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Thursday, July 7, 2016

## It all started when she threw a joint out in front of an officer

Stephanie Chu, 28, New Corinth Blaine TN., was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale SCH. 11 x2 & VI, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, made contact with a LCSO Deputy Ferguson who witnessed Stephanie Chu throw a item out of her vehicle on City Park Drive in front of him. The item was recovered and identified as a marijuana joint. Officer

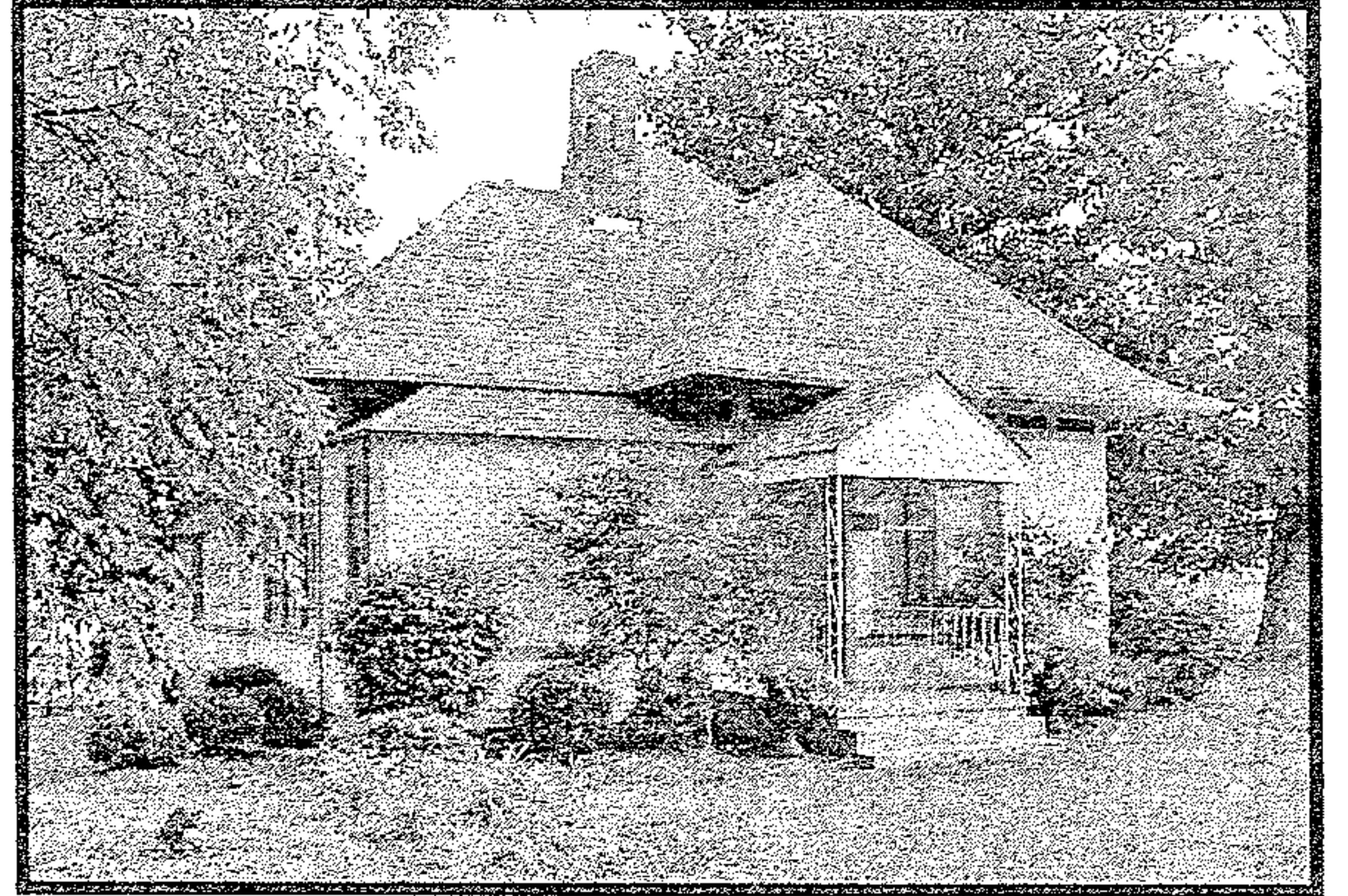
(see drugs pg. 2)



Stephanie Chu

## County Corner

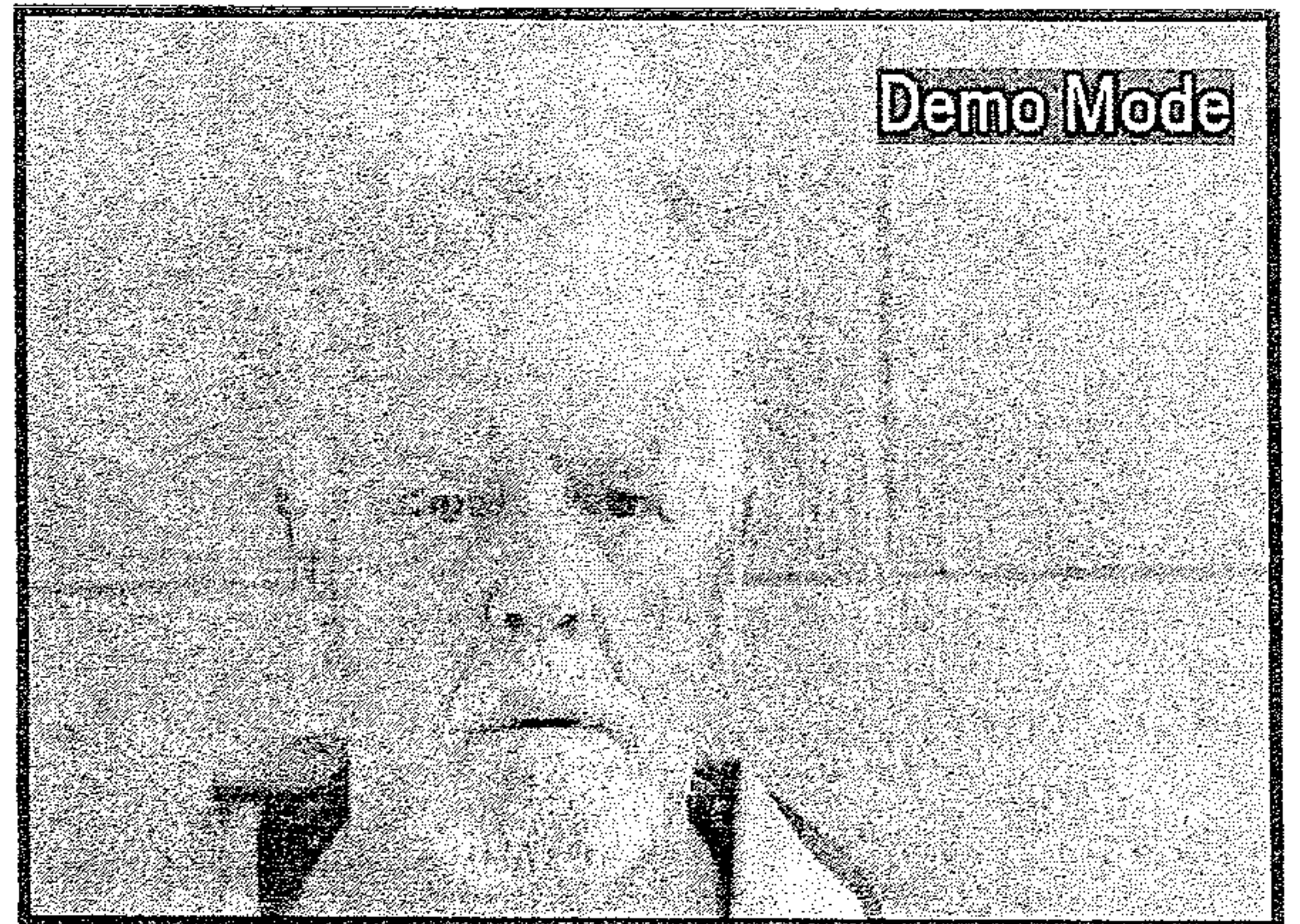
by Kendra McCarter



Lenoir City Museum as it stands today

(see Corner pg. 7)

## Reckless trucker nabbed and then tries to flee



Rodney Jones

(see reckless pg. 3)

## Sales Tax Holiday

The state of Tennessee's annual sales tax holiday is held every year, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in July and ending at 11:59 p.m. the following Sunday night. During this weekend, certain goods may be purchased tax free. This year's tax-free holiday weekend begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 29 and ends Sunday, July 31 at 11:59 p.m.

(see holiday pg. 4)

## Woman charged after stuffing bra with meth

Melody Idol, 23, Yarnell Road Knoxville, was charged with Violation of Probation, Failure to Appear, and Man/Sell/Del/Resale SCH 11. Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, located Melody Idol walking down Nelson Street. Officer had prior knowledge Idol had outstanding warrants. Officer made contact with the jail to check status of active warrant.

(see meth pg. 5)

### Verse of the Day

But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of

the written code. — Romans 7:6  
**Obituaries** see inside  
**Wazzup** Who in the world thought tearing up downtown Lenoir City

made any kind of sense? Those building have never been that empty!

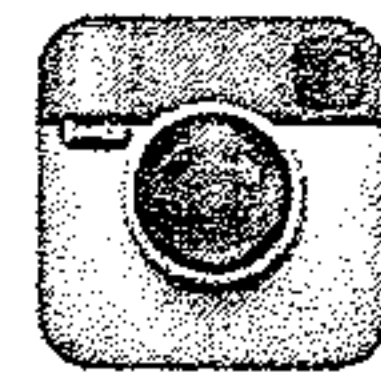
### Weather

Today: Thunderstorms likely in the morning. Then the chance of scattered thunderstorms in

the afternoon. High 89F. Tonight: A few clouds. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. Low 72F.

Friday Sunny. High 97F. Friday Night Clear in the evening then increasing

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drugs deployed his partner K9 Dagger on the vehicle which was at the Calhoun parking lot and gave positive alert.

Deputy went into Calhoun and had Chu and a passenger come back out to the vehicle. Chu did state to Officer that she had a large amount of narcotic in her vehicle.

Upon search of the vehicle

items retrieved were: a mason jar full of marijuana, along with 3 zip lock bag of marijuana, 1 vacuum sealed bag, 1 green container, and 1 pill bottle with 4 bags of cocaine, and 1 bag with 5 Adderall capsules.

Also located were a set of scales and a pipe. Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, made the arrest.

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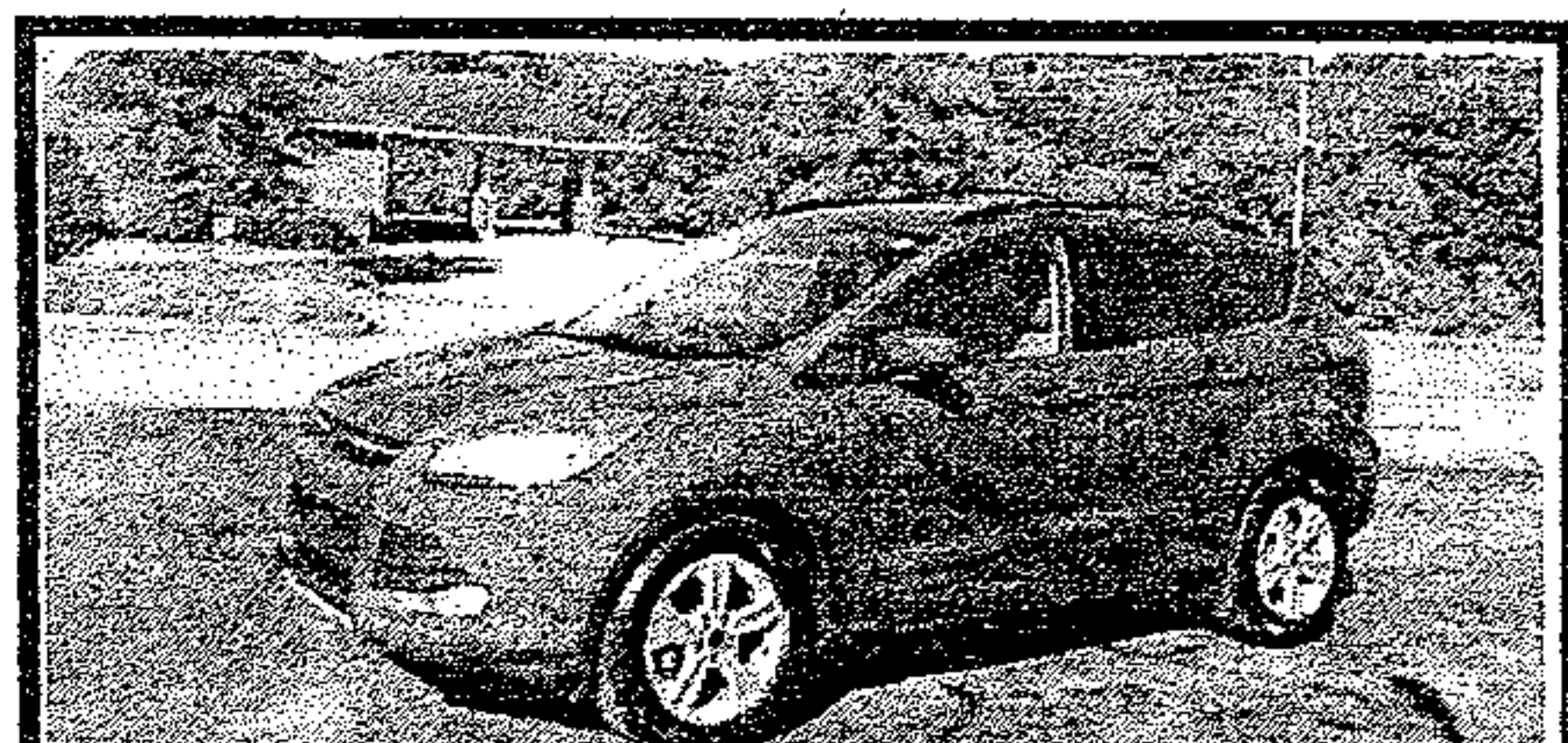
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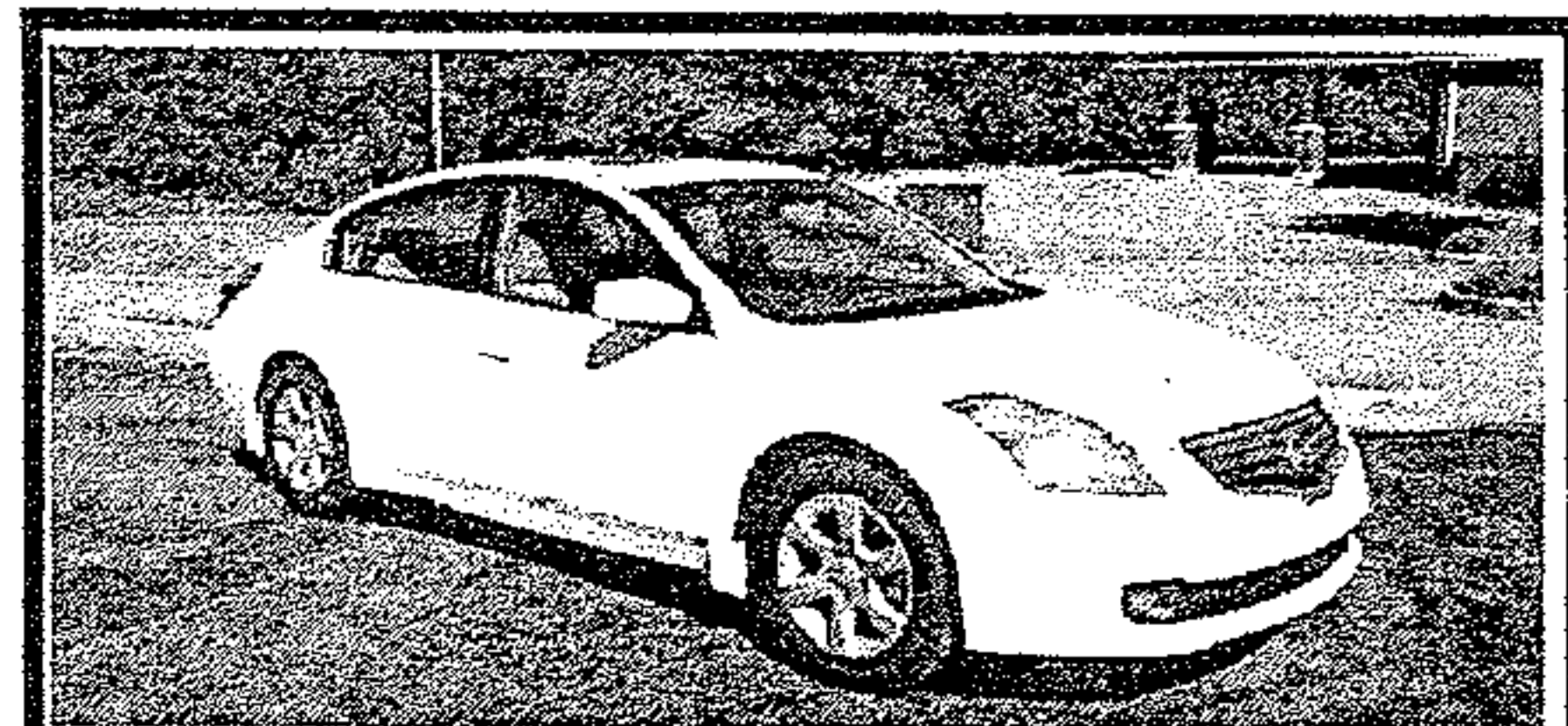
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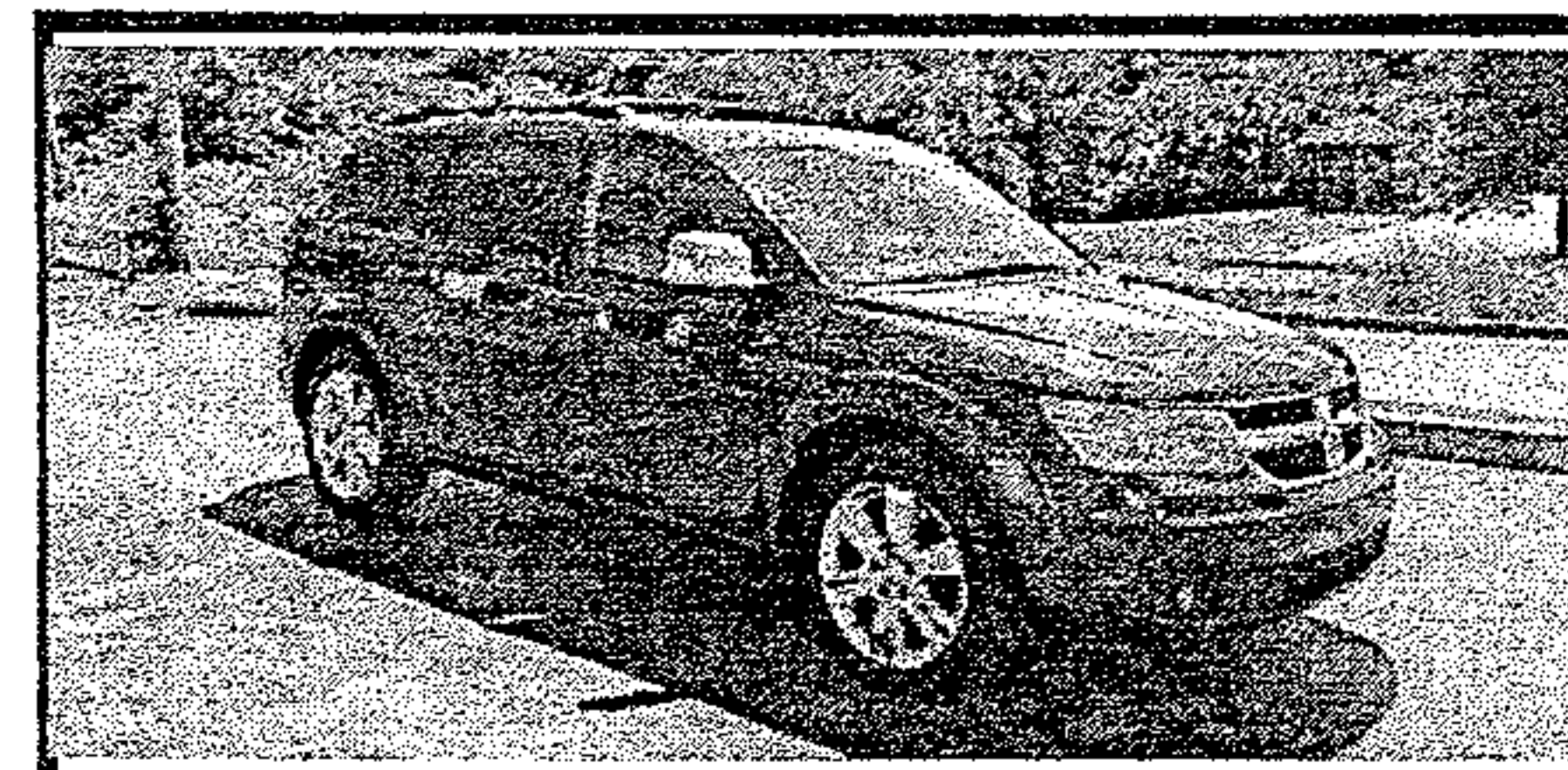
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**reckless**

Rodney Jones, 59, Green Drive AL., was charged with Simple Possession, Poss. of Drug Para., and Resisting Arrest. Deputy Jamie Ketner LCSO, was dispatched to a reckless driver call on I-75 in the area of mm73. Complainant stated a tractor trailer was weaving in and out of traffic. Deputy waited for the tractor trailer at the 67mm. Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the truck and made contact with the driver Rodney Jones, and a passenger. Mr. Jones was bleeding from the chin, he stated he cut himself shaving, however Mr. Jones had a full beard. Deputy ask Mr. Jones to step out of the truck. Jones

was nervous when ask about his travel and why he was driving recklessly. Deputy patted Jones down for weapons and there was a bulge in his left pocket. Deputy ask

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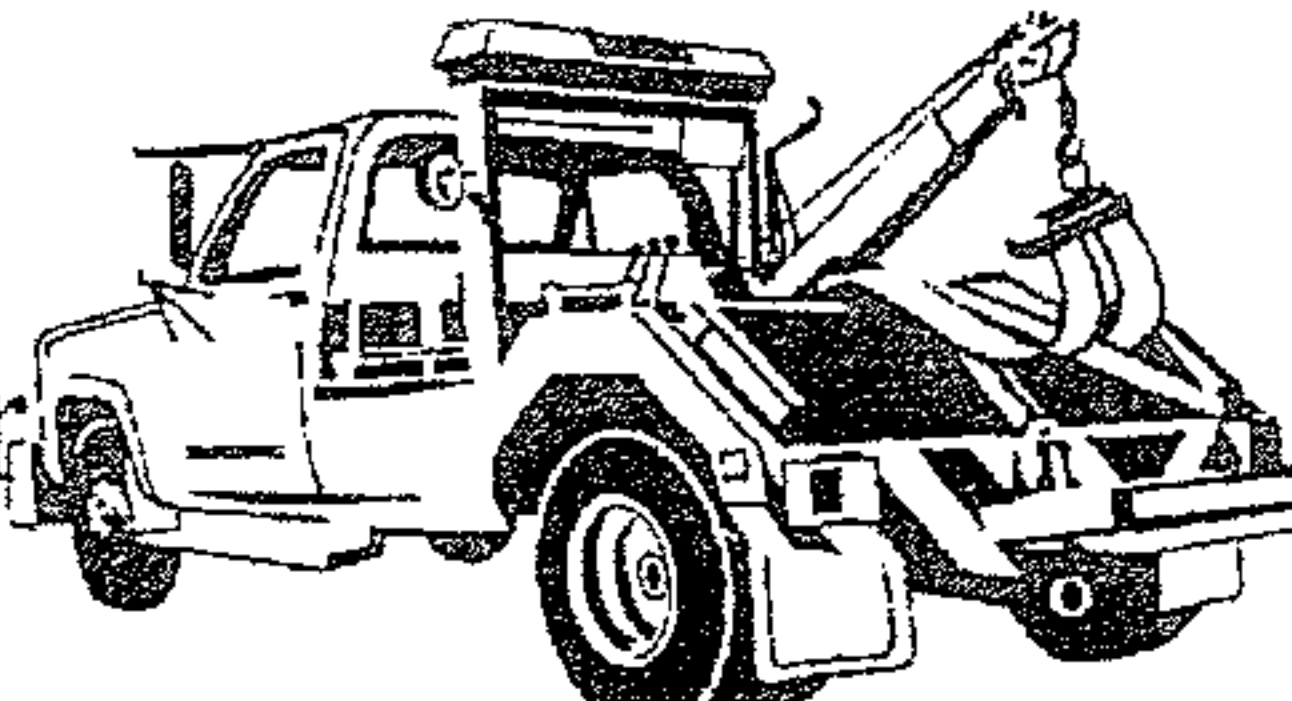
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- See more at: <http://www.tn.gov/revenue/article/sales-tax-holiday#sthash.ad8dLEb5.dpuf>

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Jones to take the item out of his pocket. Jones pulled out a bubble wrap baggie and threw it. Deputy grabbed Jones by the wrist and he pulled away from Deputy trying to flee.

Deputy took Jones to the ground and handcuffed him. The baggie contained methamphetamine, and a pipe was located. Deputy Jamie Ketner LCSO, made the arrest.

**H A S L A M : STATE OF OUR STATE IS ONE OF UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY**

Budget proposal makes the largest K-12 investment without a tax increase in state history

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam tonight delivered his 2016 State of the State and Budget Address before a joint session of the 109th General Assembly, unveiling a balanced \$34.8 billion proposal that makes the largest investment in K-12 education without a tax increase in Tennessee's history. The governor's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget proposes 261 million in new dollars for Tennessee public education, including \$104.6 million for

teacher salaries. In his speech Haslam highlighted the collaborative effort across state government to grow Tennessee's economy, reduce ongoing costs, provide high quality service to taxpayers and maintain fiscal discipline that has positioned Tennessee to invest in its priorities. "The reality is that the state of our state is one of unique opportunity, an opportunity that must not go to waste," Haslam said. "This opportunity is a result of a strengthening economy combined with the hard work and discipline of our departments and the conservative fiscal strategy employed by the General Assembly, our constitutional officers and this administration. "By managing wisely and investing strategically, we're making tax dollars work harder for Tennesseans. This is what we do." Haslam's budget proposal builds up state reserves, puts Tennes-

see on the path to catch up on long-deferred maintenance of buildings, reinvests in the state workforce and focuses one-time dollars on reducing the state's ongoing costs. "This is our opportunity. Let's bear down on what we can do together, keeping Tennessee a state with a strong financial condition, helping Tennessee to be the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality education," Haslam said. Including the current fiscal year's appropriation, state government will invest more than 414 million in new dollars in Tennessee schools, more than \$200 million of that toward increases to teacher salaries. Additionally, Haslam proposed funding the 12th month of health insurance for teachers and doubling the state's recurring contribution

for technology needs at schools. "What's important in all of this is that we're not investing in the same old public education system in Tennessee. We've raised our standards. We've linked teacher evaluations to student performance, and we've expanded education options for children. We're showing historic progress, and we can't back up," Haslam said. The governor's proposal puts \$100 million into the state's Rainy Day Fund, bringing it to an estimated \$668 million on June 30, 2017; \$60 million for salary increases for state employees; and another \$36 million for market rate adjustments for state employees making less than \$50,000 annually. Haslam proposed significant investments in higher education and the Drive to 55 initiative, the state's effort to increase the number of Tennesseans (see forensic ctd. pg. 5)

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meth  
Officer made contact with Idol and ask if she had anything illegal on her person before transporting her to jail she stated yes. Idol retrieved 3 small zip lock bags from her bra. The bags contained crystal methamphetamine. The weight of each bag was .5 grams. Idol stated she was selling them for some-

one else. Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, made the arrest.

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with a postsecondary credential to 55 percent by 2025, including: • \$50 million for the Complete College funding formula for higher education; • \$20 million for the Drive to 55 Capacity Fund to help community

and technical colleges meet the growing demand for degrees and certificates; and • \$10 million for the Labor Education Alignment Program (LEAP) helping communities align degree and course offerings with the needs of the local workforce. The proposal invests \$581.6 million in state and other funds to build new buildings and fix

existing higher education and general state government facilities. This includes the top recommended capital projects for both the University of Tennessee (UT) system and the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR): • \$85.5 million for a new Tennessee Tech University laboratory science building; • \$39 million for a new dentistry

building at the UT Health Science Center in Memphis; • \$38.8 million for Tennessee State University's new health science building; and • \$36 million for renovations to UT-Chattanooga academic buildings. Other notable budget investments are: • \$130 million from the General Fund to repay the Highway Fund; • \$24 million in state funds for the Employment and Community First (ECF) CHOICES program to allow the state to serve more people currently on the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities' waiting list and others eligible for services; • \$12.8 million for facilities and homeland security upgrades for the Military Department; • \$10 million for the Department of Economic and Community Development's Rural Development Initiative; and • \$1.27 million to increase the number of drug recovery courts from 41 to 50 and for two additional veterans courts. The complete text of the governor's speech, an archived video and budget documents will be available at <http://tn.gov/governor/topic/state-of-the-state>.

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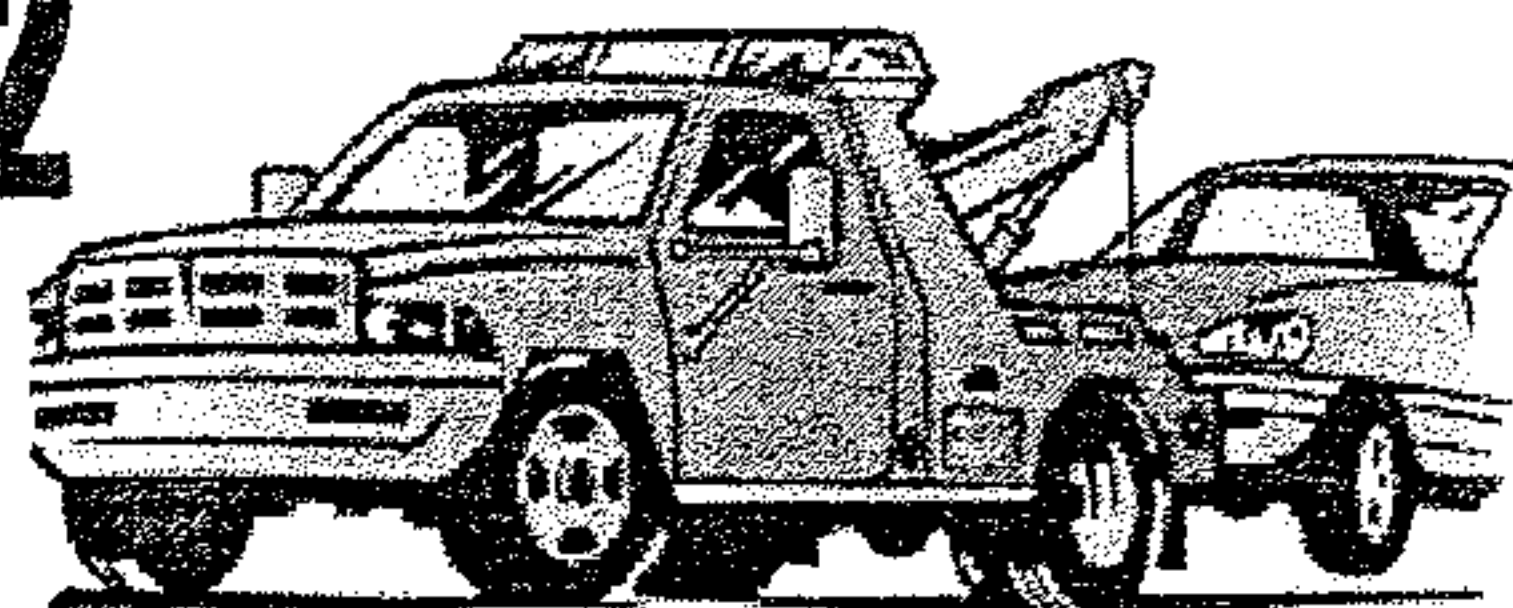
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Lenoir City originated from lands owned by General William Lenoir. General Lenoir was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, on May 8, 1751, and moved to North Carolina in 1759. During the Revolutionary War, he served as captain under Colonel Cleveland in the Battle of

King's Mountain. As a reward for his services during the war, the state of North Carolina awarded him 5000 acres located along the northern bank of the Tennessee River. This tract of land, known as the Lenoir tract, stretched a distance of two miles.

In September 1809, General Lenoir deeded

his land to his eldest son, Major William Ballard Lenoir. Major Lenoir named the land Lenoir's Station (then located in Roane County) and moved onto it with his wife in 1810. Major Lenoir and his family first moved into a log house built by Judge David Campbell. By 1821, the farm had been cleared, and the Lenoirs built and moved into a larger brick home. This property remained in the Lenoir Family until 1876.

In 1890, the Lenoir City Company was formed by several prominent businessmen in Knoxville and New York City in or-

der design and built the new town. The office is pictured here (now the Lenoir City Museum) and was built in 1890 and designed by the Baumann Brothers. The Lenoir City Company surveyed the family land and divided it into lots and streets. Many of the first homes were purchased from the Lenoir City Company. In 1907, Lenoir City was incorporated by an act of the state legislature. The first mayor was F.A. Weiss, the town's first millionaire.

Over the years, Lenoir City has been the hometown of a number of proud and famous folks, includ-

ing Kenny Roberts. Born George S. Kingsbury Jr., he moved to Massachusetts as a boy. He is best known for his recordings of "I Never See Maggie Alone" and "Choc'late Ice Cream Cone", and was a member of The Down Homers with Bill Haley.

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