

# Daily Edition

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## Greenback School teacher charged in connection with crimes against juvenile

A Lenoir City woman who is a teacher at Greenback School was taken into custody following an investigation into allegations she was sending inappropriate messages to a male student at another high school.

Angela Gaye Masingo, 39, of Lenoir City was arrested Friday on charges of solicitation of aggravated statutory rape and solicitation of sexual exploitation of a minor.

Blount County Sheriff James Lee Berrong and Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider said in a news



Masingo

release that the Greenback School teacher was charged after it was discovered she had been in contact with the student. (see Masingo pg. 7)

## Loudon woman charged with 2nd degree murder

Linked to illegal distribution of prescription drugs

A Loudon woman was taken into custody and charged with second-degree murder Thursday after the Blount County Grand Jury returned a sealed indictment against her just

The charge reportedly was earlier on Monday. (see Abert pg. 2)



Abert

## Drinking at work ends with trip to the slammer

A Loudon man reportedly told authorities he'd had some drinks at work when he was

pulled over for suspicion of DUI after running a red light.

Gregory A. Fritts, of (see Fritts pg. 3)

## Needles, spoons, & empty pill bottles

When agents from the Ninth DTF assisted officers from ICPD on a possible shooting in (see Bain pg. 4)

## DUI after reckless driver call

A Vonore man was charged with DUI after another motorist called police to report (see Brown pg. 5)

## American Legion Dedicated To Support CASA Monroe

(see Legion News pg. 3)



(L to R) Post Commander Vic Vickery, CASA Monroe Executive Director Alisa Hobbs, and CASA Volunteer and Legionnaire Vice Commander Renato Cesavetti. Mrs. Hobbs is presented with a Legion cup after her briefing with American Legion Members of Post 256.

## Verse of the Day

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

-Galatians 5:22-23

## Obituaries

None

## Wazzup

Remember to mark your calendars for this Saturday's All Star benefit Jam at the Loudon High School Auditorium. You can even purchase tick-

ets online at <http://philly-allstarjam.eventbrite.com/>. All proceeds benefit the restoration efforts at the Philadelphia Municipal Park.

## Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 34.

Tonight: Clear in the evening, then partly cloudy. Low of 34.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High of 48. Overnight: Clear. Low of 25.

## Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

You have got to spend

some time thinking about your future -- even if it just looks like day-dreaming! You may find that people are more amenable to your plans after you collect them.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Your new ideas are your

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**Abert**

is linked to the 2011 death of a man and the illegal distribution of prescription drugs.

Kellie Geneva Abert, 43, of Loudon was charged with second-degree murder in connection with the death

of William R. Lawson, 39, of Greenback. Lawson was found in a room at the Hampton Inn in Alcoa on August 4, 2011, and authorities deemed his death suspicious.

During a resulting investigation, officials

reportedly determined Lawson's death was the result of the illegal distribution of prescription drugs, a schedule II controlled substance, which led to the charges against Abert.

Detectives Kris Sanders and Jason Ew-

ing of the Alcoa Police Department took Abert into custody on Thursday night with

the assistance of officers from the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

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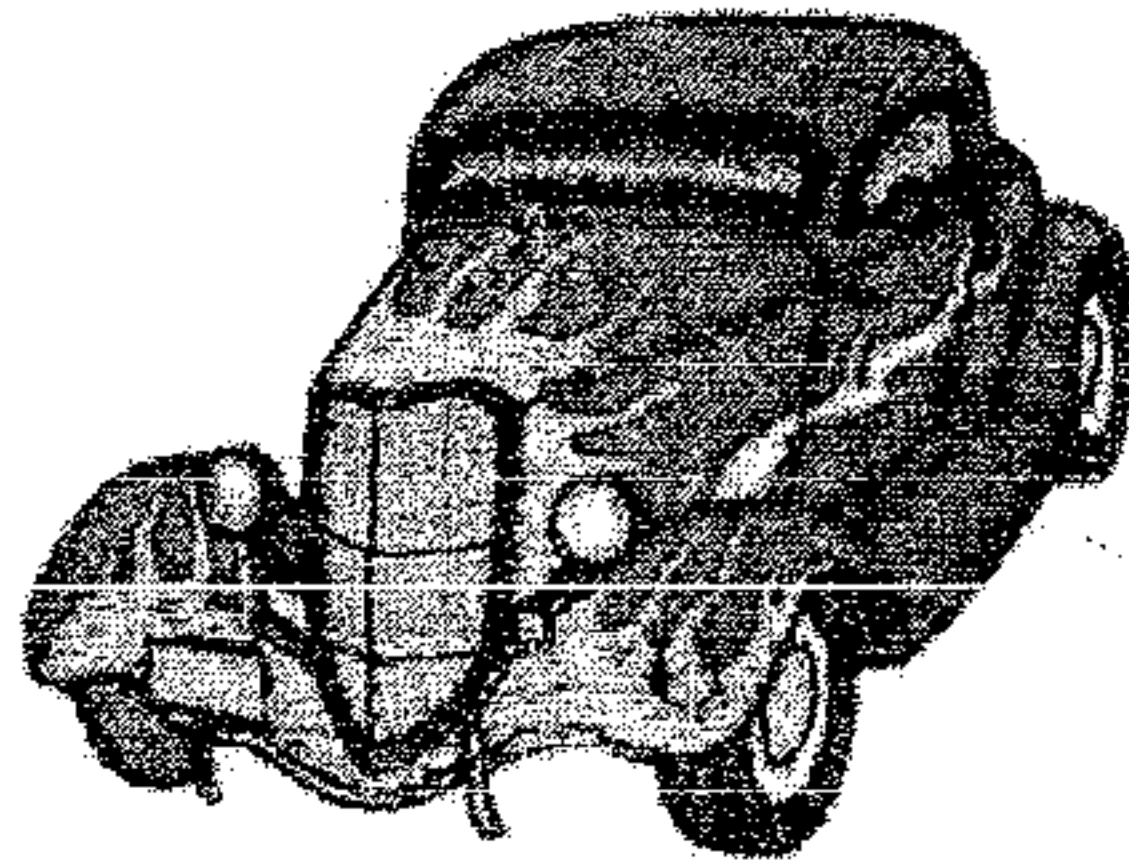
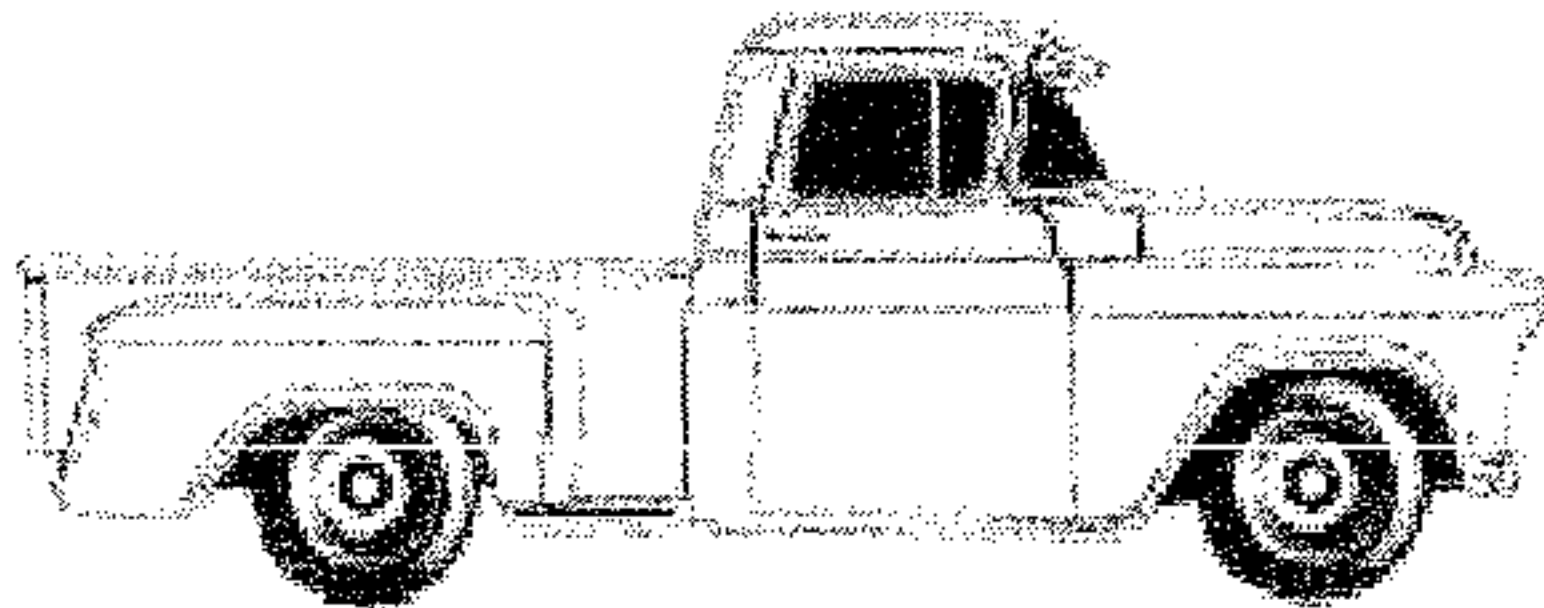
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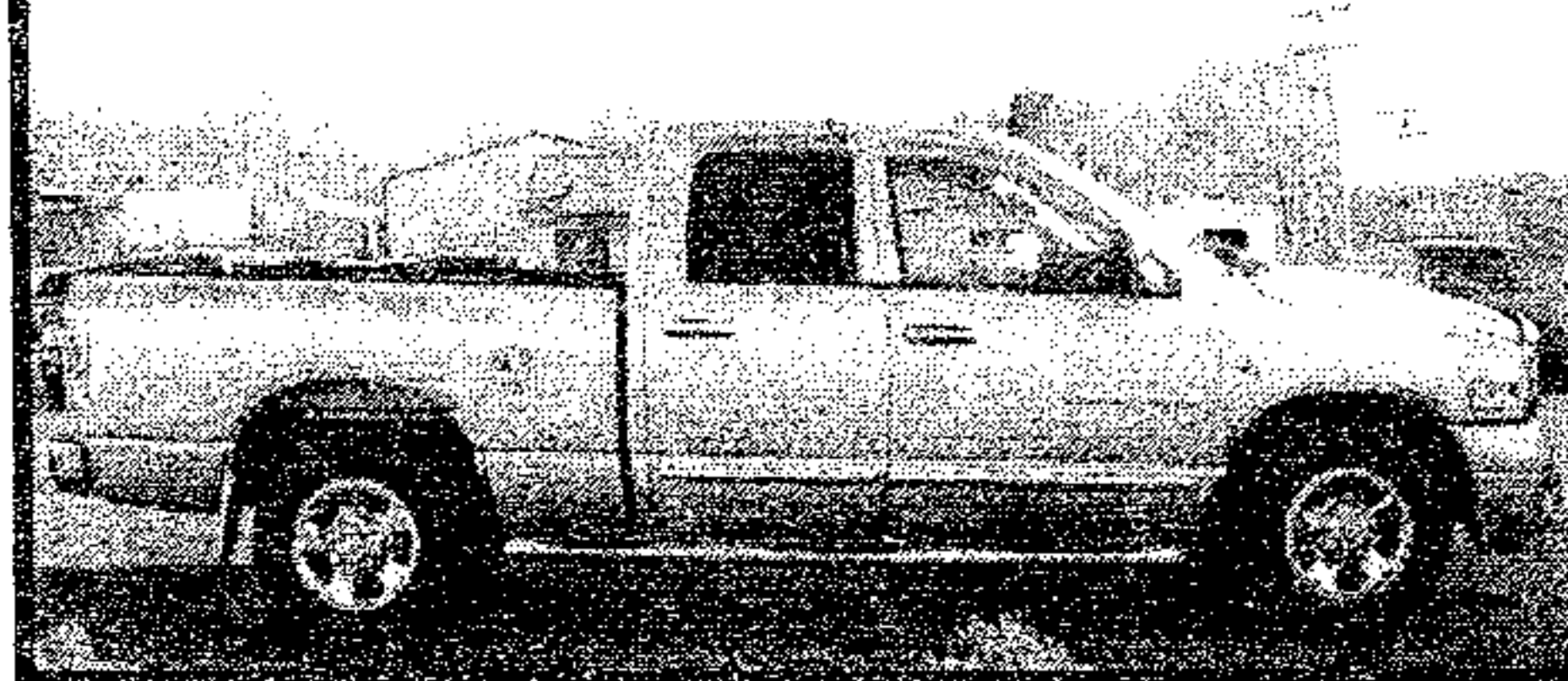


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**Fritts**

Freedman Street, Loudon was charged with DUI 1st and failure to yield/traffic device.

According to the report, Officer Don Lorenz, LCPD observed Mr. Fritts run a red light on Hwy 321 at the intersection of Abbey Drive. The officer observed Fritts crossing into the next lane several times and crossing completely onto the shoulder.

The officer performed a traffic stop and Fritts reported he

was driving home from work at Chili's in Lenoir City and he'd had a couple of drinks at work.

Fritts performed poorly on sobriety tasks and gave a blood sample at the hospital. Officer Don Lorenz, LCPD made the arrest.

**Legion News**

During a recent Legion meeting, Alisa Hobbs, CASA Monroe's Executive Director, spoke to members of Post 256 about CASA's volunteer child

advocate program, current issues and the vision of the program. She explained how CASA's (Court Appointed Special Advocate) mission in Monroe County is to promote and support the court appointed volunteer advocacy allowing the volunteer to represent the best interests of children who find themselves in the court system because of abuse or neglect.

The ultimate objective is to aim for a safe and permanent home in which the child can grow and thrive.

For new volunteers, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and CASA developed the "Flex Learning Curriculum," a computer interactive training program reinforced with classroom learning. Volunteers are required to attend 30 hours of

pre-service training.

Mr. Cesaretti, a CASA volunteer, said, "The first thing you learn is to determine why the child is in this situation." Cesaretti further stated, "If you can help one child...it's well worth your time."

Mrs. Hobbs went on to clarify, "As a volunteer you are gathering critical and objective information to be used by the court in deciding the most beneficial placement of a child. One person can make a difference."

For more information about CASA you can go to the website [www.casamonroe.org](http://www.casamonroe.org) or phone 423-442-2750.

For additional information about the American Legion, the website is [www.Tellico-LakePost256.org](http://www.Tellico-LakePost256.org) or you can contact Commander Vic Vickery, 423-884-6476.

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**Bain**

cident at a local hotel, one woman was found with multiple items of drug paraphernalia and taken into custody.

Patricia Renee Bain, 26, of Elkins Valley Road, Heiskell was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the report, officers of the Lenoir City Police Department responded to the Inn of Lenoir to a possible assault with a firearm report.

Agent Brendan Deboer of the 9th DTF reported he observed several items of drug paraphernalia in plain view in the room, including hypodermic needles, burnt spoons

with residue on them and empty pill bottles while he was assisting LCPD.

Agent Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF made the arrest.

**Police Beat**

Jesus Arcellano Dominguez, 27, of Forks of the River, Sevierville was charged with driving on suspended.

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According to the report, Deputy Billy Lewis, LCSO observed a green vehicle speeding 64mph in a 50mph zone and stopped it.

The driver, Mr.

Dominguez was found to have a suspended license.

Deputy Billy Lewis, LCSO made the arrest.

Martha Ann Thomp-

son, 41, of Rausin Road, Philadelphia was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest.

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Brown  
him driving recklessly, nearly hitting other cars, and once located, the man reportedly was found to have been

driving under the influence of alcohol.

Brian Dan Brown, 41, of Oak Hill Lane, Vonore was charged with DUI 1st offense.

According to the re-

port, LPD officers were dispatched to a reckless driver call on Steekee Street in Loudon. The caller was following the vehicle and stated it almost hit several vehi-

cles and almost ran off the road a few times.

Officer Ward made contact with the vehicle crossing the river bridge and clocked it going 51 mph in a 30 mph zone and stopped it.

The driver, Mr. Brown had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his vehicle. Brown stated he'd drank three beers and he performed poorly on sobriety tasks. Officer M. Ward, LPD made the arrest.

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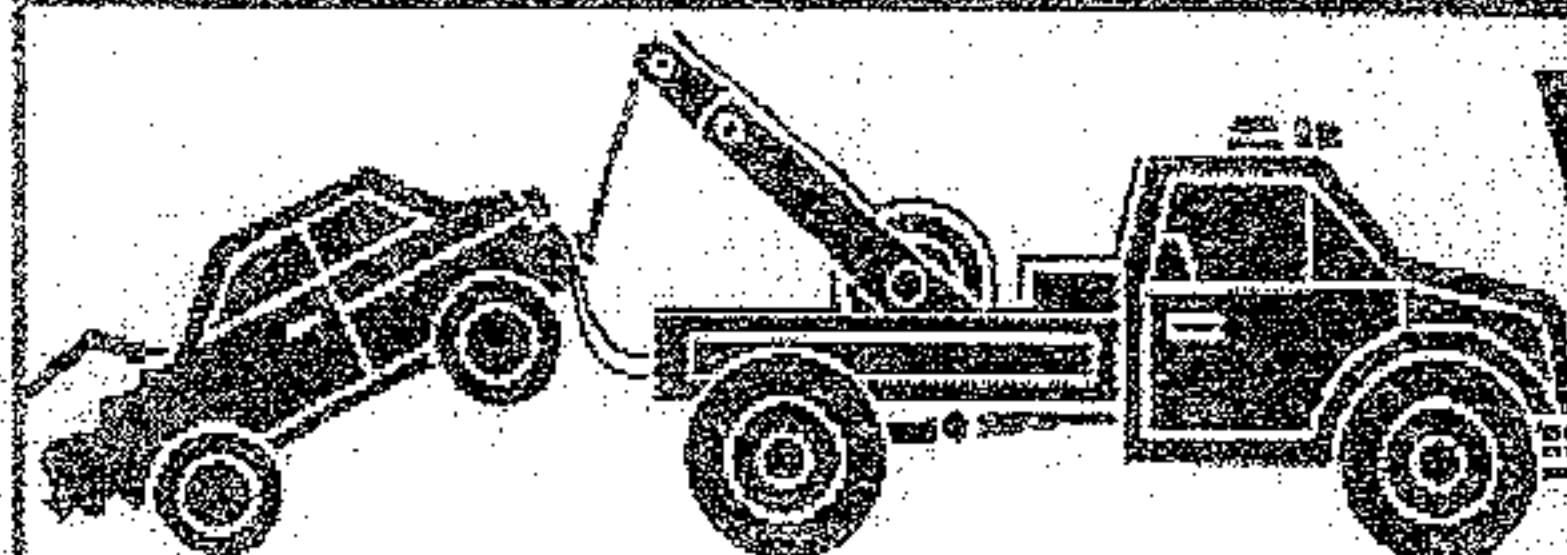
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Masingo covered she was sending inappropriate messages to a juvenile over Facebook. The Blount County Sheriff's Office H.E.A.T. (Hi-tech Evidence and Technology) Unit, along with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office, as part

of its Internet Crimes Against Children Tennessee Task Force (ICAC), worked a joint investigation on Masingo and discovered Masingo was sending inappropriate messages via Facebook to a male student at another high school.

Masingo was taken into custody Friday.

The age of the male student involved, nor which high school he attends has been released.

Masingo is a Response to Intervention (RTI) teacher, according to the Greenback School website. RTI

teachers provide early, systematic assistance to students who are having difficulty learning.

Reports indicate Loudon County Director of Schools Jason Vance advised the school is working with officials and is conducting its own investigation.

Masingo reportedly has never been accused

of any serious misconduct and has been a teacher with the school system since 1995. She has been suspended without pay.

Masingo was being held at the Blount County Detention Center on bonds totaling \$80,000 pending a hearing in Blount County General Sessions Court on Friday.

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