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Friday, April 4, 2025

Brother and Sister Laid to Rest in Graveside Service on Sunday – Brothers, family and friends and others attend with many people to thanks for their role in the service

On Sunday afternoon, the cremains of two sweet children – a boy and a girl – were laid to rest in a graveside service attended by their two surviving brothers. These children, the two that are deceased and the two that are surviving, are part of at least five children who were adopted by an evil woman and her husband for the financial benefit they received from the State for adopting them. The two surviving brothers are now, thankfully, in the care of a wonderful, loving, and caring adoptive

mother. The mother's family members and their friends give the two brothers love that their deceased brother and sister certainly never received.

Early in their lives five children were allowed by the State to

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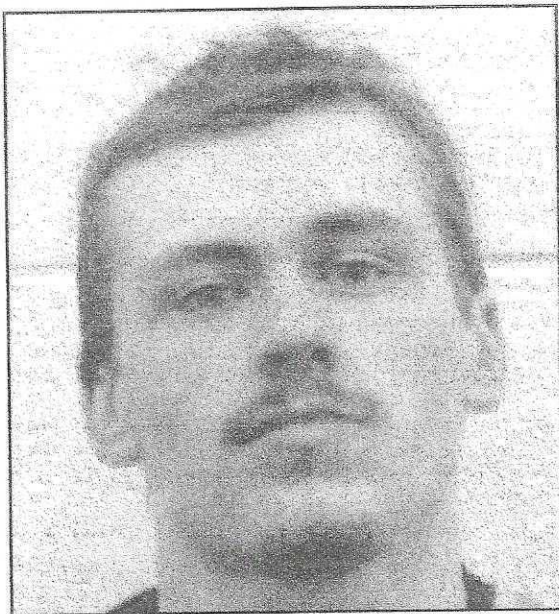
Revoked Driver Charged After Failing to Stop at Sign



Matthew Childress

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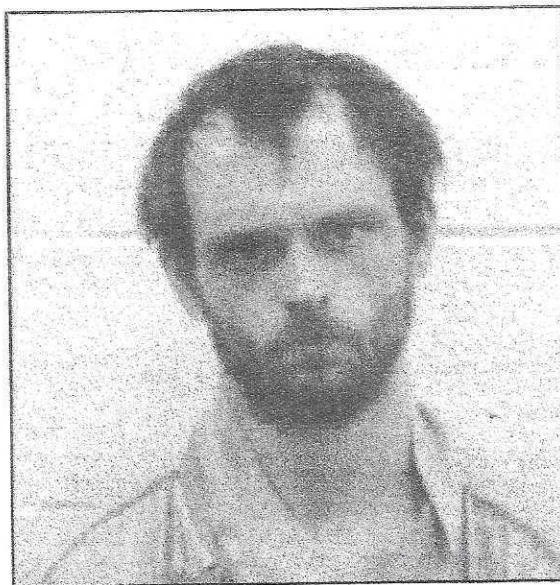
Stolen Guns and Ammo Found After Traffic Stop by LCSO



Jeremiah Noah

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Man Charged with Vandalism after Domestic Call



Patrick Vought

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Comptroller Mumpower Recognized with National Leadership Award by USA Today

Comptroller's Office also recognized as Nation's #3 Top Workplace Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Jason E. Mumpower has been recognized as one of the nation's top leaders after receiving the 2025 USA Today Top Workplaces Leadership Award.

The award was presented to Comptroller Mumpower during a special awards ceremony in Las Vegas, NV on March 18,

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Verse of the Day

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. —Philippians 4:9

Wazzup

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Horseshoe Tournaments on Thursday the Eagles in Oak Ridge. Open to Kids as well!!!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 87F. Tonight: Overcast. Low of 69F.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. High of 86F.

Saturday night: Overcast. Low 62F.

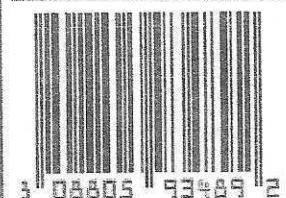
Sunday: Thunderstorms. High of 65F.

Sunday night: Storms. Low of 47F.

Horoscope

Aries 3/21-4/19

You may wonder why it is that you can gain control of so many parts of your life, but nothing seems to go right when it comes to



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be placed 'in the care' of a Mr. and Mrs. Gray where the children were forced to endure horrendous circumstances of starvation and torturous confinement.

The two children who were laid to rest Sunday, obviously did not survive these conditions.

Thankfully, during Covid, an alert Roane Sheriff's deputy was able to recognize a child in need and discovered the house where he and his brother were being confined in makeshift 'cages' in the basement. An older sister lived upstairs. As a result of

this discovery and further investigation, two bodies were discovered, one buried in the barn behind this house in Roane County and then one in a backyard behind a house in Knox County.

The three surviving children were 'saved', and the road to their 'recovery' began.

Long story shortened, the biggest hurdle was overcome in May 2024 with the final conviction of both Grays, the 'adoptive parents', on life without parole sentences in Roane County and additional life sentences in Knox County on top of the Roane County Life Without Parole sentences. The revelations of the short-

falls in the system of adoption, state 'assistance' for adopting, and parental responsibility for accountability and reporting, all came into sharp focus as a result of this prosecution and received attention and scrutiny in the state legislation which brought about changes in the law and the system with the Department of Children's Services.

What is hopefully the final chapter was the closure that was brought about at the graveside on Sunday with the peaceful service that laid to rest two souls that never had peace here on Earth.

This would not have been possible without the generous, volunteer spirit of so many people, so I would like to publicly thank these folks in this manner:

When we concluded the case convicting the two co-defendants, I immediately turned to some friends for help to do something for the remains of the deceased victims. Without hesitation the three 'angels' that are to me, The McGill Sisters, came to help. They are Rene' McGill Shultz, Rebecca McGill Willis and Amy

McGill Millsaps, who follow in the community service tradition of their deceased father, Terry McGill. They operate McGill-Click Funeral Home in Loudon, and they own Loudon County Memorial Gardens. They are responsible for volunteering their time, their services, and their money to bring to fruition the wonderful service that was held on Sunday. Three of their associates are: Beth Brakebill who sang and led the attendees in singing, as well as Rev. Brian Courtney who participated in the service and Roberto Catota who assisted with the procession and graveside. Loudon City Police Department and Loudon County Sheriff's Department both provided the escort from McGill-Click Funeral Home to Loudon County Memorial Gardens.

The McGill sisters also donated the plot in a special "Angels" section of their cemetery and partnered with Matthews International, who provided the casket for both sets of cremains. Both the McGill Sisters and Matthews International covered the

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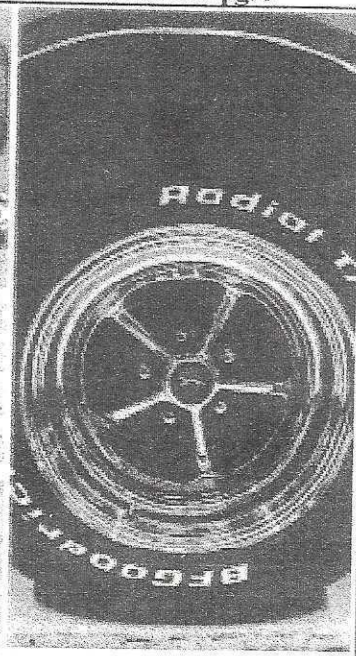
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cost of the memorial plaque. Lee-Heights Monument provided the service of opening and closing of the grave. Simmerly Vault Company donated the vault. West End Florist in Loudon donated floral arrangements.

So many people contributed to making this day special by attending, including Dr. Darinka Milusenic, Chief Medical Examiner of the Regional Forensics Center, and her staff, along with anthropologist Dr. Murry Marks. Their work upon the discovery of the bodies of the two children and their expert analysis was instrumental in providing evidence to prosecute the criminal case.

The 9th Judicial District Child Advocacy Center in Lenoir City provided forensic interviews of the surviving children during the initial investigation, and the CAC Di-

rector Chris Evans-Longmire and staff were present at the service.

Knox County District Attorney General Charmie Allen was present as well, and her office coordinated with our office with both of us prosecuting the two cases in our respective counties.

Members of our office were present at the service including the prosecution team for this case: Assistant District Attorneys Bob Edwards, Jonathan Edwards, Jason Colver and Kristin Curtis, along with Victim/Witness Coordinator Tami Bailey. ADA Jonathan Edwards spoke on behalf of both the Knox County office and our office about the courage of both boys and their victim impact statements at the sentencing hearing last year.

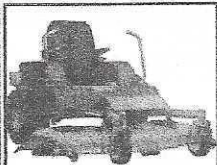
It was a blessed day for closure. Rest in Peace, children.

-Russell Johnson, 9th District Attorney General (Loudon, Roane, Morgan & Meigs)

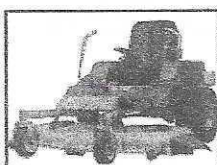
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **JEFFREY SCOTT BRANHAM**, deceased DKT# 7329

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH DAY OF MARCH 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of JEFFREY SCOTT BRANHAM, who died on the 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025, be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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THIS THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **BENNETT BRADLEY HERZFELD AKA BENNETT HERMAN HERZFELD**, deceased DKT# 7330

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Notice is hereby given that on the 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of BENNETT BRADLEY HERZFELD AKA BENNETT HERMAN HERZFELD, who died on the 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025, be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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Stop

Jeremiah Noah, 21, Watkins Road Loudon, was charged with, Theft of Property x4, Unlawful Carrying or Possession of a Weapon x5, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Simple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para. x3.

Deputy Allen LCSO, and Edgmon were on patrol of the upper zone. They noted a white Toyota Solara sitting next to the Waffle House in Lenoir City. This vehicle with a Tennessee tag of 201BPJV matched the description of the vehicle from a burglary/theft report that Deputy Brockwell was investigating, OCA: 20250332026. The burglary/theft included a firearm. The suspect is Jeremiah Noah. Deputies initially observed the vehicle with a male subject in the driver seat when suddenly the brake lights illuminated. They performed a traffic stop in the parking lot to prevent the suspect from fleeing.

Upon approaching the vehicle they held Mr. Noah at gunpoint. The deputy approached the vehicle and removed Mr. Noah from the driver's seat. Mr. Noah was detained. The owner of the vehicle, agreed to allow a search of the vehicle. While searching the vehicle, a loaded Taurus G3, a Mossberg 12 gauge, a loaded Ruger Heritage Rough Rider 22 pistol, a Cobra .38 Special, a loaded Taurus The Judge .45/410, a red and black water pipe, a blue pipe, two collapsible knives, five fixed blade knives, a fishing pole, three boxes of ammo, 54 9mm loose rounds, 102 .22 loose rounds, 2 .38 special loose rounds, 1 12-gauge buckshot round in a metal moon pie box were located in the trunk of the vehicle. A clear, glass pipe was also located near the gear shift in the center of the vehicle. 4.7 grams of Marijuana were located on Mr. Noah's person by Deputy Allen. Mr. Noah at

this point was placed under arrest and read his Miranda Rights by Deputy Allen. Mr. Noah declined to answer any questions. The Mossberg and Ruger Heritage Rough Rider came back from NCIC as stolen. Mr. Noah was transported to Loudon County Sheriff's Office without further incident. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

Stop

Matthew Childress, 23, Browder Hollow Road Lenoir City, was charged with, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Requirements for Stop Sign.

Officer M.Flynn LPD, was patrolling on Roberson Springs road when Officer Flynn observed a White 2008 Ford Explorer with a TN tag of 299BPGW stop completely past the stop line at the intersection of Roberson Springs Rd and HWY 72. Officer Flynn conducted

a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver Matthew Childress. Childress informed Officer Flynn that he left his wallet at home. Officer Flynn requested that he had his name and date of birth. Officer Flynn asked dispatch to find a Drivers license for Childress, where it was discovered that Childress was revoked for a DUI. Officer Flynn took Childress into custody without incident. Officer C. Purdy remained on scene until a licensed driver could take the vehicle and its passenger. This did occur in the city of Loudon, Loudon TN.

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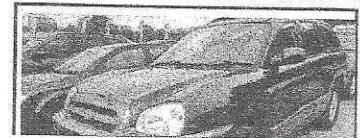


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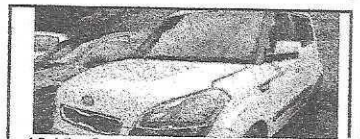


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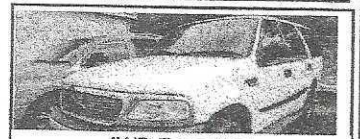
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Patrick Vought, 27, Abbott Road Lenoir City, was charged with, Domestic Assault, and Vandalism.

Deputy Billy Freeman LCSO, was dispatched to Abbott Road in Lenoir City for a verbal domestic. Upon arrival, the deputy first spoke to the complainant, who said that his stepson, Patrick Vought (Offender/Arrestee), had gotten into a verbal argument with his mother, Victim. The deputy then spoke to Patrick, who said that they had started arguing, and his mother smacked him, so he got in her face and screamed at her. He said he then went out and punched the car out of rage. The deputy then detained Mr. Vought and placed him into the back of his patrol car to keep him from continuing to scream and argue with his mother.

The deputy then talked to

the victim, who said, that after she got home from work, Patrick started yelling at her. She then told him to stop yelling. He then got in her face, screaming and cussing after throwing a bowl of noodles, hitting the wall, and breaking the bowl.

The victim then slapped him out of fear that he would harm her. He then threw a garbage can at the wall, hitting and breaking a picture. She then called 911, and when he found out, he took the phone out of her hands and punched it. He then went outside and tried to get the male to call off the police, and when he didn't, Patrick started hitting the car, causing damage behind the rear driver's side door. The white Nissan Altima is registered to the victim. Mr. Vought did place the victim in fear of injury due to being in her face, screaming, and the victim statement that he had hit

her before. Due to the totality of the circumstances, Mr. Vought was placed under arrest for Domestic Assault and Vandalism and transported to the Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County, TN.

Award

2025. This prestigious recognition is based on employee feedback and reflects his strong leadership, vision, and commitment to fostering an outstanding workplace culture. Comptroller Mumpower was awarded as the country's Top Leader for employers with 500-999 employees.

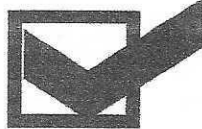
Since 2021, Mumpower has led a staff of more than 600 people in the Comptroller's Office who serve to make government work better for all Tennesseans by ensuring fiscal responsibility and accountability in state and local government enti-

ties.

During the same event, the Tennessee Comptroller's Office was also recognized as the nation's #3 Top Workplace by USA Today for employers with 500-999 employees. The award is based upon survey results indicating a high level of employee engagement and workplace satisfaction within the Comptroller's Office. This is the fifth consecutive year the Office has been designated as a Top Workplace at the national level.

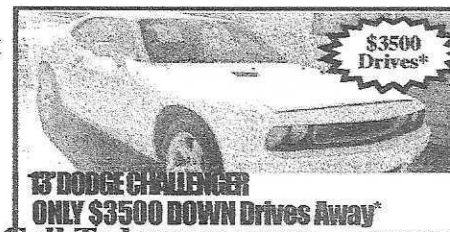
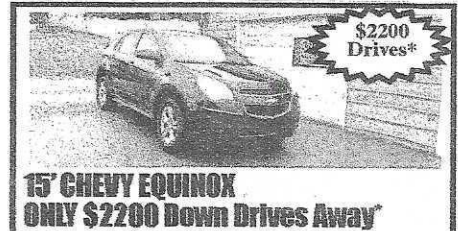
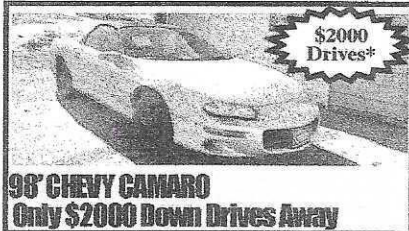
"It has always been important to me that we take care of our staff members who take care of the people of Tennessee," said Comptroller Mumpower. "By ensuring our employees are engaged and fulfilled within their jobs, I know they are more productive in carrying out our important work. I'm honored to be recognized with this national award."

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Horoscopes

romance? Dismiss the notion that you're unworthy of love. Taurus 4/20-5/20

Try to stay on the lighter side today, Taurus. This may be easier said than done. You're the bridge that connects an island to the shore. The water is rising and the island is about to be completely submerged. People are scrambling to reach you.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

You may be trying to deal with things in a neat, orderly manner today, Gemini. Try not to get too frustrated if things don't work out exactly the way you'd like.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Just when you thought you had love and romance all worked out in your head, Cancer, something or someone steps in to put your heart in a whirl once again.

Leo 7/23-8/22

Be careful of letting your heart Be careful of letting

your heart get carried away today, Leo. Extreme emotions are likely, making you very aware of your environment and what other people are thinking about you. You may want to retreat to the forest and seek council with the fairies and trolls. Fantasy is a terrific way to escape the emotional intensity that's likely to be in the air on a day like this. Virgo 8/23-9/22

Be prepared for an emotional backlash that's likely today if you get too possessive about your romantic partner, Virgo. Issues about freedom versus commitment could arise whether you're involved in a close relationship or not.

Libra 9/23-10/22

You may feel blocked on all sides today, Libra, with no escape hatch. There's a strong set of forces acting in such a way as to make you feel responsible for some mess that has occurred in your life.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Your emotions could be quite

strong today, Scorpio. You may find it difficult to act without having intense feelings come into the picture. Be careful about speaking without first thinking how your words will affect other people. It's important for you to be receptive in order to tune into the activity around you.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Other people may find it difficult to deal with today's intensity, Sagittarius, but you will be quite adept at fitting into whatever situation comes your way. The waters may get quite rough, especially when it comes to love and romance, but know that the boat you're on is seaworthy.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

Issues of the heart may be a bit difficult to deal with now, Capricorn. Try not to completely shut off the channels of communication while you work on dealing with these issues. It's vital that you open the channels wider and

bring more of your feelings to the surface.

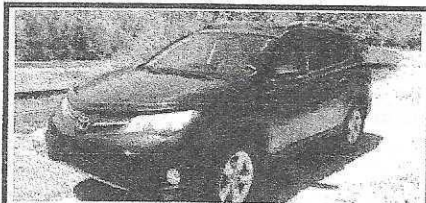
Aquarius 1/20-2/18

You may get frustrated today when people don't seem to act rationally. To you, Aquarius, the issues may be perfectly cut and dried. Keep in mind that not everyone sees the world the way you do. There's an element of strong emotion that's likely to play into the picture, an element that you probably failed to take into account. Make note of this as you go through your day.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Go deeper beneath the surface today, Pisces. You may get along just fine with the way you now handle things. Keep in mind, however, that you aren't likely to progress down your path until you turn up the intensity. If you don't, you may find that someone turns it up for you. Suddenly, volatile emotions could catch you by surprise and you will be floundering for support. Stay ahead of the game.

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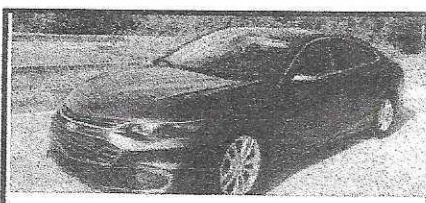
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(As required by Chapter No. 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 880 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 7322 MARY LEE EMRICH, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST DAY OF APRIL 2025 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MARY LEE EMRICH, who died on the 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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**STATE OF TENNESSEE
JUVENILE COURT OF ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE
9th Judicial District**

STATE OF TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES,

Petitioner,

vs.) No. 25-JC-32

Mandi Nicole Mahaffey, Mother

And

Timothy Stevens, [Alleged Father of Leo]

And

Bobby Ray Skidmore, [Alleged Father of Bella, Bethany, Jacob]
Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF:

Leo James Mahaffey,

D.O.B. 09/16/2019

Bella Nicole Mahaffey,

D.O.B. 09/16/2020

Bethany Leigh Mahaffey,

D.O.B. 10/14/2021

Jacob Lee Mahaffey,

D.O.B. 09/19/2022

A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the allegations of the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights, Motion for Service by Publication and Affidavit of Diligent Search that the whereabouts of the Respondent Bobby Ray Skidmore is unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search, therefore, the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Bobby Ray Skidmore. It is therefore, ORDERED that said Respondent be served by publication of the following Notice for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Daily Edition, a newspaper published in Loudon County, Tennessee.

It is further ORDERED that if the Respondent Bobby Ray Skidmore does not enter an appearance or otherwise Answer the Petition, further personal service or service by further publication shall be dispensed with and service of any future notices, motions, orders or other legal documents in this matter may be made upon the Respondent by filing same with the Roane County Juvenile Court Clerk.

NOTICE

TO THE RESPONDENT:

BOBBY RAY SKIDMORE

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Bella Mahaffey, Bethany Mahaffey, and Jacob Mahaffey. It appearing that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to serve upon Sarah Watson, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, 111 Union Valley Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, Phone No: 865-425-4400, an Answer to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Tennessee Department of Children's Service, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be April 4, 2025, or appear personally in the Juvenile Court of Roane County, Tennessee, at 200 East Race Street, Kingston, TN 37763, on the 19th day of May, 2025, at 1:00 p. m., to personally answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights. Failing to appear for the hearing of this date and time, without good cause, will result in the loss of your right to contest the petition to terminate your parental rights to the child(ren) listed above. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, at 200 East Race Street, Kingston, TN 3776.

ENTERED this 3rd day of March, 2025.

Terry Stevens

Juvenile Court Judge

NOTICE

Any appeal of the trial court's final disposition of the complaint or petition for termination of parental rights will be governed by the provisions of Rule 8A, Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure, which imposes special time limitations for the filing of a transcript or statement of the evidence, the completion and transmission of the record on appeal, and the filing of briefs in the appellate court, as well as other special provisions for expediting the appeal. All parties must review Rule 8A, Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure, for information concerning the special provisions that apply to any appeal of this case.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Sarah Watson, BPR # 033615

Assistant General Counsel

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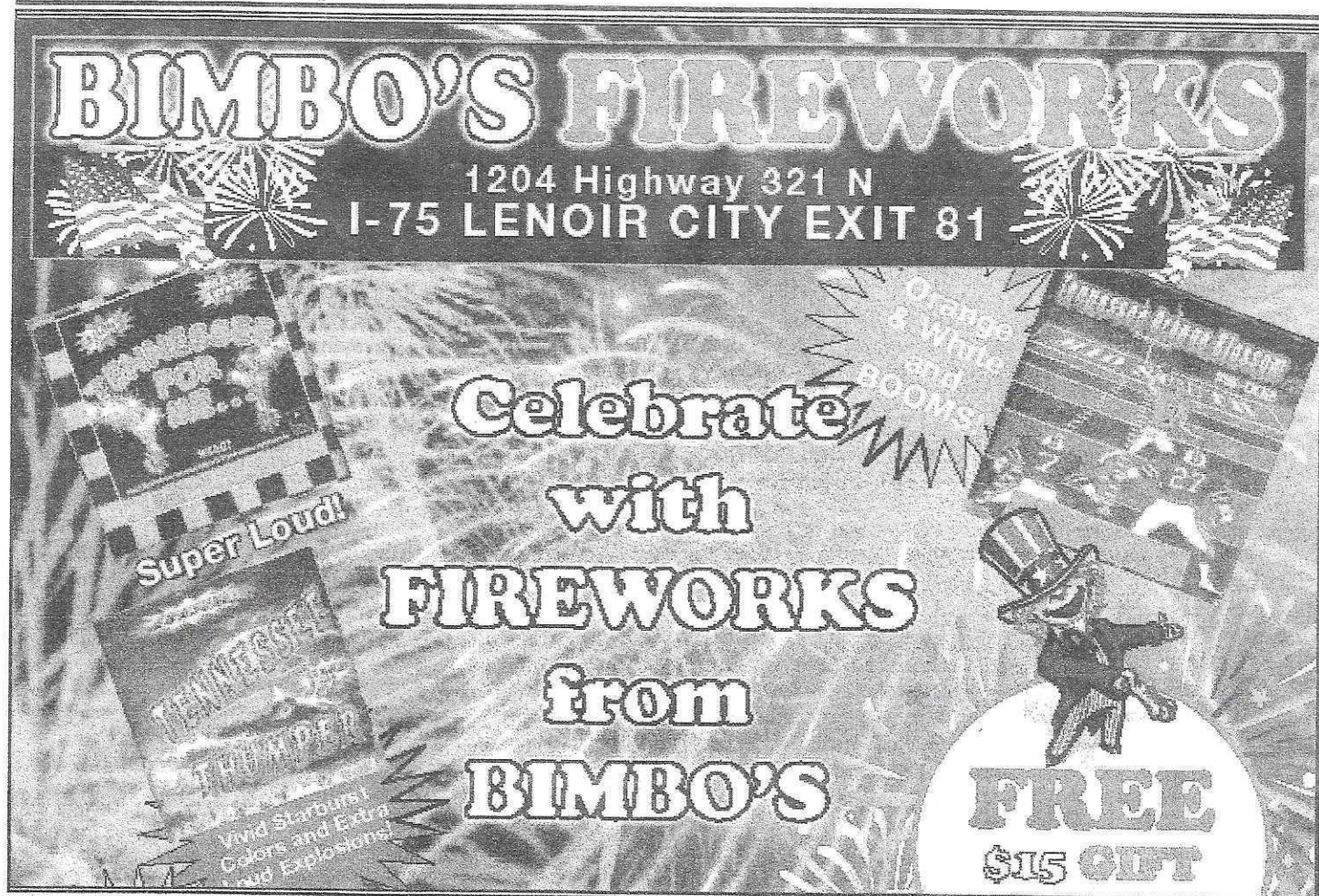
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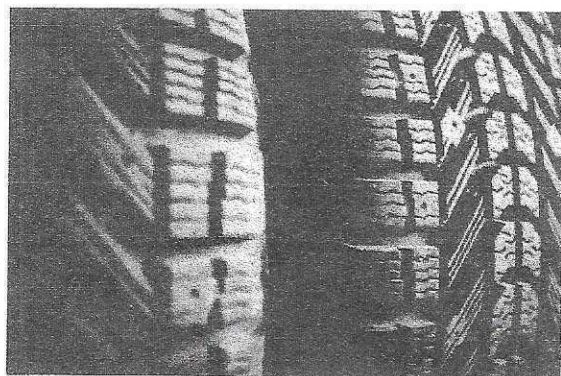
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