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## Fountain Building Supply Celebrates 75 Years in Business

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The city of Bessemer was 62-years-old when Fountain Building Supply was established in August of 1949. 75 years later, Fountain Building Supply is celebrating their diamond anniversary.

Fountain Building Supply, an anchor in downtown Bessemer for 75 years, has constantly served and met the needs of their customers in Bessemer and throughout the Bessemer Cut-Off. They have grown from one building to two buildings and a large lumberyard.

The week of August 1 Fountain's is planning a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration which will include giveaways, snacks and drawings.

Fountain's sells everything from ice scrapers to doors and windows. People also shop at Fountain's for hardware supplies, flooring, paint, plumbing and electrical supplies, cabinets, custom-cut kitchen and vanity countertops, swings, rockers, lawn and garden

supplies, lumber and pest control products.

Originally located on the corner of Seventh Avenue, North and 20<sup>th</sup> Street, North the new hardware store was known as Central Hardware. Several years later, Norman Fountain purchased the business and renamed it Fountain Building Supply. His wife Lizzie Fountain was a fixture at Fountain's for decades.

In the late 70s, Norman's son-in-law, Sidney Howard and his wife, Lynne took over the business and moved Fountain's across the present

location at 731 20<sup>th</sup> Street, North. The building was originally Bruno's Grocery Store. Howard was responsible for expanding the building materials department and working closely with homebuilders.

Today, Curry and Leigh Howard own and operate the family-owned business and Curry is the third-generation owner.

The family is looking forward to a promising future when their son, Curry Lee Howard, the fourth-generation owner takes over the business which remains a destination hardware and building supply store.



Fountain Building Supply



John Gallman, from left, John Meadows, Mike Weeks and Zack Bagwell

## Flint Hill Lodge No. 810 Taking Orders for Boston Butt Fundraiser

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The Flint Hill Masonic Lodge No. 810 in Bessemer is an active lodge with a proud history of community involvement. The Flint Hill Masonic Lodge was organized in 1920.

Again this year, the Lodge is selling Boston

butts for Memorial Day weekend. The annual fundraiser benefits the Lodge's Scholarship Fund, Widows and Orphans Fund and Little League sponsorship.

Brother Mike Weeks is chairman of the event and assisting him are Brothers Wes Wells, Zach Bagwell, John Gorman, Roland Wall and John Smoot.

John Meadows is worshipful master of Flint Hill Masonic Lodge.

Dwight Headrick is Lodge secretary.

The butts cost \$40 each and can be ordered by calling 205-966-3938 or 205-997-0953.

The deadline for ordering butts is Monday, May 20.

## The Seriousness of a Serial Entrepreneur

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

"The more we start investing in our community and building up the people we have, the more we'll see the city flourish," said Ms. Alisha Ruffin-Brown.

Many things can be said about the city of Bessemer, as it's known for many things such as athletics, music, fabulous food and sometimes maybe even crime depending on who you talk to, but what about the talented and artistic mindsets the city houses also, who're looking to make positive changes?

We recently had the opportunity to speak with Bessemer/Lipscomb native and UAB Graduate, Alisha Ruffin-Brown, who's professional setback years ago, has led her into a purpose that she's looking to help others as entrepreneurs and business owners with her own business, ARB ENTERPRISE which functions as a Digital Design and Consulting firm. With brilliant ideas and even more aspirations when it comes to sharing her skills to see the

betterment of other local businesses, Ms. Brown is setting a standard and new meaning for entrepreneurs in our city.

"For a year and a half I've been working for myself thru ARB, which I offer services such as brand management, ideation, start-up services and set-up along with structuring (paperwork, LLC, EIN) one on one business brainstorming services for small and midsize businesses, which I point business owners and those wanting to start a business towards valuable resources to get them on the right track. I also provide political consulting, virtual administration and everything that will benefit your business."

With a plethora of talents, other business ventures and a beautiful mindset, we asked Ms. Brown what advice she'd have for those seeking to

start a business and the city's youth, as she told us, "Keep God first and believe in what the Holy Spirit tells you. Anything you'd like to achieve, it's possible. I don't accept No, so if you get a No, look at it as 'Not Yet' because your chances and opportunities will come no matter what doubters and naysayers have to say."

For further information for services through ARB Consulting, call 205-585-4834 or visit [www.ARBENTERPRISECO.com](http://www.ARBENTERPRISECO.com) and Facebook under Purely Elevated Health and Wellness or The Balanced Boss Woman on YouTube for more inspiration and health products by Alisha Ruffin-Brown.

We congratulate and appreciate Ms. Brown for her dedication, inspiration and services geared towards and for the citizens of Bessemer.



## Care For the Community at the Fair

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

This past Saturday for National Minority Health Month, citizens of Bessemer were welcomed to New Life Interfaith Ministries (1622 7th Avenue North, Bessemer, AL, 35020 -Pastored by George Matthews, Jr.) for an exceptional opportunity. Citizens were awarded the opportunity to have health checkups on the spot at the recent Health Fair. Everything from heart health to diabetes information, visitors could learn about and have their blood pressure checked, along with health pamphlets and sheets for further needed information.

This health fair was one needed and appreciated as we had the opportunity to speak with New Life Youth Minister, George Matthews the 3rd. He told us, "We learned during the Covid outbreak how we as a community have many underlying health issues, so we want people to get away from that fearful mindset of not knowing about their health or not wanting to know. We want to open doors for a lot of our citizens that can benefit the community, Bessemer and everywhere, which is our overall goal."

The day displayed eye

exams, Blue Cross Blue Shield spokespersons, healthy eating recipes (basic principles for a good nutrition) Alabama Lions Sight, National Alliance on Mental Health, New Life Interfaith's Counseling Ministry (Reigning In Life), cooking classes, money literacy and more.

Visitors also received the chance to win gift cards as others visited cooking classes. From 8AM-12 Noon all were invited, as we ourselves took an eye exam and had our blood pressure checked which equated good results, thank God.

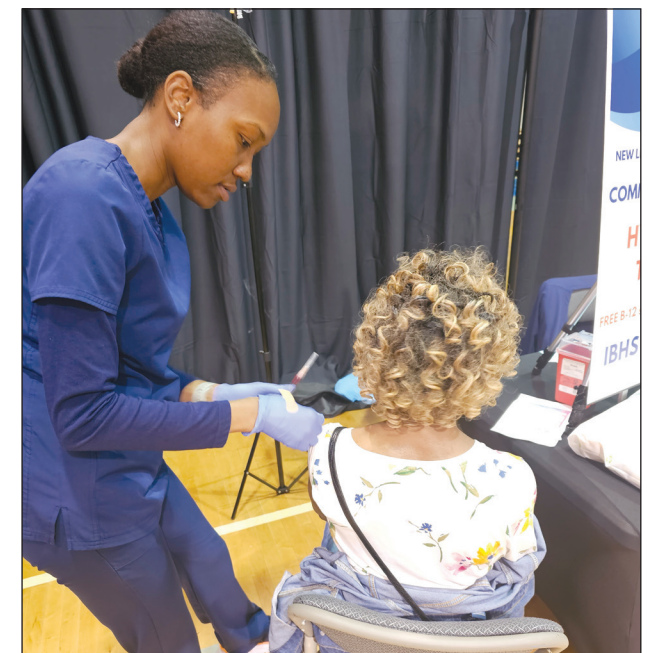
As Youth Minister,

George Matthews the 3rd told us, "Don't let something small become something major because you're not getting yourself checked, so we'd love to answer any questions and get you in front of those who can help you."

As he said, don't walk around thinking everything is ok simply because we may feel normal, be smart, stay healthy.

For those who'd like further information in regards to the day and businesses offering healthy information, visit [www.nli.org](http://www.nli.org) or text Healthy to 94000.

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# NEWS

## Adger Fire Dept. Car Show

Photos by Jason Knighten



## Bessemer Approves Moratorium on Used Tire Sales Businesses

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON  
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At the April 2, 2024 meeting of the Bessemer City Council a moratorium on the issuance of business licenses under the City of Bessemer's Business License Code was imposed on used tire sales businesses.

Councilman Jarvis Collier made a motion to approve resolution No. 164-24. Councilwoman Carla Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilman Chester W. Porter initiated the action

regarding the growing concern over the number of used tire sales shops throughout the city of Bessemer. Porter said, "The purpose of the moratorium is to control the number of used tire sales businesses in the city."

The city of Bessemer is charged with the responsibility of setting policies and to enact regulations that improve the quality of life for the citizens of Bessemer.

The Bessemer City Council has determined that the over development of used tire sales businesses within the city limits

would be detrimental to the city's development and effectively limit the ability of the city to attract diverse types of businesses.

City Attorney Aaron Killings stated, "The city has been inundated with tire shop businesses. He elaborated that the moratorium is for all future tire shop businesses seeking to have businesses in the city."

The moratorium will create a stable environment allowing revisions to the city's zoning ordinances to be considered and adopted in an orderly manner.

## Fire Department Awards Ceremony Honors Dozens

BY MATT BRYANT  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The Hoover Fire Department recognized 42 members and former members during a special awards ceremony Thursday, along with one Hoover student. The event was held at the Hoover Library Theatre on Thursday, April 25th.

The program began by recognizing those who were recently promoted to the position of Assistant Fire Chief, Battalion Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, and

Engineer.

The Department then honored the men who were named Firefighter and Paramedic of the Year for the past two years. In 2022, Chase Lovett and Nathan Sweeney were named Firefighter of the Year and David Edgar received the Paramedic of the Year title. In 2023, Marcus Chambers was awarded the Firefighter of the Year nod and Lee Kilgore earned the Paramedic of the Year honor.

Also recognized were eleven recently retired members of the Department.

ment. Lastly, there were two special recognitions given. Battalion Chief Robert Hinds received a Medal of Merit. He was also the recipient of the 2023 Shelby County Public Safety Award. Francisco Rojas-Carrillo is a student attending the Fire Academy at Riverchase Career Connection Center. He received a Certificate of Merit for his brave work alongside a few other men who pulled a man from a burning car.

Congratulations to all honorees!

## City of Hoover asks Residents to make sure they report all missed trash pickups

BY MATT BRYANT  
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Thursday, April 25th marked one month since Hoover's garbage collection provider, Amwaste, started a new route schedule promised to make service more efficient.

Instead, just the opposite has happened.

Between March 25th and April 25th, Amwaste missed a reported total of 2,051 pickups throughout the city. That's 421 more reported misses than in the entire months of December, 2023 and January, 2024 combined - a time that left many residents frustrated during the holiday season.

While City leaders engage in daily communications with Amwaste, urging them to swiftly correct the problems, they also apologize to residents for the misses.

"We are truly sorry and extend our apologies to the residents who deserve a quality level of service from this contractor," says Ken Grimes, Hoover City Administrator. "For Hoover, with over 28-thousand residential homes, we acknowledge that many are receiving good trash service twice a week and on time. But the number of reported misses is unacceptable citywide. City staff members are doing all they can to get misses serviced, rectify route problems of Amwaste and raise the confidence

level."

Grimes says there is a way residents can help, too. He notes that it is imperative for residents to report when they have a missed pickup and to urge their neighbors to do the same through the city website, [www.hoover-alabama.gov](http://www.hoover-alabama.gov) or through several other methods the city provides.

"It is imperative that we get an accurate accounting of all the homes that are missed on a daily basis, whether curbside or backdoor service," Grimes explains. "A reported miss provides data and logistical information such as the street address and whether a single home, street or neighborhood was missed. Reporting a miss at this point in time is the absolute best way our citizens can help us solve the problem."

Hoover is not the only city facing challenges with Amwaste. The leaders of Homewood, Mountain Brook and Vestavia Hills report similar problems, along with officials in Jefferson County. Hoover retained Amwaste as a result of

being a member of the Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority, a group of cities in the Birmingham metro that have pooled their resources in an effort to get the best and most competitive services for garbage collections. But as a result of being a CSWDA member, Hoover must follow certain protocols detailed in that contract. Still, city leaders say they are looking for alternative methods they can use that would ultimately hold Amwaste financially accountable if missed pickups continue.

"I want to assure the citizens of Hoover that Amwaste knows they have problems. We are working daily to help rectify these challenges. Hoover deserves top-notch trash service and we will get there," Grimes added.

If you have a missed pickup, you can reach out to the City in one of four ways: through the MyHooverConnect app, by emailing [MyHooverConnect@HooverAlabamagov](mailto:MyHooverConnect@HooverAlabamagov), by calling 205-739-7311 or through the city's website.

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# NEWS

## Hymn History

By: Savannah Logan

### In the Garden

Are you a morning person? Admittedly, I'm quite envious if you are as I've tried my whole life to be. Mornings are lovely, and even lovelier still if you are a believer who invites the presence of the Lord to join you as you sip your coffee or tea, watching the sun rise in the sky and the world wake up alongside it.

"In the Garden" was written by C. Austin Miles in March of the year 1912. A pharmacist whose true passion was music, Miles left the medical field after he published his first gospel song with Hall-Mack Company. He later went on to become the editor and manager of that music publishing company and served them for 37 years.

Described as an affable man with an extraordinary wit and sense of humor, Miles was said to always have a small flower pinned to his lapel. One of his favorite hobbies was photography, and he had built his own darkroom for developing film. On one such day that he was waiting for film to develop, he opened up his Bible as he often did for inspiration for his songwriting. Picking up his Bible with no particular passage in mind, the pages fell open to John 20 where it describes the story of Mary coming to the garden to visit the tomb of Jesus. But instead of finding

him in the tomb, she was overjoyed to find Him standing nearby and was able to recognize him when he spoke to her.

Imagining himself into that glorious moment of meeting in the garden, he described that he gripped his Bible, his muscles tense and vibrating. He recorded himself thinking, "This is not an experience limited to a happening almost 2,000 years ago. It is the daily companionship with the Lord that makes up the Christian's life." Afterwards he penned a poem in his inspiration from this story as told in Scripture, which was later set to music and became the well-known and beloved hymn, "In the Garden."

Regarding himself, Miles said: "It is as a writer of gospel songs I am proud to be known, for in that way I may be of the most use to my master, whom I serve willingly although not as efficiently as is my desire."

Are you familiar with the calm of a peaceful morning? Miles must have been, because as he writes of moments when "the dew is still on the roses" it's hard not to imagine early, warm sunlight streaming through the leaves as the world awakes. What peace one can find in those quiet moments - and what peace our Lord affords to us as believers in our quiet moments with Him as

well. Have you ever heard "the sound of His voice" that "is so sweet the birds hush their singing"? If you ever have, it is without a doubt that "the melody that He gave to [you] within [your] heart is ringing."

What a beautiful truth we can rest upon that the Maker of all creation lowered Himself to us through Jesus our Savior, who when we call on Him and invite Him to us - into our hearts, souls, and lives - that He will walk with us, talk with us, and tell us that we are His own. The Prince of Peace Himself affords us by His presence the "peace that passes all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) if we so choose to walk with Him as our feet find their path on this side of heaven. But what a glorious time it will be when instead of hearing the voice of my Lord through the gentle whisper of the wind in the leaves, I will instead hear it myself one blessed day right next to me.

Hey, you! The one who is having a GREAT hair day! Do you have a hymn you'd like to know more about (or you'd like to hear the latest terribly corny joke I've learned)? Feel free to reach out by giving me a call at 205-926-9769 or by shooting me an email at savannah.pearce@bibbcommunitymedia.com. I would love to hear from you!

## Coca-Cola UNITED Appoints Norman H. Ross Jr. as Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications

### SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Coca-Cola Bottling Company United, Inc. (UNITED) has announced that its Board of Directors has appointed Norman H. Ross Jr. as its next Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications, effective April 29. He brings with him more than 25 years of experience in public affairs, corporate communications and government relations.

Ross succeeds Linda Sewell, who will retire at the end of May after more than 40 years working for some of the world's most recognizable brands, including Coca-Cola and Mercedes-Benz. Sewell joined Coca-Cola UNITED in 2016 as the company more than tripled in size and scope, and over those years she built one of the strongest public affairs and communications teams in the Coca-Cola North American bottling system.

"Selecting Linda's replacement was not an easy task, as she was responsible for building our Public Affairs and Communications team from the ground up," said President and CEO Mike Suco. "The board and I are delighted that Norman has agreed to return to the Coca-Cola family to help us continue the momentum and grow our relationships with the communities we serve."

In his new role, Ross is

responsible for the strategic direction of Coca-Cola UNITED's public affairs, government relations, external and internal communications, community engagement and charitable giving. He has contributed more than 20 years of service to the Coca-Cola System, working for two bottlers and The Coca-Cola Company. He began his career as an intern at Coca-Cola Enterprises (CCE) in 1994 while pursuing his undergraduate education at Morehouse College in Atlanta. He went on to spend 11 years at the CCE, ultimately becoming Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications for the company's Atlanta and Alabama markets and later the South and North Florida Markets.

Ross then joined The Coca-Cola Company's Washington, D.C. office as Director of Government Relations, serving on the Federal Government Relations team and managing transportation, labor and other bottler related issues for the company and more than 70 Coca-Cola bottlers in North America. He has also served as Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications for Heartland Coca-Cola Bottling Company, which serves Kansas, Missouri and Southern Illinois.

Most recently, Ross served as Vice President of Government Affairs

for PIM Brands, Inc., the world's largest maker of Real Fruit Snacks and one of the largest makers of chocolate and non-chocolate confections and sweets. He also previously served as Vice President of Federal Government Relations for MGM Resorts International, whose portfolio includes the world-famous Bellagio, MGM Grand, Mandalay Bay and The Mirage.

In addition to earning his bachelor's degree in business administration from Morehouse College, Ross also holds a Masters of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta and Leadership Georgia. His past civic involvement includes roles with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Corporate Advisory Council and the Negro League Baseball Museum Board of Directors.

"I'm honored and humbled to join the talented team at Coca-Cola UNITED to build on the excellent work they have done to position UNITED as an elite bottler," Ross said. "I look forward to helping shape the story of our organization's impact and forging lasting relationships with the communities we serve."

Ross and his family will reside in the Birmingham area.

## Plain & Simple

"Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"

By: Sheila Duncan

### Cream Cheese Corn Casserole

**Ingredients:**  
For the Casserole:  
1/2 cup unsalted butter  
1 package (8 oz) cream cheese  
2 cans (15.25 oz each) whole kernel corn, drained  
2 cans (14.75 oz each) cream-style corn  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup milk  
2 teaspoons sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1/2 cup green onions, chopped  
1 cup crushed crackers (such as Ritz)

**Directions:**  
Preheat the Oven:  
Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C).  
Prepare the Mixture:  
In a large skillet over medium heat, melt the butter and cream cheese until smooth.  
Add both types of corn, milk, sugar, salt, and black pepper to the skillet. Stir until all ingredients are well combined.  
Stir in half of the cheddar cheese and the green onions until evenly distributed.  
Assemble the Casserole:  
Transfer the corn mixture to a greased 9x13 inch baking

dish.  
Sprinkle the remaining cheddar cheese over the top, followed by the crushed crackers.  
Bake:  
Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the top is golden and the casserole is bubbly around the edges.  
Serve:  
Allow the casserole to sit for about 5 minutes before serving to set the ingredients together.  
Prep Time: 15 minutes |  
Cooking Time: 30 minutes |  
Total Time: 45 - Servings: 8 servings

## Rachael Sullivan of Bessemer named to the 2023-2024 Winter Term President's list at Oregon Institute of Technology

**SPECIAL TO THE STAR**  
Rachael Sullivan of Bessemer has been named to the 2023-2024 Winter

Term President's list at Oregon Institute of Technology. Sullivan studies Diagnostic Medical Sonog-

raphy. Recipients of the honor achieved a 3.70 grade-point average and above.

## U.S. Army and Buffalo Rock Join Forces

### SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN STAR

The U.S. Army and Buffalo Rock are scheduled to sign a partnership agreement on April 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. as part of the U.S. Army Partnership for Your Success (PaYS) program at Buffalo Rock's Birmingham Franchise Sales Center, 800 Lakeshore Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35211.

The PaYS Program is a strategic partnership between the Army and a cross-section of private industry, academia, and state/local public institutes. The U.S. Army PaYS Program guarantees Soldiers five job interviews and possible employment after their service in the Army. The PaYS Program provides America's youth with the unique opportunity to simultaneously serve their country and prepare for their future.

The PaYS program is designed to help Soldiers prepare for a career after the Army by connecting

them with employers who understand the skills, discipline, and work ethic that military service members bring to a business. This program is part of a long-term U.S. Army effort to help Soldiers forge professional relationships with businesses and encourage business owners to look to the Army as a plentiful and reliable recruiting source. Since PaYS began in 2000, more than 1299 employers have partnered with the program.

"Buffalo Rock is honored to partner with the U.S. Army in the Partnership for Your Success (PaYS) program," said Buffalo Rock's Executive Director of Recruitment and Talent Development, Melaine Gee. "We look forward to exercising two of our Core Values - 'We Care for Each Other' and 'Committed to Serving our Communities' through the dedication we have made to these Soldiers. We hope that Buffalo Rock can provide an opportunity for those who have served and

sacrificed for our country to join our remarkable team."

The Partnership for Your Success agreement will be signed at the Buffalo Rock Sales Franchise Center followed by a ceremony with remarks from speakers.

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## 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 tarries 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 partnering with senior leaders to address the misalignment. Recognizing the online world as a bridge to a deep-

er 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.



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### Probate Notices

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

VICKI MARY JANE JONES, HUBERT GLENN EVERETT, 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 23rd day of May, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

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

**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. 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.

**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: 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. 24BES000212 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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: 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 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.

**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: 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. 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.

JONATHAN FAGUE  
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: 24BES000200 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LOUISA JENKINS GAY, 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 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.

LARRY GAY  
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: 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 3P<sup>1</sup> 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

**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 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 C HAL-COMB**  
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: 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. 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.

**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: 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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: 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 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.

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

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## PROBATE NOTICE

**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

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.

**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

**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: 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: 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, 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.

**LE ANNE HARTER**  
**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: 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: 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: 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

**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**

**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 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.

**ROBBIN RHETTA**  
**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: 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 Undersigned on the 18th 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.

**JASMINE CHANEL PATTON**  
**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. 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**

**PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
**CASE NO. 32295**  
 ESTATE OF: Travis O'Neal Postell, deceased.  
 To: William Terry Postell, Tommy O'Neal Postell, Timothy Joe Postell, Tami Renee Moore, Misty Faye Postell any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;  
 On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, came Kay L. Cason, Successor Administrator for the Estate of Travis O'Neal Postell and filed

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

It is therefore ordered that the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.  
 Judge James P. Naftel  
 JUDGE OF PROBATE  
**Western Star**  
**4/26/2024**  
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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000242**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LARRY EARL SCOTT, 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 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.

**KRISTIN SCOTT ALDRIDGE**  
**Personal Representative(s)**  
**Western Star**  
**4/26/24**  
**5/3/24**  
**5/10/24**  
 Attorney of Record

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 24BES000188**  
**ESTATE OF: JAMES R. WADE, A/K/A JAMES RUBEN WADE, DECEASED**  
 On the 19th day of March, 2024, came DAWN H. WADE 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 JAMES R. WADE, A/K/A JAMES RUBEN WADE, 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 11:00 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 appear-

ing that the following next of kin of said deceased are: viz: AMANDA DENISE WADE, 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 16th day of May, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

Done this the 16th 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: 24BES000252**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARGARET ANNE BELL a/k/a M. ANNEBELL DECEASED**  
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22nd 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.

**SUSAN BELL BROWN**  
**Personal Representative(s)**  
**Western Star**  
**5/3/2024**  
**5/10/2024**  
**5/17/2024**  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 24BES000256**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT E. BURRELL, A/K/A ROBERT EDGAR BURRELL, DECEASED**  
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NEAL BLACKWELDER**  
**Personal Representative(s)**  
**Western Star**  
**5/3/24**  
**5/10/24**  
**5/17/24**  
 Attorney of Record

# ALABAMA LEGAL JOURNAL

## SHERIFF'S SALE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
**Court Case Number:**  
**SR**  
**Sheriff #: 24004693**

By virtue of Execution Fieri Facias issued out of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court (CV) Bessemer Division of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against ZACHARY T. LOVOY of the goods, chat-

tels, lands and tenements of the said ZACHARY T. LOVOY.

I have levied on the following property, to-wit: LOT 129 LONG LEAF LAKE PHASE 1 (FINAL PLAT) 40/26

Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named ZACHARY T. LOVOY in and to

the above described property, on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at steps of the Courthouse Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.  
**Mark Pettway**  
 Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama  
 Western Star  
 April 19, 26 & May 3, 2024

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
**Court Case Number:**  
**CV-2023-900128**  
**Sheriff #: 24004715**

By virtue of Execution Fieri Facias issued out of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court (CV) Bessemer Division of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against TLR AL, LLC of the

goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said TLR AL, LLC.

I have levied on the following property, to-wit: LOT 228 RES OF LOT 227 228 & 229 LAUREL LAKES PHASE ONE 2ND SEC REC IN MB 39 PG 69 AMENDED MB 41 PG 33

Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named

TLR AL, LLC in and to the above described property, on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at the steps Courthouse Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.  
**Mark Pettway**  
 Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama  
 Western Star  
 April 19, 26 & May 3, 2024

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
**Court Case Number:**  
**SR**  
**Sheriff #: 24004701**

By virtue of Execution Fieri Facias issued out of the Clerk's Office of the Dept. Of Revenue (SR) of Montgomery County, State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against HOMERO CASTILLO AKA HOMERO

J. CASTILLO of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said HOMERO CASTILLO AKA HOMERO J. CASTILLO.

I have levied on the following property, to-wit: LOT 215 SILVERLAKES 6TH SECTOR 37/73

Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named HOMERO CASTILLO AKA HOMERO

J. CASTILLO in and to the above described property, on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at steps of the Courthouse Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.  
**Mark Pettway**  
 Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama  
 Western Star  
 April 19, 26 & May 3, 2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE

Alabama Department of Transportation 2024-2027

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment No. 6

The Alabama Department of Transportation has submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration an amendment to modify projects with the

FY 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program which was approved October 2023.

This amendment is available for review during normal business hours at the following location:

Alabama Department of Transportation, E-101 1409 Coliseum Boulevard Montgomery, AL 36110 or visit the ALDOT's

webpage at <https://www.dot.state.al.us>

<https://cpmsapps.dot.state.al.us/OfficeEngineer/Plan/Statewide>

Written public comments will be received for a 21-day period from this publication's notice date.

John R. Cooper  
 Transportation Director  
 Western Star  
 April 19, 26 & May 3, 2024

**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.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024, or on failure to do so that a judgment by default may be taken against them,

Take notice that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Done this 18th day of April 2024.  
**Karen Dunn Burks**  
 Karen Dunn Burks, Clerk  
 JAMES L. STEWART  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 501 19<sup>th</sup> Street North  
 Bessemer, AL 35020  
 Western Star  
 April 26, May 3, 10 & 17, 2024

## NOTICE OF AUCTION

### NOTICE OF AUCTION

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.

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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	1GTFC24K25Z28811	6.17.24
2003	HONDA	CIVIC	2HGES16643H527347	6.18.24
2010	HYUNDAI	SONATA	5NPEU4AF6AH637838	6.21.24
2005	HYUDNAI	SANTA FE	KM8SC13D85U003356	6.21.24
1993	GMC	SIERRA 1500	2GTEC19K7P1530858	6.21.24

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Year	Make	Model	VIN	Sale Date
2006	Ford	Expedition	1FMFU15556LA42311	5.25.24
2004	GMC	Yukon	1GKEK63U14J135039	5.31.24
2019	Kia	Optima	5XXGT4L3KG359751	5.31.24
2009	Kia	Spectre	KNAFE221495634485	5.31.24
2020	Nissan	Rogue	5N1AT2MT1LC794534	5.31.24
2006	Hyundai	Sonata	5NPEU46F76H100931	6.3.24
2000	Lincoln	Town Car	1LNHM82W7YY787335	6.3.24

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THE CIRCUIT CLERK OF JEFFERSON COUNTY AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SALE. SELLER RESERVES ALL RIGHTS TO REFUSE ANY BID.

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YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN	SALE DATE
2013	NISSAN	ALTIMA	1N4BL3AP6DC179264	6.6.24
2006	HONDA	ACCORD	1HGCM66806A060737	6.7.24
2015	NISSAN	ROGUE	JN8AS5MT1FW659358	6.8.24
2013	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	5NPDH4AE3DH388281	6.9.24
2007	LEXUS	ES 350	JTHBJ46G172002578	6.11.24
2004	GMC	SIERRA 1500	1GTEC19T94Z157205	6.11.24
2014	DODGE	AVENGER	1C3CDZAB2E188055	6.11.24
2012	KIA	OPTIMA	5XXGM4A76CG018477	6.12.24
2007	FORD	FUSION	3FAHP02117R142264	6.12.24
2014	TOYOTA	CAMRY	4T1BF1FK2EU759069	6.13.24
2022	KIA	SOUL	KNDJ23AU6N7182268	6.14.24

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PREQUALIFICATION PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals shall be received by White-Spinner Construction on behalf of the Retirement Services of Alabama, until 4:00 pm local time on May 9th, 2024 and then publicly open for review for qualifications to furnishings all labor, materials, and insurance to perform all work required and described as follows:

Project No. Trustmark Parking Deck Phase II

Project Narrative:

The parking deck is an existing structural steel column, beam, and girder skeletal system with cast in place concrete pan and joist floor system, which was constructed in the 1960's. The parking deck is 6 stories in height and includes approximately 185,000 square feet. The scope of the work shall include but not be limited to selective demolition of existing traffic coatings, pressure washing and cleaning of all deck surfaces and existing utilities, preparation of existing cast in place concrete joists and slab surfaces for repair and carbon fiber reinforced plastic treatment, treatment of exposed metal wire mesh and rebar, and corrosion inhibitor application to pan and joist sections, filling of cavities, cracks and voids with epoxy injection and crack penetrating deck surface coating, installation of carbon plate at existing concrete joists, installation of new expanded metal and associated angle grid panels secured between concrete joists, preparation of slab surfaces and installation of seepage/leakage mitigation coating, installation of traffic coating / wearing surface of all levels, installation of parking striping and drive lane pavement markings, removal and reinstallation of light fixtures (if required), adjustment of sprinkler heads and other utilities as required.

No prequalification packages will be issued to contractors later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time indicated above for receiving prequalification proposals.

All prospective bidders shall submit a written submittal using American Institute of Architects (AIA) Document A305, "Contractor's Qualification Statement," latest edition, which may be purchased from an AIA documents vendor. No Proposals will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly licensed and qualified to submit a proposal for this construction in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. This shall include evidence of holding a current license Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. In addition, non-residents of the State, if a corporation or LLC, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama

PREQUALIFICATION PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

PROJECT: TRUSTMARK PARKING DECK PHASE II

1.1 Written Submittal - To include at least each of the following items:  
 (Note that failure to provide all information requested, and failure to provide full disclosure may be deemed non-responsive by the Owner and as just cause for rejection of any prequalification submittal).

A. Completed American Institute of Architects (AIA) Document A305, "Contractor's Qualification Statement", latest edition, which may be purchased from an A.I.A. documents vendor by the Contractor.

List of projects under construction  
 List of projects completed in the last 5 years  
 Most recent audited financial statement

B. Include a list of projects of similar types, size, scope, and complexity which have been completed by the company submitting this prequalification proposal. In addition, provide the original bid amount, number of change orders, and final contract amount. List any warranty claims by the owner and amount and frequency of site visits to correct construction related issues.  
 1. Include name, address and telephone number of Owner, Architect, Construction Manager (if any), and the original and final Contract amounts.  
 2. A minimum of three (3) such similar projects in size, scope and complexity, within the last 7 years, will be required for prequalification.  
 C. Confirmation that insurance and bonding requirements of the Retirement Systems of Alabama can and

will be furnished, and a letter of confirmation from your company's underwriter, broker, and/or agent indicating bonding limits, and that the required liability insurance with stated limits and other required provisions, is either in place or obtainable by the company submitting this prequalification proposal.

D. Corporate/Company overview and philosophy/mision statement.

E. Organizational chart of company structure.

F. Resumes of key personnel anticipated to be involved in this project, including at least the following (\*) required personnel:

1. Principal\*
2. Project Manager\*
3. General Superintendent\*
4. Quality Control Manager
5. Any other staff that may be involve

G. Provide a brief description of your company's safety program (including in part, your substance abuse program); quality control program; and "partnering" program, training or experience.

H. Provide description of how your company addresses warranty claims during the warranty period. Also provide a typical time frame of how quickly you will respond to such claims.

Provide (and list, if applicable) your company's OSHA accident frequency rates and Alabama workers compensation modifier.

1.2 Refer to Advertisement for additional information and requirements regarding prequalification.

A. Note that following this Prequalification process and legal advertisement for bids, a Pre-Bid Conference will be held, and attendance by Prequalified General Contractors will be strongly encouraged.

Submittal Deadline: 4:00 pm PM, May 9th, 2024

Number of Copies to be Submitted: One (1) Digital  
 1.5 Submit one copy to:

White Spinner Construction  
 2010 W I-65 Service Rd  
 S Mobile, Alabama 36693  
 Phone: (251) 222-1166  
 Attn: Cole Hession  
 c o l e . h e s s i o n @ white-spinner.com  
 END OF PREQUALIFICATION PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS  
 Western Star  
 April 26 & May 3, 2024

### Public Notice

The Bessemer Housing Authority (BHA) is required by The Department of Housing and Urban Development to prepare a Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan annually and a Five-Year Plan every fifth fiscal year. The PHA Plan is a comprehensive guide to the PHA's policies, programs, operations and strategies for meeting local housing

needs and goals. It is through the PHA Plan that a PHA receives capital funding. Any comments may be submitted by mail to the Bessemer Housing Authority, 1515 Fairfax Ave., South, Bessemer, AL 35020.

The Draft PHA Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2024 will be available for review at BHA locations:  
 1515 Fairfax Avenue South, Bessemer

610 35<sup>th</sup> Street North, Bessemer  
 1100 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Bessemer  
 2500 Clarendon Avenue South, Bessemer  
 From 10:30 am. to 3:00 pm., Monday through Friday, and the Bessemer Housing Authority's Website [www.besha.org](http://www.besha.org).  
 Western Star  
 April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 2 & 7, 2024

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## PROBATE NOTICE

**CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 24BES000258**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF:**  
**B.J.E., A MINOR )**  
 NOTICE TO: KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN

On the 24th day of April 2024, came **Ashlyn Robinson**, Mother and Petitioner for the Change of Name for **B.J.E., A Minor** And whereas the 20th day of June 2024, at 9:00 a.m. has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submit-

ted in support of same. It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do. Please note that an answer may be filed within 30 days from the date of this last publication notice.

Given under my hand, this, the 24th day of April 2024.  
**JUDGE OF PROBATE**  
**Western Star**  
 4/19/24  
 4/26/24  
 5/3/24  
 5/10/24

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000134**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DAVID WAYNE HOLCOMBE, DECEASED**  
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 25th day of April 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.

**PHILIP OWEN HOLCOMBE**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 05/03/2024  
 05/10/2024  
 05/17/2024  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000255**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DANIEL BOYD LITTLE, DECEASED**  
 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 23RD 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.

**VONDA REGINA ADVOCK**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 5/3/24  
 5/10/24  
 5/17/24  
 Attorney of Record

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION CASE NO. 24BES000243**  
**ESTATE OF: GEORGE MCDONALD, DECEASED**

On the 17th day of April, 2024, came **ELLEN PENNY MCDONALD** 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 **GEORGE MCDONALD**, 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 6th day of June, 2024, at 11:45 A.M., having been set as a day for hearing said petition and the proof to be submitted in support of same and it

further appearing that the following next of kin of said deceased are: viz:

**JENNIE LYNN PHILLIPS, RUSSELL A. MCDONALD, LUANN HIGGINBOTHAM**, 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 6th day of June, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

Done this the 23rd day of April, 2024.  
 Judge Elizabeth North  
 Judge of Probate  
 Western Star  
 May 3, 10 & 17, 2024

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION CASE NO. 24BES000240**  
**ESTATE OF: MICKEY G. LEE, A/K/A MICKEY GLEN LEE, DECEASED**

On the 17th day of April, 2024, came **IMOGENE DAGNAN** 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 **MICKEY G. LEE, A/K/A MICKEY GLEN LEE**, 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 6th day of June, 2024, at 11:15 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:

**BRANDON LEE**, 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 6th day of June, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

Done this the 22nd day of April, 2024.  
 Judge Elizabeth North  
 JUDGE OF PROBATE  
 Western Star  
 May 3, 10 & 17, 2024

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION CASE NO. 24BES000237**  
**ESTATE OF: LEONARD L. LEWIS, DECEASED**

On the 15th day of April, 2024, came **RODDERICK D. LEWIS** 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 **LEONARD L. LEWIS**, 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 20th day of June, 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:

**CALLIE NAVES LEWIS**, 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 20th day of June, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

Done this the 26th day of April, 2024.  
 Judge Elizabeth North  
 Judge of Probate  
 Western Star  
 05/3/2024  
 5/10/2024  
 5/17/2024

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000245**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES WALTER ROPPER III, DECEASED**  
 LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 19TH day of APRIL, 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.

**TAMMIE RENAY SIMPSON**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 5/3/24  
 5/10/24  
 5/17/24  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000248**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: STEVE G. SNIDER, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 19TH 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.

**KAY S BEAVER**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 5/3/24  
 5/10/24  
 5/17/24  
 Attorney of Record

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 24BES000249**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARTHA INEZ WELCH, DECEASED**

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 19th 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.

**RALPH DOUGLAS YEAGER**  
**REGINA MAJORS YEAGER**  
 Personal Representative(s)  
 Western Star  
 5/3/2024  
 5/10/2024  
 5/17/2024  
 Attorney of Record

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS TO PROBATE WILL**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT BESSEMER DIVISION CASE NO. 24BES000241**  
**ESTATE OF: MILDRED ELIZABETH MORRIS, DECEASED**

On the 17th day of April, 2024, came **JOHN ROBERT MORRIS** 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 **MILDRED ELIZABETH MORRIS**, 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 6th day of June, 2024, at 11:30 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:

**ISAAC DEWAYNE MORRIS**, 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 6th day of June, 2024, to contest said petition if they think proper so to do.

Done this the 23rd day of April, 2024  
 Judge Elizabeth North  
 JUDGE OF PROBATE  
 Western Star  
 May 3, 10 & 17, 2024

**PUBLICATION FOR PETITION OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN/CONSERVATOR**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 24BES000195**  
**ESTATE OF: CHARLES C. TINKER**  
**AN ALLEGED INCAPACITATED PERSON**  
 TO: Sherry Favors, Charles Cecil Tinker, Jr., Karrie Tinker Goodwin, Administrator of Shadescrest Health and Rehab 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 21st day of March 2024, Angelo Tinker, filed a petition for the appointment of a Guardian/Conservator

for **Charles C. Tinker**, 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 13th day of May 2024, at 10:30 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 24th day of April 2024.**  
 Judge Sherri C. Friday  
**JUDGE OF PROBATE**  
**Western Star**  
 5/3/2024  
 5/10/2024  
 5/17/2024  
 5/24/2024

## 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 1500 Hueytown Road Bessemer, AL 35023 .ANY OWNER, SECURED PARTY, LIEN HOLDER MAY CONTEST THE RIGHT TO SELL SUCH VEHICLE BY

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 May 3 & 10, 2024

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 In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Dominguez Design-Build has completed the Contract for Northport FMS #9 Renovations, AC-22-C-0004-S, located at Northport, Alabama, for the Army Commission of Alabama, Owner, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All

persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the Army Commission of Alabama, P.O. Box 3711, Montgomery, Alabama 36109-0711.

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# LEGALS/NEWS

## UA Students Inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society

**SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN STAR**

The University of Alabama honored the achievement of numerous students, faculty and staff during the annual Tapping on the Mound ceremony April 5. The Omicron Delta Kappa Society is the national leadership honor society for college students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni that recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership, and exemplary character.

Local students inducted: Kyndal Mays of McCalla

Jackson Maxwell of Pelham

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With

a global reputation for excellence, UA provides an inclusive, forward-thinking environment and nearly 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.



## Jefferson County Raises \$500,000 for Cancer Research at UAB Event

**SPECIAL TO THE STAR**

In a significant stride towards battling cancer, Jefferson County recently celebrated a remarkable achievement at a fundraiser hosted for the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Radiation and Oncology Department. Commission President Jimmie Stephens, alongside other notable figures, proudly sponsored the event which garnered an impressive \$500,000 in donations dedicated to cancer research.

This substantial amount, marking the largest sum received since the event's inception over a decade ago, underscores the unwavering commitment of the community towards fighting this disease. What makes this accomplishment even more remarkable is the magnanimous gesture from UAB doctors who matched the raised funds, doubling the impact of the contributions.

It's noteworthy that Jefferson County has been a steadfast supporter of initiatives aimed at cancer research for many years. Former county manager, Tony Petelos, and President Jimmy Stephens, both former honorees, have played integral roles in advocating for such causes. Additionally, Senator Jabo Waggoner's

wife, Marilynn, has been recognized for her contributions to the cause, further highlighting the collaborative efforts of various stakeholders in the community.

The significance of this fundraiser extends beyond the monetary value it has raised. The funds generated will remain within the community, directly benefiting cancer research efforts at UAB. Such initiatives not only foster advancements in medical science but also provide hope to countless individuals and families affected by cancer.

Cancer remains one of the most formidable challenges of our time, affecting millions of lives

globally. However, with initiatives like the fundraiser for UAB's Radiation and Oncology Department, communities come together with a shared determination to combat this disease. The success of this event serves as a testament to the power of collective action and underscores the importance of continued support for cancer research endeavors.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us remain committed to supporting initiatives that drive progress in the fight against cancer. Together, we can make strides towards a future where cancer is no longer a threat to our loved ones and communities.

## UA Students Inducted into Mortar Board during Honors Week 2024

**SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN STAR**

The University of Alabama honored the achievement of numerous students, faculty and staff during the annual Tapping on the Mound ceremony April 5.

As a part of the ceremony, several students were inducted into the Mortar Board National Honor Society.

Mortar Board, a national honor society for men and women, is based on leadership, scholarship and service. It is one of the highest honors that

can be granted to seniors. Members must display outstanding dedication to service and leadership.

Mortar Board is the premier national honor society recognizing college seniors for superior achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. UA's Hypatia Chapter is one of the oldest chapters in the nation.

Local inductees include: Jackson Maxwell of Pelham

Skylar Billings of Pelham

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tem, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides an inclusive, forward-thinking environment and nearly 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.



## Boutwell Auditorium Introduces Tamika Hall Sensory Room for Autism Acceptance Month

**SPECIAL TO THE STAR**

Birmingham's Boutwell Auditorium has taken a significant step toward inclusivity with the introduction of the Tamika Hall Sensory Room, a pioneering project supported by KultureCity. Unveiled in honor of Autism Acceptance Month, the sensory room is a testament to the venue's commitment to providing a welcoming environment for all patrons, regardless of their sensory needs.

Named after Tamika Hall, a passionate advocate for sensory inclusivity, the room represents a beacon of hope and understanding for individuals with sensory sensitivities. With its thoughtful design and amenities, it serves as a sanctuary where patrons can retreat to find solace and comfort amidst the excitement of live events.

The Tamika Hall Sensory Room is more than just a physical space; it embodies a philosophy of compassion and empathy that lies at the heart of KultureCity's mission. By creating an environment that caters to the unique needs of individuals on the autism spec-

trum and those with sensory processing disorders, Boutwell Auditorium aims to foster a sense of belonging and acceptance within its walls.

Equipped with soothing lighting, comfortable seating, and sensory-friendly activities, the room is carefully crafted to minimize sensory overload and provide a calming respite for those who may feel overwhelmed by the sights and sounds of a bustling event. Additionally, trained staff members are on hand to offer assistance and support, ensuring that every visitor feels valued and respected.

The significance of the Tamika Hall Sensory Room extends far beyond its physical presence within Boutwell Auditorium. It serves as a symbol of progress and inclusivity, challenging societal norms and paving the way for a more compassionate and understanding world. By embracing diversity and championing accessibility, the venue sets a powerful example for other institutions to follow suit.

As Autism Acceptance Month draws to a close,

the unveiling of the Tamika Hall Sensory Room serves as a poignant reminder of the ongoing need for greater awareness and support for individuals on the autism spectrum. Through initiatives like this, Boutwell Auditorium reaffirms its dedication to creating a culture of acceptance and understanding, where everyone is free to experience the joy of live entertainment without barriers or limitations.



## NOTICE OF AUCTION

**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 07/10/2024 at 12pm. Location Copart Auto Auctions 3101 Davey Allison Blvd Hueytown, AL 35023.

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# NEWS

## Alabama Award Winners Honored During Farm-City Awards, Including State's 2024 Farm of Distinction

Written by Tanner Hood

Agritourism was on display during the annual Farm-City Awards Program April 11 in Auburn.

Detailed activity reports, bright posters, well-worded essays and vibrant videos showcased hours of hard work and dedication by students and Farm-City committees across the state.

Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms said student contestants and county committees captured the idea of Farm-City in 2023.

"The goal of our theme last year was 'Connecting Farms and Communities.' This has been the mission of Farm-City Week since its inception in 1955," said Helms of the Alabama Farmers Federation. "The work done last year by students, teachers and county volunteers strengthened bonds between farmers and the neighbors who buy their products and provide services needed to sustain Alabama's agricultural and forestry economies. We believe the seeds of understanding planted in 2023 will continue to bear fruit for years to come."

Over 350 students, county committees and families came together to celebrate year-long achievements and creative exhibits showcasing the 2023 theme, "Agritourism: Connecting Alabama Farms and Communities."

**Sirmons Win Farm of Distinction**  
During the program, Sirmon Farms in Baldwin County was named the 2024 Farm of Distinction. Farm owners Joel and Patti Sirmon said they understand the hard work it takes to be successful in agriculture.

"I don't call it work," said Joel, a fifth-generation farmer. "This is my way of living."

Sirmon Farms spans 4,500 acres in the Belforest community. The Sirmons grow cotton, corn, peanuts, and sweet potatoes and will represent Alabama during the Sunbelt Ag Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year contest this fall.

The family business includes Joel's mother, Shirley, and brother, James.

As the Farm of Distinction, the Sirmon family received an engraved farm sign from the Federation and Alfa Insurance; a John Deere Gator from SunSouth, TriGreen and John Deere; a \$1,000 gift from AFC; and \$1,000 from First South Farm Credit.

**Exceptional Counties Highlighted**

Local Farm-City committees and leaders were honored for efforts to connect rural communities and city neighbors through events, activities and other creative methods.

Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation sponsored cash prizes for top committees. Division winners received \$300 while runners-up garnered \$200. Category award winners received \$100 per category award.

Division I represents larger populations, while Division II represents smaller counties.

**Division I**  
Lee County: Best Farm-City Committee; Best Civic Club Activities; Best Scrapbook

**Division II**  
Dale County: Runner-up Best Farm-City Committee; Best Dinner; Best Tour

Walker County: Target Award

St. Clair County: Innovative Idea Award

Chilton County: Best Media Coverage & Proclamation

Jefferson County: Best Special Activities

Division II

Geneva County: Best Farm-City Committee; Best Scrapbook; Best Civic Club Activities

Cherokee County: Runner-up Best Farm-City Committee and Innovative Idea Award

Barbour County: Target Award and Best Tour

Fayette County: Best Dinner

Clay County: Best Media Coverage & Proclamation

Pike County: Best Special Activities

Additionally, Chilton County Probate Judge Jason Calhoun was named Volunteer of the Year, and Houston County Career Tech Academy Director Chris Kennedy received the Farm-City Service Award.

**Skilled Students Honored**

Eighteen kindergarten through 12th grade students were honored for their displays of Alabama agritourism in poster, essay and video formats.

Winners and runners-up received trophies and cash awards from Alabama Farmers Cooperative (AFC), which also provided matching cash awards for schools of first- and second-place entries.

Entries were judged by state agriculture and business leaders chosen by the Alabama Farm-City Committee. Winning works were promoted during the awards program, and the Top 12 posters will be featured in the 2025 Alabama Farm-City Calendar.

**Poster Contest, Kindergarten-Third Grade**

First and \$200: Corbitt Dyess, Mulkey Elementary School, Geneva County

Second and \$100: Channing Boyd, Stephen Elementary School, Tallapoosa County

Third and \$75: Gianna Hines, Mount Olive Primary School, Russell County



Lilli Norris of Bagley Elementary School in Jefferson County scored second place in the 2023 Alabama Farm-City Committee Poster Contest for Fourth through Sixth Grades. The theme was "Agritourism: Connecting Alabama Farms and Communities." Norris and teacher Meredith Kilgore each received \$100 from Alabama Farmers Cooperative (AFC) during the Farm-City Awards Program April 11 in Auburn. She is pictured with Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms of the Alabama Farmers Federation, Kilgore and AFC's Tiffany Lester.

Fourth and \$60: Cora Hogeland, Holly Pond Elementary School, Cullman County

Fifth and \$40: Jaxon Aday, Moulton Elementary School, Lawrence County

Sixth and \$25: Laila Pippin, Morris Slingluff Elementary School, Houston County

**Poster Contest, Fourth-Sixth Grade**

First and \$200: Micah Blankenship, Ariton Elementary School, Dale County

Second and \$100: Lilli Norris, Bagley Elementary School, Jefferson County

Third and \$75: Willoughby Dean, Prattville Intermediate School, Autauga County

Fourth and \$60: Pruitt Woods, Moulton Middle School, Lawrence County

Fifth and \$40: Addison Heath, Sulligent Elementary School, Lamar County

Sixth and \$25: Era Lee Bell, home-school, Clay County

**Essay Contest, 7th-9th Grade**

First and \$300: Caleb Cook, Billingsley School, Autauga County

Second and \$200: Susan Atchison, Chilton Christian Academy, Chilton County

**Essay Contest, 10-12th Grade**

First and \$300: Noah Price, Alabama School for the Blind, Talladega County

Second and \$200: Denver Guthery, Billingsley School, Autauga County

For access to essays, please email [mjwilson@alfafarmers.org](mailto:mjwilson@alfafarmers.org).

**Video Contest**

First and \$300: Emily McDaniel, Corner High School, Jefferson County

Second and \$200: Kayden Bland, Billingsley School, Autauga County



The Jefferson County Farm-City Committee received the Best Special Activities Award for Division I during the Alabama Farm-City Awards Program April 11 in Auburn. For earning the recognition, the committee also received a cash award from the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation (AFAF). Division I is for counties with larger populations. From left are AFAF Board Member Mahlon Richburg; Jefferson County Farm-City Committee Representatives Dr. Stevan Parsons and Beth Kornegay; and Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms of the Alabama Farmers Federation.



Emily McDaniel of Corner High School in Jefferson County scored first place in the 2023 Alabama Farm-City Committee Video Contest. The theme was "Agritourism: Connecting Alabama Farms and Communities." McDaniel and her teacher each received \$300 from Alabama Farmers Cooperative (AFC) during the Farm-City Awards Program April 11 in Auburn. She is pictured with Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms of the Alabama Farmers Federation and AFC's Tiffany Lester.



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### AMENDED OPENING DATE

Bessemer City Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for BCS-2024-312 (REPOST) Commercial HVAC Duct Cleaning for all school locations and the Board of Education buildings. All respondents are required to submit 3 (three) copies of your proposal.

All sealed bids will be received by the Finance Department located at Bessemer City Board of Education.

RFP Issued	April 5, 2024
*Mandatory Site Visit/Q&A 9:00 a.m.	May 9, 2024
Deadlines for Inquiries	May 14, 2024
Proposals Due by 12:00 p.m.	May 15, 2024
Board Meeting/Bid Opening	May 15, 2024
Commencement of Services (projected)	TBA

## Commercial HVAC Duct Cleaning

tion, 1621 5th Avenue North, Bessemer, AL 35020  
Until Wednesday May 15th, 2024 @ 12:00 P. M.

\*All bidders must attend the mandatory site visit/Q&A session on May 9th, 2024. You will meet an employee from the Maintenance and Facilities Department at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Education, located at 1621 5th Avenue North, Bessemer, Alabama 35020. Please ensure that you have signed in, if you do not sign in, your proposal will not be considered.

\*\*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. \*\*



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### Bid #BCS-2024-41

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

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT LOCATED AT BESSEMER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION,

## HVAC System Greenwood

1621 5TH AVENUE NORTH, BESSEMER, AL 35020 UNTIL WEDNESDAY, May 15th, 2024 @ 12:00 P. M. Bids will be opened and read publicly during Work Session on May 15TH, 2024 @ 5:30pm.

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.



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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

All respondents are required to submit 2 (two) copies of your proposal.

## Bid Announcement Reposted

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, May 15, 2024 @ 12:00 P. M.

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# SOUTHERN STYLES

## Hueytown High School Class of 1962 reminisces at 62<sup>nd</sup> Class Reunion



**DONALD JAY HOWTON, III**  
WESTERN STAR,  
SOCIAL EDITOR

30 former classmates from the Hueytown High School Class of 1962 and

their guests attended their 62<sup>nd</sup> class reunion held on Thursday, April 25.

Today, the Class of 1962 enjoys a picnic reunion once a year. They also gather for a quarterly luncheon usually at The Bright Star Restaurant.

The barbecue reunion luncheon was held at Brackner Park in McCalla.

**Dianne Champion** was chairman of the reunion committee. Also serving on the committee were **Phifer**

**Crane, Deborah Dabbs, Peggy Hicks, Glenda Robertson, Lanette and Byron Boggan, Larry Cannon, Tommy Densmore and James Allen Grant.**

During lunch the former classmates reminisced about the old school days as well as bringing one another up to date on what has been going on in their lives.

**Glenn Ferguson** of Dallas, Texas travelled the greatest distance.



*Hueytown High School Class of 1962*

**Pretty Woman**  
There is still time to enjoy The Broadway in Birmingham Series presentation of Pretty Woman: The Musical. It runs through May 5.

The BJCC Concert Hall is the venue for this romantic musical which comes to life with a team led by two-time Tony Award-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell.

It also features an original score by Grammy winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance.

For ticket information go to [BroadwayInBirmingham.com](http://BroadwayInBirmingham.com).

**Eagle Scout**  
Congratulations to Homewood High School senior Harry Morales who has earned the rank of Eagle Scout from the Vulcan District Eagle Board.

He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 79 at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Homewood.

Harry is the son of Stacey and Scott Morales.

His Eagle Scout project benefitted The Bell Center for Early Intervention Programs. He designed and constructed two outdoor sensory flower beds for children with special needs.

**Children's Book**  
Cheers to Alexandra Gaskins who has written her first children's book, I Have, Not I Am. She wrote the book for her family.

Kelly Wallace was her illustrator.

The publication is a learning tool for children

to help them understand others who are different.

The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

**Leaving Retirement**  
Former Hoover Head Volleyball Coach Chris Camper is coming out of retirement. This fall he will be head volleyball coach at Briarwood Christian.

He replaces Carly Cline who was a former Briarwood player and assistant coach.

Coach Chris is married to Joanna Camper and they have three children.



*Former classmates enjoying their reunion at Brackner Park*

## GOOD AFTERNOON

### A chat with Gerald Martens, pastor, Crossway Baptist Church



**DONALD JAY HOWTON, III**  
WESTERN STAR,  
SOCIAL EDITOR

A soft-spoken, compassionate gentleman, Gerald Martens, pastor of Crossway Baptist Church in Bessemer since 2022 is indeed a man of God. Originally from Bristol, Virginia where he was born

and raised, Brother Gerald graduated from Georgetown College in Kentucky in 1962. He is a 1966 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

A pleasant, kind personality who smiles often, Brother Gerald is passionate about teaching the Word of God and people coming to know Jesus. He and his wife moved to Bessemer in 2022 from Vestavia. He is not an evangelist. He is a pastor. There is a difference. A fitting match for Crossway because it is a loving

church that offers a traditional worship service.

Tell me about Crossway Baptist Church? Brother Gerald: Crossway Baptist Church located at 1080 Ninth Avenue, S. W. is a place you can call home. The church offers a traditional worship service on Sunday morning at 10:30 with Sunday School at 9:30. Wednesday Bible study starts at 6 p.m. A church with family oriented people, it was organized in 1966.

What are your duties? Brother Gerald: As the

pastor I oversee the church. Among my general duties include preaching on Sunday morning and teaching on Wednesday night. Once a month we have a fellowship luncheon and enjoy a delicious meal and activities. I do not have specific hours at the church, but I am always available to meet the needs of the church family including counseling and hospital visits.

What is your favorite book? Brother Gerald: The Holy Bible, of course. I also enjoy reading Christian science fiction.

Tell me about your family? Brother Gerald: I was born in 1940 in Petersburg, Virginia. I was an only child for nine years when my sister was born to the late Horace and Ruby May Martens.

I have been happily married to Martha Sue Cowan Martens for 64 years and we have two children, Margo and Roger, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

What is the future of the church? Brother Gerald: We hope Crossway will be here for years to come

and still serving the community. We are working on developing a brochure about the church and what Baptist believe and how to become a Christian.

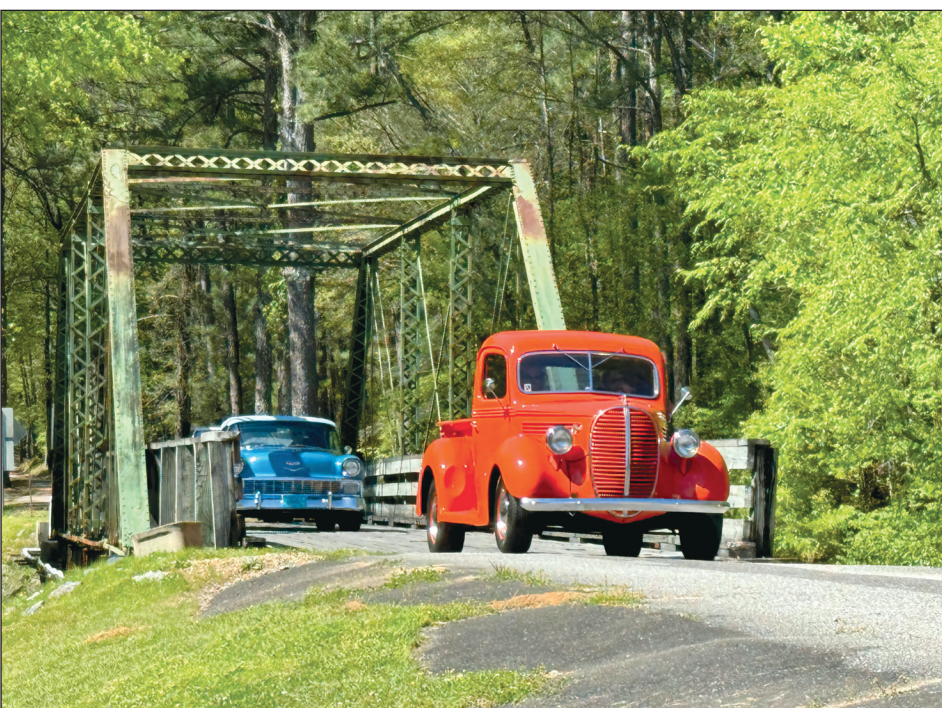
Do you have a favorite Bible passage? Brother Gerald: I do Sir. Psalm 23 is my favorite passage because it is very comforting.

What is your favorite meal? Brother Gerald: I am a diabetic so all of my meals are based on that fact. I enjoy fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, carrots and broccoli.

## 7th Annual Daniel Ray Willis Memorial Car & Bike Show at Tannehill



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## Birmingham Barons stats

*By Jason Knighten*

Here is your Birmingham Barons recap for the week of April 23rd to April 28th. The Birmingham Barons played against the Chattanooga Lookouts. The Birmingham Barons were on the road for this week's game. The Birmingham Barons played in Chattanooga Tennessee.

The Birmingham Barons played 6 games against the Chattanooga Lookouts. The following are the scores from each game played. On April 24rd the Barons defeated the Chattanooga Lookouts 3-2. On April 25th the Barons were defeated by the Chattanooga Lookouts 6-1. On April 26th the Barons defeated the Chattanooga Lookouts 8-3. On April 27th the Barons defeated the Chattanooga Lookouts 7-5. On April 27th the Barons were defeated by the Chattanooga Lookouts 1-4. On April 28th the Barons defeated the Chattanooga Lookouts 5-1. SEE YOU AT THE NEXT GAME GO BARONS!!!!



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