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Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Knox woman charged with LC break-in

Detective Jack Fine charged a Knoxville woman with aggravated burglary following an investigation into the burglary of a Lenoir City woman's home where she allegedly took nearly \$2500 worth of property in mid-March.

Hope Michelle Humphrey, 35, Dutchtown Road, Knoxville was charged with ag-

(see Humphrey pg. 3)



Humphrey

2 for 1 special: shoplifter, meth head nabbed at drugstore

When employees at a Lenoir City pharmacy noticed a group of people acting suspiciously in the store and called police, responding officers bagged a shoplifter and a meth head needle user during a subsequent investigation.

Amy R. Finchum, 29, Cannon Avenue, Sweetwater was charged Friday with theft under \$500.

(see Finchum pg. 8)



Finchum

Burglar hits Philly home

A Philadelphia woman told sheriff's officials she returned home from a short outing Wednesday to find someone had broken into her residence and had stolen nearly \$7000 in

(see Burglary pg. 7)

Hydros & a beer before driving proves to be bad idea for LC man

A Lenoir City man reportedly told troopers he'd had only one beer, but had been taking hydrocodone every four hours when he was interviewed at the hospital following a one

(see West pg. 8)

Pulling the old switcheroo doesn't work for Ten Mile woman

A Ten Mile woman learned that switching price tags on merchandise doesn't always save money at Walmart when she allegedly tried to gain an illegal discount on clothing items and tried to steal other items right out from under the cashier's nose Wednesday.

Christal Dawn Fink, 34, Valley View Lane, Ten Mile was charged Wednesday with

(see Fink pg. 6)



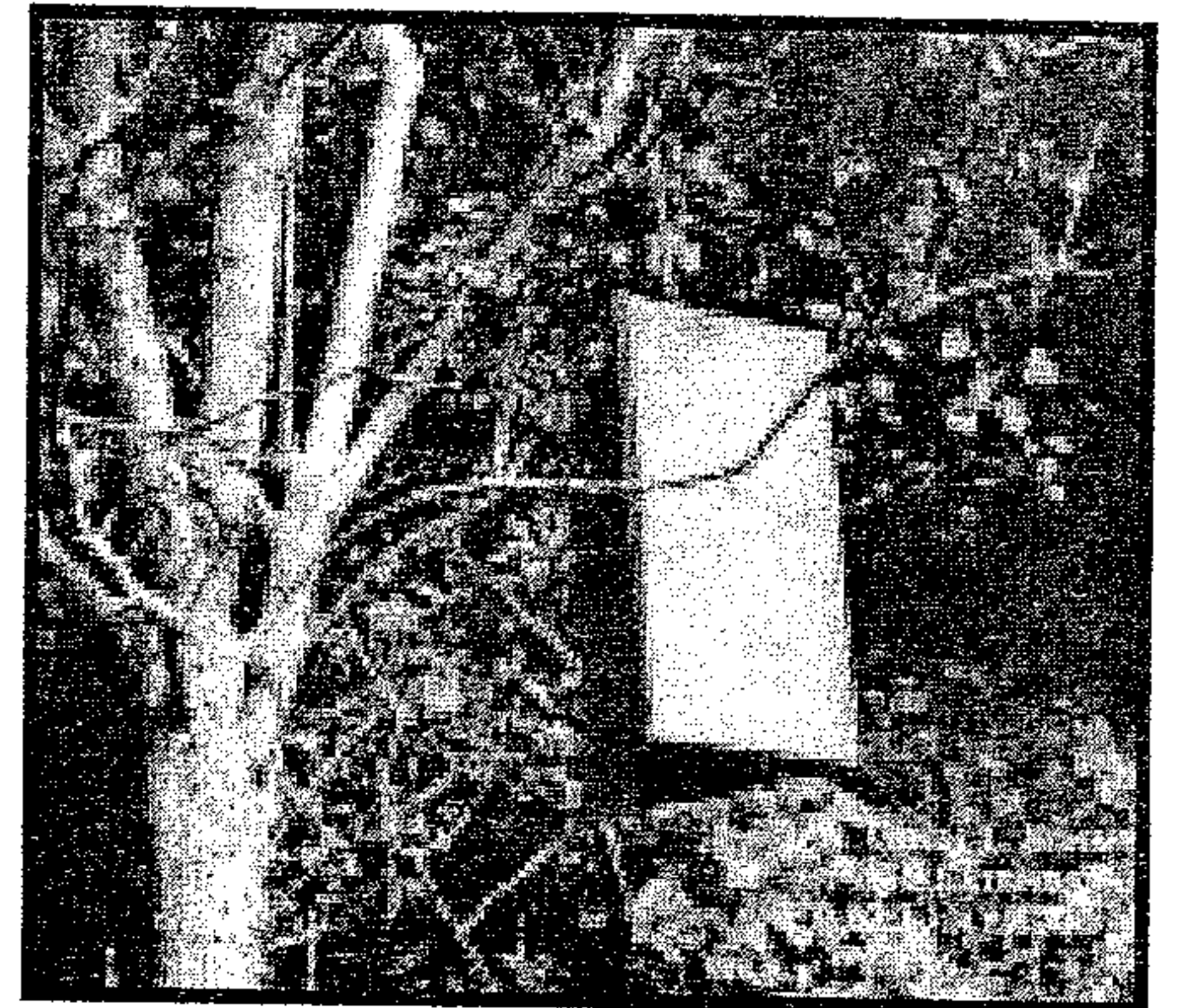
Fink

Trapping Gets Underway for Tree Pest in East Tennessee

KNOXVILLE – Purple three-sided traps that resemble a box kite can be seen in ash trees in Knox, Loudon and surrounding counties in the next few months as part of a surveillance program by state and federal agencies.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspec-

(see Traps pg. 6)



Emerald Ash Borer Trap

Verse of the Day

"...Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have

not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

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Obituaries

Donna Sue Cates
Lois Ryans McKelvey
Mary Elizabeth Andrew

Arnette Jean Hintz

Wazzup

Sorry guys: you might've been going for James Dean Cool but you came off as just a couple of uneducated, red-headed rednecks parked in the

no parking zone on your white crotch rocket, creating a bad traffic hazard at Weigel's on Highway 321 Monday night. Game over-try again...

Weather

Today: Mainly sunny.

High 72. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Clear. Low 44. Winds light and variable.

Thursday: Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper

(see More pg. 2)

Humphrey

gravated burglary.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; on March 15th, 2011, sometime between the

hours of 4:00 AM, and 2:00 PM, Ms. Humphrey entered the home of Rebecca Lee on 10th Avenue in Lenoir City. Entry was made by forcing the side door

open with some sort of pry tool.

Humphrey took several items from the home including; one Vizio 37" color TV, a Cannon camera with three lenses and accessories, a Black & Decker cordless swivel drill, a Gateway camera, jewelry including a watch, earrings, and necklace,

two book sets of state quarters, one Denver mint, one Philadelphia mint, one Eisenhower silver dollar, one Susan B. Anthony dollar, one Sacagawea dollar, and assorted foreign money.

The total value of all the items was estimated at \$2456.

Deputy Brian Blakney, LCSO transported Humphrey from

the Knox County Jail to the Loudon County Jail Saturday where Corporal John Wilson took her into custody.

Police Beat

Daniel Louis Haddock, 41, Cox Road, Loudon was charged Friday with violation of probation.

Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSO made the arrest at the Blount County Jail.

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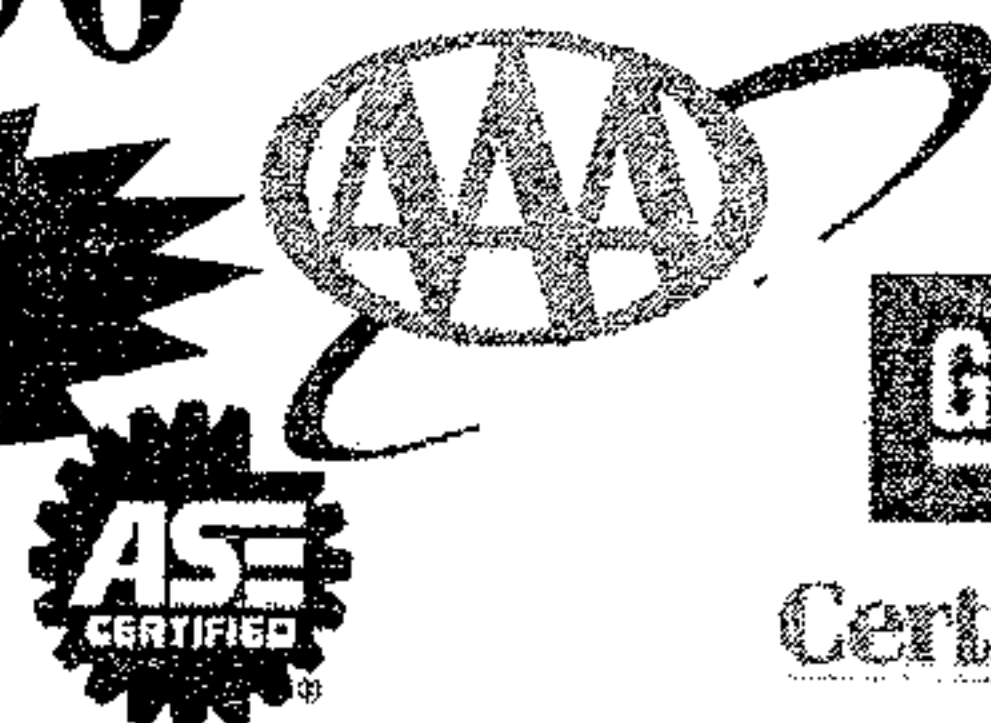
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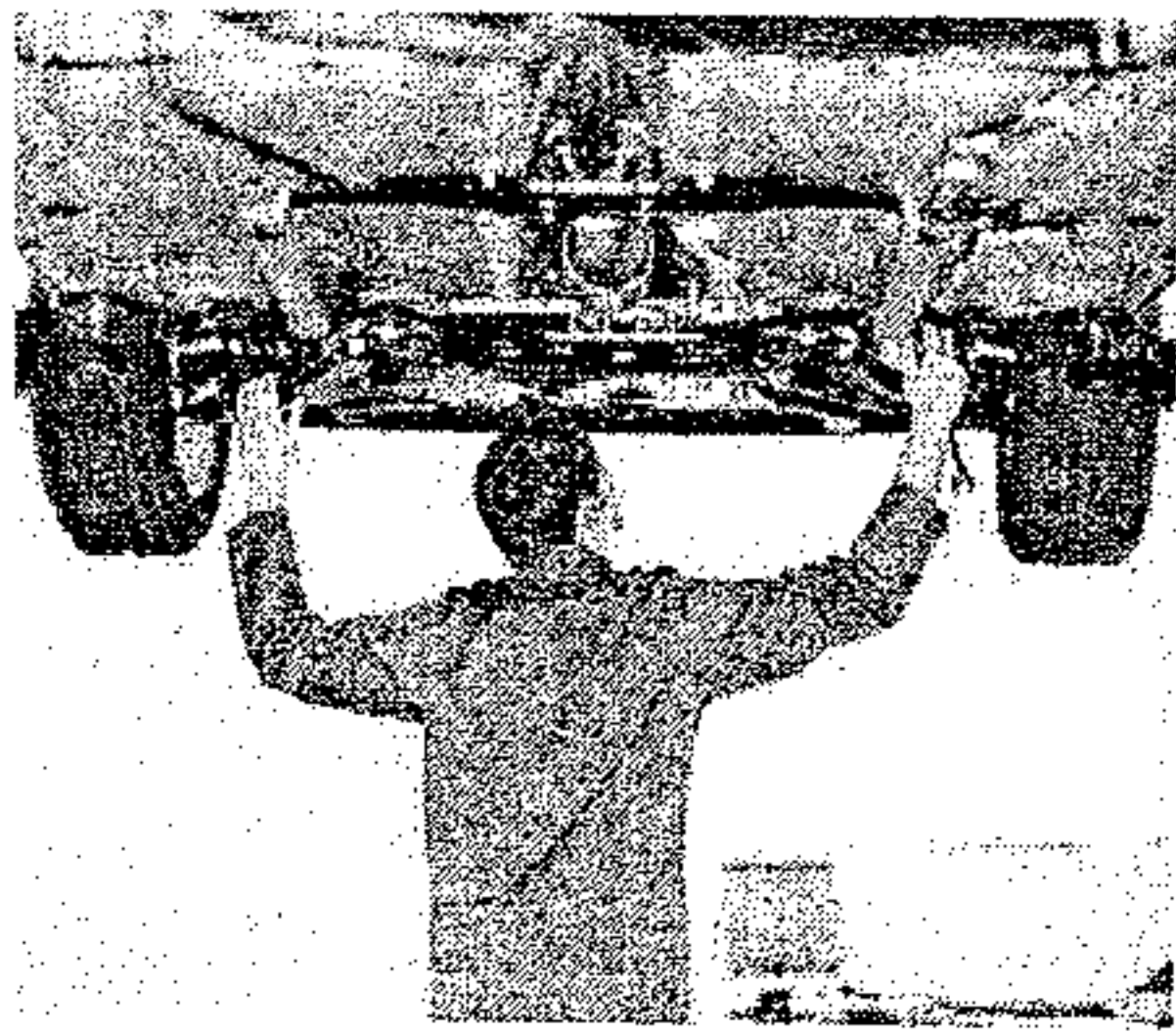
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No License

Phillipe Diaz Lopez, 23, Smoky Drive, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

The report states Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD wit-

nessed Mr. Lopez driving a white Ford F-250 Wednesday on G Street. The passenger wasn't wearing a seat belt.

The officer stopped the vehicle on Oakland Avenue and Mr. Lopez couldn't provide a drivers license or any other

type of identification. He advised he didn't have a drivers license and dispatch could find no record for Mr. Lopez.

Lopez was placed in custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

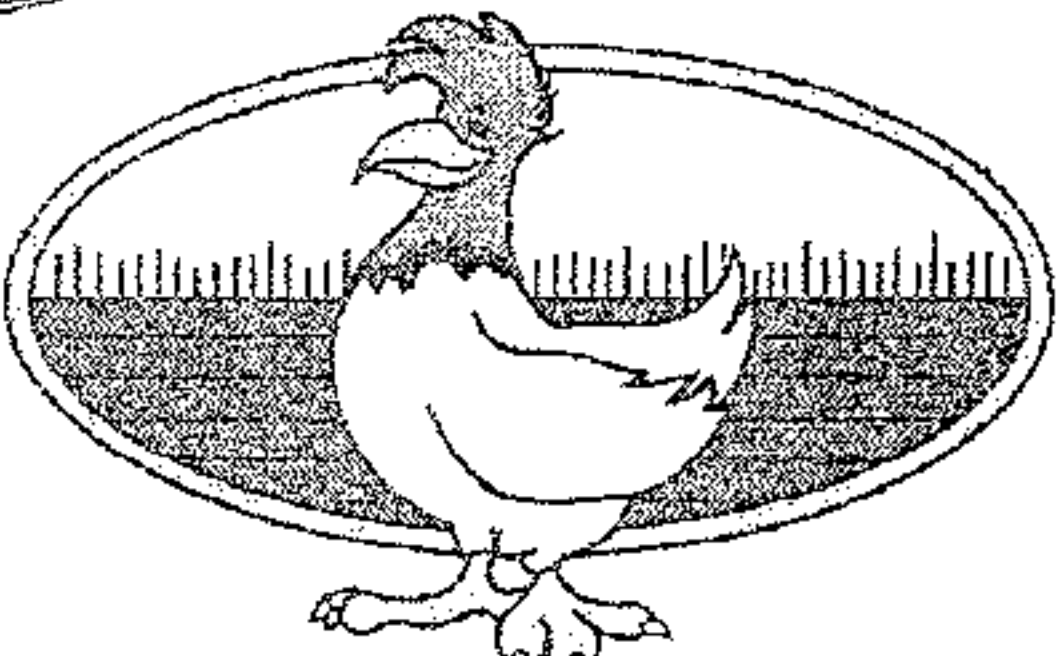
Police Beat

Michael Eugene Chastain,


37, Elm Grove Road, Loudon was charged Wednesday with a mittimus x 2 for theft under \$500 and driving on suspended license and a warrant for failure to appear for revoked license.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest at the jail.

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Fink

theft under \$500.

According to records, Walmart Asset Protection personnel observed Ms. Fink switching price tags on some women's under garments before she proceeded to self-checkout and purchased some things, including the wrongly tagged items.

After purchasing the merchandise, Ms. Fink handed the cashier items not purchased and placed two undergarments, not paid for, in the buggy and proceeded out the door.

The value of the concealed items was \$29.82.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Traps

tion Service (USDA, APHIS) and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) are partnering to survey for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a non-native, wood-boring beetle that has killed tens of millions of ash trees in the eastern United States and Canada. University of Tennessee Extension is also involved in the survey and detection program. EAB was

first discovered in the state last summer at a truck stop along I-40 in Knox County.

"Trapping is a very important tool for us to know how extensive the infestation is and whether additional control measures are needed to slow it from spreading to new areas," said TDA Plant Certification Administrator Gray Haun. "We urge property owners not to disturb the traps and to help us by letting us know if traps get damaged or are found on the ground."

The goal of the trapping program is to assess the extent of the infestation and to locate new infestations for possible treatment and quarantine. Approximately 4,500 traps will be placed in trees within a 50-mile radius of the Knox county infestation.

The purple traps are coated with an adhesive that captures insects when they land. The color is thought to be attractive to EAB, and is relatively easy for humans to spot among the foliage.

"The triangular purple traps pose no risk to hu-

mans, pets, or wildlife; however, the non-toxic glue can be extremely sticky," said USDA Acting State Plant Health Director, Ken Copley. "It's important people understand that the traps don't attract or pull beetles into an area, but rather they are a detection tool to help find EAB if it is present in the area."

State plant health officials suspect that EAB entered the state on firewood or ash wood materials brought in from another state where infestations have occurred. Other pests can also be artificially transported by individuals moving firewood. Citizens and visitors are urged to buy their firewood near where they camp and not transport it from one area to another.

Currently, Knox and Loudon counties are under a state and federal EAB Quarantine. This means that no hardwood firewood,

ash logs, ash seedlings, ash bark and other regulated articles can be moved outside these counties or outside of the state without a certification.

At times, traps can be blown out of the trees. To report a trap that is down, contact the

national EAB hotline at 1-866-322-4512 or visit www.purpleEAB-survey.info. For more information about EAB in Tennessee, contact TDA at 1-800-628-2631 or visit <http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/regulatory/eab.html>.

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Burglary

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According to records, Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSO answered

a theft call Wednesday on Allison Town Road in Philadelphia where the victim, Melissa Hickman, told the deputy she'd left her residence at 7:35 AM, and when she returned around 9:15 AM, she noticed her jar of coins was gone from her bedroom.

Hickman said she checked her unlocked safe and discovered \$340 missing and after looking around found several pieces of jew-

elry also were gone.

According to the officer's report there were signs of forced entry made at the side door of the home.

The missing items were described as a pearl necklace and earrings, a jewelry box,

a gold dolphin ring, a birthstone ring, a cameo necklace, a high school ring, a mason pin and other items too numerous to mention.

The value of the loss was estimated at \$6990. The case was turned over to Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Budget Committee Meetings

Lenoir City Budget Committee will meet at City Hall, in the small conference room, on the following dates and times:

- Monday, April 18, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.
- Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.
- Monday, April 25, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.

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West

vehicle crash that resulted in his vehicle facing southward in the northbound lane and left him with several injuries.

James M. West, 38, Lakeland Estates Drive, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 1st offense and failure to exercise due care.

According to reports, Mr. West was traveling north on Paw Paw Plains Road Wednesday when he left the roadway and over corrected. He skidded across the road, struck a tree, and came to a final uncontrolled rest, facing south in the northbound lane.

Mr. West was transported to Fort Loudoun ER while law enforcement were conducting their investigation of the accident and officers were unable to speak with Mr. West until Trooper Russell Smith, THP made contact with him at the hospital.

Mr. West admitted drinking one beer prior to driving, but said he was also taking 10mg. of hydrocodone every four hours for an upcoming surgery.

West had an obvious

odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was unable to perform field sobriety tasks due to his injuries.

Corporal Chad Estes and Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSO were also on the scene.

Finchum

Sarah Lynis Smallwood, 22, Park Street, Sweetwater was charged with drug paraphernalia.

According to affidavits filed by Officer Allen Bean, LCPD; Amy Finchum entered the Walgreens on Highway 321 Friday. Walgreens called in suspicious behavior on Finchum and several other people.

When law enforcement arrived, Finchum gave consent to check her purse. Four flashlights were discovered with their tags still attached. It was confirmed the flashlights came from Walgreens.

Employees of the store advised Finchum didn't buy anything. Ms. Finchum admitted to stealing two of the flashlights from Walgreens. The total

amount was \$21.80.

Sarah Smallwood was also involved in the incident at Walgreens. Officer Bean was given consent to search the

vehicle by the owner, Amy Finchum. During the search, officers found a syringe that Ms. Smallwood stated was used for taking

meth. Ms. Smallwood admitted it was her syringe.

Officer Lynette Ladd, LCPD was also on scene.

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