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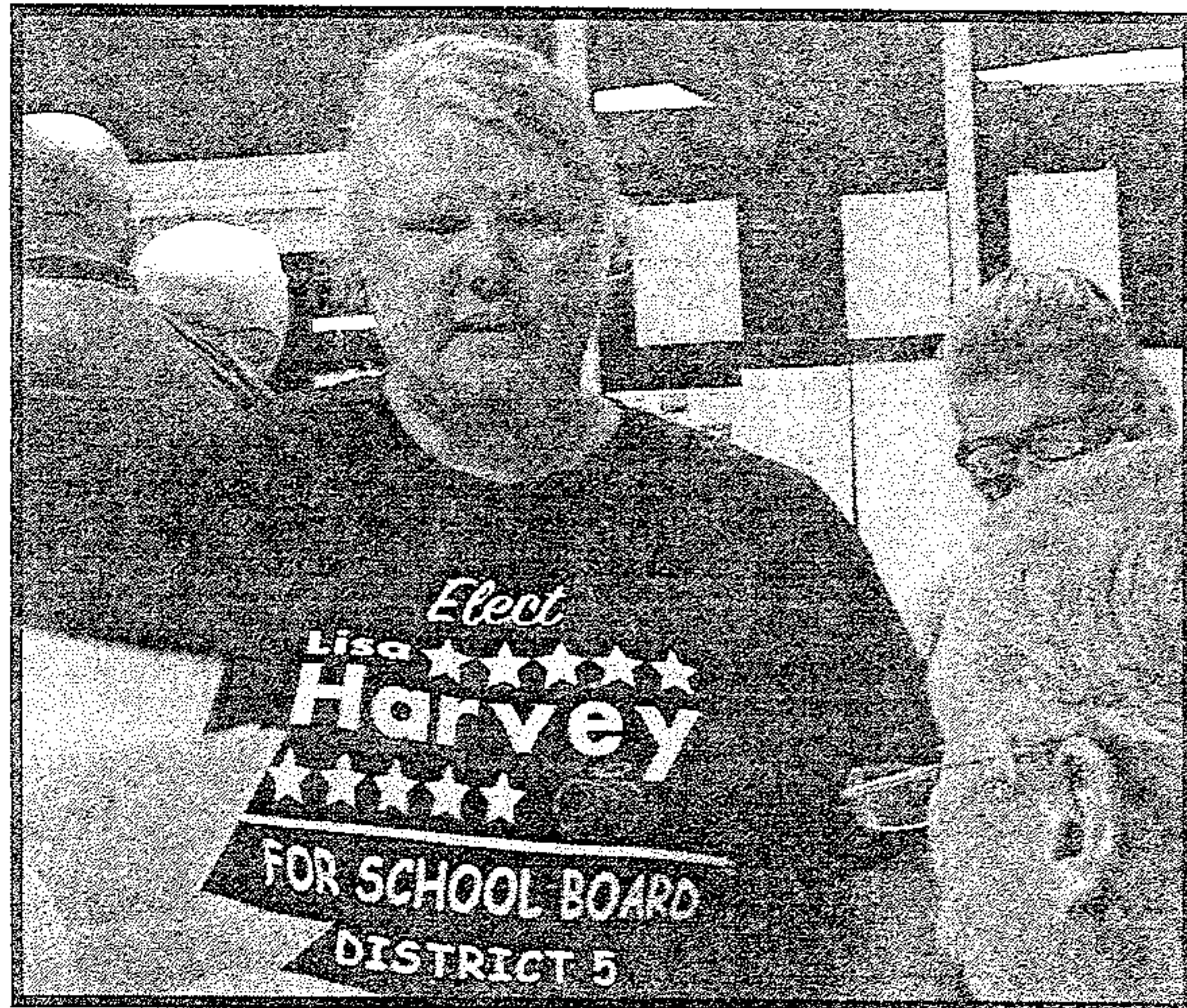
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Monday, August 10, 2020

## Two New School Board Members; Haggerty Claims State and Loudon County Republican Nomination to Senate

It can't be explained but somehow a large turnout was had during this election in Loudon County.

Newcomer Lisa Harvey gets some voter numbers from Commissioner Van Shaver after her victory for County School Board in the fifth district.



see Election pg. 2

## Unwanted Guest Charged x2 with Domestic Assault



Kevin Cress

see Charged pg. 3

## Man charged with DUI, Meth and More After Wreck Call

Rusty Fagg, 42, Branch Road Loudon, was charged with DUI, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, Poss. Of Drug Para., Violation of Implied Consent, and Tampering/Fabricating with Evidence.



Rusty Fagg

Cpl. Chris Jenkins and Cpl. Ernie Brown LCSO, re-

see Meth pg. 5

## Former Humphreys County Volunteer Fire Chief Stole Money

Chief is Second Humphreys VFD Chief Indicted since 2017

Humphreys County District 6 Fire Chief Jeffrey Staggs has been indicted after an investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office found he misappropriated \$20,015.58. The investigation began after officials with Humphreys County reported questionable

transactions to the District Attorney.

The investigation revealed that between November 1, 2010 and April 10, 2018, Staggs misappropriated both run call and SAFER grant monies. Run call money is paid by the county in the form of \$10 payments to firefighters for their par-

See Theft P.3

### Verse of the Day

And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. —2 Corinthians 8:5

### Wazzup

It's back to school

time again what is it going to be like going back?

### Weather

Today: Storms. High of 92F. Tonight: Clear. Low of 71F. Tuesday: Storms. High of 91F. Tuesday night: Clear. Low

of 72F.

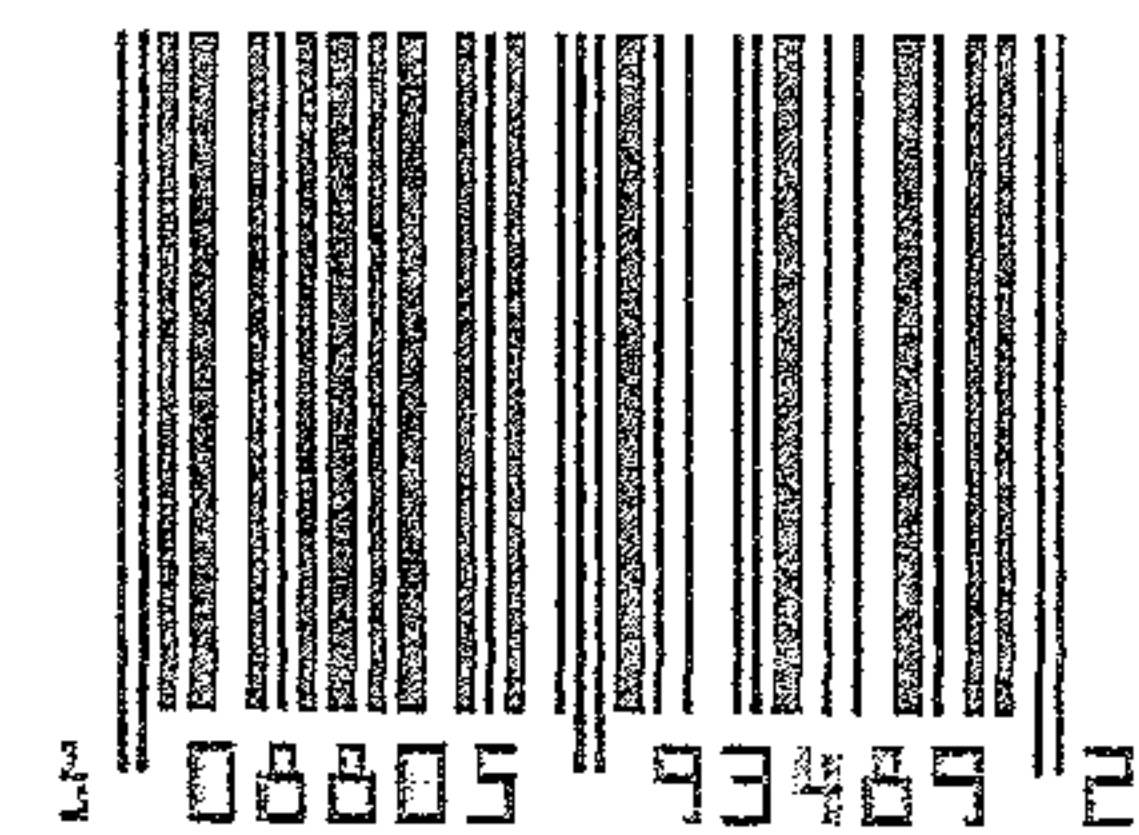
### Horoscope

Leo 7/23-8/22

An unexpected letter could arrive today, Leo, with a check enclosed, perhaps a gift, bonus, or offer

to make more money.

This might be a welcome break, possibly coming at a time when you really need it. If it's work, don't worry about the time involved. You'll be able to finish it quickly and





### Election

There were only three races for school board where there was competition and the other races were all unopposed. The Republican nomination for Senate saw Bill Hagerty win by 500 or so votes here while state wide he had a healthy victory to seized the nomination for November.

For School Board in the Fifth District there were three candidates and Lisa Harvey a newcomer claimed the victory there over Tammy Bright followed by John Covington.

In the second district incumbent Kenny Ridings handily defeated Bennie Houser in that race.

In the seventh district newcomer Kenneth Presley handily defeated incumbent Craig Simon to secure that seat.

Here is the unofficial breakdown in the races:

- \*Incumbent Loudon County School Board
- 1st District Seat "A"
- Bennie Houser 524
- \*Kenny Ridings 1,123
- 5th District Seat "B"
- Tammy McConkey Bright 805
- John Covington 205
- Lisa R. Harvey 1,146
- 7th District
- Kenneth Presley 1,465
- \*Craig M. Simon 849
- State House Of Representatives 32nd District
- \*Kent Calfee 1,218
- Mike Hooks 734
- Loudon County Results Only
- US Senate
- Bill Hagerty 4,214
- Manny Sethi 3,718
- Loudon County Results Only

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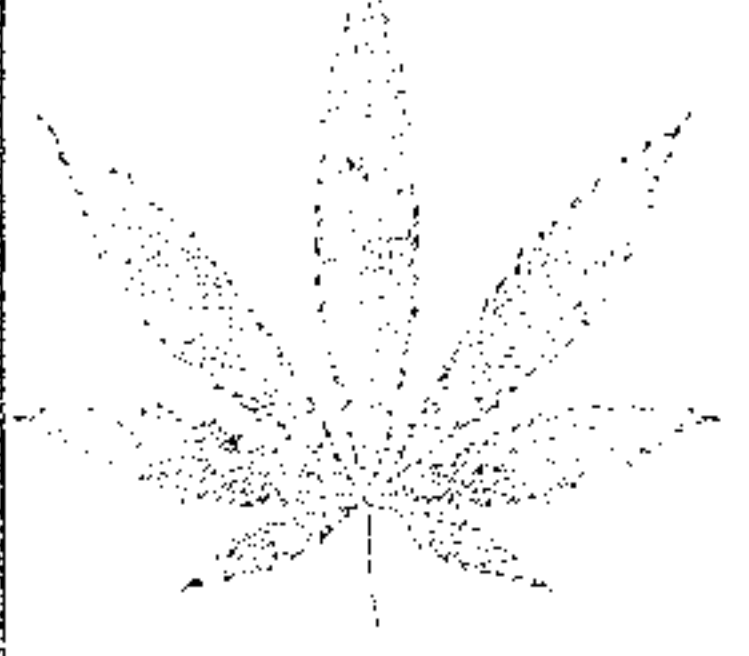
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Regarding the Estate of:  
**Margaret Ann Clark**, de-  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
(As required by Chapter No  
180, Public Acts of Tennessee  
1809 As Amended by Public  
Chapter 806 on 05/09/2012 )

Notice is hereby given that on  
the 23rd DAY OF JULY 2020  
Letters of Testamentary in re-  
spect of the estate of Margaret  
Ann Clark who died on the 7th  
day of JULY 2020 be issued to  
the undersigned by the Loudon  
County Probate Court of  
Loudon County, Tennessee. All  
persons, resident and nonresi-  
dent, having claims, matured or  
unmatured against the estate are  
required to file the same with  
the Clerk of the abovenamed  
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 credi-  
tor 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 ac-  
tual copy of the notice to credi-  
tors 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 23rd DAY OF JULY  
2020**

Steve Harrelson, Clerk  
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy  
Clerk

Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy  
Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)  
Amy Carter Garnjost

Notice to Creditors:  
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publication dates July 31 and August 7, 2020

**Charged**

Kevin Cress, 37, Corinth  
Church Road Loudon, was  
charged with Vandalism, and  
Domestic Assault x2.

Deputy Bengel LCSO, re-  
sponded to Corinth Church Rd  
in reference to an Unwanted  
Guest. Deputy arrived on the  
scene and spoke to the Com-  
plainant/Victim. Victim stat-  
ed that her son, the Offender,  
Kevin Cress, punched holes  
in the wall in his bedroom and  
threw beer bottles all around  
the house. Victim also stated  
that Kevin had vandalized  
her yard by doing donuts in  
his truck and had burned her  
medications. Deputy spoke to  
another Victim, who stated  
that Kevin has been verbally  
abusive to her and victim 1  
and that she was in fear when  
Kevin was punching holes in  
the wall and throwing beer  
bottles. Deputy made contact  
with Kevin in his bedroom.  
Kevin refused to speak to  
Deputy and he found where  
he had been punching holes in  
the wall. Kevin was taken into  
custody and transported to the  
Loudon County Jail. Kevin  
Cress is being charged with  
Domestic Assault X2 and  
Felony Vandalism. This did  
occur in Loudon County, TN.

**Theft**

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response call. SAFER grants  
are incentive payments made  
by the U.S. Department of  
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fire departments increase  
and maintain the number of  
trained firefighters.

During the scope of our in-  
vestigation, Staggs received  
13 checks representing run  
call money for his firefigh-  
ters totaling \$18,910. He  
deposited \$17,592.16 into  
District 6 bank accounts and  
kept \$1,317.84 in cash that  
was not spent for fire-related  
purposes.

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ered that Staggs spent at  
least \$16,897.74 of the run  
call money for a variety of  
personal purchases includ-  
ing car payments; payments  
to various retails stores and  
restaurants; multiple cash  
withdrawals at ATMs, etc.

Staggs also abused his po-  
sition by awarding SAFER  
participation points to his  
wife, who was also a member  
of the fire department. These  
point benefits totaled \$1,800.  
Other District 6 members ad-  
vised investigators that the  
points she received were not  
commensurate with her in-  
volvement in the department.

Investigators found that  
Staggs had a pattern of inflat-  
ing the number of staff par-  
ticipating in calls to collect  
additional run call money,  
but investigators could not  
discover the full scope of  
the problem because Staggs  
had destroyed the majority  
of District 6 records. Staggs  
claimed to investigators that  
he had been directed to de-  
stroy the records by the for-  
mer county fire chief - who  
was also indicted in 2017 for  
the misuse of firefighters'

money at the Humphreys  
County Volunteer Fire De-  
partment.

Staggs voluntarily retired  
from the Humphreys County  
Volunteer Fire Department  
on April 23, 2019. In August  
2020, Jeffrey Van Staggs was  
indicted by the Humphreys  
County Grand Jury on one  
count of theft over \$10,000,  
one count of official miscon-  
duct, and one count of de-  
struction and tampering with  
governmental records.

"Lack of oversight, ac-  
countability, and poor record  
keeping led to unchecked  
and repeated fraud in Hum-  
phreys County," said Comp-  
troller Justin P. Wilson. "I am  
pleased to note that officials  
have stated that they will  
begin retaining proper docu-  
mentation going forward."

To view the investigative  
report, go to: <https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/investigations/find.html>

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**CDC Presents Inaugural Award for Advancements in Health Equity to Oregon's Lessie Williams**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is proud to announce that Lessie Williams, the recently retired Executive Director of Highland Haven in Portland, Oregon, is the first recipient of the REACH Lark Galloway-Gilliam Award for Advancing Health Equity.

Ms. Williams has long been a champion for community health. During her

career, she created youth violence prevention programs, expanded access to culturally relevant mental health services, and launched culturally tailored health education programs to promote healthy behaviors such as healthy eating, physical activity, and tobacco cessation.

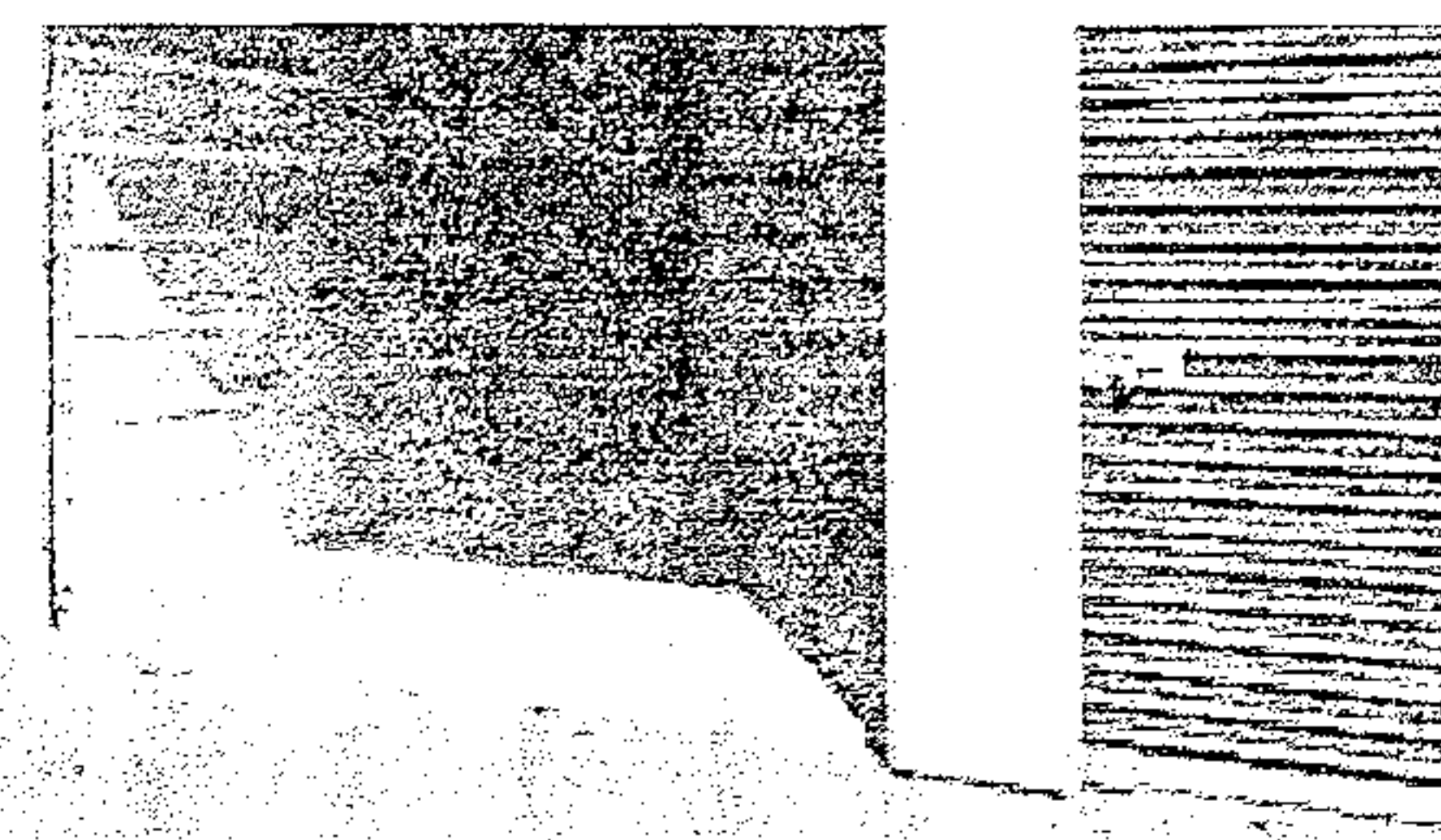
Ms. Williams organized a network of churches and community organizations serving African Americans in Multnomah County, and used this network to increase access to health care,

to bring preventive services such as blood pressure screenings to community churches, and to increase access to healthy foods.

"Through local outreach and partnership with the faith-based community, Lessie Williams united and strengthened efforts to improve health access and outcomes for those she and her organization serve," said CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, M.D. "CDC is honored to recognize Ms. Williams for her leadership and her contribution to advancing health

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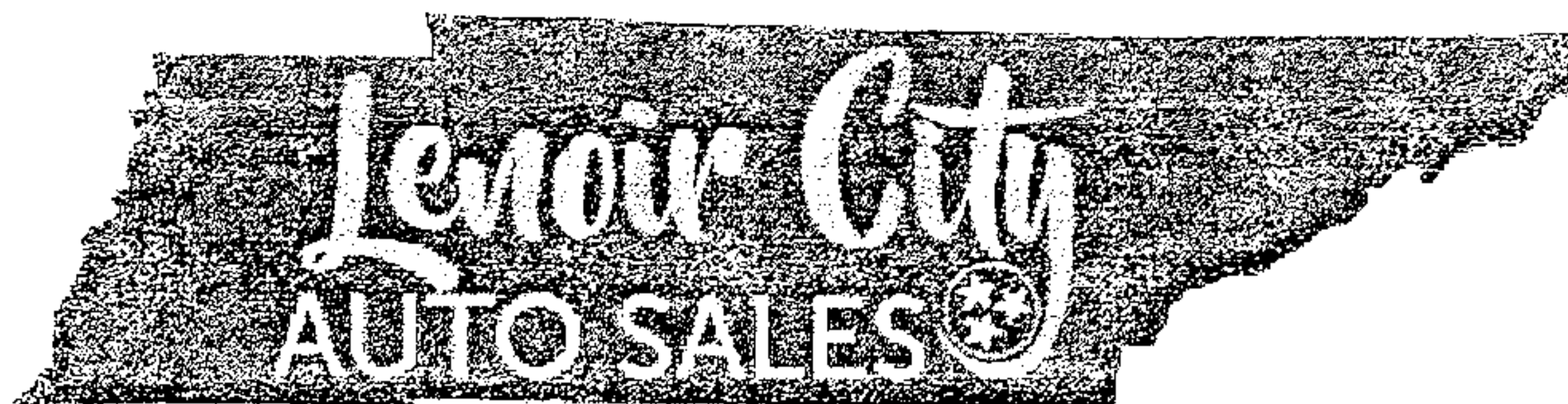


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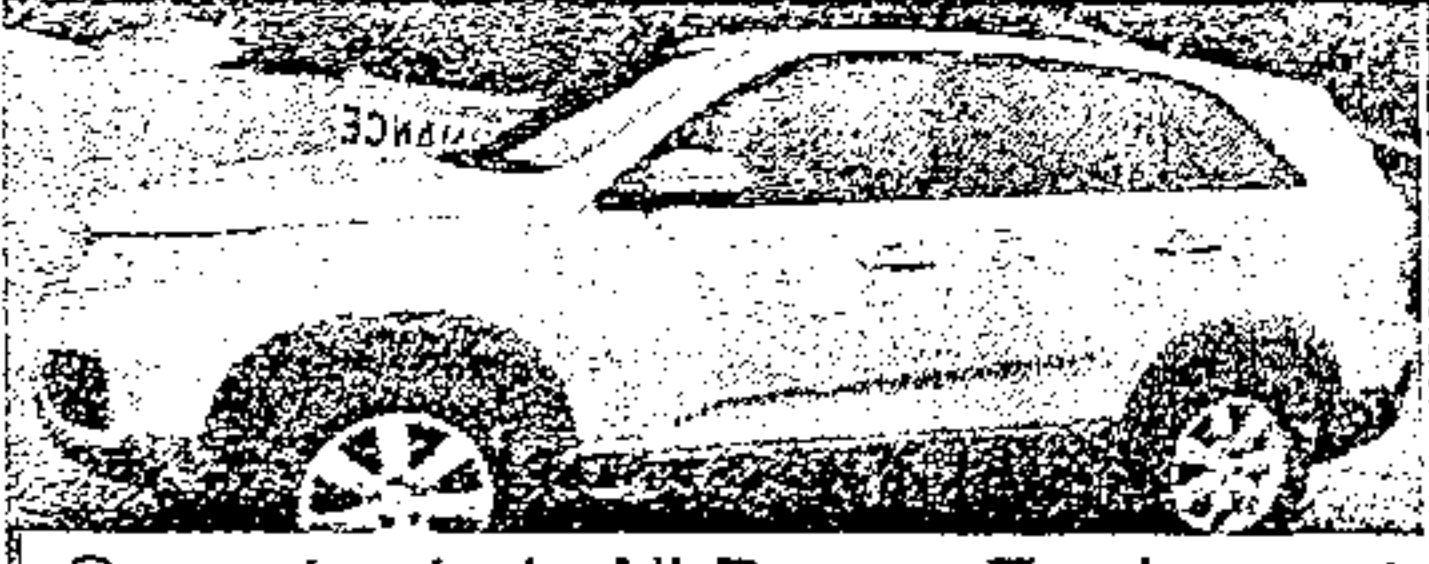


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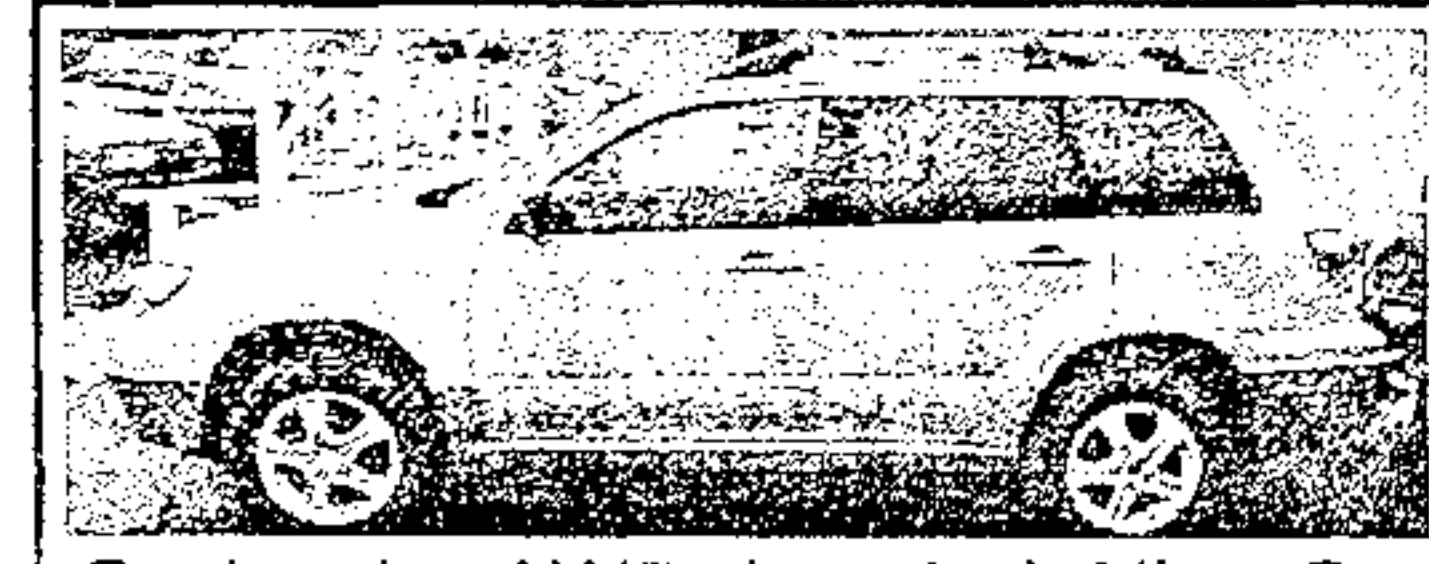
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**Meth**

sponded to a possible motor vehicle accident on Vonore Rd. Dispatch advised prior to arrival the vehicle possibly left the scene.

Deputy then located a vehicle matching the description at a residence at Clear Branch Rd. Deputy arrived at the scene and observed a man later identified as Mr. Rusty Allen Fagg in front of the vehicle in a white shirt and jeans.

Deputy then attempted to make contact with Mr. Fagg and Mr. Fagg walked toward the residence. A witness that lives at the residence along with myself advised Mr. Fagg not to enter the residence. Mr. Fagg then entered the residence through a sliding glass door and appeared to be hiding something and exited the residence.

For the occupants of the residences and Deputy safety, Mr. Fagg was placed in handcuffs. Deputy then spoke to the owner of the residence and received consent to search the area.

Deputy then located a black and red container just inside the door on a table inside a white tray. Inside the black and red container was a clear baggie with a white crystal substance believed to be Methamphetamine.

The substance was tested by DTF Agent Brendon Deboer with Tru Narc test#1550 and tested positive for Methamphetamine and weighed approximately 6.17grams.

The owner of the residence when returned to the residence advised the container was not hers.

Mr. Fagg was then detained in a patrol unit for a search of the vehicle. Inside the driver's side door pocket was a silver pipe commonly used to smoke illegal narcotics.


After James wrecker towed the vehicle, Mr. Fagg was transported to the Loudon Co., jail to administer field sobriety. Mr. Fagg's eyes were watery and glassy and his speech

was slurring.

Mr. Fagg could not perform field sobriety due to him stating he had a busted eardrum and his right eye was injured in a prior vehicle wreck. Mr. Fagg could not recite the alphabet as well.

Mr. Fagg was then read the implied consent and refused. Mr. Fagg was then placed under arrest.

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equity in Oregon.”

The new award honors extraordinary individuals or teams associated with CDC’s Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) program who work to eliminate health disparities linked to race or ethnicity, education, income, location, and other social determinants of health. REACH recipients carry out culturally tailored interventions that address chronic disease and associated risk behaviors such as physical inactivity, poor nutrition, and smoking.

“We know that conditions in places where people live, learn, work, and play affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes,” said Karen Hacker, M.D., M.P.H., director of CDC’s National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. “With this award, we honor

the meaningful legacy of Lark Galloway-Gilliam – a passionate advocate for health equity – and we recognize others who galvanize this critical work in communities across the country.”

Racial and ethnic disparities in health are widespread across the United States. Since 1999, CDC’s REACH program has demonstrated that locally based and culturally tailored solutions can be effective in reversing these seemingly intractable gaps in health.

“Lessie has been an agent of change in her community,” said Multnomah County REACH Program Manager Charlene McGee. “Her efforts to build a culture of health in Multnomah County have changed countless lives, and this award honors the impact her work will make in our community for generations to come.”

To learn more about Lessie Williams’ outstanding work,

and the REACH program in CDC’s Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity, visit [www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/state-local-programs/reach/reach-lark-award](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/state-local-programs/reach/reach-lark-award).

As part of CDC’s mission is to achieve health equity by eliminating health disparities and attaining optimal health

for all Americans. CDC addresses health equity through its programs, research, tools and resources, and leadership. For information on CDC’s work toward reducing and eliminating health disparities to reach health equity, <https://www.cdc.gov/healthequity/index.html>.



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