

Bessemer runoff settles mayor's race and four seats; results after press time

Bessemer voters went to the polls Tuesday, Sept. 22, to settle the mayor's race and four other contests left undecided by the Aug. 25 municipal election. Final results were not available when the Star went to press Tuesday night. Full results will appear in next week's edition.

The runoff for mayor pairs

incumbent Kenneth Gulley, in office for 16 years, with Louise Alexander. In the four-candidate first round, Gulley received 1,809 votes and Alexander 1,644, with Darral Bethel at 466 and Brenita Ingram Lewis at 91, according to the official results certified by the City Council.

In the District 6 City Council

race, Valerie Williams, who led the Aug. 25 field with 217 votes, faces incumbent Carla Foreman Jackson, who received 180. Tonia Miller received 164 and Lakia Carter Reeves 46.

In District 7, incumbent Cleo King, who received 266 votes, faces Silas Baldwin,

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Judge dismisses Bethel's residency suit against Gulley

A Jefferson County circuit judge dismissed Darral Bethel's suit challenging Mayor Kenneth Gulley's residency on Sept. 16, six days before the mayoral runoff, ruling that Bethel's complaint did not allege facts that could show Gulley had moved his legal residence out of Bessemer.

Judge David Hobdy of the court's Bessemer Division granted Gulley's motion to dis-

miss after a hearing that morning. The order, entered at 3:13 p.m., dismisses the complaint as it applies to Gulley for failure to state a claim and denies Bethel's requests for declaratory, injunctive and emergency relief.

Bethel, who finished third in the Aug. 25 mayor's race and represented himself, filed the suit Aug. 26 against Gulley,

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Remembering George 'Kilroy' Franklin, a gospel voice from Bessemer

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

George
"Kilroy"
Franklin

was a fixture in the gospel sound that made a joyful noise throughout Bessemer and beyond, and Bessemer residents recently mourned and celebrated his life.

The service was held at Hopewell Baptist Church, 4817 Jefferson Ave., Birmingham, under the pastorship of Dr. Edward E. Rodgers, with the Rev. Amos Williams delivering the sermon. Musical guests celebrated Franklin's life in song and memories.

Elder Geraldine Taylor gave a retrospective on her friendship with Franklin, and his sister, Sharon Franklin, spoke on the kind of person he was and his passion for singing songs inspired by God and the Holy Spirit.

A jokester who was also a serious man, Franklin sang with the Gospel Messengers and was a major contributor to Mose Tanksley and the Spiritual Crusaders before becoming a co-founder of the Gospel Crusaders. A native of Franklin, Tenn., he

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George "Kilroy" Franklin

Bessemer orders two Pierce pumper trucks for fire department

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The Bessemer City Council has approved the purchase of two Pierce Enforcer pumper trucks for the Bessemer Fire Department, finding the purchase in the city's best interest.

The council said the trucks will improve the readiness, reliability and effectiveness of the fire department and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the city's citizens.

The custom-built trucks will be ordered from Pierce Manufacturing in Wisconsin at a purchase price of \$2,197,534 for the two. Delivery is expected in the early part of 2028.

The new trucks will replace Engines 2 and 5. The order includes firefighting equipment, safety equipment, warning devices, communication equipment, accessories, pumping

capacity and warranties.

Councilman Chester W. Porter moved to approve Resolution No. 919-26, Councilwoman Sarah B. Person seconded, and the motion carried.



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A chat with Michael Preston Rice, P.E., civil engineer, EEFS Company



DONALD JAY HOWTON, III
WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

Michael Preston Rice has always had an interest in building. A native of Corner, he graduated from Auburn University in May 2009 with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. The next year he went to work for the Alabama Department of Transportation in Birmingham, where he worked on some of the busiest sections of interstate in Alabama.

A member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Warrior, he enjoys playing golf and collecting black and white photography. This young professional is a senior project manager at EEFS Company in Bessemer, where he has worked since 2015. Michael is wired to seek ways to make things better.

Tell me about EEFS Company.

Michael: We are a full-

service civil engineering and land survey company. Our clients include municipalities, construction companies and commercial and residential developers.

What are your responsibilities at EEFS?

Michael: I oversee most of the engineering design and surveying tasks for our company. This includes working with clients on preliminary designs, performing initial surveys and overseeing the permitting process with municipalities.

What has been rewarding in your position?

Michael: I am always excited to see infrastructure built that improves the quality of life for people. When one of our designs accomplishes that goal, it is very rewarding.

How do you spend your weekends?

Michael: I have two very active children, so I am usually taking them to a team event or to visit their grandparents on the weekends. When I am free, I really enjoy playing a round of golf.

Speak to a memorable construction project.

Michael: There have been many. However, a concrete pavement rehabilitation

GOOD AFTERNOON

project on I-20/59 near Birmingham that I managed, along with a new section of concrete pavement on I-65 in Hoover and my work on the I-20/59 split to Oporto Madrid, were all memorable infrastructure projects. I have much respect for the amount of work that goes into safely constructing and building infrastructure on busy sections of roadway.

Who is your favorite college team?

Michael: War Eagle. I am an Auburn fan, and I bleed orange and blue.

Tell me about your family. Michael:

I am the middle child of the five children of Marilyn and Mike Rice. I have been married for 17 years to my high school sweetheart, Rebecca. We met in high school, dated through our college years and married immediately after graduation. We have two children, Avery, 11, who is in the sixth grade, and John Parker, 5, who is in kindergarten.

What is your favorite meal?

Michael: I have always enjoyed a pot roast with new potatoes, carrots and green beans, and for dessert a slice of pound cake, with a cup of coffee, of course.

Runoff

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who received 191. Howard Acoff Jr. received 79.

Two Board of Education seats are also on the runoff ballot. In District 5, incumbent Margie Varner, who received 142 votes, faces Omar Chapman, who received 107, from a field of six. In District 6, Grover Dunn, who received 230, faces Darryl V. Aikerson, who received 217, from a field of five.

Bethel, who finished third for mayor, sued Gulley, Lewis and City Clerk Wanda Taylor in the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County Circuit Court on Aug. 26, asking the court to review Gulley's residency, and on Sept. 8 asked Judge David Hobdy to rule before the runoff

or hold the mayoral portion of it. Gulley moved Sept. 14 to dismiss the suit, and after a hearing the morning of Sept. 16, Hobdy granted the motion that afternoon, ruling that Bethel's complaint did not allege facts that could show Gulley had moved his legal residence out of the city. Bethel filed a sworn request Sept. 18 for a new election excluding the candidates he challenged; it was pending Tuesday, with a hearing setting of Oct. 26 still on the case.

Winners take office the first Monday in November, Nov. 2, along with the council and board members elected outright Aug. 25.

Lawsuit

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fourth-place finisher Brenita Lewis and City Clerk Wanda D. Taylor. He asked the court to review whether Gulley met the state requirement that a candidate for mayor live in the city for the 365 days before the qualifying deadline, and on Sept. 8 he asked the judge to rule before the runoff or to hold the mayoral portion of it until he could.

Under Alabama law, the order says, residency for political qualification means domicile, and a change of domicile requires both abandoning the old one without intending to return and establishing a new one with the intention of staying. Bethel's complaint did not allege facts showing either, the judge wrote, and allegations about property, mail, physical presence or activities outside the city, standing alone, do not plead a change in domicile.

The order says Bethel acknowledged the deficiency, and that the court makes no finding on where Gulley actually lives.

Gulley's lawyers had argued in the Sept. 14 motion that state law gives courts no jurisdiction over election matters except where a statute specifically allows it, that Bethel could not get around the election-contest statutes by labeling his suit one for declaratory relief, and that the contest statute applies only after a candidate has been declared elected.

Bethel answered Sept. 15 that his suit was a prospective

challenge to a candidate's qualifications, not an election contest, and cited a 1981 Alabama Supreme Court decision, *Osborn v. O'Barr*, in which a third-place candidate's residency challenge after a first-round municipal election kept the leading candidate out of the runoff. Gulley replied the same evening that even as a prospective challenge, the complaint had to plead facts meeting the domicile standard, and did not.

In a sworn filing Sept. 18, Bethel asked the court to order a new election for mayor excluding the candidates he challenged, saying the defendants were not present at the hearing and offered no proof of residency. The court file listed that filing as pending Tuesday, with a hearing setting of Oct. 26 still on the case. Lewis and Taylor remain named as defendants.

Kilroy

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made Alabama his home and shared his talent with many audiences over the years.

Singing in multiple registers, Franklin's tenor leads carried a spiritual smoothness and passion, and his songs often showed a vulnerability that testified to the work God can do in anyone's life, no matter what others say.

He was also a songwriter. His most revered song, "3 Pictures of God," which many of us heard on our grandparents' and parents' radios on Saturday and Sunday mornings, struck a chord with many as it told of a man's bout with the world while searching for, and finding, love in God.

Musical tributes on the program came from the J.D. Gospel Singers, the Miller Singers, the Perryman Singers and Brother Michael Underwood.

We send condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren, friends and family, especially those of us inspired by his musical ability, his storytelling and the many memories that are testaments to his legacy. We remember a peaceful voice that serenaded us in this wilderness, unselfishly.

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SOUTHERN STYLES

Judson College alumnae attend annual J-Day and Rose Sunday celebration



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WESTERN STAR,
SOCIAL EDITOR

Once a prestigious school, Judson College in Marion was a private women's college affiliated with the Alabama Baptist Convention. The college was founded in

1838 and closed its doors in July 2021.

Deep in the heart of the Southland, Judson College was named for Ann Hasseltine Judson, a Baptist missionary.

The weekend of Sept. 12 and 13 found Judson College alumnae and their guests from around the United States gathering at Siloam Baptist Church in Marion. The occasion was the annual J-Day and Rose Sunday celebration. Dr. Clair Kinnaird Keel is president of the Judson College Alumnae Association.



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The tie that binds is so strong and so enduring, which explains why the Judson women continue to return to Judson and Siloam to celebrate their sisterhood. They also remember members who have passed away since their last gathering.

This year, the Class of 1976 was inducted into the Golden Club of the Judson College Alumnae Association Inc., which honors 50 years since graduation. Beatrice Robbins Morris of Lafayette, La., celebrated her 75th reunion surrounded by family and dear friends.

Following an afternoon tea in the Siloam Fellowship Hall at Siloam Baptist Church, the alumnae assembled on the steps of the church to sing traditional step-sing songs.

On Sunday the 13th, the women gathered on the front steps of Judson's Jewett Hall to reenact their walk to the church on Rose Sunday. Rose Sunday was first observed on Sept. 19, 1915, but its origins go back to Judson's first president, Milo P. Jewett (1839-1855), who gathered students every Sunday morning to walk with him to church.

Traditionally, the president of Judson led the procession, with the senior class dressed in academic regalia and wearing Judson's signature flower, the red rose, in memory of Judson's founders. Today, the president of the Alumnae Association leads the alumnae in the procession.

At the end of the worship service, the Judson women serenaded the congregation.



Beatrice Robbins Morris, celebrating her 75th reunion, with Dr. Clair Kinnaird Keel



Judson College women on the steps of Siloam Baptist Church singing traditional step-sing songs



Members of the Class of 1976 inducted into the Golden Club: Carol Claybrook Kornhoff, Ann Hereford LeCroy, Brenda James Odom, Karen Knight, Marydell McDanal McQueen and Jane Kent Jarrett

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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
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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,
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BETTYE H GLASS
Personal Representative(s)
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09/25/2026

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CAROL SMITH GILL
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CASE NUMBER: 26BES000510
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UPON LAST WILL AND TESTA-
MENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 4th 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 said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

JOSHUA ADAM LANKFORD
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CASE NUMBER: 26BES000513
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Personal Representative(s)
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JAMES C BLUTCHER
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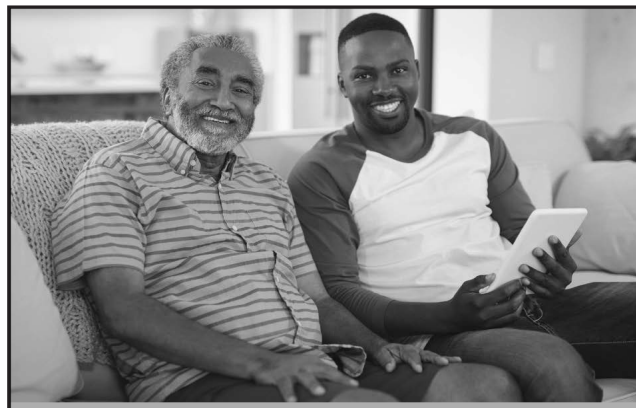
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PAMELA HARRIS GAY
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PROBATE COURT
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Harris, Vinson Harris, Alyssa Whit-
taker Any and All Unknown Heirs and

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think proper so to do.
This the 8th day of September
2026.
Sherri C. Friday
Judge of Probate
09/11/2026, 09/18/2026,
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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 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

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.

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

JUDGE OF PROBATE
09/18/2026

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. 26BESS00511

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

1N4AA5AP6DC833810

2014 HOND ACCORD

1HGCR2F87EA118853

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.

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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.

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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

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: FAYE MILLER, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000523

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

MARCIA PATRICK
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/18/2026; 09/25/2026;
10/02/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION
STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY

CASE NO. 26BES00522

ESTATE OF: NATHANIEL REMBERT, SR., DECEASED



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TO: Nathadius Rembert, Marvin Rembert, Gary Rembert, Donice Rembert, Desmond Rembert, Damien Rembert, 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, came Joyce Besteder, and filed her Petition for Probate of Will, in the matter of the Estate of Nathaniel Rembert, Sr., 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 15th day of September 2026.

DEPUTY JUDGE OF PROBATE

Run dates: 09/18/2026,
09/25/2026, 10/03/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARGARET C HUNTER, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000499
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 11th 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.

KATHY DIANE HERBINGER
Personal Representative(s)
Western Star: 09/18/2026,
09/25/2026, 10/02/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice of Publication: Mercury Funding, LLC v. Judy L. White, et al., Case No. 68-CV-2022-900610.00, was filed in the Bessemer Division of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama on October 27, 2022, and a Verified Amended Complaint In Rem was filed on May 12, 2025 (together, the "Complaint") seeking to quiet title to the property, described below:

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 24, according to the Survey of Highland Forest, as recorded in Map Book 19, Page 53, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, Bessemer Division

TO: Robert Joseph Owen, claiming in the past or presently, to have any ownership or interest in said lands or any portion thereof: You are hereby

notified that the above-styled action was filed against you on May 12, 2025, and that you are hereby commanded to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint within 30 days from last publication, or thereafter suffer judgment to be rendered against you. Based on the last date of publication, the deadline to answer is November 15, 2026. This notice shall be used to perfect service against said Robert Joseph Owen with a copy of the Complaint. Your response must be filed with the Jefferson County Circuit Clerk, Bessemer Division, 1851 Second Ave. N., Bessemer AL 35020 and served on Plaintiff's Attorney, William S. Hereford, 420 N. 20th Street, Suite 3400, Birmingham, AL 35203, phone: (205) 251-3000, ext. 5310.

Done this 22nd day of September, 2026.

Civil Clerk of Court
Jefferson County Circuit Court
Bessemer Division
Prepared by:
William S. Hereford
BURR & FORMAN LLP
420 N. 20th Street, Ste 3400
Birmingham, AL 35203

The Western Star: September 25,
October 2, October 9, and October 16,
2026.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES NATHANIEL SANDERS, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000535
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17th 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.

AERIEL COLE
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JEFFREY LYNN CLAY, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000167
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 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.
ROBERT HAROLD CLAY JR
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIAM N MAXWELL, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000532
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 16th 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.

SHERI R MAXWELL
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CONSTANCE D BLACKWELL a/k/a CONNIE D. BLACKWELL, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000344
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 8th day of September 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.

STACY M BLACKWELL
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LARRY PAUL FARSACI a/k/a LARRY PAUL FARSACE, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000531
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 16th 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.

AMANDA LEE FARSACI
CHILDRESS
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ANITRA HOLLOMAN, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000527
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17th 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.

JAY GREENE
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PYONG HWANGPO, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000526
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 15th 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 said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

JAY GREENE
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CATHERINE GATES LUCAS, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000534
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent,

having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17th 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 said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

ELAINE WILLIAMS
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RONALD MCBRYDE JONES, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000525
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 16TH day of September 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.

GLENDIA F JONES
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES LARRY MCINTOSH, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000530
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 18th 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 said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

PEGGY DIANNE MCINTOSH
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY

CASE NO. 26BES000298

ESTATE OF: BRENDA RENEE ROGERS, DECEASED

TO: Jeffery Nicholson, Marilyn Barry, Levant Randolph Woods, Derek J. Garner, Keith D. Gardner, Siobahn N. Garner, Ian M. Barry, Jonnelle M. Barry Smith, Tracey DeRamus, Michael A. Norris, II and Any and All Heirs and Creditors, whose names, ages, conditions and addresses are unknown

On the 4th day of September, 2026, came Jay Greene, as Administrator of the Estate of Brenda Renee Rogers, deceased, and filed his petition for the Sale of Personal Property therein described and belonging to said estate, for the purpose of division and distribution.

And whereas the 4th 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 22nd day of September 2026.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Cox Contracting Company, Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Park Road Water Improvements for Warrior River Water Authority, Owner, and has made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or in connection with this project should immediately notify the Contractor, 233 Spring Water Farms, Bessemer, AL 35022, and Municipal Consultants, Inc., 200 Century Park South, Ste. 212, Birmingham, AL 35226 within 30 days of first ran ad.

published 09/25/2026; 10/02/2026; 10/09/2026; 10/16/2026

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: EVELYN ANN GRIFFITH a/k/a EVELYN A. GRIFFITH, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000432
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22nd day of September 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.

DONALD WAYNE GRIFFITH

Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record

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

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOHN FRANCIS WARD, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000413
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY UPON LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 22nd day of September 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.

PAIGE R.W. ROY
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
09/25/2026; 10/02/2026;
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Stephens seeks re-election to county commission Nov. 3

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Jefferson County Commissioner Jimmie Stephens of Bessemer is seeking re-election to the District 3 seat in the general election Tuesday, Nov. 3.

First elected in 2010, Stephens has served as president of the Jefferson County Commission since 2014.

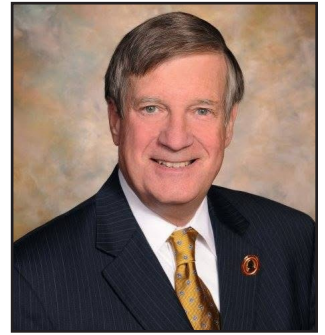
A native of Bessemer, Stephens says he is honored to serve the people of District 3 and the whole county. He promotes a philosophy of communication, cooperation and

coordination across party lines and among the county's municipalities.

He is a 1975 graduate of Samford University, where he earned a master's degree in business administration. A former businessman and teacher, he says he is committed to improving the quality of life for the people of Jefferson County.

"Communication is the key to good government and applying sound business principles to decisions that benefit good government," Stephens said.

As commission president,



Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

Stephens points to fiscal responsibility, responsible growth, roads and infrastructure and accountable government as the commission's work under his leadership. He says the safety of the county's citizens comes first, along with better roads and infrastructure.

Thigpen wins fifth term in District 4

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Bessemer City Councilwoman Donna Thigpen won re-election in District 4 in the Aug. 25 municipal election, defeating challenger Rhonda Brantley 283 votes to 153 at the end of what Howton describes as a demanding and controversial campaign.

"I want to thank the people of District 4 for their support, encouragement and, most importantly, for continuing to place their trust in me," Thigpen said. "It is now time to get back to work. I will continue to listen, serve and fight for the needs of District 4."



Councilor Donna Thigpen

Thigpen chairs the council's Community and Economic Development Committee and its Airport Committee. Re-elected to a fifth term, she said she looks forward to working with the members of the council. The swearing-in ceremony is Monday, Nov. 2.

Men's Empowerment Group meets Sunday at Grant Street Fellowship Hall

The last Men's Empowerment Group meeting of 2026 will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Grant Street Fellowship Hall, 724 Grant St., Bessemer. Drive to the back until you see the cars.

All men 16 and older are welcome, and each man is asked to bring one. The group is scheduled to resume Feb. 28, 2027, at a location to be announced.



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Gulley Rec Center marks 10 years with a block party

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Bessemer's city leaders and workers celebrated 10 years of serving residents at the Kenneth E. Gulley Rec Center last week.

Held in the evening with a block party theme, the celebration featured radio personality Drika Ray as mistress of ceremonies and music by DJ Bad Boy Butch.

The Bessemer City High School drumline opened the program, followed by remarks from Mayor Kenneth Gulley, who spoke on the importance of a facility that serves the physical health of Bessemer residents, on the center's history and on what it took to get the project started.

"It wasn't easy, but as we know, resilience and a good purpose can't be beat," Gulley said. "With much help from our city workers and council members as well as our chamber of commerce, we teamed up to have where we are now, a facility for the people, by the people."

Alton Woodard, the center's first director, announced the member tributes and spoke on coming to the facility when its doors first opened.

"I'd never directed anything, but I was trusted with the task and did the best I could," Woodard said. "It means much to have been a part of such a project, yet more so to have held the position, but a trusted staff and workers made the job even more easier by helping me gain the confidence I didn't have to do my part at the very beginning."

Makeda Smith, the center's

current director, recognized each of the facility's departments and employees.

"I believe fully in recreation because I feel it's all about recreating ourselves into better individuals mentally, physically and even spiritually," Smith said. "We're ensuring that the beautiful city of Bessemer and all of its citizens get valuable information about our programs and future events and newcoming projects that are given through this facility, because there's no recreation without our people."

The center's Silver Boomers group received an honorable mention, the Nathifa Dance Company performed dance numbers and songs, the Bessemer City High cheerleaders performed, and Desi Keith's D2 Line Dancing got everyone who could dance a step moving. Granny's Fish N Grits and Prolific Water Ice provided free food and cool cups.

A friend once said to me, "You know, sometimes we don't even realize the special people we have the opportunity to be around, and the historical significance they possess, and the places right in our neighborhoods. We simply let things pass us by and don't realize how special they are until they're gone."

I say let's not let good facilities that serve us all pass us by. Let's recreate a better atmosphere wherein we all can live and be purposeful in goodness toward one another, and not take for granted what's before us.

The Kenneth E. Gulley Rec Center is at 100 14th St. South, Bessemer; call 205-425-0655.



Alton Woodard, the center's first director, with director Makeda Smith and staff during the anniversary celebration.



Mayor Kenneth Gulley and Alton Woodard, the center's first director.



Members of the Bessemer Silver Boomers at the block party.



Line dancing outside the center.

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Collier holds District 1 seat by two votes

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Incumbent Bessemer City Councilman Jarvis Collier won re-election in District 1 in the Aug. 25 municipal election, defeating Michael Knight 252 votes to 250.

Collier is president of the Bessemer City Council. First elected in 2018, he represents District 1, which takes in old Jonesborough, Smith Highlands, the residential section behind Westlake, parts of Jonesboro and most of downtown Bessemer.

"I want to thank my entire family and all my supporters throughout the district for believing in me and allowing me to serve," Collier said. "My



heart is truly full of gratitude, and I thank the residents of District 1 for trusting me with your vote and allowing me the

Councilor Jarvis Collier

opportunity to continue serving as your City Council representative. I don't take this responsibility lightly."

A son of the old Jonesborough community, Collier will

Area students on UA summer president's and dean's lists

Nine students from the Bessemer area are among the 624 named to the University of Alabama's president's list, for a 4.0 academic record, or dean's list, for 3.5 or above, for the

summer semester.

On the president's list are Bethany Baughn, Kendyl Ware and Krystain Weston-Rouch, all of Bessemer; Ellise Banks of Hueytown; and India Allen

Lawson State hosts Recovery Is Here event Sept. 28

Lawson State Community College will host Recovery Is Here 2026: The Truth About Recovery at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28, in the Academic Success Center Auditorium on its Birmingham campus, 3060 Wilson Road SW.

The event is one of a statewide series held by Alabama's colleges and recovery organizations during National Recovery Month to challenge common misconceptions about addiction and recovery. Admission is free, and students, faculty, staff and the public are welcome.

"As an institution dedicated to student success and community engagement, Lawson State is proud to participate in Recovery Is Here," said Dr. Cynthia T. Anthony, the college's president. "We are

bringing together experts, advocates and individuals who can help replace misconceptions with understanding and ensure that more people understand recovery truly is possible."

The 90-minute program includes Treatment Options: Voices from the Field, with professionals representing different treatment approaches and levels of care; Recovery Pathways, a multimedia presentation on several paths to recovery; a panel discussion with audience questions; and a tabling period afterward where attendees can meet the speakers and partner organizations.

This year's events across the state focus on one question: what does recovery actually look like?

Dr. Cyrus Vance, the college's dean of students, said hosting the event on campus continues Lawson State's commitment to student well-being and its role as a resource for the Birmingham area. "In higher education, we understand that recovery is an issue that touches lives across every demographic and socioeconomic background," he said. "Education can play an important role in breaking down barriers, encouraging conversations, reducing stigma and helping people

connect with support when they need it most."

Lawson State has campuses in Bessemer and Birmingham and serves more than 3,500 students a year.

Westwood Baptist hosts Aspire women's event Friday

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The Aspire Women's Event, an evening of laughter, learning, stories and music, comes to Westwood Baptist Church, 1155 Alabaster Blvd. in Alabaster, at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25.

The one-night ministry event for women features author and Bible teacher Melissa Spoelstra, comedian Dorie McLemore and music by Mia Koehne. It is meant to encourage women through fellowship and the teaching of God's Word.

Aspire has presented its program around the country for more than 10 years, starting with a 2014 event in Phoenix. It is now presented in more than 75 cities a year.

Ticket information is at 480-812-1100 or aspirewomensvents.com.

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Survivors & Thrivers breast cancer brunch set Oct. 3 in Hueytown

The fifth annual Survivors & Thrivers Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at North Highlands Baptist Church in Hueytown.

The fundraiser, presented by the Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce, honors those who have fought and continue to fight breast cancer. Local survivors will share their stories.

Debbie Kiker, Michael Cashaw and Lisa Kriegel are planning the event. Area churches and individuals will

create the tablescapes.

Proceeds go to the Baptist Health Foundation at Princeton Baptist Medical Center, which provides mammograms to local women and men who are uninsured and in need of care.

Sponsors are state Rep. Patrick Sellers of District 57, state Sen. Merika Coleman, the Cashaw family, Dr. Robin Conley, Don the Cruiser and Norton's Florist.

Ticket information is at hueytownchamber.com.



Denise Lowery and Lisa Kriegel.

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