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Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Needles, straws and meth lead to Public Intox.



Victor Shofner

Regina Nix

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Man brings knife into fist fight

Tyler Montgomery, 20, Trudy Lane Philadelphia, was charged with Aggravated Assault, and Vandalism. Officer Jordan Samuels LCPD, was dispatched to West 10th Ave in reference to a physical domestic in progress. The complainant stated he could here people

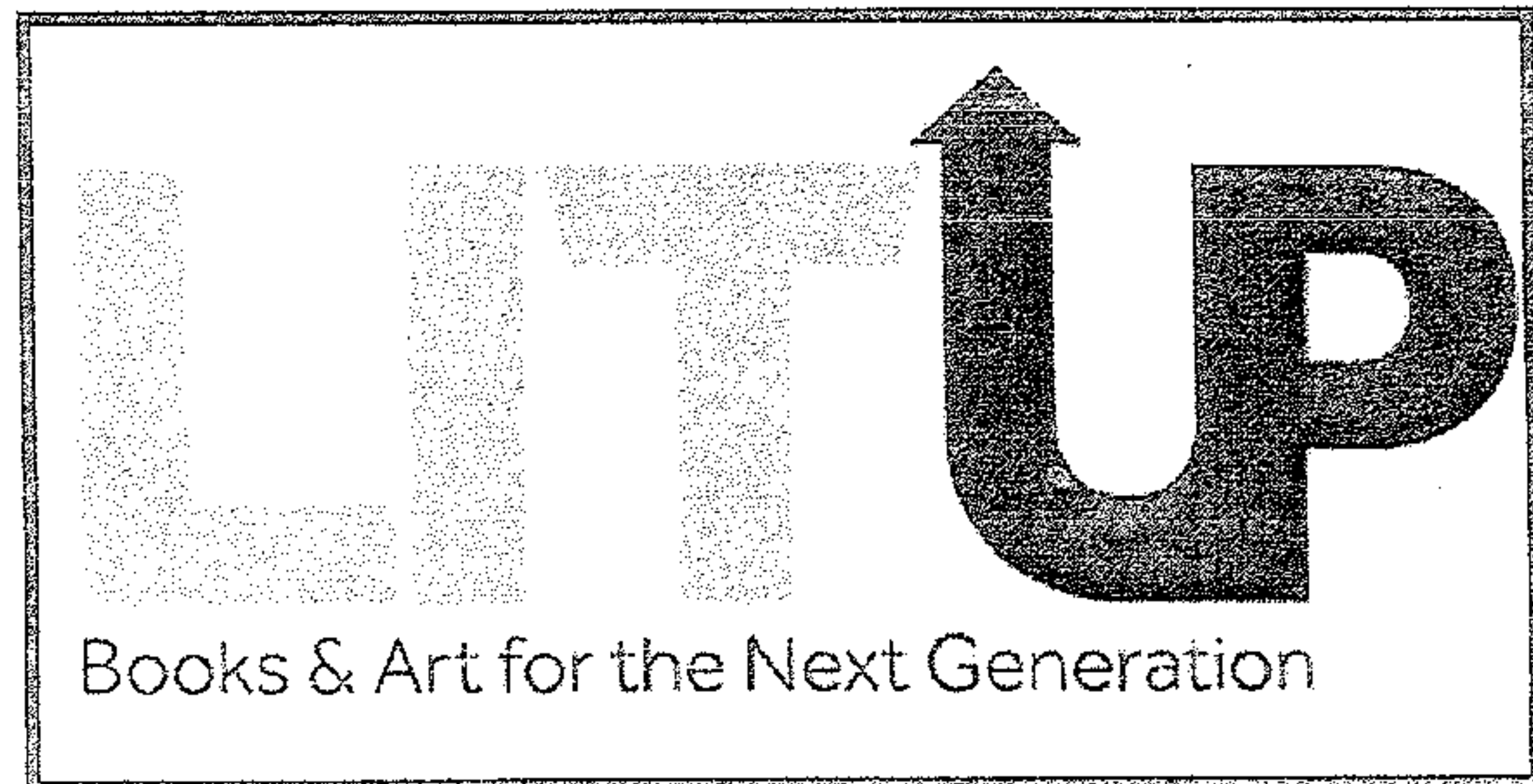


Tyler Montgomery

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Library announces a new festival for teens

Loudon man won't stop calling 911



Patrick Taulbee

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Knox County Public Library, in partnership with Knox County Schools, Oak Ridge National Lab, UT's Center for Children's and

Young Adult Literature, Union Avenue Books, and the Friends of the Library, will launch a new festival just for

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Fake Bail Bondsman Sentenced

Man Impersonated Law Enforcement, Kidnapped Victims

When Shane Ryan Hammond burst into an Ohio home in 2017 to apprehend a suspected bail jumper, he pointed an assault rifle directly at a man and his grandmother. He then handcuffed his target and drove him to West Virginia.

But Hammond wasn't a police officer or sheriff's deputy. He wasn't even a licensed bail bondsman. Hammond was simply an admirer of law enforcement who pretended to be in their ranks—and his actions made him a

See FBI P.4



Verse of the Day

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.
—Mark 10:25

Wazzup

Check out the RMS Band at Calhoun's Friday night starting at 7:45pm.

Weather

Today: Mostly Sunny. High of 85F.

Tonight: Clear. Low 58F. Thursday: Sunny High of 83F

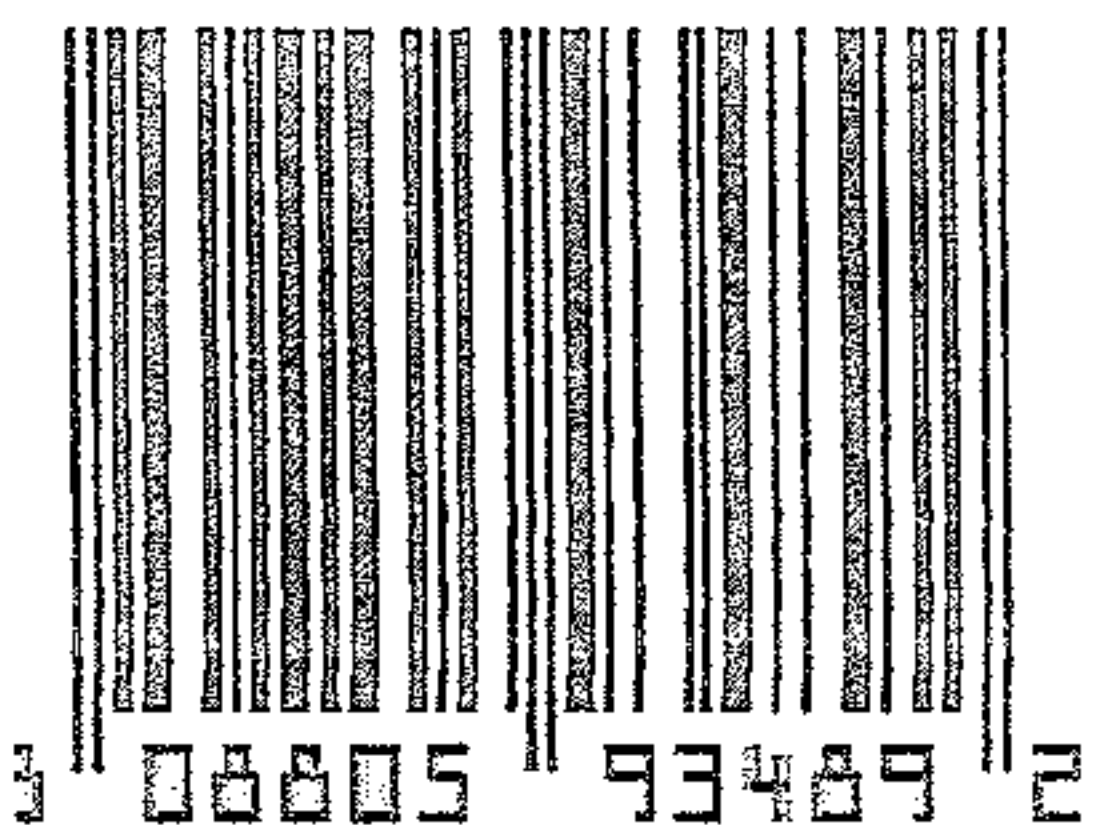
Thursday night: Clear and cool. Low of 57F.

Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22
Your intensity transcends verbal descrip-

tion today as you dissect and discuss an issue to completion. What is your next move? Power is an aphrodisiac, but watch the mind games. Break the annoying monologue looping in your head by

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Meth

Victor Shofner, 29, Maple Street Loudon, was charged with Public Intoxication, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, and Poss. Of Drug Para. Regina Nix, 41, Mfg/Del/Sale or

Poss. Of Meth, Poss. Of Drug Para., and Public Intoxication. Investigator Ketner LCSO, observed a vehicle fail to come to a complete stop at the stop sign located at Anchor Drive. Ketner stopped the vehicle on Spring Road, and identified the driver

as Victor Shofner and the passenger as Regina Nix. Shofner said that he had needles and a can with residue inside the vehicle. Shofner retrieved the needles. Also located in the

back seat in a sun glass case, one set of scales 2 cut straws with residue, one meth pipe and approx.. .4 grams of meth inside a one dollar bill,

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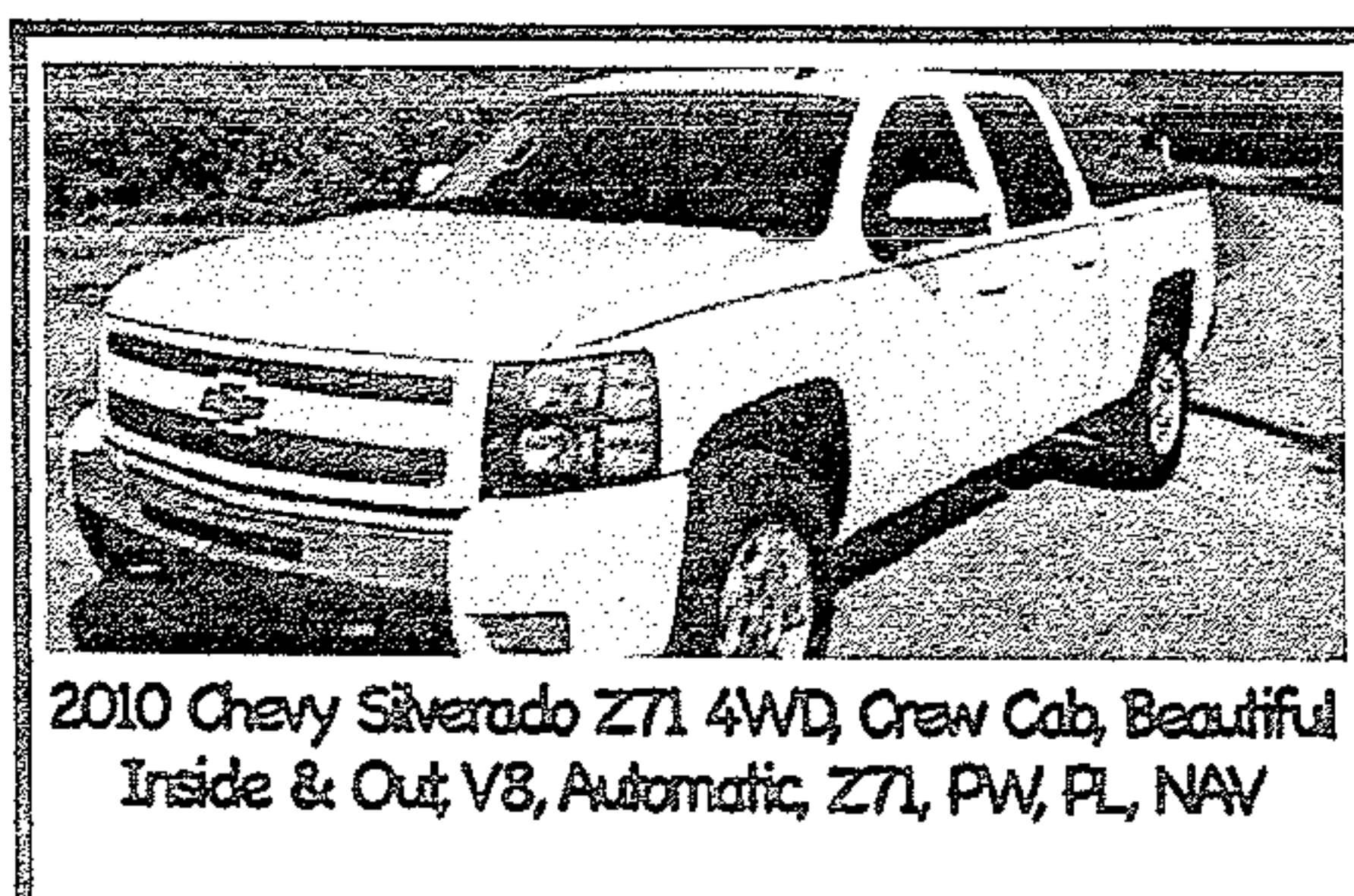
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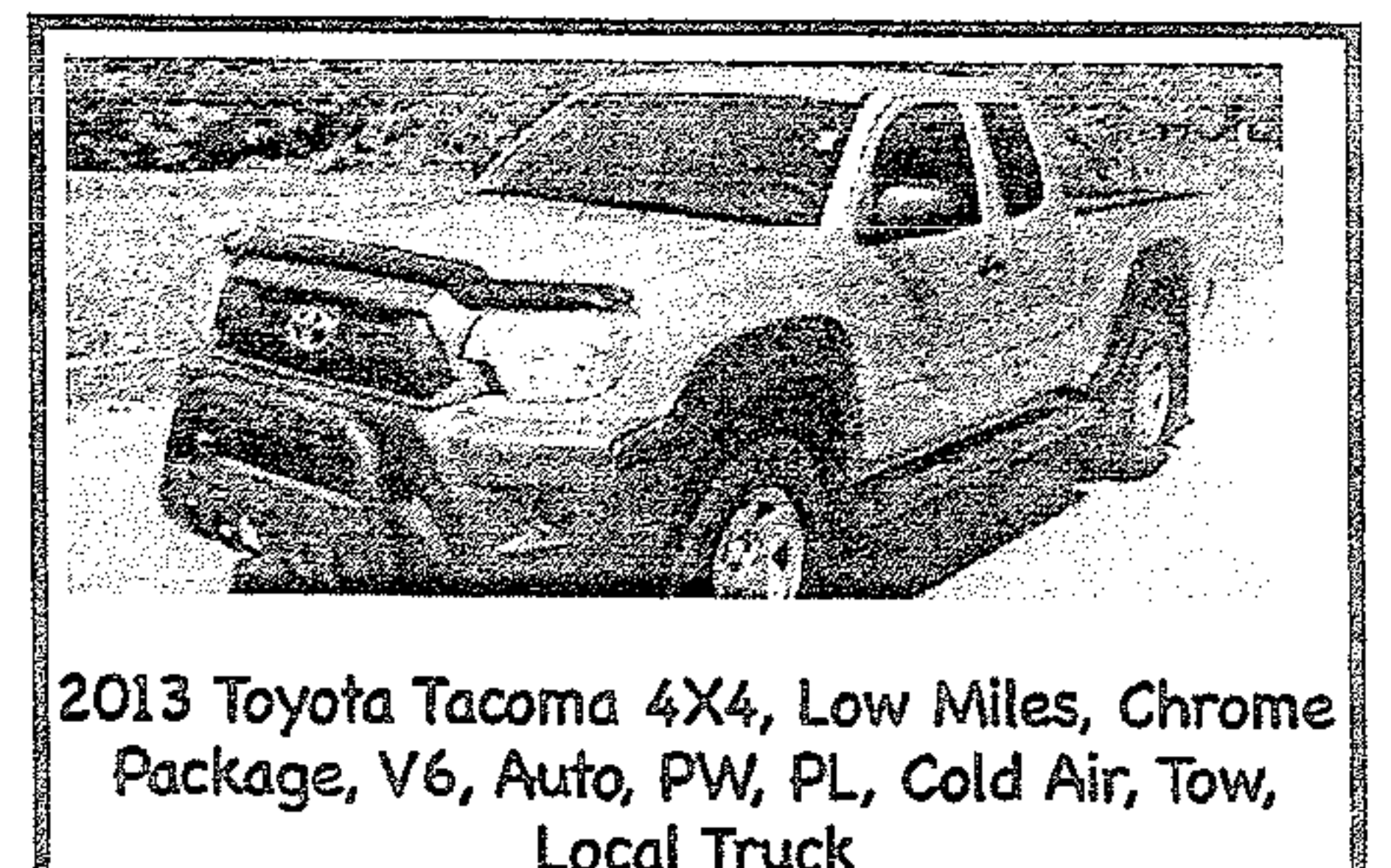
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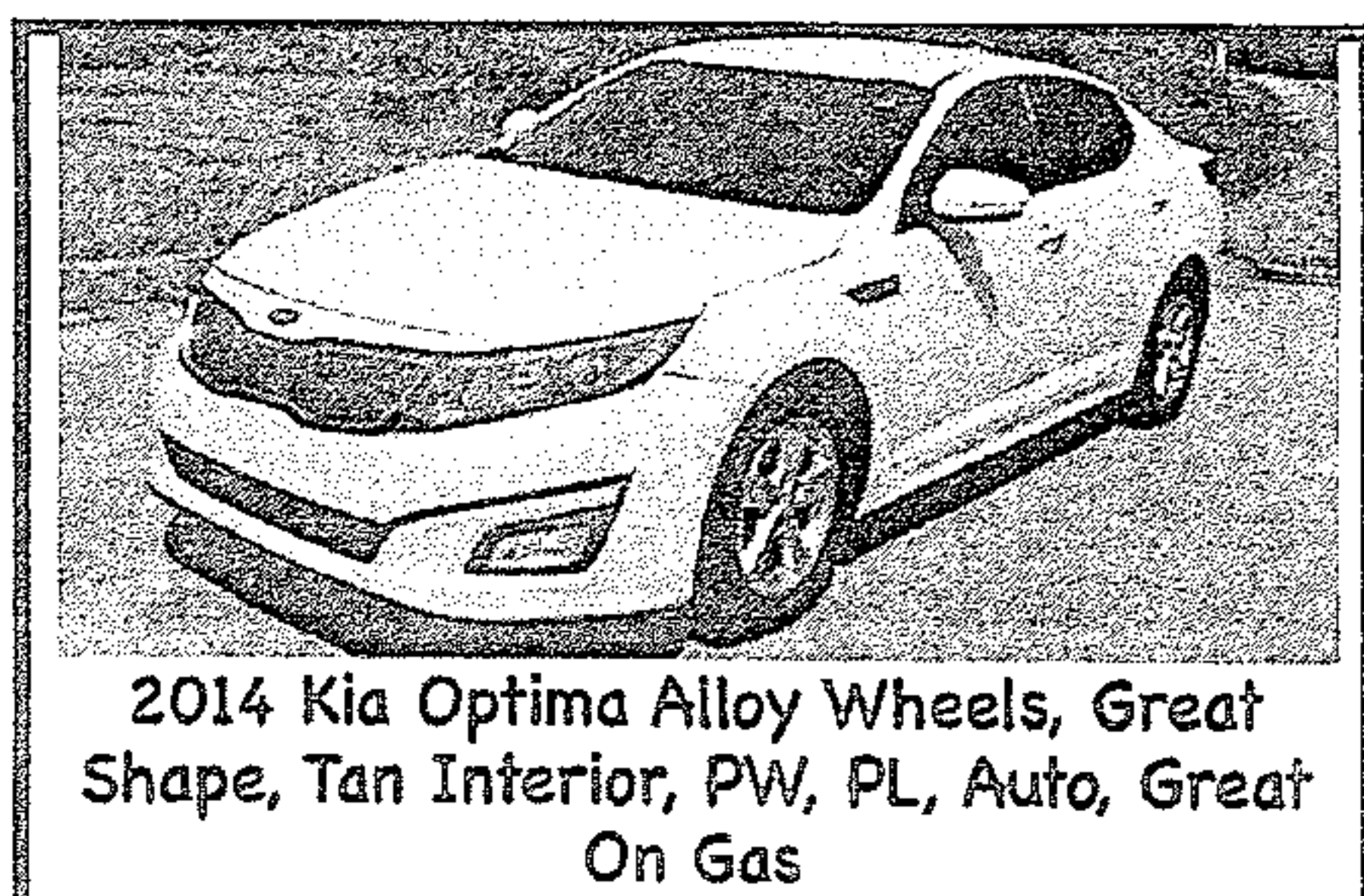
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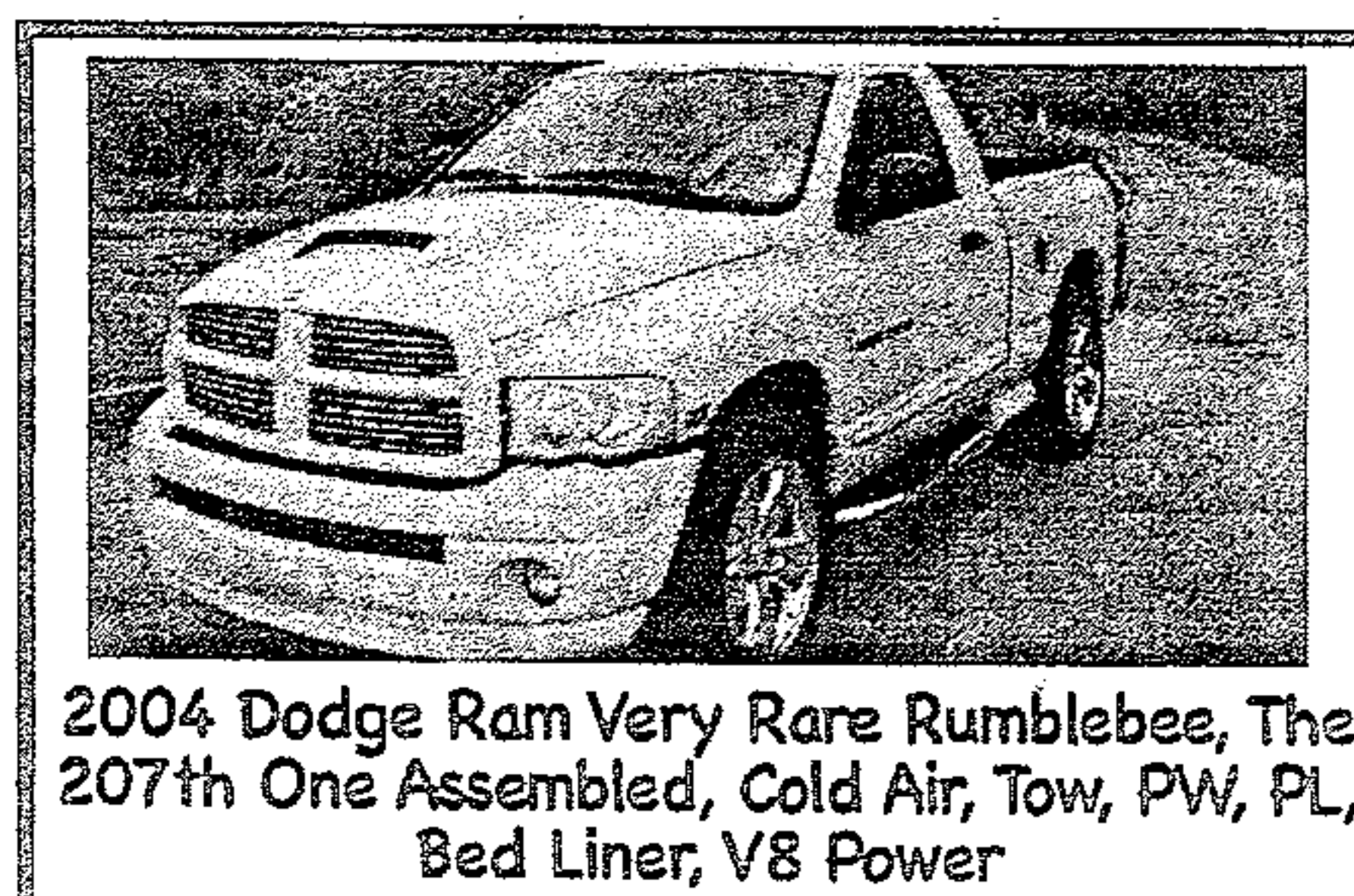
2010 Chevy Silverado Z71 4WD, Crew Cab, Beautiful Inside & Out, V8, Automatic, Z71, PW, PL, NAV



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and two dank tanks. Dispatch advised that Shofner license were revoked. Both were placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Knife

yelling and screaming next door. Upon arrival Officer met Tyler Montgomery who states that he arrived at the resi-

dence house to assist in jump starting the vehicle. The victim stated that the witnesses was in a bad mood. Tyler went in to talk to the witness and it lead to a verbal altercation. Tyler states that victim came into the room and shoved him. After victim shoved Tyler a fight broke out between them. Officer then spoke with the vic-

tim who stated that he heard the two arguing and witness ask victim for assistance to get Tyler out of the residence. Victim ask Tyler several times to leave and Tyler grabbed victim by the shirt and threw him on the bed and got on top of him. Victim stated he got Tyler off him then Tyler went to the kitchen and ripped out the silverware drawer threw the drawer in the floor and grabbed

a knife and attempted to climb through the kitchen wall window after victim. Victim then states Tyler then holds victim down and comes at him with the knife. Tyler Montgomery was placed under arrest.

FBI

danger to the public. As a result of an investigation by the FBI, Columbus Police Department, and the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Hammond is now serving time in prison.

For more than a year, Hammond, now 27, ran a company he called the Midwest Fugitive Task Force. He dressed in tactical gear and carried guns, a Taser, a badge, and a patch identifying him as an agent. At least eight times, he kidnapped people who had skipped bail and received payment from an actual bail bondsman for returning them. Hammond also falsely claimed on several occasions that he was a

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FBI ctd from P3 federal agent. "He knew how to talk like a cop. He knew the lingo, and people believed him," said Officer Roger Dickinson of the Columbus Police Department, who serves on the FBI Cincinnati Field Office's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

Bail bondsman licensing varies by state, and Hammond did not have a proper license to operate in Ohio. Hammond was an authorized employee of a private security company, but that license did not allow him to run his own operation.

Hammond wanted to imitate police officers but his behavior differed from that of legitimate law enforcement personnel. He carried an assault rifle, violated individuals' rights, and demeaned those he interacted with, investigators said. Hammond even once pointed an assault rifle at a young child while trying to capture a fugitive.

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Roger Dickinson, task force officer, FBI Cincinnati JTTF Hammond came to the attention of the JTTF after he false-

ly claimed to be a federal agent investigating terrorism. And although Hammond was a fake officer, he had a real body camera—and he had recorded hours of footage of himself kidnapping his victims.

"He wore a body recorder and captured all of these incidents. We had a lot of disturbing footage of him," said Supervisory Special Agent Greg Naples of the FBI Cincinnati JTTF.

Hammond pleaded guilty last year to kidnapping, impersonating an agent of the United States, interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle, and wire fraud charges. He was sentenced in May to 15 years in prison.

"Even though Hammond did not physically injure anyone, he did things that were unconstitutional and immoral," said a Franklin County Sheriff's Department investigator assigned to case. "Some of the people he encountered were traumatized. Someone absolutely could've been hurt."

Meth

Patrick Taulbee, 73, Gail Street Loudon, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, and Misuse

of 911 Emergency System. Officer Russell LPD, received a call of a property dispute on Gail Street. Each party was making complaints and counter complaints and Officer was in the process of taking reports and statements. Officer Sam Harrison and Sgt. Mike Newman were on scene also and talking with the parties at Taulbee's home. While Officers were talking to those parties, Mr. Taulbee called 911 and requested the Loudon County Sheriff Office to respond. Taulbee was told that was not possible. A few minutes later Taulbee called 911 again to request LCSO. Officer was trying to explain to Taulbee that Officer were already on scene and

not to call 911 again. Taulbee began screaming and yelling and ran at Officer Taulbee ran into a four strand electric fence (not under power) and jumping the fence yelling and screaming. Officer placed Patrick Taulbee under arrest.

Lit Up

teens. LitUp Festival: Arts and Innovation for the Next Generation is set to debut in downtown Knoxville from 1-7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019. Lit Up Festival aims to ignite creativity, self-expression and critical thinking in the region's 13 to 18 year olds through a day of author talks, writing workshops, spoken word and more. All events are free and open to the

public.

ORNL's Traveling Science Fair will anchor the Festival with six carnival-style, interactive trailers featuring various fields of research and areas of future job opportunities.

Featured authors and content creators range from fantasy to poetry, historical to literary fiction. The current line-up includes Janet Beard, Jillian Boehme, Rachel Clift, Dave Connis, Lorryn Holt, Lauren Morrill, Scott Reintgen, Rhonda & Sparky Rucker, Laura Still, Caitlin Summie, and Vince Vawter with additional authors being announced before the Festival. More information about each confirmed author can be found below.

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Students from schools across Knox County have formed a Teen Advisory Board to help develop the programs and activities of the day, ensuring that the Festival appeals to their peers. Activities include:

- a book-themed escape room tournament
 - a literary scavenger hunt and ghost tours
 - street poetry
 - music, comedy, and theatre on the Market Square stage
 - a career match up session with area business leaders
- Events will be held in Union Ave Books, Lawson McGhee Library, the East Tennessee History Center and the Knoxville Entrepreneur Center and are open to teens and their families only. Performances held on Market Square stage and

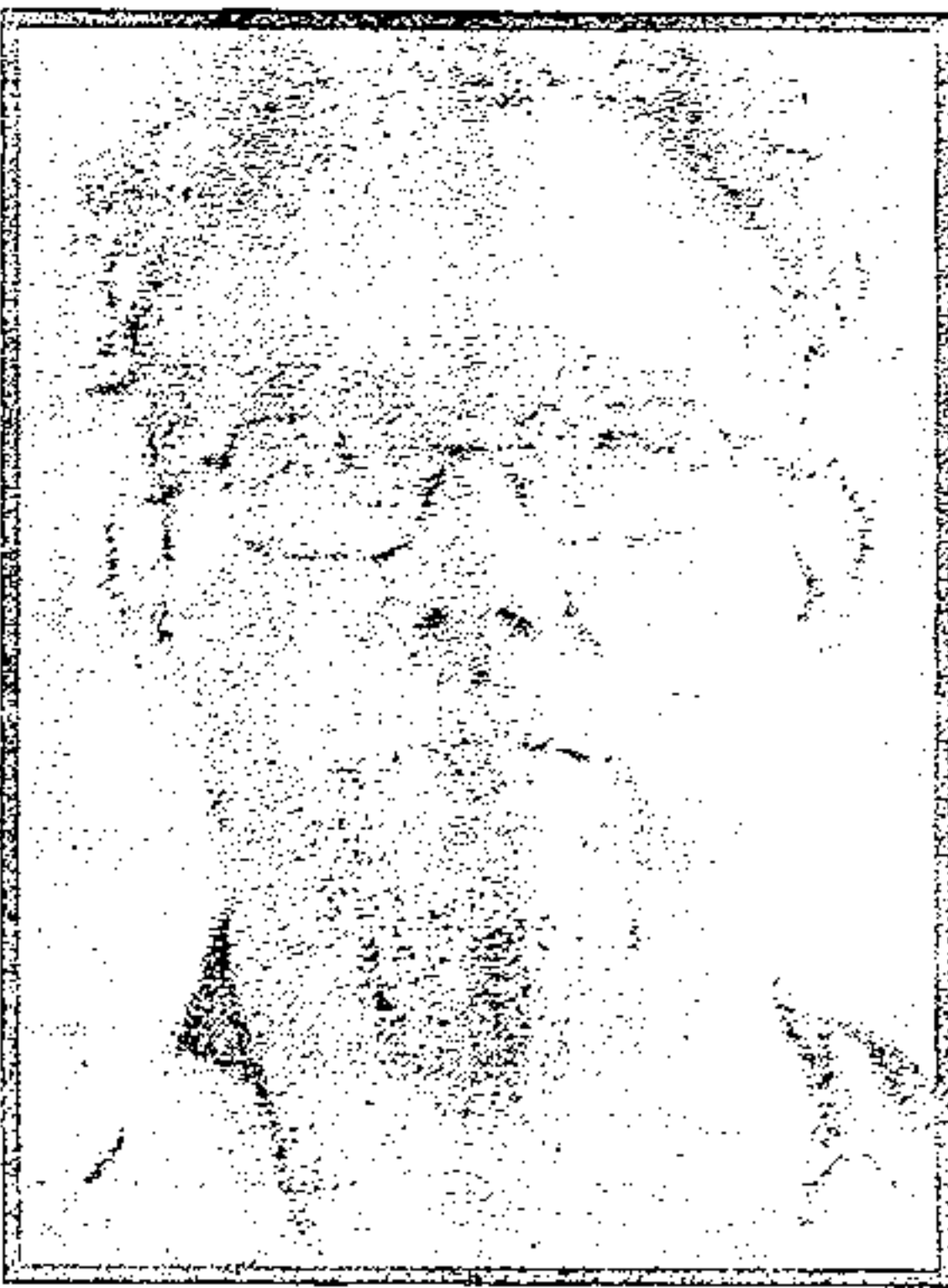
ORNL's Traveling Science Fair will be open to the entire community.

Lit Up Knox was inspired by a student-led festival in Missouri. The Mid-Continent Public Library in Kansas City hosted the original Lit Up Festival and encouraged spin off festivals. Knox County Public Library was seeking to start a teen literary festival and, after some research, worked with the Kansas City group to extend their brand.

Lit Up Knox is made possible through the generous support of the Jane L. Pettway Foundation, Friends of the Knox County Public Library, Downtown Knoxville Alliance and others.

For more information on the Festival, please visit www.knoxlib.org/litup.

Reckless driver issued DUI



Robert Elliot

Robert Elliot, 31, Vonnore Road Loudon, was charged with DUI. Officer Brandon Nix LPD, was dispatched to a reckless driver call. The caller advised there was a red vehicle all over the roadway. During the call Officer Finch was able to locate the vehicle and observed it. Officer Finch observed the vehicle cross the double yellow lines multiple times. Officer Finch traffic stopped the vehicle on the access road on Hwy 72 in front of Taco Bell. Upon Officer Nix arrival he approached the vehicle and identified the driver as Robert Elliot. As Offi-
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
RILEY DAVID WAMPLER SR., deceased
Dkt # 5942

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 171, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939

As Amended by Public Chapter 886 on 05/09/2012)


Notice is hereby given that on the 22ND DAY OF AUGUST 2019 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of RILEY DAVID WAMPLER SR. who died on the 7TH day of JULY 2019 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 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 (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

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cer was speaking with Elliot he could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Elliot breath and person. When Officer ask Elliot what he had to drink he stated I probably had too much to drive. Officer ask Elliot to exit the vehicle and noticed that Elliot had put his shoes on the wrong foot. Elliot could not complete sobriety test and was placed under arrest.

Obituaries

Gary Lynn Estes
- born November 25, 1946 passed away Sunday, August 25, 2019 at Parkwest Medical Center surrounded by his family and friends. He served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. Gary was

an active and faithful member of Fellowship Baptist Church. He worked for Maremont Corp. for 39 years and retired from TDOT. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. Gary had courageously fought cancer for more than 15 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Frances Estes; nephew, Eric Estes and mother of his children, Charlotte Hatcher. Gary is survived by his children and spouses, Chad and Amy Estes, Heather and Ronnie Burda; grandchildren: MaKenna Sharp (Dustin), Chase Estes, Bethany Stevens, Lilli Kate, and Carter Estes; brother, Billy Estes (Pam William-

son); several nieces and nephews, and special friend, Frank Hembree. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, August 27th at Fellowship Baptist Church. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Eddie Chasteen and Rev. Ronnie Clark officiating. Family and friends will gather at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 29th at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on John Sevier Highway in Knoxville graveside services with full military honors conferred by the East Tennessee State Veteran's Honor Guard. Serving as honorary pallbearers: Frank Hembree, Travis Estes, Ronnie Burda, Chase Estes,

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