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Friday, December 2, 2016

Those Christmas Trees against the The Good News building are for sale buddy!

Walter Stachowize, 35, Grandview Drive Loudon, was charged with Theft of Property.

Deputy K. Palmer LCSO, was dispatched to Highway 11 West. Deputy was advised by dispatch that someone passing by Mimi's Gift Emporium saw a gray car possibly a dodge stealing a Christmas tree. Deputy was advised by dispatch



Walter Stachowicz

(see theft pg. 2)

International Contract Bad tag = Good Fraud

U.S. Government Employee Steered \$2 Million in Micro-Dairy Contracts to his Son

Former State Department employee Kenneth Apple steered contracts for micro-dairies such as this one—being moved by heavy equipment in Iraq—to a company partially owned by his son.

In 2009, Kenneth Apple was a trusted U.S. Department of State employee who was supposed to be working in Iraq to help the Iraqi people rebuild their country after years of war. Instead, Apple decided to help himself



David Jacobs

see fraud pg. 4

Arrest



see revoked pg.

by: Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

the prophet says as he bears repeating, and passes on his captivat- it implies an RSVP. ing vision of the Lord's Part of the gift of our word of promise. It's humanity is the abilall about anticipation ity to imagine a future and an invitation to and to hope. But also share in the ways of included is a sense of peace that the Lord has history and along with in store for all peoples. it a recollection of past Twice the prophet disappointments. So calls, "Come, let us

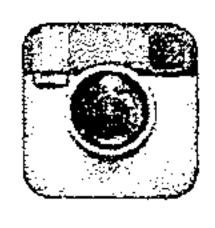
"In days to come", go!" The invitation

(see TGN pg. 4)

The man in the tree said it was okay! 2 found in kitchen charged



Marian Chastain



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Weldon Humphreys (see trespassing pg. 7)



Verse of the Day Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God this is your spiritual

act of worship. — Romans 12:1 Obituaries see inside Wazzup

It appears its the season for theft again so make sure your belongings

are locked up. Watch out at the stores for people lifting pocketbooks and wallets!

Weather Today: Mainly sunny.

High around 55F. Tonight: Clear skies. Low Saturday Partly cloudy skies during the morning hours will become overcast in the afternoon

High 53F. Saturday Night Cloudy with light rain developing

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theft

that the vehicle left toward Sugarlimb Road at which time it turned on Sugarlimb. Dispatch advised that the Christmas tree was hanging out the trunk of the vehicle. Deputy was advised by dispatch that Lenoir City Police Department J. Dishner 418 observed the vehicle traveling on Highway 321 at which

time it tuned onto Simpson Road East. Officer J. Dishner stopped the vehicle at which time Deputy responded to his location. Deputy made contact with a male Mr. Walter Lawrence Stachowicz. When asked about the Christmas tree Mr. Stachowicz stated that it was laying next to the roadway in front of Mimi's Gift Emporium so he stopped

and loaded it into his vehicle. When Deputy responded to the store he observed several Christmas trees leaning up against the front of the store. Deputy then went to the residence of the owner of the store. Owner stated that she

did not have any trees laying next to the roadway they were all up against the store. Owner stated that no one had permission to get any of the trees and that she was willing to prosecute the suspect.

(see theft ctd. pg. 7)



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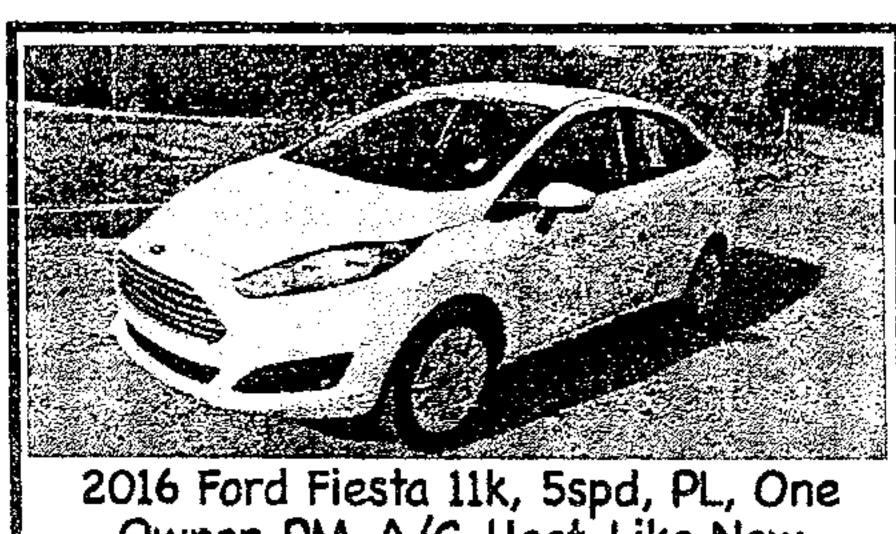
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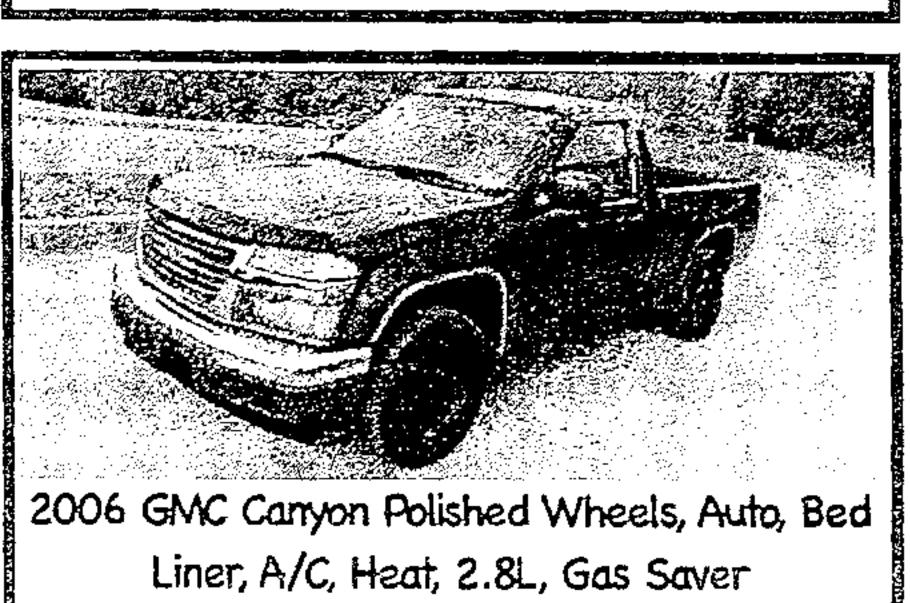
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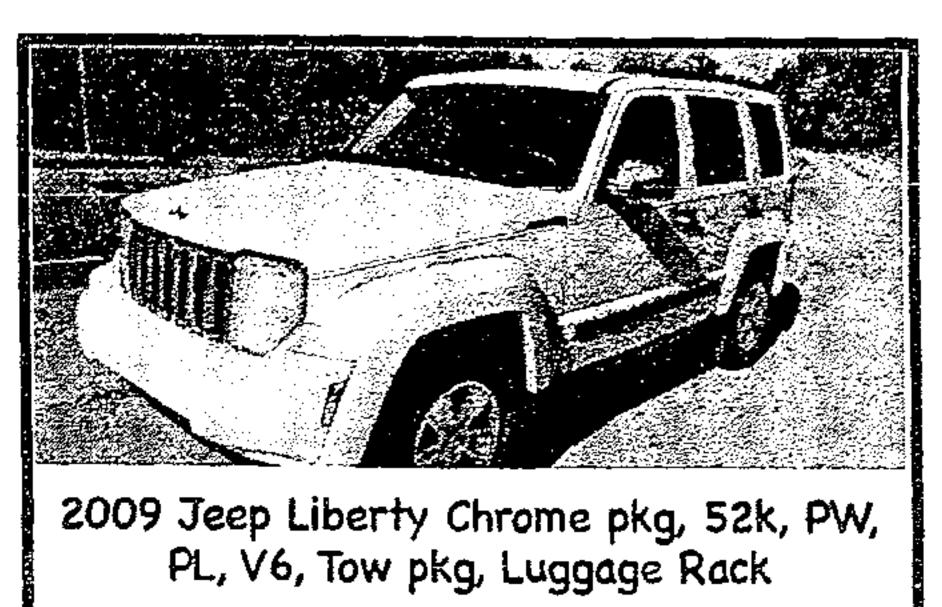
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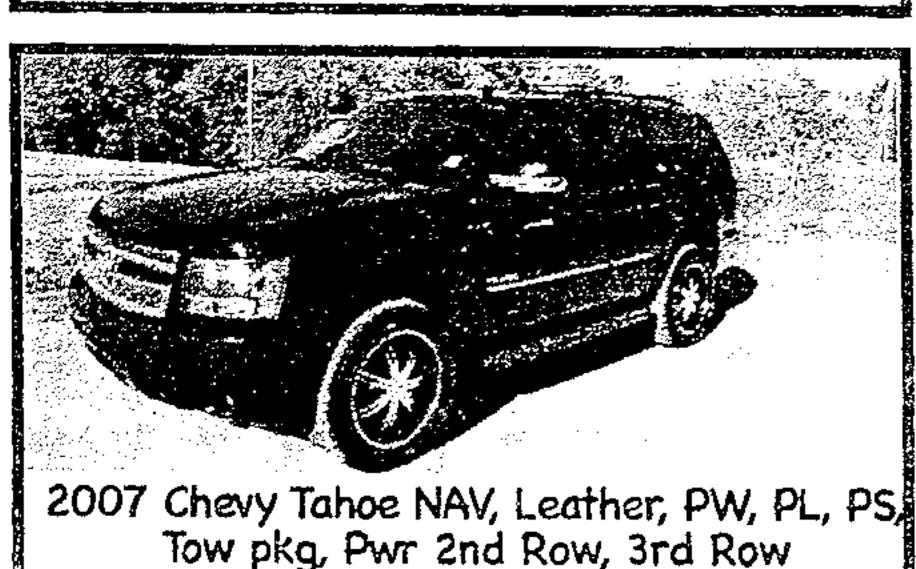
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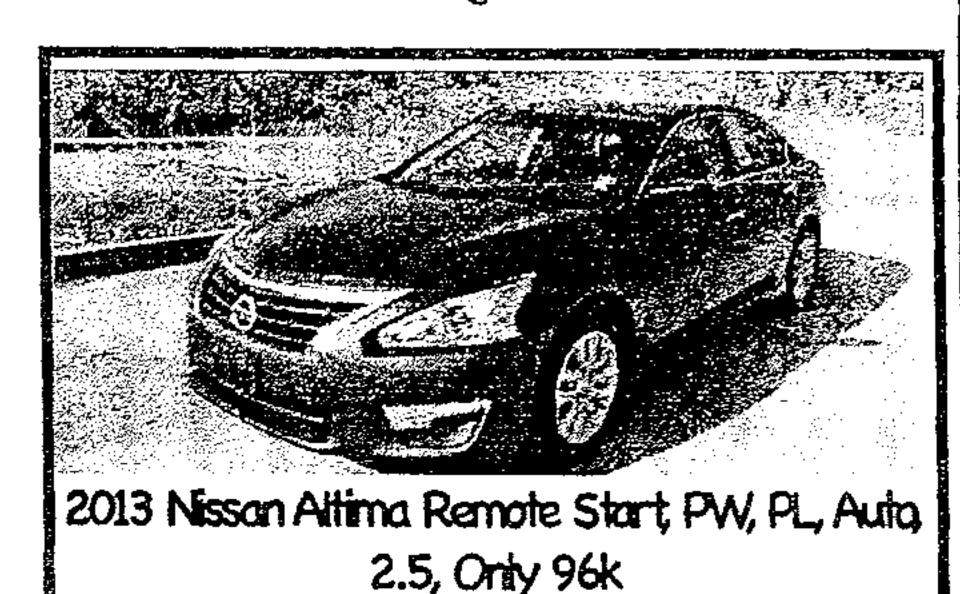


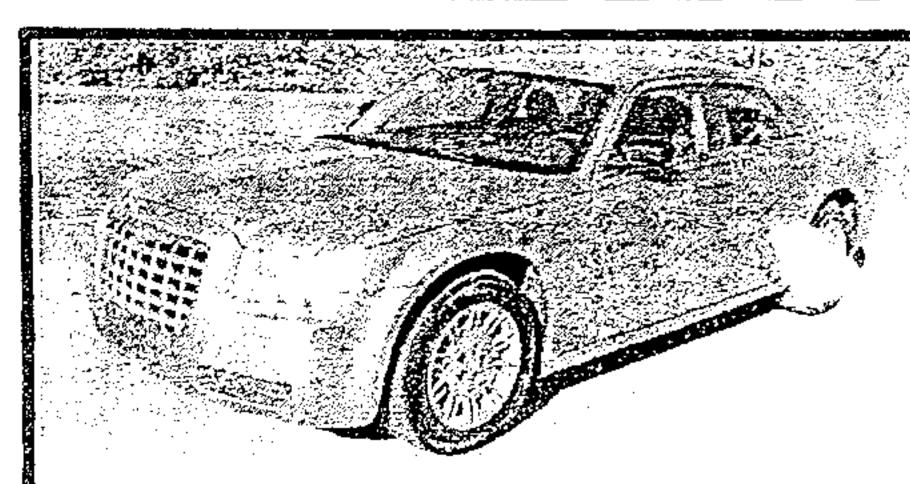
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how will we respond to the Lord's invitation and the prophet's vision? How will we greet the coming Birth of the Christ Child with its promise of the Lord's new future? Will we respond with a iaded ho-hum; or will we be awakened once again by the prophet's excitement of what the Lord has in store for us in the "days to come?"

Prayer: O Lord, our hope, open our ears and our hearts once again to receive the wondrous vision of that light and peace which you have in store for all your creation. Lift our hearts to respond in joy to your invitation to "Come". Amen.

Transmissions!

Fraud

and his son.

Part of a U.S.-led Provincial Reconstruction Team—consisting of military personnel, diplomats, and agricultural experts like himself—Apple had oversight of multi-million-dollar contracts for a variety of projects designed to stabilize Iraq's infrastructure and improve its economy.

Apple used his authority to illegally steer \$2 million in contracts for micro-dairies to a shell company located in Montana in which his son owned a 50 percent interest—and the company had no experience in the microdairy field.

"Apple had the ability to influence the awarding of contracts," said Special Agent Jeff Pollack, one of the agents who investigated the case from the FBI's Washington Field Office. "He wanted to funnel money to his son. The opportunity was right in front of him, and he took it." Micro-dairies are essentially small, mobile dairy farms. "They can even be used in the desert on a slab of concrete," Pollack said. "Housed inside a storage container is equipment that can process

application Apple illegally passed the XGLS deal. critical and confidential "We uncovered infor-U.S. government in- mation that the awardformation to his son— ing of the \$2 million Jonathan Apple—and micro-dairy contracts his son's partner, who was not conducted in owned Xtreme Global an appropriate man-Logistics (XGLS). The com- This micro-dairy, made pany, in turn, provided by Jonathan Apple's false information to company, is housed U.S. government offi- in a storage container cials about its experi- and includes equipence and capabilities. After the contracts were awarded, Jonathan Apple earned approximately \$230,000 in profit, even though the dairy devices were never able to be com-

mercially used. In 2011, members of the FBI's International Contract Corruption Task Force (ICCTF) whose mission is to investigate Americans and others overseas Bring this ad to Jiffy who steal or illegal-Park Produce, Grove ly steer U.S. funds flowing into Iraq and ceive a 20% Discount Afghanistan — were looking into fraud allegations at one of the Provincial Reconstruction Teams in Iraq

process, when they came across

Solutions ner." Pollack said.

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"There was actually a company in Iraq that could have done this work, and this contract could have helped them. But it never happened because of the fraud." - Josh Lovett, agent, FBI special Washington Field investigators When

later confronted Apple's son, he lied about his role, stating that his father had no involvement in government When contracting. Kenneth Apple was questioned, he also lied and said he could not recall the owner of the company that won the micro-dairy contracts. "Kenneth Apple misled intentionally us," Pollack said.

Apple was indicted in December 2015 for wire fraud, conspiracy to defraud the U.S., obstruction of justice, and making false statements. In July 2016, a federal jury in Virginia found him guilty on eight of nine charges. Evidence at trial showed that the micro-dairy units did not Health requirements, against his father in

which was Apple's responsibility.

Last month, Apple was sentenced to 50 months in prison and ordered to pay approximately \$2 million in restitution and forfeit more than \$550,000. In November 2015, Apple's son pleaded guilty to his role in the scheme and cooperated with meet Iraqi Ministry of authorities, testifying

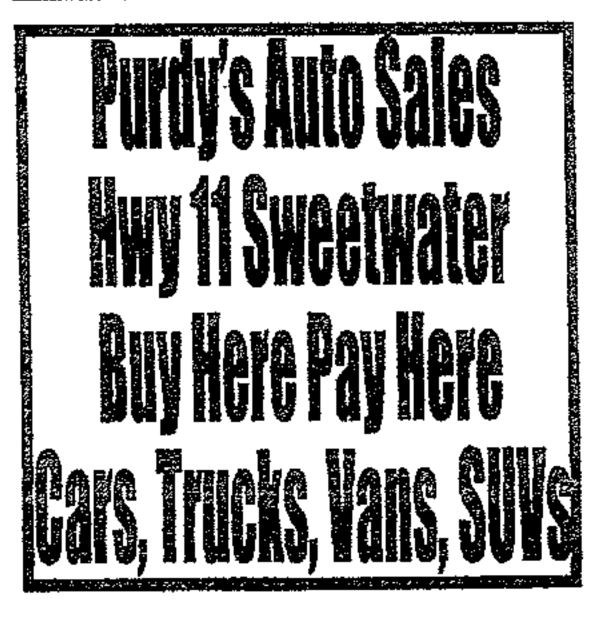
court.

Special Agent Josh Lovett, also part of the investigative team along with the Defense Criminal Investigative Service and the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command noted that one of the worst aspects of the case was that the micro-dairies could have benefited people.

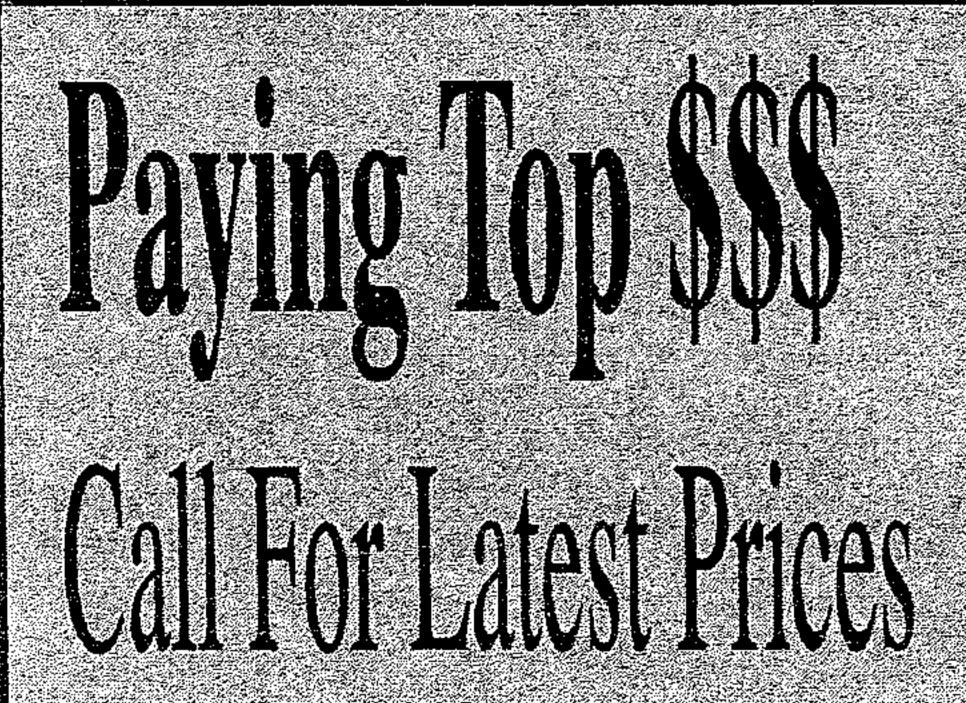
"The Iraqis were all for this," he said. "They put up a substantial amount of money to get these micro-dairy systems and to train their people to use them." But because of the fraudulent manner in which the contracts were awarded, and the company's failure to meet Iraqi Ministry of Health requirements, the dairy devices were never used.

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at Poplar trespassers Springs Rd.

The trespassers were identified as Mr. Weldon Humphrey's and Mrs. Marian Chastain. Mr. Humphreys and Weldon Humphreys, Mrs. Chastain stated that they were let into the residence by a man charged with Aggravat- that climbed out of a ed Criminal Trespass, tree and that offered Statements from the Deputy responded to victim, and witnesses stated that Mr. a report of trespassing. Humphreys and Mrs. Upon arrival in the area Chastain entered their with the help of other residence without per-Deputy's, we found mission from any party the suspects matching in the residence. Victim the description of the stated that he woke up to the phone ringing. Victims answered the phone and the person on the other end asked if his daughter was still there. Victim was a bit confused by this call and got up and found Mr. Humphreys and Mrs. Chastain in his

counter.

The witnesses got up tographed the trespassers in the residence. The trespassers left the residence and the victim called law enforcethe Loudon county Jail eral weeks. Counties without incident.

Revoked

David Jacobs, 56, Oklahoma Street, Madisonville, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a Red Dodge Truck traveling on Caldwell Road. The Tennessee registration V7222Y on the Dodge Truck came back to a Ford Taurus. Upon stopping the vehicle the driver was identified as David Jacobs. Upon running Mr. Jacobs through dispatch he was found to be driving on a Revoked Driver License. Mr. Jacobs was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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Mr. Stachowicz was then placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County The Christmas tree was returned to the store by Officer J. Dishner 418 at 01:25 on 11-28-2016. The vehicle Mr. Stachowicz was driving was released to a licensed driver, this did occur in Loudon County TN.

Burn ban in effect for East TN

and also saw and pho- From the Loudon County Government, Office of the Mayor

Currently, East Tennessee weather has produced dry condiment. Mr. Humphreys tions with little or no Chastain rain fall, temperatures were placed under ar- in the 80's, wind and rest and transported to low humidity for sevin our area have varying levels of drought conditions and these factors have created an increased brush and forest fire risk.

> Because of this increased risk, Loudon County Mayor, Roland "Buddy" Bradshaw, in consultation with the state forestry office and TEMA has requested a "Ban on Open Burning" in Loudon County from the state Commissioner of Agriculture. As approved, this ban is effective immediately and will remain in place until further notice.

Until our region receives appreciable rain fall, this increased fire risk will continue and the ban will remain in effect.

For the safety of all persons, livestock and property, we are asking our citizens to voluntarily comply with this ban.

A violation of this ban is classified by the Tennessee Code Annotated 39-14-306 as "reckless burning" and is a class Register Now!! A misdemeanor with up to a \$2,500 fine.

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Saturday, December

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Thursday, December 1,2016

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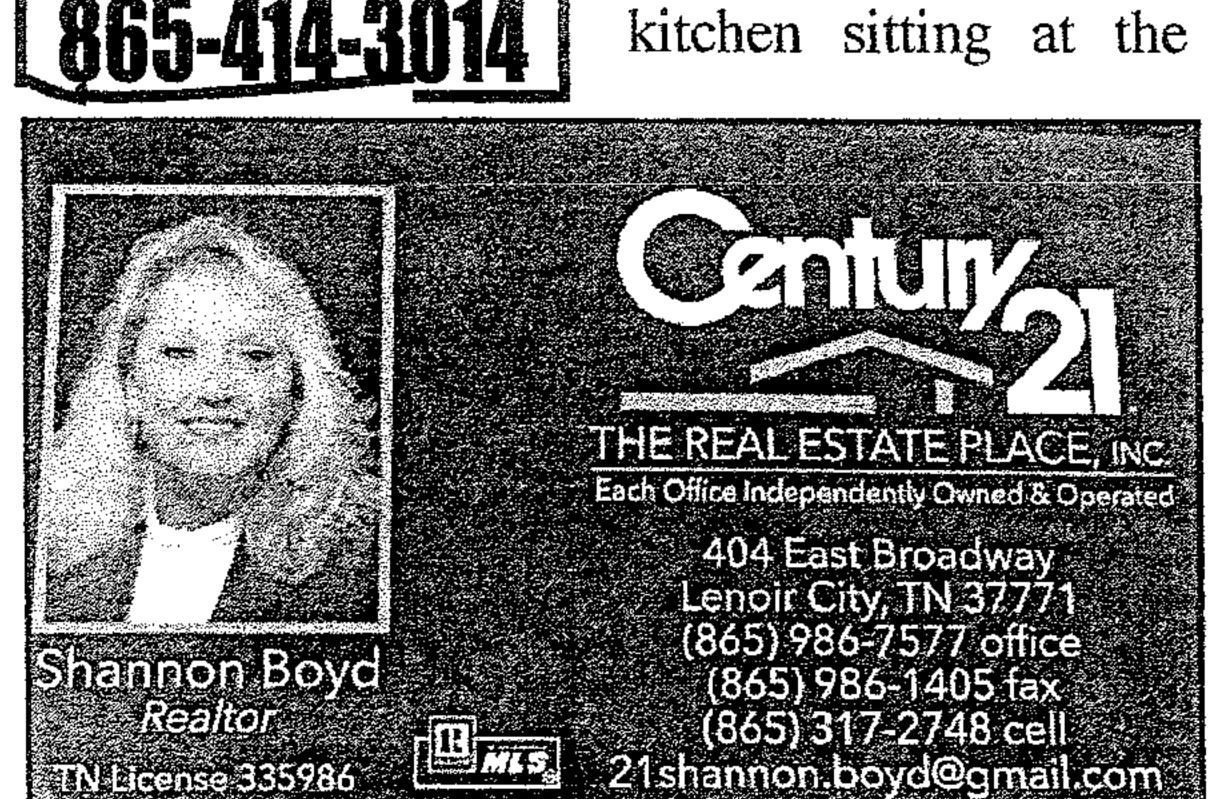
Lunch with Santa will be held at the Loudon Parks & Recreation Office. Limited seating, advance registration required. Ages up to 3rd grade. Parents must be present.

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December 10

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