

Planning and Zoning
Department

Memo

To: Anu Gary

From: Brenda Brock

Date: 4/7/2026

Re: Z26-05 – Smith Property
Z26-06 – Buckley Property
Z26-07 – Roberts Property
Z26-08 – Coburn Property

Proof of Advertisement for the Baldwin County Commission Public Hearing on 4/21/2026

Anu:

Attached are the original Proofs of Publication for the Baldwin County Commission public hearing for Z26-05 Smith Property, Z26-06 Buckley Property, Z26-07 Roberts Property and Z26-08 Coburn Property.

The County Commission public hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 21, 2026.**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank You,

Brenda Brock

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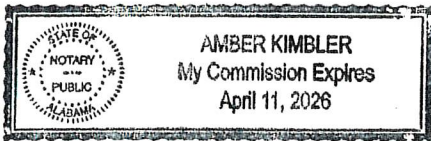
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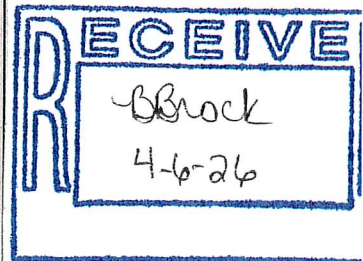
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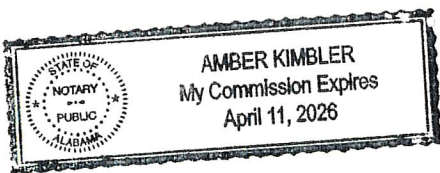
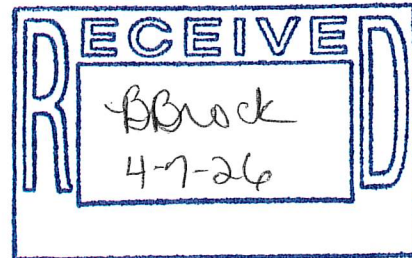
This 25th day of March, 2026

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Notary Public for Alabama

My commission expires on April 11, 2026



Foley Fire Station opens Safe Haven Baby Box

STAFF REPORT

Parents who cannot care for an infant now have a safe and anonymous place to leave their child at Foley's Fire Station No. 1 on West Verbena Avenue. The new Safe Haven Baby Box allows a mother to place a baby in a cushioned compartment, triggering a silent alarm that alerts firefighters to provide immediate care.

Foley Fire Chief Joey Darby said the project has been in the works for several years, developed in partnership with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, a national organization that provides loca-



Foley opened the Safe Haven Baby Box, at Fire Station No. 1 on Friday, March 13. The box allows parents who cannot care for newborn infants to safely and anonymously leave their babies for adoption.

tions for children to be surrendered safely when parents have no alternative.

Darby said the initiative could save lives.

"It would be my prayer in a perfect world that this box is never used, that there is never a need for this box," he said. "But we don't live in a perfect world. The reality is that babies are being surrendered out there. It's awesome for us to have that opportunity to change the life of not only a baby, but the life of that baby's parents and extended community members. So we're excited about that. We take that very seriously."

The box is located on the east side of the station, away from the main entrance. When a baby is placed inside, the silent alarm alerts the 911 center, and a firefighter retrieves the infant to begin care. The baby is then transported by ambulance to Baldwin Health Hospital. After a waiting period, state child protection services will place the child for adoption.

Darby said firefighters have received specialized training for the program.

"Our staff has been trained. Our staff already is in the business of saving lives, but now they've been trained specifically for this box. I know that they're all in as well."

State Rep. Donna Givens, R-Losey, sponsored the legislation creating the Baby Box program in Alabama. She said she was inspired to act after learning that other states had laws to prevent infant abandonment.

"I thought that this is what the state of Alabama needs, because we have babies being abandoned - left in garbage dumps and on creek banks," Givens said.

Givens emphasized that the law aims to protect children

both before and after birth.

"I knew we wanted these mothers to carry these babies full term, but I knew not everyone would be able to care for that baby," she said. "There needed to be a second step." The bipartisan bill passed both houses of the Legislature without opposition.

Mayor Ralph Hellmich praised the collaboration that brought the project to fruition.

"Thank you all for coming up with this idea," he said. "This was something that the community could support. I believe this is the type of activity that our community excels in. We want to make sure that we take care of all of our folks, take care of children, older people, everyone."

Sponsors who contributed to the project include Rollin Construction, Hunter Security, Summit Church and 1-800-Board-Up.

Callin Kelly, area representative for Safe Haven Baby Box, said the Foley location is the 425th in the nation and the 20th in Alabama. "This fire station is now part of the Safe Haven Baby Box family," she said. "We're the only organization in America that gives parents in crisis a completely anonymous option to utilize our already existing safe haven law."

Another Baby Box operates in Daphne, and a third site is planned for Spanish Fort. Safe Haven also operates a 24-hour hotline at 866-98BABY, which has received more than 9,000 calls nationwide. The program has supported over 198 face-to-face surrenders, with 76 babies placed through the initiative.

"So that has been beautiful to see," Kelly said.

Fairhope to rededicate Municipal Pier, South Beach, Rose Garden and Fountain

STAFF REPORT

The city of Fairhope will hold a public rededication of the Fairhope Municipal Pier, South Beach, Rose Garden and Fountain on Thursday, March 26 at 4 p.m. at the pier.

The celebration recognizes the long-standing role of Fairhope's waterfront, which has been a center for recreation and community gatherings for more than a century, a news release said.

The original pier was built in 1895 as a wooden structure to support commercial bay boats. A concrete pier replaced it in 1968 and remained in use for decades before sustaining major damage from Hur-

ricanes Ivan in 2004 and Katrina in 2005. After extensive renovations, the pier reopened in 2006, with additional restoration completed in 2025.

"The Fairhope waterfront is central to our identity as a community," Mayor Sherry Sullivan said in the release. "This rededication honors our past while celebrating the continued investment in a space that brings our community together."

The rededication program will feature brief remarks and the naming of the rose garden and fountain in honor of Timothy M. Kant for his years of dedicated service to the city. The event is open to the public.

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Bill McGinnes' legacy lives on in Papa Rocco's St. Patrick's Day pub crawl



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Papa Rocco's Pizza in Gulf Shores continued its famous St. Patrick's Day tradition with the 41st Annual Pub Crawl on March 17, stopping by several establishments along the beach and the main strip yielding bagpipes and donning kilts. This year marked the first pub crawl without iconic restaurateur Bill "Papa" McGinnes, who passed away in 2025. Under McGinnes's leadership after becoming grand marshal in 1989, the pub crawl turned into a community event in the Gulf Shores area, drawing hundreds of participants every year and stopping by local establishments such as the Hangout, De Soto's Seafood Kitchen and the Steamer Baked Oyster Bar. Kenneth Jones, McGinnes's handpicked successor to run the establishment, said Papa Rocco's was packed all day until midnight and that he is glad to keep the Papa's legacy alive this St. Patrick's Day. "I was walking behind the bagpipers, and my first thought was you kind of get a cold chill and it comes over you and you know Bill's smiling down," Jones said. "Happy that we're keeping his legacy going."

Elberta Police offer April Amnesty for municipal court warrants

BY WHISPER EDWARDS
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The Elberta Police Department and Elberta Municipal Court are giving residents a chance to resolve outstanding warrants during the month of April.

The initiative, called Amnesty April by the department, was announced last week in a news release and on the department's Facebook page, aiming to reduce the town's warrant backlog.

Residents with active warrants can go to Elberta Town Hall to be processed. Those with capias warrants, related to unpaid fines, will

be processed and offered a new payment plan. Individuals with failing to appear warrants will be processed, released on a signature bond and assigned a new court date.

Court will be held April 13, at 2 p.m. Check-in begins at 1 p.m., allowing participants to appear before the judge and have their warrants recalled without full processing.

Warrants for other charges will result in processing at Foley Jail, followed by a scheduled court date with bond requirements and release.

Residents with questions can contact the Elberta Police Department at (251) 986-8300 or the Elberta Municipal Court at (251) 986-6936.