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Monday, March 28, 2011

Meth War continues 9th DTF nabs more meth makers

The methamphetamine war is continuing in Loudon County and is a major focus of all local law enforcement. The 9th DTF has had numerous reports of neighboring county residents coming to Loudon County make meth producing purchases.

During one investigation agents observed a male identified as Eddie Tucker of Englewood,

(see War pg. 3)



Ted Harold Kennedy Jr.



Eddie William Tucker

Davis stops drinking trucker

Assistant Chief James Davis II, LCSO observed a tractor and



Donations for GB Tornado victims

Donations will be accepted at the Greenback Self Storage (that has do-

(see Donations pg. 3)

Couple nabbed in Ldn passed out at pump

Officer Brendan DeBoer, LPD was advised that a vehicle was at the gas pumps at the BP on Hwy 72 in Loudon with 2 individu-

(see Couple pg. 6)



Marylynn and Shaun Elliott

Luckie Arthur Dotson trailer on I75 South. The truck was swerving

(see Luckie pg. 6)

The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoe



I'm writing this week's ar-

ticle just a few hours after a powerful tornado did tremendous damage

in the Greenback area. I am sure there will be lots of photos and media coverage of this event but I wanted to share what I was thinking while seeing the

(see The Good News pg. 4)

TDOC Extends Sentence Credits

NASHVILLE - A twelve-week course that move to reduce recidivism and enhance public safety in Tennessee will begin in state prisons next month. A

offers certain offenders, who are already within 24 months of being released, the opportunity to earn 60-day sentence

(see Credits pg. 5)

TWRC Amends Norris Lake Smallmouth Fishing Regulations

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission voted to amend regulations in regard to small-

mouth bass fishing on Norris Lake during its March meeting.

Bobby Wilson, Tennessee Wildlife Re-

(see Regulations pg. 7)

Soup's On 2011

A huge "thank you" from Kids First Child Advocacy Center's staff, Board of Directors

and volunteers for your support of our 6th Annual Soup's On fundraiser!

(see Thank You pg. 8)

Verse of the Day

Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure

cities, Pithom and Raamses.

Exodus 1:11

Obituaries

Frank D. Claxton, Jr.

Carolyn Redmond Fagg

Wazzup

To the drivers of the

burgundy Blazer type SUV and the black Nissan-type boxy SUV who passed us on a double yellow line on Martel Road Friday morning: there were about 4 cars oncoming & you had no

right to endanger any of us like you did! Both of you are the part of the reason Tennesseans apparently need a drivers test once a year! The person you kill might not be yourself -keep

that in mind, please...

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s. Tonight: Lows in the upper 30s.

Tuesday: Partly (see More pg. 2)

War

purchase a pseudo ephedrine based product from a local pharmacy. Agents observed Mr. Tucker as well as four other individuals he was traveling with acting suspiciously traveling to different parts of Food City parking lot. Agents observed the vehicle and noticed the driver appeared lethargic and confused and had a tough time keeping his head up. It was believed the he may be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Agents made contact with the individuals in the vehicle and identified the driver as Ted Kennedy Jr. In speaking with Mr. Kennedy he could barely keep his eyes open, had slurred speech and when asked to exit the vehicle was very unsteady on his feet. A check of his license showed them to be revoked and he was also found to have 2 outstanding arrest warrants out of Monroe County.

While dealing with the driver the passengers in the back seat of the van made furtive movements into an area of the van that could not be seen by agents and for the safety of the officers present, the occupants were asked to exit the vehicle and searched for weapons.

During a search of the van numerous items were found that a commonly used to man-

ufacture methamphetamine to include: pseudo ephedrine, anti-freeze, lithium batteries and coffee filters. Coffee filters were even found in the wallet of Mr. Kennedy Jr. Mr. Kennedy Jr was also found to have a substantial history of pseudo ephedrine purchases and has exceeded his monthly limit on numerous occasions and was found to have even purchased pseudo from different pharmacies the same day. Kennedy performed poorly on sobriety tasks and refused a BAC test.

Ted Harold Kennedy Jr., 42 of Montwood Drive, Knoxville, was charged with promoting the manufacture of methamphetamine, DUI 2nd offense, driving on revoked violation of implied consent and 2 warrants from Monroe



Amanda Leann Crowder

County.

The front passenger, Amanda Leann Crowder told agents she had numerous types of drug paraphernalia to include cut straws, rolled up currency, razor blades, a mirror with a white powdery substance on it and a pipe used to smoke marijuana. Ms. Crowder further advised agents she used meth in the last two days and some of the paraphernalia found was used to do so.

Amanda Leann Crowder, 26, of Hwy 411 North, Madisonville, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Another passenger, Eddie William Tucker, 53, of Maple St. Englewood, was charged with promoting the manufacture of methamphetamine. It was discovered that Mr.



Marvin Dwight Martin

Tucker had made purchases for Mr. Kennedy Jr on several occasions and has purchased above his legal limit of pseudo products as well and on some occasions purchasing several times a day from different pharmacies.

Marvin Dwight Martin, 54, of Pond St. Englewood, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. According to the report, Martin was found to have a hypodermic needle in his front pocket and appeared to be under the influence of a narcotic. Officers with the 9th DTF Brendan DeBoer, Jeff Vittatoe and Brad Parks made the arrests.

Donations

nated space), next to the Corner Market on Highway 411 at the intersection of Highway 95, for victims of the tornado. They are accepting household goods and clothing of all sizes on Monday March 28th from 10 AM – 2 PM. They can pick items up in a limited area. If the times are not convenient for deliveries, someone may be able to open the storage building. They were told by the Red Cross that housing has been donated for some of the victims, but there are still several families living in shelters. Even though housing has been donated, furnishings, clothing, and other supplies are still needed.

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The Good News

damage first hand.

My partner and I were assigned by the command center (operated efficiently by Greenback Fire, Sheriff Guider and EMA) to go with some Greenback Firefighters to conduct door to door welfare checks in an effected area and tag each residence as being checked and the occupants safe. While we were not in the hardest hit area, there were plenty of eye opening sights that would get anyone to thinking.

I saw trees that I couldn't put my arms around pulled up by the roots and tossed aside. I saw trees lying on houses, across driveways, broken to pieces in lawns. I saw metal roofing and insulation wrapped in power lines, vehicles with broken windows, buildings completely destroyed. I saw numerous power lines down bringing Hwy 411 to a halt, a boat upside down in someone's yard that had been tossed from I don't know where. In five short minutes, THINGS CHANGED! And I was not in the heart of it.

I was told of a camper being turned over with cars thrown on top of it while a man was inside who survived. I was told of complete subdivisions in Blount County where homes were just devastated. My son has a friend who lives behind Brickmill Mkt. whose home was destroyed.

With all of this damage and destruction at night with most folks in bed, doesn't it make you wonder why there is not a huge death toll? This may change by the time this article is printed but as of this morn-

ing I have not been told of any loss of life. I spoke to a family last night who were awoken, jumped into their bathtub, and described the sound of the tornado coming by their single wide mobile home and tossing trees into the front lawn just mere feet from the front door. That home could have been tossed onto Highway 411 with them in it, but it wasn't.

If you're wondering where the GOOD NEWS is in this story, well here it comes!

Mathew 8:23-27 (NKJ) Now when He (Jesus) got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with waves. But He (Jesus) was asleep. Then the disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord save us! We are perishing!"

But He said unto them, "Why are you fearful, oh you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled saying, "Who can this be that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

WOW! The same Jesus who calmed the winds and sea on that day still lives and is still in control of the winds, the sea, tornadoes and every breath we take. Sure we would like to live without tornadoes but we're not God; we don't know what His plan is or how He will use this for His glory. I can tell you this; He could have sent a tornado that killed thousands, wiped out Loudon and Blount County or sent a rain for forty days and forty nights like he did once before killing every living thing on the face of the earth except for those who listened and got into the ark.

Folks we serve a risen Savior that has control over all things. We are here for a short time but eternity is forever. What if we all took a moment to understand how BIG our God really is? If we did we wouldn't worry so much about how much money we make, how many toys we have or where our next vacation is going to be. We might find ourselves in awe just knowing how insignificant our lives are on this earth if we aren't serving Jesus Christ. Think about it.

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Frank D. Claxton, Jr., 53 of Loudon, passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2011. Member of First Baptist Church, Lenoir City. Preceded in death by father, Frank Claxton, Sr.; sister, Janet Thornton. Survivors: wife of 21 years, Mary Helen Woods Claxton; daughters, Ashley & Chely Claxton, Andrea Tallent & husband, Kevin; son, Scott McAmis, Loudon; two grandchildren, Beth Ann Tallent & Jaiden Dixon; mother & step father, Carol & Charles Cook, Union, KY; sisters, Debbie Honaker, Dayton, KY & Tammy Claxton, Union, KY; special brothers in law & fishing buddies, George Woods & wife, Linda, Earl Hendrickson & wife, Deloris, Greenback; brother in law, Jim Woods & wife, Nora,

Loudon; sister in law, Fran Bright & husband, Lynn, Greenback; nieces & nephews, Funeral services 1 p.m. Saturday Loudon Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Randy Lemings officiating. Family & friends will meet 2:30 p.m. Saturday Piney Grove Cemetery for interment services. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Foothills Credit Union, 956 Mulberry St., Loudon, TN 37774. Visitation 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday prior to services at Loudon Funeral Home.

Carolyn Redmond Fagg - age 38 of Lenoir City passed away Wednesday morning, March 23, 2011. She was a member of Freedom House of Worship and a former employee of the Inn of Lenoir. Carolyn was preceded in death by her father, James Edward Red-

mond. She is survived by her children, Chelsey, Colby and Destiny; her mother Edna Sue Thomas Lee; her brother, Donnie Redmond and his sons, Seth and Bradley Redmond, with all of whom she made her home; grandparents, B.H. and Edna Thomas, and Katherine Jenkins; special friends, Robin Brummitt, India Wolever and Daphne Webb along with many aunts, uncles and cousins. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tommy Russell officiating. Burial will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. The family ask that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to help

with expenses. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Credits

credits will be implemented on April 4. The move will allow low-risk, mostly non-violent offenders to complete courses in victim impact, job training and conflict management while earning a one-time 60-day sentence reduction credit.

"This is not early release and it is not a program aimed at reducing overcrowding in the prison system. It is aimed at better preparing offenders to go home," said Commissioner Derrick Schofield.

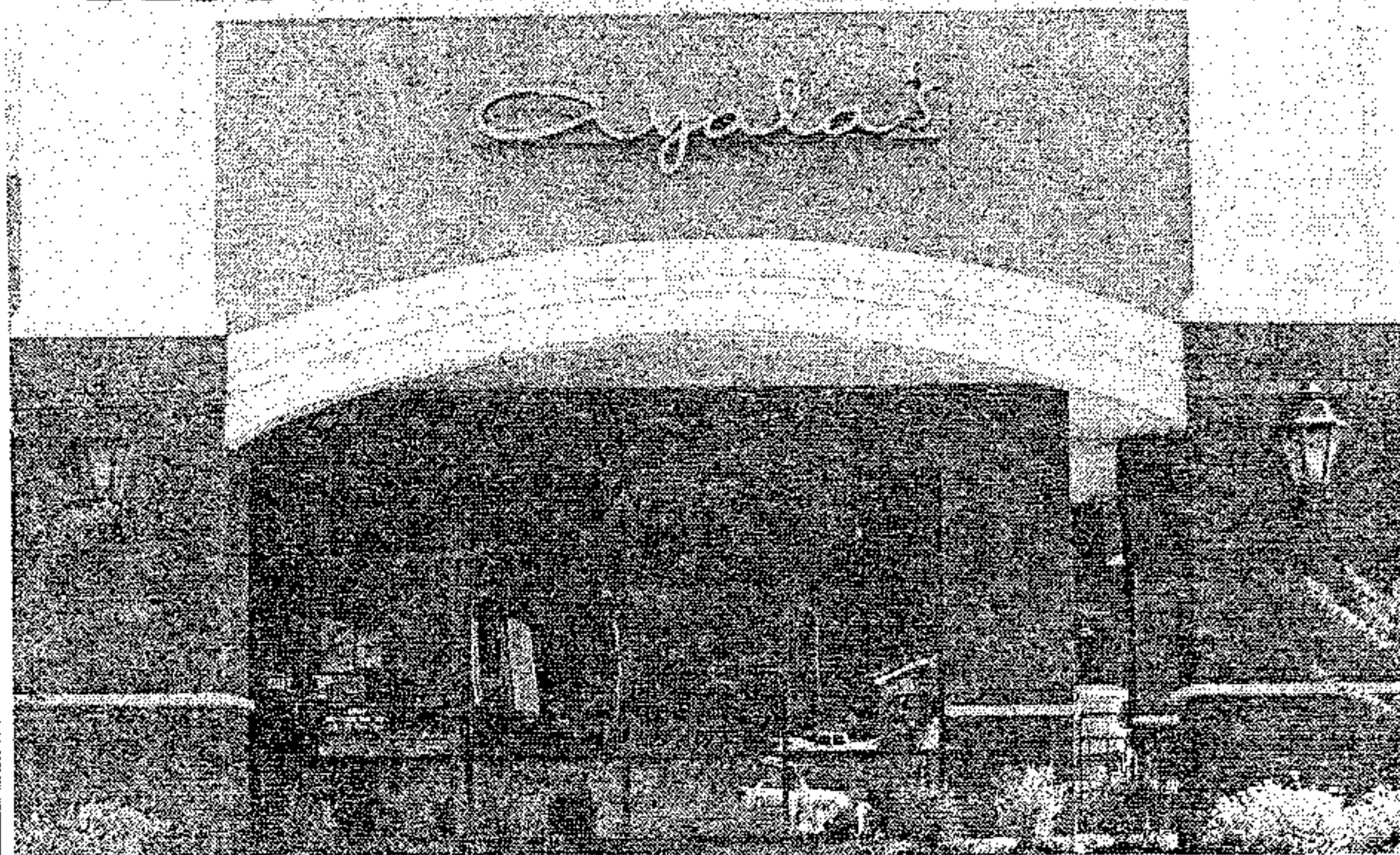
An offender who is eligible for parole consideration in June

2012, for example, could become eligible for a parole hearing in April 2012 after successful completion of the program.

Most sex offenses including rape, rape of a child, aggravated sexual battery and most violent offenses including murder offenses, aggravated child abuse, especially aggravated robbery and aggravated arson are not eligible for the program.

A savings of \$5.7 million will be achieved by 2,200 offenders successfully completing the program. According to a study by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, completion of programs like this can reduce recidivism by 12.6%.

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Luckie

in an erratic manner and had switched lanes unsafely and traveled in the middle of the interstate. The operator was unable to maintain a lane and upon the traffic stop the driver was identified as Luckie Arthur Dotson. Mr. Dotson possessed a CDL licensed from Alabama and after a check was found to be suspended for failure to appear in Louisiana. A Luckie exited the vehicle Chief Davis observed him to be unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech and swayed or staggered as he walked and smelled of an alcoholic beverage. Luckie performed poorly on sobriety tasks and refused testing at the hospital. Upon inventory of the vehicle the Chief discovered a 32-ounce cup containing beer. While

being booked in at the jail Luckie reportedly admitted to ingesting Lorcet prior to being pulled over.

Luckie Arthur Dotson, 61, of Chishulm Road, Florence, AL, was charged with driving on suspended, DUI commercial vehicle and violation of implied consent. Assistant Chief James Davis II, LCSO made the arrest.

Couple

als that were passed out in the front seats. When the officer arrived he observed a green Chevy Astro van parked at the gas pumps. The driver of the van identified as Marylynn Elliott, was slumped over the steering wheel drooling on her leg. The keys were in the ignition and the vehicle was running. The passenger identified as Shaun Elliott, was passed out in the

passenger seat and it took some time to wake him. After waking Ms. Elliott she appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and/or some sort of narcotic and was asked to perform sobriety tasks, which she performed poorly on.

Mr. Elliott had in his lap 2 yellow pills identified as Xanax and a pill crusher containing eight round pills identified as Oxycodone. Also in Mr. Elliott's lap was a

rolled up ten dollar bill with white residue inside which is commonly used in that form to ingest crushed up pills. During the investigation with the Elliott's it was determined they were coming from a Florida pain clinic and found in the vehicle were numerous prescription pill bottles, obtained in Florida, containing narcotics with significant amounts missing from each bottle. Ms. Elliott


submitted to a BAC test at the Loudon ER. None of the prescriptions were for Mr. Elliott.

Marylynn C. Elliott, 21, of Collon Ct. Columbus, OH was charged with DUI.

Shaun M. Elliott 26, of Collon Ct., Columbus, OH was charged with possession of schedule II and possession of schedule IV. Officer Brendan DeBoer, LPD made the arrest.

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Regulations

sources Agency Fisheries Division chief, recently attended a Norris Lake Fisheries Advisory Committee (NLFAC) meeting. The NLFAC is a community-based group of advisors to the TWRC on fishery management. The TWRA acts as advisors to the committee.

The NLFAC made the recommendation which was approved by the TWRC to imple-

ment an 18-inch minimum length limit on smallmouth bass with a creel limit of five from Oct. 16-May 31. From June 1-Oct. 15, there will be a 20-inch minimum length limit with a creel limit of one.

The change replaces the 17-22 inch slot limit which allowed one fish under 17 inches and one over 22 inches that was implemented on March 1, 2010. The amended proclamation will go into effect in late April and will be re-evaluated in 2015.

"We are pleased with the NLFAC's recommendation," said Wilson. "Although not as restrictive as the 17-22 inch slot limit, the new regulation should produce a high quality smallmouth bass fishery at Norris Lake. The warmer water regulation (June 1-Oct. 15, 20-inch length limit) was proposed by the tournament anglers on the committee to offset the high mortalities of smallmouth bass incurred during summertime bass tournament weigh-ins."

In other business at the meeting held

at TWRA's Region II Ray Bell Building, the commission voted to approve a budget expansion of more than \$1.1 million as a part of the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) program. Ed Poolos, Coordinator CVA-Boating Infrastructure of the Boating Division, addressed the commission during the committee meeting segment.

TWRA Engineering Division Chief Dwight Hensley provided an update on the agency's continued progress on repairs to agency properties as a result of last year's May flood. The damages occurred in the western and middle portions of the state.

Two more budget expansions were also approved. A \$17,800 expansion will go toward the Morris Ferry Fishing Pier in Middle Tennessee. A \$9,000 expansion will go to elk habitat restoration as a result of proceeds from last year's bid for a permit to participate in the state's second elk hunt.

The TWRC will hold its next meeting April 14-15 at the TWRA Region II Ray Bell Office Building in Nashville.



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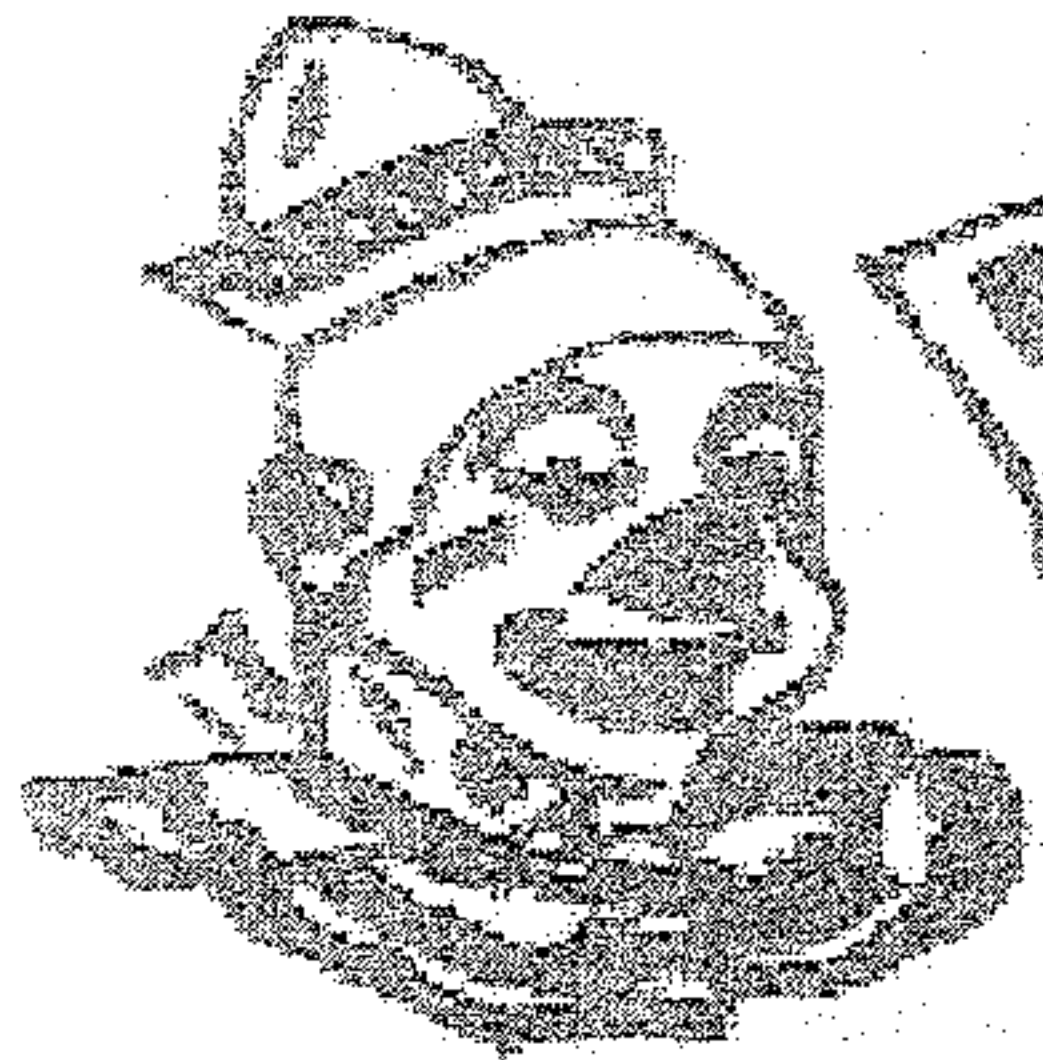
Shane Y. Matlock, 29, Beals Chapel Road, Lenoir City was charged with driving on suspended.

According to records, early Monday morning, around 12 :52 AM, Deputy James R. Bowman, LCSO stopped a black Dodge Dakota for a non working tail light on Interstate 75 south at Highway 321.

A check of Mr. Matlock's information through NCIC showed his license was suspended.

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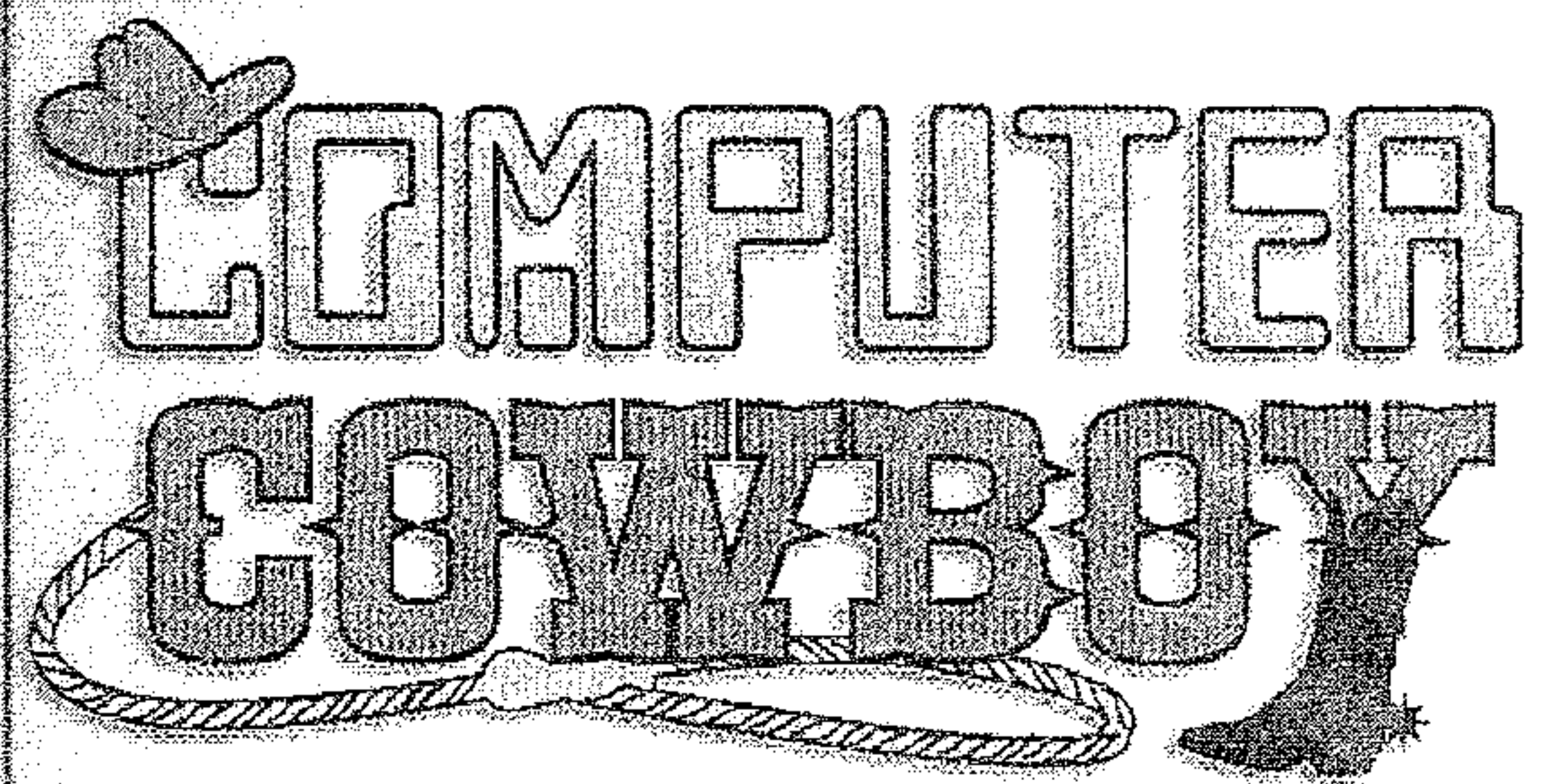
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