

LC man charged after using bat in assault

A Lenoir City man has been charged with aggravated assault by domestic violence after reportedly attacking the victim with a baseball bat. The victim reportedly had to use a bat to protect himself from the attacker.

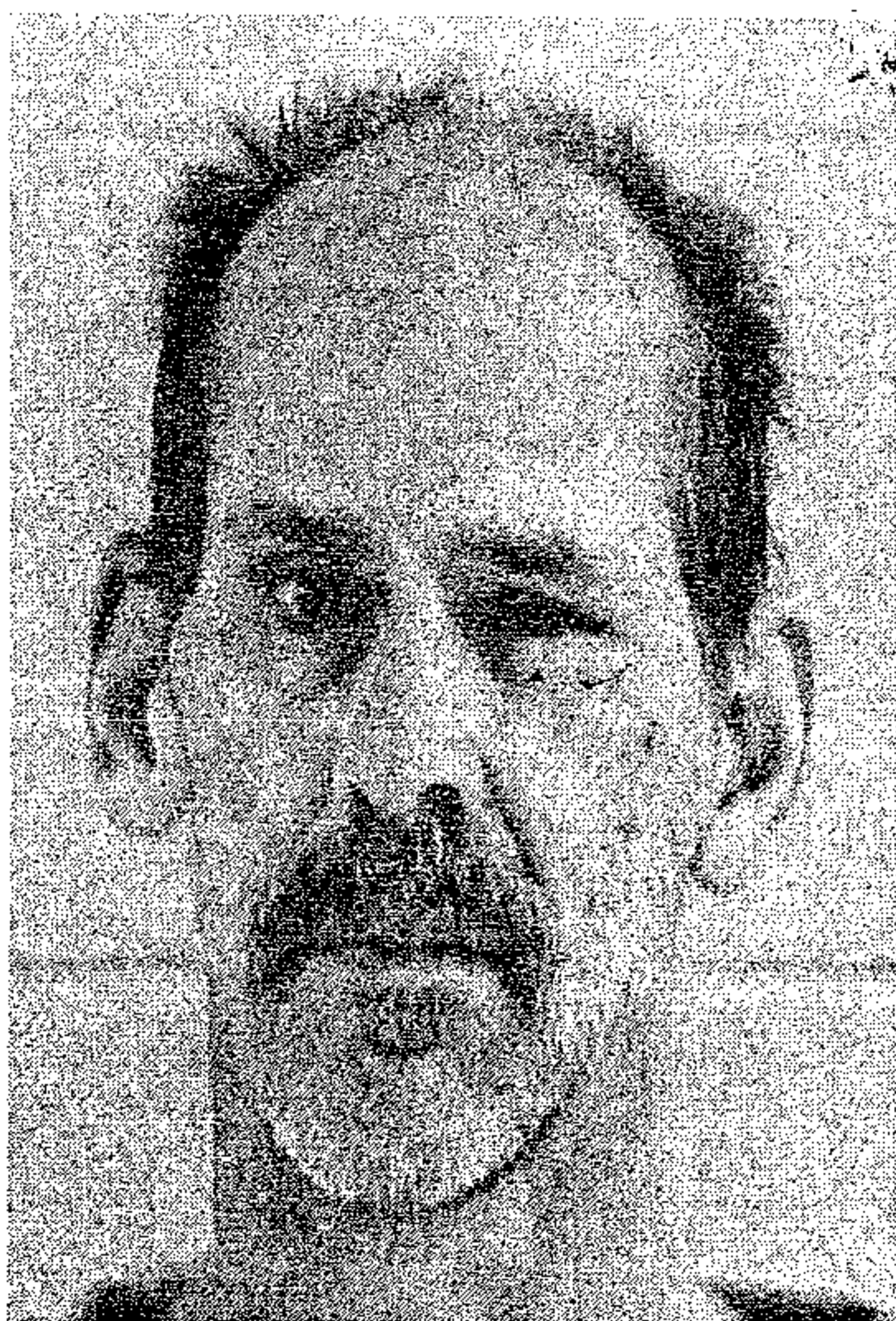
(see Assault pg. 3)

Jane Young Named General Counsel for Tennessee Department of Health

NASHVILLE — Jane Young has been appointed general counsel for the Tennessee Department of Health. As general counsel, she is responsible for oversight of all legal matters for the department. This includes supervision of a staff of 38 employees and legal work for more than 30 boards and numerous state public health programs. Young will also serve as ethics compliance officer for TDOH.

"Jane has a diverse legal background and a wealth of experience that will serve this department well," said Health Commissioner John Dreyzehner, MD, MPH. "I am pleased she is joining our team and

(see Jane Young pg. 4)



Harrassment call leads to drug charges for Ldn duo

Two Loudon residents received drug charges after Loudon Police officers responded to a harassment call and found the two in possession of several pills. The female even attempted to eat some of the pills prior to being charged.

(see Drugs pg. 5)



Man charged after nearly hitting deputy head on

A Madisonville man was charged with DUI after he

nearly struck a deputies patrol car when he exited a local bar in Tellico Village.

Danny Wayne McKee, 51, Boring Street, Madisonville was charged with DUI and violation of implied consent.

The report states Deputy Rondel M. Branam, LCSO observed a white Toyota Celica make a wide turn onto Mialaquo Road Saturday and noted it nearly struck his patrol unit head-on as he was sitting in the turn lane. Deputy Branam stopped the vehicle at Mayo

(see Charged pg. 6)

Alcohol and pills land 2 in jail

Sgt. Jerramie Bowen stopped a speeding vehicle on the interstate and found the two occupants to be on the inebriated side. The deputy also found the driver had taken some medication prior to drinking and driving. The passenger was in no condition to be left alone and was also charged.

Emily Lula Puckett, 29, Somerville Road, Decatur, Al, was charged with DUI 2nd offense and violation of implied consent.

Julio Guspar Ramirez, 25, Cardinal Drive, Decatur, Al, was charged with public intoxication.

According to reports, Sgt.

(see Jail pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:7 NLT

Obituaries

June C Bergin
Deborah Freeman Rogers

Wazzup

Happy Birthday, Misty Cook! Have a great day & we love ya!!

Get ready for a busy weekend: tomorrow is the last day

of the year to pick up your spay/neuter voucher, there's 6 "At Home Partys" all rolled into 1 happening Sunday for great gifts, and the clock is ticking on making your reservations for the upcoming home defense seminar next week at the Justice Center. All the info is inside today's paper!

Weather

Today: Mainly sunny. High 58F. Winds light and variable.
Tonight: Mainly clear early, then a few clouds later on. Low 33F. Winds light and variable.
Saturday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

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Assault

Richard Eugene Poffenberger, 48, Mealer Road, Lenoir City, was charged with aggravated assault by domestic violence.

According to records, Monday, around

7:47 pm, Deputy Brian Smith, LCSO, responded to Mealer Road on a reported fight with baseball bats.

On arrival, the deputy came in contact with Richard E. Poffenberger. Mr. Poffenberger stated he was

unsure what happened, then later, stated, while he was in his room, the victim came in the room and struck him in the head with a baseball bat for no reason.

The deputy noted in the report, Poffenberger had a strong odor of al-

cohol on his person.

The victim told the deputy his uncle had been drinking and became very upset and went in his room. The victim further stated when he went to check on Mr. Poffenberger, he came at him with a baseball bat.

The victim went on to say he ran into his room and got his baseball bat for protection and told Richard to stay in his room and calm down and when he checked to see if he went back

into his room, Richard started swinging his baseball bat at him, trying to hit the victim.

The victim reported he struck Mr. Poffenberger in the head while Poffenberger was trying to hit him.

Mr. Poffenberger's sister didn't witness the incident but did say Poffenberger made threats to the victim with the same bat in the past.

Mr. Poffenberger was taken to Fort Loudoun ER for his injuries, then transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Deputy Brian Smith, LCSO made the arrest.

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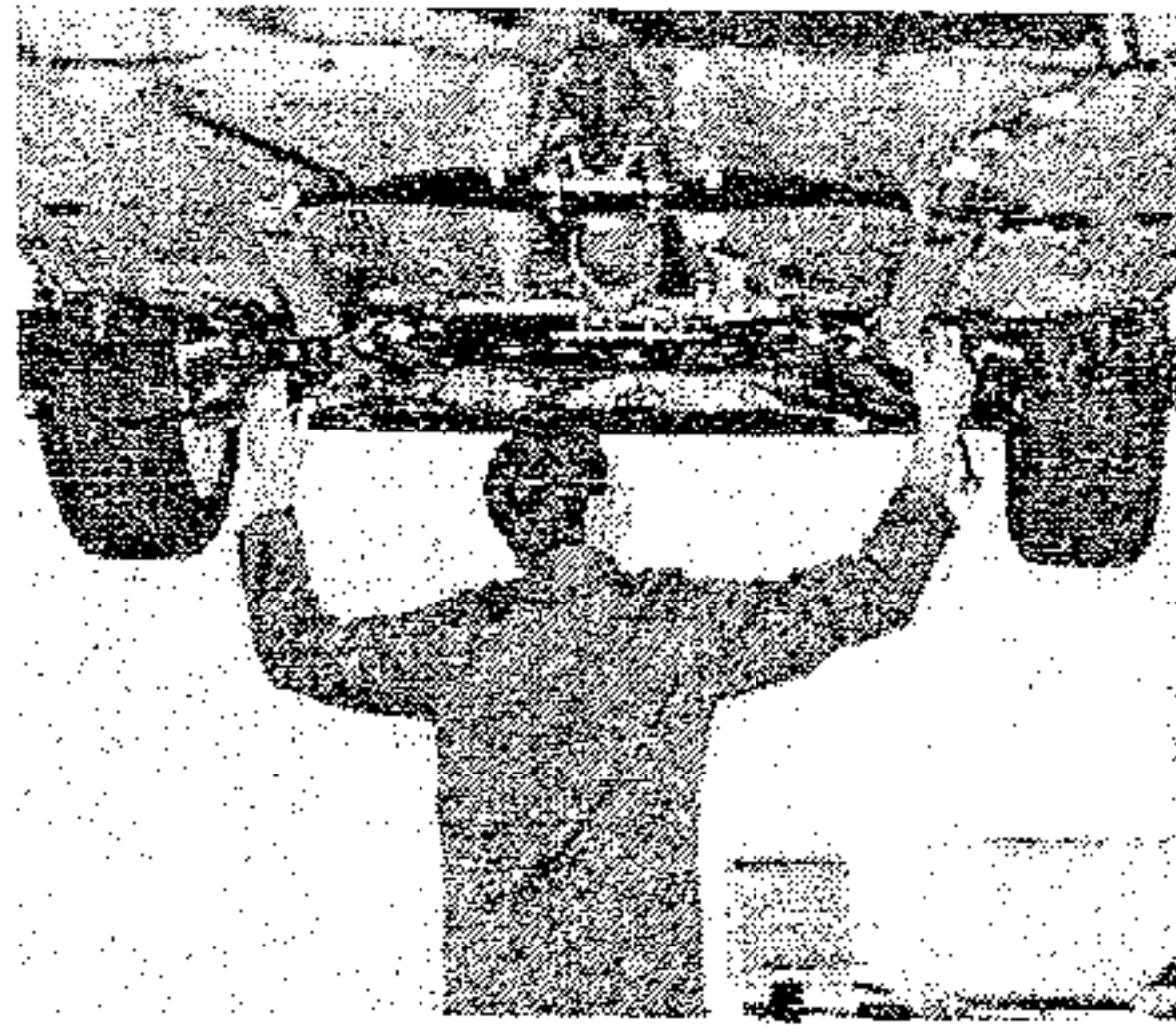
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Obituaries

June C Bergin, of Cleveland TN succumbed to illness on November 23rd and went home to be with her Lord. She age 74 and a resident of Prestige Assisted Living home in Loudon, TN for the past three years. She is survived by her children; Karen Harbak (husband Dave), of Monteagle, TN; Kelly Burris of Georgetown, TN; Kevin Bergin (wife Kelli) of Old Fort TN; one brother, Neal Killen (wife Susan), of Loudon TN; one sister, Melanie Blalock, of Denver, CO; 6 grandchildren: John Bergin, Lindsay Gates, Joseph Batson, Justin Burris, Rachel Burris and Corinne Burris; 2 great grandchildren, Aubrey Bergin and Adalyn Burris; and several

nieces and nephews. A celebration of her life will be held at the Monteagle Inn, Monteagle TN on Dec 10, 2011 from 11-1 CST.

Deborah Freeman Rogers, 54 of Vonore, passed away suddenly Tuesday, November 29, 2011. Daughter of the late Lewis and Iva Cooper Freeman. Survivors, husband, Dana "Doc" Rogers; daughter, Leatrice Rogers; brothers; Danny Freeman of Texas, Dale Freeman of Athens, Doug Freeman of Niota, Billy Freeman of Charleston. sisters; Dinna Millsaps, Donna Wood of Athens, Beverly True of Riceville. Funeral Services 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Loudon Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Rick Kirkland officiating. Interment 10:00 a.m. Friday, Simpson Cemetery.

Visitation: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Loudon Funeral Home. ww-wloudonfuneralhome.net.

Jane Young

look forward to her input as part of my executive staff."

Young has served as a staff attorney for the Tennessee Supreme Court and as senior counsel with the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, where she represented the State of Tennessee in state and federal courts in matters related to criminal appeals, employment, prison civil rights and education. She has served as a staff attorney with the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Young also has worked as an administrative law judge with

the Tennessee Board of Equalization, where she presided over and decided cases filed by property owners contesting appraisal value and classification of property, and as a law clerk to Judge Samuel L. Lewis, Tennessee Court of Appeals, where she researched and prepared draft opinions.

"I am honored to work with Commissioner Dreyzehner and the other professionals serving the citizens of Tennessee," said Young. "I look forward to working with the dedicated staff in the Office of General Counsel as we seek to provide quality legal services while maintaining the highest ethical standards."

Young received her Doctor of Jurispru-

dence degree from the University of Tennessee and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Samford University, where she graduated magna cum laude.

Young's community involvement has included work as a volunteer with Legal Aid of East Tennessee's pro bono program. She has served as a volunteer member of the Foster Care Review Board, and received the 2010 outstanding service award from this organization. She has also served as a member of the Ethics Review Committee of Life Care Center of Red Bank, and as an elder in the Second Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga.

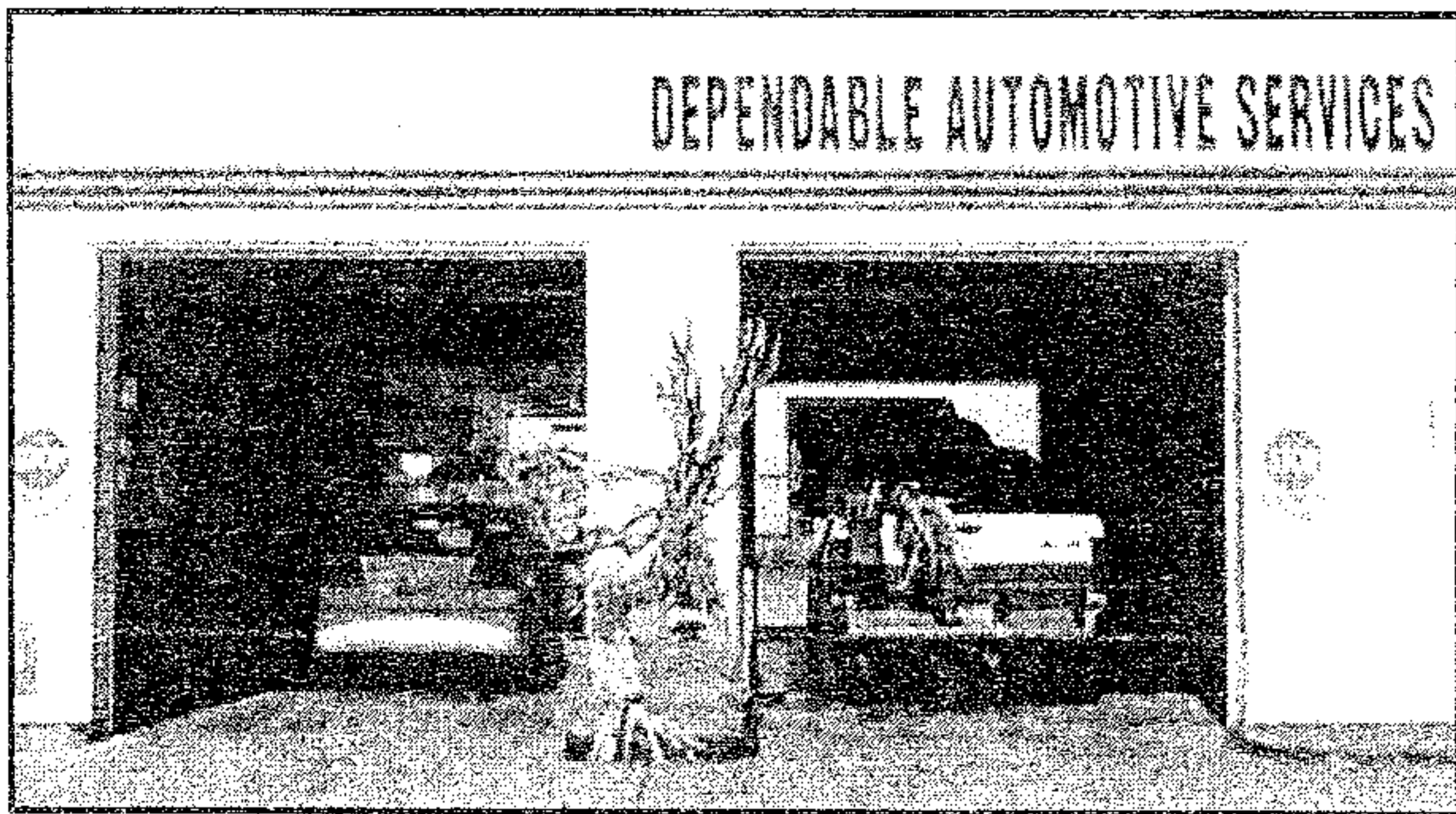
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Drugs

John Micheal Bartolin, 27, Poplar Street, Loudon, was charged with possession of schedule III and pos-

session of schedule IV. Denise Nicole Davis, 33, Grove Street, Loudon, was charged with possession of schedule III, posses-

sion of schedule IV x 2. According to affidavits, filed by Sgt. R.S Newman, LPD, on November 29th, 2011, Sgt.

Newman received a call of harassment on Grove Street in Loudon. The complainant advised, her neighbor came over to her house making threats. The sgt. attempted to talk with the neighbor however, the neighbor, identified as Denise Davis wasn't home. The complainant gave a description of the vehicle Mrs. Davis was in. The white Ford Taurus in question was located on Hackberry Street and was driven by John Bartolin. Officer Jamie Pistole, LPD, stopped the Taurus on Cedar Street. The vehicle was not properly registered and had an open title. Mr. Davis was driving without a license and had no proof of ownership of the vehicle. During a search of the car Sgt. Newman found a small plastic container containing 6 ambien and 1 and 1/2 hydrocodone pills between the seats, accessible to both Mr. Bartolin and Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Davis had a blue xanax in her front pocket. She also ate some xanax while at the scene and stated she only ate 2. The pair were arrested and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Police beat

Toby James Townson, 43, Marble Hill Road, Friendsville, was charged with driving on revoked and a capias out of Roane County.

According to reports, Corporal Michael Watkins, LCSO, observed a green Volkswagen with an expired tag, traveling on Pine Grove Providence Road Friday, and stopped it on Dutton Road. The corporal asked the driver for his license and he stated his license was revoked and handed the lawman a Tennessee ID Only that stated he was Toby James Townson. NCIC revealed his license was indeed revoked for DUI in 2001 and he also had a capias out of Roane County for driving on revoked license. Mr. Townson was taken into custody and also received citations for expired registration and financial responsibility.

Krystal Michelle Graham, 37, Creechwood, Sweetwater, was charged Friday, with violation of probation and failure to appear. Deputy Rondel M. Branam, LCSO, made the arrest at the Loudon County Jail.

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Charged

Road and identified the driver as Danny W. McKee.

The lawman reported Mr. McKee had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person, red watery eyes and he was very slow in his movements. When asked if he'd been drinking, McKee stated he'd drank two pitchers of beer at Tugboats Restaurant.

McKee performed poorly on field sobriety tasks, was read the implied consent advisement at the scene and refused to submit to a breath test. Mr. McKee was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Police beat

Fortino Cabanillas Salazar, 31, West Broadway, Lenoir City, was charged with do-

mestic assault.

According to reports, Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD, responded to a reported domestic assault Thursday, at a residence on West Broadway. The victim told the officer she and her husband, Fortino Salazar, were arguing and he became very angry and slammed the storm door on the front of their residence, causing the door glass to shatter. Then he punched

her at least three times in the mouth and forehead. Officer Condee noted in his report, he observed blood in and around her mouth and a small cut on the inside of her lip. The victim also had a swollen lump above her right eye. The victim's children, ages 1 and 2, were present at the time of the assault. Salazar was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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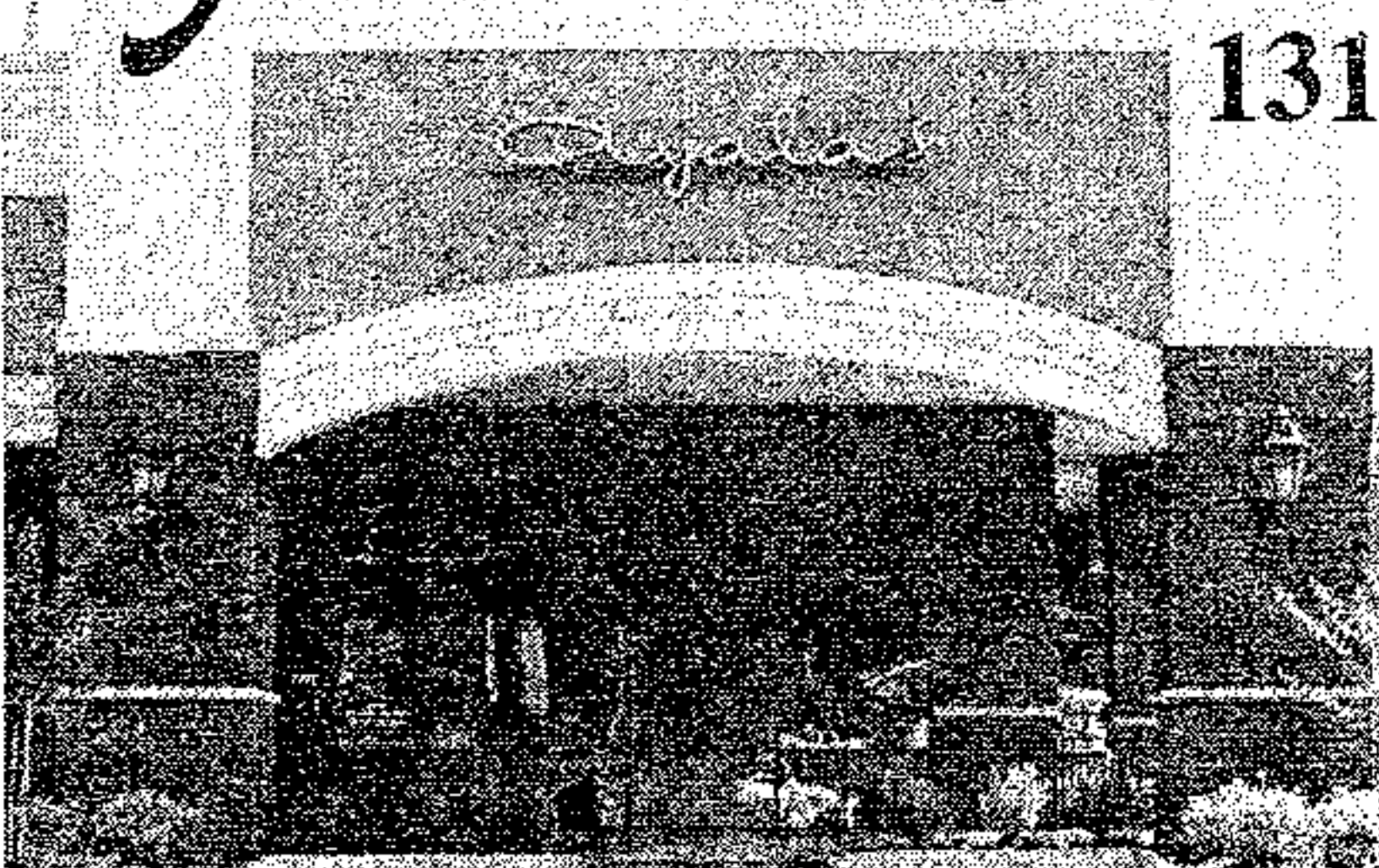
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Fugitive

Jerramie Bowen, LCSO, was running radar on Interstate 75 near Sugar Limb Road Sunday, around 3:32 am, when a blue Ford Taurus passed at 85 mph in a 65 mph zone on I-75 south.

The sgt. followed the vehicle across the river bridge, in the middle of the road, at approximately 100 mph and stopped it at the 72 exit.

There was a strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle and in plain view the lawman saw several 40 ounce Budweiser bottles in

the floor board.

The driver was identified as Ms. Emily Puckett. She performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and Sgt. Bowen could still smell a strong odor of alcohol when Ms. Puckett was outside of the vehicle. She stated she took her medication, xanax, earlier.

Puckett was unsteady on her feet and had bloodshot eyes. Her passenger, Julio Ramirez, had a strong odor of alcohol on his person, bloodshot eyes and was unsteady on his feet.

Ramirez performed poorly on field sobriety and was deemed a danger to himself and others if left in the public.

The two were placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail by Sgt. Bowen, LCSO.

DUI for LC man

Carl William Clabough, 44, Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI 1st offense.

The report states, Tuesday, around 9:32 pm, Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO, was setting at the Armory on Highway 95, when he witnessed a black

Chevy S-10 lock down the brakes and turn into the parking lot of Weigels on Highway 70. The vehicle immediately came back out of the lot and locked the brakes again, on leaving the store.

Deputy Brewer fell in behind the S-10 and ran the registration. It came back to a 1993 Camaro. The lawman stopped the pickup and identified the driver as Carl W. Clabough.

Mr. Clabough had an odor of an intoxicating beverage on his breath and person, bloodshot eyes and was avoiding the officer's questions on his driving. Clabough performed


poorly on field sobriety tasks and was read the implied consent law.

Clabough agreed to give blood for the purposes of blood alcohol content before being transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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