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Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Trio busted in the Square with meth lab and 2 kids present

Despite regular inspections and other strict rules and regulations governing those who live in subsidized housing, a local couple allegedly managed to operate a meth lab in their unsanitary apartment and the resident female and a neighbor reportedly helped hide the components in the attic of their multi unit dwelling located at McGhee Square.

James Douglas Wampler, 28, Kelly Lane, Lenoir City was charged with promotion of methamphetamine manufacture, tampering with evidence, possession of schedule II, child abuse and neglect.

Rachel Koster, 30, Kelly Lane, (see Taxpayer Supported pg. 5)



James Wampler



Rachel Koster



Malina Akin

Saw reported stolen

A local man called authorities when he discovered someone had cut the lock off his storage shed and had stolen a (see Stolen pg. 3)

What's in your teeth?

A Tennessee State Trooper reported he'd stopped a Nissan for a window violation, but when he got to the vehicle, the odor of marijuana was present and the driver had green leafy (see What's that? pg. 6)

.38 special missing

Officials were called to a local residence Monday when a man discovered his .38 special was missing from his resi- (see Missing pg. 6)

Driver blows .22%

A Loudon man reportedly registered a whopping .22% on a breath test after he was taken into custody at the scene of a car crash when he was found to have been under the influ- (see Wow! pg. 7)

2011 Black Bear Harvest Establishes Record

NASHVILLE - A record black bear harvest was established in the 2011 hunting seasons, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency reports. The new mark surpasses the previous mark of

573 that was set in 2009.

Hunters harvested a total of 581 bears. The third all-time high for a year was 446 in 2008.

This year's record harvest is (see Record pg. 3)

TWRC's First 2012 Meeting to Be Held in Chattanooga

(see Meeting pg. 3)

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission will hold its first meet-

ing of 2012 when it gathers in Chattanooga on Jan. 12-13 (Thursday-Friday). The meet-

Verse of the Day

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:24

Obituaries

Norman William Mills
Tommie Lou (Miller) Huskey
Paul Howard Thompson

Wazzup

What did you think about the new NFL rule being put into use for the first time ever at the end of Sunday's game

between the Steelers and the Broncos?

A very Happy 1st Birthday to Matthias Morgan - sure do love you little guy!

Weather

Today: Areas of patchy fog early. Partly cloudy. High around 60. Winds light and variable.

Tonight: Rain developing after midnight. Low 44. Winds light and variable. Rainfall near a quarter of an inch.
Wednesday: Thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s. Potential for severe thunderstorms.

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Stolen

reciprocating saw valued at over \$200.

According to reports, Deputy Jamie Pistole, LCSO took a report Monday concerning the theft of a reciprocating saw. The complainant, Mr. Rodney Hoskins, Abbott Road, told the officer around 4:00 AM, that morning he was inside his camper in the back yard when someone tried to get in.

Mr. Hoskins said he thought it was some kids so he just yelled at them and didn't think much else about it. Later, however, Hoskins said he noticed a lock had been cut off the shed next to the camper

and a blue and white sawzall was missing.

Nothing else was missing at the time of the report. The saw was valued at \$250 and the theft is under investigation.

Meeting

ing will be held at the Chattanooga Hotel.

Among the items on the agenda, will be a recommendation by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to extend the expiration date for landowners to allow lease holders to assist with wild hog eradication efforts. An update on all TWRA wild hog eradication efforts will be given.

The commission will hear an update on the

status of the state's elk herd. The TWRA will make its recommendations for the 2012 Elk Hunting Season Proclamation.

The commission will be advised of a public opinion survey being conducted this winter by Responsive Management to measure tolerance levels of Tennessee residents on various black bear issues.

A presentation on fisheries research, past and present, will be given by Dr. Phil Bettoli, assistant leader of the Tennessee Cooperative Fishery Research Unit at Tennessee Tech University. Dr. Bettoli will also present several examples of how much

of the research has been used in management applications and decisions on fisheries resources in the state.

A preview of the 21st Annual Sandhill Crane Festival to be held Jan. 14-15 at the Hiwassee Refuge, located north of Chattanooga will be presented. The TWRA serves as one of the hosting partners for the event.

At the commission's request, a presentation will be made regarding the possibility of offering internet viewing of the commission meetings.

The committee meetings will start at 1 p.m. (EST) on Jan. 12. The formal meeting will start at 9 a.m. on Jan. 13.

Record

up from the 301 bears harvested in 2010. Hunters have harvested at least 300 bears in the state for the past seven years.

Black bears were harvested in 12 East Tennessee counties in 2011. Sevier County was again the top county for harvest with 126, after having 41 harvested in 2010. Monroe County was second with 90, followed by Cocke 87, Polk 58, Carter 49, Sullivan 26, Johnson 24, Greene 21,

Unicoi 20, Washington 16, and Jefferson 1.

Tennessee black bear harvest reports started in 1951. That year, there were a total of 29 bears harvested.

Tennessee's black bear population has been steadily increasing over the past 40 years due to several management practices put in place by TWRA. These practices include establishment of a series of bear reserves throughout the bear habitat, protection of females and cubs, and setting the majority of the bear hunting season later in the year when most females have gone to the den.

Police Beat

Patricia Gail Purdy Richmonn Myers, 43, Wilson Road, Loudon was charged with violation of probation Tuesday.

Corporal Angie Martin, LCSO made the arrest after Myers turned herself in at the Loudon County Jail.

Larry Joe McNabb, 41, Monroe Street, Sweetwater was charged with violation of probation and failure to appear.

Deputy Bruce Padgett, LCSO made the arrest Tuesday at the Monroe County Jail.

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Lenoir City was charged with tampering with evidence and child neglect.

Malina Nanette Akin, 35, Kelly Lane, Lenoir

City was charged with tampering with evidence.

According to affidavits; Agent Brendan DeBoer, 9th, DTF was conducting a narcotics investigation

Thursday at an apartment in McGhee Square and during the course of the investigation, spoke with the resident, Douglas Wampler. After being

advised of his Miranda Rights, Wampler gave the agent consent to search his apartment and also admitted there were methamphetamine lab components hidden in the attic.

The components were hidden by Wampler in an attempt to conceal evidence, but during the search, Agent DeBoer found the lab components, which included Coleman Fuel, Draino, rubber tubing, coffee filters and lithium batteries. He also found a powder substance on a plate inside the kitchen closet which field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Wampler's wife, Rachel Koster, and the

couple's two 3 year old children were also living in the apartment. Due to the presence of narcotics, methamphetamine production components, and overall unsanitary living conditions, Department of Children Services was contacted.

DCS responded to the scene and determined the children were at risk. DCS removed the tots and transferred them into the custody of their grandparents.

It was determined that Rachel Koster and a neighbor, Malina Akin helped hide the meth lab components in the attic.

Officer Kevin Condee was also on the scene.

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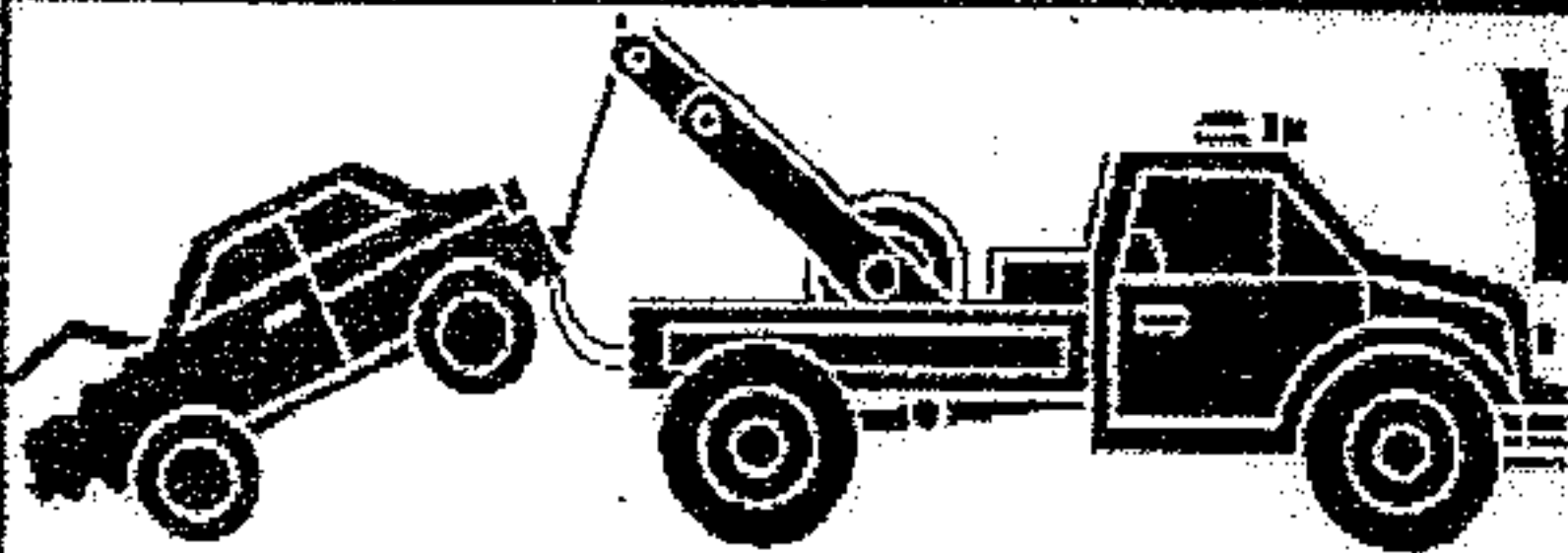
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Missing

dence.

According to records, Monday, at approximately 2:00 PM, Deputy Jamie Pistole, LCSO responded to Loudon Ridge Road on the theft of a gun. The complainant, Mr. Terry King, advised he'd just noticed his ultra lite Taurus .38 special was missing from the top of his entertainment system.

The gun was still in it's case and was valued at \$425. The theft is under investigation.

What's that?

crumbles around and in his mouth. The driver was arrested on related charges.

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Clifford G. Gamble, 40, Monroe Street, Sweetwater was charged Wednesday with DUI 1st offense and tampering with evidence.

According to affidavits; Trooper John R. Carr, THP stopped a silver Nissan Altima traveling northbound on Broadway in Lenoir City for a window tint law violation.

When the trooper walked up to the ve-

hicle he immediately smelled an odor of marijuana coming from inside the car when the driver rolled the window down. The driver was identified as Clifford Gamble.

Mr. Gamble had a green leafy substance on his lips and inside his mouth. After reading him his rights, Mr. Gamble and his wife both stated he'd ate a marijuana joint as he

was being pulled over.

Mr. Gamble had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and advised he smoked marijuana several hours before driving.

Police Beat

Vivian Therese Hardy, 24, Turman Avenue, Lenoir City was charged Tuesday with failure to appear.

Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO served

the warrant and made the arrest at the Loudon County Jail.

Tony Edward Goddard, 39, Country Lane, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear.

Mr. Goddard turned himself in at the Loudon County Jail Tuesday where Deputy C. Huskin, LCSO served the warrant and made the arrest.

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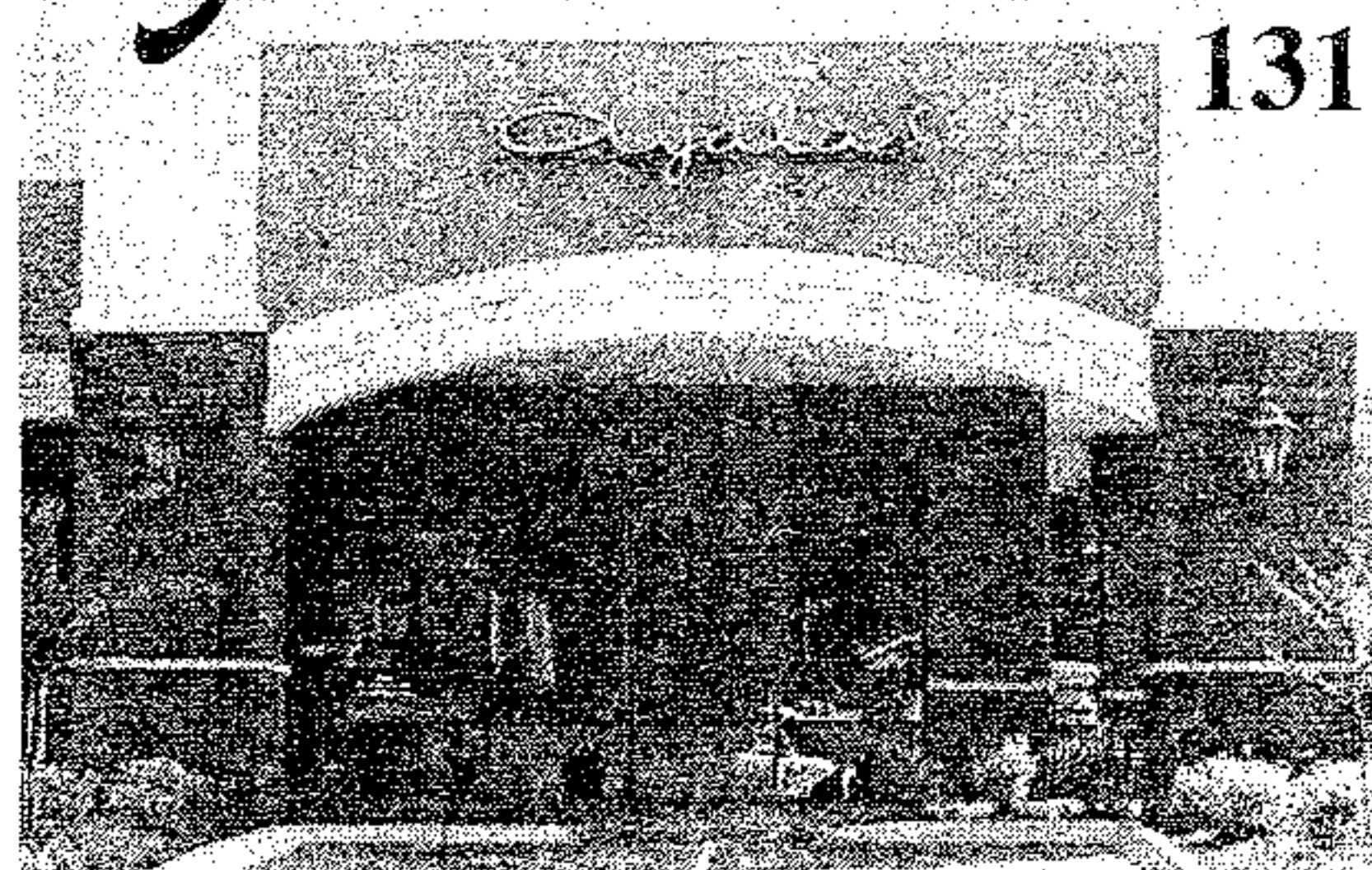
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Wow!

ence of an intoxicant.

John Aaron Pope, 44, Roberson Springs Road, Loudon was

charged with DUI.

According to reports, Officer Kenneth DeBoer, LPD responded to the intersection of Highway 11 and Blair

Bend Road Tuesday on a report of a traffic crash. On arrival, the officer made contact with John A. Pope, the driver of a silver Nissan Versa involved in the crash.

Mr. Pope had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and person. He was unsteady on his feet and had slurred speech.

Officer John Yates, LPD administered field sobriety tasks to Pope

and Pope performed poorly on them. He was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail, where he submitted to a breath test. His BAC was .22%.

Police Beat

Brandon Michael Dilly, 30, West Lane, Lenoir City was charged with contempt of court. Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO took Mr. Dilly into custody Thursday.

elle Lane, 26, Foster Road, Lenoir City was charged Wednesday with violation of probation. Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSO made the arrest at the jail.

Joseph Daniel Johnson, 26, Industrial Park Drive, Lenoir City was charged Thursday with failure to appear out of Knox County.

Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD made the arrest.

Rick Rend Ard, 36, Hatcher Hollow Road, Walland was charged with violation of probation.

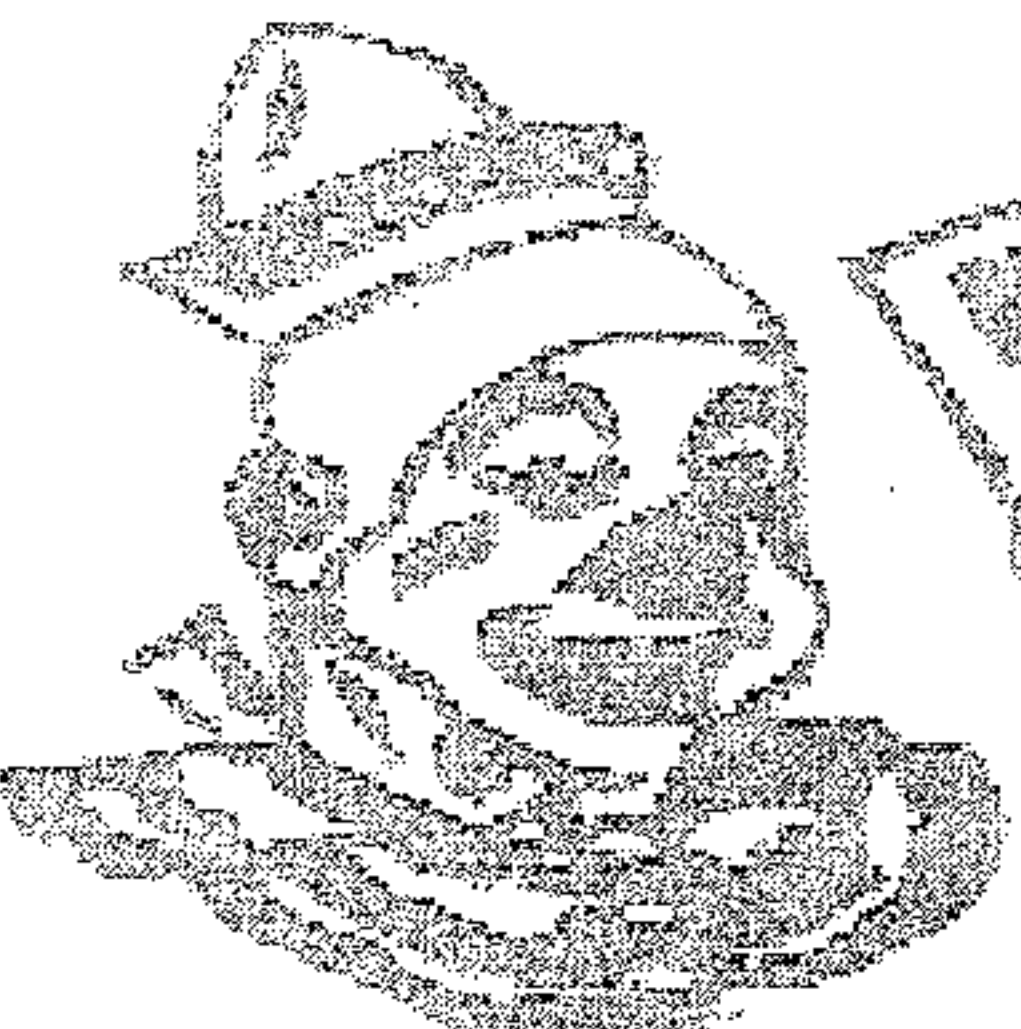
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