

Gulley, Alexander meet in mayoral runoff Sept. 22

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Incumbent Mayor Kenneth Gulley and challenger Louise Alexander face each other in the Bessemer mayoral runoff Tuesday, Sept. 22, the top contest among five left undecided by the Aug. 25 municipal election. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Results confirmed Sept. 1

gave Gulley 1,809 votes and Alexander 1,644 in the four-candidate first round, with Daral Bethel receiving 466 and Brenita Lewis 91. In all, 3,800 of Bessemer's 17,547 registered voters cast ballots Aug. 25.

"I want to thank the good people of Bessemer for entrusting me with the leadership of our great city for the past 16 years," Gulley said. "I pledge to

you I will continue working to make Bessemer a better place to live, work and raise a family."

"Your voice and your vote matters," Alexander said. "Return to the polls on September 22 and let your voice be heard."

Also on the ballot are runoffs for the District 6 and District 7

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Renee Brown, Annette Jones, the Rev. Randy Coleman and Marquita Mays.

Faith is Believing Ministry yard sale a blessing on both sides of the table

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
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evidence of things not seen."

Money raised goes toward a fence for the rear of the church.

The second annual Faith is Believing Ministry Church yard sale, held Saturday, Sept. 12, was a blessing for the customers and for the church.

The sisters of the church arrived early to set up at the church, 1230 Third Ave. North in Bessemer. The Rev. Randy Coleman is the minister, and Sister Yvette Hunter and Angela Woods planned the fundraiser. Members of Jesus is Lord Ministry Church, also of Bessemer, worked alongside them.

Coleman quoted Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the



: Pastor Scott, Principal Buckelew, Macedonia Baptist Church members and Abrams Elementary staff with kindergarten students.

Macedonia Baptist fills Abrams kindergarten wish lists, 15 years and counting

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

For 15 years, Macedonia Baptist Church, 1401 26th St.

North in Bessemer, has kept up a partnership with Abrams Elementary School. Recently the church joined with the

school's kindergarten teachers to provide the items on their classroom wish lists.

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A chat with Danny Sullivan, fire chief, city of Hueytown



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

Lori Davidson loves the theatre. A talented actress, she is a member of the Hueytown Arts Council and the Hueytown Community Theatre. Her family moved from Fairfield to Hueytown when Lori was 2 years old. Recently she was asked to serve as the public relations liaison for the Hueytown Arts Council.

A member of Fusion Church in Hueytown, Lori is in rehearsals for the upcoming Hueytown Community Theatre production of "The Curious Savage." Among the events she is involved with are Red, White & Boom CityFest, Back to School Movie & Game Night and Candy Cane Lane.

This genial lady loves a peach crumble made with delicious Chilton County

peaches. Lori is a hobbyist photographer, and that is how she became involved with the Arts Council.

She is active in the local running community and regularly runs 5Ks both locally and out of state.

Lori, a 36-year employee of Morris & Lavette, PC, is honored to contribute to and support the community through her work with the Hueytown Arts Council.

How long have you been a member of the Hueytown Arts Council?

Lori: I joined the Arts Council about two years ago. After seeing the council's vision of bringing art and theatre to the local community with free and fun events, I wanted to be a part of promoting and growing the vision.

What are your duties with the Arts Council?

Lori: As a council member, I work with the council at various community events. I am excited about my public relations responsibilities and working with the media. My husband and fellow council member Russell Davidson and I also host the Hueytown Art Show & AuthorFest, which is an annual springtime

GOOD AFTERNOON

event showcasing the work of local artists and authors.

Do you have a favorite play?

Lori: Yes sir. The 1971 musical "Fiddler on the Roof" starring Chaim Topol.

Who is your favorite actress?

Lori: My favorite actress is a tie between Katharine Hepburn and Ingrid Bergman.

Tell me about your family. Lori:

I am the youngest of eight children of the late Ruth and Walter Covington, who were married for 42 years. I have so many wonderful memories of growing up in Hueytown surrounded by family, friends and community.

What is your favorite meal? Lori:

I embrace a plant-based diet, and some of my favorites include fruit bowls with bananas, strawberries and blueberries. I also enjoy Mexican food, pasta dishes and vegetable stir fry.

Election

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City Council seats and the District 5 and District 6 Board of Education seats. In District 7, incumbent Councilman Cleo King faces Silas Baldwin; in District 6, Valerie Williams advanced to the runoff from a four-candidate field.

Voters must be registered and qualified electors of the state who have lived within Bessemer's corporate limits for 90 days or more before the Aug. 25 election, and must vote at the polling place for the district and box where they are registered, according to the city clerk's notice of the runoff.

Polling places are: District 1, Box 1, Fire Administration Building, 1111 Second Ave.; District 2, Box 1, Macedonia Baptist Church, 1401 26th St. N; District 3, Box 1, Community Center, South Bessemer Housing Project, 2501 Clarendon Ave.; District 4, Box 1, The Station Church, 6270 Park

Macedonia

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"This particular portion of the school year is the best time to bless our kindergarten teachers with the supplies they wish to have," Remeka Little said. "Teachers go on websites of their choosing and pick items they'd like to ensure academic requirements and a clean facility are met throughout the school year, which we gladly provide."

The supplies give kindergarten classes a chance to succeed early in their foundational years and meet needs that touch students academically and socially, and the Macedonia Baptist Church family is providing the solutions.

"I'm glad to have a part in helping to provide students with such," said Mother Rosie P. Harris, a Macedonia trustee. "They're our future, and days like these are why we look forward to fulfilling such a purpose."

Pastor Scott and outreach ministry spokesman Jackson were glad to see the cheerful smiles and happiness of Abrams's kindergartners when they arrived.

"We deeply appreciate Pastor Scott and the Macedonia Baptist Church family," said Kathyne Atkins, a teacher. "These supplies often provide us with learning games that help our kids with mathematical problem solving, and student centers that are very beneficial to our kids' progress within the classroom."

We are thankful for the mission of Pastor Scott and of Abrams Elementary's administrators in providing known needs for the betterment of our kids inside and outside the classroom. Let's build a foundation structured to succeed.

South Drive; District 4, Box 2, Parkwood Church of God, 1975 Highway 150; District 5, Box 1, West Hills Primary School, 710 Glenn Road; District 6, Box 1, Fire Station No. 4, 495 Flint Hill Road; District 6, Box 2, Fire Station No. 5, 1715 Long 12th St. N; District 7, Box 1, Thompson Manor, 1500 Exeter Ave.; and District 7, Box 2, Bessemer Recreation Center, 100 14th St. S.

Council approves \$350 in District 6 funds for Bessemer High parent program

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The Bessemer City Council approved Councilwoman Carla F. Jackson's request to allocate \$350 of her District 6 discretionary funds to the Bessemer Board of Education for Bessemer City High School's Parent Engagement Program.

The program promotes parental involvement in students' education, strengthens communication and collaboration between families and educators, encourages achievement and attendance, and promotes a safe and productive learning environment.

The council found that the appropriation serves a valid and lawful public purpose and is not a gift or donation but is made in consideration of the direct public benefit to the citizens of Bessemer.

Councilwoman Sarah B. Person moved to approve the resolution, Councilman Teco Stephens seconded, and the motion carried.

Chamber's 35th annual Golf FORE Progress tournament set for Oct. 1

The Bessemer Chamber of Commerce will hold its 35th annual Golf FORE Progress Tournament on Thursday, Oct. 1, at Frank House Municipal Golf Course in Bessemer.

The chamber is inviting area businesses to sponsor a team of employees, customers, clients or business partners for a day of golf, food, networking and friendly competition in front of more than 200 business and community leaders.

Additional sponsorships are available at the title (\$3,000), silver (\$1,100), tent (\$800) and hole (\$150) levels.

To reserve a team or for information on sponsorships, call Mary Milan at the Bessemer Chamber at 205-425-3253.

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SOUTHERN STYLES

Labor Day and college football enjoyed by friends and family at barbecue



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SOCIAL EDITOR

The shouting of "Roll Tide" and "War Eagle" was heard by the neighbors along Morgan Road on Labor Day weekend. The barbecue, fried fish and crawfish were just

that delicious. Labor Day weekend was also the kickoff of the college football season.

Mona and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens hosted a Labor Day barbecue and fish fry at their Morgan Road residence.

Seen in the crowd enjoying the holiday celebration were Sherry Parsons, Councilwoman Donna Thigpen, Elizabeth and Harry Hill, Stephanie Meadows, Matt and Brittany Stephens, Jody Northcutt, Sandra Brown, Liz Elliot, Robyn White, Sawyer Boyd, and Shawn and Tiffany Ashley.



Jimmie and Mona Stephens hosted the Labor Day barbecue and fish fry at their Morgan Road home



Liz Elliot, Mona Stephens and Sherry Parsons.



Stephanie Meadows and Robyn White

Free expungement clinic set for Oct. 22 at Boutwell Auditorium

Volunteer Lawyers Birmingham and its partners will hold the last expungement clinic of the year from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at Boutwell Auditorium, 1930 Reverend Abraham Woods Jr. Boulevard, Birmingham.

Attorneys, court personnel and voting rights restoration experts will help eligible people petition to clear certain charges from their records. Participants must complete a prescreen form to get an appointment, at vlbham.org/what-we-do/expungements or by calling 205-250-5198.

Partners include the City of Birmingham, the Magic City Bar Association, the Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program, Birmingham AIDS Outreach, the Birmingham Bar Association, the Magic City Legal Center, Return My Vote and Woodlawn United. Volunteer attorneys can sign up for a morning or afternoon shift at events.civicchamps.com/organizations/3153/calendar/month or by emailing mcheek@volunteerlawyersbham.org; an optional continuing legal education session by Zoom is set for noon Thursday, Oct. 15.

Sample ballots for Nov. 3 general election now online

Sample ballots for the Nov. 3 general election are available on the Alabama Secretary of State's website, Secretary of State Wes Allen announced Monday. Ballots for all 67 counties are posted at sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes.

Allen thanked county probate judges and election officials for preparing and reviewing the ballots. "As a former probate judge, I know firsthand the preparation and dedication required to conduct a fair, secure, and transparent election," Allen said.



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CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR
STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
CASE NO. 26BES00391
IN THE MATTER OF THE
CHANGE OF NAME OF:
S.S.R., A MINOR
NOTICE TO: JEREMY SCOTT
RAKES

UNKNOWN ADDRESS
On the 22nd day of July 2026, came Amy Rakes, Mother, Petitioner for the Change of Name for S.S.R. And whereas the 6th day of October 2026, 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 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 25th day of August 2026.
/J/ Jacqueline Knox
DEPUTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
Pub 4 weeks
08/28/2026, 09/04/2026,
09/11/2026, 09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITIZENS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION

PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
716 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd. N., Rm. 120
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Act #248, of the 1945 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature, as amended, the Chair of the Citizens Supervisory Commission, Probate Judge Sherri C. Friday, has called a special meeting of said commission, to be held at 12:00pm on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, in the courtroom of Judge Friday Probate Court, First Floor, Room 120, Jefferson County Courthouse, 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

In the event that there is not a quorum at said meeting, then a special meeting will be held at 12:00pm on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at the aforementioned location. The purpose of this special meeting is to fill an upcoming vacancy in position #3 of the Personnel Board of Jefferson County for the remainder of the current term, December 1, 2026 through October, 2031.

Honorable Sherri C. Friday

Judge of Probate as Chair, Citizens Supervisory Commission
09/04/2026, 09/11/2026,
09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLICATION ON ADOPTION (UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED PARENTS)

IN THE MATTER OF:
ADOPTION OF:
G.J.H.,
A MINOR
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL.
CASE NO. 26BES00241
NOTICE TO THE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED PARENTS OF:
G.J.H.
WHOSE ADDRESS IS ALSO
UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of G.J.H., (born to G.M.H., Natural Mother), was filed on the 7th day of MAY 2026, alleging that the identity of the natural parents of said minor child is unknown or has not been disclosed to the Court, and whose relationship of said unknown or undisclosed natural parent to the aforesaid minor child is that of FATHER. Minor Child's birth date is JULY 2, 2025.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with CALVIN D. BIGGERS, Esq.) whose name and address is shown below, and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Courthouse, Birmingham, AL 35020.

DONE this the 28th day of August 2026.
JACQUELINE S. KNOX,

JUDGE OF PROBATE
Calvin D. Biggers, Esq.
5001 Gary Avenue
Fairfield, AL 35064
09/04/2026, 09/11/2026,
09/18/2026, 09/25/2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY
CASE NO. 26BES00490
ESTATE OF: VERA MAE VINES, DECEASED
TO: JASON JEROME VINES,
Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown and to any and all interested parties:

On the 26TH day of AUGUST 2026, MELISSA SHYVONNE BARNHILL, came and filed Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of VERA MAE VINES, Deceased.

And whereas the 20TH day of October 2026, 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 26th day of AUGUST 2026.
/J/ Jacqueline Knox
DEPUTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
09/04/2026, 09/11/2026,
09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
CRAIG KENNETH SPARKS,
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER: 26BES000454
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 24th day of August 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.
AMBER SPARKS UPTON
Personal Representative(s)
09/04/2026, 09/11/2026,
09/18/2026

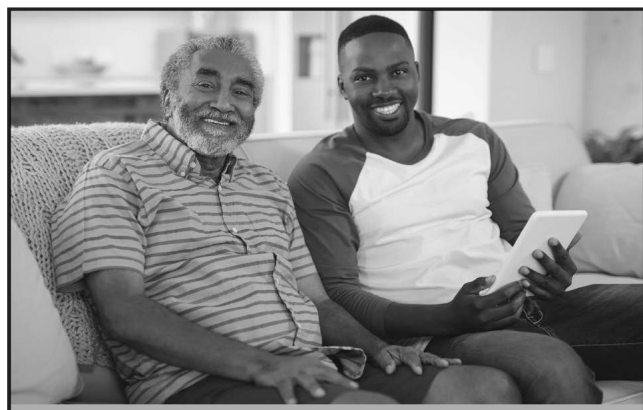
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JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000484
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRA-
TION UPON THE ESTATE of said
decendent, having been granted to the
Undersigned on the 25th day of Au-
gust 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 ver-
ified statement of such claim in the of-
fice of the said Judge of Probate within
six months from above date, or said
claim will be barred and payment pro-
hibited.

BEVERLY BAKER WEBSTER
Personal Representative(s)
09/04/2026, 09/11/2026,
09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF:
BERETA D. CARSON
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000485
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRA-
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decendent, having been granted to the
Undersigned on the 25th day of Au-
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Jameria J. Moore, Judge of the Pro-
bate Court of Jefferson County, Ala-
bama, notice is hereby given that all
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and verified statement of such claim
in the office of the said Judge of Pro-
bate within six months from above
date, or said claim will be barred and
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JOHN H CARSON JR
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09/04/2026, 09/11/2026,
09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
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JARED KEITH JORDAN
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000489
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decendent, having been granted to the
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Jameria J. Moore, Judge of the Pro-
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persons having Claims against said
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bate within six months from above
date, or said claim will be barred and
payment prohibited.

TAYLOR JORDAN HOLLIS

Personal Representative(s)
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09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF:
MURT E DANIEL
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000491
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRA-
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decendent, having been granted to the
Undersigned on the 27th day of Au-
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Jameria J. Moore, Judge of the Pro-
bate Court of Jefferson County, Ala-
bama, notice is hereby given that all
persons having Claims against said
Estate are required to file an itemized
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in the office of the said Judge of Pro-
bate within six months from above
date, or said claim will be barred and
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WAYNE ALAN DUKE
Personal Representative(s)
09/04/2026, 09/11/2026,
09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF:
CAROLYN FARRIS PIERCE
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000492
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
UPON LAST WILL AND TESTA-
MENT of said decendent, having been
granted to the Undersigned on the
27th day of August 2026, by the
HONORABLE Sherri C. Friday,
Judge of the Probate Court of Jeff-
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.

GREGORY BRUCE PIERCE
Personal Representative(s)
09/04/2026, 09/11/2026,
09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF:
HOWARD DONALD DICKEY
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000493
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
UPON LAST WILL AND TESTA-
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HONORABLE Jameria J. Moore,
Judge of the Probate Court of Jeff-
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against said Estate are required to file

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SHEILA DIANNE BORDERS
Personal Representative(s)
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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF:
JAN BARRON TOWERS
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000497
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
UPON LAST WILL AND TESTA-
MENT of said decendent, having been
granted to the Undersigned on the 1ST
day of September 2026, by the HON-
ORABLE 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 state-
ment 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.

WANDA D. TOWERS
Personal Representative(s)
09/04/2026, 09/11/2026,
09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE

Alabama Department of Trans-
portation 2024-2027
Statewide Transportation Im-
provement Program (STIP) Amend-
ment No. 35

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 Trans-
portation Improvement Program
which was approved October 2023.

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

Alabama Department of Trans-
portation, E-101 1409 Coliseum
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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
09/04/2026, 09/11/2026,
09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF:

JAMES D GLASS
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA
CASE NUMBER: 26BES000423

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
UPON LAST WILL AND TESTA-
MENT of said decendent, having been
granted to the Undersigned on the 5th
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ABLE SHERRI C. FRIDAY, Judge
of the Probate Court of Jefferson
County, Alabama, notice is hereby
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against said Estate are required to file
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such claim in the office of the said
Judge of Probate within six months
from above date, or said claim will be
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BETTYE H GLASS
Personal Representative(s)
09/11/2026, 09/18/2026,
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF:

CAROL LYNN GILL a/k/a
CAROL SMITH GILL
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000510
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
UPON LAST WILL AND TESTA-
MENT of said decendent, having been
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day of September 2026, by the HON-
ORABLE 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 Pro-
bate within six months from above
date, or said claim will be barred and
payment prohibited.

JOSHUA ADAM LANKFORD
Personal Representative(s)
09/11/2026, 09/18/2026,
09/25/2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
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CHARZETTA L RICHARD
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BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000513
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Undersigned on the 4th day of Sep-
tember 2026, by the HONORABLE
JAMERIA JOHNSON MOORE, Judge
of the Probate Court of Jeff-
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.

CHANELLE L RICHARDSON
Personal Representative(s)
09/11/2026, 09/18/2026,
09/25/2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF:
BENNIE JEAN DUMAS

DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000514
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRA-
TION UPON THE ESTATE of said
decendent, having been granted to the
Undersigned on the 8th day of Sep-
tember 2026, by the HONORABLE
SHERRI C. FRIDAY, Judge of the
Probate Court of Jefferson County, Al-
abama, 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 Pro-
bate within six months from above
date, or said claim will be barred and
payment prohibited.

JAMES C BLUTCHER
Personal Representative(s)
09/11/2026, 09/18/2026,
09/25/2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF:

CALLIE CRUCE
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000349
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
UPON LAST WILL AND TESTA-
MENT of said decendent, having been
granted to the Undersigned on the 8th
day of September 2026, by the HON-
ORABLE JACQUELINE KNOX,
Judge of the Probate Court of Jeff-
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.

JENNIFER CRUCE PUCKETT
Personal Representative(s)
09/11/2026, 09/18/2026,
09/25/2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF:

BRENDA JACKSON HARRIS
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000498
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
UPON LAST WILL AND TESTA-
MENT of said decendent, having been
granted to the Undersigned on the 31st
day of August 2026, by the HONOR-
ABLE Sherri C. Friday, Judge of the
Probate Court of Jefferson County, Al-
abama, 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 Pro-
bate within six months from above
date, or said claim will be barred and
payment prohibited.

PAMELA HARRIS GAY
Personal Representative(s)
09/11/2026, 09/18/2026,
09/25/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

EMMA LOU DAVIS
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA-
BAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000307
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
UPON LAST WILL AND TESTA-
MENT of said decedent, having been
granted to the Undersigned on the 8th
day of September 2026, by the HON-
ORABLE JACQUELINE KNOX,
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.

GLENN EDWARD DAVIS
ANDREW DAVID
Personal Representative(s)
09/11/2026, 09/18/2026,
09/25/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND
FOR DIVISION AND DISTRIBU-
TION/PAYMENT DEBTS
STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
CASE NO. 24BES000108
ESTATE OF: JANE GREY HAR-
RIS, DECEASED

On the 2nd day of June, 2026,
came Eric Harris, the Personal Repre-
sentative, for the Estate of Jane Grey
Harris, Deceased, and filed his petition
in writing, praying for the sale of cer-
tain lands described as follows:
2684 Goss Street, Birmingham, AL
35211

Said property belonging to said es-
tate, the sale being for the purpose of
paying debts and or division and dis-
tribution among the heirs and devi-
sees, upon the grounds that said
property cannot be equitable divided
among the joint owners (or that per-
sonal property is insufficient therefore)
and it appearing to the Court from said
petition that the following heirs are
non-residents of the State of Alabama:

Eric Harris, Vincent Harris, Eboni
Harris, Vinson Harris, Alyssa Whi-
taker Any and All Unknown Heirs and
Creditors, whose names, ages, con-
ditions and addresses are unknown

And whereas the 21st day of Oc-
tober 2026 at 2:30 p.m., has been set
as a day for hearing said petition and
the testimony to be submitted in sup-
port 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 pub-
lication once a week for three succes-
sive weeks in the Western Star, a
newspaper published in this County,
notifying all parties in interest to ap-
pear and contest said petition if they
think proper so to do.

This the 8th day of September
2026.

Sherri C. Friday
Judge of Probate
09/11/2026, 09/18/2026,
09/25/2026

NOTICE OF RUNOFF ELEC-
TION

Notice of Runoff Election of Mu-
nicipal Elected Officials
City of Bessemer, Alabama.

Notice is hereby given that on
Tuesday, September 22, 2026, a runoff
election for the purpose of electing the
Mayor, City Council (Districts 6 & 7),
and Board of Education (District 5 &
6) for the City of Bessemer, Alabama,
and that all registered and qualified
electors of the state, who reside within
the corporate limits of Bessemer, Ala-
bama, and have resided therein 90
days or more immediately preceding
the date of the general election (Au-
gust 25, 2026), and who are qualified
to vote in the county precinct which
embraces and covers that part of the
corporate limits of the city in which
the elector resides, will be authorized
to participate in the election.

The polls will be opened at 7:00
A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. at the fol-
lowing polling locations for the runoff
election:

Council District and Box
Polling Place

(a) District 1, Box 1 Fire Admin-
istration Building

1111 2nd Avenue
Bessemer, Alabama 35020

(b) District 2, Box 1 Macedonia
Baptist Church

1401 26th Street North
Bessemer, Alabama 35020

(c) District 3, Box 1 Community
Center

South Bessemer Housing Project
2501 Clarendon Avenue
Bessemer, Alabama 35020

(d) District 4, Box 1 The Station
Church

6270 Park South Drive
Bessemer, Alabama 35022

(e) District 4, Box 2 Parkwood
Church of God

1975 Highway 150
Bessemer, Alabama 35022

(f) District 5, Box 1 West Hills Pri-
mary School

710 Glenn Road
Bessemer, Alabama 35022

(g) District 6, Box 1 Fire Station
No. 4

495 Flint Hill Road
Bessemer, Alabama 35022

(h) District 6, Box 2 Fire Station
No. 5

1715 Long 12th Street North
Bessemer, Alabama 35020

(i) District 7, Box 1 Thompson
Manor

1500 Exeter Avenue
Bessemer, Alabama 35020

(j) District 7, Box 2 Bessemer Rec-
reation Center

100 14th Street South
Bessemer, Alabama 35020

The above described places of vot-
ing have been designated pursuant to
Ala. Code 1975, §11-46-24.

Wanda D. Taylor
City Clerk

City of Bessemer, Alabama
Publication Date: September 18,
2026

LEGAL NOTICE
POLL WORKERS FOR DIS-
TRICT 1 BOX 1

DISTRICT 01 – BOX 01

FIRE ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING

1111 2nd Avenue North
CHIEF INSPECTOR: Monica

Mason
1021 1st Avenue North
205-434-7646

CLERK: Markheta Mason
1021 1st Avenue North
205-233-9359

CLERK: Cynthia Fitch
644 8th Avenue North
205-529-7479

CLERK: Nikita Jones
1129 Barclay Drive
205-409-1461

CLERK: Sonja Blocker
1114 Blocker Drive
205-516-5094

LEGAL NOTICE

POLL WORKERS FOR DIS-
TRICT 2 BOX 1

DISTRICT 02 – BOX 01
MACEDONIA BAPTIST

CHURCH
1401 26th Street North
CHIEF INSPECTOR: Beverly M.

Benefield
2315 13th Court North
205-218-2518

CLERK: Barbara Spencer
1725 24th Street North
205-565-6008

CLERK: Ronald J. Spencer
1725 24th Street North
205-565-6008

CLERK: Aretha Percy
1709 25th Street North
205-267-2101

CLERK: Carol Calhoun
2030 18th Street N
205-613-7122

POLL WORKERS FOR DIS-
TRICT 3 BOX 1

DISTRICT 03 – BOX 01
COMMUNITY CENTER

SOUTH BESSEMER HOUSING
PROJECT
2501 Clarendon Avenue
CHIEF INSPECTOR: Ernestine

McNair
2300 Fairfax Avenue
205-903-6654

CLERK: Lee Nelson
2916 Arlington Avenue
205-475-5206

CLERK: Natlyn Tucker
2300 Fairfax Avenue
205-540-7720

CLERK: Towandra L. McKinley
2300 Fairfax Avenue
205-800-6476

POLL WORKERS FOR DIS-
TRICT 4 BOX 1

DISTRICT 04 – BOX 01
THE STATION CHURCH

6270 Park South Drive
CHIEF INSPECTOR: Christine

M. Champion
2340 Quail Drive
205-296-1899

CLERK: Cindy C. Stanley
2328 Quail Drive
205-706-1060

CLERK: Nancy Vann
2185 Quail Drive
205-516-9028

CLERK: Judy Moore
2231 Quail Drive
205-706-6393

CLERK: Justin McNair
3400 Hilltop Road
850-261-0612

CLERK: Vickie Garner
4001 Myrtle Circle
205-425-7139
CLERK: Randy Champion
2340 Quail Drive
205-296-1897
ALTERNATE CLERK: Scott
Stanley
2328 Quail Drive
205-540-4349

POLL WORKERS FOR DIS-
TRICT 4 BOX 2

DISTRICT 04 – BOX 02
PARKWOOD CHURCH OF

GOD
1975 Highway 150
CHIEF INSPECTOR: Charles M.

Aldrich
4846 Aldrich Road
205-428-0648

CLERK: Jane N. Aldrich
4846 Aldrich Road
205-428-0648

CLERK: Glenda Goodwin
2628 Old Highway 150
205-643-1239

CLERK: Rose Clum
2580 Walker Road
205-447-2909

CLERK: Virginia Kaye White
110 Bentley Lane
205-539-0132

CLERK: Lisa Lagle
102 Bentley Lane
205-902-6973

POLL WORKERS FOR DIS-
TRICT 5 BOX 1

DISTRICT 05 – BOX 01
WESTHILLS PRIMARY

SCHOOL
710 Glenn Road
CHIEF INSPECTOR: Sandra

McQueen
713 Castlewood Drive
205-915-5791

CLERK: Vincent E. Duncan
716 Castlewood Drive
205-790-6148

CLERK: Vickie Ashford
808 Canterbury Drive
205-447-9213

CLERK: Linda Ashford Williams
123 Woodland Road
205-207-7136

CLERK: Dewayne Thompson
808 Canterbury Drive
205-728-4063

POLL WORKERS FOR DIS-
TRICT 6 BOX 1

DISTRICT 06 – BOX 01
FIRE STATION NO. 4

495 Flint Hill Road
CHIEF INSPECTOR: Henrietta

Johnson
5381 Cedar Creek Way
205-381-3092

CLERK: Don Mason
5276 Cedar Creek Lane
205-965-8507

CLERK: Jerry Johnson
5381 Cedar Creek Way
205-215-1336

CLERK: Jolencia L. Alexander
5381 Cedar Creek Way
205-441-4830

POLL WORKERS FOR DIS-
TRICT 6 BOX 2

DISTRICT 06 – BOX 02
FIRE STATION NO. 5

1709 Long 12th Street North
CHIEF INSPECTOR: Shirley

Garrett
2014 13th Way North

205-960-9737
CLERK: Linda Means
2105 Long 14th Street
205-807-8627
CLERK: Bettie J. Harris
3231 Long 14th Street
205-223-1684
CLERK: Sarah Glass
2215 Long 14th Street
205-541-2341
CLERK: Cassandra Sanders
2228 15th Street North
205-789-8853

POLL WORKERS FOR DIS-
TRICT 7 BOX 1

DISTRICT 07 – BOX 01
THOMPSON MANOR

1500 Exeter Avenue
CHIEF INSPECTOR: TyKesha L.
Hudson

517 12th Street South
205-369-0475
CLERK: Loler Robinson

1538 Exeter Court
860-794-6851
CLERK: Sandra Crenshaw

2012 Arlington Avenue
205-760-4760
CLERK: Henry Hamilton

1515 Dartmouth Avenue
205-434-0744
CLERK: Curtis Duncan

1617 Exeter Avenue
205-478-3021

POLL WORKERS FOR DIS-
TRICT 7 BOX 2

DISTRICT 07 – BOX 02
BESSEMER RECREATION

CENTER
100 14th Street South
CHIEF INSPECTOR: Gwendolyn

Morgan
410 8th Street South
205-447-9369

CLERK: Rolna Hill
400 Center Street
205-267-2956

CLERK: Shequita Mason
902 Fairfax Avenue
205-532-8437

CLERK: Patricia Studivant
806 Clarendon Avenue
205-902-4692

CLERK: Suzanne Bynum
308 Ash Avenue
205-370-8838

CLERK: Portia Strode
431 10th Street South
205-529-4997

ABSENTEE POLL WORKERS
BESSEMER CITY HALL

1700 3rd Avenue North
CHIEF INSPECTOR: Johnnye P.

Lassiter
321 Lexington Boulevard
205-305-5309

CLERK: Florianna Williams
906 Alabama Avenue
205-532-0718

CLERK: Jeri Hunter
432 Castlewood Drive
659-286-3729

CLERK: Andrea Kirk-Cook
649 Elm Street Southwest
205-901-5562

CLERK: Donald J. Howton
1501 Berkley Avenue
205-966-3938

CLERK: Carolyn Coleman
725 Gramor Drive
205-305-0424

CLERK: Delores Byrd Smith
100 Alabama Avenue
205-413-3542

09/18/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that: Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction Co., LLC, has completed the contract for the construction of Bessemer City Board of Education Bessemer High School Bus Route Paving for the State of Alabama, and the Bessemer City Board of Education, 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:

Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction Co., LLC

3181 Fosters Ferry Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Office: (205) 349-0910

09/18/2026, 09/25/2026,
10/02/2026, 10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

WHEELER WRECKER SERVICE INC gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 10/23/2026, 10:00 AM at 705 22ND ST N BESSEMER, AL, pursuant to subsection 32-13-3 of the Alabama Statutes. WHEELER WRECKER SERVICE INC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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ACUR MDX

JH4CL96845C016874 2005

ACUR TSX

WAUJ8GFF9J1016790 2018

AUDI A3

WBXYJ1C08N5U19874 2022

BMW X2

BA3B3C5XEJ981436 2014

BMW 328i

WBA4A5C53FG051539 2015

BMW 4-SERIES

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BUICK CENTURY

KL47LCEP7SB162075 2025

BUIC ENVISTA

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BUIC LeSABRE

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BUIC RENDEVOUS

1G6AA5RA1E0105330 2014

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CADI CTS

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DILLAC DEVILLE

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CADILLAC SRX

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CADI STS

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CADI XT6

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CHEV C/K 1500

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CHEVY COBALT

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CHEV COBALT

1GCGSCEN7J1318689 2018

CHEV COLORADO

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CHEV COLORADO

1GCPSEKXS1148524 2025

CHEV COLORADO

1G1PE5SB8D7142761 2013

CHEV CRUZE

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CHEV CRUZE LIMITED

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CHEVROLET IMPALA

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CHEV IMPALA

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CHEVROLET IMPALA LIMITED

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CHEV IMPALA LIMITED

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DODG RAM 1500

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FORD CROWN VICTORIA

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FORD F150

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FORD F150

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1FTNX20518EE33236 2008

FORD F250 SD

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5NPLS4AG8NH057292	2022	NISS ALTIMA	3N1AB8BV6SY369771	2025	5YFB4MDE8RP124367	2024	said claim will be barred and payment prohibited. KEVIN BRYANT GASTON Personal Representative(s) 09/18/2026; 09/25/2026; 10/02/2026 Attorney of Record	
HYUN ELANTRA		1N4AL21E88N534529	2008	NISS SENTRA	TOYT COROLLA			
KMHLL4DG3TU145125	2026	NISS ALTIMA		1N6AA1EK6HN534892	2017	JT3GN87R8Y0160517		2000
HYUN ELANTRA SE		1N4AL21E29N422486	2009	NISS TITAN	TOYT 4-RUNNER			
5NMS23AD4KH043801	2019	NISS ALTIMA		3N6CM0KN9MK704462	2021	JTEZU5JR9C5036813		2012
HYUN SANTA FE		1N4AL2AP9AN524499	2010	NISS 200	TOYOTA 4-RUNNER			
5NPEU46F46H014007	2006	NISS ALTIMA		3N1CN7AP1GL874067	2016	JTENU5JR4P6149065		2023
HYUN SONATA		1N4AL2AP5BN493222	2011	NISS VERSA	TOYT 4RUNNER			
5NPEB4AC2BH262463	2011	NISS ALTIMA		3N1CN7AP3KL878291	2019	JF1ZNBB1XR8758071		2024
HYUNDAI SONATA		1N4AL2AP1BN457625	2011	NISS VERSA	TOYO GR86			
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HYUN SONATA		1N4AL2AP4CN520136	2012	NISS VERSA	TOYT HIGHLANDER			
KMHL24JJ8TA156254	2026	NISSAN ALTIMA		3N1CN8FV6SL842558	2025	5TENX22N96Z231879	2006	
HYUNDAI SONATA		1N4AL2AP6CN422371	2012	NISS VERSA	TOYT TACOMA			
KMHWF35H95A202650	2005	NISS ALTIMA		6G2EC57Y39L206146	2009	5TFRV54178X046596	2008	
HYUNDAI SONATA LX		1N4AL2AP6CC206452	2012	PONT G8	TOYOTA TUNDRA			
KM8J33A42HU480007	2017	NISS ALTIMA		1C6SRFFT7RN170592	2024	1V2JE2CA1MC218571	2021	
HYUN TUSCON		1N4AL3AP0DC283700	2013	RAM 1500	VOLK ATLAS CROSS SPORT			
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HYUN TUSCON		1N4AL3AP6FC495682	2015	RAM 1500 DS	VOLK BEETLE			
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MERZ SL CLASS		JN1BJ1AW3NW476166	2022	TOYT COROLLA				
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MIT S MIRAGE		3N1AB7AP7FY248072	2015	TOYOTA COROLLA				
JA4MS41X68Z002335	2008	NISS SENTRA		5YFVPMOAE6NP361961	2022			
MIT S OUTLANDER		3N1AB7APXKY309277	2019	TOYT COROLLA				
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MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER		3N1AB8CV4MY241952	2021	TOYO COROLLA				
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MIT S OUTLANDER SPORT		3N1AB8CV2NY315869	2022	TOYO COROLLA				
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LEGAL NOTICE			
PUBLICATION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 26BESS00501 ESTATE OF: TREY PAUL MARIAN, DECEASED TO: The Heirs and Creditors and To Whom It May Concern And to any and all interested parties; On the 3RD day of September, 2026, came JOHN MARIAN, as beneficiary of TREY PAUL MARIAN, Deceased, having expired on JUNE 27, 2026, a resident of Jefferson County, Alabama, and filed his Petition for Summary Distribution in this matter as provided in the "Alabama Small Estates Act". And whereas the 14th day of December, 2026, at 10:30 AM., has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same. It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by one time publication for one week in the WESTERN STAR, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do. This the 10TH day of September, 2026. JUDGE OF PROBATE 09/18/2026			

LEGAL NOTICE			
NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GEORGE OSCAR COBERN JR, DECEASED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 26BES000517 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 10th day of September 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. KAREN JOHNSON Personal Representative(s) 09/18/2026; 09/25/2026; 10/02/2026 Attorney of Record			

LEGAL NOTICE			
NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JEWEL DEAN COLEMAN GASTON, DECEASED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NUMBER: 26BES000516 LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 10th day of September 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			

LEGAL NOTICE			
PUBLICATION STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 26BESS0089 ESTATE OF: ROBERT LEE DAVIS SR., DECEASED TO: ROBERT DAVIS JR. and Miesha Davis Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown And to any and all interested parties; On the 2nd day of September, 2026 and 8th day of September 2026, came TERRY SMITH DAVIS, and filed her Petition for Spousal Allowances and Exempt Property and Objection to Inventory, in the matter of the Estate of ROBERT LEE DAVIS SR., Deceased. And whereas the 14TH day of December, 2026, at 11:00 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same. It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said petition and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in the WESTERN STAR, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they			

think proper so to do.

This the 10TH day of September, 2026.

JUDGE OF PROBATE

09/18/2026; 09/25/2026;
10/02/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT

JEFFERSON COUNTY
CASE NO. 26BES00511

ESTATE OF: MERRYLEN
ROOKS STAFFORD, DECEASED

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

On the 10TH day of September 2026, JO ANN GRIFFIN came and filed HER Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of MERRYLEN ROOKS STAFFORD, Deceased.

And whereas the 3RD day of November 2026, 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 11TH day of September 2026.

/J/ Jacqueline Knox
DEPUTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
Run dates: 09/18/2026;
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND
FOR DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION/PAYMENT DEBTS
STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT

JEFFERSON COUNTY
CASE NO. 25BES000578

ESTATE OF: GUSSIE MAE
ROGERS, DECEASED

On the 8th day of September 2026, came Arthur Rogers, the Personal Representative, for the Estate of Gussie Mae Rogers, Deceased, and filed his petition in writing, praying for the sale of certain lands described as follows:

3241 Allison Bonnett Memorial Drive, Hueytown, Alabama 35023-1420

Said property belonging to said estate, the sale being for the purpose of paying debts and or division and distribution among the heirs and devisees, upon the grounds that said property cannot be equitable divided among the joint owners (or that personal property is insufficient therefore) and it appearing to the Court from said petition that the following heirs are non-residents of the State of Alabama:

Frank McClain, Jr., Sylvester E. McClain, Diane Rogers, Brenda L. Rogers Arrington, Cassandra f. Rogers, Donna A. Rogers, Terry T. Moore, Jordan Hudson, Todd Belcher, Wilbert G. Rogers, Mickey Rogers, Beulah M. Rogers Kynard Any and All Unknown Heirs and Creditors,

whose names, ages, conditions and addresses are unknown

And whereas the 21st day of October 2026 at 2:30 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 10th day of September 2026.

Sherri C. Friday
Judge of Probate
9/18; 9/25/26; 10/2/26

LEGAL NOTICE

Abandoned Car Auction

Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 32-8046, Code of Alabama 1975, you are hereby notified that the following motor vehicle, to wit:

1991	Buick	PARK	AVE
1G4CW53L7M1606602			
2013	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	
5NPDH4AE3DH189456			
2017	NISS	ALTIMA	
1N4AL3AP3HN314352			
2004	FORD	F150	
1FTRX12W94NB48957			
2000	FORD	F150	
1FTRX17L1YNA97717			
2013	NISS	MAXIMA	
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2014	HOND	ACCORD	
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2013	HOND	ACCORD	
1HGCR3F96DA002671			
2014	HOND	CIVIC	
19XFB2F54EE012329			
2017	KIA	OPTIMA	
5XXGU4L32HG130288			
2012	NISS	ROGUE	
JN8AS5MT4CW259760			
2009	CHEV	SLV	
3GCEK23M99G275496			

will be sold at auction as an abandoned motor vehicle. Auction date is Oct 23, 2026, at 8 a.m. at 3800 Flight Drive Birmingham AL 35215.

The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low and may postpone the public auction until another time and place. In addition, the seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public auction.
published 09/18/2026; 09/25/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

LAND FOR SALE - REQUEST
FOR BIDS

The Bessemer Industrial Development Board (IDB) is requesting sealed bids for the sale of property located at 1130 Greenwood Crossings Court, Bessemer Alabama 35022.

Property Description - Lot 7A
Zoned I-1 (Light Industrial)
1.45 +/- acres - out of flood zone
Parcel Number: 38-00-35-001-003.002

Property Description - Lot 7B
Zoned I-1 (Light Industrial)
2.47 +/- acres - in flood zone

Parcel Number: 38-00-35-3-001-003.000

The parcels are offered for combined sale only.

Sealed bids including buyer information, contact information and offer amount should be submitted no later than 5pm on Thursday, October 15, 2026. All sealed bids should be delivered to:

The Bessemer Business Center
1020 9th Avenue SW
Bessemer, Alabama 35022
Attention: Devron Veasley

Sealed bids received after 5pm on Thursday, October 15, 2026, will not be accepted. All properly submitted bids will be opened and considered at meeting of the Bessemer Industrial Development Board scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 10:30am. The IDB meeting will take place at the James E. Mulkin Downtown Business Center - 401 19th Street North, Bessemer, Alabama 35022. The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, please contact Devron Veasley, IDB Manager at (205) 481-2101.
published 09/18/2026; 09/25/2026;
10/02/2026; 10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME PUBLICATION FOR A MINOR
STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY
CASE NO. 26BES00515
IN THE MATTER OF THE
CHANGE OF NAME OF:
A.A.C.I., A MINOR
NOTICE TO: KAVON TARIQ
ISHMAN, SR.
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

On the 10th day of September 2026, came Raven Foster, Mother, Petitioner for the Change of Name for A.A.C.I. And whereas the 17th day of November 2026, 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 four consecutive weeks in the Western Star, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all parties in interest to appear and contest said petition if they think proper so to do. Please note that an answer may be filed within 30 days from the date of this last publication notice.

Given under my hand, this, the 14th day of September 2026.

/J/ Jacqueline Knox

DEPUTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
09/18/2026, 09/25/2026,
10/02/2026, 10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE AMENDED PUBLICATION

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY

CASE NO.26BES00518

ESTATE OF: FRANK E. KERLEY, DECEASED

TO: FRANK MARCUS KERLEY, RODNEY LEN KERLEY AND JEFFREY DALE KERLEY

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

On the 14th day of September 2026, MARLENE KERLEY ADAMS came and filed HER Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of FRANK E. KERLEY ADAMS, Deceased.

And whereas the 3RD day of November 2026, at 11:00 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said petition

and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.

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

This the 14TH day of September 2026.

/J/ Jacqueline Knox

DEPUTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
Run dates: 09/18/2026;
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026

Lawson State lineworker program is first in Alabama approved for Workforce Pell

Lawson State Community College's Lineworker Training Program is the first program in Alabama approved for Workforce Pell, Gov. Kay Ivey's office announced Sept. 14.

Workforce Pell extends federal Pell Grant eligibility to approved short-term training programs for high-skill, high-wage or in-demand jobs. The Alabama Department of Workforce reviews the applications with the Alabama Workforce Board; a program must show employer demand, a recognized credential and completion and job placement results. Lawson State's was the first application through the process.

The 10-week program, offered with Alabama Power, gives more than 400 hours of hands-on training in pole

climbing, power line installation, truck driving and ladder safety. The college has reported hundreds of applicants for recent classes, and participants who do well often have job offers before they finish, according to the governor's office.

"Our Lineworker Training Program gives students the opportunity to develop real-world skills, earn valuable credentials and prepare for careers that can provide stability for themselves and their families," Lawson State President Dr. Cynthia T. Anthony said.

Other community colleges are preparing applications, and the Department of Workforce will post a directory of approved programs at workforce.alabama.gov.



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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
**HUMAN
RESOURCES**

Therapy dog Lily pays a visit to Empower Community School

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Empower Community School in Bessemer recently hosted its first pet therapy session, provided by Pet Partners volunteer Warrene Self and Lily, a trained Yorkshire terrier. The pair visited the campus at 751 Academy Drive to an excited staff and a thrilled student body.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 600 people died by suicide in Alabama in 2024, and more than 30 of them were children.

"We need to make sure that children have options to better their mental health and have avenues so that that number can lower and kids can be successful and happy," said Dr. Yuvraj Verma, a teacher at the school. "We feel from experience that pet therapy is a way for kids to be provided with a means that allows them a release from

school and personal stresses, to engage with their counterparts with the inclusion of pets within the school day."

Pet therapy is used to help students feel connected socially and emotionally, which research ties to doing well in school. The session proved valuable to everyone in the rooms and hallways of the Empower Community School family.

"Sometimes we find our students come with situations that don't allow them to connect with their peers easily, so we look to other means and methods to ensure our students' success," said Dr. Luther Riley, the principal. "Sessions such as these help build a community for our students which provides social and emotional pieces necessary for students to feel seen and heard amongst one another. We meet our kids where they are and provide support systems for them by all means."

"We visit kids to give them



Principal Dr. Luther Riley, Dr. Smith, Pet Partners' Warrene Self and therapy dog Lily with Empower Community School staff and students

something special to do within their school days," Self said. "We provide services from trained animals that know how to interact publicly that ensure a positive and safe visit anywhere needed." Dr. Meredith Davis, the school's superintendent, said the session is part of its social and emotional platform. "In order to move students forward academically, we have to make

sure they're well fully, and this is what we're doing here through our pet therapy sessions," Davis said. Students who deal with grief, post-traumatic stress, anger and other emotional problems are being taught to manage them by identifying symptoms and emotions that will not lead to negative reactions. Learning to be proactive and to communicate well is

a start toward making sure children do not leave the classroom with unaddressed anger and anxiety. For more information on the program, visit PetPartners.org. We celebrate the meaningful missions of schools such as Bessemer's Empower Community School, and let's continue to share positivity that has a meaningful impact on our mental and emotional growth.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Alabama Department of Transportation Announces

Public Involvement Meeting

For

PROJECT NUMBER: STPBH-3725(250)

Resurfacing on CR-337(McCalla Road) from Norfolk Southern Railroad to 4th Avenue SW – Phase 2

Thursday, October 1, 2026

City of Bessemer– City Hall

1700 3rd Avenue North

Bessemer, Alabama 35202

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

This will be an Open House Meeting without a formal presentation. During this meeting, the public will have an opportunity to review project information and maps, ask questions and discuss the project with the City of Bessemer, ALDOT staff and the project designers.

Project information will be online at

www.ALDOTInvolved.com

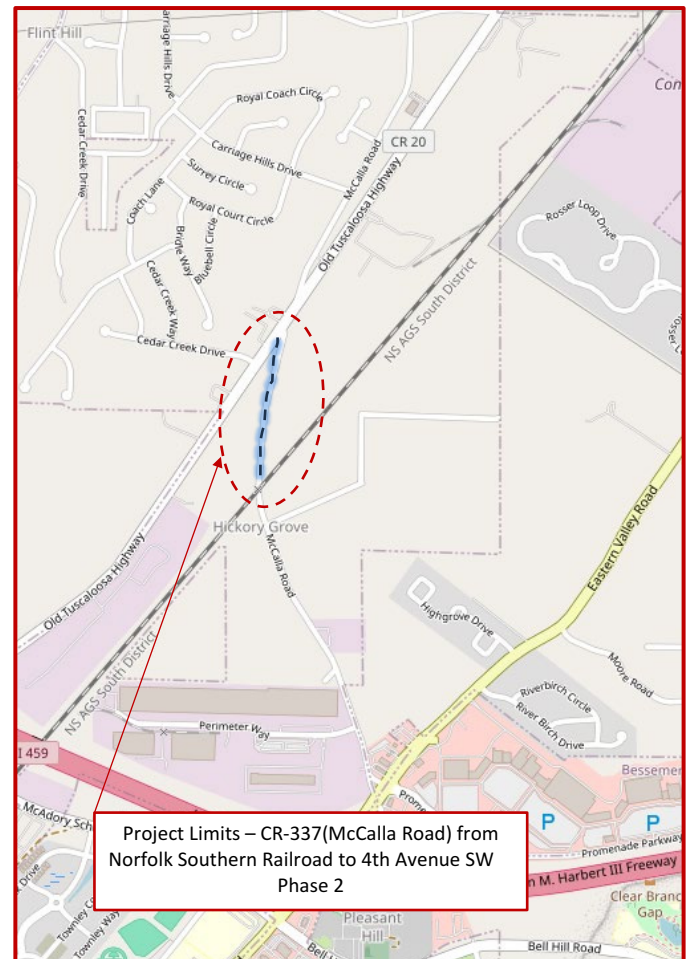
Your comments may be submitted at the meeting, by mail, email or voicemail.

Comments must be received by Friday, October 23, 2026.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR FOR INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE CONTACT:

Mr. DeJarvis Leonard, P.E. Region Engineer
Alabama Department of Transportation – East Central Region
P.O. Box 2745
Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2745
Attn: Mrs. Dannette Ratcliff

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE RECEIVED AT LEAST FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING



Bessemer couple celebrates the coming arrival of baby Keylen

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Kenyon Rudolph and Kahmiya Custard are parents to be, and they recently celebrated the coming birth of Keylen Rudolph at the Unity Event Center, 397 Fourth Ave. SW in Bessemer. With their parents, siblings, friends and other loved ones on hand, the Cookie Monster themed celebration had no shortage

of laughter and fellowship.

Decorated in blue and white for a baby boy, the shower brought the couple a pile of gifts. "We certainly are grateful and knowingly are well prepared, due to the many diapers gifted to us today," Custard said with a laugh.

Guests played games, and warm food and Cookie Monster cupcakes and cake were served.



The Cookie Monster cake for baby Keylen



Kahmiya Custard and Kenyon Rudolph at their baby shower.

Keylen is expected any day now. We celebrate his arrival and the parenting Kenyon and Kahmiya will give him,

and we celebrate all our newborns as we hope to be good examples for their futures.

Pleasant Grove man charged with capital murder in Birmingham shooting

A 51-year-old Pleasant Grove man is charged with two counts of capital murder in the Sept. 8 shooting death of a Birmingham man in the city's Roosevelt neighborhood.

Derrick Rasard Gray was arrested the day of the shooting by the Birmingham Police Department's Violent Crime Apprehension Team in the 2200 block of Third Street Northwest and was taken into custody without incident, police said.

Officers were called to the 5900 block of Jesse Owens Avenue shortly after 6:20 p.m. on a report of a person shot and found Brian Swain, 54, of Birmingham, unresponsive with an apparent gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Birmingham Fire and Rescue. Investigators said Swain and another man had been in a verbal argument before shots were fired.

Police said Gray was arrested on charges of capital murder and shooting into an occupied dwelling and would be held without bond at the Jefferson County Jail. District court records for the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County list two capital murder charges against Gray.

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Hueytown Community Theatre opens first full season October 16



Lori Davidson, Katsy Sellers, Ashley Russell and Tammy Earnest.

The Hueytown Community Theatre will open its 2026-27 season Oct. 16 with "The Curious Savage," John Patrick's three-act comedy, at the Hueytown Family Recreation Center, 1348 Hueytown Road.

In its three years the theatre has nearly sold out every show. This third season is its first full one. Katsy Sellers is the theatre's director, and Michelle McClinton is president of the Hueytown Arts Council.

"The Curious Savage" is directed by Ashley Russell, with Jeff DeShazo as assistant director. The story follows an elderly woman who inherits

\$10 million and decides to give her fortune away to help ordinary people, until greed shows its face.

"Hueytown residents love being able to enjoy a night out by going to the theatre in our city," Sellers said. "The community theatre has established a strong patrons' base."

The season continues with "Christmas Belles" Dec. 10-13, "The Young and the Murderous" Feb. 12-14, 2027, and "Deliver Us From Mama" April 23 through May 2, 2027. Ticket information is at hueytownarts.org and on the Hueytown Arts Council's Facebook page.

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