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**DAILY EDITION**

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Monday, April 26, 2010

# Master Key Holder at McGhee Square Indicted

The Maintenance man, Larry J. Caldwell, also part of management, at McGhee Square, Kelly Lane, Lenoir City was taken into custody on a sealed indictment handed down from the Loudon County Grand Jury. Larry J. Caldwell, 52, was charged on a criminal court *capias* for forgery.

(see Key Holder pg. 3)



**LARRY J. CALDWELL**

## Update: Aggravated Sexual Battery charge against Dakota Matheson

Jonathan Dakota Matheson, 20, Mount Vernal Church Road, Rockwood was indicated by the Loudon  
 (see Update pg. 6)

### Verse of the day

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

Job 14:1

### Weather:

Today: Occasional showers possible. Highs in the mid 60s

Tonight: Showers ending and cooler with lows in the upper 40s.

Tuesday: Few showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

### Wazzup

How 'bout Eric Berry and Dan Williams going to the NFL in the 1st round. Go Vols!!!

### Obituaries

Evelyn Waller Everett

H. Herbert Phillips (see More pg. 2)



# LCSO-NU takes 33 grams from speeder



**Leonard Dewayne Meddings**  
 Felony possession of schedule VI

LCSO-NU officers reported finding about 33 grams of marijuana in the trunk of a vehicle fellow lawmen had stopped for speeding on I-75.

(see Meddings pg. 7)

## Fishing with Gus

We managed to free a lubricated Coonfoot without too much effort; one final push did it with only minimal damage to the body scanner left by Coonfoot's enormous belt buckle, which scratched the glass door.

It turned out the only reason the machine didn't work was it never got

(see Gus pg. 8)

## Rabies Vaccinations for Pets Protect People Too

NASHVILLE — Spring is the time when many pet owners update the rabies vaccinations for their dogs and cats, and many clinics offer low-cost vaccinations. Not only are these vaccinations required by Tennessee law, but they are important for protecting both pets and human family members from rabies. The Tennessee Department of Health reminds Tennesseans

(see Vaccinations pg. 3)

# Man beats woman with gun



**Eddie Paul Garner**

A Loudon man is accused of hitting a woman with a handgun type BB gun and sticking the barrel in her

(see Garner pg. 8)



## Key Holder

According to court documents, Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD presented the case to District Attorney General Russell Johnson's Office for presentation to the grand jury. As a result of the evidence, court documents state a credit card company sent documents for the victim, also a McGhee Square resident at the time, that

were forged by Larry Caldwell, in the victims name. According to Detective Sartin, Caldwell first stated someone else forged the documents, then admitted he did forge the victims signature.

Caldwell has reportedly not been barred from the property, still holds the master key to all apartments, and has the power to have others barred from

the property at will.

McGhee Square is privately owned and HUD subsidized which allows the management of the property to make decisions at their discretion.

Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO, made the arrest.

### Vaccinations

that preventing exposure of people and their pets to the rabies virus is a priority.

"Our pets are more likely to come into contact with wild animals than people are. Protecting these pets with rabies vaccination can provide a barrier against rabies from wild animals," said Health Commissioner Susan R. Cooper, MSN, RN. "Keeping our pets' rabies vaccinations up to date is an effective and important way to protect both them and our human loved ones."

Rabies is a virus transmitted through the saliva of an infected animal. Rabies infection occurs primarily in wildlife in Tennessee, but it can be transmitted to any mammal. Bites are the most common means of transmission; contact with saliva from an infected animal can also be a concern. Rabies can be prevented if treated promptly before symptoms develop, but left untreated it is nearly always fatal to humans and other mammals. So far in 2010, TDOH has confirmed rabies in 21 animals in 10 Tennessee counties. The cases include one dog, one raccoon, two bats and 17 skunks.

Humans can be exposed to rabies when attempting to assist, feed or handle wild animals. If a wild or domestic animal is seen as ill or acting strangely, it should be reported to your local animal control agency. Bats in particular should not be handled. If a bat is found inside, in a swimming pool or brought home by your pets, use precautions and consult your local health department. Additional information on bats is available at [www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats/index.html).

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"People, especially young children and teens, are curious about nature and animals, but wild animals and unfamiliar pets may pose a health risk to them," said L. Rand Carpenter, DVM, public health veterinarian with TDOH. "It is important that parents and other adults educate children to observe wildlife from a safe distance and not touch any wild animals or unfamiliar domestic animals."

Individuals can take the following actions to help prevent the spread of rabies:


- Keep vaccinations up-to-date for all dogs and cats, as required by Tennessee law and local ordinances. Many county health departments offer vaccination clinics in the spring.

- Keep your pets under direct supervision so they do not come into contact with wild animals. If your pet is bitten by a wild animal, seek veterinary assistance immediately.

- Keep children away from any wild or dead animals. Educate them not to touch or attempt to feed or handle any wild or unfamiliar domestic animals, especially those that appear to be sick or injured.

- Do not disturb bats. Instead, consult your local health department or animal control agency for assistance in dealing with potential exposure to bats.

For more information or assistance with a potential rabies exposure, call your local health department or the Tennessee Department of Health emergency line at 615-741-7247.



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### Update

County Grand Jury and charged with 1 count of aggravated sexual battery.

Records indicate the charges came following a TBI investigation into allegations Matheson had sexual contact with a juvenile on at least one occasion.

Matheson has already been charged with two counts of rape of a child.

Special Agent Luke Muhouen, TBI, made the arrest at the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

### Police Beat

Imad Comha, 45,

Homeless, was charged Wednesday, with public intoxication.

According to records, Patrolman Jeremy Dishner, LCPD was dispatched to Kings Inn on Highway 321 in reference to a drunk man causing a disturbance. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with Mr. Comha in the parking lot.

Comha was unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech and smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage. Officer Dishner determined Mr. Comha was a danger to himself and others if left alone and took him to jail.

Jennie Mechel Thomas, 34, West 9th Avenue, Lenoir City was charged Thursday, with driving on suspended license.

According to reports, Officer Brendan DeBoer, LPD saw a white Grand Am traveling on Highway 11 in

the city of Loudon.

While observing the vehicle he noticed the license plate light was burnt out. The Grand Am stopped at a closed gas station at which time Officer DeBoer noticed 2 unrestrained children in the back seat.

He made contact with the driver, Jennie Thomas and discovered the children were 2 and 3 years old and were not restrained in child safety seats.

Ms. Thomas was found to have a suspended license in the state of Tennessee.

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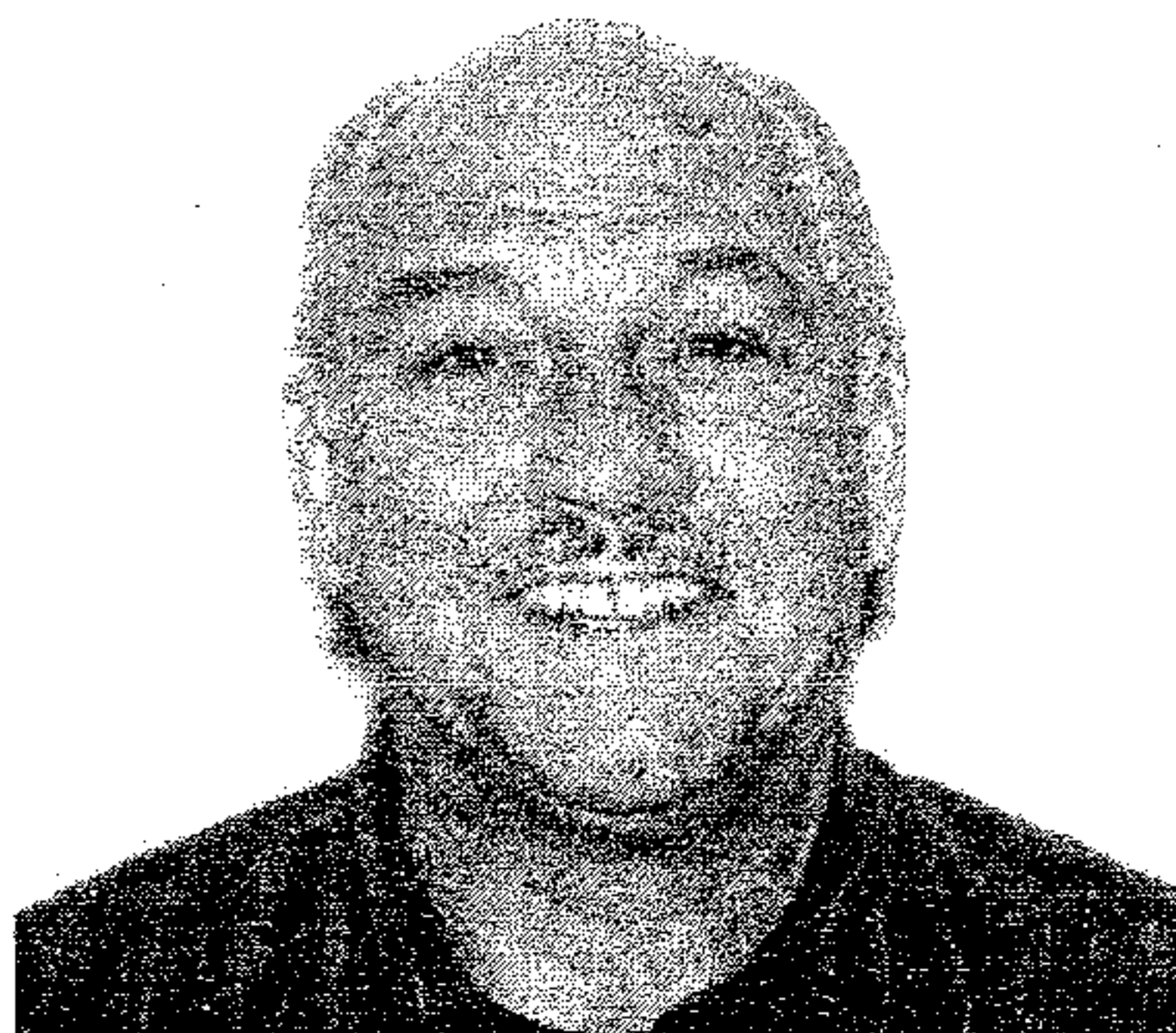
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Eddie Simpson

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**Meddings**

Leonard Dewayne Meddings, 27, Corinth Church Road, Loudon, was charged with felony possession of schedule VI (marijuana).

According to records, Wednesday, at approximately

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12:16 P.M., Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSO stopped a black Saturn on Interstate 75 south at the 76 mile marker for speeding. Sgt. Billy Hall and Investigator Shane Ezell, LCSO-NU arrived on the scene and spoke to the occupants of the vehicle.

While Deputy Bowen was issuing a warning citation and

checking driver status, Sgt. Hall and K9 partner Draga conducted a K9 sniff of the vehicle.

K9 Draga alerted to the odor of narcotics inside the car.

During a search of the Saturn, a clear plastic bag containing approximately 33 grams of a green plant material believed to be marijuana was found in the trunk. Mr. Meddings claimed ownership of the marijuana.

Investigator Ezell made the arrest.

**Police Beat**

James B. Joyner, 41,

Wimbledon Boulevard Maryville was charged with DUI 1st offense and violation of implied consent law.

According to records, Mr. Joyner was involved in a one vehicle accident with injury on Martel Road in Lenoir City and refused medical attention. He reportedly had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person, slurred speech and was very unsteady on his feet.

Mr. Joyner could not perform field sobriety as instructed by the officer. He was read the implied consent law on audio and video and refused.

Joyner could not produce a drivers license and had no

proof of insurance.

A passenger in the vehicle, Dana M. Malone, 33, Summerfield Drive, Maryville was charged with public intoxication.

Ms. Malone had an obvious odor of an alcoholic beverage about her person. She fled the scene and was picked up by Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO.

Ms. Malone was reportedly very combative and was detained in Deputy Butler's patrol unit where she began slamming her head into the fiberglass cage and rear doors inside the unit. It was all recorded on the deputy's in car camera with audio.

Trooper Eric Miller, THP made the arrests.

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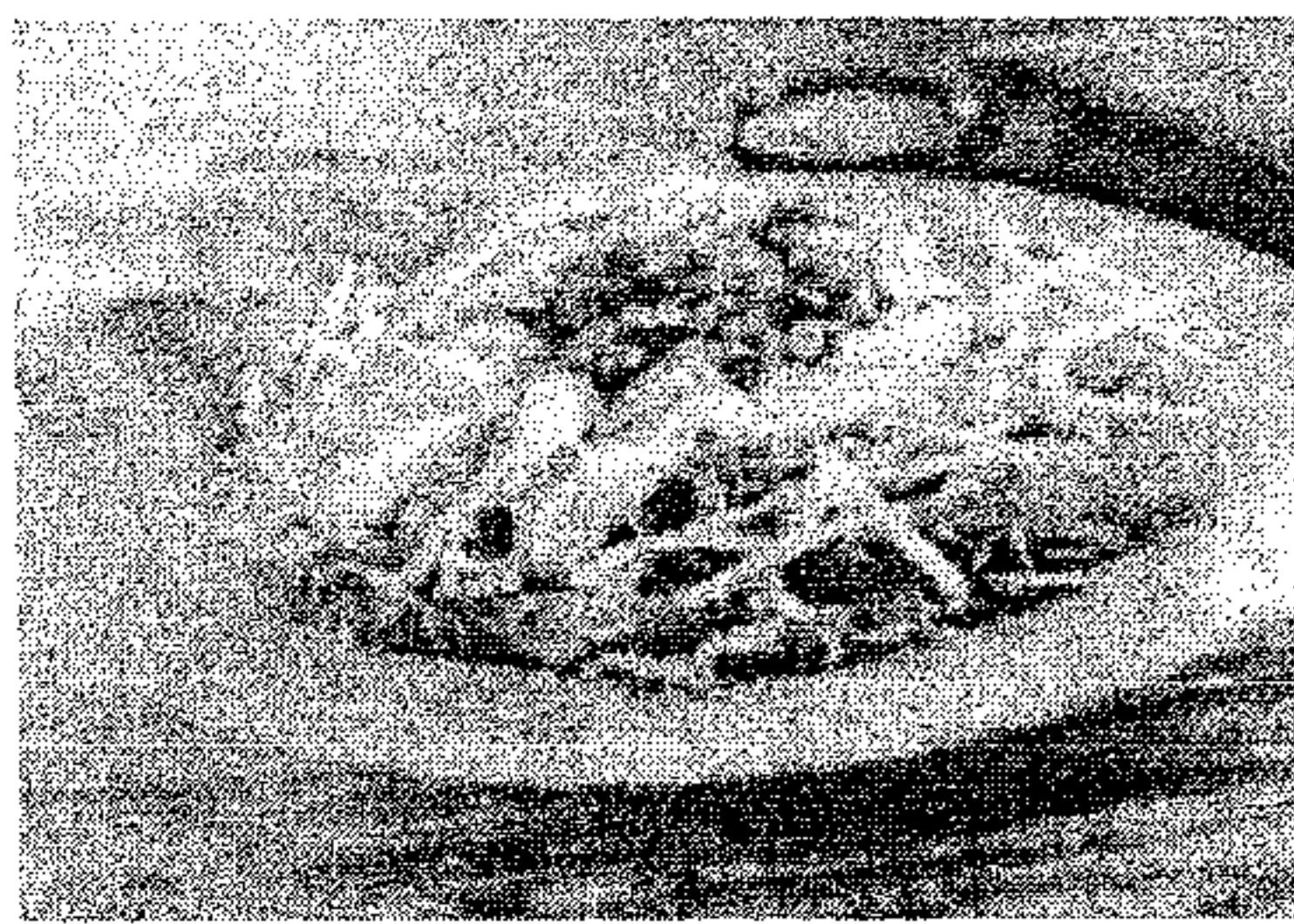


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*Monday, April 26, 8 A.M. - 6 P.M.  
Tuesday, April 27, 8 A.M. - 6 P.M.  
Wednesday, April 28, 8 A.M. - 6 P.M.  
Thursday, April 29, 8 A.M. - 8 P.M.*

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**Gus**

plugged in.

We still are perplexed as to why Toad got the body scanners and he won't say a peep. The "Shame On" folks are still protesting, but have moved to the main road; seemed they didn't want to pay the \$15 dollar parking fee and now Toad has hired a couple of our local Urban Outdoorsman to stand on the opposite corner holding a sign that says "Shame On the Shame On Folks."

Sven's family placed second in the World Championship Cheese Contest. He got back into town this past

week and I picked him up from the airport. He was delayed at the baggage claims department; the cheese he had packed in his luggage had gotten the attention of the TSA folks.

They have a bomb sniffing beagle dog that turned out to have a weakness for marbled curd cheese.

-Gus

**Garner**

eye during a dispute, which sent her to the hospital to be treated for injuries.

Eddie Paul Garner, 36, Smokey Drive, Loudon was charged with aggravated domestic violence.

According to the

report, Wednesday, around 12:55 A.M., while on routine patrol, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD noticed a woman sitting behind River Oaks. The woman stated, Garner beat her up. Her left eye was swollen and cut and she advised Garner hit her with a hand gun on the side of her face and stuck the barrel in her eye.

The woman told Officer Houser Garner shoved her down the steps and she fell into a metal bench and it was then that he

hit her with the gun and shoved it in her eye.

The woman was transported to Fort Loudoun ER for her injuries.

Officer Houser went to Eddie Garner's residence to talk to him. Mr. Garner stated the pair had been in an argument but he did not hit her. Mr. Garner had a pump knot on his forehead and his right hand was bloody.

Garner told the officer he hit his forehead and fist on the door face.

Mr. Garner gave Officer Houser the gun which was a BB gun and the woman positively identified it as the weapon. She did not know it was a BB gun and told the lawyer she thought it was real.

Both parties had been drinking.

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