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Summer Wells has been missing since June 15.

Missing child comes from a family with previous troubles

BY LINDA THURSTON
EDITOR

The father of missing child Summer Wells has a history of drinking and domestic violence.

According to a warrant filed in General Sessions Court in

Hawkins County on Oct. 15, 2020, Candus Bly of Rogersville called authorities to report a domestic assault by her husband Donald Wells.

When Deputy Kyle Shively of the Hawkins County Sheriff's Department arrived at the couple's home on Ben Hill Road,

Wells had left the property, so he began to speak with Bly and two witnesses. When another deputy warned Shively that Wells' white GMC Sonoma was coming up the drive, Shively said "family members" expressed fear and said there was a firearm in the truck.

Shively detained Wells in the driveway and said he detected a strong odor of alcohol, and apparently had to pick Wells up from the ground.

Wells allegedly admitted to a firearm in the truck, but

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Lunch Box to distribute local meals starting July 1

The Lunch Box, a local summer feeding program for children, announces its sponsorship of the 2020 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which is administered in Tennessee by the Department of Human Services under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Meals will be provided to all children without charge and the child must be present to pick up the meal. Due to the restrictions on closed contact the meals will be available for pickup only. Acceptance and participation requirements for

the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. There will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Beginning on July 1, through July 31, meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

- Walk-In:
 - Shepherd's Center, 306 E. Main Street @ 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - Rogersville Bus Route
 - Arrowhead/Brown Drive, 2013 Brown Drive @ 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 p.m.
 - Terrace Apts., 801 W. Broadway @ 10:55 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.
 - Locust Circle (Trent Lane) @ 11:10 p.m. – 11:25 p.m.
 - Harmon Drive, Harmon Street @ 11:35 p.m. – 11:50 p.m.
 - Swift Park, Hasson Street @ 12 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.
 - Fugate Hill, 623 Watterson Street @ 12:25 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.
 - Carters Crossing MHP, 416 Carters Valley @ 12:55 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

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County continues to wrestle with medical building issues

BY LINDA THURSTON
EDITOR

A deed first drawn up 26 years ago is continuing to be problematic for county officials.

The public buildings committee of the Hawkins County Commission met Tuesday to discuss the issue of property first obtained by the county in 1958 and later given to Hawkins County Memorial Hospital in order to build a hospital. That quitclaim deed included a reversionary clause that the approximately 10-acre parcel would revert to the county if it ever ceased to be used for anything other than a hospital, or was sold to anyone else. That deed is dated 1995.

A hospital was then built, and sold in 2000 to Wellmont Hawkins County Memorial Hospital.

In 2000 Wellmont Health System also committed \$6 million to build a medical office building on the property.

That building was erected in 2007. Dr. Sachdev, the current lessor of the building, is now seeking to sell his lease and has asked the commission to revoke its reversionary clause, saying through his attorney that the clause impedes his ability to sell the lease.

In the public buildings meeting Tuesday, attorney Joel Conkin, representing Dr. Ranjan Sachdev, referred



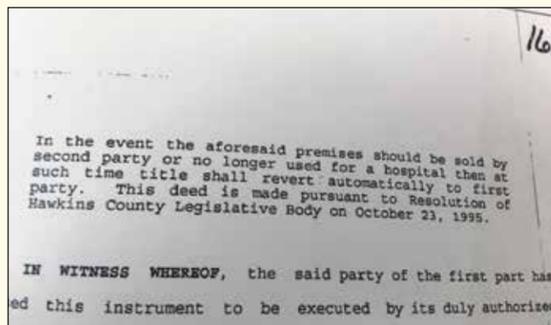
The current owner of the medical office building across from Ballad Health Memorial Hospital wants the county to remove a reversionary clause from the deed to the land on which it sits.

to it as a "cloud on the title."

It should be noted that Dr. Sachdev is not attempting to sell the land on which the medical office building sits, but the lease (and presumably any existing debt) on the building itself. He has no right to the land itself, which is still owned by Wellmont, which has now merged into Ballad Health Services.

According to Hawkins County Property Assessor David Pearson, the value of the building based on the 2020 re-appraisal is \$2,299,100.

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When the land was deeded by the county to the current owners, it contained a reversionary clause which is still in effect for all the land except one parcel.



REVIEW FILE PHOTO

Local group plans Holston River history exhibit

Readers' historic photos requested

BY ALLISON F. GOLEY
STAFF WRITER

Got any historic photos of life along the Holston River lying in your attic somewhere?

If so, a Hawkins County group planning a Holston River history exhibit would love to see them.

"The Holston River stretches all

the way from one end of Hawkins County to the other," Bill Kornrich, who is the project manager, told the Review. "That's why we have named the project 'The Holston: It's Your River, Hawkins County.'"

As the Review previously reported, official plans are starting to come together for the planned Surgoinsville Area Archives and Museum (SAAM), which will be located in the basement of the current Surgoinsville Library. One of the main attractions in the museum is set to be this thorough exhibit on life along the Holston River through the years.

Though much of the local exhibit

is already in the works, the designers still need more old photos to complete it.

The group already has many photos of wildlife, kayaking, and scenic views, but they need photos of historic events such as ferries across the river, logging, produce being transported to Knoxville on the river, or baptisms in the river.

Creating a design

The local exhibit is being created by a subcommittee of seven members from CARE NET CCC, which

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