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Tuesday June 26, 2012

Man charged with stealing tractor

Police charged a Philadelphia man theft following an investigation into allegations he stole his employers tractor and took it to Monroe County where he and the tractor were located.

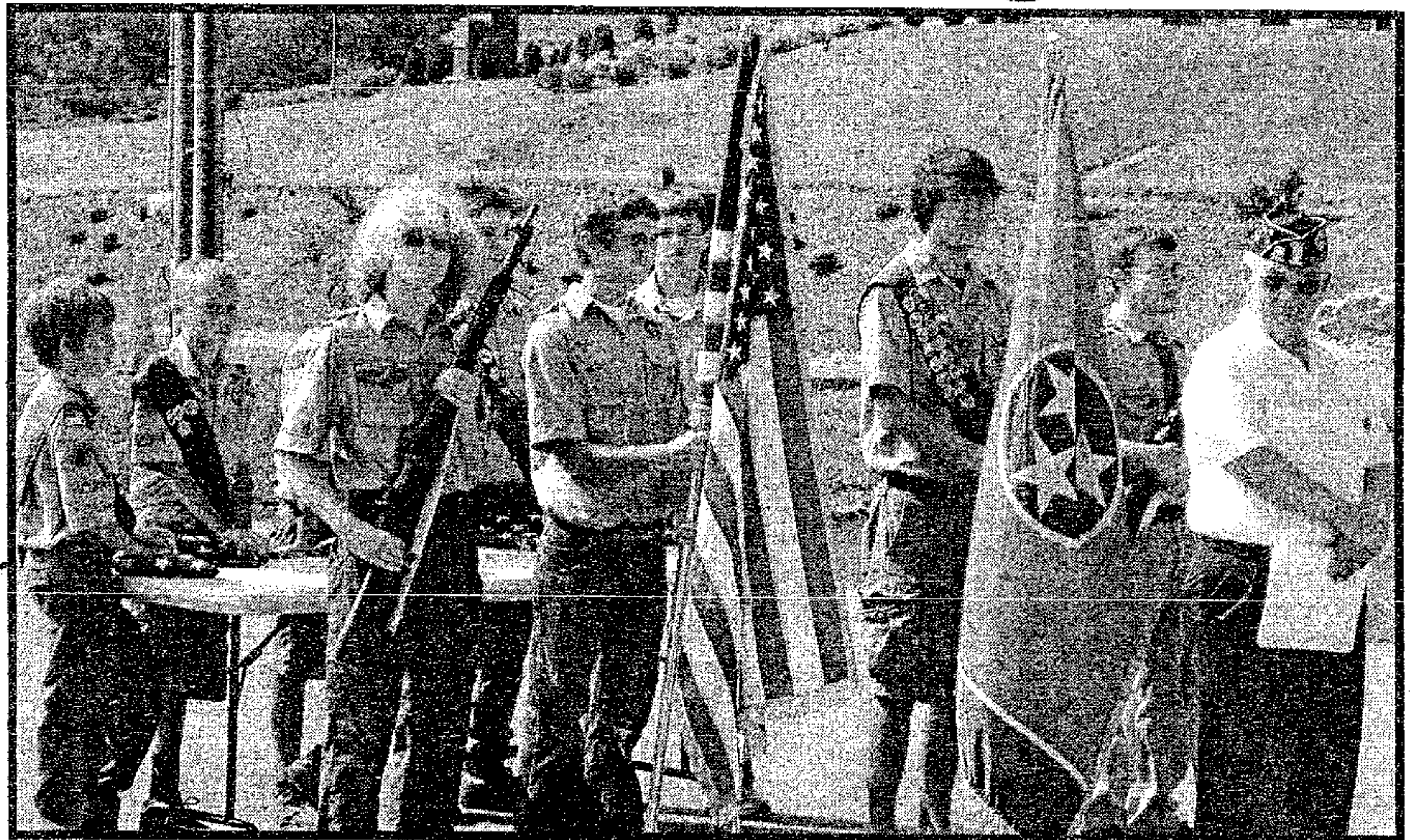
Robert Moore, 39, Harris Road, Philadelphia was charged with theft over \$1000.

According to records, a man reported

(see Theft pg. 3) Moore



Honoring the Flag



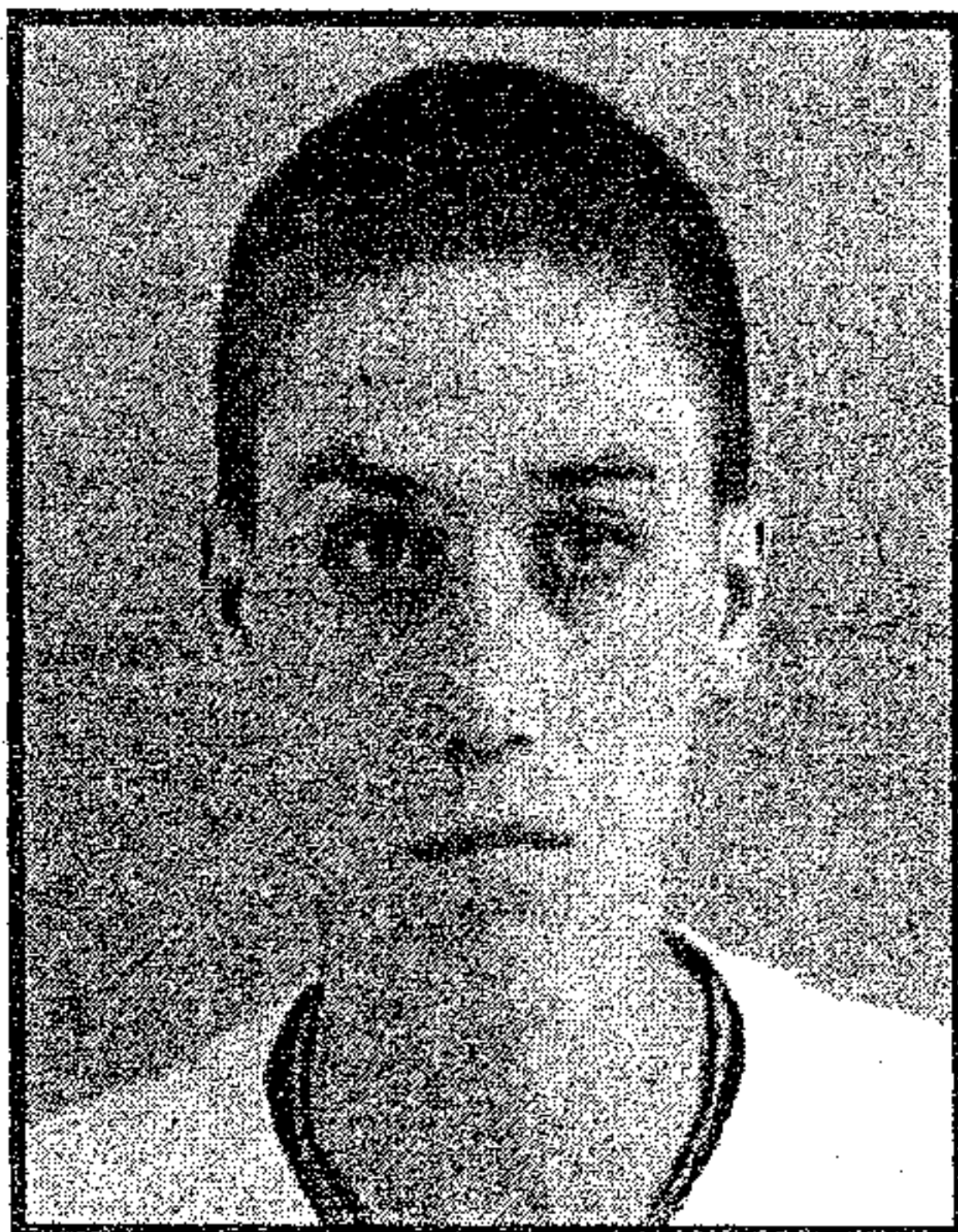
Members of Scout Troops 354 and 770 prepare for the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Back row (L to R): Max Lownsdale, Joshua Rhoads, Steven Munsey, Christopher Franklin. Front Row (L to R): Jedidiah Long, Cade Leach, Charlie Valenine, Robbie Davie, and Post 256 Adjutant, James McNeece. (see Honor pg. 5)

Fraudulant use of payroll card

Detective Jack Fine arrested a young Lenoir City man after he reportedly used a payroll card without permission at least twice to gain money by making nickle and dime purchases and getting cash back at Walmart.

Bradley Alexan-

(see Fraud pg. 6) Williams



Theft & forgery



Crowder

(see Crowder pg. 7)

Shoplifters



Evans

(see Evans pg. 4)



Reynolds

(see Reynolds pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
— Romans 6:23

Obituaries

Bruce Tansey

Wazzup

If you think it's hot now, better

get ready for a doozy of a heat wave moving in near the end of the week. Forecasters are calling for temps to be in the upper 90s and low 100s. Yikes!

Weather

Today: Sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 80s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Clear. Lows in the lower to mid 50s. Northeast winds 10 mph or less.

Wednesday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s. Light winds.

Horoscopes

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Your emotional side is hard at

work making life more interesting for you -- and easier too! Your family should see a better side of you, and your colleagues are more likely to see things your way.

Leo 7/23-8/22

Your deep warmth is showing someone close that it's okay to

(Continued on page 2)

Theft

someone took his green John Deere tractor model 5103, without his permission and he learned his farmhand, Robert Moore, was

seen driving the tractor that night after work hours.

An area lookout was given to Monroe County as well as Loudon County law enforce-

ment. The tractor and Mr. Moore were found at 125 Parris Road in Monroe County. Mr. Moore had the keys in his pocket and admitted to taking the tractor

without permission.

Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID made the arrest Sunday at the Loudon County Jail.

Reynolds

Hannah Lisle Reynolds, 21, Mansion Circle, Chattanooga was charged with theft under \$500.

According to records, Saturday, at approximately 3:30 PM, Ms. Reynolds was observed by Walmart Loss Prevention concealing multiple items of clothing inside her purse. She exited the lawn and garden door passing all points of sale without attempting to pay for the concealed merchandise.

The total amount recovered was \$34.52. Officer J. Anderson,

LCPD made the arrest.

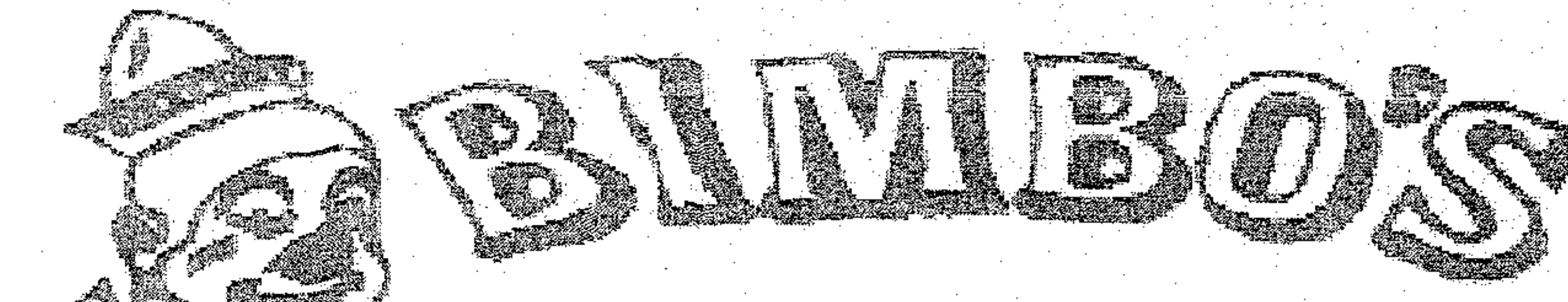
Police Beat

Sharon Gail Branaum, 49, Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City was charged with driving on revoked license.

According to reports, the Loudon Police Department received a call of a wreck on Collins Street involving a green Chrysler 300. Officer April Farmer responded to the scene and identified the driver as Sharon Branaum.

A check of Branaum's license showed they were revoked for no insurance. Mrs. Branaum was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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Obituaries

Bruce M. Tansey, Lieutenant Colonel, USA (Ret.) - age 67 of Tellico Village, Loudon, TN, passed away June 20, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer. Bruce was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Lenoir City. Originally from New London, CT, he and his wife Barbara had enjoyed the last ten years in Tellico Village and were avid travelers. Bruce enjoyed golf and was proud of his single-digit handicap. He was a member of the ETSGA and MGA and volunteered at the Knoxville Open in recent years. Bruce served as treasurer and vice-president of the Retired Military Club and was a dock

captain and Neighborhood Watch captain. He earned his B.S. from Cornell University and M.S. from the University of Utah. While serving his country for 25 years as an Army Military Intelligence officer, Bruce was stationed and lived with his family in North Carolina, Georgia, Arizona, Germany, and Maryland. Upon retirement, he spent five years as a financial planner to Armed Forces members and spouses and 12 years as a tax advisor with H&R Block. He is preceded in death by his parents, Stanley H. and Mildred E. Tansey. Bruce is survived by his loving wife Barbara, his daughter Lisa Jones, her husband Eric, and his new grandson Bodie, of Chesapeake, VA. The family will receive friends on

Thursday, July 5th from 10-11 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1580 St. Thomas Way, Lenoir City, TN, with a memorial service to follow at 11 a.m. Full military honors will be conferred by the Loudon County Veterans Honor Guard. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Lung Cancer Alliance. Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel is serving the family of Bruce Tansey.

Evans

Felisha Miranda Evans, 25, Country Road 700, Riceville was charged with theft under \$500 and criminal trespassing.

According to reports, Ms. Evans was observed by Walmart Asset Pro-

tection concealing an American flag inside her purse Saturday, around 5:20 PM. She exited the general merchandise doors, passing all points of sale without attempting to pay for the merchandise.

After apprehension, Evans was also found to be in possession of a stolen pair of shorts. The total amount re-

covered was \$39.85.

Records indicate Ms. Evans had signed a notification of restriction from Walmart property at the Athens store on March 8, 2011.

Officer Jason Felts, LCPD made the arrest.

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Honor

Following National Flag Day, a special flag ceremony took place at the Tellico Village Fire Station. The event was

an annual ritual to honorably dispose of un-serviceable American Flags.

Members of American Legion Post 256

gathered with the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department and local Scout Troops to perform this time-honored tradition.

Flags are gathered from local "drop points." These were flags that may have been displayed in homes, public places or even flown over graves of comrades-in-arms.

Through a formal process, flags are inspected, and if the appearance is worn and faded, then the flag is determined to be un-serviceable and is given a

dignified disposal.

As stated in the ceremony, "Let these flags of our country be retired and destroyed with respectful and honorable rites..."

For additional information about the American Legion contact Post 256 Commander, Vic Vickery, 423-884-6476.

Police Beat

Avery Jebrone Bradley, 35, Wright Street, Sweetwater was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

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Fraud

der Williams, 20, Lake Forest Drive, Lenoir City was charged with two counts of fraudulent use of a debit card.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; on June 15, 2012, at approximately 11:29 AM, Bradley Williams used a payroll card without the owner's permission at Walmart in Lenoir City when he went through the self checkout lane and purchased an item for \$1.05 and then received \$100 in change.

At 11:30 AM, Williams used the payroll card again at a self checkout lane and purchased an item for 96 cents and received \$60 in change.

Mr. Williams did not have permission from the owner to use the payroll card.

Detective Fine made

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State of Tennessee Closes Public Caves to Protect Bats

NASHVILLE - Caves located on state lands in Tennessee will remain closed in an effort to slow the spread of White Nose Syndrome (WNS) among the state's bat population.

During the upcoming year, state and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations will consult with recreational caving organizations to determine how to best manage the spread of this disease while maintaining high quality recreation. Biologists will also continue to work with researchers to better understand WNS and determine the best ways to mitigate the effects of WNS on Tennessee's bats.

State land holding agencies including the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture initially agreed to close all caves on public property beginning July 1, 2009. An annual review of these closures is conducted every year. The Nature Conservancy has also agreed to follow the state's lead

to extend the closure on all caves located on Conservancy property.

The 2009 action closed public access to all caves, sinkholes, tunnels and abandoned mines on land owned by the TWRA, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the TDA Division of Forestry. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, U.S. Forest Service and Tennessee Valley Authority also closed caves on their lands to public access. Today's joint announcement is an extension of those closures.

The cave closures do not affect privately owned show caves in Tennessee which are popular recreational and vacation destinations for Tennesseans and visitors to our state. Tennessee's show caves provide visitors with a great place to discover nature and learn about bats and the unique ecosystems of caves.

White Nose Syndrome, or WNS, is named for a white fungus that appears on the faces, ears, wings and feet of hibernating bats. Scientists are trying to determine the effects and manner of spread of this disease. Once a colony is affected, the fungus

spreads rapidly and may kill 90 or more percent of bats at the hibernation site in just two years. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has estimated that since its discovery in 2006 in the northeastern United States that at least 5 million bats may have died from WNS.

Scientists believe WNS is primarily spread bat-to-bat as they cluster in caves and mines, but that it may also be unknowingly transferred from one cave or mine to another on the footwear, clothing and gear of humans visiting caves. Infected caves and mines may not show obvious signs of its presence.

Tennessee's WNS positive counties include Blount, Carter, Cumberland, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Hawkins, Montgomery, Stewart, Sullivan, and Van Buren. These counties all have at least one cave that has tested positive for WNS. Fentress County still remains WNS suspect as only spores of Geomyces destructans were found.

The partner agencies/organizations strongly encourage recreational cavers to utilize the latest decontamination procedures when visiting caves on private lands.

Decontamination procedures and information on WNS effects on bats can be found at <http://www.fws.gov/whitenosesyndrome/>. Scientists that are conducting important research in caves on state lands should consult the responsible agency for access to any caves of importance to their research.

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Crowder

Detective Charles Cosner charged a Philadelphia woman with theft and forgery after she reportedly kept money given to her to pay a man's fines and then forged a court clerk's signature on a bogus receipt to give to victim.

Jessica Marie Crowder, 28, West Lee Highway, Philadelphia was charged with theft of property less than \$500, and forgery.

According to reports, Ms. Jessica Crowder took \$50 from the victim after she agreed to take the money to the Loudon County Gener-

al Sessions Court Clerk to pay his fines. When Ms. Crowder returned to the apartment complex, she provided the victim with a handwritten receipt she said was from the clerk's office stating she paid \$50 on the victim's fine.

During an interview with Ms. Crowder, she

admitted to taking the money from the victim and keeping the money to pay her rent. She also admitted she wrote a receipt and signed the Loudon County General Sessions Court Clerk's name in an attempt to deceive the victim.


Sgt. Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID made the arrest

Monday at the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

Police Beat

Michael Todd Sensaboy, 48, Irwin Drive, Harriman² was charged with failure to appear on a theft charge.

Detective Kay Arnwine, LCPD, served the warrant and made the arrest at the Roane County Jail.

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