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Fire Chief Edward Reinhardt reflects on 40 years of service

Retirement celebration and ribbon cutting for new station today



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Cullman Fire Rescue Chief Edward Reinhardt stayed long enough to see the completion of Fire Station 3 off Alabama Highway 157 and see his administration moved into new offices there. He is retiring after 40 years. A retirement celebration and ribbon cutting for the new station will take place today, Thursday, April 19, beginning at 11 a.m. The new station is located at 1920 Butler Street NW.

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Community walks to remember children lost to child abuse

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CULLMAN – A small crowd came out to take part in this year's Prayer Walk at the Cullman County Courthouse on Wednesday, walking to mourn for, and remember, the 28 children who lost their lives to child abuse in Alabama in 2017.

The event is spearheaded by the local nonprofit Cullman Caring for Kids. Its director, Javon Daniel, talked about the walk.

"This year we decided instead of doing all the bows throughout town, we're doing pinwheels. The pinwheels represent prevention so that's why we're calling it 'Pinwheels for Prevention,'" Daniel said. "The Prayer Walk today is for the children that have died, the children that are still being abused and for those that have been abused and trying to deal with that scar in their life. We're also going to be praying for law enforcement, for the judges and all the people here in the courthouse that have to make decisions every day about what happens to a child's life."

Before the walk began, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry spoke briefly on the steps of the courthouse and started out by bragging on the people of Cullman and some local organizations for their continued support of children in the community.

"I tell this to the other 66 sheriffs: we live in the greatest county in the state of Alabama and it's because of our citizens, it's because of our people. One of the things that I get the most excited about is seeing the support that we have from our community, our law enforcement, Brooks' Place, the Department of Human Resources, Cullman Caring for Kids; we have a lot of people that care about our children," said Gentry.



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Cut-outs representing some of the 28 children who lost their lives to child abuse in Alabama in 2017 were carried on Wednesday's Prayer Walk at the Cullman County Courthouse.

"Our children are our most valuable resource. I tell anybody, if you want to scare me, talk to me about my kids, and it's because they mean the world to us. The way we look at it and the way we feel about it is that our children are our foundation. Our children will be the next leaders in our community, and we want to be sure that they're taken care of."

Gentry said child abuse prevention and protecting Cullman County's children are important to many people in the community, saying that's why it's so important for the community to tackle it together.

"We want to make sure that they have a good life, we want to make sure they're not abused, that we don't have someone that's hurting our children, because when our children hurt, we hurt. As the sheriff and as a father and as a community, that's our top priority, but it takes everybody working together as a whole to accomplish that," he said. "We all play a part in the success of our community and I just can't thank each one of you enough. I can't thank Javon (Daniel) and Nancy (Bryant) and all these guys enough for day in, day out what they do for our children in our community. I just want y'all to know how much I love you and how much I appreciate you and support you and it's just an honor to be here with you."

Daniel touched on some of the different ways citizens can help out through Cullman Caring for Kids, whether through volunteer work or helping support children more directly through a special advocacy program.

"Of course, they can come to our office and volunteer and they can volunteer for the C.A.S.A program which is court-appointed special advocates, which are screened and trained

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Expect delays on I-65 South near Colony exit this weekend, April 20-23



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CULLMAN - The outside southbound lane of Interstate 65 at Exit 291 (Colony) will be closed this weekend. According to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), the closure is for the repair of the bridge over Alabama Highway 91.

Said a media release from ALDOT, "Weather-permitting, the closure will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, April 20. ALDOT anticipates the lane reopening by 6 a.m. Monday, April 23."

The inside southbound lane will remain open, but motorists should expect delays if traveling I-65 south through Cullman County during this time. ALDOT advises motorists to plan ahead and consider using alternate routes, such as Alabama Highway 157 southbound from Exit 310 to U.S. Highway 31 southbound to I-65 southbound.

Check www.ALGOtraffic.com for updates.

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Vinemont woman charged after meth, syringes found in home with 3 small children

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VINEMONT – A Vinemont woman was arrested Tuesday and charged with three counts of chemical endangerment of a child after authorities allegedly found methamphetamine and syringes in a home where three small children were present.

Investigators with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) arrested Angela Michelle Simpers, 29, following an investigation with the Cullman County Department of Human Resources.

A media release from the CCSO stated that methamphetamine was being used by the offender within the residence in the presence of the children: "During the course of the investigation it was confirmed that methamphetamine and syringes were present within the residence and being used around the children."

The three children in the residence are all younger than 10-years-old.

"As sheriff our children will always be a top priority. This is a good example of agencies working together to protect our most valuable resource," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

Simpers remains in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $30,000 bond.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Angela Simpers

CCSO hosting 2-part Citizens' Firearm Safety Class, April 23 and 28

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is hosting a two-part Citizens' Firearm Safety Class. The classroom portion will be held on Monday, April 23 at 6 p.m. at the CCSO Training Center, and the live-fire part on Saturday, April 28 at 8 a.m. at a firing range.

The class will focus on safely handling a weapon, proper technique for shooting a weapon, cleaning a weapon and getting familiar with a weapon. A PowerPoint presentation will also be shown.

Citizens who attend part one of the class on April 23 will be able to sign up at that time to attend part two, the live-fire safety course, at the shooting range on April 28.

"We here at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office are advocates of our citizens having the knowledge and training they need to protect themselves," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I would add that we want them to also know how to handle the weapon safely, and with this free training they are able to gain valuable knowledge in both these areas."

To register, email Capt. Mark Persall at mpersall@cullmansheriff.org or Bradley Williams at bwilliams@cullmansheriff.org. For more information, call 256-734-0342.

Registration is not required, but it is encouraged as it gives CCSO deputies a good idea as to the number of participants attending the class.

***Note:** Do NOT bring a gun or ammunition to the Monday night class. Monday night is classroom portion only.*

Arrest reports: April 16-17

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for April 16-17. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; **FTA** = failure to appear

MONDAY, APRIL 16
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Adams, Jessica Amanda, 26
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Drake, Thomas Edwin, 23
• judge's order- DUI

Hanks, Heidi Lee Gainer, 50
• public intoxication

Harbison, Wesley Millard, 38
• second-degree burglary

Holmes, Carol Hankey, 68
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

May, Jason Leonard, 44
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Nail, Halie Nichole, 24
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Parker, Jordan Blake, 23
• judge's order- first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)

Smith, Brian Neal, 44
• FTA- liability insurance required

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Hollis, Robert L. Jr., 40
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Adams, Jessica A., 26
• FTA- public intoxication

Weaver, Jason J., 26
• third-degree domestic violence

Payne, George G., 67
• third-degree domestic violence
• first-degree criminal trespassing

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Abbott, Kalyn West, 26
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Arnett, Carly Joe, 48
• public intoxication

Burke, Tony Joe, 27
• probation violation- third-degree burglary
• establishment of residence- SORNA
• failure to register/ establish- SORNA (2 counts)
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• probation violation- second-degree rape
• first-degree receiving stolen property
• probation violation- second-degree receiving stolen property

Fanning, Ricky Dean, 26
• probation revoked- possession of drug paraphernalia
• probation revoked- public intoxication

Hill, James Tyler, 23
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Johnson, Kristina Jordan, 31
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

McKoy, Wesley Neal, 37
• probation violation- unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance

McLeod, Natalie, Nacole, 37
• possession of drug paraphernalia

• **Mooney, Nathan Leroy, 29**
• fourth-degree theft of property

Parker, Morgan Nichole, 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Pilgrim, Nathaniel Scott, 26
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Simpers, Angela Michelle, 29
• chemical endangerment of a child (3 counts)

Waldrop, Amanda Ruth, 31
• judge's order- possession of drug paraphernalia
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

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Darby, Troy L., 34
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Abbott, Kayln W., 26
• FTA- driving without a license
• FTA- Duty upon striking unattended vehicle

Quick, Maria L., 35
• FTA- third-degree theft of property
• FTA- driving while suspended
• FTA- improper lights

Hasting, Nicholas A., 25
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Oden, Jeannine P., 50
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

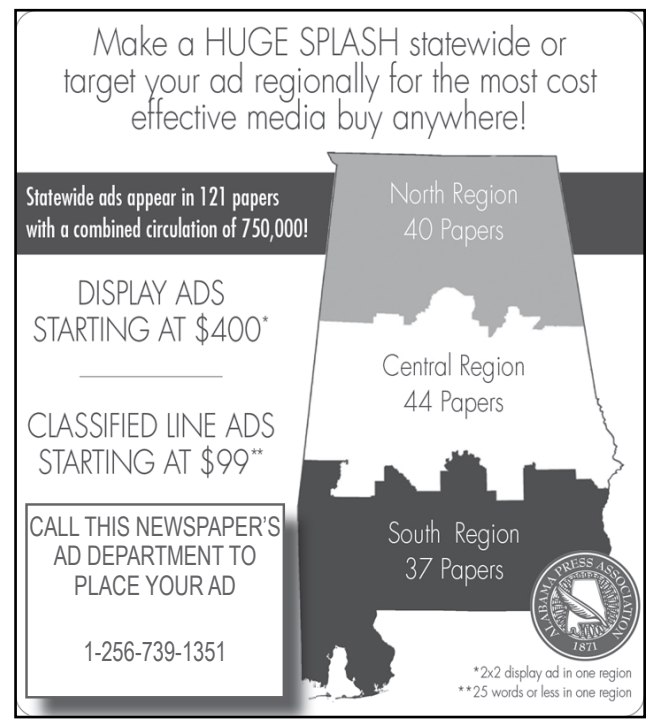
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Jacobs proclaims 'Parental Alienation Prevention Week' and 'Bubbles for Love Day' in Cullman

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Kenneth Paschal, left, with Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs

CULLMAN – This week, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs officially proclaimed the week of April 22-28, 2018 "Parental Alienation Prevention Week" and April 25, 2018 as "Bubbles for Love Day" in the city of Cullman.

On hand to receive the proclamation was retired Army 1st Sgt. Kenneth Paschal, who serves as family day event coordinator with the Alabama Family Rights Association (ALFRA).

Parental alienation is the term used to describe any number of behaviors and attitudes on the part of one parent that are designed to interfere, damage or destroy the relationship a child has with their other parent.

It's a form of abuse that causes emotional trauma to children. It deprives children of their right to freely love and be loved by both parents and extended family and robs children of their sense of security.

Mental professionals agree that the negative effects of parental alienation can follow a child into adulthood, often with tragic consequences.

Parental alienation can arise from divorce, child custody situations and even with intact families. Parental alienation is evidenced by the alienating behaviors of a person, such as a parent, family members, or as a result of the judicial system restricting the relationship between a child and a loving parent.

Alienation can severely damage or destroy a child's relationship with a parent. The most common symptom of children affected by parental alienation "is a child's rejection of a loving parent who has done nothing to warrant that rejection, and it is at the behest of the other parent." (Linda Kase-Gottlieb, LMFT, LCSW-r)

ALFRA seeks to bring awareness and educate the public about parental alienation.

Through awareness, social attitudes can be changed. Parental Alienation Prevention Week is intended to increase the knowledge and understanding of this problem to help Alabamians, institutions, the legal and mental health community, and leaders to better identify and combat such abusive behavior to children. The ALFRA believes that children should be able to freely express the meaning of F.A.M.I.L.Y. = Father And Mother, I Love You.

On April 25, 2018, at noon, ALFRA encourages citizens to take 10 minutes to blow "Bubbles for Love" in support of Parental Alienation Awareness in an effort to educate the public about this form of child abuse.

For more information, visit the ALFRA web site at www.ALFRA.org.

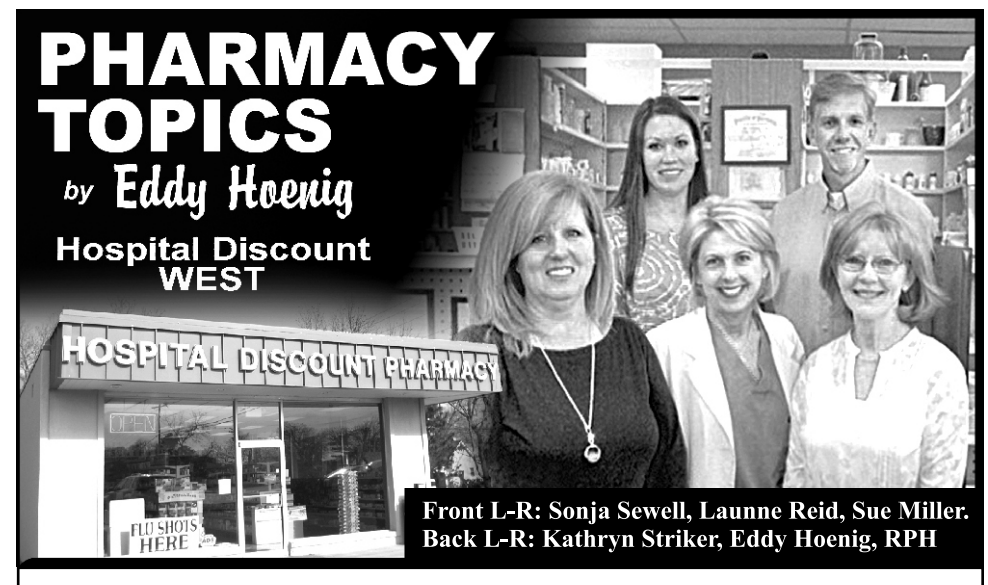

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Although the clinical efficacy of antidepressants in children and adolescents is proven, it is frequently accompanied by side effects. In addition, the influence of the placebo effect on the efficacy of antidepressants is unclear. A meta-analysis of data from over 6,500 patients has now shown that, although antidepressants are more effective than placebos, the difference is minor and varies according to the type of mental disorder. The results were published in the journal *JAMA Psychiatry*. The most common mental disorders in children and adolescents include anxiety disorders, depressive disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder and posttraumatic stress disorder. Children and adolescents are often treated with psychotherapy together with newer antidepressants such as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs). Psychologists analyzed 36 drug trials. The trials included data from 6,778 children and adolescents up to the age of 18. According to the study, the effects of antidepressants and placebos vary according to the type of mental disorder: antidepressants have a greater specific effect in the case of anxiety disorders than depressive disorders. On the other hand, placebos have a stronger effect in depressed patients than in those with an anxiety disorder.

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A new study published in the scientific journal *Addiction* has found no reliable evidence for using nalmefene, naltrexone, acamprosate, baclofen or topiramate to control drinking in patients with alcohol dependence or alcohol use disorder. At best, some treatments showed low to medium efficacy in reducing drinking, but those findings were from studies with a high risk of bias. None demonstrated any benefit on health outcomes.

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Jacobs proclaims April 'Autism Awareness Month' in Cullman

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Left to right: Rhonda Davis, Amy Kampis, John Harper Kampis, Mayor Woody Jacobs, Jordan Davis, Stormi Brock and Penny Brock

CULLMAN – Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs recently proclaimed the month of April 2018 "Autism Awareness Month" in the city of Cullman. Jacobs made the announcement on Thursday, April 12, 2018 and presented a signed and sealed proclamation to those in attendance.

Autism is a lifelong neurological disorder. According to recent statistics, approximately one in 68 children is diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Autism affects everyone differently and can range from very mild to severe. It knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries and affects young and old alike.

Understanding of autism has grown tremendously since it was first diagnosed. However, there is still no known cure. Accurate and early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to the future growth and development of individuals with autism. Hope lies in a broad spectrum of treatments and in an informed public and community committed to providing support and service to individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

On hand to accept the proclamation were Rhonda Davis and her son Jordan, Amy Kampis and her son John Harper Kampis, and Penny Brock and her daughter, Stormi Brock.

"We are proud to stand with Mayor Jacobs in proclaiming April as National Autism Awareness Month," said Davis, of the Cullman Area Autism & Special Needs Support Group.

The Cullman Area Autism & Special Needs Support Group works directly with the state nonprofit organization, Autism Society of Alabama, offering conferences, monthly support and training meetings, social outings and more for families working and living with individuals of all ages with special needs. For more information on this group, visit its Facebook page or contact coordinators Davis (256-962-2208), Sarah Bates (256-338-1301) or Kampis (256-347-7436).

In the proclamation, Jacobs urged all citizens to participate in local Autism Awareness Month activities in order to become better educated about autism and to create a better community for individuals with autism.

"I appreciate all that Rhonda and the other members of the Cullman Area Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group do to help folks in our community," said Jacobs. "I believe it's important to help promote awareness of this issue and to support those groups and individuals who help to improve the lives of those living with Autism Spectrum Disorders."

2018 Restaurant Spirit & Awareness Fundraising Days are underway. Attend one of the Spirit Events listed below to help support this cause.

2018 RESTAURANT SPIRIT & AWARENESS FUNDRAISING DAYS

- Saturday, April 21: 7-9:30 AM - Pancake Breakfast Applebee's, Cullman
- Monday, April 23: 5-8 PM - Spirit Night Brandin' Iron, West Point
- Wednesday, April 25: 4-8 PM - Spirit Night Dairy Queen, Cullman (South)
- Wednesday, May 9: 4-8 PM - Spirit Night Dairy Queen, Cullman (North)
- Saturday, May 12: 8 AM–1 PM - Car Wash Zaxby's (South, Olive Street)
- Thursday, May 17: 4-8 PM - Spirit Night Jim 'N Nick's BBQ, Cullman
- Saturday, May or June Car Wash - Zaxby's, (North, AL Hwy 157)

To find out more about Autism Spectrum Disorders – or to find out how you can help families or support the search for a cure – visit one of the following sites:

- Autism Society of Alabama: www.autism-alabama.org
- Autism Speaks: www.autismspeaks.org
- Cullman Area Autism & Special Needs Support Group: www.facebook.com/groups/365701250298039

Weekend fun!

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Wallace State Jazz Band Big Band Ballroom Dance
When: Friday, 7 p.m.
Where: Wallace State's Burrow Center for Fine and Performing Arts, 801 Main St. NW, Hanceville

The Wallace State Jazz Band will continue its long tradition of hosting its Big Band Ballroom Dance on Friday, April 20, 2018, at 7 p.m., at the Burrow Center for Fine and Performing Arts.

"We enjoy seeing a lot of familiar faces during this event," said Ricky Burks, director of the Jazz Band and the Wallace State Community College Music Department.

"We have people who come back every year to dance and those who just love to listen to the music and watch the dancers. We welcome anyone who wants to come by and take a turn on the floor or just enjoy the music."

The students who make up the Wallace State Jazz Band come from programs all across campus. Being a music major is not a requirement for joining the band, though auditions are required. By section, band members include, on saxophone, Kyle Hays of Fairview, Kimberlyn Compton of Vinemont, Aaron Pipes of Cullman, Lacy Hendrix of Albertville, Gage Swann of Hanceville; on trumpet, Gracie Bailey of Fairview, Becky Finley of West Point, Blake Driver of Vinemont, Sudeth Woodard of Cleveland; on trombone, Daniel Leach of Hanceville, Bayle Mallon of Cleveland, Ady Contreras of Blountsville; rhythm section, Jessica Webster of Fultondale on piano, Brooke Sinyard of Crane Hill on piano and vocals, Cayla Bagwell of Arab on bass, and Thomas Baker of Vinemont and Jarod Boike of Cullman on drums.

Admission is $15, which goes to help students pay for their spring trip to Branson, Missouri.

"We appreciate all the support we receive each year," Burks said.

Fairview Lions Club Spring Fling
When: Saturday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview
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- Soil & Water Office
- Cullman Regional
- LifeSouth Blood Mobile

Smoked ham and turkey plates will be sold.

Eckenrod Ford's 21st Annual All Ford Fun Day
When: Saturday, 7:30 a.m.
Where: Eckenrod Ford, 5255 Alabama Highway 157 in Cullman

Free admission and registration; free food, music and awards

34th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts & Crafts Fair
When: Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Where: St. Bernard Abbey and Preparatory School, 1600 St. Bernard Drive SE in Cullman

St. Bernard Abbey's Brother Benedict Dyar has been busy these past few weeks baking Monks Bread for sale at the 34th Annual Bloomin' Festival in Cullman. Brother Benedict has baked more than 2,000 loaves.

The festival is held rain or shine on April 21-22, 2018. More than 170 arts and crafts vendors are expected to sell their works! Festival hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day.

A $5 donation is requested for admission to the festival.

Ave Maria Grotto is open the entire weekend for a reduced admission price of only $3. Bring the family and a hearty appetite! For more information visit www.bloominfestival.com or call -256-739-6682.

April Walking Tour
When: Saturday at 10 a.m.
Where: Starts on the front steps of the Cullman County Museum

This Saturday's tour will be led by Sharon Rowlette. If you have attended these tours before you'll know that they are a great learning tool for history buffs, people who love stories about where certain streets, bridges, crossroads or cemeteries got their names, or people who just love walking and looking at pretty gardens decked out in spring blooms. There is something for everyone on the four April Walking Tours.

Jamfest 2018 Outdoor Concert
When: Saturday, 3 p.m.-midnight
Where: Camp Liberty, 15719 Alabama Highway 157, Vinemont (Battleground)

$10 at the gate - Headliner: Round 2 - 8 other country acts

Bingo at the American Legion
When: Saturday at 6 p.m.
Where: American Legion Post 4, 181 Reid Road in Good Hope

Everyone is invited to Bingo every Saturday night at 6 at American Legion Post 4.

Walk (from Front)

volunteers that are assigned to a child in the court system that has been abused or neglected and they become an advocate for that child," he said.

"You can contact our office at 256-739-1111, you can talk to me or Nancy Bryant or Candace Lingo about the C.A.S.A program, and we need volunteers. Every child deserves to have a happy childhood."

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Blue Eyed Rabbit open for business

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CULLMAN – Local home and garden décor shop, The Blue Eyed Rabbit, celebrated its opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday morning. Owner Connie Sandlin said she is excited to fill a need she has seen develop in Cullman over the years. The Blue Eyed Rabbit offers a wide range of crafts, plants and other items, a unique and varied selection.

Sandlin's new store provides several services as well; Sandlin said it's important to her that people are able to use those services to personalize their homes.

"I do home décor, interior design and decorating and I also do offer some landscaping services," said Sandlin. "Home accessories, window treatments, in-home consultations and that kind of thing. I just try to collect things from different places and pull together different things. I like people's homes to reflect them and not me, whether they've had things from their travels that they can bring in that's personal to them. So, it's not just stuff, it tells their story, not my story."

Sandlin said she is excited to help fill a void she and others in the community have noticed for some time.

"I feel like Cullman doesn't have anything like this, and for years I've had to go to other places and search for items, so I felt like there was a need that was missing here that I could fill with my talent," Sandlin said. "So, that's basically my thing, but I wanted to make sure to keep it affordable and one-of-a-kind."

Before the ribbon cutting, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Leah Bolin took a moment to talk about how excited she is to welcome to The Blue Eyed Rabbit to the community.

"This is one of my fun discoveries today because I've had this on my agenda and my schedule, but I wasn't really sure what ribbon cutting we were doing. Then I walked in and I realized this is my kind of store; I love it," Bolin said. "Opening businesses is one of our favorite things to do, but our most favorite thing to do is telling other people about these businesses and help make you (Sandlin) successful. We're really lucky to have you in our community and have your business in our community and we're really excited that you're here."

The Blue Eyed Rabbit is located at 1702 Cherokee Ave. SW and is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.



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The ribbon was officially cut on home and garden décor shop The Blue Eyed Rabbit Wednesday morning in Cullman.

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Reinhardt (from Front)

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CULLMAN – At the end of this month, Cullman Fire Rescue (CFR) Chief Edward Reinhardt will retire after 40 years of service. The Tribune caught up with him in the department's new headquarters at the newly-completed Fire Station 3 on Cullman's north side to talk about his career and the growth of Cullman's emergency services.

Reinhardt was born and raised in the area, a third generation Cullmanite whose grandparents were among the original immigrant families who came from Germany to settle Cullman. He attended the now consolidated Kelley School and graduated from Vinemont. His wife-to-be Patricia was an elementary school classmate, and the two continued together through school and beyond, having been married for 47 years now.

Reinhardt studied refrigeration and air conditioning, along with radio and television repair, at Wallace State, and received a master's certification in appliance repair from Frigidaire and Whirlpool. He worked in that field for seven years, until a drive to serve his community led him to join the Cullman Fire Department on April 26, 1978. After joining the department, he returned to school to earn an associate degree in fire science.

Reinhardt became a captain in 2004, deputy chief in 2007 and was named chief in 2009.

What led you to the fire service?

"I thought when disaster strikes, or when people's in bad need, I want to be where I can do the most and help people. Well, my thoughts of the fire department were a little different from what it was when I first started here. It was just totally a fire department, but we did respond to some other calls, too, but that was basically the focus.

"I wanted to advance more to where we could help people in other ways, any time they needed help in any way, form, or fashion, so that's kind of what drew me to the fire service."

What has changed in the fire service over the years?

"When I first started, like I said, we were a fire department. I mean, we responded to fires, mostly. Now, we did respond to some vehicle accidents, stuff like that, once in a while, but it's pretty rare. It was just on an absolute have-to case.

"So we changed from that on up to other stuff, which has become more of an all-hazard response now, which I call it.

"Back then, most of the training was on-the-job training. Some of the bigger departments--Birmingham, Huntsville--had their own training facilities and stuff, but you didn't have a statewide thing; so it was just coming into effect when I come to work. A few guys hired right before me went to the first recruit schools.

"So they started trying to meet a state standard and an MPA standard along about that time, which changed a lot from the way we did fight fires.

"Back then, we didn't have SCBAs--contained breathing apparatuses that we used, so it was mostly exterior. You did go in some, but you'd eat a lot of smoke."

Reinhardt talked about the on-the-job training new recruits received from veteran firefighters, as well as technological advancements like thermal imaging cameras that allowed firefighters to locate people in smoke-filled buildings without having to blindly feel around for them, better ventilation systems, the use of firefighting foams, larger diameter hoses, and other developments.

Is there anything from the "old days" you'd like to see preserved or revived?

"Well, there's something to be said about the people that was smoke-eaters back then. If you get in a situation where all your electronics fail, or you have to depend on it, and you've had some of that experience in the past, you have a better chance of surviving. Which they are starting to bring back and teach in some classes now, on how to survive without all that stuff. So I think that's good, I think that's some of the past being brought to the present to help in case of that situation.

"The experience of how fire behaves is something that you learn, you get taught in school. But still you have to know and be able to read it, and know how it works, and where the fire going to be in the next five minutes, ten minutes, if we don't do anything or if we do this, where is it going. So there's a lot of old school things that worked, that are coming back."

What will be your fondest memories of the job?

"They're all fond memories, I guess you'd say. Now, there's tough times, but each day's a challenge, a new challenge, different challenge. So I think it depends on how you look at it.

"Probably one of the fondest was, if I had to sum it up in one big word, would going from a fire department response to an all-hazard response department that covers a lot of things. And that's probably the best memory I've got, as far as the department. I mean, we went from--like I said--just a fire department to an all-hazard response.

"We made some progress before my time (as chief). But basically, we went ALS as I've been chief--which is Advanced Life Support, which we do everything the ambulance service does, short of transport."

The advances of CFR under Reinhardt's roughly 11-year tenure as deputy chief and chief have been numerous, including but not limited to:

- assignment of tactical medics to the Cullman Police Department's tactical response unit, to provide on-the-spot triage and treatment potential during police emergencies
- application and receipt of grants to fund additional air packs, air compressors, HAZMAT decontamination equipment, "Freddy" the fire truck for kids, and aerial ladder/pump vehicle, and the first two years' pay for 12 additional firefighters when CFR expanded to three stations
- 16 new vehicles and trailers including engine trucks, ladder trucks, rescue trucks, SUVs, ATVs, HAZMAT truck and trailer, decontamination trailer, technical rescue trailer and rope rescue trailer
- new equipment including radiological monitors, radio systems, rescue tools, onboard vehicle computers, air and life monitors, traffic preemption systems, turnout gear and gear cleaning equipment, and live video capability that allows training classes at headquarters to be transmitted to all stations, letting firefighters attend class without leaving their posts understaffed
- new personnel positions including division chiefs for operations and EMS, advanced medics and EMS, tactical medics, HAZMAT team, technical rescue team, fire inspector and lieutenants
- Fire Station 3 and the new CFR administrative office just off Alabama Highway 157 on Cullman's north side

What was the hardest moment of the job?

"I guess probably the one I really remember is April 27, 2011, was the tornadoes: realizing how much damage we had, and possibly injuries, the ambulance service being hit, knowing we didn't have enough people to cover all the area we needed to cover and search and rescue, and trying to get the people in a timely manner was kind of a big moment for me at that time, not knowing what the results were going to be."

Reinhardt got up around 5 a.m. on April 27, the day of the storm. His next moment of rest would be a two- or three-hour nap he caught late in the evening of the following day, April 28.

"For probably two weeks, maybe three there, it was very little sleep," said Reinhardt, "maybe a couple of hours here and there that myself, (Cullman Police) Chief (Kenny) Culpepper, and even department heads got very little during that timeframe. It was a learning process.

"Of course, when the tornadoes hit, and the technical rescue teams was here, they had to pull out to go other places and stuff. We now have a medium rescue team, HAZMAT team, HAZMAT trailer, technical rescue trailer, stuff like that that we didn't have. That's one reason we went ALS, too: the ambulance service got hit, so they were maxed out, especially with the whole county, you know. So having our people trained to that level was, I think, a plus in a time of need like that, and it's made a huge difference. So that's some of the stuff I'm really proud of."

Reinhardt also credited the Rock the South event following the storm with providing Cullman with great long-term benefits by bringing together multiple agencies and creating or strengthening lines of inter-agency communication, so that responses to problems since that time could be better coordinated.

When the next generation of CFR leaders talk to their new recruits about the history of the department, what would you like them to say about you?

"Well, I've told them: I've said the one thing I learned is don't quit learning. And I think even now, even as chief, I don't have all the answers still. I still learn; it's a learning process all the time. I think if you ever stop learning, that works against you very much so.

"So I think, continue to learn as much as you can. Learn from others' mistakes early on in your career. Try not to make the same mistakes . . . If you can learn that early on in your career, I think that's a huge plus for anybody."

Next?

If Reinhardt has big plans for the future, he's playing those cards close to the vest.

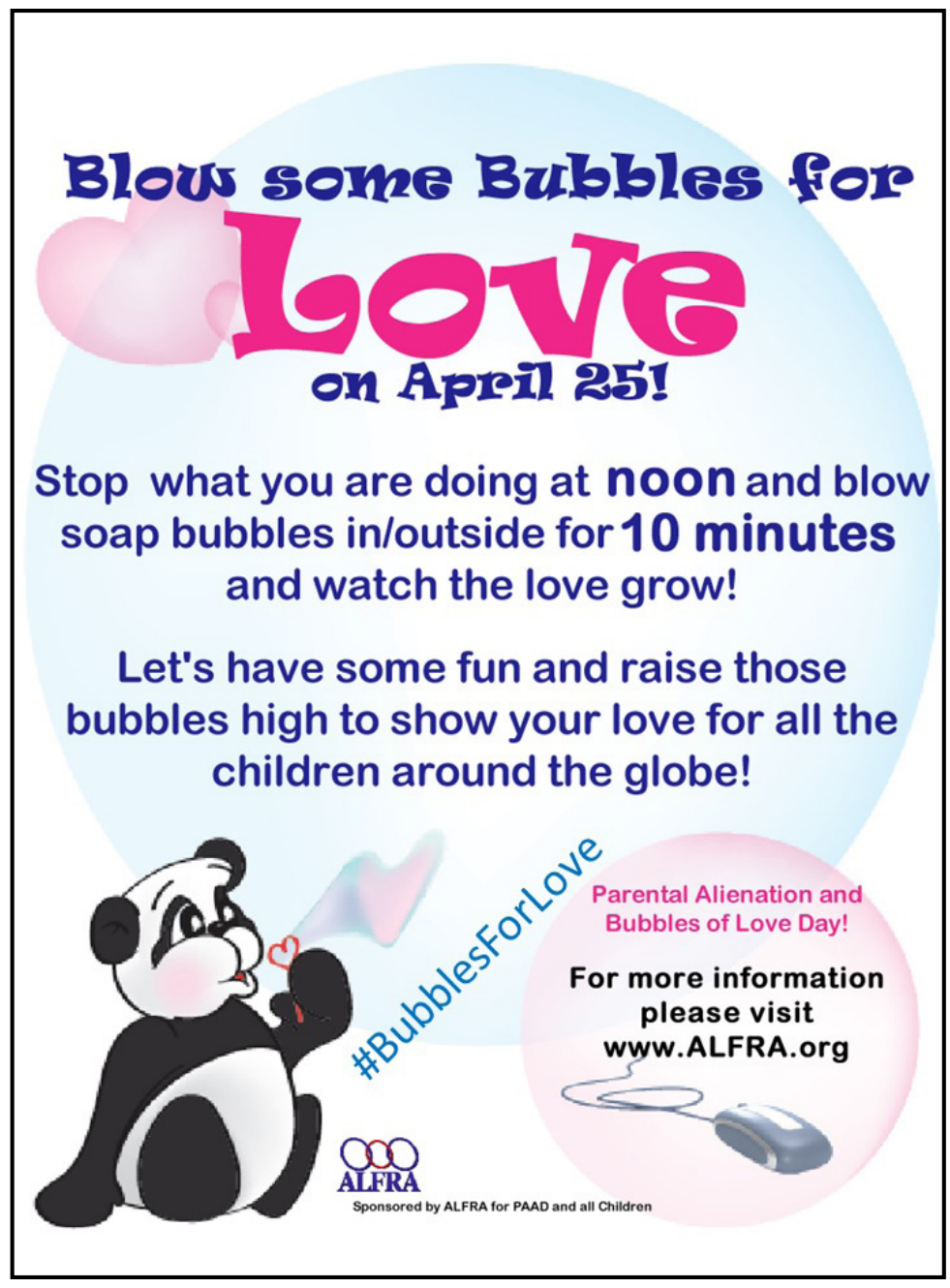
"For a little while I'm just going to relax, take it easy, and see where it leads me. There's things I've put off for years and that I've not done, that I want to do, and just take my time and do them if I want to do them. If I don't want to do them, I don't. I've just never had that opportunity of just kind of being relaxed and just enjoying it, so I want to do that for a little while. I'm going to try it, anyway! I may get bored, but I'm going to try it."

The final word

"I can't say enough about the support from the mayor and the council, my family who has supported me tremendously and put up with me--the long hours and stuff; I know it's been hard; the members of the department--we went through a lot of changes: their patience, their support, them working with it; my staff and other agencies working as a team has got us where we are today. I couldn't do that by myself.

"First off, I give most of the praise to God for that, because I think He put me here for a reason, and I couldn't have done it without Him and all these other people that supported us. So I just want to thank everybody for that. And I think He's got a bigger plan in place that He's going to move on with from here."

On May 1, Division Chief Brian Bradberry will take over as chief of Cullman Fire Rescue.



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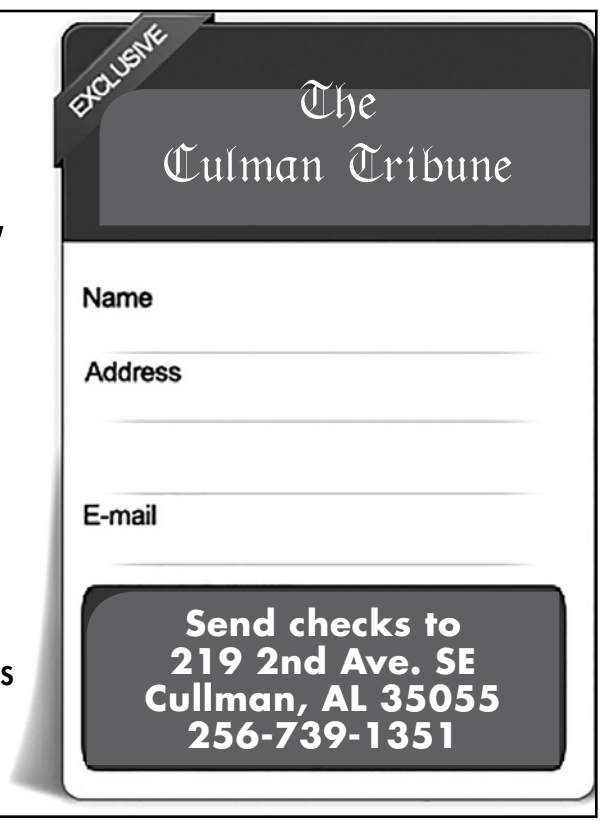
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Garden City cites 2 businesses for multiple violations; pay-per-call system planned for fire department

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The Garden City Town Council meets on the third Monday of each month.

GARDEN CITY – The Garden City Town Council issued citations to a pair of local businesses Monday night after a vote that determined both are in violation of multiple town ordinances. Deb's Tires and Roger's Tire were each found to be in violation of several ordinances including weed accumulation, garbage disposal and violating no parking zones. Maintaining a nuisance was also listed as one of the violations as several council members said the businesses have been aware of the violations for two years. According to the council, Roger's Tire has been operating out of the same location as Deb's Tires with no business license.

Next on the agenda, the council approved a plan that would increase funding for the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department. A pay-per-call system will be put in place in October at the start of the next fiscal year and will help generate more revenue for the fire department.

The plan will pay $10 per fire call, $2 per medical call and $10 per training event. No official ordinance was passed at Monday night's meeting, but Mayor Tim Eskew said the move is an important part of the upcoming budget to reimburse the fire department for the work they do in the community.

The council discussed options for buying a new tractor for cutting the grass on public property in the community but tabled the topic for further discussion. Most of the council agreed that the issue should be worked into next year's budget rather than making the purchase for this summer.

Toward the end of the meeting, the council discussed an idea for building a batting cage at Garden City River Park. Specifically, the town is looking at a four lane, fully furnished cage with three lanes set up for baseball and one for softball.

No official decision was made, but the council agreed to look into what grants might be available for the project.

The Garden City Town Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Garden City Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO.: AD2018-030**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF E.G.B.,
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **BUDDY WAYNE BENNETT,** ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, OR UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER:

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of E.G.B., a minor child born on the 10th day of May, 2010, in Birmingham, Alabama, to biological mother Tiffany Anita Thomas Martin, was filed on the 26th day of March, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Matthew Martin, Petitioner. Please be advised 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 the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE THIS 26th DAY OF March, 2018.

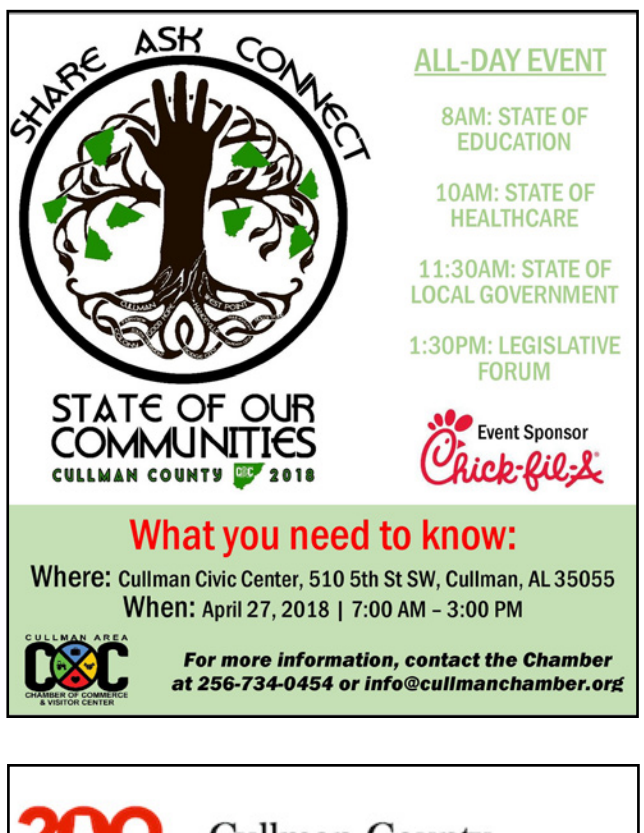
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TO: CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Send proof of publication to the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA





NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Johnny V Scott And Donna G Scott Wife to American General Financial Services of Alabama, Inc. dated November 22, 2005; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1452, Page 855, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee for CIM Trust 2015-2AG Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2015-2AG by assignment recorded in Deed Book 333, Page 773 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee for CIM Trust 2015-2AG Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2015-2AG, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 4th day of May, 2018 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

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In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of Jerry Joshua Bailey and Rachel LaShay Bailey

Case Number:

The Petition for Adoption of Gabrielle Ann Cook (DOB 10/17/2017) has been filed with the Probate Court of Morgan County, Alabama. Any concerned party must answer this notice within 30 days, or therefore a judgment by default may be rendered in this cause.

Done this the 2nd day of April, 2018.

Victor Manning, Judge of Probate
Jackson County, Alabama

Sara Doty Attorney
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2018-029**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF C.G.B.
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: BRYAN HUNTER BUCKELEW, OR ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, UNDISCLOSED PERSONS THAT MAY BE THE FATHER OF C.G.B. DATE OF BIRTH BEING MARCH 8, 2017

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY DUNCAN HOPPER, PETITIONER, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER GRACIE WARREN HOPPER, IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 26th DAY OF March, 2018.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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Aggies, Cold Springs Lady Eagles take titles; Junkins, Appling, Schnittker recognized as MVPs

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FAIRVIEW – Fairview's boys and Cold Springs' girls took home first-place finishes at Tuesday's Cullman County Track and Field Championship held at Fairview High's Dafford Smith Stadium. The Cold Springs Lady Eagles finished just ahead of Fairview and Vinemont, while the Aggie boys held off Cold Springs and Hanceville.

Two West Point Warriors claimed Most Valuable Player honors: Sadie Junkins placed first in the 100 Meter Dash, 100 Meter Hurdles and 300 Meter Hurdles and finished second in the long jump, while Hunter Appling took gold in the 100 Meter Dash, 110 Meter Hurdles, 300 Meter Hurdles and was on the first-place 4x100 Meter Relay team. Fairview's Abby Schnittker was also recognized as an MVP, snagging first in the Triple Jump, Long Jump and High Jump. She also finished second in the 200 Meter Dash

See the full results for the Cullman County Championship at http://qrne.ws/meetresults.



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West Point's Hunter Appling was named an MVP at Tuesday's county championship meet.

Pet of the Week: Baby Sorrel needs a forever home

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CULLMAN – It's been a busy week at the Cullman County Animal Shelter, with two adoptions and the resolution of at least part of a tragic animal cruelty case. Donna Ruttkay shared that even older dogs that are generally less adoptable are finding homes. Another of those left the shelter this week.

Said Ruttkay, "She had a bit of age on her, wasn't cute and fuzzy--I thought she was beautiful!--but had the heart of a champion.

"Now she's an uptown girl!"

Ruttkay also told us about Sassy, a recent animal abuse survivor and last week's Pet of the Week. "The last of the most current cruelty case, Sassy, was also adopted by a loving couple.

"After her horrific start in life, Sassy's come a bit out of her shell, as she wags her tail proudly.

"She will surely be a blessing to her new family, and them to her."

This week's Pet of the Week

Sorrel is a wonderful mixed-breed puppy who's approximately 3 months old. Even though she's a puppy, she's a laid-back and cuddly low-energy pet with a lot of potential to become a companion, comfort or therapy dog.

Sorrel's learning and practicing leash etiquette.

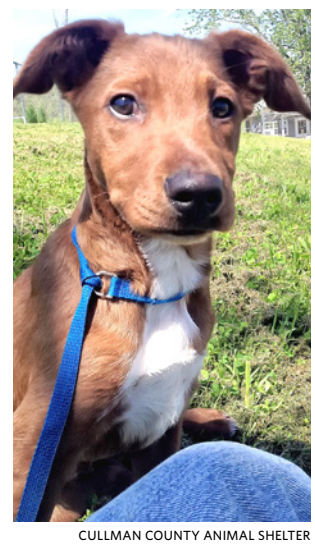
Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Five of the shelter's dogs have recently been "hired" to work as special needs service dogs.

Sorrel's adoption fee is $90 and that includes the following: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neuter, microchip, free 45-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448, or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.



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