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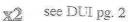
# Driver Charged After Nearly Hit- Update: Farley Charged in ting Officer's Patrol Car

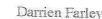
Barricade Incident



Jacob Sharp

Reckless Endangerment Charges Filed in Domestic







see Barricade pg.3

Former Gibson County Recovery Court Coordinator Indicted Monica Bridges Improperly Paid for Hours Not Worked

Luis Almanza

See Charged pg. 4

Comptroller's Office clinical has resulted in the indictment of Monica Bridges, who served as the full-time coordinator of the Gibson County Recovery Court from October 2019 until her resignation in September

The Gibson County Recovery Court allows non-violent offenders with substance abuse issues to unearned

investigation obtain treatment while tion for 1,156.24 hours by the Tennessee under close legal and she did not work; supervision. The investigation began after citizens reported questionable time-reporting practices and other concerns about the court's operations.

Investigators termined that Bridges received at least \$25,425.25 in improper wages and payroll benefits. This includes at least \$20,760.22 in compensa-

\$1,665.04 in prorated matching benefits and payments for Medicare and Social Security costs incurred by the county; and \$2,999.99 in supplemental pay that she did not earn.

Bridges was able conceal the fact that she was not working her full-time hours by using the former General Sessions Judge's signa-

see Bridges pg. 5

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### Verse of the Day

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to re-

## pentance.

-2 Peter 3:9 Wazzup

Looking for some interested parties who want to write and cover local events. Give us a call.

### Weather

Today: Overcast. High of

Tonight: Evening Showers. Low of 63F.

Tuesday: Scattered thunderstorms. High of 81F. Tuesday night: Storms. Low of 63F.

### <u>Horoscope</u>

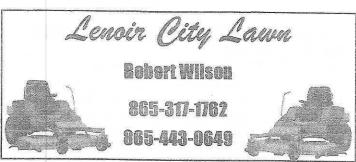
Taurus 4/20-5/20

If you feel slighted today, Taurus, don't shut your-self off from the situation. lt may seem like everyone has ganged up and turned against you. Either that, or they all want to be your best triend. Things are

Jacob Sharp, 29, Depew with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Officer Padgett LPD, observed a blue Ford Escape tag number(413BFFS) run the red light at Hwy 72 @ Steekee Road almost hitting the front end of his marked Patrol vehicle. Officer then activated his Emergency equipment on the Patrol vehicle and attempted to stop the vehicle just passed Steekee road on Hwy 72 East, the vehicle then continued on driving for at or about 100 yards at a very low speed then finally turned left onto Pear Tree Lane and came to a stop. Upon making contact with the driver he was Identified as Mr. Jacob Sharp, Officer could smell an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Mr. Sharps person he also had very red and blood shot glossy

eyes. Officer asked Mr. Sharp to step out of his vehicle and Mr. Sharp was very unsteady on his Drive Loudon, was charged feet and almost tripped over the concrete curb near his vehicle. Officer asked Mr. Sharp if he could perform Standardized Field Sobriety Test for me and he stated yes, Mr. Sharp did do poorly on Standardized Field Sobriety Test and was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence. Officer read Mr. Sharp the Tennessee Implied Consent Form and request for Mr. Sharp to give a Breath sample at the Loudon County Jail and he stated yes he would. Mr. Sharp was then transported to the Loudon County Jail, upon arrival Mr. Sharp gave one sample of breath where he blew a .190 BAC but Mr. Sharp refused to give a second sample which is required from the Intoximeter EC/IR-II for completion. Mr. Sharp was then charged with Violation of Implied Consent Law.



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The City of Lenoir City is currently accepting sealed and competitive bids for a contracting term of three (3) years for the following services:

"Lenoir City Landscaping, Mowing, and General Outdoor Maintenance."

Specifications may be obtained by contacting J.J. Cox, Street Superintendent, at Lenoir City Hall - 530 Highway 321 North, Suite 100, Lenoir City, TN 37771, 865-389-9926. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 18, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Purchasing Committee Meeting at 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 18, 2023. Bids should be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked "Sealed Bid for Lenoir City Landscaping, Mowing, and General Outdoor Maintenance Contract." Bids may be delivered or mailed to: Amber Scott Kelso, City Administrator, P.O. Box 445, 530 Highway 321 North, Suite 100, Lenoir City, TN 37771. All bids will be reviewed and awarded on the basis of the lowest and/or best responsible bidder meeting the specification criteria.

\*\*\*NOTICE: In accordance with T.C.A. §62-6-119 and §62-6-102, all bids of \$25,000 or more shall have the contractor's license information on the outside of the sealed bid envelope, with the Name as licensed, License Number, Expiration Date, and the Classification applying to the bid. For more information, please visit the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Board for Licensing Contractors – License and Bidding Requirements.\*\*\*

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



Barricade

Darrien Farley,24, E Lee Highway Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, and the stairs holding a knife Aggravated Assault.

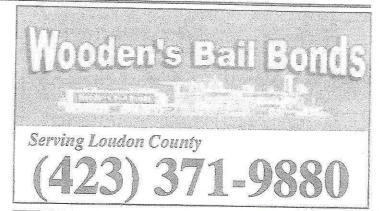
Deputies with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office responded to Lee Hwy in response to an armed person. When Dep- ing. Victim 1 asked where uties arrived they were approached by the victims owners of the property. Victim 1 informed Deputies that his son Darrien over the basement. Victim Farley was in the basement armed with a knife killed the dog and he reand a Maul.

Victim 1 stated that he herself". and victim 2 heard two they went to see what the in her bedroom. Victim 1 noise was they noticed a very large streak of blood across the kitchen towards the basement door and

blood on the basement door handle.

Victim 1 was approached by Darrien at the top of and a maul both covered in blood. Victim 1 asked Darrien why he was in the basement and he responded that he was just lookthe dog was and he said he didn't know. Victim 1 then began to look for the dog (Selah) and saw blood all 1 then asked Darrien if he sponded with "Selah hit

Victim 2 then ran upvery loud bangs and when stairs and locked herself contacted 911 and waited for Deputies to arrive on the scene. All occurred in Loudon County.





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Charged

Luis Almanza, 29, Vale Street Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault, and Reckless Endangerment x2.

Officer Ingram LPD, was dispatched to Vale St. for an open 911 line with a woman crying on the line. Upon arrival Officer made contact and 3 (Boy). Mr. Almanwith victim who was crying and upset. She advised me she wanted her boyfriend Luis Almanza to leave the residence after a physical altercation. She advised these sequence of events: Her, her boyfriend Luis, and their 2 young children were on their way to Walmart when they for the correctional officers. began arguing about money problems, he began driving the vehicle recklessly ter their interaction and he and grabbed her by her hair refused medical treatment. causing her scalp to bleed. LCSD has a separate re-They went back to the residence and she asked Luis

residence and he refused. Ofrficer found him sitting in the front seat of her black Chevy HHR in the driveway. All he advised was that they had been arguing about money and they went back to the residence.

Her 2 children are 1 (Girl) za was placed into custody for Domestic Assault and 2 counts of Reckless Endangerment. He was transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident, however, when he arrived to the jail an altercation ensued because he did not want to strip down Officer did call for EMS to check on Mr. Almanza afport for the altercation. The events of the original call did numerous times to leave the occur in the city of Loudon.

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Bridges

ture stamp on her timesheets to make it appear as if he had reviewed and approved them.

Investigators also question the purchase of 155 gift cards, valued at \$25 each, by the Recovery Court. These gift cards were intended to incentivize participants and reward them upon graduation from the program. However, due to a lack of documentation, investigators could not substantiate that all the gift cards were used for their intended purpose.

Bridges admitted to investigators that she was overpaid for not working full-time hours, and that she used gift cards to make personal purchases, but claimed it was not intentional.

The investigation also notes the Recovery Court's former clinical treatment director improperly referred participants to a business she personally owned in order to receive outpatient treatment. Participants told investigators that they

were led to believe that the treatment director's business was their only option. The former clinical director resigned on August 31, 2022.

Based upon this investigation, in May 2023, the Gibson County Grand Jury indicted Monica Bridges on one count of theft of property over \$10,000, one count of official misconduct, one count of forgery over \$10,000, and one count of criminal simulation over \$10,000.

"The management of the Recovery Court must ensure it provides adequate oversight over its payroll operations, gift card use, and conflict of interest practices," said Comptroller Mumpower. "Additionally, signature stamps should always be kept in a secure location, and there must be clear policies about their use to reduce the risk of unauthorized activity." To view the investigative report, go to tucot.cc doireports.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: TE-RESA ANN LAUGHLIN, deceased DKT#6852

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (As required by Chapter No. 169, Public Acts of Tennessee 1699 As Amended by Public Chapter 696 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the IST day of MAY 2023 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of TERESA ANN LAUGHLIN who died on the 29TH DAY of MARCH 2023 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever

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THIS THE 1STday of MAY

Steve Harrelson, Clerk BY: Penny Glasgow, Deputy

Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk By Personal Representative(s) JAMES H. BRYANT

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: AR-THUR CHARLES ALFORD, deceased DKT# 6847

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 169, Public Acts of Tennessee 1699 As Amended by Public Chapter 696 on 05 09 2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 27TH day of APRIL 2023 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of AR-THUR CHARLES ALFORD who died on the 13TH DAY of OCTOBER 2022 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 abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever

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## Horoscopes

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Gemini 5/21-6/20

You may wake up in a fog of confusion this morning for some reason, Gemini. The good news is that the air is likely to clear as the day continues. By late afternoon and early evening, you should be revved up and ready to go once again.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Here's a suggestion. If you get a strange vibe about a situation today, walk away, Cancer. Your instincts will tell you if something is dangerous or not. If you don't feel safe, find another place to be. You won't be productive in an environment where you don't feel comfortable.

Leo 7/23-8/22

It's time to take charge of your life, Leo. Don't rely on other people to sort out your problems. There may some anxiety in the air today that causes you to overreact to a situation that normally wouldn't faze you. You need to dig down and take responsibility for getting out of this mental or emotional jam. Virgo 8/23-9/22

It's time to show other people that you have backbone, Virgo.

It could be that up until now very few people have noticed, since you're so flexible and adaptable to change. You easily wriggle your way downstream, and as a result, people may think they can control you. Libra 9/23-10/22

You may be anxious to get some new projects underway today, Libra, even though they aren't nec-essarily ready or well thought out. You must first learn that patience is key. Jumping the gun could cause a false start that disqualifies you from the race. Avoid this fate by playing it cool and laying low. Scorpio 10 23-11 21

There's a romantic, dreamy feeling to today that you should indulge in, Scorpio. If you have a special someone in your life, this is the perfect day to share these feelings! Try to plan a candlelit dinner at home for just the two of you. But don't feel pressured to cook an elaborate meal.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

You might not be in the mood to cooperate today, Sagittarius. You will most likely want to work on projects alone at your own pace. You will probably have to come out of your shell and interact with others. You may need advice or input. Try not to be too pouty with

your partner or kids. Capricom 12/22-01/19

Start today on the right foot by projecting a positive mood and healthy mindset, Capricom. If you're dragging your heels and already dreading the forthcoming events, you will only succeed in making it harder to move ahead, regardless of what you end up doing. Attitude is everything. Aquarius 1/20-2/18

You may discover your emotions are tempered today, as you want to turn inward, Aquarius. You're apt to surprise yourself and the people around you when you decide that all you want to do is go into your room and sit by yourself instead of join the crowd outside. Don't feel bad about doing this even if you're expected at the party in full regalia.
Pisces 2 19-3/20

Your strength lies in your inner re-

sources, Pisces. Today you will find that these resources have opened up within you. You will find that your emotions are calm and under control in the face of chaos. This time of new beginnings is extremely important. It would behoove you to probe your depths and fix any internal quirks that might give you trouble in the future.

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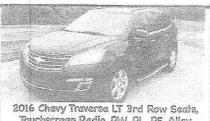
Offer your services to others, Aries. Your generosity in spreading your knowledge will be rewarded. Things might be rather confusing at first, but once you start talking, you will be surprised by how much you really know and how far your incredible wit, manners, and sociable attitude can take you. Try your best to reach out to others without seeming needy or demanding.



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THIS THE 2NDday of MAY 2023

Steve Harrelson, Clerk BY: Penny Glasgow, Deputy

Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk By Personal Representative(s) ADĀMB. TARCŽUESKI

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### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: BIL-LY WAYNE HUGHES, deceased DKT# 6854

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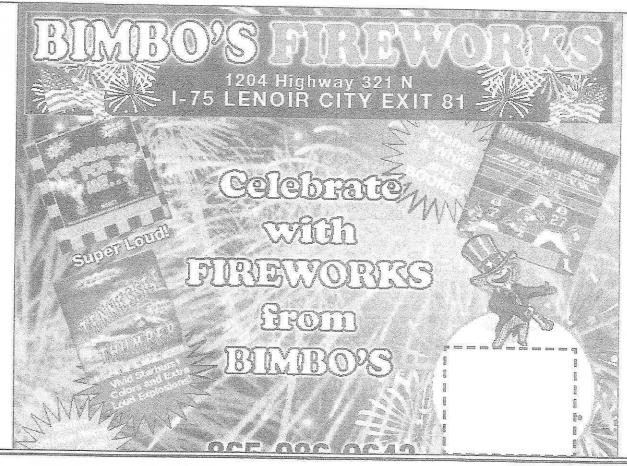
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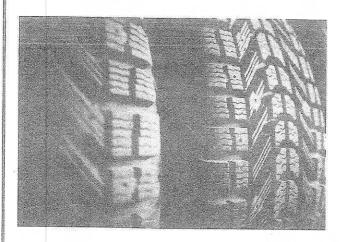
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