getting introduced to Winston the NFL QB and person. It's

been well-documented from his stops in Tampa Bay and New Orleans though, that he's considered an incredible teammate. His former teammates always speak very highly of him.

So what do you do when you sign your new deal? Well on the next day Jameis was in his home town. But he had to enjoy some Bob Sykes. So he may now be a Brown, he will always consider this his home.



## MONOPOLY: Birmingham Edition

BY MATT BRYANT  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

On Wednesday March 20, 2024 local officials and business leaders, along with Mr. Monopoly, proudly unveiled the official MONOPOLY: Birmingham Edition board at the iconic Vulcan Park & Museum overlooking the Birmingham skyline. This game is the only MONOPOLY version based in the state and is produced by Top Trumps USA, the American division of Winning Moves International, creators of classic games and puzzles, and under license by Hasbro, a leading toy and game company.

MONOPOLY: Birmingham Edition replaces the classic board game's famous Atlantic City squares (from 'Boardwalk' to 'Park Place') with Birmingham cultural sites, historic landmarks, charitable organizations, and businesses. It features customized Community Chest and Chance playing cards to ensure the board is a historic and enduring tribute to all the wonderful places and sights that make up the city of Birmingham.

To guarantee this special edition MONOPOLY board game captured the Magic City's most beloved spots, Top Trumps USA asked the Birmingham public last June for suggestions of who should have permanent squares on the board,

and they listened! See below for the full list of board spaces:

- Rotary Trail
  - Greater Birmingham Humane Society
  - Legacy Community Federal Credit Union
  - Boutwell Auditorium
  - Heaviest Corner on Earth
  - Kelly Ingram Park
  - Sidewalk Film Center + Cinema
  - Southern Museum of Flight
  - Birmingham Museum of Art
  - Seibels Camp & Cottage Outfitters
  - Community Food Bank of Central Alabama
  - Memory Lane
  - At Home Furnishings
  - Golden Rule BBQ & Grill
  - The Alabama Peanut Company
  - The Market at Pepper Place
  - The BJCC
  - Protective Stadium
  - Legacy Arena
  - Birmingham Botanical Gardens
  - Birmingham Zoo
  - Kulture City
  - Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
  - Sloss Furnaces
  - Bromberg's
  - Vulcan Park & Museum City of Birmingham
- "We appreciate all those who suggested landmarks, organizations and businesses that make Birmingham so unique and truly special. We loved seeing so many

of them race in to win the opportunity for a place on the board," says Katie Hubbard, a representative at Top Trumps USA.

"It is an extraordinary honor for Birmingham to be chosen for its own edition of MONOPOLY," says Randall L. Woodfin, City of Birmingham Mayor. "This is an incredible way for Birmingham's rich history, cultural diversity, and thriving community spirit to be experienced and shared through generations."

Cornell Wesley, Director of the City's Department of Innovation and Economic Opportunity, adds, "MONOPOLY: Birmingham Edition celebrates everything this treasured city has to offer, and we can't wait for everyone in the Magic City to get a chance to show their love for their city. Time to roll the dice and experience the magic of Birmingham at your next game night!"

MONOPOLY: Birmingham Edition will be available in stores and online at retail partners, including Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Kulture City, Greater Birmingham Humane Society, Sidewalk Film Center, Birmingham Museum of Art, Memory Lane, At Home Furnishings, Golden Rule BBQ & Grill, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Sloss Furnaces, Bromberg's, Protective Life Insurance, and Smith's Variety.

## Solutions

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By staying active in sports, reading and other hobbies, five years ago I started to focus more on the conversations I had with my Mother to help others in our community, especially with all the violence we hear, read about, so me and my Grandmother started trying to get our voice heard for probable solutions thru this youth led non-violent organization."

Solutions looks to help youth express themselves creatively through many workshops, community fair events and partnerships consistently throughout the summer season alongside Impact The Youth programs for the month of May.

With a keen interest in the youth of today, all are welcome to be apart of Solutions.

"I've helped Deon through planning and preparing curriculums and also helping him research for paneling he's spoken on or has been apart of. I always tell him to search his thoughts and understand himself and to always be aware of the subjects he's speaking on," Ms. Vernessa Barnes told us.

For someone so young and motivated in the realm of helping and inspiring others, this is a true testament that not all of our young seek the negative portions of existence and are truly seeking to be a positive outlet within our

neighboring cities. Being apart of this year's graduating class of 2024, Mr. Arnold told us, "We've come to know many of my peers who've shown promising talent for leadership once I graduate high school. The plan is to grow with this organization and hopefully be a national voice for those seeking a means to tackle the emotional hindrances many of us face along with opening doors for our youth to be able to grow into positive citizens within the coming years."

Solutions will host an upcoming program titled 'Winning In the Game of Life' which will be a source for games, monologue deliveries by organization members, followed by a talk named Facts and Check.

We'd like to thank the church members, parent volunteers, Leticia Watkins, Vernessa Barnes and to honor the memory of Javonti Barnes for seeing to it that our young such as Deon Arnold, will be a beacon of hope and a positive solution sharer for others.

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# NEWS

## Carlee Russell Pleaded Guilty

BY MATT BRYANT  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Carlee Russell pleaded guilty in court Thursday to both misdemeanors and gave her first public statement Thursday March 21, 2024. In connection to faking her own kidnapping, Russell pleaded guilty to two counts of falsely reporting an incident. The case is now closed. It was not the ending the Hoover police chief or the attorney general's office had wanted. But the judge handed down his sentence, saying he would not treat Russell any differently than any other first-time, non-violent offender.

When asked, "To the misdemeanor offense of making a false police report, how do you plead?" Russell replied, "Guilty."

It was the first time since she faked her abduction last summer, Carlee Russell spoken.

After pleading guilty, she made a plea for leniency in sentencing saying, "My sincerest apologies to the local police department and every other law enforcement agency and personnel for the positions that I put them in and for the resources used. I absolutely regret my decision, and in hindsight, I wish that I had cried for help in a totally different manner."

Judge David Carpenter sentenced Russell to a

total of a year in jail but suspended that sentence, so she'll be on probation instead. It was a disappointing end to this case for the state attorney general's office which stepped in to prosecute the case. They had hoped Russell would at least come clean with the details of what happened during the 49 hours she was missing.

"Miss Russell faked the kidnapping, duped the community and contrived this situation," said attorney Clair Morris. "We still, judge, don't know to this day where she was, how she got there, what she was doing and with whom she was dealing with."

The judge denied jail

time and said that she should be put on probation for one year, serve 100 hours of community service and pay \$18,000 in restitution. "The \$17,800 or whatever, the restitution is not really close to really what the restitution should be," said Hoover Police Chief Nick Derzis. "And bottom line, there should be consequences for (her) actions. It appears to me here the consequences are for the parents, because I would assume that those are the ones that have to pay for this."

The chief said his department spent closer to \$50,000 in the search for Russell and the ongoing investigation.



Carlee Russell

## Community Food Bank of Central Alabama Distributes Over 21 Million Meals in 2023

SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN STAR

The Community Food Bank of Central Alabama (CFB) provided 21.1 million meals in 2023, more than any year in its 40 year history.

Across its 12-county footprint, the Community Food Bank distributed 25.3 million pounds. The number of pounds is an increase of five million pounds in 2023, continuing the commitment to distributing fresh produce, protein, and shelf-stable food items for neighbors facing hunger. Thanks to the work with retail partners,

over 11 million pounds of food was reclaimed. This work ensures that neighbors across central Alabama have access to more nutritious options.

"With families continuing to struggle with gas prices, bills, and grocery budgets, the need for food throughout central Alabama has not slowed down," said Community Food Bank CEO Nicole Williams. "We are proud to have distributed more food in 2023 than in our previous years in operation. However, we know there is still more work to be done to meet the needs of our neighbors facing

food insecurity."

It takes a community to feed our neighbors in central Alabama. In addition to providing 21.1 million meals, volunteerism also exceeded the 2022 numbers. In 2023, 9,502 volunteers partnered with CFB, giving 23,083 hours distributing food boxes, packing boxes, and sorting food items. There are many ways to support neighbors facing hunger. To learn more about accessing food, volunteering, starting a food drive, or donating, visit the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama's website at [www.feedingal.org](http://www.feedingal.org).



## Hoover Chamber Awards Public Safety Officials

BY MATT BRYANT  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Over a hundred people filled the Hoover Country Club Thursday for the Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Public Safety Awards Luncheon. The event was sponsored by Ascension St. Vincent's. The awards presented were Police Officer, Detention Officer, Firefighter, Paramedic and 911 Operator of the Year.

Hoover Police Chief Nick Derzis presented three nominees for Officer of the Year.

They were: Officer TJ Denson, Sergeant Tyler Watson, and Detective Jennifer Stewart. Officer Denson was the awardee, praised for his stellar investigative work in connection with a double fatality crash in October 2023 that took place Highway 150 in front of Hunter Street Baptist Church. Denson was assigned as the primary investigator for the crash. At the scene, he noticed the driver of the car at fault appeared to be impaired. Because she was injured, she was taken to the hospital.

However, once he completed his duties on the scene, Denson immediately sought and obtained a search warrant for blood evidence of the at-fault driver. He then went to UAB Hospital where he learned the driver was in the process of a very long surgery. Understanding that the blood evidence was dissipating with time, Denson asked that he be allowed to retrieve the

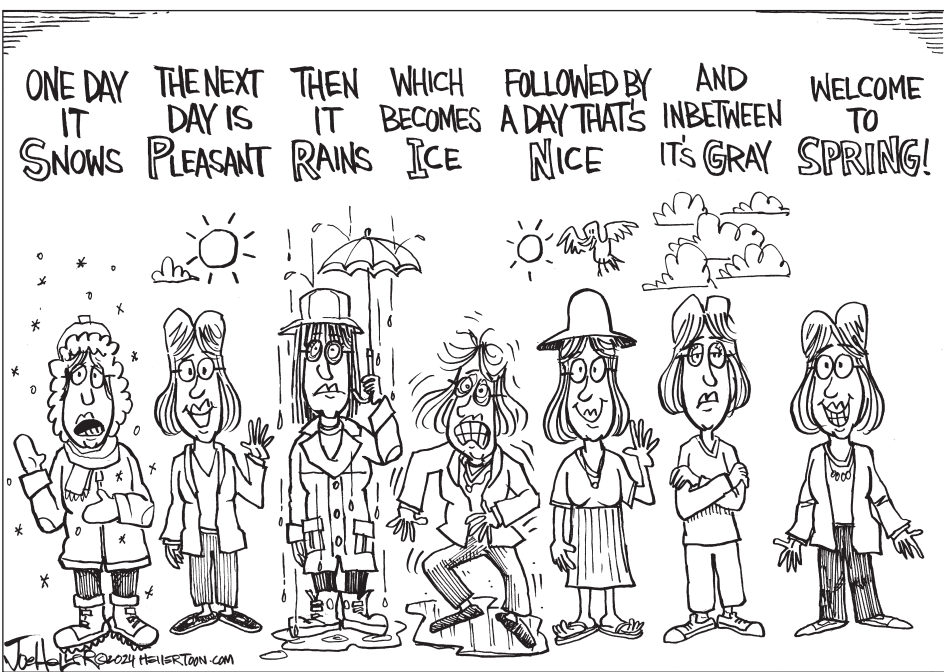
evidence even though the person was in surgery. He was "scrubbed in", given surgical garments, and led into the operating room where he was able to obtain the blood evidence in a timely manner. Eventually, that evidence led to the issuance of two murder warrants for the driver in relation to the death of two innocent people.

Derzis also named Chelsie Smith as Detention Officer of the Year. Last July, a new inmate was booked into a holding cell at the Hoover jail. Approximately thirty minutes later, Smith responded to a loud thud coming from the inmate's cell. When she arrived at the cell, she found the inmate actively attempting suicide. Smith called for backup and when other officer arrived, they were able to stop the attempt and Smith began lifesaving measures. Smith's unwavering work ethic played a pivotal role in preserving the life of this inmate, later discovered to be a U.S. military veteran.

Hoover Fire Chief Clay Bentley named Marcus Chambers as Firefighter of the Year. The seven year veteran was noted for his great attitude and work ethic. Last July, Chambers helped save a man being viciously attacked by a pit bull. Chambers bravely put a pry bar in the dog's mouth, allowing a police officer to remove the victim from his grasp. Chambers then dragged the dog by the collar outside so paramedics could respond to the man's injuries.

Lee Kilgore was selected as Paramedic of the Year. The 20 year veteran is regarded as an excellent public servant. This was showcased in 2023 when he helped to deliver two babies. One of those posed a very serious, life-threatening situation. The baby was being delivered breech, making it a true emergency. Kilgore relied on his exceptional medical knowledge and with the help of a fellow firefighter, they delivered the baby and continued to care for it until other units could arrive.

911 Director Linda Moore recognized two employees as nominees for 911 Operator of the Year. They were Dave Sibley and Jessica Boyd. Boyd won the award as a result of the work she performed during several critical cases, one of those being the Carlee Russell case, which garnered national attention. On another case, Boyd answered a call from a caregiver reporting a fire in the basement of a residence. Once she confirmed that flames were showing, Boyd advised the caller that everyone would need to evacuate the residence. It was then she discovered the caregiver was unable to remove a bedridden patient from the structure. Boyd's tone and demeanor portrayed concern, authority, and compassion for the caller and she remained on the line until help arrived. She determined the quickest entry point for responders to get to the patient and caregiver and the call ended with a successful outcome.



## Lawson State Community College announces its Fall, 2023 Dean's List!

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

186 students have been named to the Lawson State Community College Dean's List for the Fall 2023 term. Go Cougars!

Lindsey Hill from Woodstock was among 186 students named to the Fall, 2023 Dean's List.

Ja'Shanti Ramsey from West Blocton was among 186 students named to the Fall, 2023 Dean's List.

Dean's List Scholars attained a grade point average of 3.5 consisting of a minimum course load of not fewer than twelve (12) semester hours of college-level courses or above. Congratulations to All of

our Dean's List Scholars!

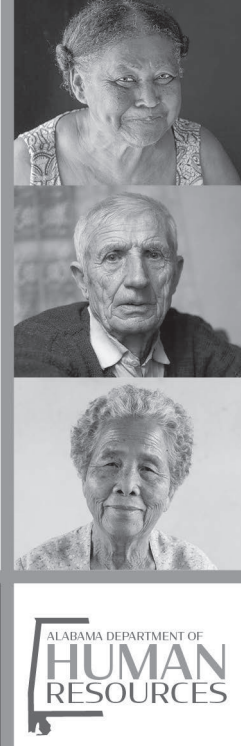
With two campuses located in Bessemer and Birmingham, Alabama, Lawson State Community College provides seamless administrative processes and educational support services for students, members of the community, and other constituents. Lawson State is

composed of two main divisions--an academic division and a career/technical division and prepares students for gainful employment and career advancement through comprehensive offerings including college transfer, workforce development, adult education, and dual enrollment programs.

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## Probate Notices

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000130**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BETTY JEAN DUFF, 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 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.  
**COQUESA DUFF MOORE**  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/15/24  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
Attorney of Record

**PUBLICATION FOR PETITION OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN/CONSERVATOR**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**JEFFERSON COUNTY**  
**PROBATE COURT**  
**CASE NO. 24BES000120**  
ESTATE OF: GRACE DULANEY, an alleged protected person  
TO: Joanne Davis, Carol Lynn Quinn, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, Jefferson County Department of Human Resources filed a petition for the protective placement an/or service

for an appointment of a Guardian/Conservator for Grace Dulaney, An Alleged Incapacitated Person.  
Notice is hereby given the above-named person and all persons in interest that said petition for appointment of Guardian/Conservator has been set for hearing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024, at 11:30 a.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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.  
Judge James P. Naftel  
JUDGE OF PROBATE  
Western Star  
March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 2024

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000135**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MELBA W. HARMON, DECEASED**  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 5TH day of MARCH, 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.  
**THOMAS E HARMON JR**  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/15/24  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000133**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SHERRY HUGHES HERRING, A/K/A SHERRY JANE HERRING, DECEASED**  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 5TH day of MARCH, 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.  
**CHERYL DELAINE SELF**  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/15/24  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
Attorney of Record

**PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
**CASE NO. 24BES000134**  
**ESTATE OF: DAVID WAYNE HOLCOMBE, DECEASED**  
TO: Matthew David Holcombe, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown and to any and all interested parties;  
On the 5th day of March 2024, came Philip Owen Holcombe, and filed his Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of David Wayne Holcombe, Deceased.  
And whereas the 25 day of April 2024, at 10:45 A.M., has

been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.  
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 5th day of March 2024.  
Judge Elizabeth North  
Judge of Probate  
Western Star  
March 15, 22 & 29, 2024

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000010**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JANE GREY HARRIS, DECEASED**  
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22nd day of March 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.  
ERIC HARRIS  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/15/2024  
3/22/2024  
3/29/2024  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000011**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BILLY WESS HOWELL DECEASED**  
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent,  
having been granted to the Undersigned on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, by the HONORABLE ELIZABETH NORTH, 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.  
KELLYE SULLIVAN  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/15/2024  
3/22/2024  
3/29/2024  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000141**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES HOWARD KENT, DECEASED**  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 6TH day of MARCH, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, 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.  
**TED HOWARD COOK**  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/15/24  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES00013**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: FREDDIE DELOIS LATHAN DECEASED**  
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 6th day of March 2024, by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffer-

son County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.  
ANGELA TOLBERT  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/15/2024  
3/22/2024  
3/29/2024  
Attorney of Record

**PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
**CASE NO. 24BES000132**  
**ESTATE OF: LULA PARKS, DECEASED**  
TO: Marlan Taylor, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown and to any and all interested parties;  
On the 4 day of March 2024, came Jason L. Parks, and filed his Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of Lula Parks, Deceased.  
And whereas the 25 day of April 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 5th day of March 2024.  
Elizabeth North  
Judge of Probate  
Western Star  
March 15, 22 & 29, 2024

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000054**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: FLORENCE N. SPAIN, A/K/A FLORENCE A. SPAIN, DECEASED**  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 7TH day of MARCH, 2024, by the HONORABLE ELIZABETH NORTH, 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 DOUGLAS SPAIN**  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/15/24  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000129**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIE B. ROBINSON, DECEASED**  
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE 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

County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.  
**MARY DEJARNETTE**  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/15/24  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000047**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DAE BARRENTINE SELF, A/K/A DAE B. SELF, DECEASED**  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 7TH day of MARCH, 2024, by the HONORABLE ELIZABETH NORTH, Judge of the Probate Court

of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.  
**PATRICIA JACKSON**  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/15/24  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000150**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CHARLES E. PRICKETT, A/K/A CHARLES ELBERT PRICKETT, DECEASED**  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 8TH day of MARCH, 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.  
**SHIRLEY B PRICKETT**  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/15/24  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
Attorney of Record



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## PROBATE NOTICE

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000144**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT LONNIE MCCULLOUGH, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 7TH day of MARCH, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, 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.

**JACK BRUCE MARTIN**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 3/15/24  
 3/22/24  
 3/29/24  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000160**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: VASOLA FARNESH DECEASED**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1 Ph day of March 2024, by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffer-

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

**PEGGY F SPARKS**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 3/22/2024  
 3/29/2024  
 4/5/2024  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000083**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ADDIE BEE GOLDEN, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT / of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 26th day of February 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.

**DEBORAH GOLDEN-SMITH**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 3/22/24  
 3/29/24  
 4/05/24  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER 24BES000131**  
**IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONDEMNATION OF:**

**STATE OF ALABAMA JOHN R. COOPER, DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Petitioner,**  
**VS.**  
**ANDREW M. BOTTSFORD;**  
**RENASANT BANK; MCCALLA FIRE DISTRICT; J.T. SMALLWOOD, JEFFERSON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR.**  
 Defendants.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, came the State of Alabama, Ex Rel John R. Cooper, Director of The Alabama Department of Transportation, by its Attorney of Record, John E. Rollins, and filed its complaint, for the condemnation of certain lands therein described for and on behalf of the said State of Alabama Department of Transportation for use for public road purposes, said lands belonging to Defendants listed.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 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 commission-

ers 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

Andrew M. Bottsford, Renasant Bank c/o CT Corporation System, McCalla Fire District; J.T. Smallwood, Jefferson County Tax Collector; and any and all unknown party or parties claiming any right, title, lien or interest in and to the property described in this complaint.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

**ELIZABETH NORTH**  
 JUDGE OF PROBATE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL.

Western Star  
 March 22, 29, April 5 & 12, 2024

**CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
**CASE NO. 24BES000167**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: K.L.P., JR., A MINOR**  
**NOTICE TO: KENDARIS LAMAR PELTON, ADDRESS UNKNOWN**

On the 12TH day of MARCH, 2024, came NINA R. STEELE, Mother and Petitioner for the Change of Name for K.L.P., JR., A Minor

And whereas the 16TH day of MAY, 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 14TH day of MARCH, 2024.

Judge Elizabeth North  
 JUDGE OF PROBATE  
 Western Star  
 March 22, 29, April 5 & 12, 2024

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000152**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROSEMARY M HOWARD DECEASED**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 8th day of March 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.

**RHONDA NELSON**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 3/22/2024  
 3/29/2024  
 4/5/2024  
 Attorney of Record

**CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
**CASE NO. 23BES000191**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF:**

**K.S.F., A MINOR**  
**NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN**

On the 8TH day of MARCH, 2024, came ZYLYSTREAL ANDERSON, Mother and Petitioner for the Change of Name for K.S.F., A Minor

And whereas the 16TH day of MAY, 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 14TH day of MARCH, 2024.

Judge Elizabeth North  
 JUDGE OF PROBATE  
 Western Star  
 March 22, 29, April 5 & 12, 2024

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000166**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CHARLES RICHARD HANDLEY, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12th day of MARCH 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.

**CHARLES ROCKY HANDLEY DEBRAH WILLIAMS**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 03/22/2024  
 03/29/2024  
 04/05/2024  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000153**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RUSSELL G. JONES, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 8TH day of MARCH, 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.

**VIOLET E CHAF-FINCH**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 3/22/24  
 3/29/24  
 4/5/24  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000148**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LUCILLE R LEAMAN DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 7th day of March 2024, by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffer-

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

**DONNA LUCILLOE LEAMAN**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 03/22/2024  
 03/29/2024  
 04/05/2024  
 Attorney of Record

**CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
**CASE NO. 24BES000138**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: K.M.S., A MINOR**  
**NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN**

On the 5TH day of MARCH, 2024, came L.H., Mother and Petitioner for the Change of Name for K.M.S., A Minor

And whereas the 16TH day of MAY, 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 11TH day of MARCH, 2024.

Judge of Probate  
 Western Star  
 March 22, 29, April 5 & 12, 2024

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000165**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CATHERINE COURINGTON, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12TH day of MARCH, 2024, 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.

**LINDA DIANE DECKER**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 3/22/24  
 3/29/24  
 4/5/24  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000056**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LEVIS BULLARD BARTON, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024, by the HONORABLE Elizabeth North, 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.

**Martha Hosey**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 3/29/24  
 4/5/24  
 4/12/24  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000173**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RONALD WAYNE CHAMBERS, SR., A/K/A RONALD W. CHAMBERS, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 14TH day of MARCH, 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.

**WILLIAM LEE CHAMBERS**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 3/29/24  
 4/5/24  
 4/12/24  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000164**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RUBY COCKRELL, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 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.

**ETAUN COCKRELL MURRELL**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 3/29/2024  
 4/5/2024  
 4/12/2024  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 23BES000422**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RONNIE DIXON, DECEASED**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 3rd day of January 2024, 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.

**ELLEN BERRY PRATT**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 3/29/24  
 4/5/24  
 4/12/24  
 Attorney of Record

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**CITY OF BESSEMER FIREDEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The City of Bessemer seeks bids on "One (1) 2024 Chevrolet Silverado." These specifications are not meant to exclude any manufacturer but to provide a minimum specification to be met or exceeded. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with "BID PROPOSAL FOR (1) 2024 FORD CHEVROLET SILVERADO" on the outside of the envelope.

Bid Proposals will be received by Wanda D. Taylor, City Clerk, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), Bessemer, AL 35020 no later than 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Monday, April 1, 2024. The City will keep late proposals, but not consider for award. The City will not consider for award any bid proposals submitted via facsimile, email, or other forms of electronic transmission.

The specifications for the 2024 Chevrolet Silverado vehicle are attached.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the City's judgment, the best interests of the City will hereby be promoted. The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

The City of Bessemer's programs, services, employment opportunities, and volunteer positions are open to all persons without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, handicap, or political affiliation.

If you have any additional questions concerning the vehicle, please contact Fire Chief Kendrick Hughley at 205-428-5151.

Wanda D. Taylor  
 City Clerk  
 City of Bessemer  
 205-424-4060 extension 4192

Proposals must be sealed and marked with "BID PROPOSAL FOR (1) 2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO" on the envelope.

Western Star  
 March 22 & 29, 2024



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## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THAT WHEREAS, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010, Dorothy Anderson, (hereinafter called Mortgagor) did execute and deliver to Urban Financial Group, (hereinafter called Mortgagee) a mortgage on the real property hereinafter described, which mortgage was duly recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Jefferson County, Alabama, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010, as Book LR201060 Page

24925 and assigned to Reverse Mortgage Solutions on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010 and recorded at Book LR201061 Page 6078 which was then corrected on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014 and recorded at Book LR 201463 Page 23076; the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014 and recorded at Book LR201464 Page 9246; Anders Capital Group on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 and recorded at Instrument

Number 2024012722; and LLAGC Community Investment Fund on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 and recorded at Instrument Number 2024012723;

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the debt secured by said mortgage, and said mortgage is subject to foreclosure;

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that, will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door

of the Jefferson County Courthouse in the City of Birmingham, Alabama, between the lawful hours of sale on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, the property described in said mortgage deed as follows:

The land described herein is situated in the State of Alabama, County of Jefferson, and is described as follows:

Lot 19 in block "A", spivey's addition to Pratt City, Alabama, Map of which is recorded in ap Book 4, at

page 40 in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson County, Alabama.

Parcel Number(s): 22-19-3-1-72-RR-0

Also commonly known as: 121 Fairfax Ave, Birmingham, AL 35214

Subject to any matters of record which pertain to or affect the title to said property.

The proceeds of said sale shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of the

above mentioned mort-

gage. The sale is subject to Alabama laws of redemption.

BY: J. ALAN LIPSCOMB,

Its Attorney OF COUNSEL: Benton & Lipscomb

P.O. Box 471 Fairhope Alabama, 36533

(251) 928-0282 Western Star

March 29, April 5 & 12, 2024

## PROBATE NOTICE

### PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY BESSEMER DIVISION PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 21BE000980

#### ESTATE OF: MATTIE TURNER, deceased.

To: Eddie Turner, III, Keith Turner, Keisha Turner-Patterson, Toyia Turner Martin, Tanya Turner-Griggs, Effie Turner Thurmon, Mildred Turner-Mixon, Frederick Turner, Yusef Turner, Jasmine Jones ANY and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2024 came Sylvia Turn-

er Cobbins, Veronda T. Gibbons, and Deborah Turner Luster, as executors for the Estate of Mattie Turner, deceased and filed their accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, at 2:15 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Judge Sherri C. Friday, JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star March 15, 22 & 29, 2024

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000122 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BEVERLY ANN BAKER, A/K/A BEVERLY A. KAUCHICK, DECEASED

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE OF said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 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.

WILLIAM ROY LEDBETTER

Personal Representative(s) Western Star 3/22/24 3/29/24 4/5/24 Attorney of Record

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000156 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DAVID LEONARD BARRY, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2024. 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.

LINDA DIANE BARRY

Personal Representative(s) Western Star 3/22/24 3/29/24 4/5/24 Attorney of Record

### PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY BESSEMER DIVISION PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 21BES000339

#### ESTATE OF: Robert Bruce Atchison, Jr., Deceased.

To: Brenda Jolley, Est of Kenneth Scott Collum, Glenn Bittle, Charles Bishop, Mathew J. Jolley, Crystal Jolley Canterbury, Angela Jolley Fuller, Steve Foster, Terry M. Weeks, Sungmi Cho, LuAnn Stiriz, Tammy Lynn Cleghorn, Shiloh Stacey, Michael E. Whalen, Amy J. Whalen, Toni Fancher Rowe Link, Marjorie Garber and ANY and all other parties interested in said estate,

take notice;

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, came Andrew Laplante, Esq., Personal Representative for the Estate of Robert Bruce Atchison, Jr. deceased and filed his accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, at 1:30 P.M., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Done this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Judge James P. Naftel JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star March 22, 29 & April 5, 2024

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000025 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: NINNIAN A MCCLAIN, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024. by the HONORABLE ELIZABETH NORTH, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Ala-

bama, 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.

KENNETH A MCCLAIN

Personal Representative(s) Western Star 3/29/2024 4/5/2024 4/12/2024 Attorney of Record

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000165 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CATHERINE COURINGTON, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH, 2024. 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.

LINDA DIANE DECKER

Personal Representative(s) Western Star 3/22/24 3/29/24 4/5/24 Attorney of Record

### PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY BESSEMER DIVISION PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 20BES000227

#### ESTATE OF: Betty Atchison, Deceased.

To: Brenda Jolley, Est of Kenneth Scott Collum, Glenn Bittle, Charles Bishop, Mathew J. Jolley, Crystal Jolley Canterbury, Angela Jolley Fuller, Steve Foster, Terry M. Weeks, Sungmi Cho, LuAnn Stiriz, Tammy Lynn Cleghorn, Shiloh Stacey, Michael E. Whalen, Amy J. Whalen, Toni Fancher Rowe Link, Marjorie Garber and ANY and all other parties interested in said estate, take

notice;

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, came Andrew Laplante, Esq., Personal Representative for the Estate of Robert Bruce Atchison, Jr. deceased and filed his accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, at 1:30 P.M., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Done this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Judge James P. Naftel JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star March 22, 29 & April 5, 2024

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000159 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ANITA LOUISE VINES BANKS, A/K/A ANITA L. BANKS, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH, 2024. 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.

CHARLES ALAN BANKS

Personal Representative(s) Western Star 3/22/24 3/29/24 4/5/24 Attorney of Record

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000171 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BILLY COLLINS, DECEASED

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 13<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH, 2024. by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, no-

tice 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.

CASSANDRA D COLLINS

Personal Representative(s) Western Star 3/22/24 3/29/24 4/5/24 Attorney of Record

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000091 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BARBARA REYNOLDS LOVELL DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024. by the HONORABLE ELIZABETH NORTH, Judge

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

TERRY REYNOLDS LOVELL

Personal Representative(s) Western Star 3/29/2024 4/5/2024 4/12/2024 Attorney of Record

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER 24BES000137 IN THE MATTER OF: THE CONDEMNATION OF: STATE OF ALABAMA JOHN R. COOPER, DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS. ELAINE TUCKER CALLAHAN; THE ESTATE OF MARGARET VICTORIA BROWN; EMILY DAVIDSTON; MARGARET ANN DAVISTON; ABNER VINCENT BROWN, JR.; WANDA J. BROWN; MCCALLA FIRE DISTRICT; J.T. SMALLWOOD, JEFFERSON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTY OR PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBE IN THIS COMPLAINT

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, came the State of Alabama, Ex Rel John R. Cooper, Director of The Alabama Department of Transportation, by its Attorney of Record, John E. Rollins, and filed its complaint, for the condemnation of certain lands therein described for and on behalf of the said State of Alabama Department of Transportation for use for public "road" school purposes, said lands belonging to Defendants listed.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 at 10:30 a.m. be set as a day for hearing said Complaint for Order of Condemnation and the proof to

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000145 IN THE MATTER OF: MARY SUSAN BATTLES, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024. by the HONORABLE JUDGE ADMIN, 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.

MATTHEW OLAN BATTLES

Personal Representative(s) Western Star March 22, 29 & April 5, 2024 Attorney of Record

### PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY BESSEMER DIVISION PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 22BES000823

#### ESTATE OF: MARION TAYLOR WILLIAMS, JR., Deceased.

To: Rachel Lea Warren, Robert Marion Williams, Mary Altha Williams and ANY and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, came Marjorie G. Evans, Personal Repre-

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.

MATTHEW OLAN BATTLES

Personal Representative(s) Western Star March 22, 29 & April 5, 2024 Attorney of Record

sentative for the Estate of Marion Taylor Williams, Jr., deceased and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, at 2:30 p.m. be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper. This the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Judge James P. Naftel JUDGE OF PROBATE Western Star March 15, 22 & 29, 2024

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000184 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PETER TYRELL DAWSON III, DECEASED

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH, 2024. 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.

ASIA JANAE DENSMORE

Personal Representative(s) Western Star 3/29/24 4/5/24 4/12/24 Attorney of Record



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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 County,

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

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

### Notice to Contractors

Debris, Removal, Reduction, and Disposal Following a Declared Disaster

Alabama Department of Transportation

East Central Region – Birmingham Area

Blount, Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby Counties

Sealed bids will be received by the Alabama Department of Transportation until 10:00 am on Fri-

day, April 19, 2024, and at that time publicly opened for a retainer contract for debris removal, reduction, and disposal following a declared disaster, in the East Central Region, Birmingham Area. The bid opening will take place at the Alabama Department of Transportation, East Central Region, Birmingham Area office, Conference Room.

Qualified General Contractors holding a current

Alabama State license are invited to bid. This contract is for the purpose of retaining a qualified General Contractor whose services would be employed in the event of a Tropical Storm event or other declared disaster.

Copies of the contract documents and specifications may be inspected and/or obtained at the following locations:

Alabama Department of Transportation

East Central Region – Birmingham Area

1020 Bankhead Hwy, West

Birmingham, AL 35204

Phone: (205) 581-5723

Digital copies can be found under the "Special Notice to Contractors" section at <https://alletting.dot.state.al.us/>

Sealed bids may be mailed or delivered directly to the Owner prior to the bid opening. Such sealed bids must be clearly and

legibly marked "Debris Removal, Reduction, and Disposal Following a Declared Disaster – Birmingham Area" on the outside of the envelope.

The most qualified, responsive, and highest ranked bid will be accepted with key consideration based upon the benefit to the public; however, the Alabama Department of Transportation reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive

any irregularity in the bids received, and to accept or reject any items of the bid for the benefit of the public.

No conditional bids will be accepted.

No bid will be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing date and time for the receipt of bids.

John Cooper  
Transportation Director  
Western Star  
March 15, 22 & 29, 2024

## PROBATE NOTICE

### NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION CASE NO. 24BES000155 ESTATE OF: JAMES HARRISON, DECEASED

On the 8th day of March, 2024, came ALVIN HOLLEY 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 JAMES HARRISON, 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 16th day of May, 2024, at 10:15 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:

CHERYL HARRISON TAYLOR, 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 County, 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 16th day of May, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

Done this the 18th day of March, 2024.

Judge Elizabeth North

JUDGE OF PROBATE

Western Star

March 29, April 5 & 12, 2024

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000121 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: NANCY ELIZABETH MITCHELL, A/K/A NANCY WOOD MITCHELL, DECEASED**  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 14TH day of MARCH, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL, Judge of the

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000080 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JACOB STANO JR, DECEASED**  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024, 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.  
**JAMES MCDONALD MITCHELL**  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/29/24  
4/5/24  
4/12/24  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000193 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: STEPHEN C SMITH, DECEASED**  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 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.  
Marks Smith  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/29/2024  
4/5/2024  
4/12/2024  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000190 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DERRICK D. TAYLOR, SR., DECEASED**  
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 20TH day of MARCH, 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.  
**DERRICK D TAYLOR JR**  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/29/24  
4/5/24  
4/12/24  
Attorney of Record

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

INVITATION FOR BIDS ITB #29-24 HOUSING REHABILITATION SERVICES JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL

Bids will be received by the Jefferson County Commission Purchasing Agent, Michael D. Matthews, Ph.D., C.P.M., until 4:00 (CST) p.m. on April 24, 2024, for ITB #29-24 "HOUSING REHABILITATION SERVICES. All Solicitation information including forms, and specifications are available for download free at <https://jeffcobids.jccal.org/Search.aspx>

Interested parties must meet bidder requirements and qualifications as

specified in the bid documents on or before the date that the bids are due.

A performance bond will be required in the amount of \$25,000.00

All questions must be submitted in writing to [procurementservices@jccal.org](mailto:procurementservices@jccal.org)

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on April 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Shades Valley Training Facility located at 1330 Oak Grove Road, Birmingham, AL 35209. For special accommodations please call 205-325-5381 ext. 1810.

Western Star  
March 29 & April 5, 2024

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000070 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PATRICIA HODGES WILEMON, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21<sup>ST</sup> day of MARCH 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.

Patti Wilemon  
Personal Representative (s)

Western Star

3/29/2024

4/5/2024

4/12/2024  
Attorney of Record

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000181 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARY RENEE WOLFE, DECEASED

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024, by the HONORABLE ELIZABETH NORTH, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama,

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

Sheila Mcisaac  
Personal Representative(s)

Western Star

3/29/2024

4/5/2024

4/12/2024  
Attorney of Record



# ALABAMA LEGAL JOURNAL

## PROBATE NOTICE

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION CASE NO. 22BES000580 ESTATE OF: EARNEST GRAY SCOTT, DECEASED**

On the 7th day of March, 2024, came BARBARA SCOTT 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 EARNEST GRAY SCOTT, 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 1st day of May, 2024, at 9:00 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:

SHARON FALLIN, EARNEST SCOTT, JR., WILLIAM SCOTT, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT, 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 1st day of May, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

Done this the 14th day of March, 2024.

Judge James P. Naftel  
JUDGE OF PROBATE  
Western Star  
March 22, 29 & April 5, 2024

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000157 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RICHARD EUGENE MCGUFFIE, DECEASED**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE OF said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11TH day of MARCH, 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.

JESSICA Q COGSWELL

Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
4/5/24  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000161 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: TE YANA UNDERWOOD, DECEASED**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE OF said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12th day of March 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.

BRODERICK UNDERWOOD  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
4/5/24  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000162**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DORIS JEAN MCALEB, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12TH day of MARCH, 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.

BRANDY JEAN HEFNER  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
4/5/24  
Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000158**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MILDRED CHRISTINE RUNIONS, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 14TH day of MARCH, 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.

AARON RUNIONS  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
4/5/24  
Attorney of Record

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 17, Chapter 9, Section 5 of the Code of Alabama 1975, notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election was held at polling places in Jefferson County, Alabama on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. A Primary Run-off is necessary, and will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. The Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. A public test of voting machines will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 2024, at the Jefferson County

Operations Center located at 520 Medco Road, Birmingham, AL 35217.

The above primary runoff election, on said date, will be held for the following offices:

District Court Judge-Place 3  
Probate Judge-Place 1

Assistant Tax Collector-Bessemer Division  
Constables, Jefferson County- Districts 52, 60  
James P. Naftel, II  
Judge of Probate  
Chief Election Official,  
Jefferson County  
Western Star  
March 29, 2024

### LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 17, Chapter 9, Section 5 of the Code of Alabama, notice is hereby given that a Statewide Primary Election was held at polling places in Jefferson County, Alabama on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. A Primary Run-off is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. The Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. A public test of voting machines will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, April 5, 2024, at the Jefferson County Operations Center located at 520 Medco Road, Birmingham, AL 35217.

otherwise be prevented from voting because of their inability to mark a paper ballot.

Absentee ballots are available to any individual with a disability or elderly individual who, because of disability or age, is unable to go to their assigned polling place to vote on election day. The deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot are the same as for other persons seeking to vote by absentee ballot.

Any handicapped or elderly individual who, because of handicap or age, requires assistance in casting a vote, may select a person of his or her choice to accompany such individual into the polling place to assist in the casting of the vote.

Further, § 17-9-13(a), Code of Alabama (1975) states, "Any person who wishes assistance in voting may receive assistance from any persons the voter chooses except the voter's employer, an agent of the employer, or an office or agent of the voter's union."

James P. Naftel, II  
Judge of Probate  
Chief Election Official,  
Jefferson County  
Western Star  
March 29, 2024

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000086**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOYCE EVELYN WIGGINS, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12th 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.

ROBERT DONALD WIGGINS  
Personal Representative(s)  
Western Star  
March 22, 29 & April 5, 2024  
Attorney of Record

**PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY BESSEMER DIVISION PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 23BES00046**

ESTATE OF: PAUL L. VINES, JR., a.k.a. PAUL LOFTUS VINES, JR., Deceased.

To: Richard S. Alley, Jr. and ANY and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 13th day of March 2024, came Barbara B. Taylor, Executor for the Estate of Paul L. Vines, Jr., a.k.a. Paul Loftus Vines, Jr., deceased and filed her

accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 17th day of April 2024, at 3:00 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.

Done this the 14th day of March 2024.

Judge James P. Naftel  
JUDGE OF PROBATE  
Western Star  
3/22/24  
3/29/24  
4/5/24  
Attorney of Record

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

ITB# 31-24 "Fire Extinguisher Annual Inspection and Maintenance"

JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL

Bids will be received by the Jefferson County Commission Purchasing Agent Michael D. Matthews, Ph.D., C.P.M., until 4:00 (CST) p.m. on 4/23/2024, for Fire Extinguisher Annual Inspection and Maintenance.

All Solicitation information including forms, and specifications are available for download free at <https://jeffco-bids.jccal.org/Search.aspx> Interested parties

must meet bidder requirements and qualifications as specified in the bid documents on or before the date that the bids are due.

All questions must be submitted in writing to [procurementservices@jccal.org](mailto:procurementservices@jccal.org) attention Florencie Patton and Harriett Bell.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 11:00 am (CST) in Suite 830 of the Jefferson County Main Courthouse. For special accommodation please call 205-325-5381.

Western Star  
March 29 & April 5, 2024



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**Bid# BCS-2024-41 (REPOST) HVAC System - Greenwood AMENDED**

Bessemer City Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids 30-ton split air conditioning unit with 15-ton gas packaged unit for Greenwood Elementary School Cafeteria. This is to include removal and disposal of existing equipment/ductwork. Installation of all equipment and ductwork to be performed on or after May 17, 2024 and an anticipated completion date of July 22, 2024. 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, APRIL 10TH, 2024 @ 4:00 P.M.

The envelope should be labeled:  
Bid# BCS-2024-41  
HVAC System - Greenwood Bessemer Board of Education  
Finance Department  
ATTN: Patricia Stewart, CSFO 1621 5th Avenue North  
Bessemer, AL 35020

## HVAC SYSTEM GREENWOOD

RFP Posted	March 18, 2024
*Mandatory Site Visit at 4:00 p.m.	April 2, 2024
Deadlines for Inquiries	April 2, 2024
Proposals Due by 4:00 p.m.	April 10, 2024
Board Work Session	April 11, 2024
Commencement of Services (projected)	May 27, 2024

The bids will be opened and read publicly at the Bessemer Board of Education in the Boardroom during the scheduled Work Session on April 11th, 2024 @ 5:30pm. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE SEALED BID IS RECEIVED IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT ON/BEFORE APRIL 10TH, 2024. ANY BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE DESIGNATED DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BUT WILL BE KEPT ON FILE. THE BOARD HAS THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. For more details and specifications, please visit our website at [www.bessk12.org](http://www.bessk12.org), under Departments/ Business & Finance/Bids tab or contact Reginald Mitchell at 205 432-3900.



BESSEMER CITY SCHOOLS  
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Bessemer Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for the Child Nutrition Program for the following locations:

**Abrams Elementary School  
Bid# RD 23-40  
Commercial Roll-up Doors**

**Jonesboro Elementary School  
Bid# WF 23-39  
Add on Walk-in Freezer**

## BID ANNOUNCEMENT AMENDED (EXTENTION)

All respondents are required to submit 2 (two) 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 Wednesday, April 10, 2024 @ 12:00 P. M. \*\*Please refer to the Bessemer Board of Education website ([www.bessk12.org](http://www.bessk12.org)) Business & Accounting Department for a detailed RFP, time sensitive information, scope of work and required documents. \*\*



# NEWS/LEGALS

## Celebrating 31 Years of Dedication: Captain Craig Phillips of Bessemer City Fire Department

**SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN STAR**

In a world where commitment often feels fleeting, there are individuals who stand as pillars of steadfastness, exemplifying dedication and service. Among them is Captain Craig Phillips of the Bessemer City Fire Department, who has dedicated an impressive 31 years and 5 months to the noble cause of fire-fighting and community safety.

For Captain Phillips, the journey with the Bessemer Fire Department has transcended the realms of mere employment; it has been a profound privilege and

honor. Reflecting on his tenure, he remarks, "Working at Bessemer Fire Department has been more than just a job – it's been a privilege to belong to a brotherhood that extends beyond the fire-house walls."

Indeed, the essence of firefighting extends far beyond battling flames; it encompasses camaraderie, shared experiences, and a profound sense of belonging. Captain Phillips speaks fondly of the bonds forged with his fellow firefighters, likening them to family. "The camaraderie, traditions, and shared experiences with my fellow firefighters have created bonds that feel

like family," he shares warmly.

In the midst of rushing to emergencies and combating crises, Captain Phillips cherishes the moments spent in the company of his colleagues. "I'll always cherish the excitement of responding to emergencies as a team, but some of the best moments were the times spent around the table, swapping stories, and good-naturedly picking at each other," he reminisces.

The Bessemer City Fire Department, along with the wider community, now comes together to honor Captain Craig Phillips for his remarkable dedication

and service spanning over three decades. His unwavering commitment to safeguarding lives and property has left an indelible mark on the department and the community it serves.

"We salute you for your unwavering dedication and wish you all the best in your future endeavors," the department expresses, acknowledging Captain Phillips as an inspiration to all who have had the privilege of working alongside him.

As Captain Phillips embarks on the next chapter of his journey, his legacy of service and commitment will continue to resonate within the Bessemer

City Fire Department and beyond. Here's to Captain Craig Phillips

– a true hero, a trusted leader, and a beacon of unwavering dedication.



*Plain & Simple*  
 "Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"  
 By: Sheila Duncan

### Strawberry Icebox Cake

**Ingredients:**  
 8 oz. cream cheese, at room temperature  
 1 cup powdered sugar  
 3 cup heavy cream, divided  
 1 tbsp. Vanilla bean paste or extract  
 1 tbsp. Lemon zest  
 20 graham cracker sheets  
 1 1/2 lb. Strawberries, sliced about 1/4-inch thick (about 4 1/2 cups)  
**Directions:**  
 Beat the cream cheese in the bowl of a stand mixer with the beater attachment until smooth. Add the powdered sugar; beat until smooth. Scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add 1 cup of the heavy cream and beat at low speed until smooth. Add the remaining 2 cups of cream; beat at medium to medium-high speed until soft peaks form, increasing

the speed as the mixture begins to thicken. Fold in the vanilla and lemon zest. Spoon 1/4 cup of the cream mixture into the bottom of a 9-by-9-inch pan or baking dish; spread into a thin, even layer. Top with the graham crackers in a single, even layer, breaking them as needed to fit. Spread about 1 1/2 cups of the cream mixture over the graham crackers, smoothing into an even layer using a spoon or offset spatula. Top the cream mixture with an even layer of the berries (about 1 1/2 cups). Sprinkle evenly with 1/4 cup of the almonds, if using. Repeat one more time, then top with a final layer of graham crackers, cream mixture, and berries. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least four hours or up to overnight.

### PROBATE NOTICE

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000154**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DARRYL LANGDON LOVELADY, DECEASED**  
 LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 14TH day of MARCH, 2024, by the HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, no-

tice 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.  
 DREW EVAN LOVE-LADY  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 3/22/24  
 3/29/24  
 4/5/24  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000182**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: EDNA WARD a/k/a EDNA MAE WARD DECEASED**  
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18th day of March 2024, by the HONORABLE James P. Naftel, Judge of the Probate Court of Jeffer-

son County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.  
 ROBIN WATSON  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 03/29/2024  
 04/05/2024  
 04/12/2024  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000196**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RODERICK WAYNE WILKINS DECEASED**  
 LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22nd day of MARCH 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.  
 MICHAELANGELO WILKINS  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 03/29/2024  
 04/05/2024  
 04/12/2024  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000198**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CHARLOTTE F WILSON, DECEASED**  
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22nd day of March 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.  
 KRISTEN FARRIS RUTH BURLESON  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 03/29/2024  
 04/05/2024  
 04/12/2024  
 Attorney of Record



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### NOTICE OF SALE

**Notice of Sale**  
 In accordance with Alabama Law, there now being due and unpaid charges, the undersigned shall sell

or otherwise dispose of the following on 4.11.24:  
 Celita Lane, 6005 Coleman Lake, McCalla, AL 35111. Unit

B50. Furniture, totes, clothes.  
 Kessye Gray Benson, 900 Eastern Valley Road, Bessemer, AL 35020. Unit A39. Furni-

ture, totes, clothes. Second Attic Storage 1760 4th Ave SW Bessemer, AL, 35022 Western Star March 22 & 29, 2024

**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 05/29/2024 at 12pm. Location Copart Auto Auctions 3101 Davey Allison Blvd Hueytown, AL 35023.

VIN	Year	Make	MODEL	Color
2G1FB1E36C9125875	2012	CHEV	CAMARO	SILVER
2HNYD18666H505609	2006	ACUR	MDX	TAN
2C3CCAEG7GH116645	2016	CHRYSLER	300C	GRAY
1C4RJEJG0GC454948	2016	JEEP	GRAND	RED
2G1WF55E829297952	2002	CHEV	IMPALA	WHITE
1J4GS48K66C263133	2006	JEEP	GRAND CHEROKEE	SILVER
2GTEK19T9X1570614	1999	GMC	NEW SIERRA	TAN
3VWC57BU1KM122998	2019	VOLK	JETTA	WHITE
JTEDS41A182004581	2008	TOYT	HIGHLANDE	WHITE
JTEBU14R970119022	2007	TOYOTA	4RUNNER	BLUE
1HD1KBM1XGB626911	2016	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	FLHX	BLACK
1FAHP3EN4BW181114	2011	FORD	FOCUS	RED
1G1PF55C2C7409140	2012	CHEVROLET	CRUZE	RED
3N1AB8DV8LY237528	2020	NISS	SENTRA	BLACK

Western Star  
 March 22 & 29, 2024



# SOUTHERN STYLES

## Hueytown Arts Council Hosts Fifth Annual Art Show



**DONALD JAY HOWTON, III**  
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The Fifth Annual Hueytown Art Show was well attended by family, friends and acquaintances that enjoyed viewing over 130 pieces of art.

The successful event was held at North Highlands Baptist Church in Hueytown.

Planning the event that was held on March 14 were **Katsy Sellers, Meagan White, Debbie Kiker, Jay Jacks and Wesley Wicks.**

**Debbie Kiker** is the executive director of the Hueytown Chamber.

The first place winners were: **Primary, Scarlett Dargan; Intermediate, Bailey Blanchard; Middle, Helen Sanchez; High, Ethan Lipskoch; Photography, Intermediate, Graylin Summer-ville; High, DeVontae Beasley; Adult, John Wade Brasher; Adult, Pam Goodwin; and Teacher Best Participation, Maggie Blankenship and Emily Hoang.**



**Matthew Graves, Maggie Blankenship and Tammy Earnest**



**Pam Goodwin, Patricia Jackson and Raychel Rainey**

### Easter Egg Drop

Hop on over to Hueytown for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Drop on Saturday, March 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fun event will be held at New City Park.

Sponsoring the annual Easter event are Venue 3131, AUX, Fitness 1440, city of Hueytown, WestJeff Magazine, Reliable Sign Services, Hueytown McDonald's, Michael E. Cashaw, Jr., L & L American, Morrow Railroad and WSK Law Office.

### Non-Profit Foundation

Cheers to the Vestavia Hills Sunrise Rotary Club on supporting the creation of The Vestavia Hills Fire Department Foundation.

This non-profit organization will support the fire department, the firefighters and their families.

Former past president of the Rotary Club Steve Ammons is the founder of the foundation.

The foundation will organize outreach programs, events and community partnerships.



**Pam Jacks, Debbie Kiker, Meagan White, Katsy Sellers, Wesley Wicks, Gavin Williams and Jay Jacks**

## GOOD AFTERNOON

### A chat with Katie Lowery, owner, City Cleaners



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She is happy when you are happy. Welcome to City Cleaners. Katie Lowery of Pleasant Grove, owner of City Cleaners in Pleasant Grove is passion-

ate about her work. A native of Birmingham, she want let you leave the store until you are satisfied. An old school seamstress, Katie's fastidious care is greatly appreciated by her many customers. Her spirit and character are endearing to everyone she meets. Her work is challenging, but most rewarding. Alterations are everything to her. Katie's goal is to get people in their clothes.

Tell me about City Cleaners? Katie: A longtime business, City Cleaners, 107 Park Road

opened in 1959. I worked at the business before I purchased it in 2010. We are open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 8 to 12 noon on Saturday. This was also an opportunity to expand my sewing and alteration business.

What services are offered at City Cleaners? Katie: Along with providing dry cleaning services including bridal and prom gowns, bedspreads and draperies, we do alterations and repairs. We specialize in full service alterations from sewing on a button to

hemming a prom gown or a bridal gown.

How did you learn to sew? Katie: My mother had a sewing machine and would piece fabric squares together to make quilts. I taught myself how to sew. I can take a piece of clothing and make it into whatever the customer wants.

Tell me about your family? Katie: I was born in Birmingham, the sixth child of seven girls of the late Lula Mae and James Mack of Marengo County. I grew up poor, but was

blessed with the gift of sewing and I have enjoyed decades of service.

Do you have a favorite television show? Katie: I love watching reruns of The Andy Griffith Show.

What do you find difficult when working on gowns? Katie: Most of the time the bodice is the most difficult because of the different types of embellishments. If they are extremely long or wide then a great deal of time is required.

What is your favorite meal? Katie: I love fried shrimp, a chef salad, baked

potato, broccoli and for dessert lemon meringue pie.

Do your services include beading gowns? Katie: Absolutely not! It is very time consuming.

Which Little Debbie treat do you enjoy? Katie: I really enjoy Nutty Buddy bars.

What are the most common alterations? Katie: Most people need their pants or sleeves shortened or lengthened. Also, the waist will always have to be let out or taken up.

## JUST A THOUGHT

Many people are familiar with James 4:7: "Resist the devil, and he will flee." Some have even associated that Scripture verse with the cartoon image of the devil on one shoulder and an angel on the other shoulder.

Jason Soroski wrote an excellent article titled "Don't Forget the Other Half of the Verse!" Can the Scriptural requirement to resist the devil be wrong? No, in fact it is very good advice. The problem is that only half of the advice was used in the verse. Look at James 4:7 in its entirety with both halves attached. You will find that there must something done before any attempt is done to resist the devil.

**Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

The all-important prereq-

uisite James gives before calling believers to resist the devil is to first submit to God. If that verse is not taken in full context, in the order it is written, the teaching will not be as effective as God intended.

The following are more Biblical examples where people have a tendency to cut in half: Ephesians 6:4, Judges 6:25-26, and Acts 1:8. These are only a few examples of others that you might find in God's Word. But what is the common denominator? Usually, the half we typically forget about tends to be the most important half.

Let us think about this. Christians tend to be familiar with the parts that require avoiding negative behavior in our own strength. We emphasize this "don't do bad stuff" mentality because it allows us to check

the box and feel like we are trying our best . . . . .

Resist the devil. Stop being mean to your kids.

Tear down your idols. Talk more about Jesus. Check. Done.

However, the reason we often find ourselves going back to every idol, addiction, bad habit and negative behavior that has haunted and shamed us in the past is because we do not replace it with that which is of God. We become legalistic and proud about what we are not doing, while quietly struggling along, trying to do the things of God without the power of God.

Which, by God's definition, cannot be done. Essentially, we have forgotten the most important part of the verse.

We forget the part about leading our family in the in-

struction and discipline of the Lord, and instead just try really hard not to yell at the kids as often.

We forget the part about submitting to God and instead just try really hard to resist the devil on our own because that is what good boys and girls are supposed to do, right?

We forget the part about Gideon completely destroying the old altar of idolatry and replacing it with the new one to God. Instead, we try really hard to keep that empty altar-shaped hole in our heart empty for as long as is humanly possible, which usually ends up not being very long.

We forget the part about witnessing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and instead just try really hard to proclaim Christ out of our own strength and intellect.

The end results of these human attempts without the power of God leaves us wondering what is going wrong. We are honestly and intentionally trying to do our best. But without God's power we end up failing.

We so often find ourselves mission out because the truth and the strength we need are found in the other half of the verse that tells us to stop trying. The other half of the verse tells us to submit ourselves to God, to tear down every idol and immediately replace them with the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Then watch what happens when we live as witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit within us.

Yes, dear friend, it is time for believers to stop read-

ing our self-created "glass-half empty" version of the Bible with the list of half-verses and well-meaning rules that Christians have been trying really hard to live by. It is now time to trade in the half-verses for the "my cup runs over" version that places hope, strength, and trust in Almighty God above what we can do in our own strength.



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### Quote of the Week

by **Donald J. Howton**

*On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their branches of palm along His way. ~ Book of Common Prayer*