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Wednesday, May 9, 2018

# Hair pulling assault by LC man LC man charged with drugs found in owl doll



Omar Lopez

# Under the influence with a gun is bad news



Alfredo Espinoza

Verse of the Day Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. — Romans 12:12 Obituaries Sce P.4 Wazzup

Remember

See Gun P.4

Mothers Day. Make sure your mother feels special. Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 83F.

Tonight: Thunderstorms.

LOW of 62F.

Thursday: Cloudy. High

see Assault pg. 2

# GOOd NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Some time back, a friend lost a good paying, long-tenured job. A new job didn't come soon, which was OK since severance and unemployment carried him, but only for a while.

## See TGN p.4

of 84F. Thursday Night: Thunderstorms. Low of 61F. Horoscopes Taurus 4/20-5/20 Fantasies about love and money are wonderful distractions as long as you dont make decisions based on hope rather than

reality. Unfortunately you could lose touch with the real world and be deceived in financial matters when illusory Neptune squares resourceful Venus in your 2nd House of Money. Knowing when to push and when to back (Continued on page 6)



Jesse Mcafee

see Drugs pg. 3

# Nearly \$150,000 of Improper Purchases Identified at Oliver Springs Housing Authority

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has determined that a former employee of the Oliver beginning December 1, Springs Housing Authori- 2015 through the time of ty (OSHA) made person- the employee's terminaal purchases totaling at tion in April 2017. least \$149,516.83 with the Investigators housing authority's credit cards.

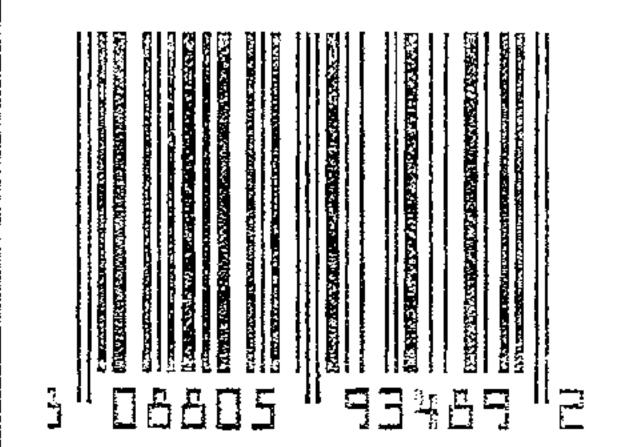
Comptroller investigators reviewed accounting records, bank statements,



credit card statements, and supporting documentation for the period

determined the former employee made dozens of purchases for her personal benefit. These purchases included several vehicles, two Yamaha Jet Skis, a

(see Spending pg. 5)



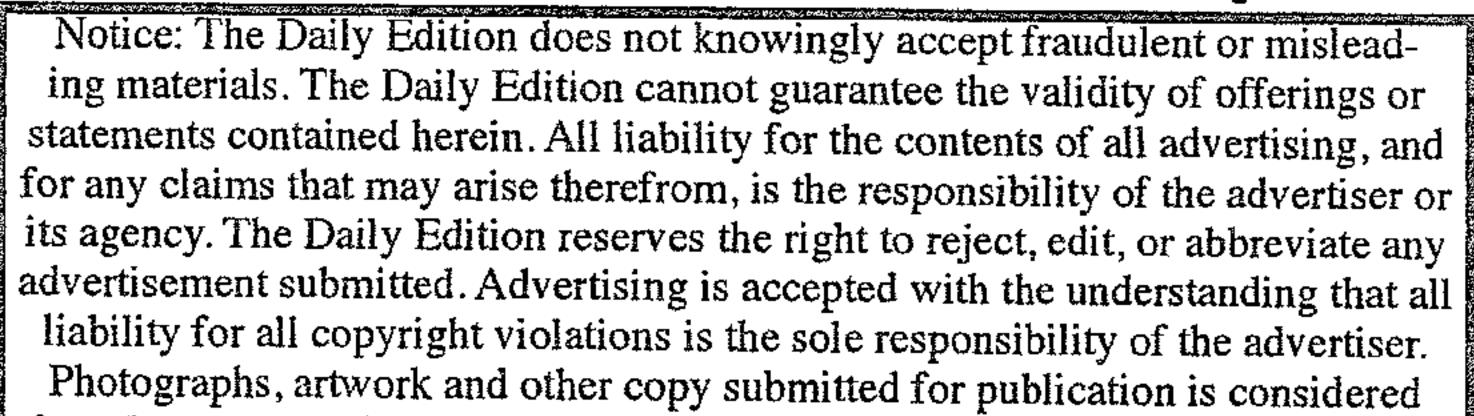
## Assault

her friend the victim was in- if Mr. Lopez grabbed her hair side the home and her boy- and she stated that he did. Wit-Omar Lopez, 34, Lim-friend Omar Lopez-Lopez ness then provided a written bar Drive Lenoir City, was had grabbed victim and pulled charged with Domestic her hair during and argu-Assault Deputy A. Parton ment. Deputy then attempted Mr. Lopez in custody and LCSO, responded to High- to speak with victim and Mr. way 70 West in reference Lopez but could not due to to a 911 open line. Upon ar- a language barrier. Dep. C. rival witness walked up to Grey then arrived and spoke

statement about the assault she witnessed. Deputy then placed transported him to Loudon County Justice Center with

no further incident. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

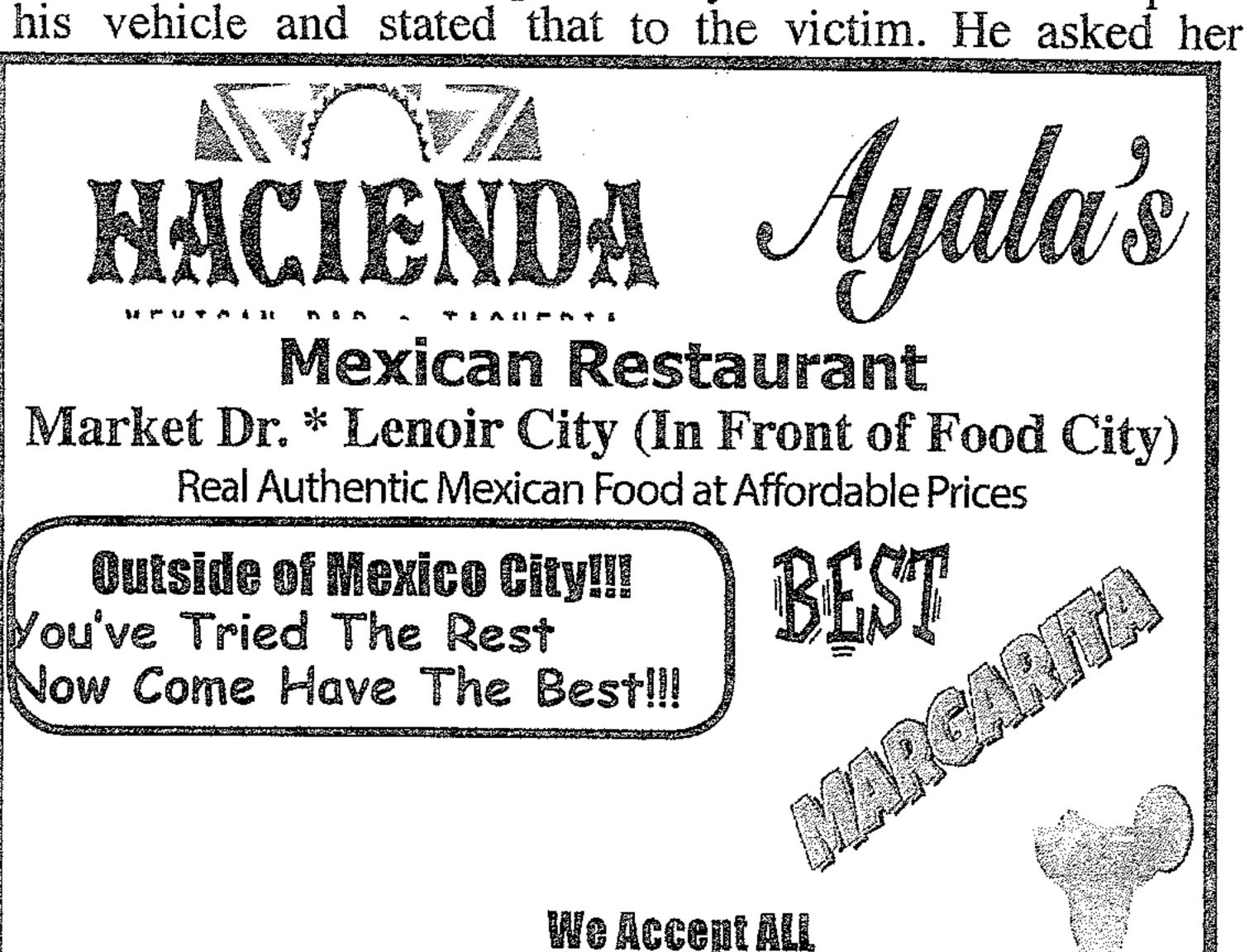
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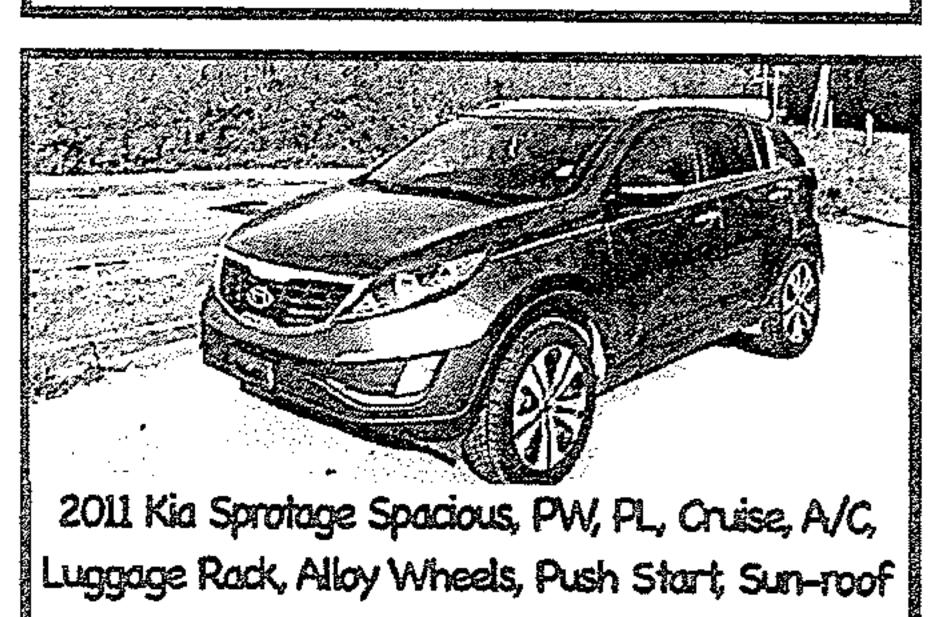
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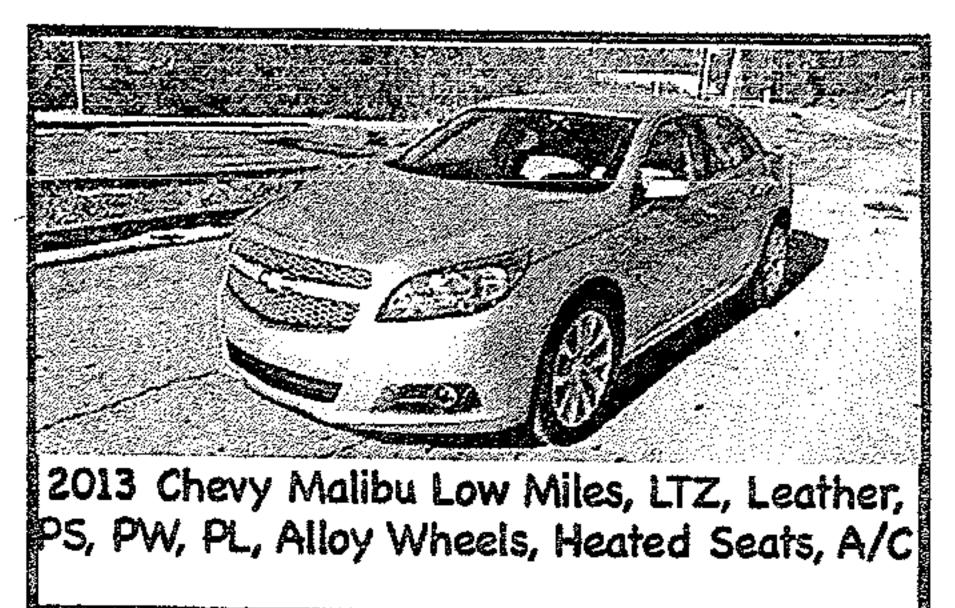
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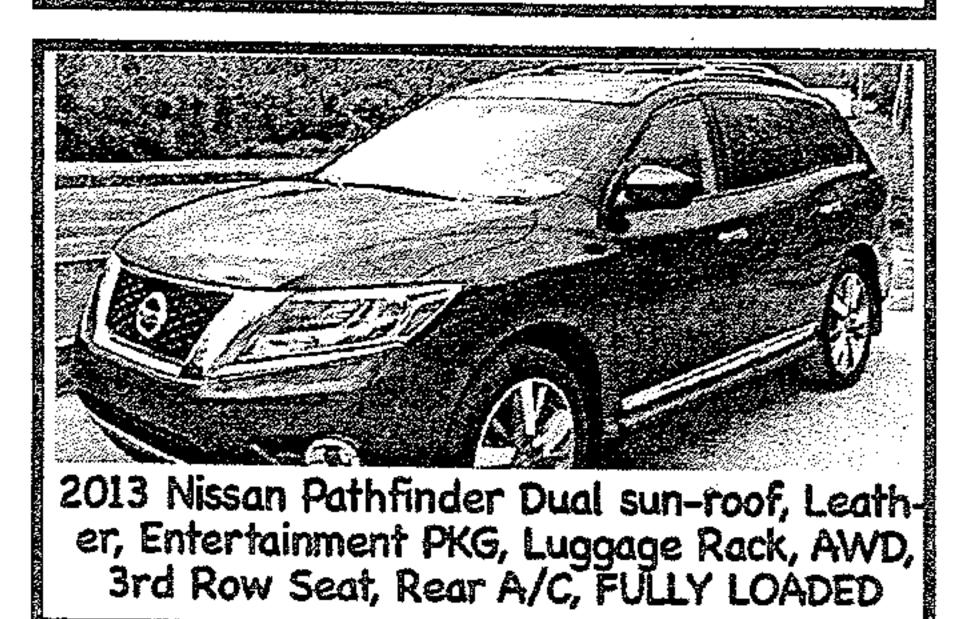


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# Drugs

Jesse McAfee, 29, Homeless Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Simple Possession, and Possession of Drug Para.

Corporal Rondel M. Branam, observed a black Mercury Sable sitting in the middle of a parking lot for the Coyatee walking trail on Coyatee Road. The vehicle was not in a parking spot and Deputy did observe trash around the vehicle. Deputy did see two males sleeping inside the vehicle and he was able to wake them up by knocking on the window. Deputy first made contact with first male who was in the drivers seat and then identified the passenger as Mr. Jesse Adam McAfee. Both men stated that they had been in the parking lot since approximately 10:00 PM on 04-26-2018 and when they were asked why they were not in a parking spot they stated that there transmission was bad. The parking lot was observed to be flat. While Deputy was speaking with the male outside of the vehicle Deputy Cameron Myers spoke with Jesse McAfee. Deputy Myers advised Cpl. that Mr. McAfee stated there was Marijuana inside the vehicle. Cpl. asked Mr. McAfee out of the vehicle and he did give verbal consent to search the vehicle due to it belonging to him. During the search Cpl. did find approximately plantlike substance believed to be marijuana in the front occupant compartment. Cpl. also found a clear small bag with .3 grams of a tan crystal powder like substance later

field tested positive as being Methamphetamine beside the drivers seat. Cpl. found two glass pipes commonly used to smoke Methamphetamine inside a stuffed owl doll in the back seat of the vehicle. Cpl. did ask both Mr. McAfee and the male who the drugs and drug paraphernalia belonged to and Mr. McAfee stated that all of the items were his. At that time Mr. Jesse Adam McAfee was placed under arrest for Manufacture, Sell, Delivery, Possession of Schedule II (Methamphetamine), Simple Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana), and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and transported to the Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County, TN.

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# Myers advised Cpl. that Mr. McAfee stated there was Marijuana inside the vehicle. Cpl. asked Mr. McAfee out of the vehicle and he did give verbal consent to search the vehicle due to it belonging to him. During the search Cpl. did find approximately 2.8 Grams of a green leafy plantlike substance believed to be marijuana in the front occupant compartment. Cpl. also found a clear small bag with .3 grams of a tan crystal powder like substance later

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City of Lenoir City
Attn: Amber Scott, City Administrator
P.O. Box 445
530 Highway 321 North
Lenoir City, TN 37771

The City of Lenoir City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

# TGN

More time passed, and hicle could not mainthen panic came -- a tain its lane of travel. flurry of applications Deputy then made a and job fairs -- "maybe traffic stop on the vethis, maybe that". My hicle on Hwy 11 Near friend finally came to Natilie Blvd. Deputy the realization, "I need then made contact with to focus on a clear ob- the driver later identijective, and center my fied as Alfredo Espisearch on that".

books, recipes for get- did admit that he had ting your life togeth- 3 beers about 20 miner. Some can be pretty utes before the stop. helpful. Many focus on Deputy then asked him "being yourself", which to exit the vehicle and easily leads to self-pre- he could still smell a occupation and narcis- strong odor of alcosism. (I always say I am hol coming from his for much higher aspira- person. Deputy then tions than to be myself. asked if he would per-I aim to be like Christ.) form field sobriety and Today's reading from 1 he did and performed John starts at the cen-poorly on these task. ter: "God is light and in Deputy then asked if he him there is no darkness had any drugs or paraat all". Other advice phernalia and he stated about the road to good he had a pipe in the living can be very help- console. Deputy did ful, depending on our find a pipe in the consituation. But when we sole. While inventoryrecognize that we are, ing the vehicle Deputy at our center, children did find a Beretta 9mm of the God who created in the back seat under us and the Christ who a jacket. Deputy then walks with us, all of life placed Mr. Espinoza comes clearer.

our light. Shine in our ence and Possession hearts. Shine through a weapon while under the darkness. Amen.

# Gun

Alfredo Espinoza, 25, Valley Vista Loudon, was charged Russell's Tree with DUI, and Poss. of a Handgun while under the Influence,

Sgt. J. Bowen LCSO, was notified by dispatch of a reckless possible drunk driver on Sugarlimb Rd. Deputy did make contact with the vehicle a Gold Impala. The vehicle then

turned onto Hwy 11 Obituaries traveling west. The venoza. He had a strong Our world is full odor of alcohol coming under arrest for Driv-Prayer: Christ, be ing under the influthe Influence. Deputy then read Mr. Espinoza a copy of the Implied Consent and he refused. This did occur in Loudon County.

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daughters, Linda Bolt witt Hicks (Vincent), Michael dra (Sonny) McFarland of Florida; sons, Johnny Cagley and Tommy Cagley both of Lenoir City and Joey (Sharon) Cagley of Knoxville; grandchildren: nita Garner, Sabrina Ward, Summer Prince, Jimmy Cagley, Daniel Cagley, Michael Cagley and Josh Cagley; many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and sister, Ruth Stewart. The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 5th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Doug Kizer and Rev. Josh Cagley officiating. Family and friends will gather at

the funeral home by (David), and Cindy 9:30 Sunday morn- Dewitt Patrick (John); Imogene McCon- ing and proceed to grandchildren: Tyson key Cagley age 88 Lakeview Cemetery Dewitt, Adam Hicks, of Lenoir City joined for 10 a.m. graveside Keeli Roberson, Tramany family and services. Click Funer- vis Wilkerson, Jaclyn friends in Heaven on al Home, 109 Walnut McKenry (Michael), May 2, 2018. She was Street, Lenoir City is Jessica Kirby Rogers a longtime member and in charge of arrange- (Phillip); great-grand-Sunday School teacher ments. sons, Carson Dean Rogat Shady Grove Baptist Lucille Moore ers and Janson Kirby Church. Jean was in the Dewitt age 79 of Rogers; many brothersrestaurant business in Lenoir City passed in-law, sisters-in-law, of self-improvement from his person. He Lenoir City for many away Thursday, May nieces and nephews. years. Preceded in 3, 2018 at her home. The family would like death by her husband, Lucille was a former to express their special Earl J. Cagley; son, employee of Parkwest thanks to Caris Health-James (Jimmy) Cag- Hospital and a mem- care. The family will ley; grandson, Jimmy ber of Shady Grove receive friends from 1 Roach; granddaugh- Baptist Church. She p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunters, Teresa Sanders was preceded in day, May 6th at Click and Mandi Cagley; death by her parents, Funeral Home in Lenoir daughter-in-law, Anna Charles and Cecil City. Funeral services Cagley; mother and fa- Moore; sister Lana will follow at 3 p.m. ther, Claude and Dollie Conard and Lavona with Rev. Dean Bandy (Brown) McConkey; Waldron, and brother and Rev. Chris Everbrothers, Joe (Bud) Charles Moore. Lu-hart officiating. Burial McConkey and Edgar cille is survived by her will follow in Lakev-McConkey; sisters, Sue husband of 59 years, iew Cemetery. Serving Price, Unavee Cobb Buford Dewitt; son, as pallbearers: Travis and Bobbie Brakebill. Buford Darrol Dewitt; Wilkerson, Tyson De-She is survived by her daughters, Cheryl De- witt, Phillip Rogers, of Lenoir City and San-Julia Dewitt Bunch Skipp Hatmaker and

see obits ctd. pg. 5



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Obits ctd. from p. 5

David Dewitt. Click Funeral Paral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Jimmy "Gut" Allen Reynolds After a long battle with Alzheimer's, Jimmy Allen 'Gut' Reynolds, 80, of Lenoir City, passed away peacefully Saturday morning, May 5th at The Lantern at Morning Pointe in Lenoir City. Jimmy was a National Guard Veteran, a long-time member of First Baptist Church Lenoir City, a member of Masonic Avery Lodge # 593, and a member of The Shriners International. Jimmy was a life-long resident of Lenoir City and graduated from LCHS before attending TTU. He worked at K-25 in Oak Ridge for 12 years before pursuing a 20 year long career at Maremont in Loudon. Jimmy was a wonderful husband, a fantastic Dad, and an exceptional Pop who will be missed for his sense of humor, selflessness, and compassion for others. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy & Annie Reynolds, brother Bobby Reynolds, daughter Kathy Gardner, and parents-in-law, Arnold & Mary Judd. Jimmy is survived by his loving wife of 60 years,

Barbara Reynolds, son Allen Reynolds & wife Sherrie Reynolds, daughter Deborah Reynolds, his 8 grandchildren; Lindsay Gardner, Shelby & Trevor Reynolds, Morgan Reynolds, Mallerie Reynolds, Heather Newman, Anthony Chrisman, and Chelsey McCoy, and his 14 great-grandchildren. Jimmy is also survived by his long-time best friend and 'brother' G.L. Hall. Receiving of friends will be held at First Baptist Church Lenoir City, 2085 Simpson Road, Lenoir City, on Tuesday, May 8th from 5-7pm with services following immediately after.

The family would like to thank the loving staff at The Lantern at Morning Pointe in Lenoir City for their great care of Jimmy. Because of Jimmy's desire to help others, his body has been donated to help further the research of Alzheimer's and Dementia. Due to this, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to either the Alzheimer's Association or First Baptist Church Lenoir City in his name.

# Spending

2001 Tahoe Boat and trailer, a golf cart, payments on a 2015 Sportsman Travel Trailer, ve-

hicle repairs, and property tax payments.

Others purchases included 139 Amazon.com purchases, plane tickets, a Carnival Cruise, jewelry, sporting goods, clothes, a Comcast bill, insurance, food, a prom dress, etc. The former employee also transferred OSHA money to her boyfriend's PayPal account for her personal gain.

The Oliver Springs Housing Authority has received credits and reimbursement for some of these improper purchases; however, a cash shortage of \$135,281.12 still exists within the OSHA.

Investigators are also questioning additional purchases totaling \$12,484.44 paid from OSHA funds. These charges such as food, fuel, travel, supplies, and auto parts were paid without detailed invoices or documentation to validate they were exclusively for the housing authority.

The Comptroller's Office has reviewed its findings and recommendations with the district attorney general for the Ninth Judicial District and the U.S. Attorney General's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

"The investigation raises many questions about oversight within the OSHA," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. The Board of Commissioners and housing authority management must take steps to ensure accountability. Our investigators have identified a number of weaknesses related to financial management and personnel practices. These issues must be addressed.

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