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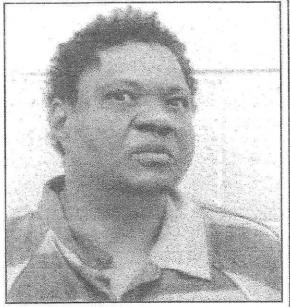
Friday, March 28, 2025

Man Charged After Theft of Over \$5000 in White-Collar Fraud Flooring From Home Depot



Brandon Cope

Harassment Call Leads to Woman Charged After Taking Charge and Visit to Jail Cane from Elderly Victim



Crystal Brown

(see DV pg. 3)

new inspections going on with commercial properties yet several buildings should have been condemned to this day. Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy. High of 80F.

Tonight: Overcast. Low

of 59F.

Saturday night: Over-

Scattered Sunday: storms. High of 72.

Sunday night: Storms.

Nothing is too hot for you to handle, but why do you insist on burning your hand when you don't have to, Aries? Are you trying to

see PI pg. 4

FBI recovers \$8 million swindled from failed bank's small-town investors

a Kansas bank plead- federal sentence in the ed guilty last year to state for a white-collar embezzling customer crime. And the bank's funds in a \$47 mil- customers got their scheme, it appeared deposits were federalwas served. ly insured. iustice The bank officer, Shan Hanes, was sentenced however, were about to 24 years in pris- 30 local shareholders

When the CEO of on—the longest-ever cryptocurrency money back since the

Left holding the bag,

see FBI pg. 4

Two Former VA Employees Plead Guilty To Conspiracy To Commit Honest Services Wire Fraud

Monika D. Schorer, 59, of Jonesborough, Tennessee, and Teresa Schorer, 59, of Jonesborough, Tennessee, entered guilty pleas to conspiracy to com-mit honest services wire fraud before the Honorable Clifton L. Corker, United States District Judge in the United States District Court at Greeneville.

Each defendant faces a term of up to 20 years in Federal prison, \$250,000 in fines, and supervised

see Fraud pg. 5







I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

-Romans 8:18 Wazzup

Seems we have some

Saturday: Cloudy. High

cast. Low 61F.

Andrew Kotronias

Low of 62F. Horoscone

Aries 3/21-4/19

Stop

Brandon Cope, 35, Rutherford South, was charged with, Theft of Property.

Asset protection with Home Depot reported the theft of 79 boxes of flooring. The flooring is valued at \$68.00 a box for a total of \$5,372.00. The asset person at Home Depot observed two males load two carts full of flooring. The males exited the store with merchandise, and the asset person approached. They provided a receipt and were released. The asset person checked the camera and the males did not pay for the merchandise and provided a forged receipt. The defendants are suspects in several Home Depots across East Tennessee.

Police beat

Jeffrey Jeffords, 23, Oak Chase BLVD, Lenoir City, was charged with, Disorderly Con-

Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, responded to Oak Chase BLVD, Lenoir City, Tennessee, to report a male causing a disturbance at this address. On arrival, the deputy met the complainant. He explained his brother had been drinking alcohol last night. His brother, Jeffery Jeffords, was now coming out of the house into the driveway and roadway. causing a disturbance and yelling and screaming at the family.

When the deputy talked with Jeffrey Jeffords, he noticed an odor of an intoxicating beverage coming from his breath and body. He admitted to being

outside and having an argument with his brother. When the deputy checked, he found dents and fresh blood on his parents' vehicles, where he had been beating their cars. My parents are out of town, so the deputy could not determine if there is any fresh

damage.

Due to Jeffrey Jeffords' actions, he is a danger to himself or others, and this continues to occur, putting others in danger. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SEC TION 57-7-105, notice is hereby given that Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding, Inc. has made application to the Loudon County Beer Board for a special event beverage permit for an event to be known as Bridles & Blue Jeans at 11800 Hwy 11E, Lenoir City, TN 37772. The Board will consider said application at a special called meeting to be held on the 3rd day of April 2025 at 5:30 p.m. located at:

Roane State Community College 100 West Broadway Room 201 Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771 This the 24th day of March, 2024 Loudon County Beer Board Riley Wampler Loudon County Clerk



DV

Crystal Brown, 42, Donaldson Road Philadelphia, was charged with, Domestic Assault.

LCSO, Deputy Lewis along with Deputy Turpin were dispatched to Donaldson Rd in reference to a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, the deputy came into contact with Crystal Brown who said that her elderly father the victim, and she got into an argument about his

cane. The deputy then went and spoke to the victim who said that Crystal forcibly took his cane from him and almost made him fall to the ground. During this, the victim said he felt in fear for his safety, later saying he thought she was going to hurt him. The deputy then placed Crystal under arrest for domestic assault due to putting the victim in fear. She was transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. All of the above occurred in Loudon County TN.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: JEF-FREY SCOTT BRANHAM, deceased DKT# 7329

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 26TH DAY OF MARCH 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of JEFFREY SCOTT BRANHAM, who died on the 16TH DAY OF FEBRU-ARY 2025, 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:

(A) Four (4) months rom 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 26TH DAY OF MARCH 2025 Steve Harrelson, Clerk

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk By Personal Representative ANTHONY C. GIORDANO LEA MITCHELL SKURPSKI

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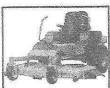
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: BENNETT BRADLEY HER-AKA BENNETI ZFELD HERMAN HERZFELD, deceased DKT# 7330

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 271H DAY OF MARCH 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of BENNETT BRADLEY HERZFELD AKA BENNETT HERMAN HER-ZFELD, who died on the 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025, 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:

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THIS THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

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BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Dep-

Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk By Personal Representative REBARENEE HERZFELD

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FBI

who owned Heartland Tri-State Bank through a holding company in Elkhart, Kansas.

The bank's failure cost all of their money. them more than \$8.2 milgenerations of accumulated wealth for farmers, teachers, and others in and around the rural town of around 2,000 people.

"When the bank failed, the value of their stock went to zero because it had only one asset-and that was Heartland Tri-State Bank," said Special Agent Sage Hemmert, who led the FBI's investigation from the Bureau's Garden City office, a satellite office of the Kansas City Division.

Valley investors," Hemmert "These were regular people from southwest Kansas. And a lot of them had bank."

So it was quite the surprise last November when the bank's shareholders learned the FBI had recovered nearly

How the Bureau traced lion-a figure amounting to crypto breadcrumbs to one of the scammers' digital wallets and seized more than \$8 million illustrates both the complexities of investigating digital currencies and how the FBI is always evolving to protect against emerging scams.

In this case, the bank's CEO. Shan Hanes, was duped in a cryptocurrency fraud scam in which online perpetrators convinced him to invest in a cryptocurrency scheme that promised big returns.

Victims in this type of fraud are encouraged to put more "These were not Silicon and more money into what appears to be a highly profitable investment platform, only to discover too late that they can't withdraw their their net worth tied up in this funds. The scam is commonly

known as pig-butchering-a posit Insurance Corporation name analogous to fattening a (FDIC) the Federal Reserve pig for slaughter.

ing a few thousand dollars in mert and a team of investilater, he wired more than \$47 ing victims and following the million from customer ac- money. The division's Comcounts to the scammers, de- plex Financial Crime Squad pleting the bank's holdings. and Cyber Crimes Task Force When a state banking regu- quickly traced the flow of lator uncovered the fraud, it scammed funds to an offshore closed the bank and called the digital wallet, or crypto ac-

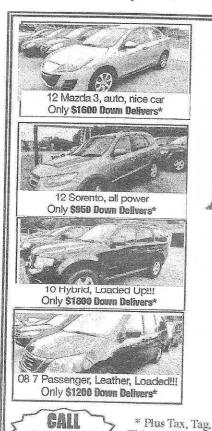
general from the Federal De- the funds.

Board, and the Federal Hous-Hanes started slow, invest- ing Finance Agency, Hem-2022 to buy what he thought gators from the Kansas City was cryptocurrency. A year Division set about interviewcount, containing more than Working with inspectors \$8 million. The FBI seized

Public Notice

Loudon County Request for Bid

Sealed bids for Highway Rock - Crushed Stone will be received by the Loudon County Purchasing Office, 100 River Rd, Suite 110, Loudon, TN until 2:00 Pm 04/16/25 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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Andrew Kotronias, 31, Waller Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with Public Intoxication.

Deputy Willis LCSO, sponded to Waller Ferry Road what came out as a Harassment call. Prior to arrival the Complainant called the Loudon County Dispatch stating there was a male on her front porch tweaking. Upon arrival the deputy observed a male later identified as the Offender Andrew Kotronias wearing a sweatshirt and basketball shorts moving around very erratically on the front porch. The deputy called the male over to his patrol vehicle. While speaking with him the deputy observed that he was profusely sweating when the temperature outside was 38 Degrees. The deputy asked him what he was doing on the porch of this residence. Mr. Kotronias said he was being chased by a male. The deputy asked where the male was, and he stated he was laying in the grass beside the residence. Deputy Willis and Cpl. Sartin did

not observe any male in the area. The deputy spoke with the complainants, and they said once the male arrived on their porch, he began beating on the front door yelling. The deputy then placed Mr. Kotronias into custody for Public Intoxication and transported him to the Loudon County Detention Facility. This did occur in Loudon County Tennessee.

After leaving the scene the Complainant called the Loudon County Dispatch and said they had found a pill bottle in the driveway with a substance inside. Deputy Willis responded and retrieved the item. The deputy found a pill bottle with 10 peach color pills inside a plastic bag believed to be Suboxone. The deputy collected the items and placed them into evidence to be destroyed.

Fraud

release of three years. Under their written plea agreements, each defendant has agreed to pay restitution in the amount of \$213,154.50 for a combined total of \$426,309. Sentencing for Monika Schorer has been set for July 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. and sentencing for Teresa Schorer's has been set for July 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., both before Judge Corker in the United States District Court at Green-

According to their plea agreements, which have been filed with the court, each woman worked for the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center in Mountain Home, Tennessee, and each accepted cash bribe payments from individuals who worked as a surgical sales representative for an independent distributor of a nationwide orthopedic company that manufactured replacement joints and products used during surgeries in which those joints were implanted. The sales representatives routinely sold products to the VA Medical Center where the women worked. According to the filed plea agreements, the sales representatives (who have previously entered guilty pleas) formed a separate company in June 2018 and began selling their own acquired inventory to the VA at inflated prices or when not medically necessary, resulting in losses to the VA. By

their written plea agreements, each defendant agreed that they conspired and accepted cash bribe payments from the sales representatives of \$9,900 each in September 2018 and \$7,000 each in October 2018 for their agreement to commit, collude, and aid in the frand against the VA.

U.S. Attorney Francis M. "Trey" Hamilton III of the Eastem District of Tennessee; Nate Landkammer, Special Agent-in-Charge, Mid Atlantic Field Office, VA Office of the Inspector General; Elisa Pellegrini, Special Agentin-Charge, General Services Administration (GSA) Office of the Inspector General, Mid-Atlantic Division; and Donald "Trey" Eakins, Special Agent-in-Charge, Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), made the announcement.

This prosecution is the result of an investigation by the VA Office of the Inspector General, GSA Office of the Inspector General, and the IRS.

Assistant United States Attorneys Mac D. Heavener, III, and Ryan Blackwell, represent the United States.

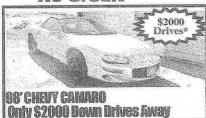




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Horoscopes

prove to someone that you can take the heat without being affected by it? You can get burned just as easily as anyone else even if you deny it. Taurus 4/20-5/20

Your physical energy is strong. Your desire for passion and love is intense, Taurus. Combine these two forces for a passionate night of love and romance. No one will be able to resist your power.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

Matters of the heart may not be going smoothly, Gemini. Perhaps someone's approach has been too aggressive. Maybe you've been too pushy about what you want. Tension builds up and creates disharmony instead of love.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

When it comes to love and romance, you're probably on fire, Cancer. You have an incredible passion for love now, making you one of the most desirable catches around. Part-

ner with someone who shares your thirst for adventure, spontaneity, and the bizarre.

Leo 7/23-8/22

If things aren't going smoothly in a romantic relationship, be careful about blaming yourself, Leo. A partnership means that two people work together equally. If this isn't the case, let your partner know how you feel.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Your sex drive is apt to be strong today. This could be the only thing on your mind, Virgo. Every person you see may stir feelings in you, even though you may already be committed to someone.

Libra 9/23-10/22

Bring more fire and passion to your love life, Libra. Spark things up by being more adventurous. The bolder you are, the more response you will get. Even though you may like to plan ahead and take things slowly, your romantic life is one area where you might do better taking the opposite approach.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Recent conflicts may stir up some anger in you, Scorpio. This is a powerful force, and you could be tempted to get into a big fight. Put the weapons away and bring out the olive branch.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

You may not be having the best of luck when it comes to matters of the heart, Sagittarius, and you may feel you need to take some sort of action. Be careful of acting just for the sake of creating movement.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

Love and romance are in the air tonight, so feel free to let loose, Capricorn. Instead of being a passive, gentle, soft kind of love, the emotion you feel may be more forceful, passionate, and aggressive. Roll with this feeling as you seduce the object of your desire. Take charge in the bedroom as you lure your mate with your fantastic love of life and desire to have a good

time.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

If you haven't gotten the love you want lately, Aquarius, perhaps it's because you haven't asked for it. If you're involved with someone and feel unfulfilled, consider having a heartto-heart talk about your needs and what you want out of the relationship in order to be happy. If you aren't in a relationship now and want to be, you need to be more aggressive about getting to know the one you want.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Feel free to upset the equilibrium in order to have your needs met, especially in the bedroom, Pisces. In an effort to maintain the peace and keep everything on an even keel, you've neglected your desires for the sake of pleasing someone else. Making compromises for others can be noble, but it may never get you exactly what you want. This is a time to be more aggressive in your pursuit of love.

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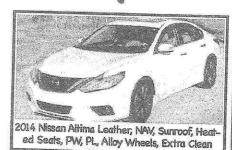
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 880 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 7318

JOYCE ANN HARPER, deceased, a resident of Loudon

County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2025 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of JOYCE ANN HARPER, who died on the 4TH DAY OF MARCH 2025, 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 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

STEVE HARRELSON CLERK

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk By Personal Representative(s): JOHN W. BAIRD

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
JUVENILE COURT OF ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE
9th Judicial District

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES,

Petitioner,)
vs.) No. 25-JC-32

Mandi Nicole Mahaffey, Mother And

Timothy Stevens, [Alleged Father of Leo]

Bobby Ray Skidmore, [Alleged Father of Bella, Bethany, Jacob]

Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF:

 Leo James Mahaffey,
 D.O.B. 09/16/2019

 Bella Nicole Mahaffey,
 D.O.B. 09/16/2020

 Bethany Leigh Mahaffey,
 D.O.B. 10/14/2021

 Jacob Lee Mahaffey,
 D.O.B. 09/19/2022

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 Bobby Ray Skidmore is unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search, therefore, the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Bobby Ray Skidmore. 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 Bobby Ray Skidmore 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 Roane County Juvenile Court Clerk.

NOTICE

TO THE RESPONDENT: BOBBY RAY SKIDMORE

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Bella Mahaffey, Bethany Mahaffey, and Jacob Mahaffey. 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 April 4, 2025, or appear personally in the Juvenile Court of Roane County, Tennessee, at 200 East Race Street, Kingston, TN 37763, on the 19th day of May, 2025, at 1:00 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, at 200 East Race Street, Kingston, TN 3776.

ENTERED this 3rd day of March, 2025.

Terry Stevens

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:

Sarah Watson, BPR # 033615

Assistant General Counsel

State of Tennessee

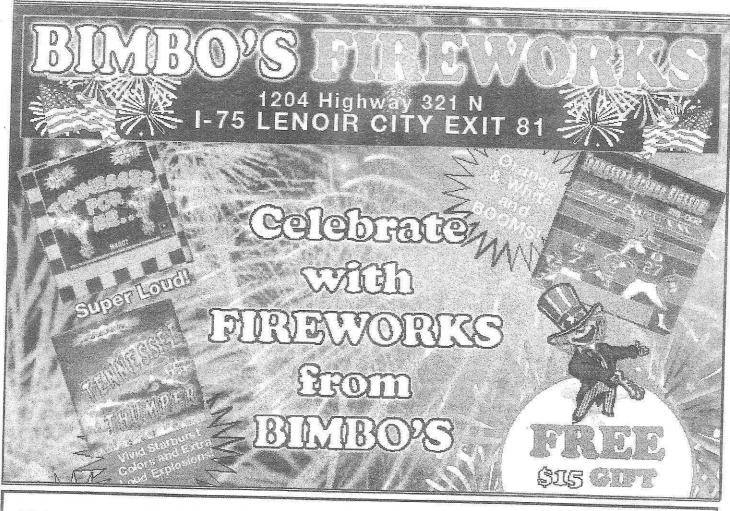
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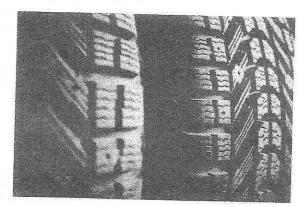
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