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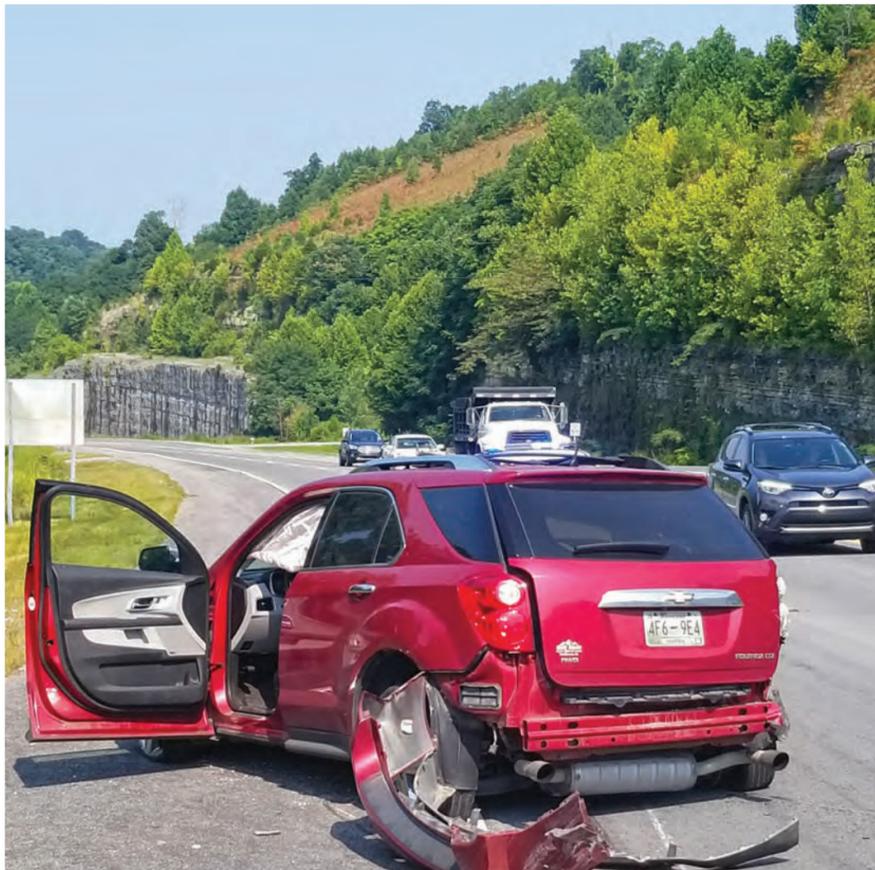
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Tigers braced for border battle **1B**

One airlifted



Duane Sherrill photo

Sarah Murphy, 44, of McMinnville was flown to Vanderbilt Hospital for treatment Monday morning after her vehicle was struck by a Chevy Tahoe driven by Kyle Mecham, 31, on Nashville Highway near Dowelltown at the intersection of Highway 96. Investigators say Mecham ran the stop sign and slammed into the side of Murphy's westbound Chevy Equinox. Mecham and her four juvenile passengers escaped injury after their vehicle continued over an embankment. Mecham was cited for running the stop sign.

Teen awaits trial for molesting children

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Appearing before the court in a sleeveless t-shirt, the 16-year-old boy accused of molesting two children, one of the crimes happening at the county fair, has been placed into state custody while he awaits trial if prosecutors will seek to try him as an adult where he would be looking at a veritable life sentence.

The teen, whose name has not been revealed due to his status as a juvenile, is charged with molesting two children, ages four and five, on separate occasions at ATV events at the Alexandria fairgrounds. One of the alleged incidents happened about a month before the fair and the other during the fair. It has not been revealed how the teen committed the crimes.

During his brief appearance before the court last week, the youth was placed in strict state custody pending the results of a mental evaluation he is undergoing. His placement came not as result of his present charges but as result of charges against him in Putnam County.

"If he isn't placed into state custody by tomorrow (Thursday of last week) then I want to know because I will do it," said Juvenile Court Judge Bratten Cook, not revealing the charges that the youth faces in Putnam County or if those charges

are also sexually related. Cook's insistence the boy be held in secure detention came after a relative of one of his two alleged victims wondered what the court planned to do with the teen.

"I want to make sure he will be held responsible for what he's done," the woman called out from the court gallery, worried the youth may be placed in an unsecure state home pending the results of his mental evaluation.

Cook confirmed the defendant will be held in a high security facility, prompting an ominous comment from the relative.

"That's probably good for his sake," she said, suggesting the teen's safety could be in jeopardy if he were allowed back out on the street.

"You will be notified of what happens," Cook assured her, promising to keep the families updated on events of the case.

"Thank God," the woman replied.

The teen's next hearing has been set for Oct. 25 at which time the results of his mental evaluation will be revealed. It is also expected the district attorney's office will announce if it intends to pursue a transfer hearing in an attempt to try the 16-year-old as an adult. Should the teen stay as a juvenile the state can only hold him until his 19th birthday. However, if he is transferred to adult court he could face up to 50 years on the pair of child rape charges.

"I want to make sure he will be held responsible for what he's done.

— A family member of an alleged victim

Redmon sentenced for visit to sheriff's house

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A man who tried to get some pay back against the sheriff has been sentenced to a year in jail for his nocturnal visit to the lawman's home.

The defendant, Michael Brandon Redmon, 33, has already completed his sentence as he was picked up for the crime and had remained in jail since October of last year. He is now a free man after entering pleas to

charges of aggravated criminal trespass and vandalism but is liable to pay restitution to Sheriff Patrick Ray in the amount of \$150.

Reports revealed Redmon went to Ray's home on the evening of Oct. 16 of last year and beat on his front door. Getting no answer he walked around the property, tracking white paint across the sheriff's driveway, sidewalk and porch. While the



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sheriff wasn't home at the time of the incident, his wife was. She contacted authorities but Redmon had already fled the scene.

As for motive, the sheriff believes Redmon's anger grew out of his arrest one week prior on charges of theft. At the time of his release, Redmon maintained he did not get back certain personal items taken from him upon his arrest.



Photo provided

Ian Colwell takes aim from his position in last year's youth dove hunt as Chad Colwell looks on. Hunter safety classes are being offered this weekend and a youth hunt is scheduled for next month.

Foggy morning



Duane Sherrill photo

The rising sun begins to burn off the morning fog Monday as cattle graze in a field off Tittsworth Road.

Hunter Education classes to be offered

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Hunter Education classes will be offered this week with wildlife officers reminding that many hunters are required to take hunter safety prior to taking to the woods with a gun to hunt anything.

"All hunters at least 10 years old or older and born after 1968 must take the hunter education class before you hunt in Tennessee," reminded Joe Fortner, DeKalb County Wildlife officer, noting there is a minimum requirement to take the class. "Students must be at least 9 years old before you can take the class."

The classes will be offered Saturday Aug. 18 from 9 to 5 p.m. and Sunday Aug. 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. at DeKalb County Fire Hall on King Ridge Road. Students must attend both days for certification. Those interested should go to tnwildlife.org to sign up for the class. Qualified youth hunters will then be invited to attend

the DeKalb County Youth Dove Hunt on Sept. 8 at Gene Young' farm. The event will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. with registration happening from 1 to 1:30 p.m. the day of the hunt. A new shotgun, donated by Belk Grocery, will be given away after the hunt at 5 p.m. The youth whose name is drawn must have an adult who can legally possess a firearm and will continue to possess the firearm until the youth becomes an adult. The hunt is open to youth ages 9 years to 17 who have completed Hunter Education and are properly licensed. Bring ammo, plugged shotgun, glasses, ear protection, and stool or bucket.

There will be 40 staked hunting positions in the field. A supervising adult must be at each stake. Two youths may share a stake, but only one gun per stake.

To reserve a staked position email: Joe.Fortner@tn.gov. For more information call Joe Fortner 615-294-5440 or Tony Cross 931-287-8427.



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