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Logan Glass, Mary and Johnny Curry and Jack Tribble

Asst. Tax Collector Johnny Curry Kicks-off Election Campaign

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

On Monday, April 15, Republican incumbent Assistant Tax Collector Johnny Curry kicked off his election campaign to continue serving as the assistant tax collector for the Bessemer Cut-Off.

He has held this job since September 28, 2023 when Governor Kay Ivey appointed him to the vacant office in the Bessemer Division.

The election kick-off event was held at Venue 3131 on Allison-Bonnett Memorial Drive in Hueytown. More

than 60 friends, family and supporters attended the event.

A delicious dinner, patriotic music and of course, a few political speeches were all enjoyed at the event.

Curry's longtime friend former Jefferson County Manager and former Hoover Mayor Tony Petelos introducing Curry to the crowd. The two served together in the Alabama Legislature for many years.

Included in Curry's remarks was the importance of the Tax Collector's office and he stated, "The office collected over 121 million

dollars in 2023 that was distributed to The Jefferson County Commission, school boards and municipalities." He also spoke of his family and growing up in Hueytown and Bessemer.

The former chairman of the Jefferson County Republican Party, Curry has been married to Mary Curry for 45 years and they have one son Jay.

He also proudly serves on both the Tannehill Historic State Park Commission and the Alabama Public Television Foundation Commission.

The General Election will be held on November 5, 2024.

A Trailblazing Accomplishment

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

This past Wednesday, a historical moment for the city of Bessemer was captured in real time. The first of Holiday Inn Express & Candlewood Suite Hotel branches to merge for exceptional services and visitations has made Bessemer, AL its first U.S.A. home.

Reeking with vibes of distinction, hospitable services and an air of luxurious sharings, the day was a witnessing of innovation and triumph for the city.

Live music could be heard by R&B and Jazz music duo, "Goodfellas Jazz", as staff greeted visitors with welcoming graces as the atmosphere was enthralled with smells of the best dishes and feelings of excitement and joy. Known restaurants like the Bright Star served refreshments

and tasteful appetizers ranging from finger food favorites to full dishes for guests, as hotel employees led guests on tours throughout the facility to view impressive rooms that hold full bathrooms, kitchens,

and comfortable beddings that compliment good rest, along with a grand meeting room, gazebo and grill, swimming area, fitness room and more.

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The Magic of Paris Byway of Hueytown

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

This past Thursday, faculty, staff, administrators, students and parents were given a dose of Hueytown's talented student body byway of Paris.

A class project which is a culmination of a semester long curriculum about culture in Paris which displays cuisine, art and fashion.

This event, titled "A Night in Paris" which students took viewers and visitors through various themes and scenes one imagines the fair and fun streets of Paris displays, such as live carnivals, miming shows and more.

Under the tutelage of several instructors like Mr. Pope, Ms. (Mrs.) Porterfield & Ms. Thompson, this year Hueytown students have been given opportunities to visit several expos and events that are apart of many of the student's soon to be career paths.

The showcase this past Thursday was phenomenal to say the least, as the event started with a warm welcome

by students which followed with a dance routine by the dance team featuring a cosmetology exhibit by stand-out senior student, Logan Locke, as the student models walked and posed to the audience's grand applause and appreciation. Following this, the student body and visitors partook in enjoying some of the culinary treats that were supremely prepared, as they viewed artistic expressions from the student artist's caricature team.

Assistant Principal, Mr. Courtney Davis told us, "There's many talented students here and we want them to have an outlet to showcase such. Our staff sees to it that they're exposed to many different cultures and artistic forms which will help them in their future careers, and we're grateful that they're showing such promise in honing their skills consistently."

Art Teacher, Mr. Kendall Stewart told us, "Our art students have progressed to several forms of artistic ex-

pression, in particular the caricature aspect that will be seen here today."

Several art students such as Jack Chambliss, Nathen Tingle, and A. Castillo told us how proud and honored they were to display their newfound art talents with their peers within the day.

Also throughout the opening of the showcase, talented musicians like Luis Torres serenaded the audience through instrumentation.

We learned that many of these students displayed their passions this day which reminds us to keep positive enthusiasm for our future leaders and artistic contributors within our society.

We look forward to helping and inspiring them onto their future endeavors as we congratulate all of our administrators, teachers, principals and parents to continue such great works in being great professional role models throughout the world as we see such displayed at Hueytown High School.



Back row: Marquarius Amerson and Derrick Moore
Front row: Ladiamond Handy, Dustsni Handy, Artiunna Sander, Aishanae McKissick and Trefaye Wells

Civic Center Site of BHA YouthBuild Graduation

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The first ever Bessemer Housing Authority (BHA) YouthBuild graduation exercise was held on Wednesday, April 10 at the Bessemer Civic Center.

There were nine graduates of the program.

The event was coordinated by Tomeka Robinson, director of resident engagement services.

Cortney Coleman is the executive director of the Bessemer Housing Authority and Cleman Johnson is the deputy executive director.

Congratulations to Marquarius Amerson, Derrick Moore, Trefaye Wells, Aishanae McKissick, Artiunna Sander, Dustani Davis, Sha'mon Garrett, Erica Calhoun and Ladiamond Handy.

Steven Hoyt was the master of ceremony.

The event started with opening remarks from BHA Chairman Terry Dawson.

The keynote speaker was Cortney Coleman.

The YouthBuild program is a program funded by the Department of Labor ETA. The BHA's YouthBuild program is a community-based pre-apprenticeship program that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24 who have previously dropped out of high school. The program provides significant support systems to the students.

The program offers two (2) career pathways: construction certification and CAN certification.





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NEWS



Birmingham Barons

By Jason Knighten

Here is your Birmingham Barons recap for the week of April 9th to April 14.

This week's game was an away game.

The Birmingham Barons played against the Rocket City Trash Pandas.

The Barons played 6 games against them.

The following are the

scores from each game played against them.

On April 9th the Barons game was postponed to Wednesday due to the weather.

On April 10th the Barons were defeated by the Rocket City Trash Pandas 2-8.

On April 11 the Barons were defeated by the Rocket City Trash Pandas 5-2.

On April 12th the Barons defeated the Rocket City Trash Pandas 6-2.

On April 13th the Barons defeated the Rocket City Trash Pandas 9-3.

On April 14th the Barons were defeated by the Rocket City Trash Pandas 3-5.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT GAME. GO BARONS!!!

Resolution Authorizing Water Supply Agreement with Helena Approved

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

At the March 19, 2024 meeting of the Bessemer City Council, a resolution was approved authorizing Bessemer Mayor Kenneth Gulley to execute addendum to water supply agreement between Bessemer and the city of Helena.

Councilman Jarvis Collier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 119-24. Councilwoman Sarah Person seconded the

motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

In 2004 Bessemer and Helena executed a water supply agreement and an extension of Mains agreement whereby Bessemer sold water to Helena for use in its water distribution system.

The agreements expired on March 31, 2024.

The city of Helena was recently advised that Bessemer could no longer supply Helena with the same amount of water

or the same price due to Bessemer's needs. The initial contract authorized Helena to purchase up to three million gallons a day.

City Attorney Aaron Killings stated, "In the new agreement, the city of Bessemer will deliver water to Helena that shall not exceed 164,000 gallons per day, with a minimum daily limit of 100,000 gallons per day."

The new charge will be \$3.77 per hundred cubic feet or \$5.04 per thousand gallons.

An Invite for Everyone

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

A spiritual extravaganza will be coming to Jefferson County this coming Tuesday.

Not just for some, but for all, April 30th - March 3rd, Dr. E.O. Jackson, Sr. and the Greater New Antioch Baptist Church will host the Birmingham City Wide Revival starting promptly at 6:30PM each evening. With many food vendors and pastors throughout the city, everyone within reach are asked to come and be filled appetizingly as well as spiritually. With the recent unrest of violence throughout our state and county, pastors are asking parents and children to come and reignite their closeness and relationship to Jesus Christ.

Dr. Phillip Pointer of Little Rock, Arkansas will be bringing stirring messages to encourage such within the Revival services.

We spoke with Birmingham Metropolitan Minister's Conference Chairperson, Pastor Christopher Stewart who told us, "It is a time for all congregations possible to come together spiritually and hear a prophetic word. We're so grateful to our business community partnering with us, and this revival is for the

restoration and transformation of our city, county, state, and the world to make a positive change fully."

We also spoke with B.M.M.C. Co-Chair, Pastor David Craig who told us, "There's spiritual warfare amongst us, but there is God who has all power, so this is an invite for everyone. As the church we want to positively impact our community and we want everyone to come and have this spiritual experience and reinstate those seeking a means and inspiration to help themselves and others in this crucial period we're in in these present days."

All are encouraged to visit Greater New Antioch

Baptist Church at 2900 Avenue G Ensley, AL 35218 April 30th to May 3rd.

Each night will have a theme such as Tuesday being Public Safety Night, Wednesday, Local Governing Officials, Thursday, All Minister's Organizations and Church Leaders and Friday, Students & Young Adults.

Don't miss this spiritual revitalization where one may be challenged yet inspired.

For all inquiries, reach church office numbers at 205-965-1494 or 205-781-7973 as we look forward to seeing all to congregate and have our spiritual senses renewed through the Holy Spirit.

Trailblazing

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We had the privilege to speak with businessman Mr. Mayur Desai, who told us, "We feel that this market has a nice blend for guests who drive in from the interstate through Bessemer who are coming to work on projects and come here to support other local businesses. We've received many positive experiences working with the Mayor's and Attorney's offices and Chamber of Commerce; so for our grand opening and ribbon cutting we're glad we decided to make our first home here in the city of Bessemer."

Staff members also informed us on several perks that come with staying for a visit at this magnificent hotel, such as the 'Bean to Cup' coffee machine, full hot breakfasts weekly from 6:30-9:30 A.M. (which in-

cludes pancakes, eggs, sausage, yogurt, juices and more) along with weekend breakfast that is served from 7-10 A.M.

The ribbon cutting was stellar, as the Bessemer Chamber of Commerce presented certificates to staff, Mr. Desai and General Manager, Carolyn Pugh.

Bessemer Chamber of Commerce President Mrs. Latasha Williams told us, "This proves how marvelous the Marvel City is. Bessemer is a great place to live and work, and for the Holiday Inn Express and Candlewood Suites to settle in this city for their first locale specifies the progressive nature we as citizens and a city have."

After the ribbon cutting, Bessemer Mayor Kenneth Gulley told us, "We're excited about a facility of this magnitude

in the city. Two great hotel chains such as Holiday Inn Express and Candlewood Suites combined shows that anytime you're the first to be involved in anything makes it very special. I never get tired of cutting ribbons, it signifies the growth of this city. We thank the ownership team, staff and faculty that will run this facility as we fully welcome them here."

We congratulate our city and its officials for showing the meaning of trailblazing ventures that'll benefit many within these city limits. Tell a friend and show a friend where they can have a wonderful stay in the city of Bessemer at 5430 Academy Way or email gm@ihgbessemer.com.

Don't miss one location with two great hotels.

Alabama Division SCV Observes April Confederate History Month

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Today, most Alabamians are not aware that Confederate Memorial Day became an annual state holiday in Alabama in 1901. It is still observed today in Alabama.

The code of the South has always been duty and honour.

Originally, Confederate Memorial Day was celebrated on April 26 the date in 1865 when General Joseph E. Johnston surrendered at Durham Station, North Carolina and ended major hostilities in the War Between the States. Later, the state of Alabama changed the observance to the fourth Monday in April.

In 1998 Alabama

Governor Fob James proclaimed the entire month of April to be Confederate History Month in Alabama.

This past Saturday, April 20, members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, SCV, Alabama Division in observance of Confederate History and Heritage Month, held a Confederate Memorial Day service in Montgomery. Gordon H. McMurry, Jr. of Pleasant Grove is the commander of the Alabama Division, SCV. Past Commander in Chief Charles Kelly Barrow was the guest speaker at the event held on the State Capitol grounds.

This Southern heritage event also featured salutes, presentation of the flags and the ringing of the Memorial Bell.

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NEWS



Birmingham Barons

By Jason Knighten
Here is your Birmingham Barons recap for the week of April 16th to April 21st.
This week's game was a home game. Also every Wednesday is wet nose Wednesday at the Barons game. Every Wednesday you can bring your dog with you to also enjoy the game.
The Birmingham Barons played against the Mississippi Braves.
The Barons played 6 games against them.
The following are the scores from each game played against the Mississippi Braves.

On April 16th the Barons defeated the Mississippi Braves 2-1.
On April 17th the Barons were defeated by the Mississippi Braves 5-3.
On April 18th the Barons defeated the Mississippi Braves 2-0.
On April 19th the game was postponed due to weather.
On April 20th the Barons played a double header.
On the first game the Barons defeated the Mississippi Braves 1-0.
The 2nd game was postponed causing the game to be a double header on Sunday.
On the 1st on April 21

the Barons defeated the Mississippi Braves 3-2.
On the 2nd on April 21st the Barons defeated the Mississippi Braves 4-1.
The starting lineup for Sunday April 21st was:
#1 Terrell Tatum (L) RF
#2 Brooks Baldwin (S) SS
#26 Edgar Quero (S) C
#25 Tim Elko 1B
#7 Wilfred Veras DH
#10 Bryan Ramos 3B
#8 Jacob Burke CF
#9 Tyler Neslony (L) LF
#15 Alsander Womack 2B
SEE YOU AT THE NEXT GAME
GO BARONS!!!!



New Wing for Oakcrest Health and Wellness

BY ROBERT BURGINS
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Recently the city of Bessemer has been bestowed with various opportunities and blessings for its residents in various forms. Recently being the new state-of-the-art clinical rehabilitation wing at Oakcrest Health and Wellness facility.
With a ribbon cutting ceremony, breakfast, and tour, the event was a spectacular experience where healthcare professionals from all over joined in unison to witness this future helping mechanism for the city's residents. Located at 325 Selma Road Bessemer, AL 35020 this new addition to the Oakcrest facility has been long awaited and anticipated for the betterment of its residents and those who may need such services in the future.

told us "There's a need for this new facility for our short-term therapy sessions. So we look to have a shorter turnaround for patients who need our services to see to it they'll get back to their prior level of functioning and maintain their activities on an independent basis. So today spells new beginnings for us here to see to it our community gets the very best in every way."
The day also saw the Bessemer Chamber of Commerce share a certificate of gratitude to staff and words of encouragement from Alabama Nursing Home Association Communications Vice President, John Matson followed by a touching prayer from Mr. Randy Hester. Nurse Practitioner Iris Kynard also spoke on how excited she was to see this day finally come to fruition as Angi McManaway explained the importance of therapy art with the new state-of-the-art equipment.
The facility's Business Development Director, Tamika Webb also spoke with us explaining the significance of the new development saying, "We pride ourselves on our therapy systems. The great thing about our facility is the texture as it works as a second-hand medical team to prevent patients from having to go back to the hospital."
We had the privilege to witness the workings of monitors that will be movement games for patients that'll be useful not only for patients but their families as well where they can monitor and play along with familial patients from home within the short-term procedures.
We thank Oakcrest Nursing Home staff, nurses and administrators for seeing to it our loved ones will have a place they can better themselves with any medical situations needed with trustful and loving care.
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Officer Promotions At First Financial Bank

SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN STAR
Effective April 1, 2024, First Financial Bank approved the promotion of four officers. Anna Wooten has been promoted to First Vice President, Amy Shields and Sarah Rourke have been promoted to Vice President, and Robin Bramlett has been promoted to Assistant Vice President.
Mrs. Wooten has been with the Bank for almost 8 years and is a Loan Officer responsible for loan production and business development throughout the Bank's footprint. Mrs. Wooten recently served as Branch Manager and Loan Officer of the McCalla office. Mrs. Shields has been with the Bank for 26 years and is the Branch Man-

ager and Loan Officer of the McCalla office, while also handling business development responsibilities within McCalla and the surrounding communities. Mrs. Rourke has been with the Bank for 23 years and is the Compliance Officer and Community Reinvestment Act Officer for the Bank. Mrs. Rourke also performs internal loan reviews covering loans throughout the Bank's footprint. Mrs. Bramlett has been with the Bank for 7 years and is the Branch Manager and Loan Officer of the West Blocton office, while also handling business development responsibilities within West Blocton and the surrounding communities.
Along with all four being long-time, hard-working employees of the Bank,

they are also committed to serving the customers and communities the Bank serves through its eight branches throughout Jefferson, Bibb, Shelby, and Tuscaloosa counties. CEO and President Kyle Goodwin said, "First Financial Bank's success through the years can be directly attributed to the great people we have serving our customers and communities. Anna, Amy, Sarah, and Robin are four dedicated leaders of the Bank deserving of special recognition due to their ability to build strong customer and employee relationships while provide the superior customer service that has continued to be the foundation of our Bank. We look forward to what the future holds for each one of them at First Financial Bank."



The Hueytown Kiwanis Club has generously contributed to the local community by conducting a reading project at Hueytown Primary School, with the help of members Sharon Blair, Ronnie Patterson, Connie Singleton, Don & Linda Nelson, and Council President Anthony Wright. (Hueytown Chamber of Commerce)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HAROLD GAY, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 15TH 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.

TANYA HARWELL
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
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4/19/24
4/26/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000199
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JEANETTE ISBELL DECEASED

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

TINA TAFT QUICK
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PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

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And to any and all interested parties;

On the 16TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, came SHIRLEY LAND, and filed her Petition for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed, in the matter of the Estate of GLORIA HOWELL, Deceased.

And whereas the 16TH day of MAY, 2024, at 11:30

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 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 3RD day of APRIL, 2024.

Judge Elizabeth North
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
4/12/24
4/19/24
4/26/24

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION CASE NO. 24BES000211
ESTATE OF: LILLIAN C. EVERETT, A/K/A LILLIAN CAROLINA EVERETT, DECEASED

On the 3rd day of April, 2024, came DAVID EUGENE ROBERTS 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 LILLIAN C. EVERETT, A/K/A LILLIAN CAROLINA EVERETT, 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 23rd 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 THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000219
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JENNIFER PAIGE FAGUE, DECEASED

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

JONATHAN FAGUE
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
4/19/24
4/26/24
5/3/24
Attorney of Record

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.

Done this the 10th day of April, 2024.
Judge Elizabeth North
Judge of Probate
April 19, 26 & May 3, 2024

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.

LARRY GAY
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
4/19/24; 4/26/24 AND 5/3/24
Attorney of Record

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.

KATHY A. GOLDEN WIERSMA
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
4/19/24
4/26/24
5/3/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000224
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SHIRLEY BAILEY SEITZ, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 10TH day of APRIL, 2024, by the **HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL**, 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.

TAMMY LYN NOR-TON
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
4/19/24
4/26/24
5/3/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000218
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA LORRAINE TAYLOR, DECEASED

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

GARRY W TAYLOR
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
4/19/24
4/26/24
5/3/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000194
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA BURNETT VENZ DECEASED

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

Regina Denise Clark
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
04/12/2024
04/19/2024
04/26/2024
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000010
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ALFRED LEE TINGLE, DECEASED

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 3RD day of APRIL, 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.

JOANN BELL
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
4/12/2024
4/19/2024
4/26/2024
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 23BES000879
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CHARLES GOLDEN, SR., DECEASED

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 3RD day of APRIL, 2024, by the **HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTEL**, 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.

KATHY A. GOLDEN WIERSMA
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
4/19/24
4/26/24
5/3/24
Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000214
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SOPHIA ZEIGLER DECEASED

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 4th day of April 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.

JASON TINGLE
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
04/12/2024
04/19/2024
04/26/2024
Attorney of Record

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PROBATE NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000239
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: OCIE WILLIAM BRYANT JR., a.k.a. O.W. BRYANT, DECEASED
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1st day of April 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.
WILLIAM THOMAS BRYANT
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 4/26/2024
 5/3/2024
 5/10/2024
 Attorney of Record

PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
CASE NO. 24BES00212
ESTATE OF: RUTH COX HALL a/k/a RUTH C. HALL, DECEASED
 TO: Ann Cooper, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown and to any and all interested parties:
 On the 4th day of April 2024, came Jonnathan L. King, and filed his Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of Ruth Cox Hall a/k/a Ruth C. Hall, Deceased.
 And whereas the 6th day of June 2024, at 10:30

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 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 15th day of April 2024.
 Judge Elizabeth North
 Judge of Probate
 Western Star
 04/19/2024
 04/26/2024
 05/03/2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000238
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: KENNETH ROSS CALDWELL, A/K/A KENNETH R. CALDWELL, DECEASED
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 15TH day of APRIL, 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.
KIMBERLY C HALCOMB
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 4/26/24
 5/3/24
 5/10/24
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000218
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA LORRAINE TAYLOR, DECEASED
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 8TH day of APRIL, 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.
GARRY W TAYLOR
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 4/19/24
 4/26/24
 5/3/24
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 23BES000085
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: IDA PATRICIA MILES, DECEASED
 LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 3P¹ day of January 2023. by the **HONORABLE James P. Naftel**, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given

that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.
GREGG PATRICK MILES
RICHARD FRANK MILES
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 04/19/2024
 04/26/2024
 05/03/2024
 Attorney of Record

PUB ON PARTIAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
CASE NO. 23BES000163
ESTATE OF: JUDY SHAY LUTLEY, DECEASED
 To: Brad Lutley, Dallas Reynolds and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;
 On the 21st day of March 2024 came Gregory H. Hawley, Esq. the Guardian and Conservator for the Estate of Judy Shay Lut-

ley, a protective person, and filed his accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.
 It is therefore ordered that the 5th day of June 2024, at 1:45 p.m., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.
 This the 6th day of April 2024.
 Judge James P. Naftel
 Judge of Probate
 Western Star
 4/12/2024
 4/19/2024
 4/26/2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000216
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MATTIE LEE SKIPWITH WILLIAMS, DECEASED
 LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 5th day of April 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.
 Cary Andra Williams
 Personal Representative(s)
 4/12/2024
 4/19/2024
 4/26/2024
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000234
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SANDRA SPIDLE MOORE, DECEASED
 LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE / of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 15th day of April 2024. by the **HONORABLE JAMES P. NAFTTEL**, 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.
BERNICE S. THOMAS
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 4/19/24; 4/26/24 and 5/3/24
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000228
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ARZIE LEE DAVIS, DECEASED
 LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11TH day of APRIL, 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.
KIMBERLY D MASTON
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 4/26/24
 5/3/24
 5/10/24
 Attorney of Record

PUBLICATION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
CASE NO. 24BES000225
ESTATE OF: SHIRLEY EPPS, DECEASED
 TO: The Heirs and Creditors and To Whom It May Concern
 And to any and all interested parties;
 On the 12TH day of APRIL, 2024, came ERICA EPPS, as beneficiary of SHIRLEY EPPS, Deceased, having expired on JANUARY 14, 2024, a resident of Jefferson County, Alabama, and filed her Petition for Summary Distribution in this matter as provided in

the "Alabama Small Estates Act".
 And whereas the 6TH day of JUNE, 2024, at 10:15 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 one time publication for one week 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 17th day of April, 2024.
 Judge Elizabeth North
 Judge of Probate
 Western Star
 April 26, 2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000015
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ESTELLE A. GREEN, DECEASED
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11TH day of APRIL, 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.
MERCEDES PASQUALETTI
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 4/26/24
 5/3/24
 5/10/24
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 21BES000235
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIAM K GUTHRIE, DECEASED
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11th day of March 2021. 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.
COREY B GUTHRIE
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 04/26/2024
 05/03/2024
 05/10/2024
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000227
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DINA VATISSAHALL, DECEASED
 LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11Th day of April 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.
ANDREA NICOLE STANTON
ARNECHIA DASHANDA HALL
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 04/26/2024
 05/03/2024
 05/10/2024
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 23BES000842
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARION KEITH KING, DECEASED
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 24th day of January 2024. by the **HONORABLE SHERRI C FRIDAY**, 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 I PATTERSON
 Personal Representative(s)
 Judge Sherri C. Friday
 Judge of Probate
 Western Star
 4/26/2024
 5/3/2024
 5/10/2024
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000233
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DARRELL MCGUIRE, DECEASED
 LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12TH day of APRIL, 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.
TAMARA MCGUIRE
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 4/26/24
 5/3/24
 5/10/24
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000232
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BETTY H. MILLER, A/K/A BETTY JEAN HALEY MILLER, DECEASED
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17TH day of APRIL, 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.
MALCOLM K MILLER JR
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 4/26/24
 5/3/24
 5/10/24
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000235
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOHNNY N. MINOR, DECEASED
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 15TH day of APRIL, 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.
HEIDI W MINOR
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 4/26/24
 5/3/24
 5/10/24
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000049
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CURTIS LEE MURRAY, DECEASED
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11TH day of APRIL, 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.
HAZEL CANDY MURRAY
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 4/26/2024
 5/3/2024
 5/10/2024
 Attorney of Record

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 24BES000204
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BILLY RAY PEARCE, DECEASED
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 2nd day of April 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.
LE ANNE HARTER
 Personal Representative(s)
 Western Star
 4/19/24
 4/26/24
 5/3/24
 Attorney of Record

LEGALS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

**INVITATION FOR BIDS
CITY OF MOUNTAIN
BROOK - INVITATION
FOR BIDS MOUNTAIN
LN AND MONTEVALLO
LN AREA
DRAINAGE IM-
PROVEMENTS- BID #
B-20240415-925**

Bid Submission Deadline & Bid Opening Time:
Address for Bid Submission
Tuesday May 7th -
10:00 a.m. C.D.T.
City Hall - City of Mountain Brook
City Hall - City of Mountain Brook 56 Church Street,
Mountain Brook, AL 35213-3700 ATTN: City Manager/Purchasing Agent

The City of Mountain Brook, Alabama ("City") invites interested contractors to submit sealed bids to the above noted address for the award of a contract ("Contract") for drainage improvements Mountain Ln and Montevallo Ln in the City (the "Work" or "Project"). The principle items of the Work generally consist of the installation of gabion baskets along a channel, associated landscaping, removal of existing storm pipes and structures, installation of various size storm pipes and structures, and related work associated with the drainage improvements. Bids must be submitted by the time and date specified above, at which time those bids will be publicly opened and read as soon thereafter as practicable. Each bidder is responsible for mailing or delivering its bid so that it will be actually received at the above address and location at or before the time of the specified bid opening; bids received after that time will not be considered. Bidders

who plan to attend the bid opening should contact Janet Forbes at 202- 802-3800 to receive access to City Hall and other information about that opening. Interested contractors may obtain the Project Manual (which includes the Specifications and all other Contract Documents) by contacting Mr. Mark Simpson at msimpson@schoel.com or downloaded online at the City of Mountain Brook's website at <https://www.mtnbrook.org/rfps>.

The City requires that the Work be substantially completed, in accordance with a phased schedule detailed in the Project Manual, within 150 days after the Notice to Proceed. The City will conduct a **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Conference in connection with this Project on Tuesday, April 23rd at 10:00 pm C.D.T. The meeting will take place at City Hall, City of Mountain Brook, 56 Church Street, Mountain Brook, AL 35213. Technical questions about the Work or Project should be directed in writing to Mr. Mark Simpson at msimpson@schoel.com. Questions about purchasing or other matters related to transacting business with the City may be directed to Steven Boone, Finance Director, City of Mountain Brook, at boones@mtnbrook.org.

To be considered for the award of the contract on this Work, an interested contractor must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting, complete and return the Contractor's Bid Response Form, and provide other information requested in the Project Manual. Also, the successful contractor must possess the minimum experience and

qualifications to perform the Work as specified in those materials.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its bid a bid bond, cashier's check or other similar form of bid security acceptable to the City in the amount of not less than 5% of their bid, but not more than \$10,000.00, to secure its intent to perform the Work if it receives the award. Further, when selected, the successful contractor must provide a Performance Bond in the amount of the Contract Price and a Labor & Materials Bond in the amount of half that Price.

The award of the contemplated Contract will be made in compliance with Ala. Code §39-2-1 et. seq.(1975). The award will be made to a responsible contractor that meets minimum qualifications and submits the lowest responsive bid that the City determines is most advantageous to it. In making that determination, the City, in the exercise of its sole judgment, may consider factors other than just price. These factors will include, but not be limited to, the bidder's experience in successfully completing similar projects, its Claims History, its resources to perform the obligations under the Contract on an expedited basis, and the training and experience of the Project Team that it will provide to serve the City.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formalities related to submitted bids.
s/ Sam S. Gaston
City Manager/Purchasing Agent
April 14, 2024
Western Star
April 19 & 26, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLICATION FOR
SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION
STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
BESSEMER DIVISION
CASE NO.
24BES00226
ESTATE OF: LUCY
D. BRES, DECEASED**

TO: The Heirs and Creditors and To Whom It May Concern And to any and all interested parties;
On the 11th day of April

2024, came Catherine Bres and John M. Bres, as beneficiary of Lucy D. Bres, Deceased, having expired on January 7, 2024, a resident of Jefferson County, Alabama, and filed his Petition for Summary Distribution in this matter as provided in the "Alabama Small Estates Act".

And whereas the 6th day of June 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 one time publication for one week in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

This the 19th day of April 2024.
ELIZABETH NORTH
JUDGE OF PROBATE
WESTERN STAR
April 26, 2024

**PUBLICATION
STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
CASE NO.
23BES000751
ESTATE OF: TOMMY
LEE NORRIS, SR., DECEASED**

TO: LINA NORRIS, TOMMY L. NORRIS, JR., LAQUETTA NORRIS, KYLE J. NORRIS, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown
And to any and all interested parties;

On the 15TH day of APRIL, 2024, came DOROTHY NORRIS, and filed her Petition to Set Aside Homestead Allowance, Exempt Property and Family Allowance, in the matter of the Estate of TOMMY LEE NORRIS, SR., Deceased.

And whereas the 6TH day of JUNE, 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 18TH day of APRIL, 2024.
Judge Elizabeth North
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Western Star
4/26/2024
5/3/2024
5/10/2024

**IN THE PROBATE
COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER:
24BES000246
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF:
RASHAWN DWAYNE
PATTON, DECEASED**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been

granted to the Under-signed on the 18th day of April 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.

JASMINE CHANEL PATTON
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
4/26/2024
5/3/2024
5/10/2024
Attorney of Record

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Civil Action No.: CV-
2023-000096
PUBLICATION NOTICE
In the Circuit Court of
Jefferson County, Alabama
Shari Lynn Draper,
Plaintiff
vs.**

Pamela Cunningham; First Family Financial Services, Inc.; Community Homebank, Inc; Iberia Bank; City of Birmingham, Alabama; J. T. Smallwood, Tax Collector of Jefferson County, Alabama; Jefferson County, Alabama; Et Al.
To: Pamela Cunningham; First Family Financial Services, Inc; Community Homebank, Inc; Iberia Bank; City of Birmingham, Alabama; J. T. Smallwood, Tax Collector of Jefferson County, Alabama; Jefferson County, Alabama and all unknown parties, including any person claiming any present, future, contingent, reversionary, remainder or other interest in the following described property whose whereabouts are unknown, and which

cannot be ascertained after due diligence.

Take notice that on the 2nd day of April 2022, the Plaintiff, Shari Lynn Draper, filed a Complaint to Quiet Title against the Defendants and in Rem in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, against the following real property located in Jefferson County, Alabama, to wit:

LOT 4, IN BLOCK 2, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF SORSBY & LYONS SURVEY OF TARPLEY, AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 5, PAGE 74, IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA (BESSEMER DIVISION)
ADDRESS: 3713 VIOLA AVENUE SW, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35221 AND A PARCEL NUMBER: 29 00 30 2 011 004.000

That the Complaint to Quiet Title mentioned above is being filed for the purpose of obtaining an Order from the Court declaring fee simple title to be in the name

of Montgomery Martin Communications, LLC. That the Publication of this notice be made in the Western Star once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, and that all those to whom this notice is addressed and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon the above described real estate, or for any part thereof, or any interest therein be, and they are hereby required to plead or answer to the Bill of Complaint in this cause within thirty (30) days from the 20th day of May 2024, or on failure to do so that a judgment by default may be taken against them.

Done this 18th day of April 2024.

Karen Dunn Burks
Karen Dunn Burks,
Clerk

JAMES L. STEWART
Attorney for Plaintiff
501 19th Street North
Bessemer, AL 35020
Western Star
April 26, May 3, 10 & 17, 2024

**IN THE PROBATE
COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER:
24BES000221
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF:
OSCAR STRAWN
RHETTA, DECEASED**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been

granted to the Under-signed on the 12th day of April 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 of-

fice of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

ROBBIN RHETTA
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star
4/26/2024
5/3/2024
5/10/2024
Attorney of Record

**NOTICE OF SALE
OF LAND
STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
CASE NO.
22BES000121
ESTATE OF: BARBARA J. EARLEY, A
PROTECTED PERSON**

On the 16TH day of APRIL, 2024, came DEWEY L. EARLY, III, the Guardian and Conservator, for the Estate of BARBARA J. EARLEY, A Protected Person, and filed his petition in writing, praying for the sale of certain lands described as follows:

1740 WHITE DRIVE, BESSEMER, AL 35023

Said property belonging to said estate, the sale being for the purpose of support, maintenance and investment for the protected person, and it appearing to the Court from said petition that the following parties need to be notified:

DEBRA L. CORNELIUS, LAURA HARDIN, Any and All Unknown Heirs and Creditors, whose names, ages, conditions and addresses are unknown

And whereas the 13TH day of MAY, 2024, at 1:30 P.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 18TH day of APRIL, 2024.

Sherri C. Friday
Judge of Probate
Western Star
4/26/2024
5/3/2024
5/10/2024

NOTICE OF AUCTION

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

Western Star
April 26th & May 3rd , 2024

THE WESTERN STAR				
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN	SALE DATE
2014	JEEP	PATRIOT	1C4NJPFA0ED564050	6.15.24
1998	BUICK	LESABRE	1G4HP52K9WH407413	6.16.24
1981	CHEVROLET	MONTE CARLO	1G1AZ37J2BK450923	6.16.24
1991	CHEVROLET	CORVETTE	1G1YY2389M5108160	6.17.24
2005	CHEVROLET	CORVETTE	1G1YY24UX55104017	6.17.24
1995	GMC	SIERRA 2500	1GTFC24K2S2528811	6.17.24
2003	HONDA	CIVIC	2HGES16643H527347	6.18.24
2010	HYUNDAI	SONATA	5NPEU44F6AH637838	6.21.24
2005	HYUDNAI	SANTA FE	KM8SC13D85U003356	6.21.24
1993	GMC	SIERRA 1500	2GTFC19K7P1530858	6.21.24



NEWS



Buffalo Rock Company Named Beverage Industry's 2024 Bottler of the Year

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Buffalo Rock Company, the nation's largest single-family, privately-owned Pepsi® and Keurig Dr Pepper® bottler, is proud to announce its recognition as Beverage Industry's 2024 Bottler of the Year. This prestigious award underscores Buffalo Rock's unwavering commitment to excellence in beverage production and distribution.

With a rich history dating back to 1901, Buffalo Rock has continuously demonstrated its dedication to continuous improvement, culture, and cus-

tomers satisfaction. Serving Alabama, west Georgia, and the Florida panhandle, the company has become synonymous with world-renowned brands delivered with legendary, local service.

"We're extremely honored to be named Beverage Industry's Bottler of the Year," says Buffalo Rock CEO and president Matthew Dent. "This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our incredible team, who continually uphold our core values and go above and beyond to serve our customers and communities."

Buffalo Rock's core values are the integral framework leading to its success both in the market and within its 14 franchise locations and corporate headquarters. This commitment can be seen through community outreach, strategic infrastructure plans, and an emphasis on internal talent development. This prioritization stems from the belief that by developing Employee-Partners' skills and leadership abilities, they will have a more positive impact on both the company and the communities they serve.

The Vital Role of Insulin and Asthma Inhalers: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama Introduces Affordable Options

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

In the realm of healthcare, certain medications stand out as indispensable, their significance undeniable in the lives of millions. Among these, insulin for diabetes and asthma inhalers for respiratory conditions hold a paramount position. Both play critical roles in managing chronic conditions, empowering individuals to lead fulfilling lives despite health challenges.

However, access to insulin and asthma inhalers remains a pressing issue for many. Affordability, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, presents a significant barrier to obtaining these life-saving medications. Additionally, misconceptions and stigma surrounding conditions such as diabetes and asthma can prevent individuals from

seeking proper diagnosis and treatment, further exacerbating health disparities.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama recognizes the paramount importance of ensuring their members have access to affordable medications, particularly for managing chronic conditions such as diabetes and asthma.

In line with this dedication, Blue Cross is taking steps to reduce the copay of several crucial medications, including Novolog™ insulin, Asmanex® inhalers, Arnuity Ellipta™ inhalers, and QVAR RediHalers®, for our commercial members under our pharmacy benefits. This initiative aims to ease financial strains and enhance accessibility to vital medications for individuals reliant on them for their health management.

Insulin: Following a recent price reduction by the manufacturer of Novolog™ insulin and a collaborative

partnership with our Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM), Prime Therapeutics, Blue Cross is pleased to announce a reduction in copays for Novolog™ insulin. This adjustment, effective from April 1, 2024, reflects our commitment to passing on savings directly to our members.

Inhalers: Given GlaxoSmithKline's decision to discontinue production of Flovent™ HFA inhalers and introduce an authorized generic, we have taken proactive measures to mitigate the impact on our members. To ensure affordability, we have decreased the cost shares for alternative options such as Asmanex® inhalers, Arnuity Ellipta™ inhalers, and QVAR RediHalers® with immediate effect.

Blue Cross Blue Shield remain steadfast in their advocacy for drug manufacturers to prioritize affordability, thereby promoting improved health outcomes for all.

US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg Visits Lawson State Community College, Emphasizes Importance of Skilled Workforce in Driving Economic Growth

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The US Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg, made a special visit to Lawson State Community College's Bessemer campus, where he embarked on a tour to witness innovative advancements in technology and engage with students. During his visit, Secretary Buttigieg, joined by US Representative Terri Sewell and later by former US Senator Doug Jones, had the opportunity to experience firsthand the cutting-edge facilities and interact with students pursuing careers in the automotive, manufacturing, and other STEM sectors.

Secretary Buttigieg commenced the visit by exploring the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence, which houses renowned programs by industry giants Toyota, Ford, and General Motors. He engaged in insightful conversations with students, discussing their areas of study and gaining valuable insights into their professional aspirations. Eager to immerse himself in the world of transportation, Secretary Buttigieg sat behind the wheel of a truck driving simulator, gaining a realistic feel for the challenges faced by professional truck drivers.

Continuing the exploration, Secretary Buttigieg observed a demonstration of the state-of-the-art manufacturing line in the Manufacturing Department. The Secretary showcased his enthusiasm for

technological innovation by personally maneuvering a towering robotic arm, highlighting the ability of automation in the manufacturing sector.

Secretary Buttigieg is committed to promoting women in manufacturing. He discussed the importance of women in the industry with Angel Duke, an upcoming graduate, applauding her achievements and encouraging her as a role model for aspiring women in manufacturing. Secretary Buttigieg believes that a diverse workforce is essential for innovation and America's global leadership in manufacturing.

Expressing his appreciation for the work being done at Lawson State Community College, Secretary Buttigieg emphasized the crucial role of skilled workers in the nation's infrastructure and economic development. He stated, "Rebuilding our infrastructure and economy will generate a lot of good-paying jobs, but it will also create a need for skills. It's important that people have access to those jobs, and we have a responsibility to tear down barriers such as access to learning, transportation, and childcare resources. I see the work that you are doing here on that."

President Cynthia T. Anthony of Lawson State Community College acknowledged to his point that Lawson State believes in not just preparing for today but for tomorrow as many

of the jobs in the next 10 or 20 years have not been created. "It is therefore important for our students to have that sense of innovation, curiosity, and critical thinking that we infuse in all of our programs," she said.

Secretary Buttigieg concluded his visit with words of praise, commending the passion of the instructors and highlighting the energy and optimism exuded by the students. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to interact with the college's advanced technology, humorously adding, "Plus, you let me play with the robots!"

Congresswoman Sewell shared her enthusiasm for Lawson State Community College's opportunity to showcase its educational and workforce development programs during Secretary Buttigieg's visit. "I am happy to say that Secretary Buttigieg and Dr. Anthony are leading the way in making sure our communities not only survive but thrive."

Dr. Anthony expressed her gratitude for Secretary Buttigieg's visit, stating, "We are honored to have Secretary Buttigieg witness the remarkable work being done at Lawson State. His presence and engagement with our students further validate the importance of accessible education and the development of a skilled workforce. We are committed to preparing our students for the emerging economy and providing them with the tools they need to succeed."



Hueytown Harvest: Cultivating Community Support for Local Businesses

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

In the heart of Alabama's Hueytown, something special is blossoming – a celebration of community spirit, local entrepreneurship, and the vibrant tapestry of small-town life. Hueytown Harvest, a market initiative aimed at supporting local farmers, artisans, and businesses, recently wrapped up its inaugural event with resounding success and profound gratitude to the community that made it all possible.

The organizers of Hueytown Harvest are effusive in their appreciation for the unwavering support shown by the residents of Hueytown. In a heartfelt message, they extend their deepest thanks to everyone who turned out to patronize the market, demonstrating a commitment to bolstering the local economy and nurturing homegrown talent.

At the forefront of this outpouring of gratitude are key figures whose dedication to the community has been unwavering. Mayor Steve Ware, alongside District 5 City Council Representative Jay Jacks and Debbie Kiker of the Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce, have been hailed as stalwart

supporters of the initiative. Their consistent presence and active involvement have lent invaluable momentum to Hueytown Harvest, setting the stage for its triumph.

Debbie Kiker, in particular, receives special commendation for her tireless efforts in orchestrating the event, from coordinating ribbon-cutting ceremonies to skillfully promoting the market's debut. Her adeptness in capturing the essence of the occasion through photography has ensured that the memories forged at Hueytown Harvest will endure for years to come.

Acknowledgment also extends to the generous sponsors whose contributions played a pivotal role in bringing the vision of Hueytown Harvest to fruition. Local businesses such as Jena Large and Associates, LLC, and Alpha Plumbing and Restoration LLC, exemplify the ethos of community support and solidarity that underpins the market's mission.

Central to the success of Hueytown Harvest is its idyllic setting at City Park, a cherished gathering place that encapsulates the essence of the town. For the organizers, the decision to anchor the market in District 3 holds special signifi-

cance, as it reflects their deep-rooted connection to the community they proudly call home.

Looking ahead, the team behind Hueytown Harvest is brimming with anticipation for the opportunities that lie on the horizon. With plans to continue operating every Tuesday through the fall, they are eager to nurture and expand upon the seeds of goodwill and camaraderie sown during the inaugural event. Their rallying cry – "LET'S GROW THIS, HUEYTOWN!" – encapsulates their unwavering commitment to fostering a thriving local ecosystem where businesses and residents alike can flourish.

As Hueytown Harvest enters its next chapter, it serves as a shining example of the transformative power of community collaboration and grassroots initiatives. By rallying together in support of local enterprises, residents have not only revitalized their town's economy but also reaffirmed the bonds that unite them as neighbors and friends. In an era defined by uncertainty, Hueytown Harvest stands as a beacon of hope and resilience, showcasing the indomitable spirit of a community that refuses to be anything less than extraordinary.

Just a Thought

I read an article recently that asked an alarming question: "Is the Most Digitally Connected Generation Disconnecting from Their Faith?" Another alarming statement included "one million young people are leaving Christianity each year." An organization called TENx10 took the initiative in helping faith matter more to the next generation.

Recent data paints a picture of a digitally connected yet lonely Gen Z. With an average of nine hours spent on their phones and an attention span of eight seconds, nearly half of U.S. teens claim almost constant internet use.

The information provided in the articles informs us how to pray for the younger generation and how churches are to respond in a holy way. Does the decline in church attendance mean that digital natives or those born during the age of digital technology are inherently incompatible

with the values and community offered by traditional churches - or is there a better way to bridge the gap and authentically connect with these younger generations?

A research team reveals that despite constant online connectivity, Gen Z reports higher loneliness than older adults. Other studies highlight Gen Z's yearning for authenticity, meaning, and in-person experiences.

A foundation report paints a sobering picture: the American church loses roughly one million young people annually with projections estimating 35 million disaffiliating by 2050. I do hope that never happens. We are at a critical point in time. The next 30 years, if Jesus carries in His coming, will offer the largest mission opportunity in the history of the American church.

Pew Research, Barna Group, and Impact 360 outline Gen Z's stated priorities: technology, identity, worldview, family, security, and diversity, which are not so dissimilar from past generations. Gen Z prefers to tackle these concerns through smaller, more intimate spaces, and their message to faith communities is clear: share the gospel, teach the fundamentals, and model Christ's life authentically.

A research team aims to help churches take up this challenge by partner-

ing with senior leaders to address the misalignment. Recognizing the online world as a bridge to a deeper connection within the church, they encourage the following opportunities.

- Leveraging digital avenues by utilizing social media, podcasts, and digital mentorship to engage Gen Z where they are.

- Encouraging intentional relationships by connecting younger and older generations, fostering a sense of belonging within the church community.

The declining group of church attendees are recognized as "Nones." I recognize that the church needs Gen Z and Gen Z needs the church. By cultivating deep intentionality, we can bridge the digital divide and build a vibrant community of faith.



Barry F. Cosper

SOUTHERN STYLES

Birmingham Chapter, SAR Hosts Youth Awards Luncheon



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

The Club was the site for the annual Youth Awards Luncheon hosted by the Birmingham Chapter, Alabama State Society, National Society, Sons of the American Revolution SAR.

The event was held on Tuesday, April 16 at noon. There were 40 members and guests in attendance.

Planning the ceremony were Roger Vaughan, Bob Thomas, Bill Clement, Kevin Keith and Donald Jay Howton.

Chairman of the Eagle Scout program Bob Thomas introduced the two Eagle Scout recipients.

The first, Andrew Camp, is the son of Shelly and Alan Camp of Hoover. The other award winner, Rider Ingels, is the son of Cheryl and Robyn Ingels of Hueytown. Camp is a graduating senior at Hoover High School and Rider is a homeschool senior graduating in December.

The JROTC awardee was Kade Goza of Vincent High School. Joining him was his father, Gary Goza and JROTC Instructor MSG Marshall Thomas. Chairman of the JROTC Committee Bill Clement presented the award.

Compatriot Kevin Keith presented the first-place award in the poster contest to Henry Thomas Kessler, 10, son of Lindsay and David Kessler of Hoover. Hank is a student at Southminster Day School.

Next, Secretary/Treasurer Roger Vaughan recognized Katherine Cain a student at Liberty Christian School in Tuscaloosa with the award for best essay. Her grandmother, Rosalind Holloman joined her at the luncheon.

Amelia Johnson from Moody, state president, Children of the American Revolution, CAR was recognized by the Birmingham Chapter with the Good Citizenship Medal. Sitting with her was Ann Coupland, state, senior president, CAR.

The recipients of the Good Citizenship Awards were Carter Newsom a student at Bessemer Academy, Harrison Morales a student at Homewood High School, Francesca Brooks a student at John Carroll High School, Wren Emory-Johnson a student at Mountain Brook High School and Annemarie Merrill a student at Vestavia Hills High School.

It was also announced at the meeting that the grave marking ceremony scheduled at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Hueytown honoring the service of Rev. Captain James M. Tarrant would be held this summer. Captain Tarrant was a patriot in The American Revolution.



Ann Coupland, Amelia Johnson and Roger Vaughan



Shelly Camp, Bob Thomas, Andrew Camp and Alan Camp



Robyn Ingels, Bob Thomas, Rider Ingels and Cheryl Ingels



Gary Goza, Kade Goza, MSG Marshall Thomas and Bill Clement



Henry Thomas Kessler and Kevin Keith

Eagle Scout
Congratulations to Eagle Scout Thomas Reed of Homewood recently honored as an Eagle Scout. Thomas is a member of Troop 97 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Homewood.

Thomas is the son of Leanne and Mark Reed. His Eagle Scout project was building raised garden beds and a retaining wall in addition to improving a walking path. The project was in conjunction with the city of Homewood and the Sims Garden.

GOOD AFTERNOON

A chat with Leigh Howard, secretary/treasurer, Fountain Building Supply, Inc.



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

Leigh Howard has worked at Fountain Building Supply, a family-owned and operated local business in Bessemer since 1990. She has been secretary/treasurer of the corporation since 2022. Always in the office seeing to the day-to-day operation of the business, Leigh has a sweet countenance with a charming smile. She has worked with her husband, Curry Howard who is president of Fountain Building Supply for over 30 years. They are committed to down home, friendly service. An engaging personality, Leigh works tirelessly at improving the overall appearance and shopping experience at Fountain Building Supply. In August, Fountain's will celebrate 75 years in business.

What are your duties at Fountain's Building Supply? Leigh: I gladly do anything and everything that needs to be done. I have worked as a cashier, salesperson, often ordering merchandise, putting up stock and of course work with AP, AR and HR.

What items do you sell often? Leigh: The most purchased items are lumber, cabinets, pest control products, household supplies and plumbing parts.

Tell me about your

family? Leigh: I was born and raised in Bessemer the youngest of two siblings to the late Jane and Julius Blow. I have been married to Curry Howard for 36 years and we have three children, Sydney Lyn, 34, Curry Lee, 26 and Julianne, 24. Curry Lee joined the business in 2018 and is following in his father's footsteps as he learns the business.

Why would one shop at Fountain's? Leigh: First and foremost, we have lots of specialty items that are hard to find; a knowledgeable and friendly staff; we offer local deliveries on orders; we cut countertops and glass on site; and our warehouse loads your building materials for you.

What is your favorite meal? Leigh: I love spaghetti and meatballs served with a garden salad, French bread, asparagus and for dessert brownies or cheesecake.

What is the business slogan? Leigh: "You don't have to be big to have Good Prices."

What are your thoughts concerning the future? Leigh: Fountain Building and Supply Company was established on August 1, 1949. My husband, Curry assumed the operation of Fountain's in 2022 from his father, Sidney Howard the owner of Fountain's for over 50 years. Today, our son, Curry Lee Howard will one day be the fourth generation owner of the family business.

Do you have a favorite movie? Leigh: I have two favorite movies, Gone With the Wind and Forest Gump.

What are your hobbies? Leigh: When I am not

at work, I love playing tennis with friends

at Life Time. I also enjoy spending time working around the house.

quote? Leigh: The Golden Rule.

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Quote of the Week
by Donald J. Howton

Our Lord has written the promise of Resurrection on every leaf in springtime. ~ Martin Luther