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## Three shootings impact county

### Law enforcement responds to separate incidences within a week

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Three shootings have occurred inside Loudon County within days from each other. The incidences occurred inside Lenoir City, Loudon and Philadelphia, with two of the three resulting in fatalities.

Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider called the shootings rare in such a short time period. "I just think some people are relying on the guns," Guider said. "They are I guess using the new permitless carry law, taking it a little bit too far maybe. I do feel that the caliber of people, the

integrity I guess of people, their moralities have just dropped considerably."

#### Man charged with murder

A Lenoir City man has been charged with first-degree murder after law

enforcement responded to a shooting Aug. 11 on Bell Avenue West. Don White, Lenoir City police chief, said officers responded to a call at 9:40 p.m. at 810 Bell Ave. Officers found Timothy Eugene Hansen, 48, in a bathroom along with a dead 47-year-old female. "Our officers arrived

on scene and they found Mr. Hansen in the residence with the victim," White said. "EMS came in and they did check her, and she had passed away from the single gunshot wound." According to a report from Lenoir City Police Inv. Jason Smith, the female was lying on the

bathroom floor with a fatal gunshot wound to the back of the head. "Mr. Hansen admitted he shot Ms. Garcia," according to the report. "Text messages on Ms. Garcia's phone show at 9:04 p.m. she received a message from Mr.

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## County reaches bargain on AFT

### Agrees to freeze funding level for at least four years

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A dispute over Adequate Facilities Tax funding for Lenoir City Schools has been settled following parties involved reaching an agreement. Loudon County Commission during a special called meeting Monday before its workshop voted 10-0 in favor of moving forward with a 12.5% contribution of AFT funding to Lenoir City Schools for at least the next four years. Commissioners Adam Waller and David Meers motioned and seconded, respectively. "I think what it does for Lenoir City and Loudon County is it gets us

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## Schools gear up for 'Battle'

### Food drive held through next week to assist Good Sam

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Although the Battle of the Bridge food drive is days away from finishing, local schools have gotten off to a good start in support of the annual Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County collection. Lenoir City and Loudon high schools started collections the first week of the school year. The winning school will be announced Aug. 27 before kick-off between both high schools, with all proceeds going to the nonprofit that supports families. "The BOTB is the largest food/fundraiser the Good Samaritan Center has each year," Cindy Black, Good Sam executive director, said in an email correspondence. "This year and last year it has definitely been a resource as it has been difficult for everyone in purchasing food items to donate and other limitations because of COVID protocol. We have experienced a consistent need from our clients for food, cleaning supplies and toiletries. Because of the BOTB and the resources we receive from this drive we have been able to meet the needs of this community. "... The BOTB is such a treasured tradition for the schools and the students," she added. "It is a time to challenge each community and each individual, a time for the high school football season to begin and a time to reflect on our neighbors who are struggling. Success is doing this event and doing it



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Loudon High School students Grace Linkous, left, and Deistany Kilby donate canned goods in teacher Jennifer Brewster's class.

well to serve others." Last year's drive was held to only monetary gifts due to COVID-19 concerns, but this time around will be similar to previous efforts with cash and canned donations. The 2020 drive brought in \$23,768.84. Loudon collected \$15,501.66, while Lenoir City took in \$8,267.18. "Anything that comes into Good Samaritan as food in cans,

produce or whatever it might be, does a lot of help for us," Evelyn Edwards, Good Sam pantry manager, said. "It saves our monies, that we can take those monies that we have that are donated to us and we can put those into our dental, our electricity, our pharmacy and all the other issues. That's why it's so important that the donations of cans and other items that we see. ... I have a feeling that this is

going to be a better, more exciting, more competition for our high school kids." That competition has spurred creativity to donate a larger amount. Lenoir City High School Principal Brandee Hoglund hopes for more raised than last year. To make that possible, school representatives are getting creative.

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Lenoir City Public Works Department workers Robert Roberts, left, and Butch Vincil make repairs on Crisp Road.

## Stormwater fee collecting big bucks

### But Lenoir City socking away only a small amount in reserves annually

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Four years after Lenoir City implemented a stormwater utility fee, only a small reserve exists for emergencies and special utility-related projects.

The fee was implemented July 1, 2017, and generated about \$493,000 in the first year. The city has since budgeted roughly \$550,000 annually.

For the 2020-21 fiscal year,

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