

Daily Edition

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Monday, December 6, 2010

9th Judicial Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force, LPD conduct prostitution sting, nab 2

On Thursday, December 1, 2010 the Loudon Police Department and the 9th Judicial District Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force conducted an undercover investigation regarding a prostitution ring in and around Loudon County. Information was obtained during the investigation indicating that two Lenoir City females were encouraging and facilitating the prostitution of unnamed juvenile females as well. Agents posing as potential clients had conversations and eventually brokered a



(see Sting pg. 3) Melissa Westmoreland



Stephanie Westmoreland

Drive-thru drug deal



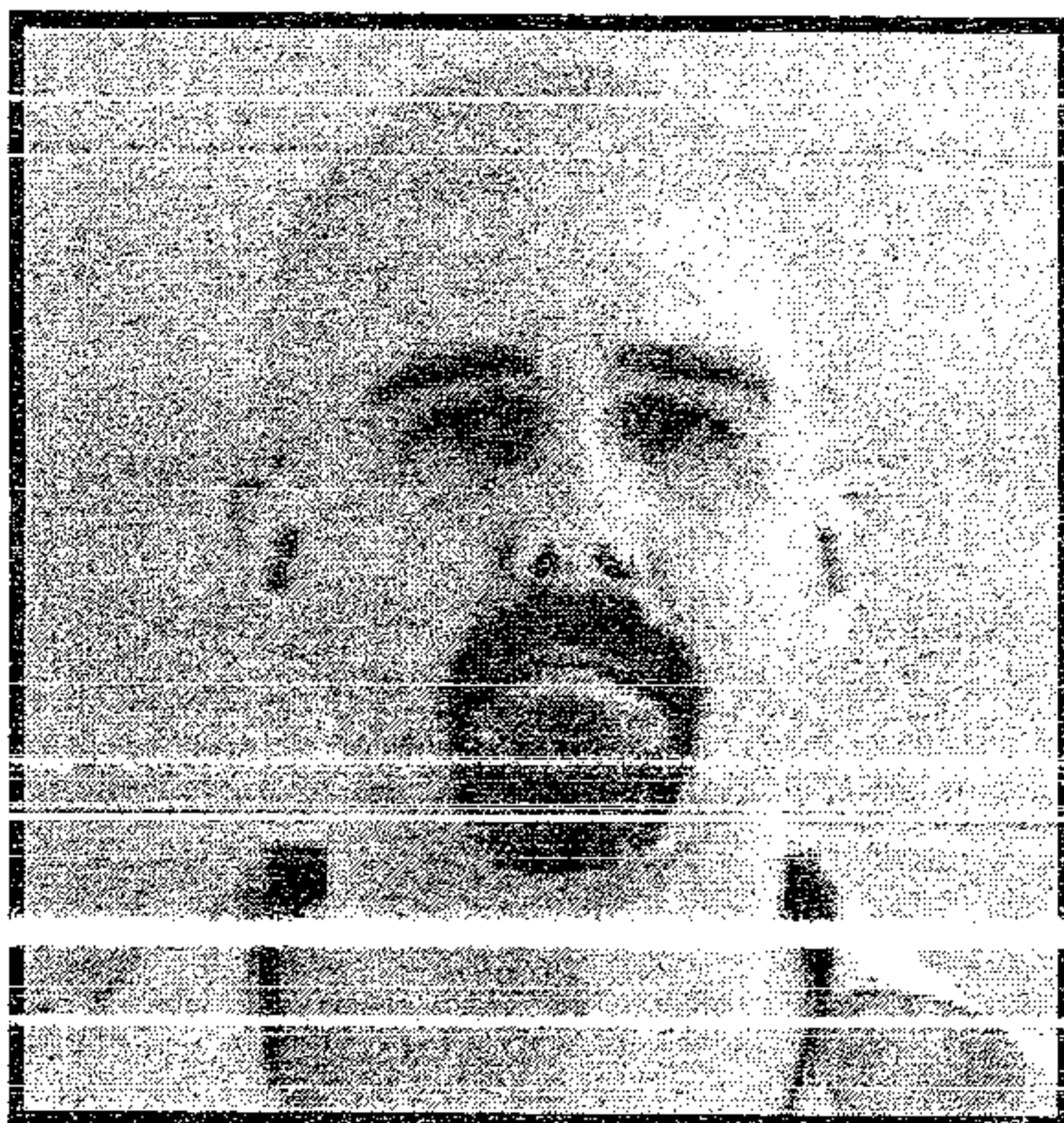
Yates

Loudon City Police received a call from the management of Wendy's on Hwy 72 in Loudon

(see Yates pg. 6)

Armed & intoxicated, driver endangers everybody

A Loudon man reportedly put everyone in his vicinity in danger when he passed on double yellow, then ran from an oncoming trooper in an area where there are no shoulders along the roadway. His brake lights gave him away when he tried to hide, and after his arrest the trooper reported finding two loaded weapons in the man's vehicle.



(see Alford pg. 4) Alford

Deputy responds to rash of vehicle burglaries

Deputy James Bowman, LCSO was kept busy Tuesday morning when at least three citizens called authorities to report their vehicles had been ransacked by thieves during the night.

According to records, at approximately 6:00 AM, Deputy Bowman went to residence on Cress Lane in Lenoir City where James Robert Edwards advised he and his wife got up around 6:00 AM and noticed

(see Burglaries pg. 4)

Tennessee's Longest Bear Season to Run Thru December 15

CATLINBURG, Tenn. The longest portion of Tennessee's 2010 bear season began

Dec. 2 and is set to run thru Dec. 15.

The counties allowed for the

(see Season pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue

all things unto himself." *Philippians 3:21*

Obituaries

Gerald Eugene Richardson **Wazzup**

Would the good folks running the rumor mill over on "The Circle" in-

form the rest of the public where the invisible padlocks and hasps are to be found? For those of us whose doors lock from the *inside*, as most *apartments* and many houses do, those invisible locks

would be just nifty to keep things put after the TKO's are counted.....

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Tonight: Lows in the mid teens.

Tuesday: Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the upper teens.

Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21 You may be somewhat

(see More pg. 2)

Sting

deal for sexual acts in exchange for U.S. currency.

Undercover agents and officers made contact with a female, later identified as Stephanie

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Westmoreland, who proclaimed herself as a female who has girls available to give men companionship at any given location for money. Stephanie agreed to bring her sister to meet two men at a local Loudon hotel.

Two females arrived just before 11:30 PM and entered the room. Shortly after their ar-

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rival they negotiated a deal with undercover officers to exchange sex for money.

After negotiating a deal for sexual acts for \$150.00, the two females did accept money for the services to be rendered and were immediately taken into custody by officers from the LPD and the 9th DTF. Further investigation revealed that the two had participated in the promotion of prostitution of at least one juvenile female.

During recorded phone conversations Stephanie Westmore-


land planned, managed and made arrangements for the meet with undercover officers by arranging security, transportation and procurement of another female for the deal. These factors led to the charge of promotion of prostitution, and the act, negotiation and exchange of money with undercover officers, led to the charge of prostitution.

The other female, Melissa Renee Westmoreland gave a statement to officers saying she was running a "business" selling herself and she had en-

couraged at least one of her friends to exchange sex for money. Melissa also stated her sister Stephanie had never done it before and that she encouraged her to do it for the money. These factors led to the charge of promotion of prostitution for Melissa Westmoreland.

Stephanie Nicole Westmoreland, 19 and Melissa Renee Westmoreland, 18, both of Oakwood Drive, Lenoir City were charged with prostitution and promotion of prostitution.

Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD made the arrests.



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Obituaries

Gerald Eugene Richardson - age 79 of Lenoir City, passed away Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at Summit View of Lake City. He was of the Baptist faith. Gerald was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the United States Army where he received the Purple Heart. Gerald was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Joan Richardson; special friend, Mary Rollen Ball; son, Rodney Lee Richardson; parents; brother, Roy Richardson, Jr.; sisters, Nell Jean Sparkman and Doris Parks. Survived by his daughter, Deborah R. Ervin and husband, Jim; grandchildren: Chris Richardson, Tony Foster, Charlyn Shelton and Alayna Coleman; grandchildren: Makenzi and Brynn Coleman, Devin Shelton along with many step grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and special niece, Barbara Stanley. The family would like to express a special thank you to the amazing staff at Summitt View of Lake City, especially those on the South Station. Friends may call at their convenience Friday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Family and friends will gather in the Lakeview Cemetery Saturday at 11 a.m. for graveside services with full military honors conferred by the Loudon County Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to Summitt View of Lake City in Gerald's memory.

Burglaries

their vehicle parked in the driveway had been broken into.

Mr. Edwards stated the vehicle was unlocked and the only thing missing was a \$2 LED flashlight.

The vehicle had been ransacked and there was no visible sign of forced entry.

A half hour later, the lawman was at another Cress Lane address where another vehicle had been broken into.

Jeremy Paul Miller stated he and his wife got up around 7:31 AM to find their silver Dodge Durango broken into.

A Kodak camera, two pairs of soccer socks, and a child's purse containing \$20 were stolen.

The vehicle had been ransacked and there was no visible sign of forced entry. The total estimated value of the loss was \$200.

At around 8:09 AM, Deputy Bowman spoke with Edward Lee Click at his Oakwood Estates Drive residence and Click advised when he woke up he discovered his red Dodge Ram had been broken into.

Mr. Click advised his Garmin GPS and his

dulcimer guitar were missing.

Deputy Bowman noted in his report the vehicle was parked in the driveway and had been ransacked. There was no sign of forced entry and apparently it had been left unlocked.

The total amount of the loss was estimated at \$375.

The cases were turned over to an investigator.

Police Beat

Kassandra S. Jago, 18, Maple Tree Lane, Lenoir City, Chancery Allen Thomas, 20, Cherry Hill Avenue, Knoxville, and Douglas Blake Jackson, 20, Foley Hill Road, Clinton, were charged with underage consumption.

According to records, Saturday, around 3:15 AM, Sgt. Joe Foster, LCPD noticed a blue

Chevy Blazer driving around in a residential area in Lenoir City. Sgt. Foster conducted a traffic stop on East Broadway and identified the driver as Kassandra Jago.

Ms. Jago had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about her breath and person. She stated she'd had a drink earlier. Ms. Jago is only 18 years old. Sgt. Foster made the arrest.

Chancery Allen Thomas was a passenger in the Chevy Blazer.

According to LCPD Lt. David Flynn's report, Mr. Thomas had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his breath and person, slurred speech and glassy eyes. He had

consumed one or several alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Thomas is only 20 years of age, not 21 as required by law. Lt. Flynn made the arrest.

Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD transported Douglas Blake Jackson from a residence on Kingston Street around 4:35 AM, Saturday, to East Broadway so he could pick up his vehicle from a traffic stop.

Officer Condee noticed Mr. Jackson had an odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. Jackson admitted to drinking 4 beers and submitted to a field breath analyzer test. The test registered .15%. Mr. Jackson is also only 20 years old. Officer Condee made the arrest.

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Alford

William Kenneth Alford II, 38, Waleta Lane, Loudon was charged with DUI 1st offense, violation of implied consent, reckless driving, possession of weapons while intoxicated, and felony evading arrest.

According to records, Saturday, at approximately 10:13 PM, Trooper Daniel Morton, THP observed Mr. Alford driving a silver Nissan 350Z northbound on Highway 321 on The Fort Loudon Dam Bridge. The trooper was traveling southbound approaching Mr. Alford's car. About that time, Mr. Alford passed a van on a double yellow line in a no passing zone, nearly causing a head-on crash before jerking the car back into the northbound lane.

Trooper Morton activated his blue lights and attempted to stop the vehicle as it approached him but, according to the report, he immediately realized Alford was not going to stop, so he positioned his

patrol car near the yellow line as the Nissan accelerated to a high rate of speed.

Trooper Morton noted in his report there are no shoulders on the roadway and therefore no means of escape for the innocent motoring public. William Alford operated his car with willful disregard for his safety, the officer's safety, and other motoring public. He sped away at an extreme rate of speed, estimated to be over 100 mph and turned onto SR 444/Tellico Parkway and traveled south on SR 444, then turned into the boat ramp.

Mr. Alford turned off all headlights, taillights and only his brake lights were visible. The trooper saw the vehicle stop and when he approached the Nissan Mr. Alford was sitting in the driver's seat. He became argumentative when the lawman asked about his driving actions. He smelled of an alcoholic beverage and admitted to drinking prior to driving.

Mr. Alford's eyes were watery and he had difficulty speaking. He couldn't follow instructions and performed poorly on all standard field sobriety tasks.

Mr. Alford was arrested for DUI and as he exited the vehicle, Trooper Morton observed, in plain view, a loaded handgun between the driver's seat and center console. Mr. Alford stated there was a second loaded handgun in the car and he had a valid handgun permit. The other weapon was located in the driver's side floorboard.

Alford was read the implied consent advisement and refused a blood test and a Breathalyzer.

Police Beat

Michael Ray Davis, 31, Harbor View Lane, Maryville was charged with DUI 1st offense.

According to reports, around 12:50 AM, Thursday, Deputy Billy Hall, LCSO noticed a red Chevy S-10 cross the fog line several times on Highway 411 and at times the truck traveled

several hundred feet over the fog line.

Hall stopped the vehicle, approached the passenger side and the driver opened the passenger door. While they were talking, the lawman noted he could smell a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the truck.

The driver, Michael Davis, had watery eyes and very slurred speech. He said he drank four beers and then changed it to seven or eight. He performed poorly on all field sobriety and was placed under arrest.

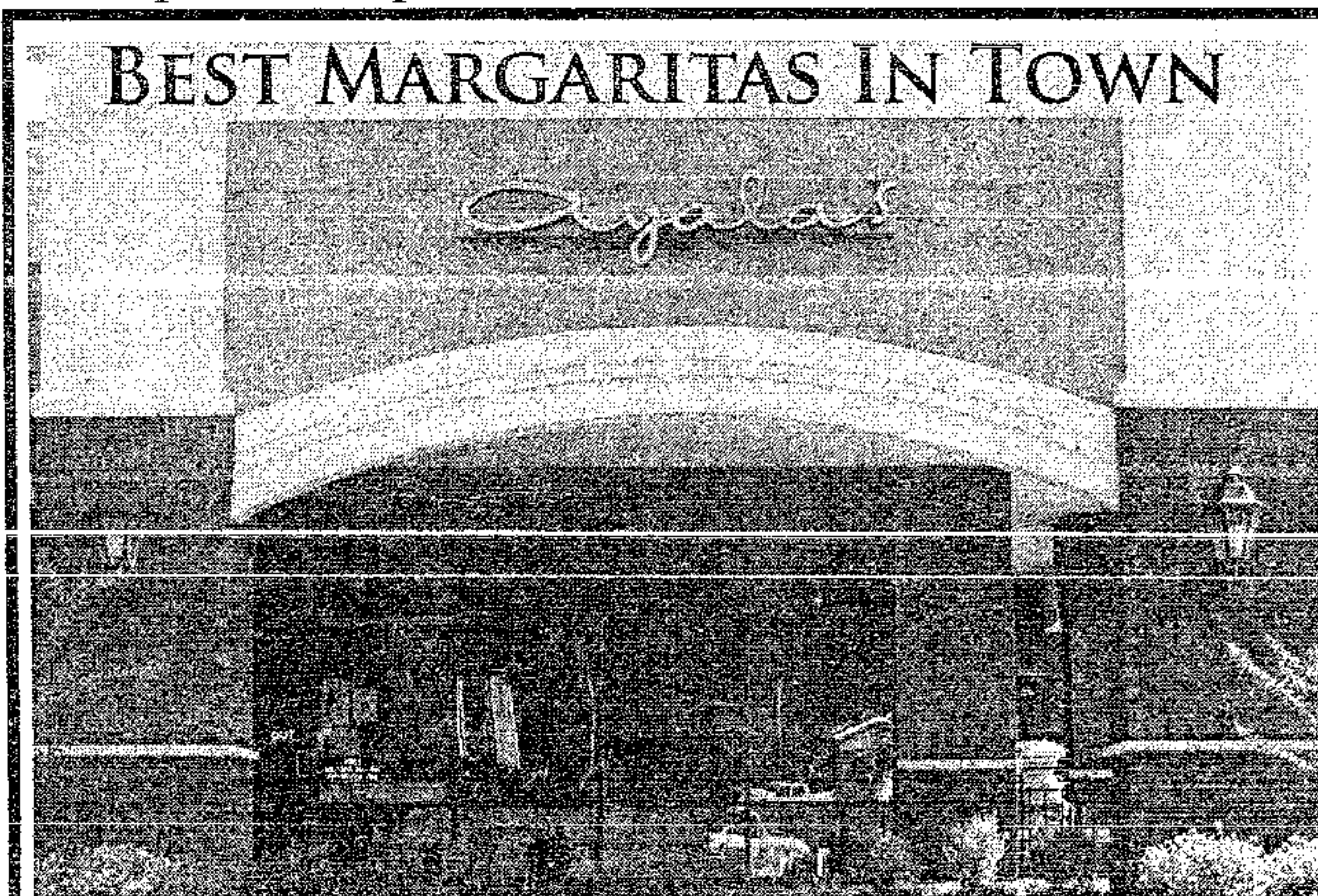
Mr. Davis was transported to Fort Loudoun ER for a blood draw before going to jail.

FOR REAL???

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

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Yates

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Upon arrival, officers were advised that an employee, Brittney Marie Yates, had made what looked like an illegal transaction through the drive-thru window with a male subject that had walked up to the window.

Officers then made contact with Ms. Yates and asked for consent to search her person and she agreed.

Upon searching Ms. Yates, officers discovered one and a half pills in a cigarette pack identified as Hydrocodone 10mg. She advised the pills were Hydrocodone and she was taken into custody.

Brittney Marie Yates,

20, of Setterberg Road, Philadelphia was charged with possession of schedule III (hydrocodone).

Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Kayla Anne O'neil, 23, West Lee Highway, Philadelphia was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to reports, Deputy Rondel Branam, LCSO was dispatched to a possible physical domestic call Saturday at a residence on West Lee Highway between two sisters.

While the deputy was enroute, dispatch advised one of the women involved in the altercation had left the residence through the rear door and had her four year old child with her.

Upon arrival, Deputy Branam made contact with all parties involved

and asked everyone their side of the story and they all gave the same story.

It was stated Ms. Kayla O'neal and her sister got into an argument and during the argument Ms. O'neal struck her sister numerous times in the head and the two began to scuffle.

The sister had bruises and swelling to the left portion of her face under her eye and to the right side of her forehead. Kayla Anne O'neal was taken into custody.

FOR REAL???

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

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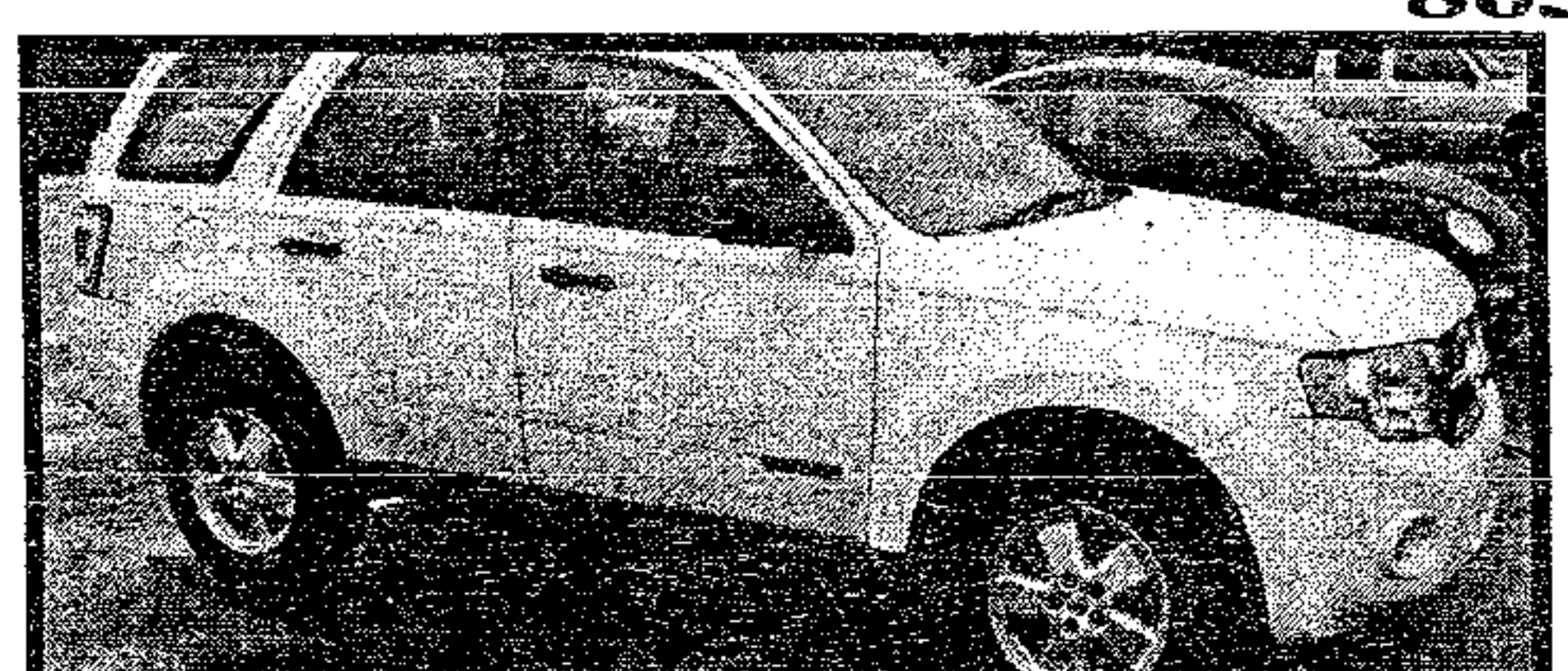
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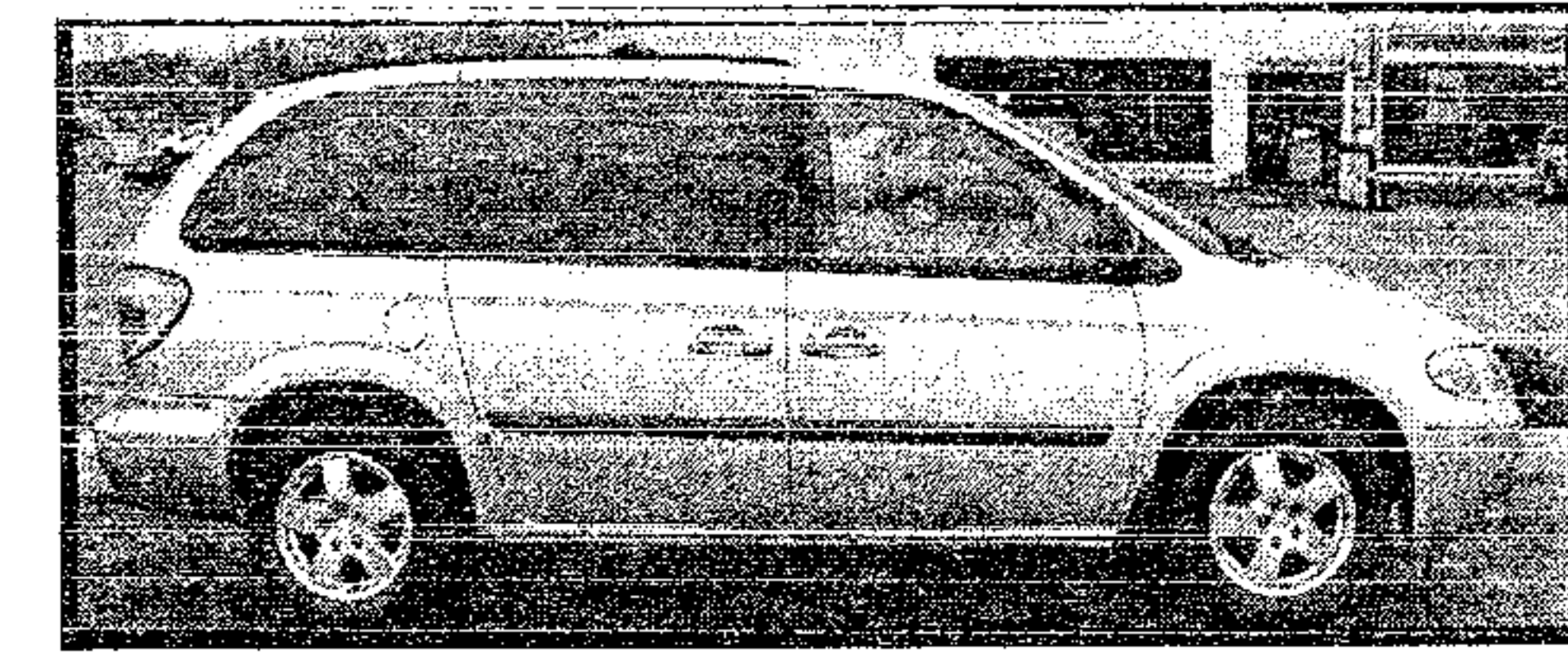
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TWRC Holds Final Meeting of Year

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission held its final meeting of 2010 with status reports presented on several programs and projects.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Wildlife Division Chief, Greg Wathen provided commission members information on the State Wildlife Grants program (SWG). SWG is a program implemented in 2000 to provide critical funding in support of fish and wildlife that are rare and on the decline. Since the program began, the TWRA has been allocated more than \$10 million which has been used to enhance TWRA's non-game wildlife conservation programs across the state. Many of the projects funded with these funds have provided important habitat for all wildlife.

To participate in the SWG program, each state wildlife agency

was required to develop a State Wildlife Action Plan. Tennessee's plan has been recognized as one of the best plans in the nation due in large part to the partnership that TWRA formed with The Nature Conservancy.

In recognition of the 10 year anniversary, Scott Davis, Executive Director of The Tennessee Nature Conservancy (TNC), spoke of the benefits the partnership had garnered and outlined the role that TNC had played.

Al Cecere, Founder and President of the American Eagle Foundation, along with several staff members, brought a variety of birds who have gone through rehab provided by the Foundation. Among the birds present was well-known bald eagle, Challenger who performs nationally at athletic and various events, and will be appearing during the pre-game at the Titans-

Colts football game on Dec. 9.

Kevin Liska, Director of the Business Media Center at Tennessee Tech University, presented a pair of educational programs, "Ollie the Otter" and "Sammy Sturgeon," designed to bring awareness to seat belt safety among elementary and middle school students. Sammy Sturgeon will also deliver conservation messages including careers related to wildlife, fish and renewable energy.

A project overview and status report for the Elizabethton Fish Hatchery was made. The commission heard a report and viewed a video on the status of hellbenders in Tennessee. The hellbender is the largest amphibian in North America.

The TWRC will hold its next meeting on Monday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Season

statewide bear season include Blount, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Jefferson (east of Hwy. 411), Johnson, Monroe, Polk (east of Hwy. 411 and north of Hwy. 64), Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington. All bear reserves are closed to bear hunting.

For bear hunting on specific Wildlife Management Areas, hunters should consult the 2010 regulations as they pertain to the specific WMA. The regulations can be found in the 2010 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide found at any license agent, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency regional office, or online at the TWRA website, www.tnwildlife.org.

The 2009 season was an all-time record for bear harvest in the state with 573 animals harvested. TWRA officials expect another good year as the bear population continues

to be healthy.

The limit on bear for any person participating in statewide or WMA hunts or both shall not exceed one bear per calendar year. This bear may be either sex.

Cubs or female bears with cubs may not be taken at any time. A cub is defined as a bear weighing 75 pounds or less. Bears may be whole or field dressed but must weigh 75 pounds or more when checked in.

The reproductive organs must remain attached to each bear has been officially checked in at an official TWRA checking station. Bears may not be checked in via the internet.

Police Beat

Lester Cleve Morgan, 34, Bald Knob Road, Petros was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Blakney, LCSO made the arrest Monday at the Morgan County Jail.

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