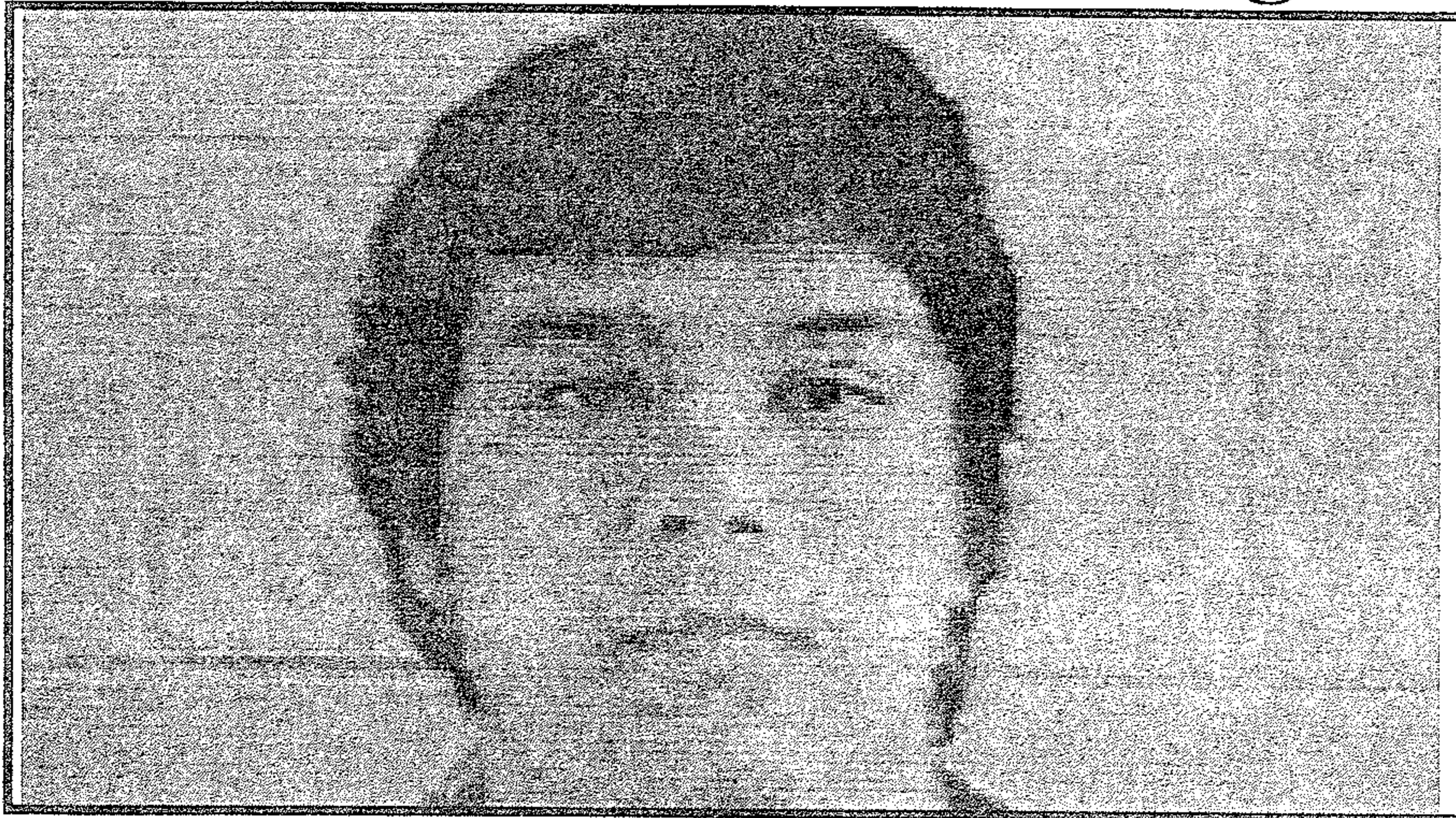


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Wednesday, July 15, 2020

## Teen Charged With Arson Causing \$165,000 in Damage



Arnold Perez

see Arson pg. 2

## Meth, Needles and more found after traffic stop



Christina Devaney

see Meth pg. 3

### Representative Lowell Russell Announces 2020-2021 Tennessee Arts Commission Grants for Area Organizations

Area nonprofit organizations, schools and local governments have been awarded grants through the Tennessee Arts Commission

Representative Lowell Russell, representing the 21st District, has released a list of grant award recipients from the Tennessee Arts Commission

for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) in his district. This is the first of a series of grants that will be made throughout FY2021.

These include:

Fort Loudoun Association- \$4,860.00

Friends of Sequoyah dba Sequoyah Birthplace Museum- \$10,950.00

see Rep. Russell pg. 3

### Associated Pain Specialists, P.C. Of Knoxville Enters Into Settlement Resolving False Claims Act Allegations

On June 26, Associated Pain Specialists, P.C., of Knoxville, a pain management based clinic, agreed to pay \$400,000 to resolve allegations of violating the False Claims Act.

The settlement resolves allegations that from February 1, 2016 through August 10, 2018, Associated Pain Specialists, P.C. knowingly billed Medicare

and Tennessee Medicaid (TennCare) for medically unnecessary screening tests at higher costs than appropriate, when less costly or alternative tests were available.

The government alleged that Associated Pain Specialists, P.C. performed tests on patients whose medical records did not support a medical diagnosis for

the tests and the associated billing codes. The government also alleged the Vital System Assessment Tests (VSAT) did not benefit patients because the test results were not used in the treatment subsequently provided, and that, ultimately, Associated Pain Specialists, P.C. know-

See Claims P.4

#### Verse of the Day

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."—2 Chronicles 7:14

#### Wazzup

If you wanna wear a mask go ahead but don't be mean to others who choose not too.

#### Weather

Today: Nice and Hot.

High of 92F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 70F

Thursday: Clear. High of 92F.

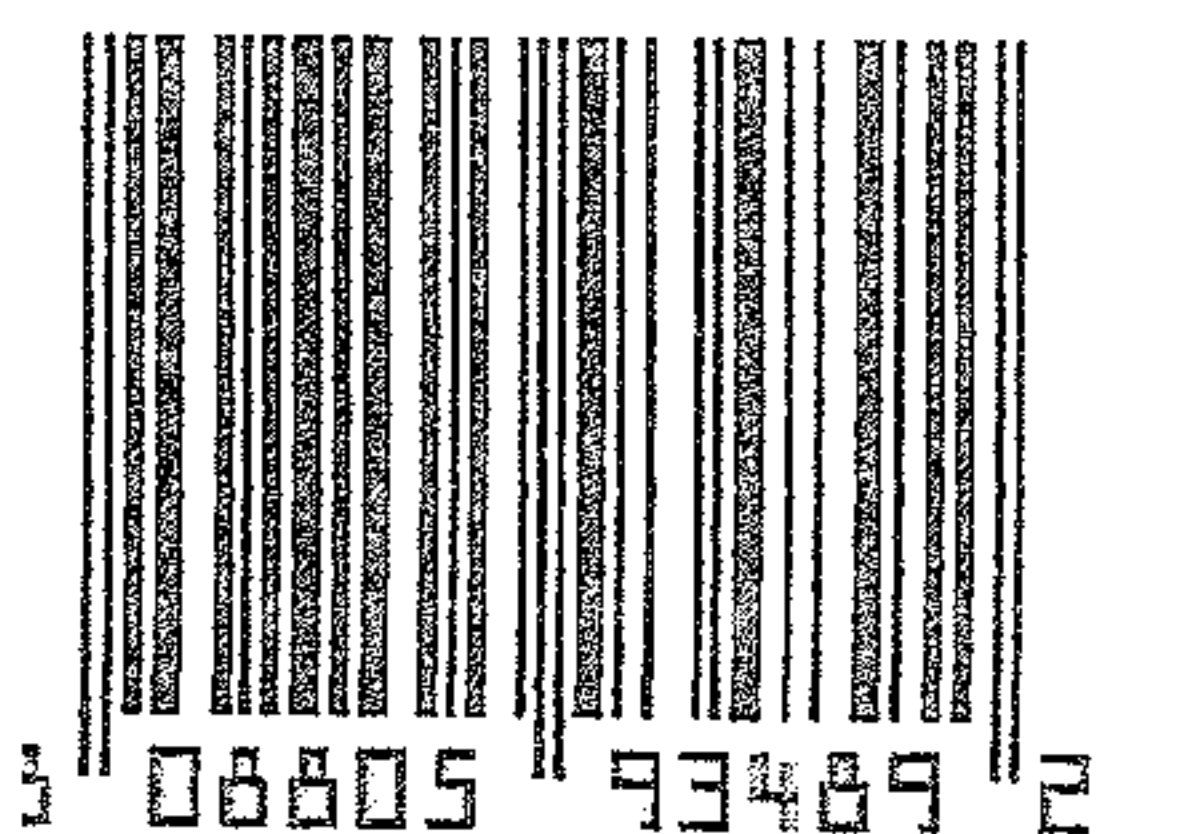
Tuesday night: Clear. Low of 74F.

#### Horoscope

Cancer 6/21-7/22

A female friend you

haven't seen for a while could surprise you with a call. A lot of interesting news and useful information could be exchanged that benefits both of you. You may make



**Arson**

Arnold Perez, 18, Post Oak Lane Maryville, was charged with Arson.

Mr. Arnold Perez, committed the offense of arson by knowingly and intentionally starting a fire using cologne and a lighter inside a residence located at Craigs Chapel Road in Greenback, Tennessee belonging to victim. During the investigation, Mr. Perez admitted that he was inside the residence looking around, went to his car and retrieved the cologne, and then using the cologne and a lighter started a fire with cardboard boxes and clothing inside the residence. The fire destroyed the residence and the contents inside the residence at an estimated loss of approximately \$165,000. This above-said incident occurred in Loudon County, Tennessee.

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(As required by Chapter No. 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 862 on 05/09/2012 )

**IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 6126 SHERRY RENEE YATES**, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th DAY OF JULY 2020 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of SHERRY RENEE YATES, who died on the 9th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019, 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:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (52) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (52) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (52) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 7th DAY OF JULY 2020  
**STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK**  
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)  
**TOMMY DEWAIN YATES**  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

(As required by Chapter No. 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 862 on 05/09/2012 )

**IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 6122 JACK HAROLD BREWER,** deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th DAY OF JULY 2020 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of JACK HAROLD BREWER, who died on the 3rd DAY OF MARCH 2020, were issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, 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:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (71) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (71) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (71) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 6th DAY OF JULY 2020

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s) MICHAEL J. BREWER HAROLD D. BREWER

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publication dates July 8 and July 15, 2020

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY TENNESSEE**

**Regarding the Estate of:**

Eugene Harding Shaver, deceased DKT# 6123

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

(As required by Chapter No. 180, Public Acts of Tennessee 1809 As Amended by Public Chapter 806 on 05/09/2012 )

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th DAY OF JULY 2020

Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of Eugene Harding Shaver who died on the 10th day of FEBRUARY 2020 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:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 6th DAY OF JULY 2020

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By Personal Representative(s) Nancy Richesin Mark Shaver

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**Meth**

Christina Devaney, 32, Dry Ridge Road Loudon, was charged with Man/Del/Sale of Meth, and Driving on Revoked License.

Dustin Landon, 38, Mountain View Road Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale of Meth, and Poss, of Drug Para.

Deputy Clay Jenkins LCSO, conducted a traffic stop on Grove Street on a black vehicle and observed Christina Devaney to be the driver. Deputy had prior knowledge that Devaney had revoked license. Deputy then made contact with the passenger Dustin Landon, first due to him approaching Deputy. Landon appeared to be very nervous and stated he was on probation. Landon agreed to a search of the vehicle, and advised there was nothing illegal inside. Upon search of the vehicle Deputy then recovered a black box in the passenger side door where Landon was sitting with uncapped needles and a small crystal like substance. Deputy also located a peppermint Altoids can under the driver seat with a small clear baggie with a pink crystal substance (meth)inside of it weighing approx.. one gram. Both parties were placed under arrest and

transported to the Loudon County Jail.

**Rep. Russell**

Monroe Area Council for the Arts- \$19,300.00

Total \$35,110.00

"I am very pleased to announce these annual grants that support Tennessee's communities and schools through the arts," said Lowell Russell. "These investments help cultivate the arts across Tennessee, including Loudon and Monroe Counties, which benefit all of us through quality of life, economic development, tourism, and providing a more balanced education for our children."

"Tennessee is fortunate to have elected leaders who understand the positive impact arts and culture have on Tennesseans and their communities," said Anne B. Pope, executive director for the Tennessee Arts Commission. "Arts and culture are vital tools for attracting and retaining businesses, and help build stronger communities by enhancing the distinctive character of Tennessee places."

According to Pope, the

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## Claims

ingly submitting false claims to federal health care programs for payment for VSATs that were not reasonable or medically necessary.

Allegations were brought in a lawsuit filed under the qui tam, or whistleblower, provisions of the False Claims Act, which permit private parties to sue on behalf of the government for false claims, and to receive a share of any recovery. The government may intervene and file its own complaint in such a lawsuit, as was done in this case.

“Medical providers have a duty to uphold ethical standards of care and to provide services when medically necessary in order to meet the professionally recognized standards of health care. Our office will continue to root out those who attempt to take advantage of government medical programs. Those who fail to comply with the law in order to increase profit will be pursued by the Department of Justice,” said U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey.

“Patients benefit when they receive only medically necessary treatments – they deserve nothing less,” said Derrick L. Jackson, Special Agent in Charge for the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS-OIG). “We will continue working with our Federal and State Law Enforcement partners to protect taxpayers and government health care beneficiaries.”

“This VSAT is one of many so-called medical devices that we are seeing across Tennessee and the nation that are fraudulently used with the sole purpose of generating revenue for a health care provider by conducting unnecessary and sometimes worthless tests,” said Tony Hullender, Deputy Attorney General of the Medicaid Fraud and Integrity Division.

As part of the settlement, Associated Pain Specialists, P.C., entered an Integrity Agreement (IA) with HHS-OIG which promotes its future compliance with the statutes, regulations, program requirements, and written directives of Medicare and all other federal health

care programs. The IA focuses on the pain clinic’s continuing obligation to accurately bill and properly submit reimbursement claims to Medicare and TennCare.

This investigation resulted from a coordinated effort between the U.S. Attorneys’ Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee, HHS-OIG, and the Tennessee Attorney General’s Office, Medicaid Fraud and Integrity Division. Support was provided from HHS-OIG, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and the Medicaid Fraud Control Division.

The case is docketed as United States and State of Tennessee ex rel. Cox. v. Associated Pain Specialist, P.C. and Smoky Mountain Ambulatory Surgery Center LLC., No. 3:18-cv-154.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jeremy Dykes and Margaret Harker represented the United States. Deputy Attorney General Tony Hullender represented the State of Tennessee.

The claim settled by this agreement are allegations only, and there has been no determination of liability.



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Commission expects to award approximately 1000 grants during FY2021, totaling up to \$7 million dollars, including CARES Act funds. These funds have a direct impact on communities across Tennessee, in both urban and rural areas. Grant categories include Arts Access, Arts Education, Arts Project Support, Partnership Support, Major Cultural Institutions, and Rural Arts Partnership.

The Commission's allocations process involves a review by citizen advisory panels with expertise in appropriate arts disciplines and a review by the full 15-member Commission. Other grant opportunities are offered throughout the year with rolling deadlines for qualifying organizations including grants for

Arts Build Communities and Student Ticket Subsidy. Additional information on grant programs offered by the Commission is available at [tnartscommission.org](http://tnartscommission.org).

Tennessee's nonprofit arts and culture industry generates \$1.17 billion in annual economic activity through quality of life, economic vitality, tourism and a more balanced education for our children.

**Knox County Public Library to reopen the entire system on July 17**

On July 17, all locations of the Knox County Public Library will open on their regular schedules. This move expands library service from its current schedule with eight open locations. There are 19 facilities in the library system, which includes the East Tennessee History Center. The remaining 67 employees

who have been furloughed will be brought back to work.

The Library will resume service with provisions in place for the safety and welfare of patrons and staff. In compliance with the Knox County Board of Health Regulation #2020-1, all patrons and staff must wear face coverings inside the buildings except for children 12 years and younger and people with relevant medical conditions. Masks will be made available for those who may not have one.

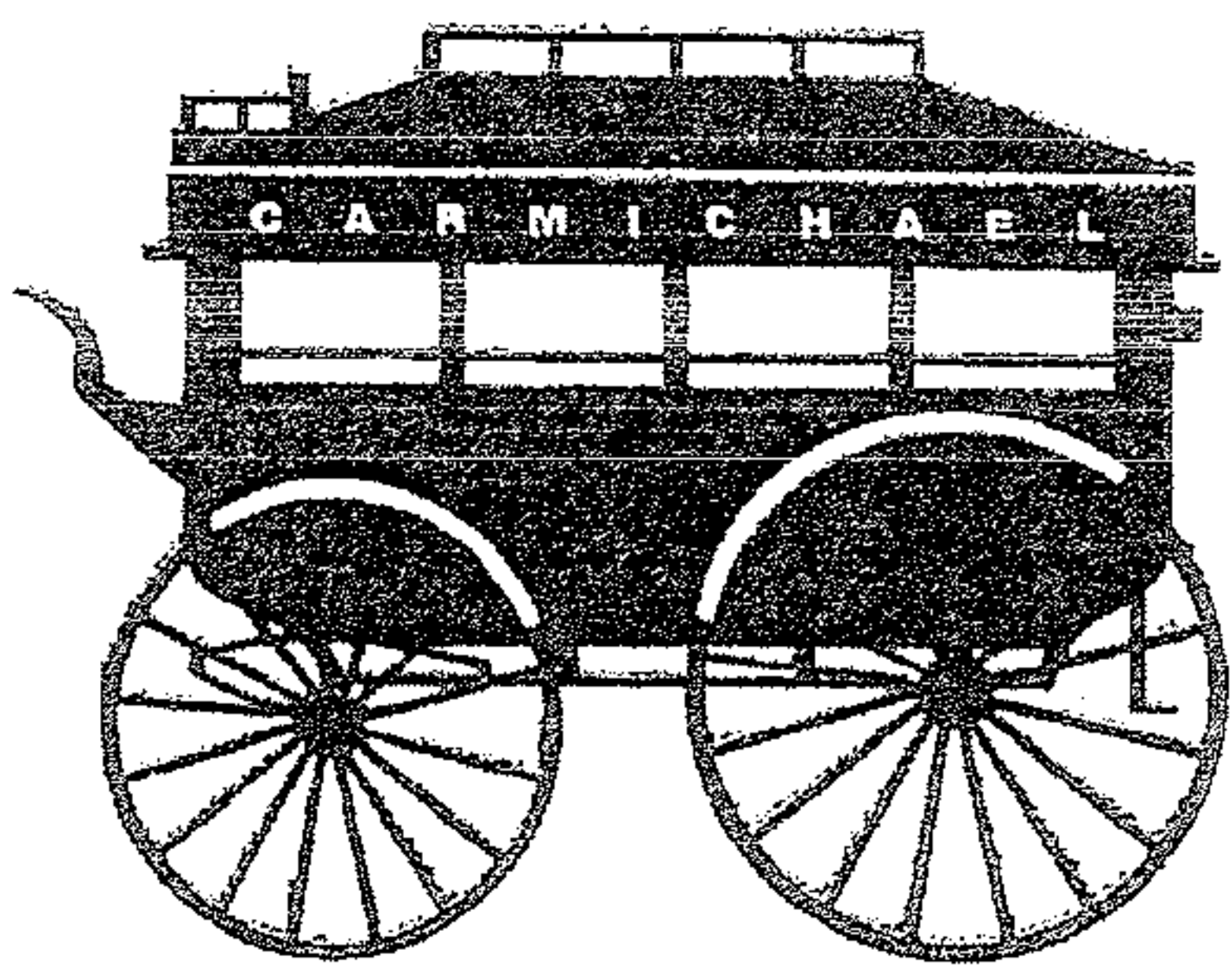
Each Library has been fully sanitized and equipped with plexiglass sneeze shields at service counters. Available seating has been arranged to adhere to physical distancing guidelines. No public computers will be available; however, every location is equipped with

Wi-Fi. The Library will continue to isolate all returned materials for 72 hours to ensure the safe handling of books, CDs, DVDs and other materials. Storytimes, other programs and meeting room use will be suspended until further notice.

"We are very happy to be able to reopen all facilities for our patrons," commented Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. "The library provides important services to our community from early literacy to lifelong learning."

Although the library is not able to offer in-person programs, many storytimes, podcasts and other programs are available online at [www.knoxlib.org](http://www.knoxlib.org).

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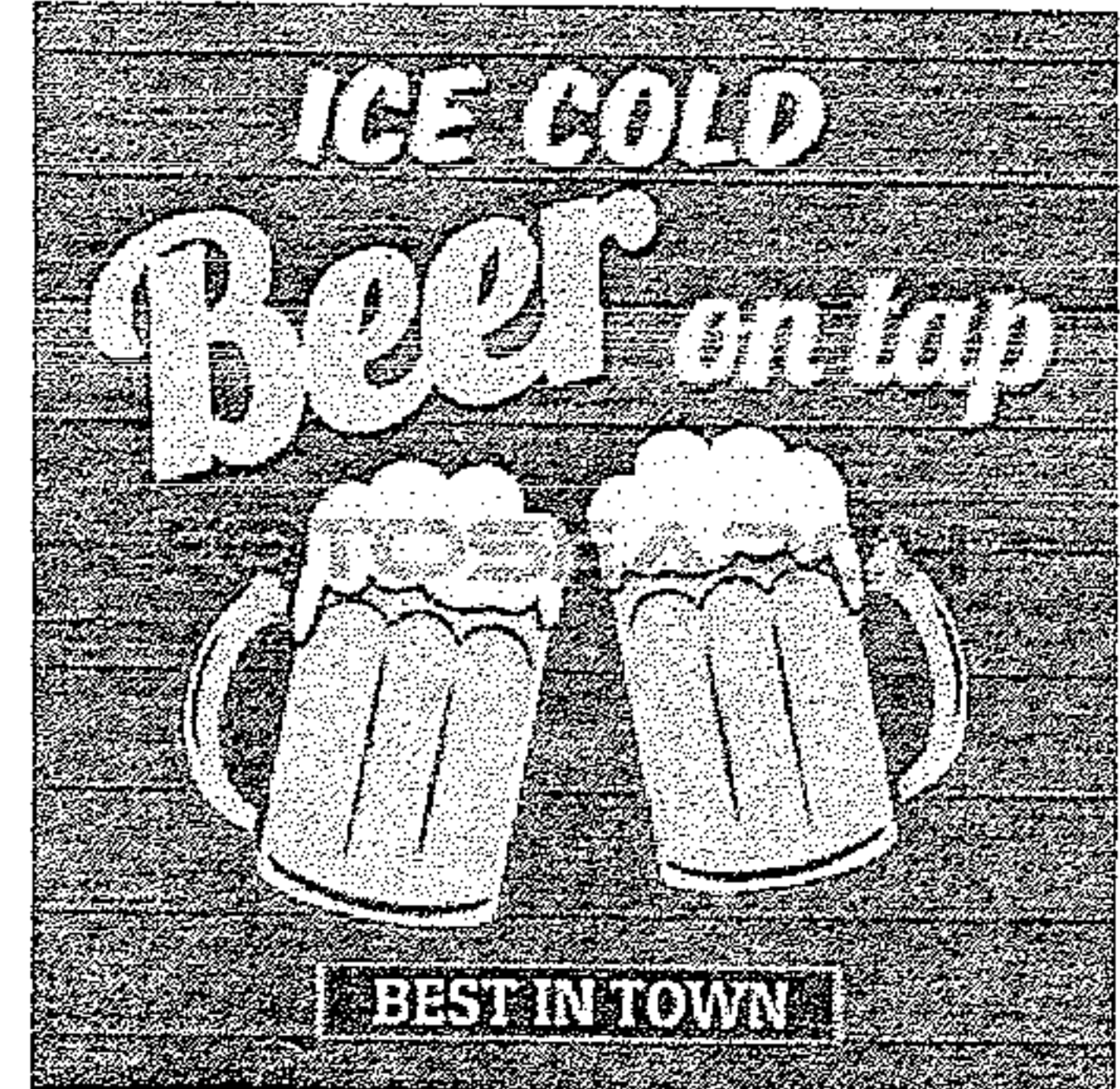
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