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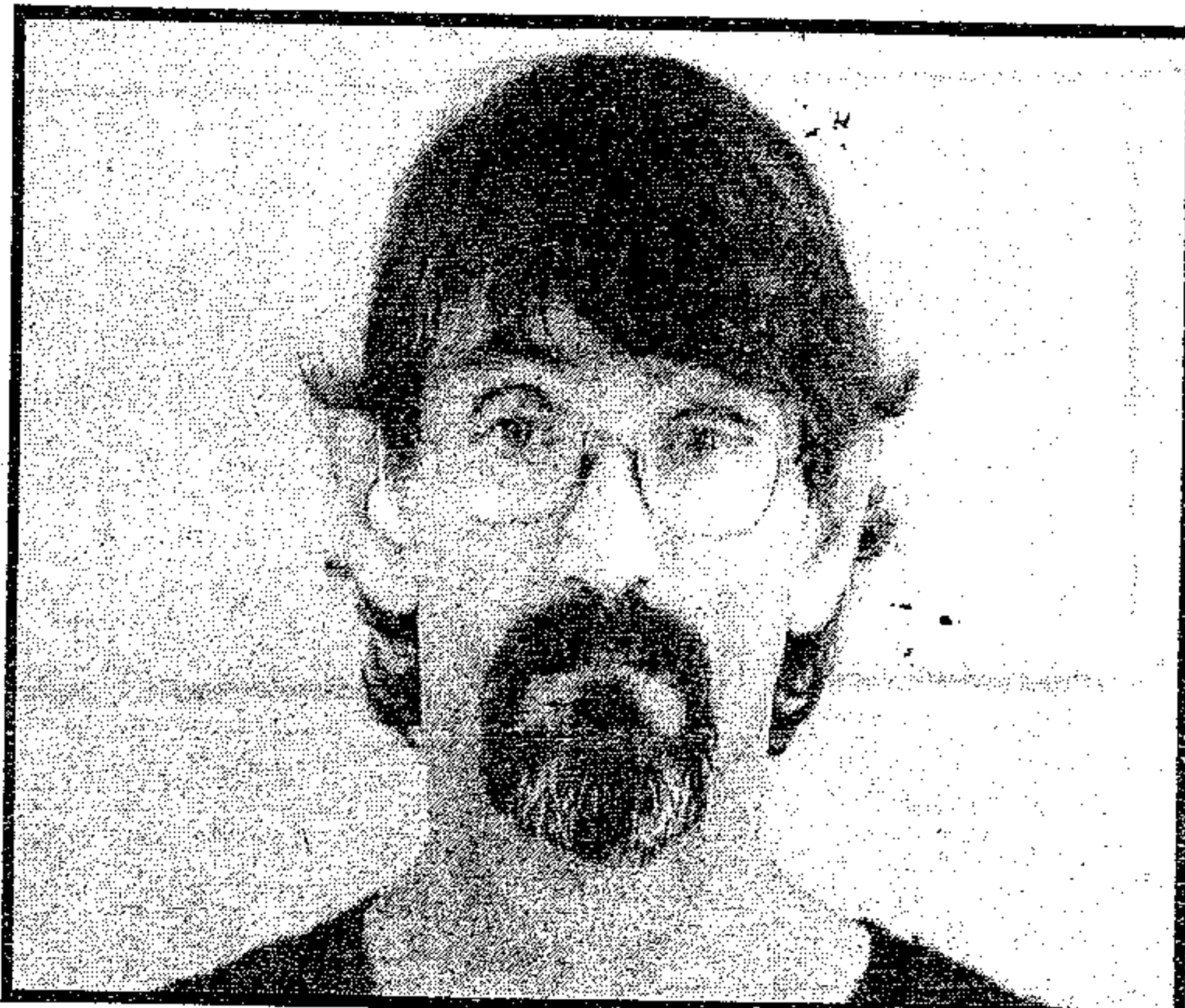
Man breaks into sibling's home, charged

A Loudon man was charged with burglary and theft following an investigation into the late August break-in of his sister's home where multiple items were taken.

William Neil 'Bill' Owens, 44, River Street, Loudon was charged with theft over \$500 and burglary.

According to affidavits filed by Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID; on August 25th, 2011, a Caldwell Road,

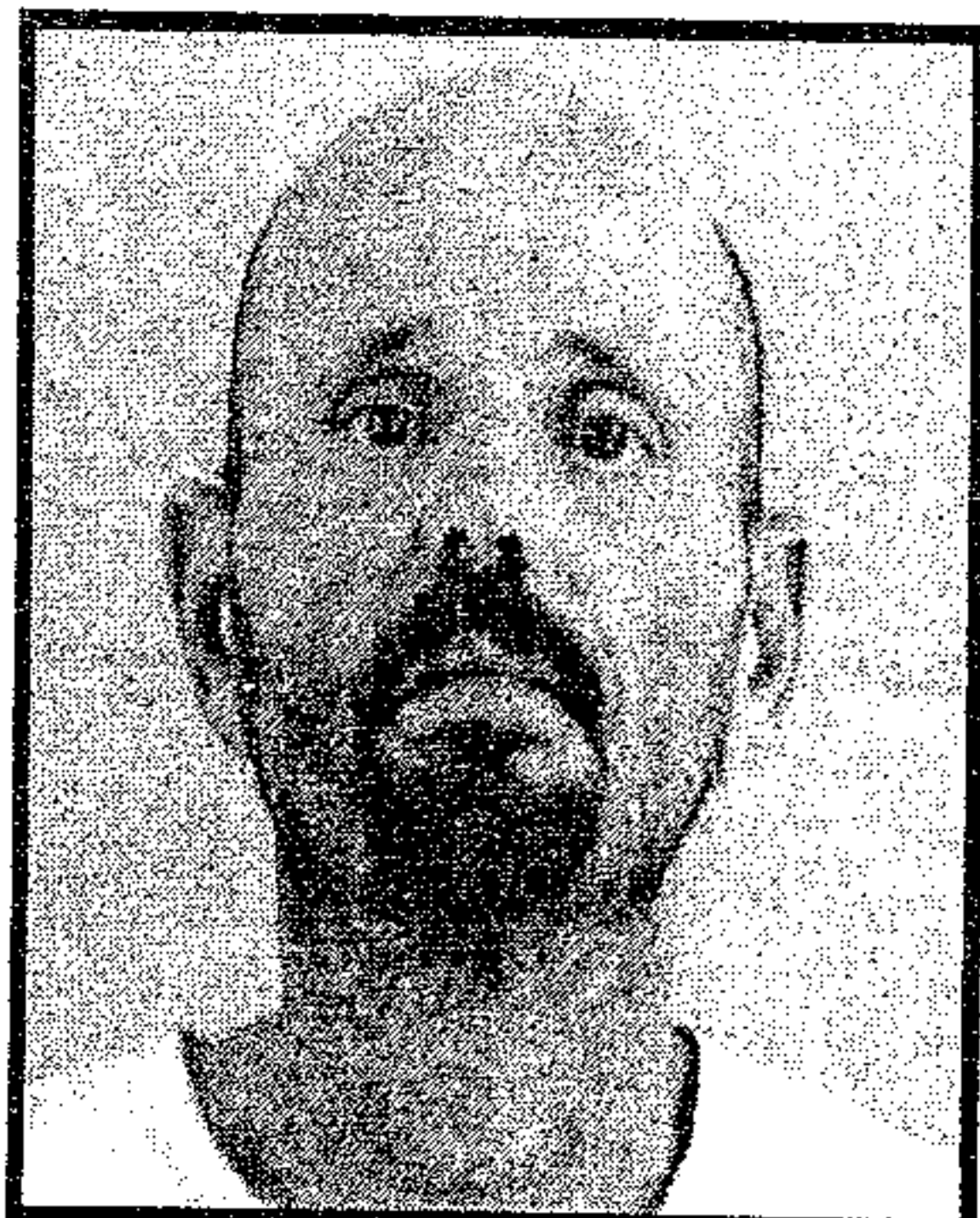
(see Sibling pg. 3) Owens



Dishonorable duo work together to shoplift

Two local men are accused of working in concert with each other to steal over \$146 worth of merchandise from Walmart by stuffing items down their pants, all while being watched by store personnel Wednesday.

(see Dishonorable pg. 6) Taylor



Curtis

Ag Commissioner Sets Statewide Beef Referendum

NASHVILLE — Tennessee Agriculture Commissioner Julius Johnson has authorized a statewide referendum for cattle producers to consider an increase in the assessment to fund the in-state promotion (see Referendum pg. 5)

Theft & forgery

A Loudon woman was charged with theft and forgery following an investigation into the larceny and passing of two checks, which reportedly gained her just a little over \$50.

Kelly Marie Gonzalez, 26, Ferry Street, Loudon was charged with two counts of theft and two counts

(see Gonzalez pg. 8) Gonzalez

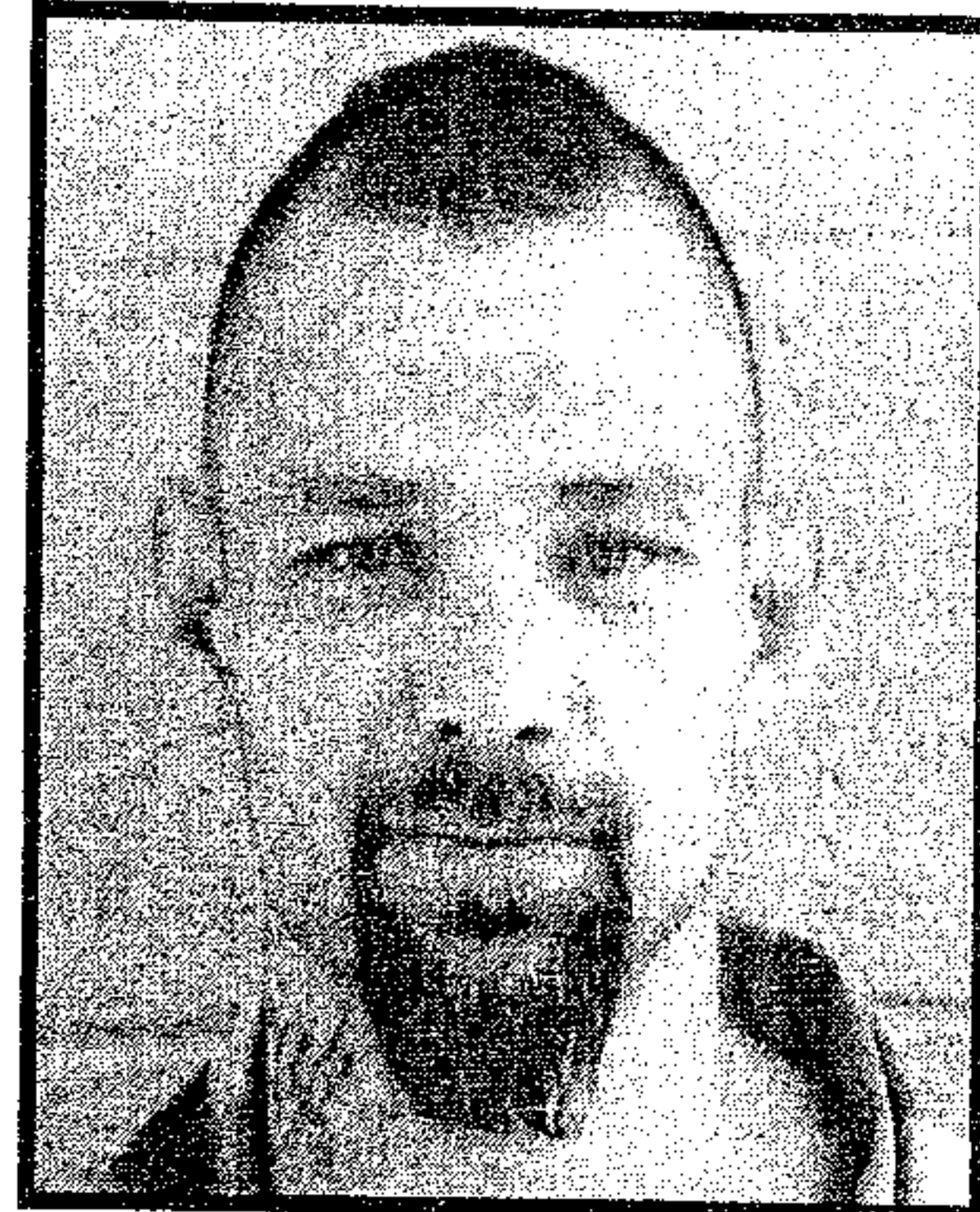


Man takes on heap of trouble for scarecrow

A Philadelphia man who was banned from Walmart properties a year ago was jailed after he went to the Lenoir City location and reportedly stole a scarecrow.

Michael Lee Goff, 34, Donaldson Road, Philadelphia was charged with theft

(see Goff pg. 4) Goff



The 3rd Elk Hunt is On!

NASHVILLE --- The third-ever managed elk hunt in Tennessee began yesterday, Oct. 17 and will continue through Friday, Oct. 21 as five (see Hunt pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

Jeremiah 10:10

Obituaries

Hobert B. Scott

Violet Hope Wiggins

Wazzup

Hope you're feeling better soon, Granny Greenlee - we love ya!

Weather

Today: A mix of clouds and sun

with the chance of an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 79. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%. Tonight: Showers and scattered thunderstorms. Low 49. Winds WNW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 60%. Wednesday: Chance of showers.

Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Horoscopes

Libra 9/23-10/22

Big groups can be fun, but for now your best bet is to stick with one-on-one business. A date, job interview or sit-down

(Continued on page 2)

Sibling

Loudon woman reported someone broke into her residence and took several items, which consisted of two necklaces, a woman's purse, Nike tennis shoes, perfumes and women's clothing.

Upon further investigation, it was found that the victim's brother had

been staying around the residence only when she was there.

The victim's brother, William Owens, Jr. advised Investigator Lt. Patrick Upton, LCSO-CID that he went into the residence by breaking a window and crawling in.

The victim did not give Mr. Owens per-

mission to enter the residence or to take any of the items, which were valued at \$550.

Deputy Mike Williams, LCSO served the warrants and made the arrest Wednesday at the Loudon Police Department.

Police Beat

Saigra Veronica Ramirez, 22, Tupelo Way, Louisville was charged with driving on suspended license, making an improper

turn and violation of the financial responsibility law.

According to reports, Wednesday, at approximately 6:10 AM, Officer Emily Lawson, LCPD was sitting behind a silver Honda Accord in the right turn lane of Highway 321 and Highway 11. The traffic control device is clearly marked "Right Turn on Green Arrow Only." After stopping at the red light, Ms. Ramirez proceeded to make the right turn

while the light was red.

Officer Lawson stopped the Honda on Broadway. Ms. Ramirez told the officer she didn't have a driver's license and gave her a valid Texas ID, Only card.

A check through NCIC/TCIC revealed Ms. Ramirez's license were suspended in Tennessee for failure to provide proof of financial responsibility for an incident earlier this year and the officer noted Ramirez still doesn't have insurance.

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Hobert B. Scott - age 88 of Lenoir City, passed away Sunday morning, October 16, 2011. He was a member of Bell Avenue Baptist Church and retired from Eastern State Hospital. Hobert was preceded in death by his children, Wayne and Carol Ann Scott, his parents and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Scott; step-children: Jimmy Seals and wife, Joanna of Illinois, Ann Petty and husband Donny of Chattanooga, Linda Wolfenbarger and husband, James, Faye Rice and husband, Mike all of Lenoir City, Betty Decker and husband, Jack of Cleveland, along with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. George Seay and Rev. David Petty will officiate.

Interment will follow in the Loudon County Memorial Gardens. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Violet Hope Wiggins - age 85 of Loudon passed away Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Ft. Loudoun Medical Center. She was the oldest active member of Hensley Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. Preceded in death by her husband, W. J. (Dub) Wiggins; parents, Albert Carl Williams Sr. and Martha Jane Latham Williams; brothers, Earl Williams and Albert C. Williams Jr. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Katie Wiggins, Ricky and Gail Wiggins; daughter, Kathy Wiggins of the home; sisters, Helen Dickerson of Murfreesboro and Kay Felty of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Wayne Wiggins, Tammy Veal, Crystal Williams and husband, Brandon; great grandchildren; Brook Veal, Logan Veal, Carly Williams and Kymbal Williams; several nieces and neph-

ews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Tony Brock and Brother Troy Chambers officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Tuesday morning and proceed to Lenoir City Cemetery for graveside services at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hensley Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, 1072 Foothills Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Click Funeral

Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Goff

under \$500 and criminal trespassing.

According to records, Michael Goff was seen in Walmart Saturday concealing a scarecrow Fall decoration.

On October 20th, 2010, Mr. Goff signed a notification of being banned from any Walmart.

Officer Chris Law, LCPD answered the call and made the arrest.

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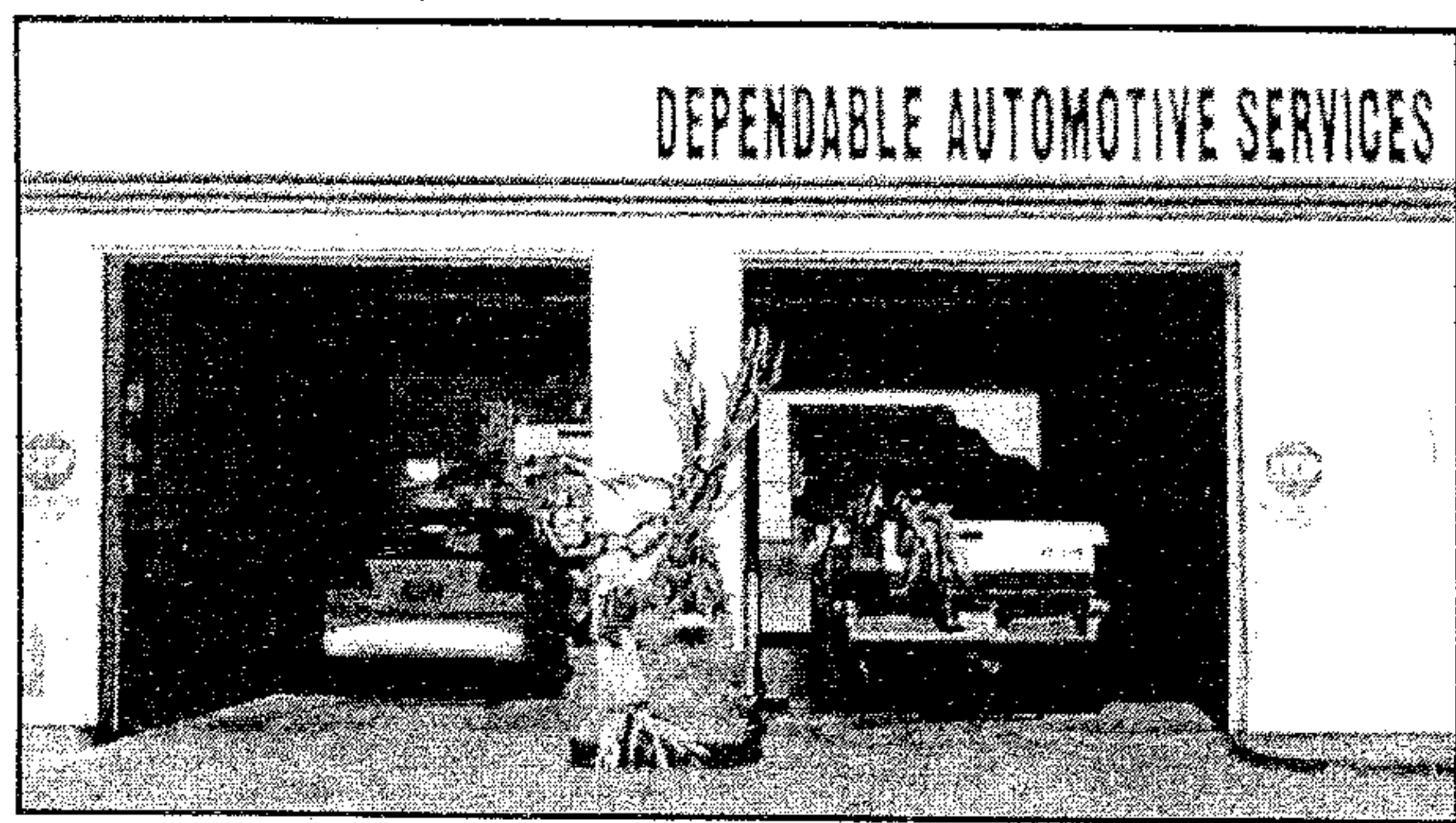
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Hunt

persons will be seeking a trophy at the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area.

Four persons, all Tennessee residents, were selected in a computer drawing from 6,840 applicants for this year's hunt. The participants drawn for this year's hunt are Richard R. Rutherford of Walland, Terrell S. Holt of Columbia, John Mark Alston of Knoxville, and Jody A. Moore of Loudon.

The fifth participant is LaVergne resident Arthur Moreland. He was the high bidder in online auction for the final permit. The final permit was donated to a Non-Governmental Organization, which this year was the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation. The TWRFF auctioned the final permit with proceeds from the auction going to the elk restoration program.

For the hunt, the North Cumberland WMA is being divided into five elk hunting zones, each about 8,000 acres. The division helps ensure the harvest is spread over the entire core of the elk zone. Each hunter will be assigned a zone through a random hand-held drawing.

All five participants harvested an elk in the inaugural hunt in 2009. Three of the participants had harvests in last year's hunt.

Studies have proven that the elk herd is seeing an annual growth rate of 13-15 percent. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has worked to make habitat improvements at North Cumberland WMA to aid the elk in adapting to their new home since the first arrival of 50 animals in December 2000, the first elk to be reported in Obion County in 1865.

Referendum

of beef. The action is in response to a request from the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, the state's largest cattle organization.

"Cattle and calves are our top agricultural commodity and account for more than \$500 million annually in farm income," Johnson said. "In these times of changing markets and consumer attitudes, I think it's important that cattle producers take time to reassess how their product is marketed and how to pay for it."

Under state law governing the Tennessee beef promo-

tion board, the commissioner of agriculture has authority to call a referendum within 60 days of receiving a request from a qualified producer organization.

Cattle producers will be able to vote Dec. 7 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Dec. 8 during normal business hours at the University of Tennessee Extension office of their residence.

To vote in the referendum, producers must:

- Be a resident of Tennessee
- Produce or market beef or dairy cattle
- Be at least 18 years old
- Sign a legal affidavit attesting to eligibility

Cattle producers will vote on an increase of 50 cents in the assessment charged per head of cattle sold to support in-state promotion and advertising of beef. The measure requires a majority vote. Currently, cattle producers pay \$1 per head to fund research, education, promotions and advertising to help build consumer demand for beef products nationally. The national beef program was authorized by a vote of cattle producers and implemented in 1985.

Tennessee ranks as one of the top beef producing states in the nation with nearly 2 million head of cattle. According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, cattle and calves generated \$545 million in Tennessee farm cash receipts in 2010. There are approximately 47,000 cattle producers in the state.

Police Beat

Cassandra D. Lane, 26, Vineyard Road, Blaine was charged with public intoxication and a warrant out of Grainger County.

According to reports, Tuesday, around 10:58 PM, Officer Emily Lawson, LCPD responded to the Shell station on Highway 321 to a call of a female wearing a purple sweatshirt and driving

a white Chevy Cavalier who appeared to be intoxicated. She had just left the Mobile On The Run gas station and pulled into the parking lot at the neighboring Shell station.

When the officer arrived at the Shell, she observed the Cavalier pulled broadways across 3 parking spaces in front of the business. The car was left running and the only patron in the business was a white female with a purple sweatshirt on standing at the register.

As Officer Lawson watched through the store window, she witnessed the woman reach up several times into the cigarette display and conceal packs of cigarettes on her person when the clerk had his back turned. The officer then entered the store and asked the woman what she was going to do with the cigarettes she had just taken off the rack. She lifted her shirt up, apologized, then removed three packs of cigarettes she had concealed in her pants.

The woman identified herself as Cassandra Lane.

Ms. Lane's speech reportedly was extremely thick-tongued and slurred. She did not have any identification on her and stated she drove from her home in Blaine to meet the father of her child in Lenoir City and the two had just checked into the Inn of Lenoir prior to her driving to the store for cigarettes.

A check through NCIC/TCIC revealed Lane's license were suspended for failure to satisfy a citation and Grainger County had a warrant for Ms. Lane's arrest. She was taken into custody.

An empty prescription bottle for generic suboxone prescribed to Ms. Lane's sister that had been filled on October 1st, 2011, was found in the console of Ms. Lane's car during an inventory for tow.

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Dishonorable

Ronald Jack Taylor, 38, Martel Road, Lenoir City and Ryan Seth Curtis, 34, Cedar Circle, Lenoir City were charged with theft under \$500.

According to records, Taylor and Curtis were seen in Walmart selecting multiple items throughout the store

on Wednesday. Taylor proceeded to the toy department and concealed all his items in the front and back of his pants, then passed all points of sale without purchasing the \$121.02 worth of merchandise.

Curtis concealed his items in the front of his pants and was apprehended outside in the parking lot. His items came to \$26.94.

Records indicate

Taylor and Curtis were working in concert with each other. Officer Jason Felts, LCSO responded to the scene and made the arrests.

Police Beat

Jonathan Paul Parks, 30, Rest Camp Road, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 1st offense.

The report states Wednesday, at approximately 10:06 PM, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD responded to a

wreck involving a motorcycle and a tree. The driver, Jonathan P. Parks, stated he was riding the bike and hit some gravel and when he hit the brakes the bike took off.

Mr. Parks had been thrown from the motorcycle and was asked several times if he was hurt, but he said no.

Parks had a strong odor of an intoxicant

about his person and said he'd drank one 24 oz. beer, three shots of tequila and had taken a muscle relaxer.

Parks did poorly on field sobriety, was read implied consent and agreed. He was transported to the Fort Loudoun ER for a BAC, then on to the Loudon County Jail. Sgt. Bill Evans, LPD was also on the scene.


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Gonzalez

of forgery.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Brian Jenkins, LPD; on September 11th, 2011, Ms. Gonzalez had possession of two checks drawn on the victim's

account at First National Bank. The checks were taken without the victim's knowledge or consent.

Gonzalez took the checks to Food City on Highway 72 in Loudon where she passed them,

One check was in the amount of \$26.08 and the other was for \$26.30.

The checks were passed without the victim's knowledge, consent, or authorization.

Officer Bennie Hous-

er, LPD made the arrest Friday on Ferry Street at Pecan Street.

Police Beat

Susan Marie Merchant, 40, Willington Manor, Loudon was charged with driving on revoked license.

According to records, Wednesday, around 8:58 AM, Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO responded to a motor vehicle accident on Highway 11 at the Loudon County Justice Center. On arrival, the deputy made contact with drivers involved in the accident, one of whom was Ms. Merchant.

Merchant stated she knew her license were revoked and she was on her way to court to deal with the issue. A check of her name, social security number and date of birth confirmed Ms. Merchant's drivers license were revoked and she was taken into custody.

Travis Blake Langley, 27, Coffey Circle, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Steve Frisbie, LCSO served the warrant Wednesday at the Loudon County Jail.



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