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Friday, June 7, 2024

Man Wants Beer Money So Bad He'll Beat His Mother to Get It!



John Brackett

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DUI Follows Traffic Stop for Weaving



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Domestic Charge Filed After Book Thrown in Computer Fight



Courtney Brown

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Crockett County Mayor's Bookkeeper Stole More than \$167,000

Michelle Spraggins Indicted on Four Counts

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Michelle Spraggins, who has served as the Crockett County mayor's full-time bookkeeper since 1999.

Investigators determined that Spraggins misappropriated at least \$167,458.62 in

county funds between May 2013 and April 2024. The investigation began after the Comptroller's division of Local Government Audit identified irregularities involving a county credit card.

Spraggins was able to abuse her position as bookkeeper to steal money from the county in several ways. The

misappropriation included:

\$65,696 by using a county-issued credit card to make personal purchases. These purchases included but were not limited to, clothing items, cosmetics, pet food, gasoline, groceries, jewelry, party supplies, toys, out-

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Verse of the Day

[Jesus taught his disciples, "When] you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father,

who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." —Matthew 6:6
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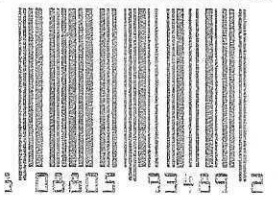
Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 82F.
Tonight: Clear. Low of 65F.
Saturday: Partly cloudy. High of 82F.
Saturday night: Overcast. Low 66F.

Sunday: Scattered thunderstorms. High of 79F.
Sunday night: Overcast. Low of 64F.

Horoscope

Gemini 5/21-6/20
Today dreams, visions, and intuitive insights enrich your



Beer Money

John Brackett, 46, Gayle Avenue Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Possession of a Handgun while Under the Influence, Resisting Arrest, Domestic Assault, and Assault on First Responder or Nurse.

Deputy Ezell responded to Mealer Road for reports of a domestic. Cpl. Dishner and Deputy Watson were the first to arrive at the scene. While en route to the residence, deputies stated the offender had left the scene in a red pickup truck traveling on Hines Valley Road. Deputy Ezell observed a vehi-

cle matching the description given by deputies turn off Hines Valley Road and turn onto Old Highway 95, it was at this point, that the deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Deputy made contact with the driver identified as John Brackett. Deputy observed Mr. Brackett to have watery bloodshot eyes and he detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Mr. Brackett's person. While speaking with Mr. Brackett he stated he had a firearm inside his vehicle, upon further investigation a 40 caliber Beretta handgun was discovered inside

Mr. Brackett's vehicle. The deputy asked Mr. Brackett to step out of his vehicle and stand in front of his patrol car so they could speak. While speaking with Mr. Brackett he stated he had got into a verbal argument with his mother identified as the victim, Mr. Brackett stated the argument was only verbal and no physical assault had occurred. Deputies then spoke with the victim who stated Mr. Brackett arrived at the residence enraged because she refused to give him money for beer. The victim stated Mr. Brackett stated he was going to kill her and her grand-son and their dogs.

The victim stated Mr. Brackett then attacked her and began to physically assault her. The victim stated she was able to get away from Mr. Brackett and lock herself in the bathroom, However, Mr. Brackett broke the door down and began to assault her again, the victim stated she then instructed the grandson to go to the neighbors and call 911. The grandson did confirm and victim statements.

Deputies then spoke with the neighbor who stated he

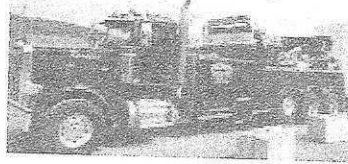
was made aware of the incident by the grandson and when he went to check on the victim he observed Mr. Brackett assaulting the victim in the front yard. The neighbor stated he then pulled Mr. Brackett off the victim and Punched him in the face in defense of the victim. The neighbor stated Mr. Brackett then got into his vehicle and left. Due to the statements made Mr. Brackett was found to be the primary aggressor. While attempting to place Mr. Brackett into custody he began to actively resist and attempted to kick Cpl. Dishner in the leg. Deputies were able to regain control of Mr. Brackett, However, Mr. Brackett did sustain an injury to his nose. Due to Mr. Brackett's behavior SFST's could not be performed. Mr. Brackett was cleared by EMS and Transported to the Loudon County Detection Facility without Incident. Mr. Brackett's vehicle was towed from the scene by Malones. evidence has been logged and a copy of a written statement has been attached to the report. This did occur in Loudon County Tennessee.

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Stop Charles Lambert, 40, Woodland Lane Knoxville, was charged with DUI, Simple Possession and Violation of Implied Consent.

Deputy B. McCall, and FTO. C. Lane LCSO, responded to Deputy T. Branson at East Lee Highway. Upon arrival Deputy Branson said he observed a black Lexus exit I-75 southbound onto Sugarlimb Road failing to stop at the stop sign. Deputy Branson said the Lexus crossed both lanes of travel driving toward the right shoulder of Sugarlimb and overcorrecting into the eastbound lane. Deputy Branson turned on his in car camera to further observe the vehicle. Deputy Branson observed the vehicle cross the middle line and the fog line multiple times. Just before the Justice Center on Sugarlimb Deputy Branson initiated his emergency equipment to conduct a traffic stop. The Lexus continued, passing 2 entrances to the Juvenile Center, turned right onto E Lee Highway, and turned back into the opposite side of the Juvenile Center parking lot. The driver then parked his car and exited the vehicle at which time Deputy Branson instructed him to the front of his patrol car. As Deputy McCall approached the offender's vehicle he detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverages

emitting from it. The deputy observed a cup behind the front passenger seat, spilled alcoholic beverage on the floorboard, and a "joint" believed to be marijuana in plain view laying in the front center console. Upon making contact with the offender, Charles Allen Lambert Jr., the deputy detected the odor of alcoholic beverages emitting from his person and breathe. The deputy observed Mr. Lambert to be unsteady on his feet and having a difficult time following directions. Mr. Lambert said he drank 3 beers around 5 P.M. The deputy then asked Mr. Lambert if he would consent to Standardized Field Sobriety Tests to which he agreed.

The deputy was unable perform HGN due to his inability to follow directions. Mr. Lambert performed poorly on all other tests. The deputy placed Charles Lambert Jr. under arrest for Driving under the Influence. The deputy then read Mr. Lambert TN Implied Consent to which he refused to provide a sample. Mr. Lambert was also charged with Violation of Implied Consent and Simple Possession/Casual Exchange.

The deputy then transported him to the Loudon County Jail without further incident. This did occur in Loudon County, TN.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **DALE STEVE KEENEY, SR.**, deceased DKT#7134

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No. 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2024 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **DALE STEVE KEENEY, SR.** who died on the 2ND DAY OF MARCH 2024 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 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 JUNE 2024

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s) **DOROTHY EBLEN KEENEY**
Notice to Creditors:

All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$20.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12699 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771

published June 7, 2024 and June 14, 2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No. 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 827 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 7124 **STANLEY OWEN CUNNINGHAM**, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 31ST DAY OF MAY 2024 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of **STANLEY OWEN CUNNINGHAM**, who died on the 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2023 were 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 31ST DAY OF MAY 2024

STEVE HARRELSON, Clerk
BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s) **VICKIE C. CUNNINGHAM**
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published June 3, 2024 and June 10, 2024

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DV

Courtney Brown, 38, Donaldson Road Philadelphia, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Deputy Harrison LCSO, was dispatched to a domestic at Donaldson Road. Loudon County Dispatch advised the complainant stated the offender, Courtney Brown was out of control, knocking stuff over, screaming, and yelling. Once on scene, the deputy made contact with Brown at the front of the residence. While speaking with her she stated while she was using the computer to fill out applications the victim, came into

the room and asked her why she was using the computer. At this point, the two got into an argument. Brown stated nothing got physical during this. After speaking with Brown, the deputy went inside the residence and spoke with the victim who stated she went into the bedroom while Brown was using the computer and stated Courtney started to yell. The victim stated while Brown was yelling at her she began to separate herself and leave the room it was at this time Brown threw a composition book at her and struck her in

the back of the head with it. The victim did show the deputy where the book hit her in the head and also showed him which book she hit her in the bedroom. At this point, the deputy determined

Courtney Brown to be the primary aggressor and placed her in custody. Deputy Watson transported her to the Loudon County Jail without incident. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

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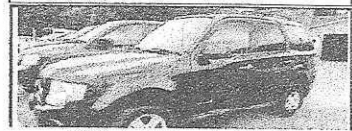
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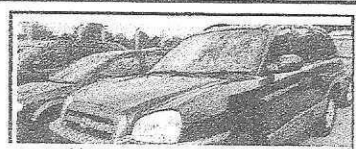
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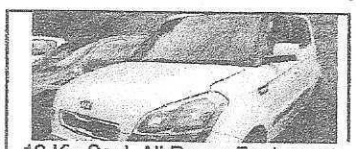
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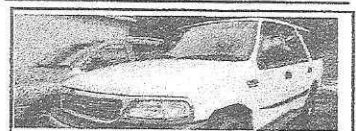
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Spraggins

door furniture, and a variety of baby items.

\$66,389.40 in unauthorized wages and benefits paid between 2013 and 2024. Spraggins paid herself from the county's "other contracted services" line item account in the mayor's General Fund account. The mayor was not aware that Spraggins was receiving additional money.

\$35,373.22 charged to the county's credit card to pay Spraggins' family cell phone bill from 2014-2023.

Spraggins altered documents, forged signatures, and assigned charges to various line item accounts in the county budget in an effort to conceal her misappropriation.

Investigators are also questioning an additional \$36,207.85 in credit card pur-

chases made using Spraggins' county card that either did not have accompanying receipts to support the purchases, or were not identified county purchases.

On April 17, 2024, Spraggins was suspended without pay from her position in the Mayor's office.

On June 3, 2024, Michelle Spraggins was indicted by the Crockett County Grand Jury for one count of theft of property over \$60,000, one count of fraudulent use of a credit card over \$60,000, one count of forgery, and one count of official misconduct.

"This theft was able to remain undetected for years because county officials entrusted too much financial responsibility in one person," said Comptroller Mumpower. "In addition to adopting a

strong credit card policy, county officials must also ensure they are separating financial duties adequately to reduce the

risk of fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer money."

To view the investigative report, go to tncot.cc/doireports.

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Loudon County Request for Bid

Sealed bids for Jail Food will be received by the Loudon County Purchasing Office, 100 River Rd, Suite 110, Loudon, TN until 3:00 Pm 07/9/24 at which time they will be opened publicly. Interested bidders should contact Brandon Bunn or Matt Kleinschmidt at 865-458-4663 for copy of bid document or for more information.

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Horoscopes

innovative side and interactions with others. Don't hesitate to put your ideas into motion, Gemini, even if they seem a bit too ambitious. You're well attuned to the collective unconscious and likely to be picking up on future trends, so be on the alert. **Cancer 6/21-7/22**

A neighbor or relative you haven't spoken to for a while might contact you out of the blue, Cancer. Make the time to talk, as it could open up doors for you that you wouldn't normally expect. Relationships of all kinds should be going especially well, and these include romantic ones. **Leo 7/23-8/22**

Leo, your working life and income are likely to be enhanced today through the influence of people who live in distant states or foreign countries. The desire for knowledge is probably strong, and you might seek to develop some new skills. **Virgo 8/23-9/22**

Romance is front and center to-

day, Virgo, as you're probably feeling especially passionate. This is a great day to plan an intimate evening with a lover, if possible. Make use of candles, muted lights, and soft music. **Libra 9/23-10/22**

You're likely to be feeling especially romantic today, Libra. If you're currently involved, plan an intimate evening at home with your lover. If you aren't involved, anything goes. Don't be surprised if someone new and exciting comes into your life. **Scorpio 10/23-11/21**

Today you might find that your social life takes a definite turn for the better. You could receive more than one text or call that piques your interest, Scorpio, and you'll spend a lot of time discussing arrangements for future get-togethers. If you aren't romantically involved now, you may find out about someone promising. **Sagittarius 11/22-12/21**

Business and money matters may seem too good to be true, Sagittarius. Success and good fortune in these departments are definitely indicated for you

today. If you've been trying to get a break in a creative or artistic field, it may finally manifest. The present looks profitable and the future bright. **Capricorn 12/22-01/19**

You should be feeling especially passionate today, Capricorn, so don't be surprised if you can't get sex and romance out of your mind. If you're currently involved, schedule an intimate evening with your lover, if possible. If you aren't involved, don't be surprised if you pull someone new and exciting under your spell. **Aquarius 1/20-2/18**

Long-buried emotions from the past, some of them pleasant and some in need of release, could well up from your subconscious today, Aquarius. This is likely to have an uplifting effect on your mental and emotional state, so don't fight it. It's also likely to release whatever hang-ups you might have about relationships. **Pisces 2/19-3/20**

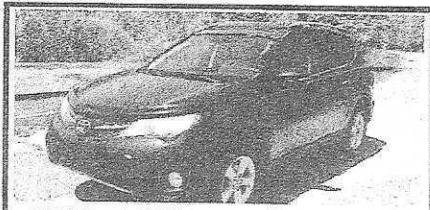
Some exciting activities could take place in your neighborhood today, Pisces. You'll definitely want to find out more about what's going on. If possible, you

may go with some close friends or a romantic partner. Communicating with others is likely to be intense and gratifying now, so expect your head to be spinning by day's end. **Aries 3/21-4/19**

Your business and financial interests definitely get a big boost today, Aries, perhaps through contacts with friends. Career matters are skyrocketing, and your financial future looks promising. Keep up the good work. Your health is especially strong and vigorous, but your primary interest is likely to be romance, as you should be feeling especially passionate. **Taurus 4/20-5/20**

Love and romance are apt to be your primary focus today, Taurus. If you're currently romantically involved, expect a wonderfully intense evening with your special someone if it's possible you spend time together. If you aren't involved, don't be surprised if someone new and exciting comes into your life, perhaps contacting you from another state or foreign country.

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Public Notice

The Lenoir City Utilities Board (LCUB) will have a Budget Committee Meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., to review the proposed budgets for FY 25. The meeting will be held in the Executive Conference Room at LCUB, 7698 Creechwood Park Blvd., Lenoir City, Tennessee 37772. A second day, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, has also been scheduled if additional time is needed to review each department's FY 25 budget.

Public Notice

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
STATE OF TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Petitioner,

vs. Case No: J37192/24-0089

Courtney Cantrell (AKA Courtney Arnold) and Ryan Arnold,
Respondent)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Jayden Michael Alexander Arnold

DOB: 09/12/2009

A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the allegations of the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights, Motion for Service by Publication and Affidavit of Diligent Search that the whereabouts of the Respondent Courtney Cantrell (AKA Courtney Arnold) is unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search, therefore, the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Courtney Cantrell (AKA Courtney Arnold). It is therefore, ORDERED that said Respondent be served by publication of the following Notice for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Daily Edition, a newspaper published in Loudon County, Tennessee.

It is further ORDERED that if the Respondent Courtney Cantrell (AKA Courtney Arnold) does not enter an appearance or otherwise Answer the Petition, further personal service or service by further publication shall be dispensed with and service of any future notices, motions, orders or other legal documents in this matter may be made upon the Respondent by filing same with the Anderson County Juvenile Court Clerk.

NOTICE

TO THE RESPONDENT: COURTNEY CANTRELL AKA COURTNEY ARNOLD

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Jayden Arnold. It appearing that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to serve upon Sarah Watson, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, 111 Union Valley Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, Phone No: 865-425-4400, an Answer to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Tennessee Department of Children's Service, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be June 14, 2024, or appear personally in the Juvenile Court of Anderson County, Tennessee, at the Jolley Building, 101 S. Main Street, Suite 200, Clinton, Tennessee 37716 on the 30th day of July, 2024, at 1:30 p. m., to personally answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights. Failing to appear for the hearing of this date and time, without good cause, will result in the loss of your right to contest the petition to terminate your parental rights to the child(ren) listed above. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, Jolley Building, 101 S. Main Street, Suite 200, Clinton, Tennessee 37716.

ENTERED this _____ day of May, 2024

Victoria Bowling

Juvenile Court Judge

NOTICE

Any appeal of the trial court's final disposition of the complaint or petition for termination of parental rights will be governed by the provisions of Rule 8A, Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure, which imposes special time limitations for the filing of a transcript or statement of the evidence, the completion and transmission of the record on appeal, and the filing of briefs in the appellate court, as well as other special provisions for expediting the appeal. All parties must review Rule 8A, Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure, for information concerning the special provisions that apply to any appeal of this case.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Lauren Scieszinski, BPR #029754
Deputy General Counsel
Department of Children's Services
111 Union Valley Rd.
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia, Tennessee, hereby provides certain financial information for the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget in accordance with the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 56, Section 206. There will be a public hearing concerning the budget at City Hall, on June 24, 2024 at 6:45PM. All citizens are welcome to participate. The budget and all supporting data are a public record and are available for public inspection by anyone at the office of the City Recorder.

	General Fund		
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	Actual	Estimated	Proposed
Revenues:			
Local Taxes	\$ 79,023	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
State of Tennessee	\$ 95,760	\$ 97,875	\$ 99,075
Federal Government	\$ 7,298	\$ 7,440	\$ 7,475
Other Sources	\$ 143,881	\$ 107,350	\$ 126,350
Total Revenues	\$ 325,962	\$ 287,665	\$ 307,900
Expenditures:			
Salaries	\$ 28,200	\$ 28,200	\$ 30,000
Other Sources	\$ 170,342	\$ 258,416	\$ 266,797
Total Expenditures	\$ 198,542	\$ 286,616	\$ 296,797
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 322,342	\$ 449,762	\$ 450,811
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 449,762	\$ 450,811	\$ 461,914
Number FTE Employees	1	1	1

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