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Hank the camel with his owner, Wally.

Baptist Church at McAdory annual live nativity Dec. 4-5

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The true meaning of the Christmas season awaits all on Dec. 4-5 in the McAdory/McCalla communities.

The Baptist Church at McAdory invites families, friends and neighbors to the start of the Christmas season by visiting their annual Live Nativity on Dec. 4-5, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The church is located at 4954 Eastern Valley Road in McCalla.

Admission to this memorable Christmas story is free and everybody is welcome.

A tractor-pulled hayride wagon will transport the visitors on a 30-minute journey along a wooded trail behind the church. Along the way, you will encounter familiar Bible figures in period clothing portraying scenes from the birth of Jesus Christ and His life on earth.

Following the journey, the visitors are invited to enjoy complimentary hot chocolate, cider and snacks while sharing in the warmth of Christian fellowship.

Returning this year will be Hank the camel for all the children and adults to enjoy.

This wonderful event is quickly becoming a Christmas tradition.

For more information, please call 205-477-8265.



Bessemer extends 2025-26 budget through Jan. 5, 2027

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The Mayor of Bessemer is charged with submitting a budget annually for the operation of the city of Bessemer.

The current fiscal year's budget expired on Sept. 30 and was carried over until Nov. 3 pursuant to resolution No. 1450-26.

At a recent, regularly scheduled meeting of the Bessemer City Council with a quorum being present, it was determined to be in the best interest of the city of Bessemer to carry over the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.

The 2025-2026 budget will be extended through Jan. 5, 2027.

This action maintained the status quo pending the approval of the new budget.

Councilwoman Donna Thigpen made a motion to approve the resolution extending the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. Councilman Kelvin Eades seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Handel's Messiah Nov. 22 at Riverchase Methodist in Hoover

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The beginning of the Christmas season is quickly approaching.

Getting us all in the Christmas spirit is the annual presentation by the Alabama Civic Chorale of Handel's Messiah.

The 79th annual presentation of Messiah will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22, at Riverchase United Methodist Church in Hoover.

It is recommended to arrive early for the 3 p.m. free event. Seating is limited.

A longstanding tradition of the Thanksgiving season, the presentation is one of the longest running in the United States.

The performance will feature members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and professional soloists.

Walt Rogers is the organist.

This glorious oratorio was composed by George Frideric Handel in 1741. It will again be conducted by Artistic Director Bebe Kok.

For more information, please visit admin@alabamacivicchorale.com or www.alabamacivicchorale.com.

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A chat with Terry L. Adams, mayor, City of Midfield

GOOD AFTERNOON



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

Mayor Terry L. Adams is a good, solid, decent man who is excited about the city of Midfield. He has been mayor of Midfield since November of 2025. Mayor Adams' first venture into politics resulted in his election to the Midfield City Council in 2004. A native of Spartanburg, S.C., he moved to Midfield in 1998. He was re-elected to the city council for the next four terms. A pleasant, outgoing personality, Mayor Adams is very energetic and always eager to help. An intelligent, understanding man, he is a member of First Baptist Church Roosevelt City where he has served as a deacon for over 10 years. Mayor Adams sets about his daily work with confidence as he pursues progress and excellence for the city of Midfield.

How did you get involved in politics? Mayor Adams: Having served as a city councilman for five terms, many citizens of Midfield continued encouraged me to run for the office of mayor of Midfield.

What are your goals for the city of Midfield? Mayor Adams: I am committed to rebuilding the city of Midfield by providing better housing, attracting more businesses, having family-friendly events and increasing police and fire protection.

Who has been most influential in your life? Mayor Adams: My dear, late mother, Ida Adams. Her love and devotion inspired me to be the man I am today. She was president of Philo of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and her public speaking encouraged me. I was always included on her programs.

Tell me about your family? Mayor Adams: I am the oldest of three children of the late Ida and John Adams of Spartanburg. I am married to Aurelia Goodgain Adams and we have four children, Terrek, Tyla, Octayvia and Xavier.

Who is the city's largest employer? Mayor Adams: The City of Midfield School System.

What is your favorite meal? Mayor Adams: I enjoy a tomahawk steak medium well, a green salad with Thousand Island, baked potato, green beans and for dessert a slice of strawberry cheesecake.

Gov. Ivey pardons Thanksgiving turkey

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Chicken is a good substitute.

The 78th Annual Turkey Pardoning hosted by Gov. Kay Ivey took place on Friday, Nov. 13.

Just in time for Thanksgiving.

The pardoning was held at the Alabama Governor's Mansion on Perry Street on the front lawn in Montgomery.

Sharing in the tradition with Gov. Ivey were Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries Commissioner Rick Pate, Alabama Poultry & Egg Association Executive Director Johnny Adams, Becky Bates Sloane and Riverchase Day School students.

The public was invited to submit names and vote on the best names for the turkeys.

Pleasant Grove Christmas parade, tree lighting set for Dec. 1

The City of Pleasant Grove's Christmas parade and tree lighting will be Tuesday, Dec. 1, at City Hall. The parade will be at 6 p.m. and the tree lighting at 7 p.m.

Parade applications are available at the Pleasant Grove Public Library.

Police, recreation center to host Cookies and Carols Dec. 1

The Bessemer Police Department and the Bessemer Recreation Center will hold Cookies and Carols from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Kenneth E. Gulley Recreation Center.

The evening will include cookies and light refreshments, Christmas carols, and photos with Santa Claus and the Grinch.

The public is invited.

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SOUTHERN STYLES

Taste of Hoover celebrated at beautiful Aldridge Gardens



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

The 15th Annual Taste of Hoover was again held at the beautiful Aldridge Gardens in Hoover.

Aldridge Gardens is an ideal setting for this very popular event.

The gatehouse entrance did not open until 5 p.m., but the crowds began arriving early in anticipation of a delicious evening.

Among the vendors arranged around the grounds included Big Whiskey's, La Paz Restaurant and Catering, Cookie Fix at Brock's Gap, Tacos de Azul at Brock's Gap Brewing, Grimaldi's Pizza, Savoie Catering, Edible Arrangements, Happy Catering Company, Urban Cookhouse, Tre Luna Catering, East 59 Café, Noir, Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel, Smoochie's Home Bakery, Chicken Salad Chick, Cake Me Up Dessert Shop, Hoover Steaks & Wines, Rock N Roll Sushi, Farm Bowl + Juice Co., Toasted Yolk Café and the Board in Birmingham.

The beverage providers were Rage Vodka, Temper Coffee, Brock's Gap Brewing, Red Eye Louie's, Hoover Steaks & Wines, Something Simple Coffee + Sips and Baba Java Coffee.

It was a charming, delightful evening for young and old alike.



Kayla Neighbors, from left, Caroline Mann, Lydia Evens, Mallory Evens and Ayda Evens.



Elizabeth Rae Chapman and Angie Chapman.



Becky Adams and Perky Parks.



Kay Aldridge, from left, Janice Farr and Miriam Reed.

Empower Community School coders win national robotics coding title

BY ROBERT BURGINS JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Bessemer's Empower Community School's Big Bessemer Coders recently won first place as national champions in the Cyber Robotics competitions. As part of the competition, students had to solve asynchronous virtual missions as teammates using block coding.

In the asynchronous virtual missions, the students worked independently and as a team at various times to complete the objectives placed before them.

Team captain Diezel Brookes said, "This wasn't accomplished alone. It was accomplished with teamwork, hardwork and dedication, and my teammates and I are very proud of ourselves."

Principal Luther Riley said, "As Principal I couldn't be prouder. These students represent our youth that are discovering their potential, developing critical thinking skills, embracing teamwork and realizing they belong on the national stage."

Assistant Principal Lenae McKinnon-Hill said, "This victory represents more than winning a competition because it moreso reflects the students' hardwork and creativity as we look forward to seeing them continue to make history."

The competition was hosted by Intelitek and featured more than 130 teams across the country programming virtual robots to solve complex coding missions. It is the second national robotics coding title for Empower Community School's program.

The team was made up of Diezel Brookes, Kevin Clayton, Peyton Mays, Nasir Ricketts, DeMarcus Stanford and Morgan Thomas.

STEM teacher Yuvraj Verma said, "These students gave up their lunchtime and weekends to basically do work for this competition, and I'm very excited to see how we fare in some of our upcoming STEM competitions."



Empower Community School's Big Bessemer Coders with STEM teacher Yuvraj Verma, front.

Pleasant Grove High HOSA to hold blood drive Nov. 30

Pleasant Grove High School's HOSA chapter will hold an American Red Cross blood drive from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, in the Overlook area at the school.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS, visit RedCrossBlood.org or use the Blood Donor App, with sponsor code PGHS.

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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARY ANNE SULLIVAN, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000601

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 26th day of October 2026. by the HONORABLE Jameria J. Moore, 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.

DANIEL JOSEPH SULLIVAN

Personal Representative(s)

Attorney of Record

11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Pike Road Birmingham, LLC, in favor of ILS Lending, LLC, dated August 16, 2024, and recorded as Instrument Number 2024080823, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama. Said Note was assigned from ILS Lending LLC to ILS Growth Fund I LP, dated August 22, 2024, and recorded as Instrument Number 2024085054 with the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County. Said Note was assigned from ILS Growth Fund I LP to Gabriel Cohen, Carolina Cohen, Jonathan Cohen, Inspira Financial Trust, LLC Rotha IRA #2879521, and Inspira Financial Trust, LLC Roth IRA #2879521, dated October 3, 2024, and recorded as Instrument Number 2024097711 with the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County.

Said Note was assigned from ILS Growth Fund I LP to DFS Bayside Fund LLC, dated January 3, 2025, and recorded as Instrument Number 2025002944 with the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County. Said Note was assigned from DFS Bayside Fund LLC to ILS Growth Fund I LP, dated February 6, 2025, and recorded as Instrument Number 2025013352 with the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County. Said Note was assigned from ILS Growth Fund I LP to ILS Income Fund I LP, dated August 1, 2025, and recorded as Instrument Number 2025083002 with the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County. Said Note was assigned from ILS Income Fund I LP to Brede Interests LLC, dated August 20, 2025, and recorded as Instrument Number 2025083001 with the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County.

Said Note was assigned from ILS Income Fund I LP to Inspira Financial Trust, LLC Rotha IRA #2879261, Inspira Financial Trust, LLC Roth IRA #2879521, Gabriel Cohen, Carolina Cohen, and Jonathan Cohen, dated November 20, 2025, and recorded as Instrument Number 202510683 with the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County. Said Note was corrected to reflect the following grantees as proper ownership of Said Note: Brede Interests, Jonathan Cohen, Carolina Cohen, Gabriel Cohen, Inspira Financial Trust, LLC Roth IRA #2879521, and Inspira Financial Trust, LLC Roth IRA #2879261, dated November 24, 2025, and recorded as Instrument Number 2025107114 with the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County.

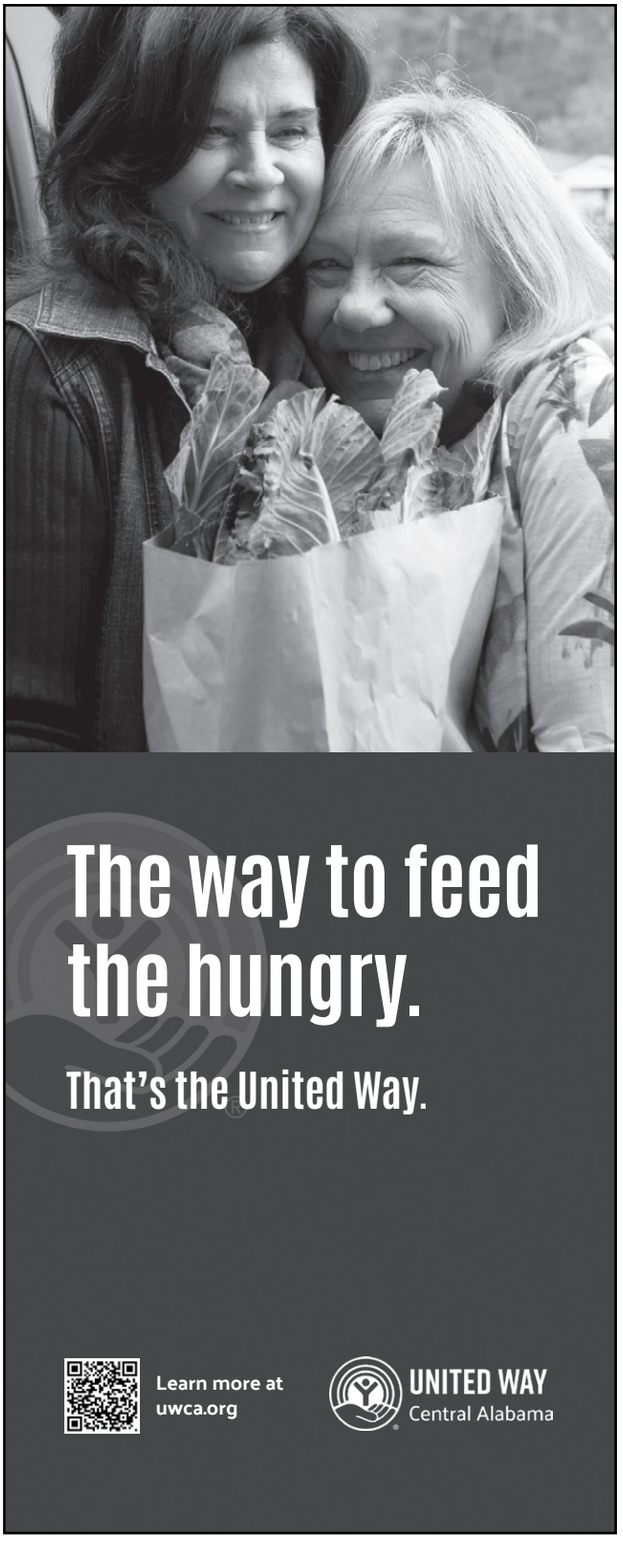
Whereas, the undersigned Jonathan Cohen, Gabriel Cohen, Brede Interests, Carolina Cohen, Inspira Financial Trust, LLC Roth IRA #2879521, and Inspira Financial Trust, LLC Rotha IRA #2879261, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Jefferson County Courthouse in the City of Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, on November 23, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate situated in Jefferson County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 2, 3, and 4, Block 1, according to the Survey of Oakhurst, as recorded in Map Book 16, Page 7, in the Probate Office of Jefferson County, Alabama. Parcel ID No.: 22-32-4-010-014.000 02.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBERANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO THE TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The mortgagee/transferee reserves the right to bid for and to pur-

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chase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the sale of the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIE BRUCE O'NEAL, DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 26BES000593
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 29th day of October 2026. by the HONORABLE Jamerica J. Moore, 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.
JAY GREENE
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON OBJECTION OF CLAIM
STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 25BES00229
ESTATE OF: ANNIE B. SCOTT, DECEASED
TO: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., PRINCETON BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER And to any and all interested parties;

On the 23rd day of October 2026, came DENISE POE, Attorney for the Estate of ANNIE B. SCOTT, Deceased, and filed her Objection of Claim filed by you in the above-named matter.

Whereas the 25th day of January 2027, at 9:30 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said objection and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.

It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said objection 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 objection if they think proper so to do.

This the 29th day of October 2026.
JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT
STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 18BES0006296
ESTATE OF: LINDA BEARSE, a protected person.
To: Ralph H. Bearse, David F. Bearse, and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 26th day of October 2026, came Robert Bearse, the Successor Conservator for the Estate of Linda Bearse, deceased, and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 16th day of December 2026, at 1:45 P.M., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Done this the 29th day of October 2026.
Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT
STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 25BES000489
ESTATE OF: MICHAEL D. WILLIAMS, DECEASED
To: Joshua Adam Williams, and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 26th day of August 2026, came Jay Greene, the Administrator for the Estate of Michael D. Williams, deceased, and filed his accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 22nd day of February 2027, 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 29th day of October 2026.
Jameria Johnson Moore
JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION
STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO.26BESS00599
ESTATE OF:RICHARD DAVIS, DECEASED
TO: Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown And to any and all interested parties;

On the 23RD day of October, 2026, came CYNTHIA I DAVIS, and filed Petition to PROBATE OF WILL , in the matter of the Estate of RICHARD DAVIS, Deceased.

And whereas the 12TH day of January, 2027, at 10:00 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.

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

This the 30TH day of October, 2026.
JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SARAH JO DUKE, DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 26BES000610
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 30th day of October 2026. 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.
WILLIAM ROY DUKE
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LINDA SHIRLEY MIXON, DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 26BES000607
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 30TH day of October 2026. by the HONORABLE JAMERIA JOHNSON MOORE, 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.
SANDRA SHIRLEY WINGATE
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT
STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 22BES000727
ESTATE OF: JOEL MCGUFFIE, a protected person, now deceased.
To: Any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 23rd day of September 2026, came Rhonda Roberts Miles, the conservator for the Estate of Joel McGuffie, deceased, and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 25th day of January 2027, at 2:30 p.m., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Done this the 29th day of October 2026.
Jameria Johnson Moore
JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT
STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 2016-047696
ESTATE OF: RUTH EVELYN MILLER, a minor
To: Austin E. McClain Any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 27th day of October 2026, came Walter B. McCain, Jr., the grandfather of the minor and spouse of the conservator for the Estate of Ruth Evelyn Miller, a minor, and filed the accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Notice of Death of Conservator, Petition for Substitution of Conservator, and Petition for Partial Settlement of Conservatorship.

It is therefore ordered that the 3rd day of February 2027, 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 2nd day of November 2026.
Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of Hueytown Road Water Main Relocation STBH-7021(600) will be received by Bessemer Water Services (Owner) at Bessemer Electric & Water Services at 1600 First Avenue North, Bessemer, Alabama 35020, until 10:00 a.m., the prevailing time, on December 1, 2026, or by mailing to 1700 3rd Avenue, Bessemer, Alabama 35020 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. The bid is comprised of the following principal items and approximate quantities:

4 Mainline Connections
15 Water Service Relocations
Grout Filling of Abandoned Water Main
Fire Hydrant Relocations
Miscellaneous Appurtenances

Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the City of Bessemer in Bessemer, Alabama and Municipal Consultants, Inc. in Birmingham, Alabama and, after registering and payment of $50.00, they may be downloaded from Municipal Consultants' planroom at https://www.municipalconsultantsplanroom.org/ . Cost of plans and specifications is non-refundable.

All Bidders must be responsible, meeting the criteria and requirements set forth in the specification documents.

Prequalification of Bidders is not required.

This project is considered a "Public Works" project and is governed by competitive bid laws as contained in Title 39 of the Alabama Code. Bidders, subcontractors, suppliers, and Bond Agents should be familiar with this code.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty days from the date set for receiving of the same. A Pre-Bid conference for prospective Bidders will not be held.

This project is governed by the applicable bid laws and practices of the State of Alabama.

By: Jerry D. Yarbrough
Title: Operations Manager
MUNICIPAL CONSULTANTS, INC.
Consulting Engineers
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11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026; 11/27/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 26BES00611

ESTATE OF: CAROLYN DAWSON a/k/a CAROLYN DELORES DAWSON, DECEASED

TO: REBEKAH JOHNSON, Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown and to any and all interested parties:

On the 30th day of October 2026, Alifeleti Johnson came and filed her Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of Carolyn Dawson a/k/a Carolyn Delores Dawson, Deceased.

And whereas the 12th day of January 2027, 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 3rd day of November 2026.

/J/ Jacqueline Knox
DEPUTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROYAL HATTEN JR, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000594

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 3rd day of November 2026. 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.

CYNTHIA HATTEN
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ELIZABETH JONES, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000552

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 3rd day of November 2026. by the HONORABLE JACQUELINE KNOX, 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 JOYNER
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MERRYLEN ROOKS STAFFORD, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000511

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 3rd day of November 2026. by the HONORABLE JACQUELINE KNOX, 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.

JOANN GRIFFIN
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
11/06/2026; 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HARRIET M WILLIAMS, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000616

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 4th day of November 2026. 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.

ROBERT EARL WILLIAMS
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
11/13/2026; 11/20/2026; 11/27/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ALEX WILSON SR, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000614

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 4th day of November 2026. 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.

GEORGETTE TYUS
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
11/13/2026; 11/20/2026; 11/27/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARY SUE RANEY, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000606

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 3rd day of November 2026. 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.

JAMES ARTHUR RANEY
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
11/13/2026; 11/20/2026; 11/27/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of DECEMBER, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., in the Council Chamber, the Council of The City of Bessemer will consider a resolution regarding the weeds growing upon or in front of this property, a copy of the resolution which is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer; and at that time and place will determine whether the same constitutes a public nuisance which must be abated by the removal of the noxious or dangerous weeds; and, if so, will order the abatement and removal of the nuisances, in which the case the cost of such abatement and removal shall be assessed upon the lots and lands from which such weeds are removed, and such cost will constitute a lien for weed removal upon such lots or lands until paid.

If no objections are filed with the City Clerk and Treasurer at least five days before the meeting of the City Council and unless such person appears before the City Council in person or through his representative to show cause, if any, why his objection should be sustained, it shall be presumed that the person accepts the notice as fact and waives any rights that he may have to contest the removal of the weeds. The action of the Council shall be final unless good and sufficient cause can be otherwise shown.

Reference is hereby made to said resolution, on file in the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer, for further particulars.

This notice applies to the following attached addresses:

WEED NUISANCE REPORT
10/20/2026
PROPERTY LOCATION, PARCEL NUMBER, OWNER(S), SET HEARING RES. #

1614 15TH STREET NORTH, 38 00 05 4 039 001.000, TURNER CATHERINE, 1559-26

1626 15TH STREET NORTH, 38 00 05 4 039 003.000, LTS INVESTMENTS INC, 1560-26

1813 15TH STREET NORTH, 38 00 05 4 032 012.000, FORD JAMIE LEE, 1561-26

2009 15TH STREET NORTH, 38 00 05 4 030 008.000, SAVOY MARY, 1562-26

2011 15TH STREET NORTH, 38 00 05 4 030 007.000, CLEMENTS GEORGE, 1563-26

2015 15TH STREET NORTH, 38 00 05 3 003 006.000, EVANS MATTIE, 1564-26

2019 15TH STREET NORTH, 38 00 05 3 003 005.000, HARRIS NAYLAN L, 1565-26

1825 CAROLINA AVENUE, 38 00 10 2 034 001.001, CHANCEY WANDA, 1566-26

1829 CAROLINA AVENUE, 38 00 10 2 034 001.000, CHANCEY WANDA P, 1567-26

1925 CAROLINA AVENUE, 38 00 10 2 030 002.000, WRIGHT MEOSHA, 1568-26

16 20TH STREET SOUTH, 38 00 10 2 030 010.000, NEW LEVEL LLC (R/S), 1569-26

1926 ARLINGTON AVENUE, 38 00 10 2 030 009.000, NEW LEVEL LLC (R/S), 1570-26

1900 CLARENDON AVENUE, 38 00 10 2 028 010.000, PEREZ MARTHA, 1571-26

1906 CLARENDON AVENUE, 38 00 10 2 028 010.001, PEREZ MARTHA, 1572-26

308 20TH STREET SOUTH, F, 38 00 10 2 027 001.000, COLE JERRY LEN JR, 1573-26

2031 CLARENDON AVENUE, 38 00 10 2 025 001.000, 2434 PROPERTIES LLC, 1574-26

309 21ST STREET SOUTH, 38 00 10 2 012 006.000, GONZALEZ JOSEFINA MARTINEZ & MARTINEZ DAVID ALEJANDRO, 1575-26

2101 DARTMOUTH AVENUE, 38 00 10 1 019

007.000, JACKSON KATHY D, 1576-26

614 20TH STREET SOUTH, 38 00 10 4 006 001.000, WILLIAMS CHARLIE MAE, 1577-26

1921 FAIRFAX AVENUE, 38 00 10 4 006 003.000, DIGGINS JERRICK, 1578-26

1913 FAIRFAX AVENUE, 38 00 10 4 006 004.000, DIGGINS JERRICK, 1579-26

1905 FAIRFAX AVENUE, 38 00 10 4 006 007.000, NIXON MARGARET I AUTON, 1580-26

1905 GRANVILLE AVENUE, 38 00 10 4 007 006.000, HARRIS MARILYN P, 1581-26

1915 GRANVILLE AVENUE, 38 00 10 4 007 005.000, MITCHELL MAUHKINA, 1582-26

2004 GRANVILLE AVENUE, 38 00 10 4 002 009.000, GATES SYLVIA, 1583-26

2008 GRANVILLE AVENUE, 38 00 10 4 002 010.000, WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH OF GOD, 1584-26

2001 FAIRFAX AVENUE, 38 00 10 4 002 007.000, THRASH THOMAS J C/O TWENTY FIRST STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, 1585-26

510 20TH STREET SOUTH, 38 00 10 4 005 002.000, LEWIS NATHAN D & JOSEPHINE, 1586-26

506 20TH STREET SOUTH, 38 00 10 4 005 003.000, JOHNSON LOVELL & HENRIETTA, 1587-26

504 20TH STREET SOUTH, 38 00 10 4 005 004.001, BETTER HOUSING SPECIALISTS LLC, 1588-26

500 20TH STREET SOUTH, 38 00 10 4 005 005.000, PARKER WILLIE M, 1589-26

1817 GRANVILLE AVENUE, 38 00 10 4 008 005.000, RNH PROPERTIES (R/S), 1590-26

1815 GRANVILLE AVENUE, 38 00 10 4 008 004.000, WEBB LATRISA V, 1591-26

616 18TH STREET SOUTH, 38 00 10 4 011 009.000, PARTAIN MILFORD D, 1592-26

1730 GRANVILLE AVENUE, 38 00 10 4 011 009.001, FORWARD RESIDENTIAL LLC, 1593-26

717 17TH STREET SOUTH, 38 00 10 4 012 007.000, TEELE A ENTERPRISES LLC, 1594-26

1420 MINNESOTA AVENUE, 38 00 15 2 002 002.000, U.S. STEEL REAL ESTATE, LLC C/O RYAN LLC, 1595-26

1401 MINNESOTA AVENUE, 38 00 15 2 001 005.000, WILLIAMS TAVORIS D, 1596-26

1310 AVENUE I, 38 00 15 1 002 005.000, SEALES REBECCA A, 1597-26

1402 AVENUE I, 38 00 15 1 002 009.000, CASTLE NINA K, 1598-26

1433 AVENUE I, 38 00 15 1 001 006.000, RICHARDS FREDERICK R, 1599-26

1505 AVENUE I, 38 00 15 1 001 003.000, RICHARDS AND SONS, 1600-26

1507 AVENUE I, 38 00 15 1 001 002.000, HOUSTON RODREQUIS T (R/S), 1601-26

1508 AVENUE I, 38 00 15 1 002 018.000, BOBULINSKI ALEXANDER (R/S W DEED), 1602-26

1510 AVNEUE I, 38 00 15 1 002 019.000, ALLEN PATRICIA & DAVID ALLEN, 1603-26

published 11/13/2026; 11/20/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: KENNETH WILLIAM SHADIX, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000602

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 6th day of November 2026. 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.

JAY GREENE

Personal Representative(s)

Attorney of Record

11/13/2026; 11/20/2026; 11/27/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JO ANN P KENNEDY, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000618

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 4th day of November 2026. 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.

DAVID EUGENE KENNEDY

Personal Representative(s)

Attorney of Record

11/13/2026; 11/20/2026; 11/27/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SHIRLEY GOURDINE MCCREE, DECEASED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 26BES000620

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 9th day of November 2026. 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.

DEBRA G GAMBLE

Personal Representative(s)

published 11/20; 11/27; 12/4/26

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE November 10, 2026

The Midfield City Board of Education will meet in the Boardroom at the Central Office for the FY2027 Budget Hearings on:

First Meeting Friday, November 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Second Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

417 Parkwood Street | Midfield, AL 35228 | Phone 205-923-2262 | Fax 205-929-0585 www.midfield.k12.al.us

published 11/20/26

LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Court Case Number: CV-2025-900160

Sheriff #: 26022250

By virtue of Execution Fieri Facias issued out of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court (CV) of the Bessemer Division, Jefferson County, State of Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against DAVID CHACE STRICKLAND AND LEA ANN STRICKLAND of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said DAVID CHACE STRICKLAND AND LEA ANN STRICKLAND.

I have levied on the following property, to-wit:

LOT 949 TRACE CROSSINGS NINTH SECTOR 28/69

Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named DAVID CHACE STRICKLAND AND LEA ANN STRICKLAND in and to the above described property, on the 7th day of December 2026, during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at steps of Bessemer Courthouse, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Dated this 12th day of November 2026.

Mark Pettway Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama

11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Court Case Number: SR

Sheriff #: 26021896

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 SEMYR NAGI of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said SEMYR NAGI.

I have levied on the following property, to-wit:

LOT 13 MONTECELLO HEIGHTS 13/11

Therefore, according to said command, I will sell at public outcry for cash, all the rights, title and interest of the above named SEMYR NAGI in and to the above described property, on Monday, 7th day of December 2026, during the legal hours of 12:00 noon for sale at steps of the Courthouse Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Dated this 12th day of November 2026.

Mark Pettway Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama

11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BRIAN CECIL COLE, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000623

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 10TH day of November 2026 . by the HONORABLE JAMERIA JOHNSON MOORE, 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.

JAY GREENE

Personal Representative(s)

11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HELEN WILLIAMS PEARSON A/K/A HELEN MARIE PEARSON, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000626

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12TH day of November 2026. 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.

KAREN CANTRELL WRIGHT

DANIEL CLIFFORD PEARSON

Personal Representative(s)

11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PATRICIA C INGLE, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000624

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 12TH day of November 2026. 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.

TIMOTHY ALBERT INGLE
Personal Representative(s)
11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT
STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 21BES0000797 BESSEMER DIVISION ESTATE OF: Robert Frank Kerr, a protected person To: any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 14th day of May 2026, came Natalie Kerr Hunget, as Conservator for the Estate of Robert Frank Kerr, a protected person and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 6th day of January 2027 at 2:30 p.m. be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Done this the 12th day of November 2026.

Sherri C. Friday JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT
STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 24BES000187 BESSEMER DIVISION ESTATE OF: LAWRENCE SULLIVAN, deceased To: Frances F. Owens any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice

On the 14th day of October 2026, came Nancy Elizabeth Rice, the Personal Representative for the Estate of Lawrence Sullivan, deceased and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 22nd day of February 2027, at 2:00 p.m. be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Done this the 12th day of November 2026.

Jameria Johnson Moore JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the WTP Sludge Lagoon Dewatering - 2026 will be received by Warrior River Water Authority (WRWA), Oak Grove, Alabama (Owner) located at the WRWA Office, 8900 Lock 17 Road, Bessemer, Alabama 35023 until 2:00 p.m., the prevailing time, on December 11, 2026 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. The bid is comprised of the following principal items and approximate quantities:

Dredging and dewatering of 10,000 cubic yards of water plant sludge utilizing dewatering bags.

Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the WRWA office at the address above, and they may be inspected or obtained from the office of Municipal Consultants, Inc., 200 Century Park South, Suite 212, Birmingham, Alabama 35226, upon payment of $75.00. Cost of plans and specifications is non-refundable.

All Bidders must be responsible, meeting the criteria and requirements set forth in the specification documents. Prequalification of Bidders is not required.

This project is considered a "Public Works" project and is governed by competitive bid laws as contained in Title 39 of the Alabama Code. Bidders, subcontractors, suppliers, and Bond Agents should be familiar with this code.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty days from the date set for receiving of the same.

There will not be a Pre-Bid Conference for this Project.

This project is governed by the applicable bid laws and practices of the State of Alabama.

By: Danny Johnson Title: General Manager
MUNICIPAL CONSULTANTS, INC. Consulting Engineers 200 Century Park South Suite 212 Birmingham, AL 35226
11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUB ON FINAL SETTLEMENT
STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 24BES00725 BESSEMER DIVISION ESTATE OF: JAN LEA JACOBIK, a protected person, now deceased To: The Estate of Jan Lea Jacobik, deceased, any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 10th day of October 2026, came Edmond Earle, as Conservator for the Estate of Jan Lea Jacobik, a protected person, now deceased and filed his accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 3rd day of February 2027, at 1:45 p.m. be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Done this the 12th day of November 2026.

Sherri C. Friday JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LINDA ROSEMARIE HARRIS-SCOTT, DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 26BES000628
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 13th day of November 2026. 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.
GEOFFREY NEALE BIRCHFIELD
Personal Representative(s)
11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BRENDA KAREN CALHOUN, DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 26BES000621
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 10th day of November 2026. by the HONORABLE Jameria Johnson Moore, 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.
GEOFFREY WILLIAM CALHOUN
Personal Representative(s)
11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT
STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 21BES00718 BESSEMER DIVISION ESTATE OF: RICARDO A. NIXON, JR., a protected person. To: any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 14th day of May 2025, came Ricardo A. Nixon, Sr., Conservator for the Estate of Ricardo A. Nixon, Jr., a protected person, and filed his accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 16th day of December 2026, at 2:30 p.m. be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Done this the 12th day of November 2026.

Sherri C. Friday JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/20/2026; 11/27/2026; 12/04/2026

MAX Credit Union to buy First Financial Bank

MAX Credit Union of Montgomery has agreed to buy First Financial Bank of Bessemer, the two institutions announced Nov. 10.

Under a purchase and assumption agreement, MAX will acquire substantially all of First Financial's assets and assume substantially all of its liabilities in an all-cash transaction. The announcement did not give a price.

MAX said it plans to keep all eight of First Financial's branches in the Greater Birmingham area open.

"First Financial Bank has spent nearly 90 years earning the trust of the families and businesses in the markets it serves, and that's exactly the kind of institution we wanted to partner with," said Martin Head, president and chief executive officer of MAX Credit Union. "We plan to keep every First Financial branch open because the relationships those branches have built are what make this bank special."

The sale needs the approval of the shareholders of FirstFed Bancorp Inc., First Financial's parent company, and of regulators. Closing and integration are expected over the course of 2027.

First Financial has served families and businesses since 1937 and had more than $245 million in total assets as of Sept. 30.

MAX was founded in 1955 by airmen at Maxwell Air Force Base. It has more than $2.3 billion in assets, more than 134,000 members in Alabama and West Georgia and 16 full-service branches. The purchase will be its first of a bank, and it expects to have about $2.6 billion in assets afterward.

First Financial's customers will gain access to MAX's mortgage, wealth management, insurance and business lending services, the two said.

B. Kyle Goodwin IV, president and chief executive officer of FirstFed Bancorp, said MAX "is the right partner to build on our tradition of exceptional service and ensure continued success for our customers, employees, and communities."

Bessemer collecting coats through Nov. 28

The City of Bessemer is holding a coat drive through Saturday, Nov. 28, collecting new and gently used coats for neighbors in need.

The drive began Monday, Nov. 2. Coats may be dropped off at Bessemer City Hall, 1700 Third Ave. North.

Classifieds

SERVICES

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Bessemer, Midfield schools gain on state report card; Fairfield slips

Bessemer City Schools and Midfield City Schools each raised their scores on the 2025-26 state report card the Alabama State Department of Education released Nov. 12, and Fairfield City Schools' score fell 4 points. All three school systems received C's.

Bessemer City Schools received an overall score of 77, up from 75 last year. The system scored 69, a D, the year before and 62 and 61 in the two years before that.

Midfield City Schools received a score of 78, up from 74.

Fairfield City Schools received a score of 75, down from 79 on each of the last two report cards.

Jefferson County Schools received a B, with a score of 84, up from 82.

The report card grades schools and school systems on academic achievement, academic growth and chronic absenteeism, and high schools also on graduation rate and college and career readiness.

In Bessemer, the schools' scores, with last year's in parentheses, were:

Greenwood Elementary School, 84, a B (78, a C).

Abrams Elementary School, 82, a B (78, a C).

Jonesboro Elementary School, 76, a C (72, a C).

Charles F. Hard Elementary School, 73, a C (62, a D).

Bessemer City Middle School, 67, a D (63, a D).

Bessemer City High School, 67, a D (59, an F).

Westhills Elementary School, 66, a D (76, a C).

The Bessemer system's academic achievement score rose from 38.10 to 42.03, and its graduation rate was 86.15 percent, compared with 85.52 percent last year. Its college and career readiness rate fell from 82.81 percent to 71.79 percent.

The state's data shows the Bessemer system's chronic absenteeism rate falling from 21.55 percent to 7.87 percent, and Bessemer City High School's from 41.74 percent to 3.06 percent.

In Midfield, the scores were:

Midfield Elementary School, 78, a C (73, a C).

Rutledge School, 78, a C (68, a D).

Midfield High School, 64, a D (61, a D).

The Midfield system's academic achievement score rose from 35.60 to 44.80, and its academic growth score rose from 82.10 to 97.93. Its graduation rate fell from 86.25 percent to 82.80 percent, and its college and career readiness rate fell from 76.25 percent to 66.67 percent. Its chronic absenteeism rate rose from 5.62 percent to 15.31 percent.

In Fairfield, the scores were:

Glen Oaks Intermediate School, 77, a C (75, a C).

Robinson Primary School, 76, a C (76, a C).

C.J. Donald Middle School, 68, a D (68, a D).

Fairfield High Preparatory School, 65, a D (73, a C).

The Fairfield system's graduation rate fell from 96.80 percent to 83.09 percent, and its college and career readiness rate fell from 94.40 percent to 82.35 percent. Its chronic absenteeism rate rose from 3.62 percent to 21 percent. Its academic achievement score rose from 37.68 to 41.31.

Among Jefferson County schools in the Bessemer area, the scores were:

Oak Grove Elementary School, 90, an A (87, a B).

Concord Elementary School, 89, a B (84, a B).

McCalla Elementary School, 88, a B (87, a B).

Oak Grove High School, 88, a B (86, a B).

McAdory Elementary School, 85, a B (86, a B).

Lipscomb Elementary School, 84, a B (91, an A).

Pleasant Grove High School, 81, a B (77, a C).

Brighton School, 80, a B (77, a C).

Pleasant Grove Elementary School, 77, a C (68, a D).

Hueytown High School, 75, a C (70, a C).

Hueytown Intermediate School, 75, a C (81, a B).

McAdory Middle School, 74, a C (73, a C).

Hueytown Middle School, 73, a C (72, a C).

Hueytown Primary School, 73, a C (79, a C).

McAdory High School, 73, a C (62, a D).

The state as a whole received a B, with a score of 88, up from 87 last year.

The report cards for every school and school system are at statereportcard.alsde.edu.

Hot Cheetos win Brighton School's mock election

Brighton School students and staff voted in a mock election on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, to choose the better snack: Hot Cheetos or Fruit Snacks.

Hot Cheetos won, 196 votes to 84, by the school's count. One write-in vote went to Nerds; eight ballots were left blank and two were invalid.

Students voted that morning, with the prekindergarten classes the last to the polls. The school's librarian organized and hosted the election, and a parent volunteer helped the polling run smoothly. Parents were asked to cast votes of their own.

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Miss UAB 2027 Phaedra Manuel, center, with first runner-up Anna Grace Deason and second runner-up Ma'Kayla Dial of Bessemer. (UAB photo)

Bessemer's Dial named second runner-up in Miss UAB competition

Ma'Kayla Dial, 21, of Bessemer, was named second runner-up in the Miss UAB Scholarship Competition on Sunday, Nov. 8, and was awarded a $1,000 scholarship.

Dial is a senior majoring in musical theater at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and has been on the dean's list three times.

She has been a lead mentor for the First Blazers branch of the Blazer Mentorship Collective for two years and is a student advisory council member for TRIO Academic Services. She is a member of Alpha Alpha Alpha, a national honor society for first-generation college students, and of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She received a Ruby Lloyd Apsey scholarship, which is awarded to UAB students majoring in theater or musical theater.

Her parents are Arliscia Dial and Brandon Tolbert.

Phaedra Manuel, 23, of Hoover, was crowned Miss UAB 2027 and will represent the university in the Miss Alabama competition. Anna Grace Deason, 22, of Millbrook, was first runner-up.



Prep scoreboard

Football
Friday, Nov. 13
Bessemer Academy 48, Morgan Academy 25
Gulf Shores 47, McAdory 10
Moody 45, Oak Grove 14
Pleasant Grove 27, Jackson 7

Boys basketball
Monday, Nov. 9
Midfield 58, Fairfield 55
Southern Prep Academy 68, Restoration Academy 63
Tuesday, Nov. 10
Huffman High School-Magnet 87, Bessemer City 62
Wednesday, Nov. 11
Bob Jones 68, Hueytown 61
Pelham 56, Midfield 49
Thursday, Nov. 12
Hueytown 40, Ramsay IB 30
Leeds 56, McAdory 51
John Carroll Catholic 58, Pleasant Grove 33
East Central HomeSchool 49, Restoration Academy 0
Saturday, Nov. 14
Bessemer City 60, Percy Julian 52
Hueytown 59, Fultondale 53
Midfield 57, McAdory 40

Girls basketball
Monday, Nov. 9
Midfield 77, Fairfield 30
McAdory 52, Tuscaloosa County 46
Tuscaloosa Home Educators 33, Restoration Academy 30
Tuesday, Nov. 10
Edgewood Academy 78, Bessemer Academy 45
Huffman High School-Magnet 50, Bessemer City 21
Thursday, Nov. 12
Ramsay IB 68, Hueytown 49
Leeds 48, McAdory 40
Pleasant Grove 55, John Carroll Catholic 42
Saturday, Nov. 14
Hueytown 53, Lee 51
Mattie T. Blount 56, Midfield 42
Murphy 57, Pleasant Grove 51
Ezekiel Academy 47, Restoration Academy 25
Restoration Academy 51, Lakeside School 14

This week's games

Football
Friday, Nov. 20
Pleasant Grove at Bullock County, 7 p.m. (playoff)

Boys basketball
Friday, Nov. 20
Bessemer City at Minor, canceled
Fairfield at A.H. Parker, 7 p.m. (exhibition; Preseason)
McAdory at Pleasant Grove, 7:30 p.m.
Midfield vs. Gadsden City (Gadsden State CC Classic)
Saturday, Nov. 21
Bessemer City vs. Gardendale (Pelham High School), 7:30 p.m. (Pelham Turkey Tipoff Varsity Boys)
Monday, Nov. 23
Valiant Cross Academy at Bessemer Academy, 5 p.m.
Pleasant Grove at Fairfield, 7:30 p.m. (allstar)
Hueytown vs. Selma (Fairfield High Preparatory School), 4:30 p.m. (allstar)
McAdory vs. Clay-Chalkville (Fairfield High Preparatory School), 1:30 p.m. (allstar)
Oak Grove at Victory Christian School, 7 p.m. (VCS Invitational)
Tuesday, Nov. 24
Hooper Academy at Bessemer Academy, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball
Friday, Nov. 20
Bessemer City at Minor, canceled
Fairfield at A.H. Parker, 6 p.m.
McAdory at Pleasant Grove, 6 p.m.
Midfield vs. Gadsden City (@Gadsden State Community College)
Saturday, Nov. 21
Hueytown vs. John Carroll Catholic (Spain Park High School), 8:30 a.m. (classic)
Monday, Nov. 23
Pell City at Hueytown, 6 p.m.
McAdory vs. Spain Park (Spain Park High School), 9:55 a.m. (classic)
Oak Grove at Victory Christian School, 6 p.m. (VCS Invitational)
Tuesday, Nov. 24
Hooper Academy at Bessemer Academy, 3 p.m.
McAdory vs. Shades Valley (Spain Park High School), 8:30 a.m. (classic)
Pleasant Grove at Mortimer Jordan, 3:30 p.m. (classic)
Wednesday, Nov. 25
Pleasant Grove vs. James Clemens (Mortimer Jordan High School), 3:30 p.m. (classic)

Gas giveaway, Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas Funday set for District 7

Bessemer City Councilman Cleo King of District 7 has three holiday events planned.

King and state Rep. Ontario Tillman will hold their annual Thanksgiving gas giveaway at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at 1401 Carolina Ave. (Highway 150). Vehicles will line up on Carolina Avenue and 15th Street.

King's annual Thanksgiving dinner for residents of Jess Lanier Manor and Thompson Manor will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, in the Jess Lanier Manor dining hall.

King and How High Inflatables will hold D7 Christmas Funday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Bessemer Recreational Center. It will have free train rides, free refreshments, entertainment, a visit from Santa Claus and giveaways of bikes, toys and gift cards. Children should get their tickets when they arrive.

For more information or to make a donation, call King at 659-206-9115 or Jamal Bell at 205-835-3309.

Bessemer households may apply for Christmas Village help through Dec. 4

Applications are open for the inaugural Christmas Village, holiday assistance for City of Bessemer residents with financial need. Households with or without children may apply.

Applications will be accepted through 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. Apply online at mabelchambers.org. Paper applications are available at Bessemer City Hall, one per household. The completed application and copies of the household's documents go in the envelope provided.

Distribution will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at the Bessemer Civic Center. An application does not guarantee assistance.

For more information, call 205-519-8263.

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Freshwater Land Trust names planned 36-mile trail loop B1

Freshwater Land Trust has named its planned 36-mile trail loop around the Birmingham area B1.

The loop will connect Birmingham, Fairfield, Homewood, Irondale, Midfield and Mountain Brook and three parks: Red Mountain Park, Railroad Park and Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve. It will take 19 miles of new trail to connect the existing segments. When the loop is finished, the Red Rock Trail System will have more than 200 miles of trails.

Three of the seven trail projects in the plan are fully funded or under construction, the land trust said.

The name was announced Friday, Nov. 13, at the land trust's 30th anniversary celebration at The Club in Birmingham. About 600 people attended.

The land trust also announced a conservation easement on about 2,115 acres near Blount Springs in Blount County, the largest single property it has protected. The landowner is Kenneth Goode. The land trust now protects more than 15,000 acres in 14 counties.

The land trust said it is in position to receive a $1 million grant to lead a five-year recovery effort for the vermilion darter, a federally endangered fish found only in the Turkey Creek watershed. The grant would come through the Phoenix Species Project, which is sponsored by the Bezos Earth Fund and the conservation fund Re:wild. Work is expected to begin in 2027.

"This investment from the Bezos Earth Fund is huge for our conservation efforts here in Jefferson County," said Sam McCoy, the land trust's land stewardship director.

The land trust was formed in 1996 as the Black Warrior-Cahaba Rivers Land Trust. Its first money was $30 million from the settlement of a federal lawsuit over Jefferson County's wastewater pollution of the Cahaba and Black Warrior rivers.



Members of Bessemer's Silver Boomers Group who competed in the State Masters Games.



Geneva Long of Bessemer's Silver Boomers Group with her medals from the State Masters Games.

Central Alabama Water to raise rates 3.4 percent in January

The board of directors of Central Alabama Water on Friday, Nov. 13, approved a 3.4 percent increase in water rates, effective Jan. 1.

The increase applies to the fixed charge and the volumetric charge for all customers. The average residential customer uses 4 CCF of water a month and will pay $1.61 more a month, the utility said. One CCF, or 100 cubic feet, equals 748 gallons.

The utility did not raise rates in 2026. The board said it plans to revisit rates in May.

The board also approved an operations and maintenance budget of $126.7 million and a capital budget of $49.7 million for fiscal 2027. The operations budget is slightly less than the revised 2026 budget the board approved in March, the utility said.

"These are responsible budgets that allow us to improve infrastructure and cover inflationary costs such as chemicals and diesel fuel," said Jeffrey F. Thompson, chief executive officer of Central Alabama Water.

Central Alabama Water serves customers in Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Blount and Walker counties.

Bessemer Service League jewelry raffle Nov. 24

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An early Christmas present that all ladies will enjoy.

The Bessemer Service League's Jewelry Raffle will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 11 a.m. at Rebecca's Fine Jewelry in McCalla.

Rebecca's is located at 4817 McAdory School Road, Suite 101 in McCalla. The jewelry store is across the street from McAdory High School.

Heather Lawley is president of the Bessemer Service League.

Amanda Jewell is chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

The winning raffle ticket entitles the holder to a $1,000 shopping spree at Rebecca's.

The League is only selling 200 tickets so to purchase a $10 raffle ticket please contact a Service League member.

The fundraiser benefits the League's Scholarship program and other service projects.

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Hueytown library sets pajama party with Santa for Dec. 13

The Hueytown Public Library will hold its first Pajama Party with Santa from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Mr. and Mrs. Claus and elves will be there.

Tickets are free but required for each child, and space is limited. Tickets are available at eventbrite.com. Each child must be with an adult; adults do not need a ticket.

Parking is in front of and behind the library.

Fairfield Mighty Tigers to feed homeless Nov. 21

Fairfield Mighty Tigers Youth Organization football and cheer will feed the homeless from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, in front of Boutwell Auditorium, 710 20th St. N., in Birmingham.

The organization is taking donations of bottled water, sodas and sports drinks, and money through Cash App at $FMTSports. For more information, call 205-202-9561.

The organization is also looking for volunteer coaches and instructors for football and flag football, basketball, baseball, cheer and dance, and swimming. Coaches must pass a background check and the Alabama coaches certification and be CPR certified. To apply, call 205-202-9561.

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Hueytown Christmas parade, Christmas in the Park set for Dec. 5

The Hueytown Christmas Parade is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, with Christmas in the Park to follow from 4 to 6 p.m. at Hueytown City Park, 104 Forest Road. The Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Hueytown present the parade.

Christmas in the Park will have photos with Mr. and Mrs. Santa and friends, a live Nativity by Crossroad Baptist, a life-size snow globe, Christmas crafts, letters to Santa and food trucks, along with the annual Christmas tree lighting. The Hueytown High School band and choir, Concord Elementary, Nick Pierce and TeriDona will perform Christmas carols.

The chamber invites businesses and organizations to take part by offering a Christmas craft, a game, candy or another activity for children. There is no fee; those who take part bring their own table, chairs and activities. To sign up, contact Debbie Kiker at the chamber, 205-491-7010, ext. 1005, or director@hueytownchamber.com.

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