

## Romance Rules the Day, Despite Logistics Nightmare

By Al Lesar

Logistics never got in the way of romance for Alden Souza and his bride on their special day.

Josh Anderson came to the rescue.

The love story for Alden and Persephone, who live in Norris, dated back to their high school days, almost a decade ago in Oak Ridge.

“The first time we met was on a double date in high school,” said Alden, 25. “We were both with other people. After that, we didn’t date ‘til college.”

That first “official” date happened when Persephone asked Alden out to share a large stack at IHOP on April 7, 2015.

Remember that date, it gets



*Josh Anderson, left, used a 10-minute break on his mail route to marry Alden and Persephone Souza. (Photo Provided)*

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## Read All About the Foods Kids Love to Eat

By Crystal Huskey



It’s been a long and winding road for Norris native Kim Zachman, but she has finally released the children’s book she’s been dreaming of for years.

Zachman is the daughter of Rita

Hackler and the sister of Norris City Manager Scott Hackler, and while she moved to the Atlanta area, she, her husband, and children travel back often.

Very often.

“My children’s July 4th is Norris Day,” she laughed.

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## A NOTE FROM THE *Editor*

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Sorry for yelling. Now that I have your attention, please be sure to send us pictures of your graduating senior soon. We'll be happy to include your grand-kids, even if they don't live in Norris! We want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Class of 2021 for making it through a very tough school year.

Much like last year, seniors have made plans for college that could fall through due to pandemic restrictions. If they were approved to study abroad, they still don't know if that will happen or not. They've missed a lot of in person events that students look forward to for years, and dealt with the anxiety of a global pandemic.

I'm sure the mental strain has been

very challenging.

To send your photos, just email [norrisbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:norrisbulletin@gmail.com) and include their name and school. Deadline is Friday, May 21. If you'd like to include a special story about your student, we will try to fit that in as well.

**Local businesses and sponsors:** We would like to add four additional pages to the Norris Bulletin the week of May 27 in order to accommodate all the pictures. Please consider sponsoring those pages with new or additional advertising so that we can make that happen. Our rates are on page 15.

In other news, we've got plenty of stories in this week's edition to keep you busy for a while. Special thanks to Al Lesar for our cover story, which is a sweet ode to love in the time of Corona-virus.





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### *Impromptu backroads wedding 'perfect' for private couple*

important later on.

After Alden finished college, he started working at the Norris Library. Over his four years there, he became a fixture in the community, constantly looking for ways to enhance the services to patrons.

For the last six months, he has been the department head for jewelry and wearables at Hobby Lobby on Clinton Highway in Powell.

All the while, Alden and Persephone have been an item. About four years ago, the couple came to a realization that their relationship was for real.

"We went to housesit for my aunt and uncle in Oak Ridge," Alden said. "We just spent time taking care of the cats and dog, and it was great. That convinced us to move in together."

That was a major step in their journey.

As the sixth anniversary of their first date was approaching early last month, Alden and Persephone thought there was something missing.

"We were committed to each other," Alden said. "I had been looking into a commonlaw marriage, after being together for so long, but they don't do that in Tennessee. We just felt it was important to make everything official."

Alden and Persephone's

plans revolved around April 7, their special day. The original blueprint had them spending four days on the beach at Hilton Head, coming home in time to get married on April 7, then spending four days in Gatlinburg.

The initial design was to get married in the Anderson County Courthouse. However, Alden's brother, who also had been married recently, said the pandemic had shut down that path. Plan B was to get the minister who officiated at his brother's wedding to do it. That morning, a conflict took the minister out of the equation.

"I found out that elected county officials were able to perform ceremonies,"

Alden said. "That's when I said, 'I know just the guy.'"

During his time at the library, Alden had gotten to know Josh Anderson, who was elected to the Anderson County Commission in 2018. The rub there, Josh is also a mail carrier. When Alden reached him, Josh was on his route.

"I told them I'd be glad to do it when I'm done with my route," Josh said. "But they wanted it done earlier. I told them, if they didn't mind a guy in a postal vehicle with shorts and a t-shirt, we could meet somewhere."

"We wanted to get the paperwork filed on April 7, before the county offices closed at 4:30," Alden

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said.

The three met near Piney Grove Church, along the county's backroads off East Wolf Valley Road.

"Alden told me they were driving a periwinkle Prius," said Josh, who has performed about 15 weddings. "I said, 'What's periwinkle?' I figured when someone slowed down, it would be them."

It took about 10 minutes for Josh, who stayed in his vehicle and was

masked, to sign the paperwork, Alden and Persephone to exchange the "I do's," and take a photo for posterity.

Since the pandemic hit, witnesses aren't required.

"We're both very private people," Alden said. "This was the perfect wedding."

"Every time I do a wedding, it makes me think," said Josh. "This is official. This is someone's life. It's legally binding. I'm just glad I'm able to help people."

The gravity of the situation, even after four years of living together, hit home with Alden.

"Things are more meaningful between us now than they were before," he said. "The times we spend together are more fulfilling. I didn't expect anything to change, but our relationship is deeper now."

Alden has a renewed philosophical approach to his new circumstances.

"By making a commitment, you are accepting

another person to be part of yourself," Alden said. "In the reverse, that person is accepting you for the rest of your lives."

"There's nothing so affirming as who you are as a person to love someone enough to be with them forever."

Even if the vows are exchanged on a mail route.

*Any comments or questions for Al Lesar? Contact him at [allesar111@gmail.com](mailto:allesar111@gmail.com).*

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## Norris Birdwatching



# Birdlady®

By Frances Hamilton Oates

The cicadas are coming, the cicadas are coming!

By now you may be tired of hearing that bazillions of Brood X cicadas are about to emerge from the ground. From the stories proliferating in the news, you'd think we were facing disaster—a plague of enormous, loudmouthed bugs crawling and flying everywhere.

But this is really good news for some people and a whole lot of wildlife. To the people, the emergence of Brood X (that's Brood 10) is a fascinating phenomenon that only happens once every 17 years. To birds and many other animals, including some humans, it means a feast.

Fish gobble up cicadas that tumble into the water—that's why Bob Stephan of Norris will be demonstrating online tonight how to tie a cicada trout fly. The demo, free to everyone, is hosted by

the Knoxville program of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, whose members are disabled veterans. The show starts at 7 at <http://www.facebook.com/ProjectHealingWatersKnoxville>. If you miss the live performance, you can view a video of it later on the same Facebook page.

As for the scientists, they're asking for help in mapping where the cicadas appear. You can participate by downloading a free app called Cicada Safari onto your phone; instructions for photographing and reporting the cicadas are on the app. Children will get a big kick out of helping—being real citizen scientists.

These cicadas are big bugs, an inch or more long; the mating song of the males, made by contracting ridged membranes on their almost-hollow abdomens, can be as loud as a lawn



*Brood X cicada (Katja Schulz photo, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/tree-grow/34795762446>)*

mower. In fact, some folks say cicadas may follow your lawn mower because the noise it makes is similar. (To hear the buzzy song of a single cicada, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=zINDUNGNvfg>.)

Despite their size and noise, cicadas are harmless. They don't bite or sting, they won't devour your garden—pest control companies won't even go after them, because they're beneficial

bugs. One explanation for their emergence in such huge numbers is that even after all the other critters eat their fill, plenty of cicadas remain to lay eggs, hatch into nymphs, burrow into the ground and stay there, sipping a little sap from tree roots, for the next 17 years.

Though some folks call cicadas "locusts," they are not related to those big grasshoppers that devastate crops. The name I grew up hearing for cicadas is "jarfly,"



and I was taught from early childhood not to fear them. The sound of the males' singing is a powerful reminder of peaceful summer days; I love hearing it. It's especially nice that cicadas do their singing in daylight, not late at night when it might keep us awake. Katydidids are the bugs that sing at night.

A few cicadas are already being reported in Tennessee, but the population should ramp up quickly. According to earthsky.org, periodical cicadas such as Brood X usually start to emerge in early to mid-May when the soil temperature reaches 64 degrees Fahrenheit—often after soaking rains like the ones we've had this week.

Other kinds of cicadas appear here annually in mid-summer, so we'll be able to enjoy cicada music for a long time this year.

Smithsonianmag.com says that Brood X is one of 15 broods of periodical cicadas—groups that emerge from the ground on the same time cycle—in the U.S. Twelve of those broods operate on 17-year cycles and the other three poke their

heads above ground every 13 years. Although more than 3,000 kinds of cicadas occur worldwide, earthsky.org says the 13- and 17-year periodical cicadas are unique to eastern North America.

Over a two-week period this month in 14 or 15 Eastern states, the Brood X cicada nymphs will crawl toward daylight, leaving dime-size holes in the ground—in some areas, numbering 1.5 million cicadas per acre. They'll be with us for a month or six weeks before they've all reproduced and died.

Female cicadas drill holes into thin tree branches to lay their eggs. This does not hurt mature trees, but if you have young trees that might suffer, protect them with netting. The only other suggestion regarding safety from cicadas is to drive with your car windows closed—a big bug bumbling into a vehicle has been known to startle the driver and cause a wreck.

Some folks enjoy eating cicadas—fried, pickled, chocolate-coated. You can find recipes online.

Other folks are grossed out by the whole idea of



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swarming big bugs. If you're freaking over it, you can buy some protection: a screened suit called WalkingPod Mesh.

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# Foods

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The book is called *There's No Ham in Hamburger*, and the story's beginnings are pretty humble.

"I was walking my dog, and wondered to myself, 'Why is there no ham in hamburgers?'" she explained. That was eight years ago, and that simple question led her down a path of discovery. Each chapter of the book has a recipe and a story, but it's really about the history of these foods that kids love

to eat.

"There's a lot of science, innovation and inventions that went into these things," she said.

For example, did you know that the inventor of sliced bread — or at least the machine that slices bread — spent 18 years getting his machine up and running? Otto Rohwedder was a jeweler, and owned a jewelry shop. He built a prototype of the sliced bread machine, saved up all of his money and thought he had a sure thing. He sold his shop, hired a factory and put every dime into

it.

Then the factory burned, along with everything in it.

So he started talking to bakers, who told him it was a terrible idea because the bread would go stale. So he revised his machine and came up with a product that sliced and bagged the bread. Once he started selling the machines, the Great Depression hit.

Despite his challenges, Rohwedder's invention changed the way Americans ate bread. These are stories of resilience, not just tasty foods.

Zachman made sure to include not only narratives, but also interesting facts and folklore in order to appeal to all readers.

Her own story is a story of resilience as well.

When she first submitted the manuscript to publishers, most rejected it because they didn't think kids were interested in food or cooking.

"It was rejected many times," she said.

Things have changed between then and now, however. Kid-centric baking and cooking shows are all the rage on YouTube and other social media outlets, and with the pandemic, more kids

have been learning to help out in the kitchen.

"I think the timing is better now," she said.

She recently did a virtual school visit to Norris Elementary and donated a copy of her book to the students, and hopes to do one at the middle school soon. The restrictions caused by the pandemic are making it hard to do much marketing, but she did hold a virtual book launch with a local indie bookstore.

She hopes her book will foster a love of reading in students. Zachman's introduction to nonfiction as a child came through the summer reading program at the Norris Library, which one year required that students read a nonfiction book along with fiction. She resisted at first, but reluctantly checked out a book about beavers.

"That made me love nonfiction," she said. "And now I'm a nonfiction writer!"

*No Ham in Hamburger* is published by Running Press Kids, a division of Hatchett. It can be found at most local bookstores and online.



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# Norris area scouting support group offers help for area youth

**By Dennis Curtin**

The scouting movement has a long history of working with youth in the Norris area beginning in 1935. To expand and improve the services to youth groups in the area, a new tax exempt, 501(c)(3) organization was created. The Norris Area Scouting Support Group (NASSG) is asking for community support in improving the outdoor experiences of scouting organizations in the area.

NASSG was given a parcel of land with a 1,600 square foot shed to store and maintain camping and canoeing equipment. In addition, there are four trailers used to transport all that scouting equipment as well as individual youth equipment (tents, packs, bicycles, etc.). This marks the first time in 85 years, scouting equipment and trailers are stored inside! As that equipment is being transferred from Troop 73 to NASSG it will be made available to other scouting units (boys and

girls) in the area. This expansion of user groups (beyond Troop 73) will benefit other scouting units and the community.

There has never been insurance on any of the scouting equipment because it has never been stored on our Chartering Organization's (The Norris Religious Fellowship) property. NASSG will correct that. For the first time equipment and liability insurance will be provided on the equipment and its use.

We estimate that the operating budget for NASSG will be approximately \$3,000 per year. This is above and beyond the annual budget of Troop 73 which is approximately \$1,500 per year. The Troop budget is usually supported by the money raised through the popular water slide at the annual Lions Club sponsored Norris Day plus contributions from Norris area residents. This will not be the case for NASSG.

We would like to have the community support



NASSG through individual contributions/subscriptions. Any contribution would help fill the estimated \$3,000 void. Please send your tax-deductible contributions to NASSG, and mailed to Dennis Curtin, PO Box 580, Norris TN, 37828. If you have any questions or suggestions for NASSG, you can email us at [dtcurtin@live.com](mailto:dtcurtin@live.com) or call, 865-494-0372. Should you decide to call, please leave a message on the answering service and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Troop 73 has continued to serve community boys by providing outdoor experiences, leadership

training and a strong sense of values in service to the community. NASSG will make those opportunities available to the other area scouting organizations -BOYS AND GIRLS. NASSG will also insure those resources to assure they will continue to be available to the youth of the community.

In short, the Norris Area Scouting Support Group will expand and improve the scouting experience for more youth in the area! We thank you for your support of scouting in the past and look forward to hearing from you soon!

# Southern Festival of Books announces dates

*The state's largest literary event returns for its 33rd year with virtual and in-person programming*

Humanities Tennessee is pleased to announce that the 33rd annual Southern Festival of Books: A Celebration of the Written Word will take place in-person, Saturday and Sunday, October 9-10 at downtown Nashville's War Memorial Plaza. Organizers of the event, the state's largest literary festival, are planning activities in accordance with state and CDC public health guidelines.

"With the support of our event partners and sponsors, we look forward to presenting an engaging and safe in-person festival that book-lovers across the state know and love," said Tim Henderson, Executive Director of Humanities Tennessee.

The festival and its programming will be free

for all attendees, as part of Humanities Tennessee's commitment to foster community and civility through stories, history, arts, and culture throughout the state. Due to the pandemic, the Festival will be scaled back this year. Dates for the festival have been altered as the event will take place over two days rather than the traditional three. All author sessions will take place outside on War Memorial Plaza, with the exception of a few sessions held in the War Memorial Auditorium, where seating will be limited and festival-goers will be required to use appropriate social distancing.

Online programming will also be offered leading up to the event.

"The health and safety of our festival-goers, authors and staff is our priority, and this year will be no exception. We'll offer something for everyone as has always been a hallmark of the Festival. We hope our plans for both an in-person event and a virtual experience will broaden our reach and allow book-lovers to celebrate the written word in the manner that feels most comfortable to them."

More details about this year's author lineup, the festival's 'Authors in the Round' fundraising dinner and online programming will be shared in the coming weeks.

For more information on the Festival, please visit [www.humanitiestennessee.org/sfb](http://www.humanitiestennessee.org/sfb).

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of Books is presented by Humanities Tennessee, a nonprofit organization fostering community and civility in Tennessee through public programs that examine and reflect upon ideas, stories, history, arts, and culture. The Festival is proudly sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, Dollar General Literacy Foundation, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Ingram Content Group, Vanderbilt University, Parnassus Books, and the Nashville Scene.

More information about the Festival can be found at [www.humanitiestennessee.org/sfb](http://www.humanitiestennessee.org/sfb).

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# Local attorneys remembered

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Four local attorneys were added to the memorial plaque titled "In Memory of those who served Justice" at the Anderson County Courthouse. These individuals served in multiple legal professional roles during their careers.

Robert "Bob" Stivers had a legal career of over fifty years. He worked with Union Carbide and Martin Marietta.

W. Clark Meredith was a partner in the firm of Joyce, Anderson, and Meredith. He later practiced with the firm of Joyce, Meredith, Flitcroft and Normand.

E. Riley Anderson practiced law in Oak Ridge for many years with the firm of Joyce, Anderson, Woods and Meredith. He

served as a member of the Tennessee Court of Appeals. He also served as a Justice on the Tennessee Supreme Court with tenures as Chief Justice.

James B. (Buddy) Scott served as Anderson County District Attorney General. He also served twenty seven years as Anderson County Circuit and Criminal Court Judge.

Circuit Court Clerk, Rex Lynch stated, "It's an honor to recognize these men for the work they did for Anderson County".

General Sessions Court Judge, Don A. Layton stated, "These individuals through their service made Anderson County a safer and better place to live and work. A grateful Bar and community commemorate their lives and service."




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## Oak Ridge Community Band to resume live concerts July 4

The Oak Ridge Community Band plans to return to a traditional, live, in-person concert schedule beginning with their annual July 4th concert this summer at 7:30 p.m. and wants to extend an invitation to Norris residents to mark this date on your calendars and make plans to attend this free performance which will be followed by the City Fireworks display. The band performance will be held at A.K. Bissell Park behind the Oak Ridge Civic Center at 1403 Oak Ridge Turnpike.

Like other area musical organizations, the Community Band was unable to perform in-person concerts this past year due to the pandemic. However, band members are now looking forward to entertaining the public on July 4 which is special for the band as this date marks the 77th anniversary of the band's very first concert on July 4, 1944. The July 4 concert this year will also mark the Community Band's first in-person performance since February 2020. Other concerts after July 4 will be the August 1



Back to School concert, the Labor Day concert on September 6, and the Halloween concert on October 31. All these concerts will be held in A.K. Bissell Park. A Christmas Sing-Along concert will be held in December at the First Baptist Church.

The Oak Ridge Community Band is directed by Shaun Salem, and the summer outdoor concerts include a variety of music including patriotic numbers, marches, popular songs, and contemporary pieces. All ORCB concerts are FREE, but in lieu of admission, ORCB gratefully accepts donations to help defray band expenses. Although

ORCB has been unable to perform in-person concerts during the COVID-19 pandemic, the band still has expenses, and donations are greatly appreciated. ORCB is a 501(c)3 organization, and your tax donations may be tax deductible. ORCB also participates in the Amazonsmile and Krogercare programs.

The public is encouraged to check the Oak Ridge Community Band website at [www.orcb.org](http://www.orcb.org) for the 2021 performance schedule and other information including the opportunity to donate via PayPal. Contributions can also be mailed to ORCB, P.O. Box 6980,

Oak Ridge, TN 37831-6980.

In addition to the band's website, the public can get current information by going to ORCB's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/OakRidgeCommunityBand](https://www.facebook.com/OakRidgeCommunityBand).

Interested area musicians who would like to join the band can contact ORCB via the ORCB website, email at [oakridgecommunityband@gmail.com](mailto:oakridgecommunityband@gmail.com), or can call 865-202-2773. Rehearsals for the July 4 concert will begin on Thursday evening, May 27, at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1101 Oak Ridge Turnpike in Oak Ridge.



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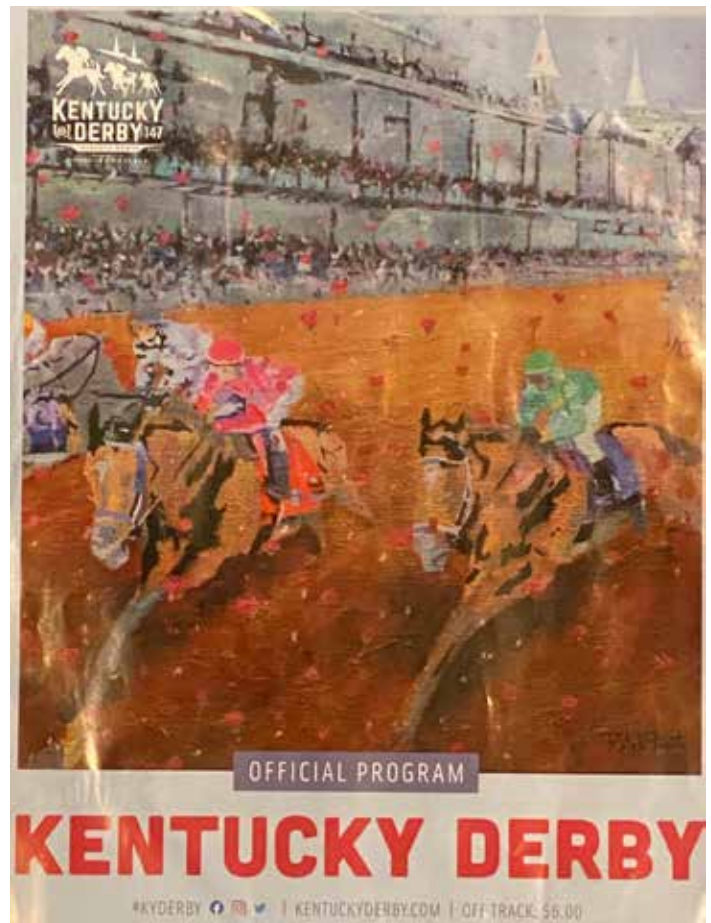
Since I was a young girl, I have dreamed of going to the Kentucky Derby. It helped that I had a Shetland Pony at my grandparents named Annie. She fueled my equine dreams of grandeur. This week, thanks to two of my dearest friends, I got to experience that dream.

Despite living in Kentucky for twenty years, I never attended the derby. The biggest reason was, I had heard stories of being relegated to the in-field. It's that area inside the race-track which is normally excessively crowded

with partying folks who never see a horse. I don't like crowds, particularly inebriated crowds, well-enough to handle that gracefully. So, I bided my time, thinking at some point in this life of mine I would stumble upon an opportunity to attend, and sit someplace other than the infield. That's where my friends Bob and Marianne came in.

In my opinion, half the fun of attending the Kentucky Derby is the preparation. The second I hung up the phone with Marianne, after her invitation, I began googling "Knoxville hatmakers." Apparently, that is not a thing. So, the next best option was Etsy. I picked out my hat online, though something made me hold off ordering. But as the days got closer, I began a mini-panic. No

## Let's Dance



hat, no dress, no shoes, oh my, I was walking a treacherous road. I hit all the stores I knew in Knoxville and came up empty handed. I was told due to Covid, stores

are not carrying dressy clothes this year. I found just three hats which I wouldn't have made a birdhouse out of, and no dresses.

Then I got the brilliant



idea to shop my own closet. I came up with a couple of “meh” dresses that would do, but not the one. With two weeks to go before the derby, I went to Maine to visit my Mom. I thought surely I would find something in Portland. Again, the same story. Apparently, nobody is going out of their living rooms yet, and if they are, they are wearing yoga pants. A few days later I drove from Maine to Connecticut for my friend Lori’s birthday party, and with one week to go I was in full derby panic mode.

Fortunately, I have the most excellent friends a girl could ask for. Upon arrival in Connecticut, Lori marched me straight to her closet (which would rival Lady Gaga’s). She’s a fashionista, so with no hesitation, she laid the bedrock of my outfit with an amazing hat. Next day she marched me to her favorite clothier, Richards, in Greenwich, CT. For hours I tried on clothes and shoes. Well, mostly shoes. The dress was discovered immediately. I fell in love with all its southern charm style. The shoes were  
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another story, but after driving the poor shoe clerk to insanity, I finally came away with two pairs. Did I say I may need to sell an organ to pay for them all? But the derby comes along once in a lifetime in my case, so I rationalized each step of the way. Clothes, hat, shoes, and purse settled, I arrived in Kentucky for the 147th run for the roses, and the second half of the experience.

No infield for us. We had seating in the third-floor dining room at the Turf Club with an expansive view of the entire racetrack. Food and drinks appeared on our table, the betting desk was just around the corner, and I learned how to read the program and official stats on each of the horses from a world class equine surgeon, Dr. Hunt. I can honestly say I have never felt so privileged and special in my life.

Going against my recent education and all horse and racing logic, I stubbornly placed my bets like most complete neophytes, basing my choices on names, colors, and lucky numbers.



Those numbers weren’t so lucky for me that day in the form of winnings, but the experience was priceless. As I watched the horses thunder down the track toward the finish line I couldn’t help getting swept up in the fever of excitement, as the crowd roared, chanted, and screamed for their favorites.

Sunday, as I came back down to reality, diligently working on a clog in the ladies’ room at CRB, I marveled at the expe-

rience of the day before. Most of us don’t often have an opportunity like that and I am extremely grateful to my dear friends for making one of my dreams come true. I’m also glad I held out all these years and waited for the perfect opportunity to attend. All I can say is, if you have something you would love to do, throw it out there to the universe and wait. What comes back may surprise you. It sure surprised me.



# Police Reports

## **Tuesday, April 27**

*12:29 a.m.* Norris officer assisted Tennessee Highway Patrol with an accident on Andersonville Highway just outside the city limits.

*8:11 a.m.* Norris Police responded to the intersection of Andersonville Highway and Norris Freeway after receiving a report of a pallet of bricks in the roadway. Officers arrived to find the number of bricks was a few dozen, which were removed, and the area was swept for vehicle travel.

*2:12 p.m.* Norris Police responded to the canoe launch on Powerhouse Way after receiving a report of a vehicle burglary. The victim had placed her purse on the seat of her vehicle and went on a short walk, returning to find the window shattered and her purse gone. A report was completed, and an investigation is underway.

*5:05 p.m.* Officer conducted traffic enforcement on Reservoir Road; no violations observed.

*5:15 p.m.* Officer conducted traffic enforcement

on East Norris Road; no violations observed.

*8:00 p.m.* Officer conducted extra patrol on Powerhouse Way; property checked okay.

*9:14 p.m.* Officer conducted a business check on Sawmill Road; property checked okay.

*11:18 p.m.* Officer on special assignment, documenting all streetlights in need of repair throughout the city.

## **Wednesday, April 28**

*1:20 a.m.* Officer conducted a business check on Andersonville Highway; property checked okay.

*11:21 a.m.* A Norris officer responded to an address on Butternut Drive after receiving a 911 page out for a possible stroke. The resident was transported to the hospital by EMS.

*12:11 p.m.* Norris Police responded to Powerhouse Way at Norris Dam after a theft report. The victim told police he had been fishing down on the bank when an unknown subject had taken several items from the bed of his truck. A report was filed, and an

investigation is underway.

*1:49 p.m.* Officer conducted traffic enforcement in the school zone; no violations observed.

*6:00 p.m.* NPD and NFD members met with Cub Scouts.

## **Thursday, April 29**

*12:53 p.m.* Norris Police assisted with traffic control while the water department repaired a water line on West Circle.

*5:16 p.m.* Norris Police received a call from a resident on Oak Road in reference to an animal complaint. The caller stated she had caught a dog running loose and requested that an officer place the animal in the shelter. However, before police could arrive, she called back to advise that the owner had picked up the dog.

*7:30 p.m.* Clinton Utilities Board reported that they believed a juvenile had used a BB gun to destroy a streetlight near an address on Hickory Trail. An officer arrived and advised proper action to the complainant. Police are looking into this matter.

## **Friday, April 30**

*5:22 a.m.* Officer initiated a traffic stop on a white Chevrolet Silverado for a moving violation on Andersonville Highway; written warning issued.

*12:15 p.m.* Officer conducted traffic enforcement on East Norris Road; no violations observed.

*12:47 p.m.* Officer conducted a business check on Andersonville Highway; property checked okay.

*1:00 p.m.* Officer conducted a business check on West Norris Road; property checked okay.

*2:59 p.m.* Officer conducted traffic enforcement in the school zone; no violations observed.

*4:28 p.m.* Officer initiated a traffic stop on a blue Ford F-250 in the parking lot of the visitors' center at Norris Dam. The driver was issued a citation for a moving violation.

*5:14 p.m.* Officer initiated a traffic stop on a blue Jeep on River Road for an equipment violation; verbal warning issued.

*8:01 p.m.* Officer conducted extra patrol on

Powerhouse Way; property checked okay.

10:21 p.m. NPD responded to the area of Bethel Road to assist the Anderson County Sheriff's Office with a traffic accident. 10:47 p.m. NPD responded to the parking lot of Andersonville Crossing after receiving a report of a motor vehicle accident on private property. There were no reported injuries, and a report was completed.

### Saturday, May 1

9:45 a.m. Officer conducted traffic enforcement on Reservoir Road; no violations observed.

10:25 a.m. Officer conducted traffic enforcement on West Norris Road; no violations observed.

12:00 p.m. Officer initiated a traffic stop on a black Jeep on East Norris Road; citation issued.

12:17 p.m. Officer initiated a traffic stop on a white Jeep on Andersonville Highway for a violation that occurred on East Norris Road; citation issued.

9:22 p.m. NPD responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in front of the middle school. The car was reported to be unoccupied with the lights on. The officer made contact with the driver, who checked okay and had pulled over

to send a text message.

10:09 p.m. Officer conducted a business check on Sawmill Road; property checked okay.

11:01 p.m. Officer conducted a business check on Andersonville Highway; property checked okay.

### Sunday, May 2

12:51 a.m. NPD responded to an address on Chestnut Drive to assist EMS with a medical call.

1:20 a.m. Officer conducted a business check on Andersonville Highway; property checked okay.

4:15 a.m. Officer conducted a business check on Acuff Lane; property checked okay.

9:25 a.m. Officer conducted traffic enforcement on Norris Freeway; no violations observed.

10:05 a.m. Officer conducted extra patrol on Powerhouse Way; property checked okay.

11:05 a.m. Officer conducted traffic enforcement on East Circle; no violations observed.

3:15 p.m. Officer initiated a traffic stop on a blue Volkswagen Eos Sport on East Norris Road; verbal warning issued.

8:41 p.m. Officer conducted a business check on Sawmill Road; property checked okay.

9:30 p.m. Officer initiated

a traffic stop on Norris Freeway for a moving violation; verbal warning issued.

10:43 p.m. A resident on CCC Camp Road contacted police to report that his car alarm had been triggered and requested an officer to check the area. A Norris officer responded and checked the area; area checked okay.

11:05 p.m. Officer conducted a business check on Andersonville Highway; property checked okay.

### Monday, May 3

3:02 p.m. Officer conduct-

ed traffic enforcement in the school zone; no violations observed.

4:08 p.m. Officer conducted a business check on Sawmill Road; property checked okay.

6:22 p.m. Officer conducted traffic enforcement on East Norris Road; no violations observed.

11:18 p.m. NPD and NFD responded to a residence on West Norris Road after receiving a report of a fire alarm at the address. The alarm was confirmed to be false, and everything checked okay.





## Sheriff Barker and ACSO promote Motorcycle Awareness Month

Anderson County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office to promote Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

"Motorcyclists will be out in force as the weather gets warmer, which is why it is the perfect time for us to remind the community about the vulnerability of motorcycle riders," said Sheriff Russell Barker. "All motorists need to know how to anticipate and respond to motorcyclists to avoid crashes."

Here are a few safe driving tips to prevent crashing with a motorcycle:

- Always signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- If you see a motorcycle with a signal on, be care-

ful. Motorcycle signals are often non-canceling. Always ensure that the motorcycle is turning before proceeding.

- Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic, especially at intersections.
- Always allow ample follow distance - three to four seconds - when driving behind a motorcycle. This gives riders more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.

According to preliminary data provided by Tennessee's Integrated Traffic Analysis Network (TITAN), there were 2,670 motorcycle crashes statewide last year. Of those crashes, 151 were fatal.

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