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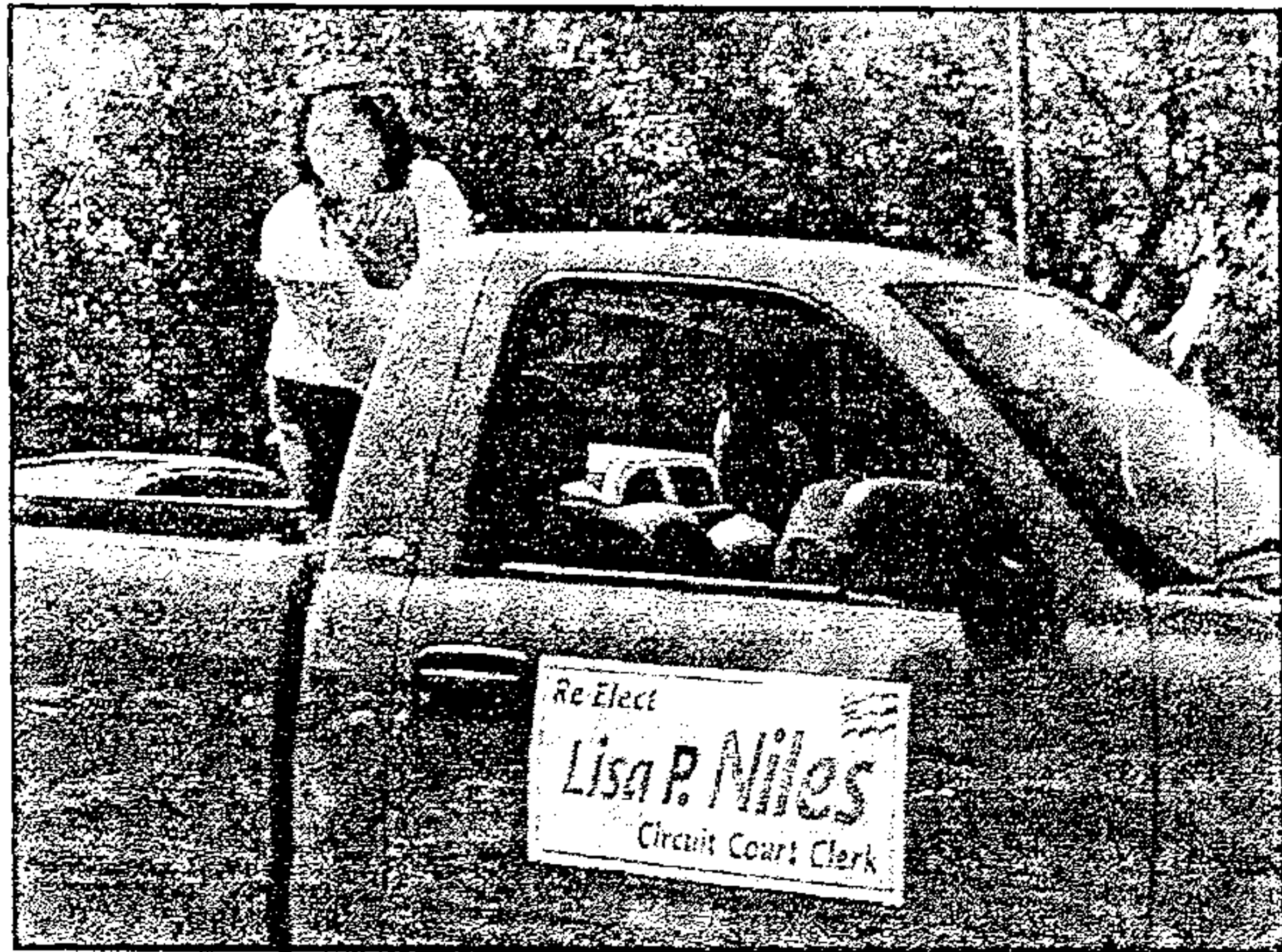
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Friday, July 22, 2016

## Commish Van Shaver shares his thoughts about Circuit Court Clerk Lisa Niles

from vanshaver.com  
A couple of weeks ago, Loudon County commission was notified that the on going legal action against the tax payers by court clerk Lisa Niles, would not be back before the judge before December or possibly March of next year. This means that all her employees, for the third year

(see Niles pg. 2)



Ms. Lisa Niles is asking the voters to re-elect her in the July 4th Parade

## Theft from Walmart by repeat offender



Amanda Davis

(see repeat pg. 3)

## Busted tire causes driver to lose control



see DUI pg. 4

Walter Jordan

## Theft by local woman from Walmart



Donnita Ward

see theft pg. 4

## Ala. woman thrown from car, killed in I-75 crash

Authorities say wearing a seat belt might have saved a 41-year-old Alabama woman who was killed when she was thrown from the car in a rollover crash along Interstate 75 in Loudon County.

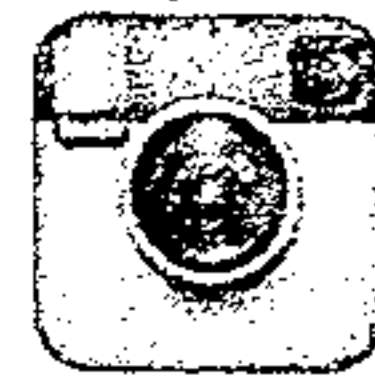
Jennifer M. Torbert of Pell City, Ala., died in the single-vehicle crash, reported at 11:35 a.m. Tuesday at mile marker 80 near Lenoir City, according to a

Tennessee Highway Patrol incident report.

Torbert was a passenger in a 2008 Nissan Sentra headed north when the Sentra veered into the median and rolled before coming to rest near the southbound lanes.

Fellow passenger Meghan Torbert, 19, of Pell City, Ala., was also thrown from the

(see crash pg. 7)



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### Verse of the Day

But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever — yes, for ever and ever.

— Daniel 7:18

### Obituaries

see inside

### Wazzup

A Big Shout Out to the Lock Medic, sure do appreciate the great work ya do!

### Weather

Today: Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray shower or thunderstorm

is possible. High around 95F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. Low 73F.

Saturday Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray shower or thunderstorm

is possible. High near 95F.

Saturday Night A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible early. A few clouds. Low 73F.

Sunday Partly cloudy with afternoon showers

(Continued on page 6)



**Niles**

in a row, would not get their raises. None of her 18 or 19 employees have gotten their 2% annual raise since the 2013-2014 budget cycle. In contrast, Ms. Niles has gotten her annual raises required by state law.

At Monday's workshop meeting, commission chairman, Steve Harrelson, pro-

posed that the county find a way to give Ms. Niles employees their current and back raises in spite of Ms. Niles actions to prevent it.

Harrelson had met with the county mayor, finance director and others to seek a legal way to provide the raises. Technically, her employees can not receive their raises unless Niles signs her salary

agreement which she has refused to do for the last three budget cycles. Finance director, Tracy Blair, cautioned commissioners that it is possible that the state comptroller's office could find fault (see Niles ctd. pg. 3)

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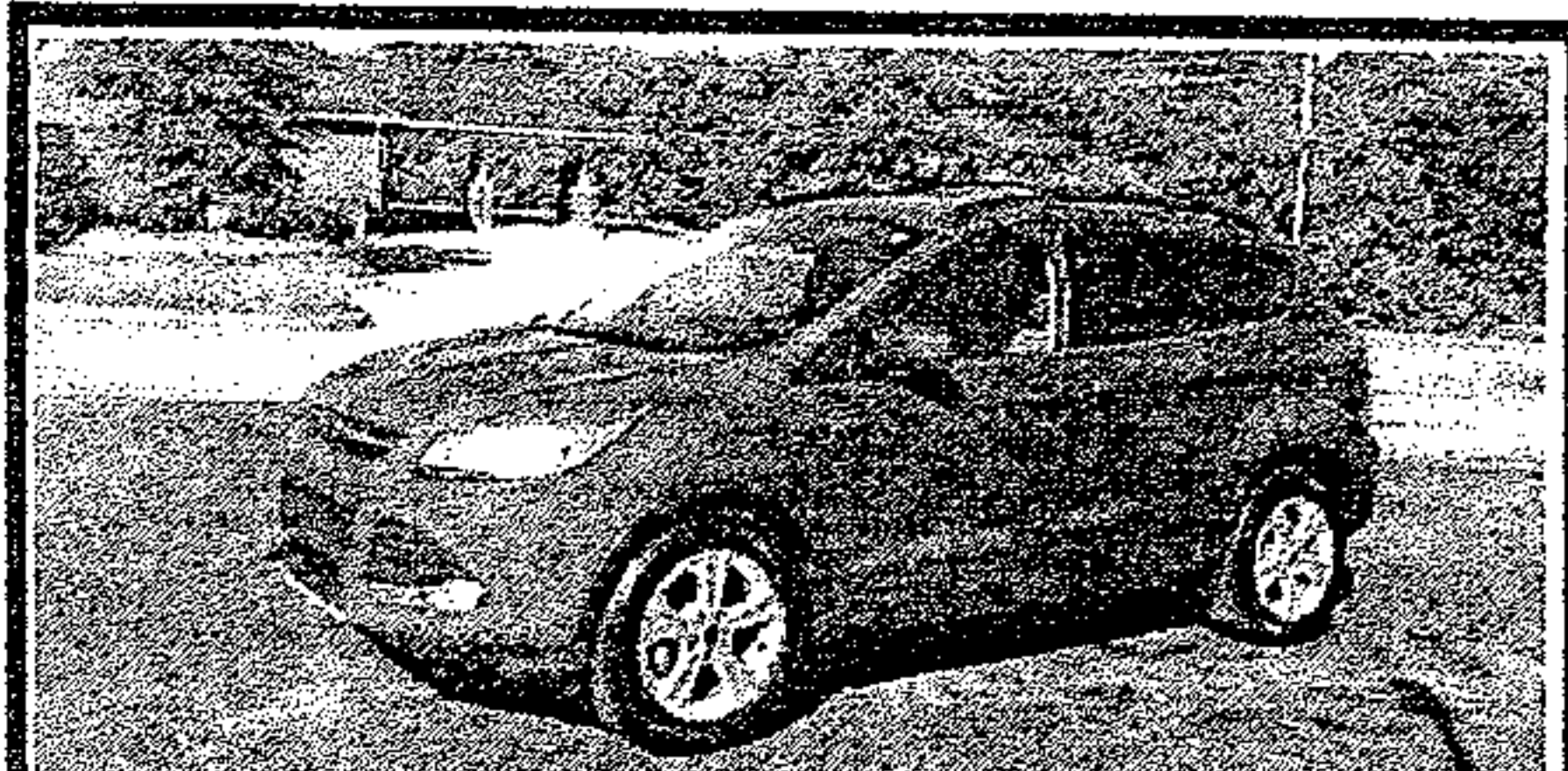


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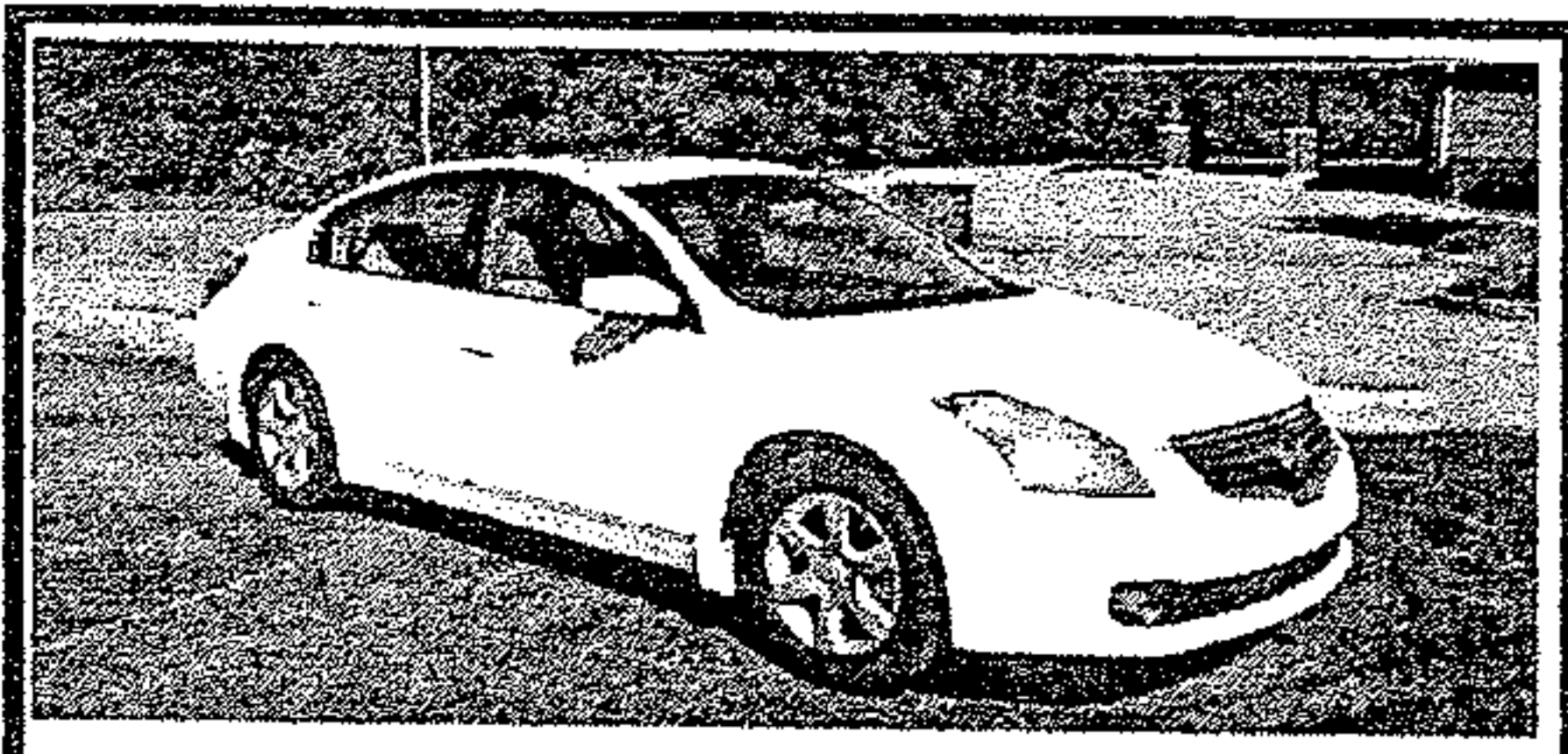
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**Repeat**

Amanda Davis, 29 Pine Ridge Road Clinton, was charged with Theft of Property, and Criminal Trespass. Officer Kirpatrick LCPD, was dispatched to Walmart on a theft call. Loss Prevention observed Amanda concealing items and passing all points of sale without paying. Amanda was detained and placed under arrest, and transported to the Loudon Jail.

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with the commission's action which could result in an audit finding.

Based on the discussion at the workshop, it appears that most commissioners agreed that Niles employees deserve

and should have their raises in spite of Ms. Niles. The matter will be on the commission agenda to be voted on at our August 1st meeting.

I commend commission Harrelson for bring this proposal to commission and I support his proposal 100% as it seems that other commissioners do also.

What Ms. Niles has done to the tax payers of Loudon County is despicable but preventing her employees from receiving their due raises just goes beyond the pale. Just think of it. Her employees, many who are certainly on the lower end of the wage scale, have been denied their small raises for three years while Ms. Niles continued to get her raises. In the 2014-

2015 fiscal year, Niles got a \$2,290.00 raise. With her most recent raise her 2016-2017 salary will now be \$71,690.00. Not only have her employees not gotten


their raises, but as the cost of health insurance continues to increase, her employees have actually seen a decrease in their take home pay.

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**Theft**

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**DUI**

Walter Jordan, 28, West Hills Drive Hariman, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent. Deputy Kevin Dailey LCSO, was dispatched to a wreck at the 366 mm on I-40. Upon arrival Deputy came in contact with Walter Jordan, who stated his vehicle rear tire busted and caused him to lose control of his vehicle striking a guard rail. Jordan stated he was not injured however he was unsteady on his feet,

slurred speech, and had an odor of alcoholic beverage on his person. Jordan performed poorly on sobriety test and was placed under arrest.

**Governor Haslam, Commissioner Boyd Announce 29 Communities to Receive Tourism Enhancement Grants**

*Grants to assist communities with tourism infrastructure assets*

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd announced today that 29 communities will receive over \$999,000 in Tourism Enhancement Grants to assist communities with tourism infrastructure assets.

"We want to congratulate all 29 communities on receiving Tourism Enhancement Grants," Haslam said. "These grants showcase how great the partnership is between tourist development and economic development. With the support of these grants, each community will be better equipped to succeed in our state and I look forward to seeing these Tennessee communities thrive."

The grants assist coun-

ties and cities in improving local assets to increase the economic impact of tourism.

"I am pleased to announce these 29 communities that have been awarded the Tourism Enhancement Grant," Boyd said. "It is always exciting when communities choose to invest in economic development initiatives to grow and succeed in our state. Tourism development is economic development, and with the assistance of the Tourism Enhancement Grant and our partnership with Commissioner Kevin Triplett and the Department of Tourist Development,

each community will be able to invest in their assets and grow their local economy."

The Tourism Enhancement Grants were jointly funded by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development with the assistance of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

"We celebrate with each community receiving the Tourism Enhancement Grant," Tennessee Department of Tourist Development Commissioner Kevin Triplett said. "Tourism development is an important part

of every community, but in some cases we were finding a lack of infrastructure to fully take advantage of some tourism opportunities. We appreciate our great partners at TNECD for coming to the table with this initiative for communities to enhance their local tourism assets."

An advisory committee made up of staff from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Tennessee Department of

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Agriculture selected the 29 communities from a pool of 61 grant applications.

The grants awarded include:

- Anderson County - \$40,000
- City of Bolivar - \$50,000
- City of Brownsville - \$50,000
- Carroll County - \$50,000
- City of Cleveland - \$50,000
- Decatur County - \$50,000

- \$43,000
- City of Etowah - \$50,000
- Fentress County - \$27,000
- Town of Gainesboro - \$45,270
- Greene County - \$44,898
- Hamblen County - \$7,000
- Hamilton County - \$20,000
- City of Henderson - \$5,250
- Johnson County - \$47,168
- City of Lafayette - \$50,000

- Lauderdale County - \$20,000
- City of Livingston - \$50,000
- City of Manchester - \$41,510
- City of McMinnville - \$28,500
- Meigs County - \$20,000
- Metropolitan Lynchburg - \$50,000
- Monroe County - \$20,000
- Robertson County - \$5,050
- Scott County - \$48,707
- Smith County - \$50,000
- City of Tiptonville - \$31,262

- Unicoi County - \$20,000
- Wayne County - \$25,000
- City of Winchester - \$35,000

Each application was supported by the community's senator and representatives in the Tennessee General Assembly.

About the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development

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ating memories, producing a desire to return, and establishing key long-term relationships that result in visitors becoming residents. The promise of Tennessee—the birthplace of the blues, bluegrass, country, gospel, soul, rockabilly, and rock 'n' roll—is to be the global music destination of choice. To deliver an unparalleled experience of beauty, history, and family adventure, infused with music that creates a vacation that is the "Soundtrack of America. Made in Tennessee."

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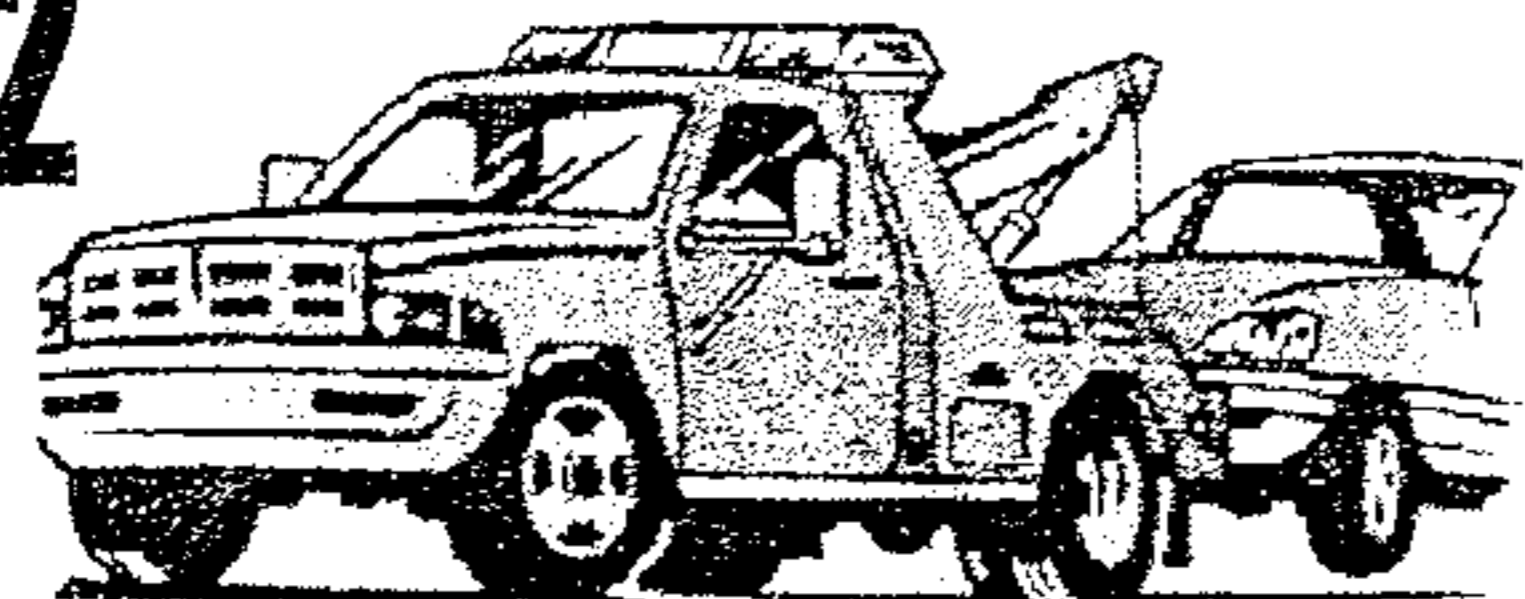
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**Crash**

vehicle. She was not wearing a seat belt, either, the report states.

A third passenger, Braylon C. Newton, 7, of Pell City, was belted in the front seat.

Authorities found evidence of drug use by the driver, Jerry P. Newton, 66, also of Pell City, according to THP Trooper Paul Clendenen's report.

Criminal charges are pending, according to the report.

Niles conc. from pg. 3

In order for the commission to give Niles employees their raises without a problem with the comptroller,

Ms. Niles must sign a supplemental salary agreement. But let me be clear, even if she refuses to sign the agreement to again deny her employees their due raises, I think commission will still move forward with the raises, comptroller not withstanding.

It's hard to fathom an elected official, a servant of the people, doing to the tax payers and her employees what she has done. It's even harder to believe that she would have the gall to show up at a local 4th of July parade asking the voters to re-elect her again. Just think of it. Ms. Niles has cost the tax

payers tens if not hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal costs. She has prevented her employees from getting their raises but she has the nerve to ask voters to re-elect her? I guess so she can do it to everybody again? Her campaign slogan should be, "please forget about what I've done to everybody but re-elect me." I think she's got a little Hillary Clinton in her or maybe a lot of Hillary Clinton.

**police beat**

Joshua Allen, 25, Lake Drive Loudon, was charged with Violation of Probation. Officer Marty Ward LPD,

arrested Joshua at an address on Vale Street Loudon.

Cassandra Redmond, 26, O Street Lenoir City, was charged with Failure to Appear. Deputy Krista Vincil LCSO, served Redmond with a FTA Warrant at the Loudon Jail.

Dennis Smith, 29, Grayson Freeman Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Violation of Community Correction. Deputy Alex Rymer LCSO, served Smith with a VOCC Warrant at the Loudon Jail.

Dawn Powell, 38, Jackson Bend Road Lenoir City, was charged with Failure

to Appear.

Ricky Powell, 40, Jackson Bend Road Lenoir City, was charged with Violation of Probation.

Eric Leach, 29, Rock Springs Road Lenoir City, was charged with Failure to Appear. Officer Jason Felts LCPD, served Leach with a FTA Warrant and transported to the Loudon Jail.

Jason Peeler, 36, Toomey Lane Madisonville, was charged with Failure to Appear, and Attachment. Deputy Alex Rymer LCSO, served Peeler with a FTA & Attachment Warrant at the

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