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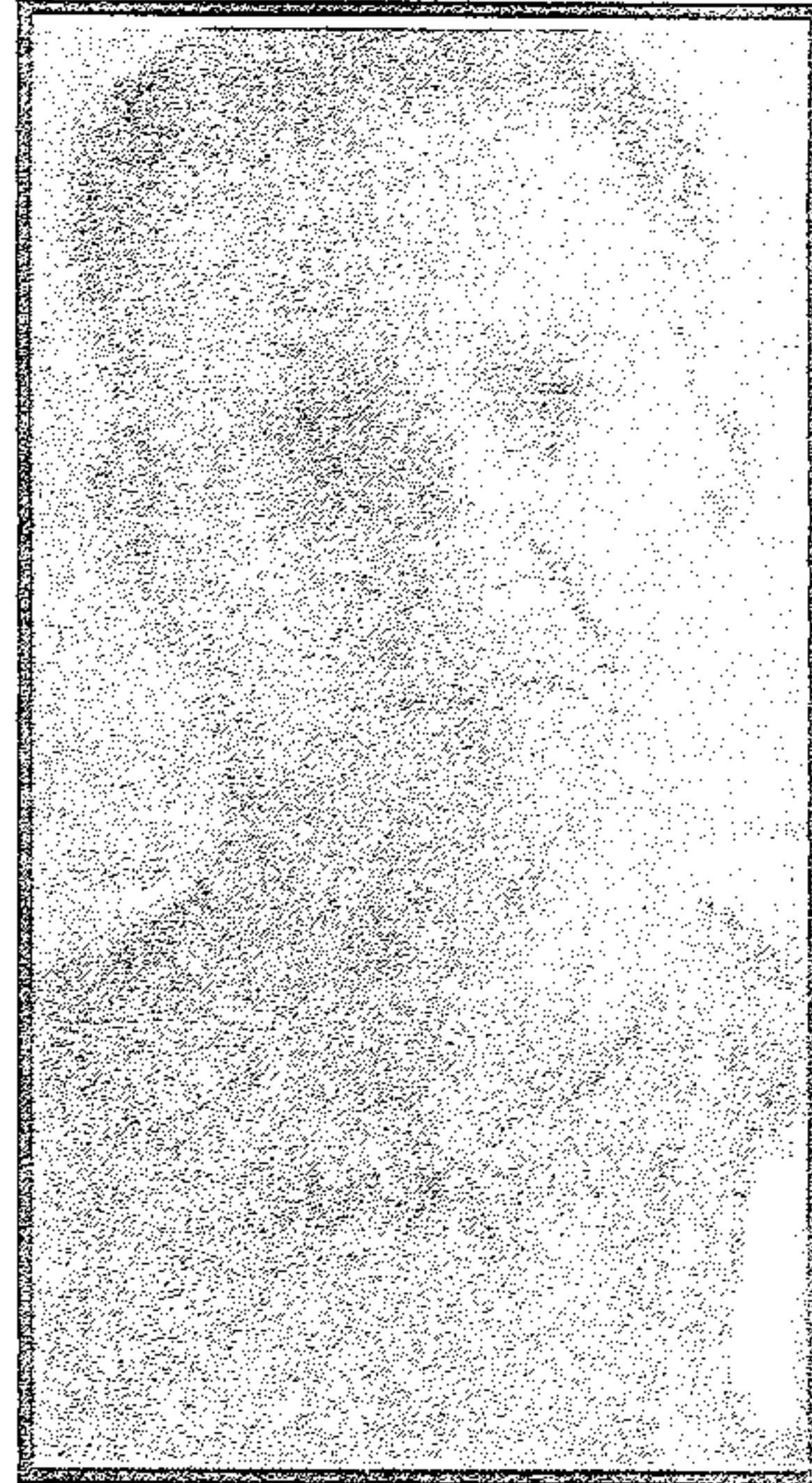
LCSO and K9 units work swiftly to capture suspect accused of armed robbery at the Hwy-72 Market and Deli



Russell Humphreys

see Robbery pg. 2

Man charged with sexual battery



Ryan Wellner, 41, Timberline Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Sexual Battery x2. Deputy Kevin Kirkland LCSO, was dispatched to the Lenoir City Police Dept. in reference to a past sexual assault that happened in the County. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with the victim

Ryan Wellner

see Battery pg. 3

Shoplifting leads to meth charges



Billy Mclean

see Meth pg. 4

Former Fentress County Accounts Payable Clerk Stole Nearly \$240,000

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office, working in conjunction with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, has resulted in the indictment of Kellye Crabtree, a former accounts payable clerk in the Fentress County Finance Department. Investigators de-

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Safe Online Surfing Challenge Launches

With Participation Growing, Cyber Safety Program Opens for 2019-20 School Year

The FBI's Safe Online Surfing (SOS) Internet Challenge, which had record participation in 2018-2019, is reopening for the start of the new school year to help students navigate the web securely. As the FBI

sees more and more crimes begin online, the growing participation numbers show that educators and caregivers also recognize the importance of teaching young people web literacy and safety.

"Many children and teens see Inter- See FBI P.4



Verse of the Day

We were born only yesterday and know nothing, and our days on earth are but a shadow.

—Job 8:9

Wazzup

Happy Birthday Chase!! Hope you have the best one yet!!!

Weather

Today: Mostly Sunny. High of 94F. Tonight: Clear. Low 67F. Tuesday: Sunny and Hot.

High of 95F

Tuesday night: Clear. Low of 69F.

Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22

You may want to travel in multiple directions simultaneously. You might have trouble at

first performing your daily chores today, shuffling between creative license and rigorous precision. Survey your options to know what's exactly right for you. However, you

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Robbery

Sheriff Tim Guider is praising the quick actions of LCSO Deputies, K9 Units and Investigators, that led to the swift capture of a man who is suspected of robbing the Highway 72 Market and Deli, holding the gas station attendant at gunpoint

while demanding cash. On Sept 3, at approximately 9pm, LCSO Deputies responded to a report of an armed robbery at the Highway 72 Market and Deli in Loudon, Tennessee. On scene, deputies were able to obtain a description and direction of travel, by witness statements and video

footage, of the male who allegedly robbed the market with a gun, demanding cash from the on-duty attendant. LCSO K9 Units arrived on scene while LCSO Patrol Deputies quickly set up a


perimeter to keep the suspect in a contained area. During this time, E-911 Dispatchers received two tips from nearby citizens who had spotted a man matching the description
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Public Notice

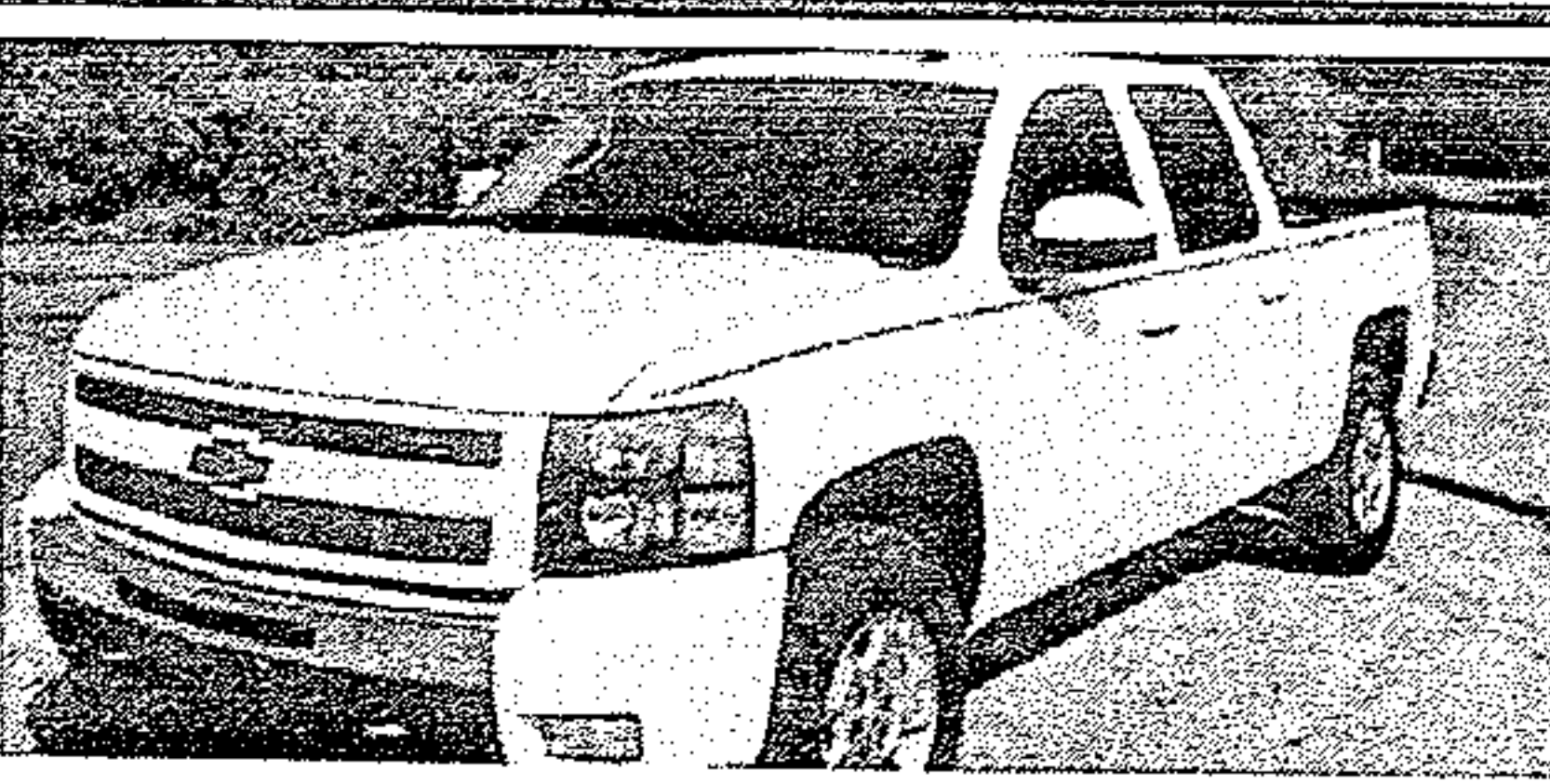
The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2019 at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Loudon County Zoning Resolution, Article 7. Section 7.060 Procedure for Authorizing Special Exceptions

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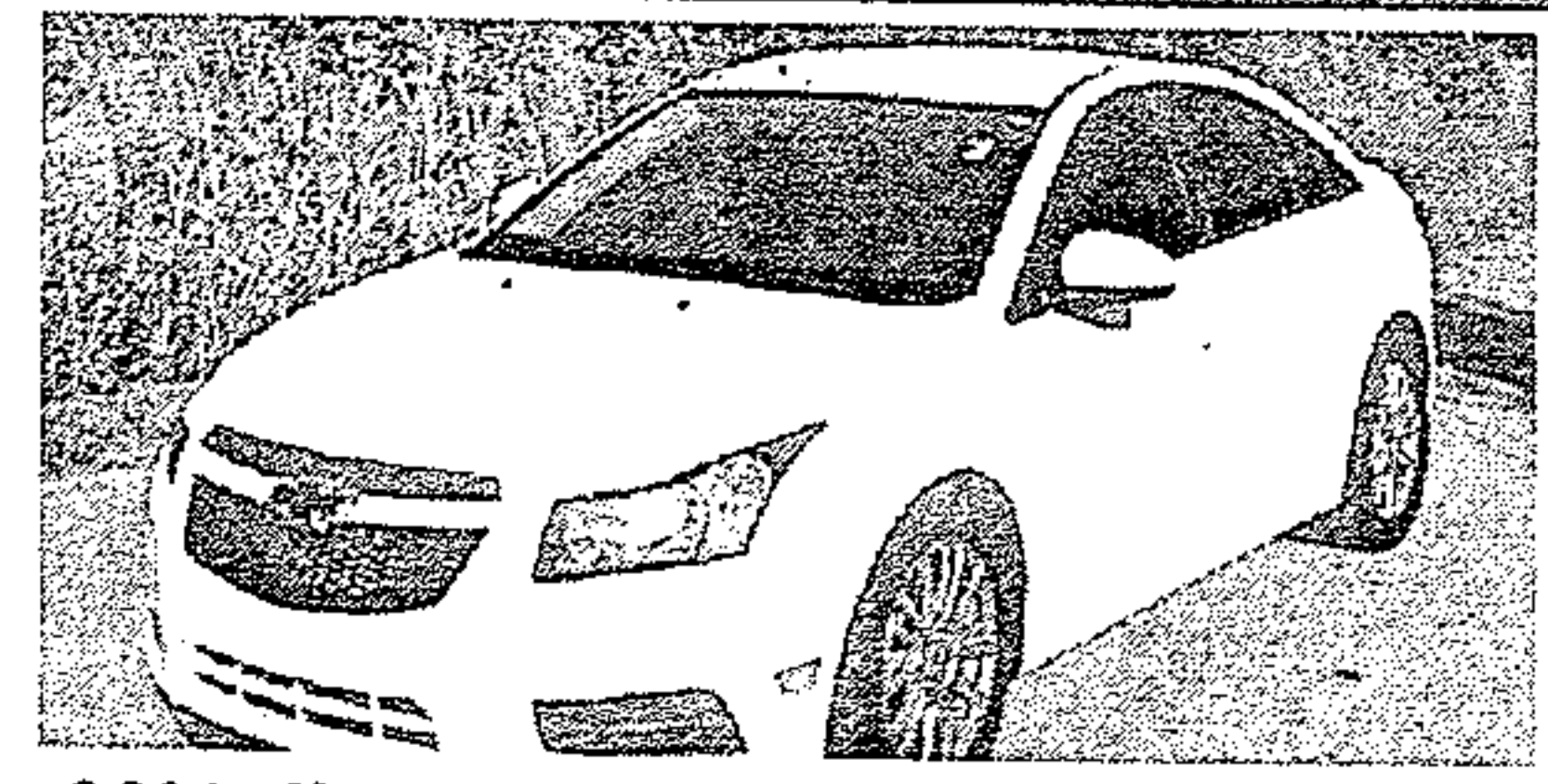
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Robbery ctd from p. 2
of the suspect running in nearby woods. Using the information from the helpful citizens, 3 LCSO K9 Units were able to deploy and begin a track. K9 Kora, and partner Deputy Chance Grey, determined a possible location of the suspect inside a nearby residence. K9 Dante, alongside partner Sergeant Chris Hutchens, did located a male inside who matched the description

of the armed robbery suspect. Deputies were able to take the suspect into custody without incident or injuries. LCSO Criminal Investigators arrived on scene and questioned the suspect, who subsequently admitted to robbing the Highway 72 Market and Deli. The suspect eventually led investigators into nearby woods where he hid the gun allegedly used, the money he

robbed from the clerk and articles of clothing that he had shed which matched the description provided by witnesses.

The suspect was later identified as 20 year old Russell Humphreys of Loudon.

"I'm proud of our entire team; the swift and professional work that our deputies do when we have high-risk situations like this unfold is exceptional. And these men and women deserve praise for making this community a safer place to live each and every day" said Sheriff Guider.

Humphreys was charged with Aggravated Robbery. His bond was set at \$100,000.00 dollars. He is being held at the Loudon County Detention Center pending bond.

Excellent job, to all involved!

Battery

who stated that on 8/4/19 she picked up an Uber customer Ryan Wellner and took him to the Pilot at Watt Road. Wellner was refused service at the store and became irate

with the clerk, and ask the victim to take him to another store. Victim took him to the Shell on Watt Road where the clerk sold him beer and cigarettes. While back en route to Wellner residence Wellner ask victim to drive around he didn't want to go back home. Victim stated she drove past his house one block and then took him home. Once they arrived at the residence Wellner did not want victim to leave so she talked to him about 7-8 minutes. Victim stated Wellner ask victim if her boobs were real and grabbed them she smacked him and told him to get out of the vehicle.

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Public Notice

There will be a Loudon County Public Records Commission meeting on September 24th at 6pm at the County Office Building

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FBI net-enabled devices as essential to their lives—needed for everything from schoolwork to social connections,” said Unit Chief Jonathan Cox of the FBI’s Office of Public Affairs. “The fact that these tools feel like second nature, however, makes it easy for young people to forget the risks they can face online. The goals of the FBI’s SOS program are to make children aware of these threats and give them the knowledge they need to steer around them.” The SOS program teaches young people about web terminology and how to recognize secure and trustworthy sites. Other lessons cover how to protect personal details online, create strong passwords, avoid viruses and scams, be wary of strangers, and be a good virtual citizen. Students in third through eighth grades visit the island that corresponds with their grade level and surf through activities that teach how to recognize hazards and respond

appropriately. The entire curriculum is also available in Spanish. More than 1 million students completed the program and took the SOS exam during the 2018-2019 school year—an 18 percent increase from the year before. Schools from all 50 states, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands were among the 17,172 schools that competed in the challenge. SOS activities are available to everyone, but teachers must register for a class to participate in the tests and competition. Any public, private, or home school in the United States and its territories with at least five students is eligible for the online challenge. Teachers manage their students’ participation in the program, and the FBI does not collect or store any student information. Each month during the school year, the classes with the top exam scores nationwide receive an FBI-SOS certificate and may be congrat-

ulated in person by local FBI personnel. Explore SOS activities and register at <https://sos.fbi.gov>.

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Wellner did not exit the vehicle he told victim he was lonely and wanted to kiss her. Victim told him again to get out of the vehicle and he tried to kiss victim she pushed him away. Wellner told victim he would pay her a 100.00 dollars if she would come inside his residence victim refused. Wellner got mad and went into the residence. Victim left and noticed that Wellner had left his wallet. Victim called Uber they told her to report it and they also did a report. A warrant was issued. Ryan Wellner was placed under arrest.

Meth

Billy McLean, 40, Winchester Street Rockwood, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth. Officer Bobby Hamilton LCPD, responded to Walmart in regards to two white males shoplifting. Officer did made encounter with the two male in the parking lot setting in a black vehicle. Officer made contact with the driver Billy Mclean, and ask him if he could search the vehicle. Mclean gave consent to search, and Officer located a plastic baggie under a gift card in the driver seat front floor board where Mclean was sitting. The substance in the bag believed to be meth weighed 1.9 grams. Billy Mc-

lean was placed under arrest.

Theft

terminated that Crabtree stole at least \$239,680.99 from the county between December 2014 and December 2018. The vast majority of the theft (\$237,615.99) is associated with Crabtree’s use of a Walmart credit card that had been issued to Fentress County. A large brick building-Description automatically generatedCrabtree purchased food, cigarettes, personal hygiene items, clothing, electronics, entertainment items, home items, phone cards, and prepaid Visa cards and gift cards using the Walmart credit card. None of these purchases were related to county business.

Crabtree covered up the misappropriation by receiving all cred-

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it card statements, issuing payments, and manipulating the county's accounting records and budget. Additionally, investigators determined that Crabtree also served as treasurer for a community baseball league which received money from the county. Crabtree stole \$2,065 from the league by writing unauthorized checks to herself.

In many instances, investigators found that Crabtree signed other individual's names on checks without their knowledge.

The investigation began after finance department officials noticed questionable purchases that were being made on the county's Walmart credit cards. The county terminated her employment on December 20, 2018.

On September 3, 2019, Kellye Crabtree was indicted by the Fentress County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$60,000.

"This theft can be directly attributed to giving one person too much control over county funds," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "Financial duties must be separated between multiple people. One person shouldn't be able to issue purchase orders, make purchases, receive credit card statements, pay the bills, and maintain the accounting records without sufficient oversight."

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
JOHN FRENCH BURLESON, deceased
Dkt # 5947

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 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **JOHN FRENCH BURLESON** who died on the 17TH day of AUGUST 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
- (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 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019
STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK
BY: Ashley McCallie, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
BIGE DEWITT BURLESON

Notice to Creditors:

All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$11.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12671 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
REBECCA H. EVANS, deceased
Dkt # 5946

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 30TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **REBECCA H. EVANS** who died on the 13TH day of AUGUST 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.

THIS THE 30TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019
STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK
BY: Ashley McCallie, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
**JAMES TRACY EVANS
SUZANNE HARRISON WARD**

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