

Alexander makes history as Bessemer's first woman mayor

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF



Louise Alexander

In the Sept. 22 runoff, the city of Bessemer and its residents made political history by electing the city's first woman mayor.

Louise Alexander won the runoff against Mayor Kenneth E. Gulley. For 16 years Gulley led the city toward various triumphs with progressive efforts and faith-based leadership, yet the runoff found Alexander topping the polls with about 55 percent of the ballots.

At the dawn of a new season, Bessemer has chosen new leadership with a focus on transparency and family values in Alexander.

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Judge bars Gulley from acting as Bessemer mayor, orders him out of office by Tuesday

Circuit Judge David J. Hobdy barred Kenneth Gulley on Monday, Oct. 5, from acting as mayor of Bessemer and from occupying the mayor's office, except to remove his belongings by 3 p.m. Tuesday, according to an order filed that day in the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County Circuit Court.

Hobdy found that Louise Alexander, who defeated Gulley in the Sept. 22 runoff, had shown success on the merits of her claim "that Defendants' terms ended by operation of law on October 5, 2026, and that Ordinance No. 3424 can-

not extend them," the order says. The council adopted that ordinance in 2010 to move the start of the city's terms to November.

Alexander took the oath of office about 10 a.m. Monday, the complaint says. Retired Judge Loraine Pringle swore her in, along with Cleo King, Cynthia Stephens-Donald and Valerie Williams, who were elected to the council this year, on the steps of City Hall while Gulley was inside, AL.com reported.

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Luellen Nagle, from left, Woody Mathis, Chris Eiland, Shirley Butler, Allison Rainey and Becky Rainey with the banner for the Hall of History's Holiday Arts & Crafts Show.

Hall of History Holiday Arts & Crafts Show Oct. 16-17

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

It is hard to believe, but that most wonderful time of the year is quickly approaching.

Christmas is only 77 days away.

The annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show sponsored by the Bessemer Hall of History will take place Oct. 16 and 17. The

doors open at 9 a.m. and will close at 4 p.m. each day.

Admission to the event is free.

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October is National Fire Prevention Month

October is National Fire Pre-

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Capt. George Sampson, Frankie the Firefighter and Lt. Bobby Horn of the Bessemer Fire Department.

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The Bessemer Fire Depart-

ment has been busy making plans for the observance of National Fire Prevention Month.



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A chat with Wanda Manning, chaplain, fire and corporate chaplain



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served as fire chaplain to the Center Point Fire Department and Jefferson County 911. She serves as a corporate chaplain with Marketplace Chaplains USA.

It is an honor and privilege for Wanda to serve first responders and train and support fire chaplains across Alabama.

What drew you to the chaplain ministry?

Wanda: Pure God-called.

What does it mean to be a chaplain?

Wanda: To be with a person during a difficult time and be able to provide comfort, to be a ready source of help and understanding, that is what it means to be a chaplain.

What has been the highlight of your career?

Wanda: Being a chaplain allows me the opportunity to go to fire stations and companies, homes, hospitals, funeral homes, jails, prisons and workplaces and serve those in need.

What is the mission of the AFFC?

Wanda: Our mission is to seek and train godly individuals who desire to serve first responders and their families with help, hope, healing in times of crisis and also in good times.

Tell me about your family.

GOOD AFTERNOON

Wanda:

I am from a family of seven. I have been married for 50 years to the Rev. Sam Manning, and we have three grown children and six grandchildren.

What has been most rewarding as a chaplain?

Wanda: It is an honor and a privilege to serve our first responders. It is a special honor for me to serve as a chaplain to them.

How long have you been affiliated with the North American Mission Board (NAMB)?

Wanda: For almost 20 years. I was endorsed as a fire chaplain by NAMB in 2007. I attend a chaplain conference every year for training, fellowship and encouragement.

What is your favorite verse in the Bible?

Wanda: My favorite verse in the Bible is 1 Timothy 1:12.

Ivey halts dyed diesel enforcement for 120 days

Gov. Kay Ivey on Sept. 24 directed the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency to stop enforcing the rules on dyed diesel fuel for 120 days, to give the state's farmers and timber operators relief from fuel prices.

Dyed diesel is tax-exempt fuel reserved for off-road equipment and machinery. In a letter to ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor, Ivey wrote that diesel prices had risen sharply compared with other fuels, "directly affecting Alabama's agricultural and timber industries," and asked ALEA and other enforcement agencies to adjust their priorities on dyed diesel for the time being. The change took effect immediately, the governor's office said. Alabama's harvest season runs through Nov. 15.

Ivey also told Revenue Commissioner Mary Martin Mitchell to ask the Internal Revenue Service for relief from dyed diesel penalties.

Trunk or Treat at the Baptist Church at McAdory Oct. 31

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The Baptist Church at McAdory invites all to come out for a great time.

This Trunk or Treat Halloween event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

It will be an afternoon of safe and family-friendly fall fun.

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

Young and old alike will enjoy the hayrides.

Organizing the exciting event are Chuck Joiner, Lori Lawrence, Ashley Eaton, Sarah Patton, Cameron Jernigan and Tony Knight.

The parking lot will be filled with creatively decorated trunks for the children to receive treats and candy from the trunks of vehicles.

There will also be games, hayrides, face painting, food and activities for all ages.

Costumes are welcome for all to enjoy.

For more information, visit bcam.info.

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vention Month. National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 4-10.

The theme for this year's observance is "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower."

Fire prevention awareness is critical for the protection of individuals, families, homes, businesses and the entire community.

"Bessemer residents are encouraged to practice safe cooking, heating, good electrical habits, keep smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in working condition and maintain clear hallways, stairways and emergency exits," said Bessemer Fire Lt. Marcus Lawyer.

The Bessemer Fire Department is planning an event in DeBardleben Park for mid- to late October. Co-sponsoring the event will be the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce.

Lt. Bobby Horn said, "The Bessemer Fire Department loves Fire Prevention Month because it gives us another opportunity to engage and enlighten the citizens of Bessemer about things they can do to stay safe and prevent fire-related accidents."

Fire Prevention Week was established in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge, who signed a proclamation making it a national observance. The month of October was selected in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire that occurred in October 1871.

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No stranger to politics and public service, Alexander represented District 56 in the Alabama House of Representatives from 2014 to 2022 and has owned a business, Alexander Unity Flowers & Gift, in Bessemer for many years. A graduate and product of Bessemer's school system, she is an alumna of J.S. Abrams High School. She is a U.S. Army veteran and has served as a state legislator and a Bessemer City Council member.

On taking the mayor's office, Alexander has told media outlets, she intends "to show where money is located and how it's being spent. We want to take care of dilapidated housing and overgrown lots to ensure the upkeep of our city with a presentable aspect to residents and visitors."

With an initiative to bring understanding and communication to the controversy surrounding the Project Marvel data center, she is also looking to revitalize the once-golden days of downtown Bessemer.

"You must earn trust and prove to others that your word is your bond" is the way Alexander plans to ensure sound policies and agendas in her role as mayor.

Working with the city's employees as a team, Alexander looks to engage, build and restore varied aspects of the Marvel City. She took the oath outside City Hall on Monday, Oct. 5.

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SOUTHERN STYLES

Retired bank executive and philanthropist celebrates 80th birthday



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A good, solid, decent man, John Sellers of Hoover is a well-respected member of the banking and arts community.

Recently, his wife, Deborah Sellers, hosted an intimate birthday dinner party at

the historic Bright Star Restaurant. The occasion was John's 80th birthday.

The members of John's wine dinner club, The Grape Escape, welcomed him with shouts of "Happy Birthday" as he and Deborah entered the Anastasia dining room.

Enjoying a delicious meal and toasting John's happy birthday were Ann and Mark Davis, Randy and LaDonna Gibbs and Ann and Chuck Potter.

For dessert, the wine enthusiasts enjoyed a pie sampling of the Bright Star's pies, which were better than a Publix birthday cake.



Sellers's 80th birthday dinner at the Bright Star.



Deborah and John Sellers with Nicky Koikos.



Mark and Ann Davis.



Chuck and Ann Potter.

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In between shopping, enjoy a Southern summertime staple meal prepared by the members of the Hall of History Board.

This fundraising event, which benefits the Bessemer Hall of History Museum, will be held in the Family Life Center at Pleasant Hill Methodist Church in McCalla.

Luellen Nagle is chairman of the planning committee, and assisting her are Chris Eiland, J.B. Thrasher, Woody Mathis, Linda Lenhardt and Becky Rainey.

Shirley Vines Butler is chairman of the Hall of History Board.

Santa Claus is expected at the event on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Among the items for sale will be hand-knitted items, wood crafts, Auburn and Alabama merchandise, Christmas items, baked goods, local honey, art and handmade jewelry.

For more information, call the Hall of History at 205-426-1633 or visit bessemerhallofhistory.org.



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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

09/25/2026; 10/02/2026

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.

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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

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:
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1203 7th Pl., Pleasant Grove, Alabama 35127

JEFFERSON CO. PARCEL NO.: 30 00 07 1 004 008.000

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

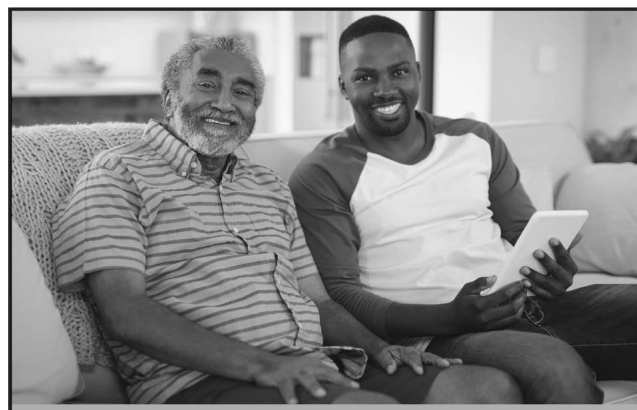
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 17th day of September 2026, by the HONORABLE Jameria J. Moore, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are 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
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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;
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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;
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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
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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
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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 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
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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.

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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;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION 26-0901 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CONCORD FIRE DISTRICT

A regularly scheduled meeting of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Concord Fire District was held on the 10th day of August, 2026. Proper notice of the meeting was given. Present at the meeting were a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board of Trustees. It was presented to the Board of Trustees that it would be in the best interest of the District to adopt a new fee schedule to cover the increasing cost of providing certain Emergency Services i.e. Advanced Life Support and mileage. A proposed ordinance was submitted to the Board and, after review and discussion,

sion, a motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously carried that; Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Concord Fire District does hereby adopt the attached ordinance and schedule of fees. The secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Concord Fire District is hereby directed to cause a copy of the proposed ordinance to be posted at the Concord Fire Stations in a public location and, further, to cause a copy of the ordinance to be published in a newspaper of general circulation. Said ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2026 APPROVED: This 10th day of August, 2026 Chris Richards, President, Board of Trustees, Mark Anders Secretary, Board of Trustees. ORDINANCE NO. 26-0901 The duly appointed members of the Board of Trustees of the Concord Fire District do hereby ordain that its schedule of service charges be so amended as to include the following increased charges to become effective October 1, 2026 Section 1: That the following service fees and charges are hereby authorized, approved, and not to exceed the rates below for Emergency Services rendered by the Concord Fire District A0425 – Loaded Mileage: \$29.26 per mile A0427 – ALS Emergency: \$1,247.00 A0433 – ALS Level II: \$1,804.42 A0429 – BLS Emergency: \$1,050.26 A0428 – BLS Non-Emergency/Treat-in-Place: \$656.78. APPROVED: This 10th day of August, 2026 Chris Richards, President, Board of Trustees Mark Anders Secretary, Board of Trustees. published 10/02/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT
STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY
CASE NO. 32414
ESTATE OF: ROBERT TERRY VINTSON., DECEASED
To: Mary Walker, W.F. Vintson, Mary Louis, and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice; on the 4th day of August 2026, came Elizabeth W. McElroy, the Second Successor Administrator for the Estate of Robert Terry Vintson, deceased, and filed their accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 21st day of October 2026, at 2:15 p.m., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Done this the 23rd day of September 2026.

Sherri C. Friday
Judge of Probate
10/02/2026; 10/09/2026;
10/16/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT
STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY
CASE NO. 40979

ESTATE OF: WALTER LEE FREDERICK, SR., DECEASED

To: Estate of Sarah Frederick, Rosemary Frederick, Valerie Y. Tate, Walter L. Frederick, Jr., Donna P.

Frederick, Jeffrey A. Frederick, Carla D. Mahmood, Angi M. Hill, and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 17th day of July 2026, came Elizabeth W. McElroy, Esq, the Successor Personal Representative for the Estate of Walter Lee Frederick Sr., deceased, and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 6th day of January 2027, at 1:30 p.m. be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

DONE this the 23rd day of September 2026.

Sherri C. Friday
Judge of Probate
10/02/2026; 10/09/2026;
10/16/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CHARLES HALE RAMSAY, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000544
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 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.

RHODA RAMSAY ABDO
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
10/02/2026; 10/09/2026;
10/16/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON OBJECTION OF CLAIM

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY
CASE NO. 26BES000407

ESTATE OF: LAURA MARIE OGDEN, DECEASED

TO: REGIONS BANK, And to any and all interested parties;

On the 10th day of September 2026, came GEORGE OGDEN, Personal Representative for the Estate of LAURA MARIE OGDEN, Deceased, and filed his Objection of Claim filed by you in the above-named matter.

Whereas the 11th day of January 2027, at 9:00 A.M., has been set as a day for hearing said objection and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.

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

This the 22nd day of September 2026.

Jameria Johnson Moore
Judge of Probate
10/02/2026, 10/09/2026,
10/16/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT

JEFFERSON COUNTY
CASE NO. 20BES0000227

ESTATE OF: BETTY ATCHISON, DECEASED

To: GLENN BITTLE, CHARLES BISHOP, MATHEW J. JOLLEY, CRYSTAL JOLLEY CANTERBURY, ANGELA JOLLEY FULLER, STEVE FOSTER, TERRY M. WEEKS, SUNGMI CHO, LUANN STIRIZ, TAMMY LYNN CLEGHORN, SHILOH STACEY, MICHAEL E. WHALEN, AMY J. WHALEN, TONI FANCHER ROWE LINK, MARJORIE GARBER, and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 24th day of August 2026, came Andrew LaPlante, Esq., the Personal Representative for the Estate of Robert Bruce Atchison, Jr., deceased, and filed his accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 6th day of January 2027, at 2:00 p.m., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

DONE this the 23rd day of September 2026.

Sherri C. Friday
Judge of Probate
10/02/2026; 10/09/2026;
10/16/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROBATE COURT

JEFFERSON COUNTY
CASE NO. 21BES0000399

ESTATE OF: ROBERT BRUCE ATCHISON, JR., DECEASED

To: GLENN BITTLE, CHARLES BISHOP, MATHEW J. JOLLEY, CRYSTAL JOLLEY CANTERBURY, ANGELA JOLLEY FULLER, STEVE FOSTER, TERRY M. WEEKS, SUNGMI CHO, LUANN STIRIZ, TAMMY LYNN CLEGHORN, SHILOH STACEY, MICHAEL E. WHALEN, AMY J. WHALEN, TONI FANCHER ROWE LINK, MARJORIE GARBER, and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 24th day of August 2026, came Andrew LaPlante, Esq., the Personal Representative for the Estate of Robert Bruce Atchison, Jr., deceased, and filed his accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 6th day of January 2027, at 2:00 p.m., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

DONE this the 23rd day of Sep-

tember 2026.

Sherri C. Friday
Judge of Probate
10/02/2026; 10/09/2026;
10/16/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA (BESSEMER DIVISION)

HENRY C. CRAVER

and AHMAD ASHANTI

Plaintiffs

v. Et al

Defendants

CASE NO.: CV-2026-900678.00

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice of Action by Publication:

HENRY C. CRAVER and AHMAD ASHANTI v. Property located at 3217 Avenue C, Bessemer, Alabama 35020, also known as "The South 15 feet of Lot 3 and all of Lot 4, Block 7, Tillman's Addition to Bessemer as recorded in Map Book 1, Page 386, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama; being situated in Jefferson County, Alabama, Bessemer Division." and also known as PARCEL ID 38-00-02-3-014-003.000 and is situated in the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County, Alabama. Case No. CV-2026-900678.00 was filed in the Bessemer Division of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama on July 29, 2026, seeking to quiet title in rem to the property described as:

Property located at 3217 Avenue C, Bessemer, Alabama 35020, also known as "The South 15 feet of Lot 3 and all of Lot 4, Block 7, Tillman's Addition to Bessemer as recorded in Map Book 1, Page 386, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama; being situated in Jefferson County, Alabama, Bessemer Division." and also known as PARCEL ID 38-00-02-3-014-003.000 and is situated in the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County, Alabama.

TO: All persons claiming to be present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion or other interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or lien thereon and additionally Defendant(s) EUGENE HILL and HEIRS OF EUGENE HILL and any and all unknown persons who may have or claim an interest in the subject property: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action was filed against you on July 29, 2026, and that you are hereby commanded to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the complaint within 30 days from last publication, the 23rd day of October, 2026, or thereafter suffer judgement in rem to be rendered against you because this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who are not personally served with a copy of the complaint. Your response must be filed with the Circuit Clerk, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1851 2nd Avenue North, Bessemer, AL 35020 and served upon Plaintiff's attorney, Keith D. Preston, 631 18th Street N., Bessemer, AL 35020, whose phone number is (205) 426-4525.

Done this 25th day of September, 2026.

Clerk of Civil Division
Jefferson County Circuit Court
Preston Law Office
631 18th Street N.
Bessemer, AL 35020
Western Star: October 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
WHEELER WRECKER SERVICE INC gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 11/20/2026, 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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published 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES STATE LANDS DIVISION INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF STATE LAND LOCATED IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA

LOCATION OF PROPERTY SUBJECT OF THIS NOTICE:

The "Watermelon Road Property," more specifically described as follows:

A parcel of land located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24; the North Half of the Northeast Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, all in Township 20 South, Range 10 West in Tus-

caloosa County, Alabama containing 42.23 acres more or less.

MINIMUM BID AMOUNT: \$2,110,000

BID DEPOSIT: EACH bid submitted must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check in the amount of \$211,000 as bid deposit made payable to the State Lands Division which will be forfeited if the bid is accepted and the bidder does not complete the transaction within thirty (30) days of award. Any bid submitted without such check will not be considered. Unsuccessful bidders' deposits will be returned promptly following the bid opening. The successful bidder's deposit will be applied to the purchase price. The successful bidder shall reimburse the Department of Mental Health for the cost of the appraisal, \$2,800, the cost of the survey, \$26,960, and for the advertisement fees incurred for this notice.

DATE, TIME & LOCATION BID OPENING: Sealed bids will be received by Director of the State Lands Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources until October 28, 2026, 4:00 P.M. Each bid must be submitted in a separate envelope clearly marked on the outside "SEALED BID FOR WATERMELON ROAD - DO NOT OPEN" and delivered to: State Lands Division, 464 Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union St., Montgomery, AL 36130-1901. All bids received by this deadline will be publicly opened and read on the following day, October 29, 2026, 10:00 A.M. in the office of the State Lands Division. If ADA accommodations are needed, contact Bailey Forks at (334) 242-3484. Requests should be made at least 7 days prior to opening.

PRIOR TO BID SUBMISSION: Interested parties must review the COMPLETE INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF STATE LAND at <https://www.outdooralabama.com/public-notices/land-sales-and-leasing-act> which details property location and specific requirements related to this Invitation including, but not limited to, submission of bids and payment of costs. Requests for copies of the Invitation should be directed to the State Lands Division (334) 242-3484.

Potential bidders seeking to access the property for the purposes of inspection may contact Bryan Penn with the Department of Mental Health at (334) 353-7283. It is the sole responsibility of potential bidders to seek information regarding access sufficiently in advance of the bid opening.

NO BID SHALL BE RECEIVED FOR ANY REASON ANY TIME AFTER THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE. IT SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE ACTUAL RECEIPT OF THE BID BY THE STATE LANDS DIVISION PRIOR TO THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE.

STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

Patricia Powell McCurdy
State Lands Director
DATE: 09-24-2026
published 10/02/2026;

10/09/2026; 10/16/2026; 10/23/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WALWORTH COUNTY

KYLE ENTERPRISES, LLC
2121 Hobbs Drive
Delavan, WI 53115
Plaintiff,

vs.
STRUCTURED TECHNOLOGY LLC

8316 Parkway Drive, Suite 100
Leeds, AL 35094
Defendant.

Case No.2026CV000618
Case Code: 30301

AMENDED SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within forty (40) days after receiving this Amended Summons, you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent to or delivered to the Court whose address is Walworth County Courthouse, 1800 County Trunk NN, Elkhorn, WI 53121, and to the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is WAGNER, FALCONER & JUDD, LTD., 300 N. Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Brookfield, WI 53045. You may have an attorney represent you.

If you do not provide a proper Answer within forty (40) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated: September 23, 2026
WAGNER, FALCONER & JUDD, LTD.

Electronically signed by Attorney Daniel J. Reich

Daniel J. Reich (SBN 1034503)
300 North Corporate Drive, Suite 200

Brookfield, WI 53045
Phone: 262-792-1818 | Fax: 612-392-3999

Email: dreich@wflawfirm.com
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
published 10/02/2026;
10/09/2026; 10/16/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DORIS THOMPSON BUTLER, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER:
26BES000540

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE OF said

decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 21st 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.

DARVIA BUTLER TREADWELL

Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record

10/02/2026; 10/09/2026;
10/16/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT

STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT

JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 21BES00967

ESTATE OF: PEGGY W. ROGERS, A PROTECTED PERSON, NOW DECEASED

To: Marsha Lyn Rogers, Carol Ann Rogers, and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 24th day of July 2026, came C. Burton Dunn, Esq., the Successor Conservator for the Estate of Peggy W. Rogers, a protected person deceased, and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 4th day of November 2026, at 11:30 A.M., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Done this the 29th day of September 2026.

Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
10/09/2026; 10/16/2026;
10/23/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND FOR DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION/PAYMENT DEBTS

STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT

JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO.25BES000229

ESTATE OF: ANNIE B. SCOTT, DECEASED

On the 10th day of June, 2026, came Gregory Scott, the Personal Representative, for the Estate of Annie B. Scott, Deceased, and filed his petition in writing, praying for the sale of certain lands described as follows:

2208 Exeter Avenue, Bessemer, Alabama 35020

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:

Pattie Cheatham, Rose Ford, L.T. Scott, Jr., Dock L. Scott, Anaiya Vincent and any and all unknown heirs and creditors, whose names, ages, conditions and addresses are unknown

And whereas the 23rd day of October 2026, at 1:30 p.m. has been set as a day for hearing said petition and the testimony to be submitted in support of same.

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

This the 30th day of September 2026.

Jameria Johnson Moore
Judge of Probate
10/09/2026; 10/16/2026;

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10/23/2026

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT LEVERT, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000551
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 30TH 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.

ANTWON WHITE
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
10/09/2026; 10/16/2026;
10/23/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

BESSEMER DIVISION
MOUSSA ADAMOU,
Plaintiff,
v.
THE EVANS GROUP, LLC, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. CV-2026-000018.00
NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Worthington Federal Bank, subsequently known as American Bank of Huntsville; Avadian Credit Union; ABH Bancorp, Inc.; and all of their respective successors, assigns, transferees, liquidating agents, representatives, heirs, devisees, and all other persons or entities claiming any right, title, interest, lien, encumbrance, estate, right of redemption, or other claim in or to the property through any of them, whose identities or whereabouts are unknown or cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained.

You are notified that Plaintiff Moussa Adamou has filed an Amended Complaint in the above action seeking to quiet title to the real property described below and to determine, bar, and extinguish every adverse right, title, interest, lien, encumbrance, estate, right of redemption, or other claim arising under or through the deed in lieu of foreclosure dated December 28, 2010, from The Evans Group, LLC to Worthington Federal Bank, or otherwise claimed through Worthington Federal Bank, American Bank of Huntsville, Avadian Credit Union, ABH Bancorp, Inc., or any successor, assign, transferee, representative, or unknown claimant. Plaintiff requests a judgment declaring Moussa Adamou the sole owner in fee simple.

Property address: 1726 Exeter Avenue, Bessemer, Alabama 35020
Parcel number: 38-00-10-3-009-014.000
Legal description: The Southeast

100 feet of Lot 2, Block 86, according to the Map and Survey of Bessemer Coal, Iron and Land Company's Survey of City of Bessemer, as recorded in Map Book 5, Page 75, in the Probate Office of Jefferson County, Alabama, Bessemer Division.

You are required to file an answer or other response with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Bessemer Division, and to serve a copy upon Plaintiff, on or before November 29, 2026, which date must be 30 days after the final publication. If you fail to respond by that date, the Court may enter a judgment by default and quiet title to the property in Moussa Adamou, forever barring any claim you have or claim through the persons or entities identified above.

DONE this 1st day of October, 2026.

KAREN DUNN BURKS
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, Alabama, Bessemer Division

By: Deputy Clerk
Plaintiff pro se:
Moussa Adamou
1726 Exeter Avenue
Bessemer, Alabama 35020
Telephone: (205) 864-0669
published 10/09/2026; 10/16/2026;
10/23/2026; 10/30/2026

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GATES PRITCHETT, JR., DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000555
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1ST day of October 2026, by the HONORABLE JAMERIA JOHNSON MOORE, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

JAY GREENE
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
10/09/2026; 10/16/2026;
10/23/2026

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DENNIS WADE AVERY SR, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER: 26BES000556
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been granted to the Undersigned on the 1st day of October 2026, by the HONORABLE Sherri C. Friday, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having Claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the of-

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

DENNIS WADE AVERY JR
Personal Representative(s)
Attorney of Record
10/09/2026; 10/16/2026;
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published 10/09/2026; 10/16/2026

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION ON FINAL SETTLEMENT

STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT

JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 2010-044251

ESTATE OF: WILLIE J. ALLEN, DECEASED

To: JOHN W. BROWN, JR., MATTHEW WALKER, DEANGELO ARMOUR, ANTONIO ARMOUR, and any and all other parties interested in said estate, take notice;

On the 9th day of March 2026, came Georgia Ann Allen, the Personal Representative for the Estate of Willie J. Allen, deceased, and filed her accounts, vouchers, evidence and statement for a Final Settlement of same.

It is therefore ordered that the 25th day of January 2027, at 1:30 P.M., be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Done this the 5th day of October 2026.

Jameria Johnson Moore
JUDGE OF PROBATE
10/09/2026; 10/16/2026;
10/23/2026

LEGAL NOTICE**PUBLICATION**

STATE OF ALABAMA PROBATE COURT

JEFFERSON COUNTY CASE NO. 21BES0001112

ESTATE OF: KEISHA CAMILLE UNDERWOOD, DECEASED

TO: Quindarius Marshall Any and All Heirs, Whose Names, Ages, Conditions and Addresses are Unknown

And to any and all interested parties;

On the 10th day of November, 2025, came Kiara Nicole Marshall, and filed her Statement in Lieu of Final Settlement, in the matter of the Estate of Keisha Camille Underwood,

Deceased.

And whereas the 18th day of November 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 5th day of October 2026.

Sherri C. Friday
JUDGE OF PROBATE
10/09/2026; 10/16/2026;
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Mayor

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That day Alexander demanded that Gulley vacate the office and deliver its keys, records and property, and he refused, the complaint says.

Her attorneys, former federal judge U.W. Clemon and K. Mark Parnell, both of Birmingham, filed the suit as a quo warranto action, the proceeding state law provides for removing someone who holds public office unlawfully.

They asked for a restraining order before the council meeting set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, writing that otherwise "every action taken with his participation or on his signature will be void under state law."

The complaint asked the court to combine the preliminary injunction hearing with the trial on the merits and then issue a final injunction. The \$2,500 security for costs was approved about 12:30 p.m., according to its handwritten approval block, which carries Hobdy's name over the clerk's signature line. Circuit Judge Reginald L. Jeter's order transferring the case to Hobdy was filed at 3:08 p.m., and Hobdy's order, styled a permanent injunction, was filed the same day.

The order says Hobdy considered the verified complaint, the motion and a written certification of counsel under Rule 65(b) of the state's civil rules, and that he acted "having heard counsel for the parties." It names no lawyer for Gulley. Lawyers from both sides held a lengthy closed-door meeting at the Bessemer courthouse before the ruling, AL.com reported.

The order bars Gulley from holding himself out as mayor or exercising any power of the office. It bars him and anyone acting with him from signing contracts, checks or appointments for the city; spending city funds; hiring, firing or directing city employees; interfering with Alexander's access to City Hall or her exercise of the office; removing or destroying city records or property; and accepting any salary or other emolument of office accruing after Oct. 5.

Within 12 hours of being served, Gulley must deliver to Alexander all city keys, access cards, passwords, vehicles, equipment and records in his possession, the order says.

Gulley is the only defendant, but the order refers in several places to "Defendants" and bars them from "voting or participating as a member of the Bessemer City Council" and from occupying the offices assigned to the mayor "and to Council Members" at City Hall. The complaint had asked only that Gulley be barred from presiding over or participating "as Mayor" in council meetings and from occupying the mayor's offices.

The order also declares that Gulley assumed office on the first Monday of October 2010, Oct. 4, and that "for purposes of Act No. 499 of the 1973 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature" he has served 16 years and one day as mayor. It does not say what the act provides.

Gulley told reporters Friday, Oct. 2, that "you have to have 16 years to qualify for the city's retirement" and that his 15 years and 11 months did not, WBRC reported. He called the push to seat Alexander on Monday "simply an attempt to prevent me from reaching the 16 years."

Alexander told WVTM 13, in a story posted Sept. 30, that elected officials do not receive retirement, but that the mayor, as manager of Bessemer Utilities, "is invested in retirement."

Hobdy found that irreparable injury would result because the powers of the office "are being exercised by one whose authority has ended." The order taxes the costs as paid and directs that the security for costs be disbursed to Alexander; the complaint had asked that costs be charged to Gulley.

The complaint says the powers Gulley continued to claim include the authority to appoint and remove city officers and employees, and that Alexander "holds that authority and intends to exercise it."

Dozens of supporters cheered Alexander outside the courthouse after the ruling, AL.com reported. "The lawsuit begins and ends today with the permanent injunction," Clemon said. Of Gulley, he said, "He will receive a pension that he's entitled to under state law, and the city will move on with Louise Alexander as its mayor."

The October provision, Section 11-43D-2 of the Code of Alabama, is in a 1989 chapter that covers only a city operating under the federal consent de-

cree in Tolbert and Petty v. the City of Bessemer. It says that on the first Monday in October after the election, the newly elected mayor and council members "shall assume office" and the terms of the present mayor and governing body "shall end."

The state's general law for municipal elections, Section 11-46-21, says officers elected at regular elections "shall assume the duties of their respective offices on the first Monday in November following their election unless otherwise provided in this article."

The Legislature moved that date from October to November in 2006 without amending the Bessemer chapter, the complaint says, and in 2021 re-enacted the Bessemer section with the October date. Alexander, then a state representative, sponsored the 2021 act, according to the Legislature's records.

Ordinance No. 3424, adopted March 2, 2010, says municipal officers take office the first Monday in November after their election and that the mayor and council serve until the first Monday in November four years later, according to the complaint.

Its preamble recites an "irreconcilable conflict" between the 2006 act and the Bessemer chapter. At the time, runoffs were held six weeks after the regular election; they are now held four weeks after, the complaint says.

Gulley had cited a 2010 ordinance Friday, Oct. 2, saying it supersedes the state code and that Alexander voted for it, WBRC reported. Alexander told AL.com the city began using November in 2010 because the runoff date was pushed back and that the provision was meant as a temporary fix. She was on the council then and voted for the ordinance, AL.com reported.

In a statement posted on the city's Facebook page Oct. 1, Gulley said the officials elected this year should take office the first Monday in November, Nov. 2, consistent with a council resolution, the city's longstanding practice and the state's general municipal election laws. "A four-year term should be a full four-year term," he said. He said he respects the courts' authority to resolve questions of Alabama law.

The suit attaches the letters

Clemon and City Attorney Aaron Killings exchanged last week. Clemon wrote Thursday, Oct. 1, that Alexander would take the oath and assume her duties Oct. 5 and that he expected Gulley to have vacated his office and removed his belongings from City Hall by 10 a.m. that day.

Clemon wrote that a Sept. 29 memorandum to Killings from attorney R. Shan Paden had concluded that seating the officials the first Monday in November, as contemplated by the city ordinance calling the election, "appears to be the best course of action." That conclusion was groundless, Clemon wrote, and the memo's recommendation that the Legislature amend the Bessemer chapter to confirm the November date conceded the point: "Obviously, if legislative action is needed to move the date to November, the operative date today is October."

Clemon also wrote that the memo explains that in 2010 the six-week runoff fell on Oct. 5, after the first Monday in October, "making compliance impossible." WBRC reported Gulley's win over Ed May in that runoff in a story posted just after midnight Oct. 6, 2010.

Killings answered Friday, Oct. 2, with copies to Gulley and the council, that the city "respectfully disagrees." The city does not dispute the language of the October provision, he wrote, but it cannot be read in isolation: the Bessemer chapter directs that the city's elec-

tions be conducted under the general election laws, the Legislature later amended those laws to seat municipal officers in November, and that change "implicitly amended" the Bessemer provision.

The city does not rely on Ordinance No. 3424 "as an independent source of legislative authority superior to the Alabama Code," Killings wrote, and "agrees with the general proposition that a municipal ordinance cannot lawfully contradict controlling state law."

At the council's Sept. 29 meeting, when it canvassed the runoff and declared Alexander elected, Killings advised the council that the statute requires the newly elected mayor and council members to take office the first Monday in October, and a motion to swear them in Oct. 5 failed for want of a second, the complaint says. Councilman Cleo King of District 7 made the motion, WBRC reported.

The council's resolution canvassing the Aug. 25 election, posted on the city's website, had declared each council and school board winner "duly elected to that office for the term beginning the first Monday in November 2026."

Section 11-43D-2 covers council members as well as the mayor; the order names no council member. Three of the seven members elected this year are new to the council: Stephens-Donald in District 3, Kelvin Eades in District 5 and Williams in District 6.



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'Still Classy at 55': Abrams Class of 1971 celebrates 55th reunion



The J.S. Abrams Class of 1971 after church services.

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

"This is truly a big milestone. The Lord has brought us this far because there's so many that didn't make it and we're thankful to celebrate fifty-five years," Edna Hinson, secretary and vice president of the J.S. Abrams Class of 1971, told us.

The class, whose motto was "The Class With Class," marked its 55th year with a Black & White Ball on a recent weekend under

the theme "Still United In Love."

The ball, at the Bessemer Civic Center, was a gown, suit and tie affair, with music from Pigromas Choice, musically talented members of the class. Shirley Bandy gave the welcome and occasion, and Diane Gibson led a memorial moment. Food was served, and Hinson coordinated a memories segment, Class of 1971 Walk Down Memory Lane, with Dwight Avery. A fun fact sheet

made up like a newspaper carried headlines from 1971.

The class spent the week-end together, visiting the annual J.S. Abrams Alumni Day with other classes and closing Sunday at Greater Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, where classmate Rev. James Eades preached from Psalms 37:25-26 on the subject "Down Through the Years, the Lord Has Been Good to Me." Class members sang together.

The Class of 1971 was

the first Abrams class to hold its commencement at Bessemer's Snitz Snider Stadium, 901 4th Ave., among a few other firsts.

Hinson said today's young people do not seem to have the same care for one another that her classmates had. "We were actually friends growing up and we loved one another. The children of today simply need to find Jesus and within Jesus hope and better days can be found in tomorrow," she told us.

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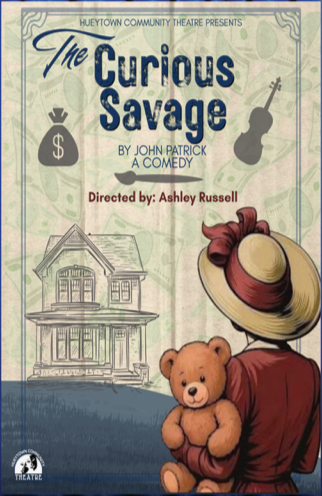
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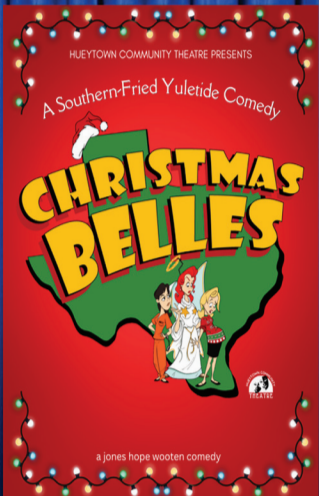
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NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS

Notice is hereby given that on the 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2026, at 9:00 A.M., in the Council Chamber, the Council of The City of Bessemer will consider a resolution regarding the weeds growing upon or in front of this property, a copy of the resolution which is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer; and at that time and place will determine whether the same constitutes a public nuisance which must be abated by the removal of the noxious or dangerous weeds; and, if so, will order the abatement and removal of the nuisances, in which the case the cost of such abatement and removal shall be assessed upon the lots and lands from which such weeds are removed, and such cost will constitute a lien for weed removal upon such lots or land until paid.

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

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

This notice applies to the following attached addresses:

PUBLICATION DATES: 10/2 & 9/2022

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9/15/2026

PROPERTY LOCATION	PARCEL NUMBER	OWNER(S)
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2026 18TH STREET NORTH	38 00 05 1 010 005.000	CHESAPEAKE CONTRACTORS INC
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3118 EXETER AVENUE	38 00 02 3 021 016.000	KING NATHAN JR
3123 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 021 018.000	PADEN TODD REALTY & APPRAISAL
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3126 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 021 020.000	COLVIN ALNZO & MARCIA
3200 FAIRFAX AVENUE	38 00 02 3 010 009.001	JACKSON BOOKER T
541 WEST LAKE DRIVE	38 00 17 1 001 009.000	GARRICK DAN
539 WEST LAKE DRIVE	38 00 17 1 001 010.000	KAYLA UNLIMITED INVESTMENTS LLC
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Bessemer-area students named to SNHU summer honor lists

Seven students from the Bessemer area have been named to the Southern New Hampshire University president's list for the summer term, and four to the dean's list. The term ran from May to August.

On the president's list, for grade-point averages of 3.7 or higher, are Jared French of McCalla; DCarla Holmes,

Carmen Dunnigan, Tamiah Hayes, Wendi Hedgemon and Ashley Sanders, all of Bessemer; and Jerica Boswell of Hueytown.

On the dean's list, for averages of 3.5 to 3.699, are Latanjulla Smith, Faith Johnson and Laura Dunaway, all of Bessemer, and Anastasia Murry of Hueytown.

GriefShare seminar at Concord Baptist set for Nov. 14

The GriefShare grief recovery support group at Concord Baptist Church in Bessemer will hold Surviving the Holidays, a two-hour seminar for people facing the holidays after the death of a loved one, on Saturday, Nov. 14.

A light breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m., and the

seminar runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the church's fellowship hall, 5951 Warrior River Road. The program covers ways of coping with the season.

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West Jefferson County Historical Society plans Christmas Heritage Tour December 6

At a recent meeting of the West Jefferson County Historical Society held at the historic Owen House, the organization set the date Sunday, December 6, for the Christmas Heritage Tour of Pioneer Homes. The Christmas tour will quickly get you in the Christmas Spirit.

The Owen House, owned and operated by the Historical Society, is located on Eastern Valley Road. The rear wing of the house was built in 1833 with the main house completed in 1838.

Along with the Owen House, the historic McAdory House, ca. 1839, and the Sadler House, ca. 1827, are also on Eastern Valley Road and will be open to the public from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the tour.

Leigh Anne Courington will serve as chairman of the 51st

annual Christmas Tour which benefits the ongoing maintenance of the three historic houses.

Courington said, "If you think you know the Christmas Tour of Pioneer Homes, come see what is new this year. We are honoring the history of our homes while creating a fresh experience that we believe will make this year's tour especially memorable."

The historic plantation houses will be beautifully decorated in fresh greenery, fruit, burning candles and a Christmas tree for this most wonderful season.

There will be entertainment at the houses and period-dressed docents to welcome you.

For more information and tickets, please call 205-966-3938.

Hueytown Witches Ride and It's Fall Y'all Fest set Oct. 24

The Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce will hold the Witches Ride of Hueytown at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, an hour before its annual It's Fall Y'all Fest at Hueytown City Park.

The ride begins in the Food Giant parking lot across from the library and follows Hueytown Road to the park, with the witches tossing candy to children along the route. Riders 16 and older may dress as witches and ride a bicycle, golf cart or side-by-side UTV, or walk with a decorated broom. Registration

is \$10 a person in advance and \$15 the day of the ride, at hueytownchamber.com. Prizes go to the best decorated broom, best witch costume and best decorated bicycle, golf cart and side-by-side.

It's Fall Y'all Fest runs from 4 to 6 p.m. at the park with games, contests, food, vendors and music. Businesses, churches and organizations that want a booth should send the chamber a contact name, email and phone number by Oct. 19. Booths set up from 1 to 3 p.m., no vehicles are allowed in the park after 3 p.m., and the entrance is from 21st Street in front of Hueytown Intermediate School, not Forest Road.

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Quote of the Week -

October 2, 2026 -

Donald Jay Howton

*"Never eat more than you
can lift."*

- Miss Piggy

J.S. Abrams alumni gather for annual class day



J.S. Abrams alumni, several in Class of 1983 shirts, under a tent at the annual class day.



Alumni in Class of 1984 shirts, with children, at the class day.



Alumni at the class day, several in "Still Blue" shirts and one in a Class of 1982 shirt.



Alumni in Class of 1982 shirts at the class day.

**BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF**

The J.S. Abrams Alumni ended the summer with their annual class day celebrations on the grounds of what was Jackson Solomon Abrams High School, now J.S. Abrams Elementary.

The setting was like a family reunion and a picnic,

with classes under tents barbecuing, dancing, laughing and enjoying the day.

Representatives of the oldest class, 1966, wore J.S. Abrams attire and matching shirts, and the school's last graduating class, 1987, was there too. The Class of 1982 greeted classmates' children, who joined their parents for the day.

Bessemer adopts video and audio surveillance policy

**BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF**

The Bessemer City Council understands its responsibility in providing a safe and secure workplace for municipal employees, elected officials, visitors and the public.

Also, the city of Bessemer owns and operates numerous public facilities, vehicles, equipment and infrastructure requiring protection from theft, vandalism, violence, misconduct and unauthorized access.

The use of video and audio surveillance systems serves a valid public purpose by enhancing public safety, protecting public property, assisting in investigations, improving efficiency, reducing liability and preserving

evidence.

However, the city of Bessemer did not have in place a policy to govern the use of surveillance systems within the municipality to protect the staff and the public.

The Bessemer Police Department will be exempt from the policy due to the confidential nature of its investigative processes and related materials.

The City Council is in agreement concerning the multiple benefits of surveillance systems and a necessary video and audio surveillance policy.

Councilwoman Sarah Bell Person made a motion to approve the video and audio surveillance policy. Councilwoman Carla Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Voter registration closes Oct. 19 for the Nov. 3 general election

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 3 general election is Monday, Oct. 19, Secretary of State Wes Allen said in a release Oct. 5.

Voters can register online at sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote, or deliver a paper registration form in person or by mail to the county Board of Registrars. Registration status can be checked at myinfo.alabamavotes.gov/VoterView.

To vote in Alabama, a person must be a U.S. citizen, live in Alabama and be at

least 18 on or before Election Day, and must not be barred from voting by a disqualifying felony conviction or have been judged "mentally incompetent" by a court.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Voters must show valid photo identification at the polls or when voting by absentee ballot.

For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 334-242-7210 or to the county Board of Registrars.

District attorney speaks at Hueytown survivors brunch



The Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce held its fifth annual Survivors & Thrivers Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch on Saturday, Oct. 3, at North Highlands Baptist Church in Hueytown.

Bessemer Cutoff District Attorney Lynneice O. Washington spoke, according to a post and photographs from

her office. The post thanked Washington and "everyone who shared their heart and inspiring words."

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

Salvation Army welcomes new Birmingham Area Command officers

BY DONALD JAY HOWTON
WESTERN STAR STAFF

The Salvation Army is an international organization dedicated to meeting human needs through a broad range of social services.

Recently, the Salvation Army of Greater Birmingham hosted a meet-and-greet to welcome to the Birmingham Area Command the new officers, Maj. Doug and Storm McClure.

The reception was held at the Salvation Army Center of Hope on 26th Avenue North, where they shared their vision for the Salvation Army in Central Alabama.

With over 20 years of

ministry experience, the McClures are committed to serving others through the Salvation Army.

Most recently, they served as senior leaders in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Maj. Doug McClure said, "We are excited to begin this new chapter in Birmingham and look forward to building relationships, listening to the community and discovering how we can serve together."

They are passionate about strengthening communities, developing leaders and sharing the love of Christ through compassionate service.

The McClures have been married since 2003, and they have four adult sons.

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Little thanks voters after winning school board seat



Remeka Little

BY ROBERT BURGINS, JR.
WESTERN STAR STAFF

Remeka Little, humbled and grateful to the voters who put her on the Bessemer Board of Education, is ready to serve the school system she is a product of.

Little won the District 2 seat over incumbent Terry E. Dawson, 395 votes to 353, in the Aug. 25 municipal election, according to the official results certified by the City

Council. She takes office the first Monday in November.

"These schools helped shape my life, and now I have an opportunity to give back," Little said. "I understand this victory comes with a responsibility to listen, prepare and work diligently for our educators, students and families."

Her priorities range from student achievement and accountability to stronger communication between the board and the community, and she wants families to feel heard on the matters that affect their children. "I believe asking questions and expecting clear answers are essential parts of meaningful collaboration," she said.

Little thanks the voters for believing in her and for the time, encouragement, prayers and hard work they put into her campaign. She spent 14 years in the class-

room and 29 years in education in all, and recently retired. She says students, families and colleagues taught her what it takes to make schools successful.

"Serving on the school board gives me another opportunity to advocate for children's needs while supporting the educators and families who help them succeed," she said. "I want every student to know that their voice matters and that their future is worth investing in."

For more information, call 205-678-1547 or visit the Remeka Little for Bessemer City School Board District 2 page on Facebook.

We celebrate recent and upcoming victories throughout the districts of our city and those set to serve us all through purposeful service. Make sure your voice is heard.

Center Point man gets more than 19 years in kidnapping that ended with Bessemer arrest

A Center Point man was sentenced to 235 months in federal prison, more than 19 years, for a 2025 kidnapping that ended with his arrest in Bessemer, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama said Oct. 5.

U.S. District Judge Anna M. Manasco sentenced Amarian Dewayne Jackson, 20, who pleaded guilty in April to conspiracy to kidnap and kidnapping, to be followed by five years of supervised release.

His co-defendant, Korbyn Markeith Williams, 21, of Alabaster, pleaded guilty in April to conspiracy to kidnap, kidnapping and receipt of ransom money and is set for sentencing Jan. 13, 2027.

According to court documents cited in the release, the two kidnapped a man at gunpoint from his Tuscaloosa apartment in January 2025 after a third party failed to pay

them for a drug transaction. The victim was not involved in the deal. Armed with pistols, they threatened to kill him and demanded at least \$5,000 for his return, and Williams received \$1,000 of ransom digitally from the victim's family.

A Bessemer police officer answered a call at a store in Bessemer about an armed kidnapping involving a white car, found the car and turned on her emergency lights. Jackson and Williams, who had come to collect ransom in cash from the victim's family, were arrested, and the victim was recovered unharmed. Officers found pistols, ammunition, two black ski masks and gloves in the car, the release said.

The FBI investigated with the Tuscaloosa Violent Crimes Unit, the West Alabama Narcotics Task Force and the Bessemer Police Department.

Kiara Horn of Bessemer on UMGC dean's list

Kiara Horn of Bessemer was named to the dean's list for the summer 2026 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. Students on the list complete at least six credits in the term with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and keep a 3.5 cumulative average.



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