

Details of charges against Smith



Smith

One of at least five persons charged in a slew of area burglaries and thefts is a local man who was convicted in recent (see *Convicted Thief* pg. 4)

Party guest charged with theft



Lankford

(see *Pilfering Guest* pg. 7)

Heavily medicated & behind the wheel, woman goes to jail



King

A Rockwood woman reportedly told troopers she was under the influence of a variety of a prescribed medications, including morphine, several tablets of (see *Medicated Driver* pg. 6)

Tow dolly stolen

A local businessman called authorities when he discovered someone had stolen his tow dolly.

According to records, Mr. David Thompson, D&B Transportation, High-

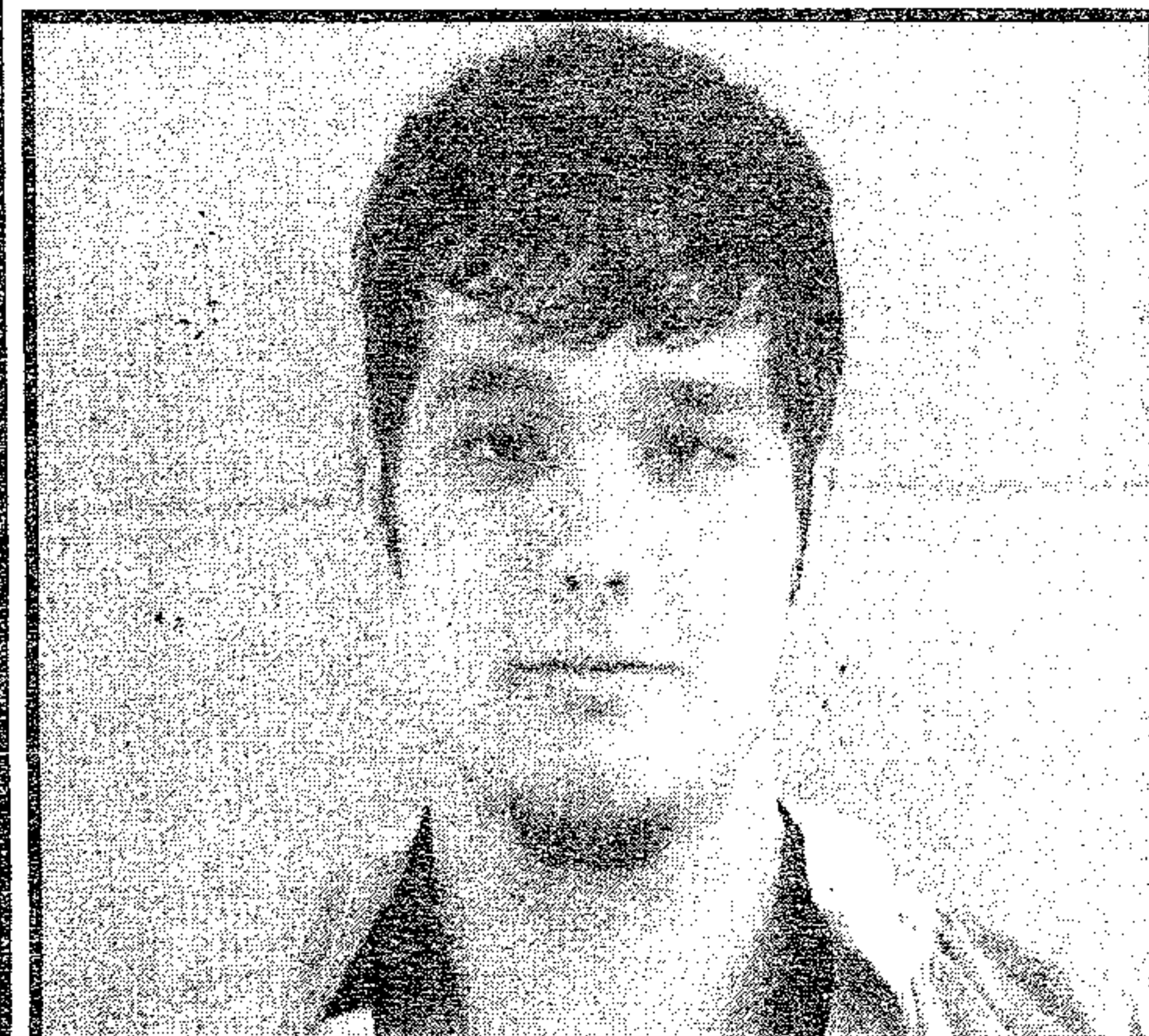
(see *Stolen* pg. 3)

Couple goes to court wasted, gets to sleep it off in jail

A Jacksboro couple reportedly found themselves escorted downstairs at the Loudon County Justice Center when officials discovered they had appeared in court while under the influence of an in-

(see *Intoxicated* pg. 6)

Teen charged with metal theft



Cusick

Detective Jonathan Sartin charged a young local man with trespassing and theft following an investigation into the larceny of metal and aluminum from a (see *Metal Thief* pg. 3)

December Unemployment Rate 8.7 Percent

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development Karla Davis announced today Tennessee's unemployment rate for December fell to 8.7 percent, down from the November revised rate of 9.1. The national unemploy-

(see *Unemployment Rate* pg. 5)

TWRA Conducting Statewide Bear Survey

NASHVILLE - The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is conducting a statewide black bear public opinion telephone survey.

(see *Survey* pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil."

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

Obituaries

Hugh Lee (Pop) McLain

Wazzup

Happy Birthday, Tracy-we hope it was awesome!

Weather

Today: Mainly sunny. High 57. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy in the evening with more clouds for later at night. Low 36. Winds

light and variable.

Wednesday: More clouds than sun. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 40s.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

You may find yourself flailing today, especially if you aren't enjoying your work or chores.

Find a way to keep on track or you may find yourself losing ground quickly!

Pisces 2/19-3/20

You are at the center of a mutually supporting web of contacts -- one that makes every part of it stronger. Keep up

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Metal Thief

Lenoir City business in mid-January, 2012.

Joshua Martin Cusick, 18, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under

\$500 and criminal trespassing.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about January 16, 2012, Joshua M. Cusick went to The Mulch Mart,

West Hills Drive, Lenoir City and went around to the back of the property where he loaded up some aluminum guttering, metal, and an aluminum ladder.

Cusick took the items

without the permission or knowledge of the owner and was in an area he did not have permission to be in. The total value was \$200. Detective Sartin made the arrest.

Stolen

way 11 East, Lenoir City reported the theft of his tow dolly to Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO.

Mr. Thompson stated the tow dolly, parked between two trailers in his back lot, was missing and he'd called his father to see if he had borrowed it, but his father

said no. Mr. Thompson then called police.

The dolly, described as tan with two wheels, was valued at \$500. The theft is under investigation.

Survey

The TWRA is exploring the possibility of making changes to its black bear management policy. The results of the survey will assist in making those decisions.

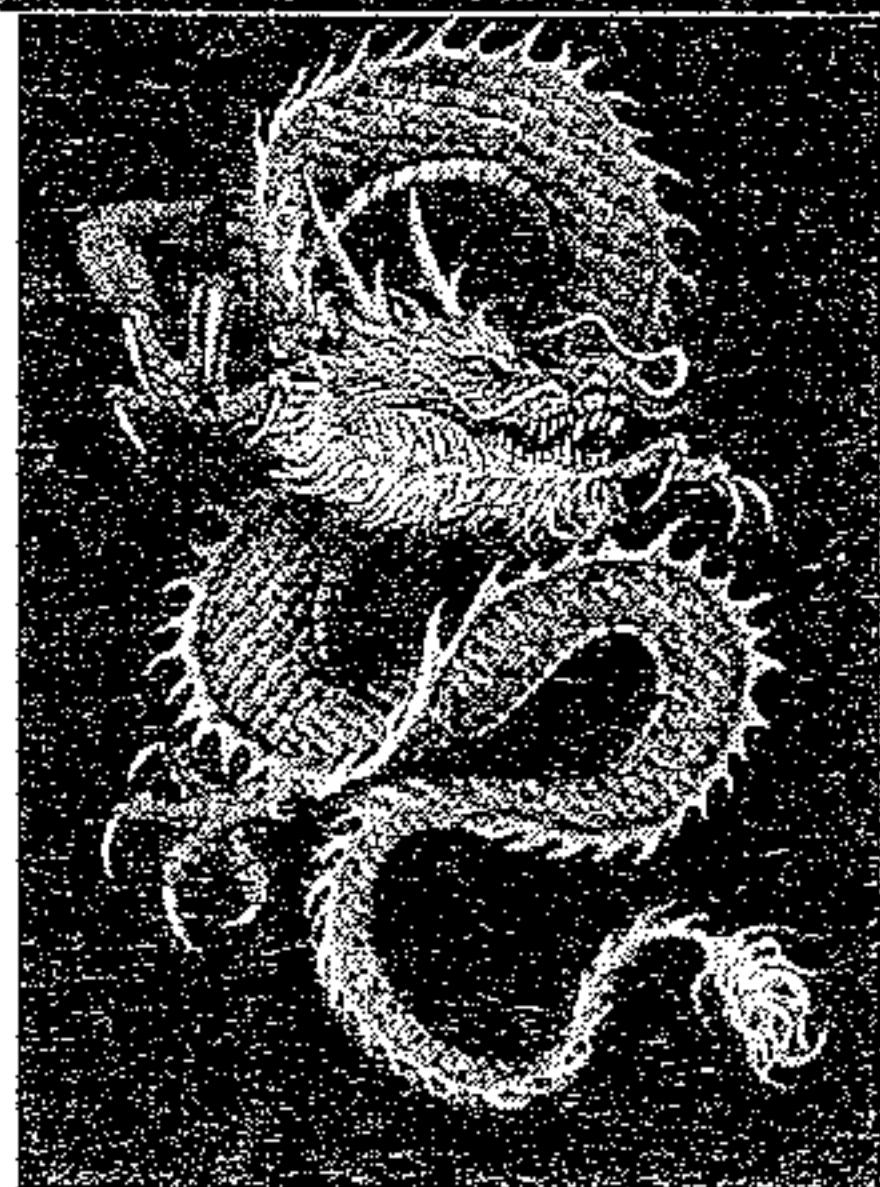
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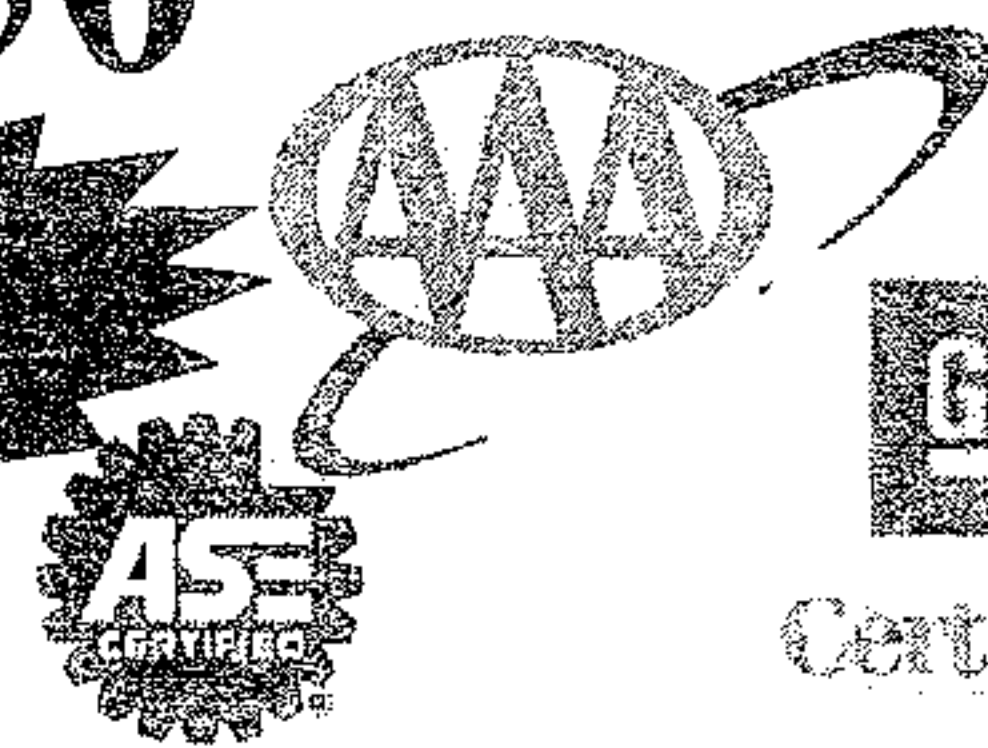
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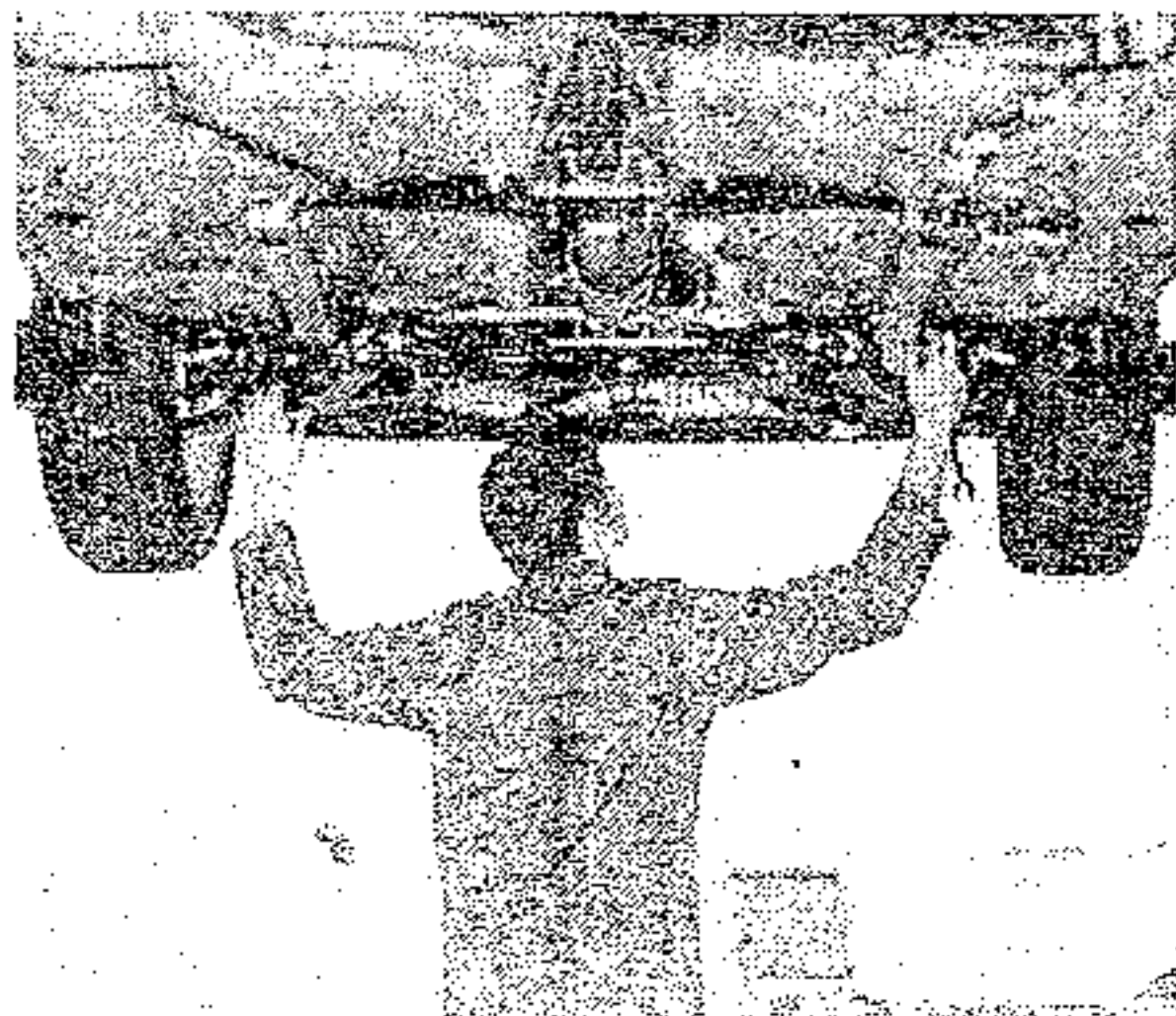
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Obituaries

Hugh Lee (Pop) McLain - age 86 of Lenoir City, passed away Saturday, January 21, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois C. McLain; parents, David L. and Kitty Bell McLain; brothers, Jimmy, H. D. and Russell McLain, and sister, Magalew Byington all of Surgoinsville. Survived by his son, Lanny McLain and wife, Pat of Lenoir City; daughters, Kathy Stansberry and husband, Harry of Sweetwater and Diane Green of Georgia; 8 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; special niece, Tammy Deaton and husband, Ronny of Loudon; special nephew, Butch Vincil and wife, Kristi of Lenoir City; many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Click Fu-

neral Home. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. George Seay and Rev. Lewis Garner officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and proceed Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services at 10 a.m. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Convicted Thief months of the burglary of a Lenoir City home where he stole toys, food, clothing and medication from a young couple and their two small children.

Josef Keith "Chubby" Smith, 25, 162 Meadow Drive, Lenoir City was charged with theft over \$1000 and aggravated burglary.

According to affidavits filed by Investigator Jason R. Smith,

LCSO-CID; on Monday, January 9, 2012, the victim reported his residence on Thomas Woods Way had been burglarized. The victim advised when he arrived home at approximately 5:45 PM, he discovered someone had broken a side window of his house and had taken a 42 " Panasonic flat screen television and some jewelry valued at over \$1000.

A green Ford Ranger had been seen in the area and when a check of it was performed by Deputies Stegall and Brewer, the vehicle came back to Josef Smith.

Mr. Smith was interviewed at the Loudon County Sheriff's Office and after being read his rights admitted to participating

in the burglary of the residence on Thomas Woods Way.

Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Tuesday at the jail.

Another of the accused, Tee Ray Pelom, 18, of 312 Simpson Road, Lenoir City was charged with auto burglary and theft over \$500 and was taken into custody. See the Friday, Janu-

ary 20, 2012 edition of The Daily Edition for details.

Kenneth Justice "K.J." Collins, age 27, of 702 Bon Street, Lenoir City is still being sought by authorities and anyone having any information regarding his whereabouts is asked to contact the Loudon County Sheriff's Department at 865-458-9081.

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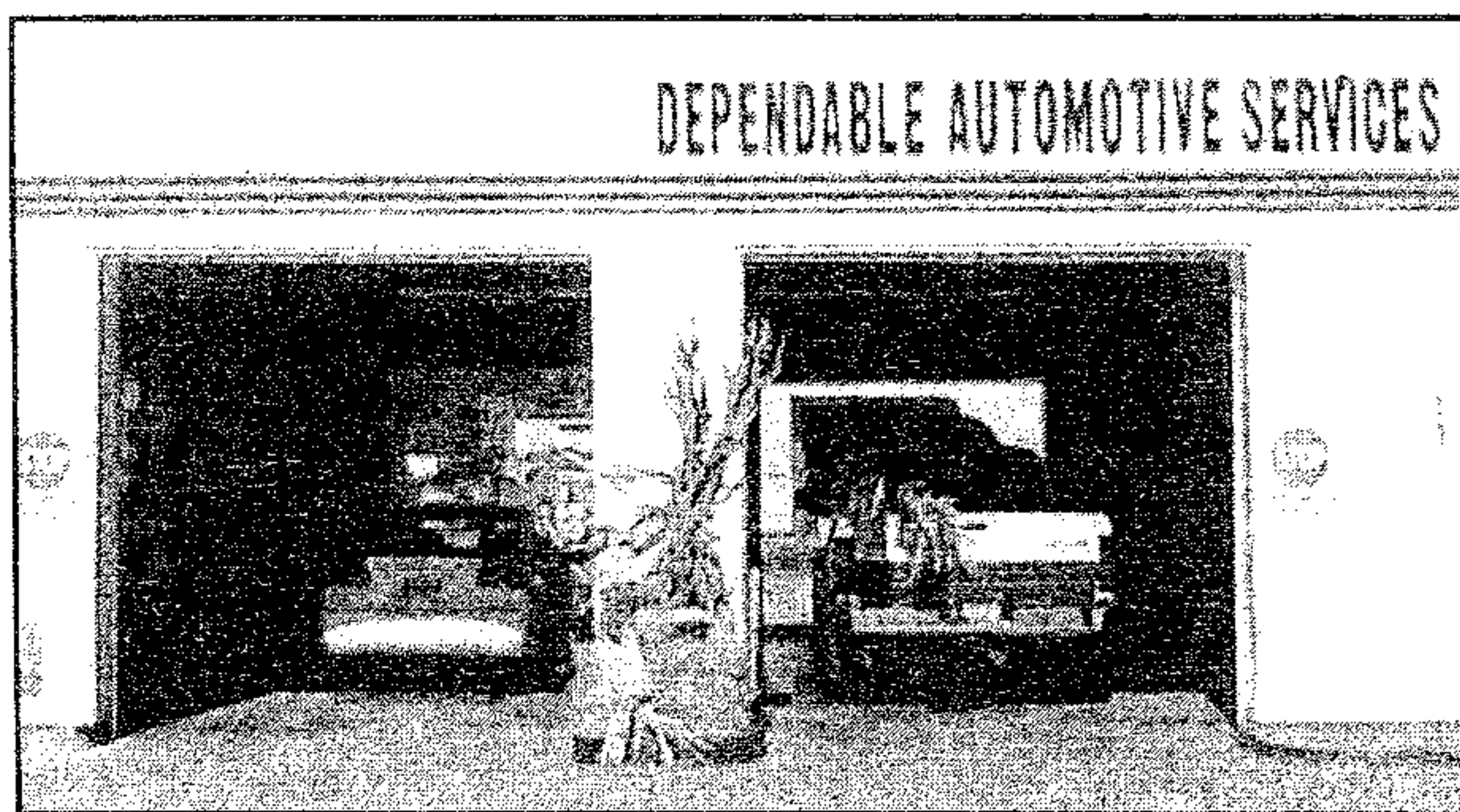
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Unemployment Rate
 ment rate for December 2011 was 8.5 percent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the November rate.

“This is the lowest unemployment rate Tennessee has experienced since December 2008 when the rate was 8.4 percent,” Commissioner

Davis said. “The drop in Tennessee’s rate is largely due to a notable increase of 11,200 employed persons from November to December.”

UT Economist Bill Fox states the Tennessee rate parallels the national picture. “The drop in Tennessee’s unemployment rate mirrors what is happening nationally, but Tennessee has had much stronger employment growth.”

3,500 jobs; state government educational services was down 2,500 jobs; and mining, logging, and construction declined by 1,900 jobs.

Major Changes in Estimated Nonagricultural Employment, November 2011 to December 2011: From November to December, professional and business services increased 5,400 jobs; durable goods manufacturing was up by 1,000 jobs; and clothing and clothing accessories stores increased by 700 jobs. From November to December, leisure and hospitality decreased by

Major Changes in Estimated Nonagricultural Employment, December 2010 to December 2011: Year-over-year increases took place in local government education services, up 11,200 jobs; mining, logging, and construction was up 7,100 jobs; and manufacturing increased by 6,900 jobs. Employment decreases took place in trade, transportation, and utilities, which were down by 5,500 jobs; information was down 1,300 jobs; and hospitals declined by 900 jobs.

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which were found in her possession once she was taken to jail for DUI.

Rebecca Naomi King, 56, Harvey Street, Rockwood was charged with DUI 1st

offense and introduction into a penal facility.


According to reports, Saturday, around 12:26 AM, Trooper Eric Miller, THP responded to Highway 321 at Frank Kinser Road on a BOLO for a black

Chevy Trailblazer driving recklessly. When Trooper Miller arrived on scene, Sgt. Jimmy Whitt, THP had the vehicle stopped. Records indicate the driver, Ms. King, seemed lethargic, drowsy, disoriented, had slurred speech and

constricted pupils. She stated she was prescribed morphine, oxycodone, and clonazepam and said she had taken her medication earlier that day.

Ms. King performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was placed

under arrest. She was taken to Fort Loudoun ER for a blood draw and then to the Loudon County Jail. Once at the jail a search was conducted and revealed 4 yellow tablets identified as morphine in King's possession.



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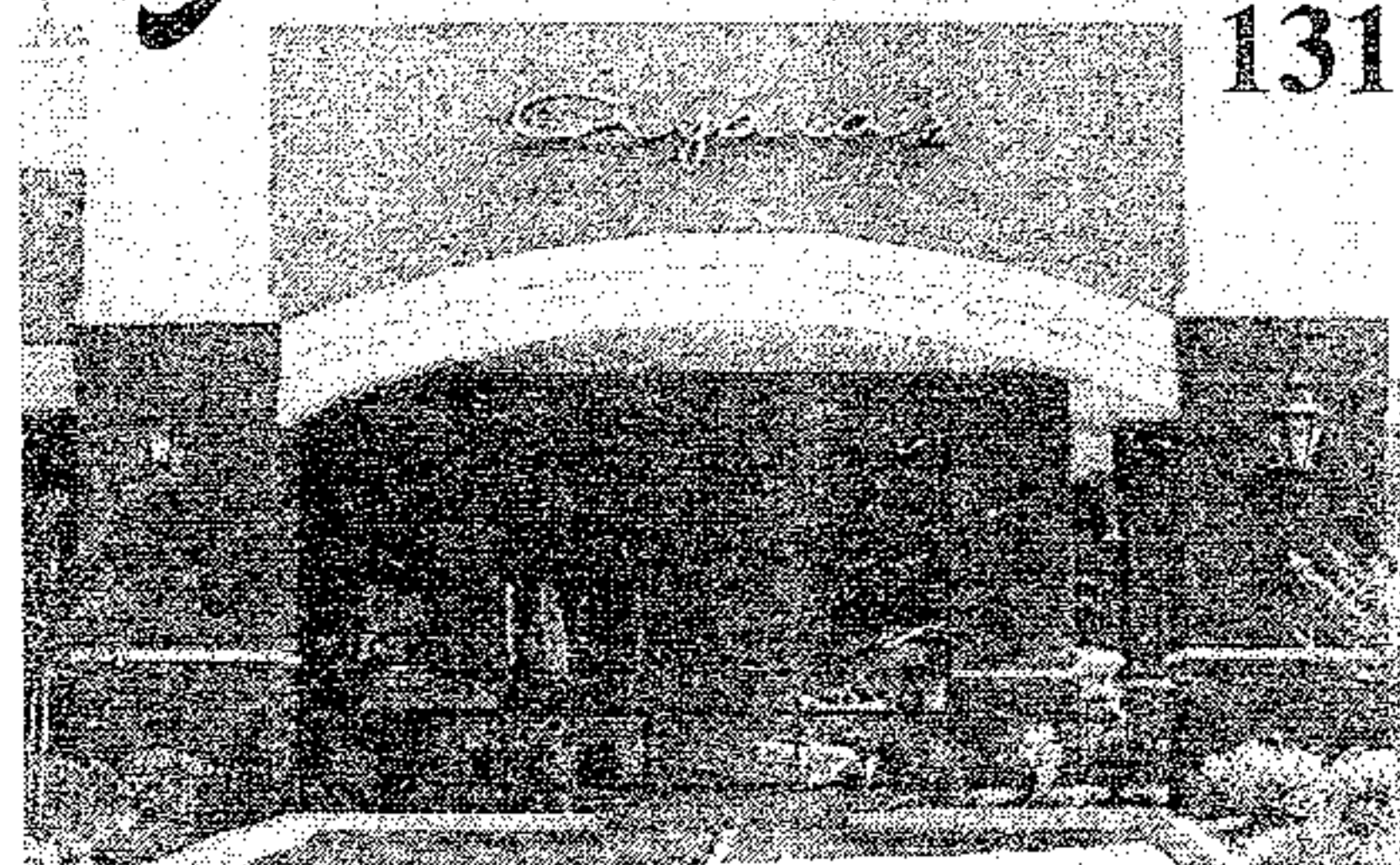
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toxicant.

Larry Bruce Phillips, Jr., 32, and Chelsea Marie Boshears, 32, Hatmaker Road, Jacksboro were charged with public intoxication.

According to reports, Wednesday, around 1:30 PM, Deputy Dustin Langley, LCSO was in the court room at the Loudon County Justice Center when he noticed two individuals sitting in the court room who seemed to be impaired.

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Deputy Langley asked them to step outside of the court room and inquired if they were okay.

During their conversation, the deputy noticed both Mr. Phillips and Ms. Boshears had slurred speech. At that time, Deputies Billy Hall, Marty Branam, and Dustin Langley, LCSO arrived and asked Phillips and Boshears to step outside the building.

Once outside, Deputy Hall conducted field sobriety on both individuals and determined they were under the influence. Mr. Phillips and Ms. Boshears were placed under arrest for PI.

Pilfering Guest

A woman who attended

an October birthday party at a Loudon County residence was charged with theft after serial numbers from a stolen iPod located at a pawn shop matched the numbers supplied by the victim of the crime.

Miranda Rachael Lankford, 20, Manis Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to an affidavit, filed by Investigator Jason R. Smith, LCSO-CID; on Saturday, October 9, 2010, the victim discovered his iPod Touch, along with its charger and cable had been taken from his residence. On Wednesday, October 13, 2010, Miranda R. Lankford pawned an iPod at Executive Jewelry and Pawn, 785 Highway 321

North, Lenoir City.

Records indicate the serial number on the iPod matched the one provided by the victim.

Ms. Lankford had been at the victim's residence

on October 8, 2010, for a birthday party.

Deputy Billy Hall, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday at the Loudon County Justice Center.

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