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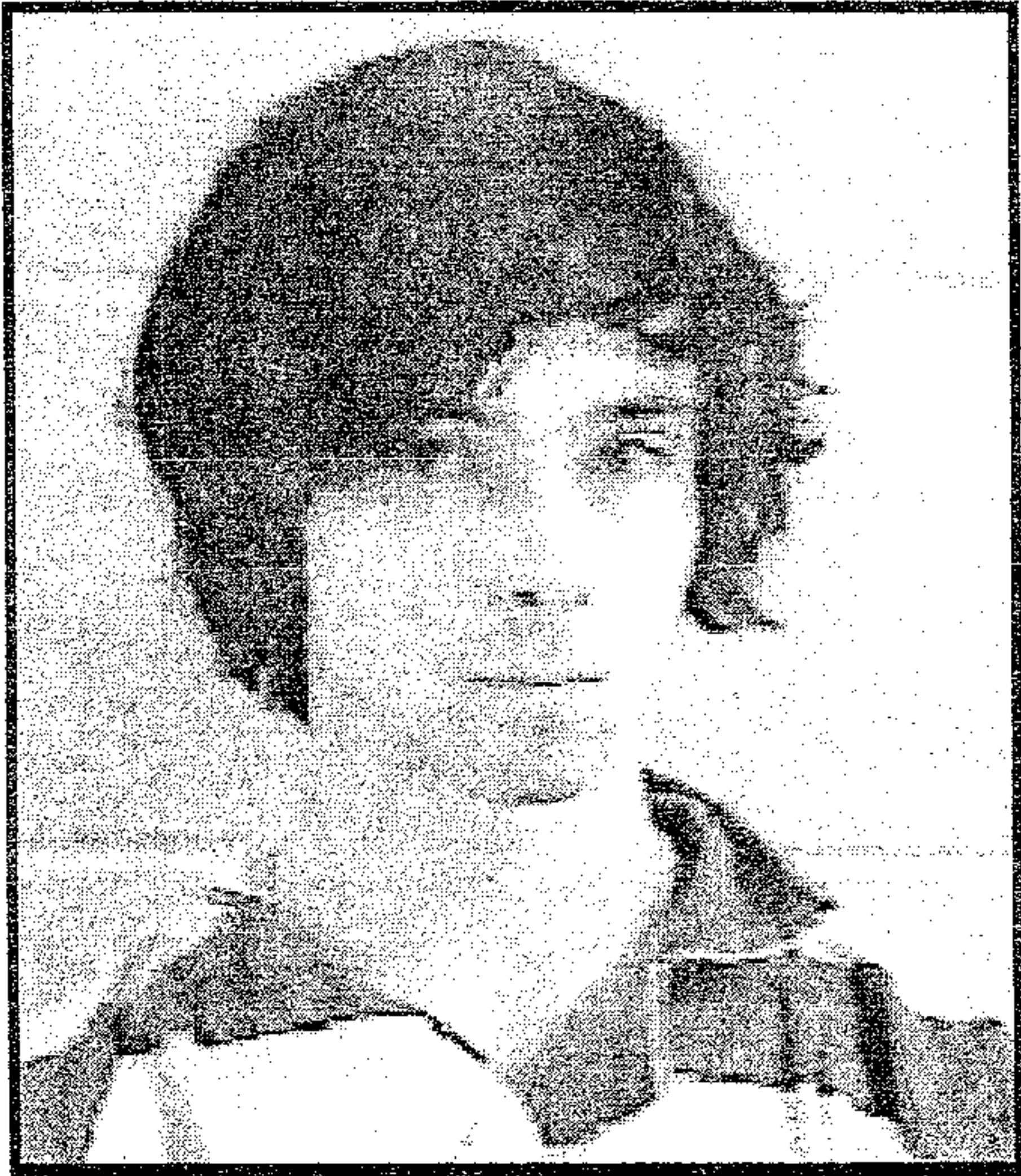
Friday, April 30, 2010

LCSO-NU nabs weed for resale

At 8:39 P.M. Tuesday, Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO-NU observed a silver Buick traveling at a high rate of speed on Broadway in Lenoir City and paced the vehicle for approximately 1/2 mile at speeds ranging from 60 to 45 mph in a 30 mph zone.

The lawman stopped the vehicle at Broadway and B

(see DeLoach pg. 4)



Alexander Maxwell Alex DeLoach

Machete found in vehicle at scene of false report

Police charged a young Loudon woman after she reportedly made a false report and was found in possession of a prohibited knife when police located a machete in her car during a search.

Brittany Nicole Foster, 20, Highway 72 South, Loudon, was charged with filing a false police report and possession of a

(see Foster pg. 3)



Brittany Nicole Foster

Verse of the day

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Obituaries

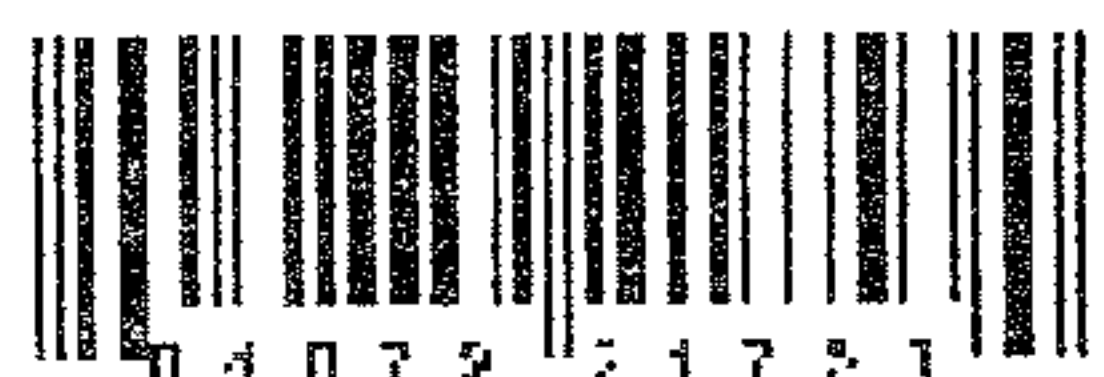
Patricia Ann Hodge Wear

Wazzup

Happy Birthday 21st Kendra Watson! Woo-Hoo; may it be super-fantastic!!

Welcome to Tennessee Teeny!

(see More pg. 2)



Woman nabbed with menswear in her 'wear

Police charged a Friendsville woman with theft and trespassing after she reportedly put men's ties in her pants and left a local business without paying for them.

Christie Nichole Harmon, 25, Humphrey Hill, Friendsville, was charged

(see Harmon pg. 6)



Christie Nichole Harmon

Today is National "No Phone Zone Day"

Nashville, TN - The Governor's Highway Safety Office is joining the national Governors Highway Safety Association, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Oprah

Winfrey for a national day of awareness to end distracted driving. Today, April 30 will be designated the first national "No Phone Zone Day."

"Many people use cell (see Campaign pg. 10)

Teen found hiding from friend, 1 charged

A seventeen year old female reported she was hiding behind a sign because a friend she was camping with wouldn't take her home after they got into an argument when police were called to investigate a domestic situation.

(see Shirk pg. 3)

TWRA to Participate in Lenoir City Boating Safety Day, May 1

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will be participating in the Boating Safety Day on Saturday, May 1 at the Lenoir City Park.

The family-oriented event is the first ever Boating Safety Day in Lenoir City. The TWRA will have its personal watercraft simulator

(see TWRA pg. 4)

Foster

prohibited weapon.

According to records, Monday around 12:43 AM, Officer Mike Hodges, LCPD, responded to McGhee Square, Kelly Lane in reference to a man armed with a large knife. Upon arrival, the officer noticed Ms. Foster sitting in a blue Ford Focus.

Asked if she had seen a man carrying a large knife, Foster replied no. Officers

searched the area for the armed suspect but did not find him.

Officer Hodges spoke to three different witnesses, including the original complainant, who stated the suspect got out of the car with Brittany Foster. Ms. Foster continued to deny the allegations when asked and claimed she was there to give someone a ride.

Eventually, Foster admitted to officers she gave a man a ride

to the property, but knew nothing of him having a knife.

Upon placing Foster into custody, officers discovered a large machete stuck between the driver's seat and passenger's seat of her vehicle. The knife was approximately 14 inches long and is considered a prohibited weapon.

Shirk

Dustin Ray Shirk, 23, Shaw Ferry Road, Lenoir City was charged Friday with

contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

According to reports, Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSO responded to Summitt Hill Drive in Greenback in reference to a possible domestic and upon arrival came in contact with Dustin Shirk "head-on" at Summitt Hill Drive and Coyatee Road.

When asked what happened, Mr. Shirk advised he was looking for his friend who had run off. The friend was hiding behind the sign to the entrance to the subdivision.

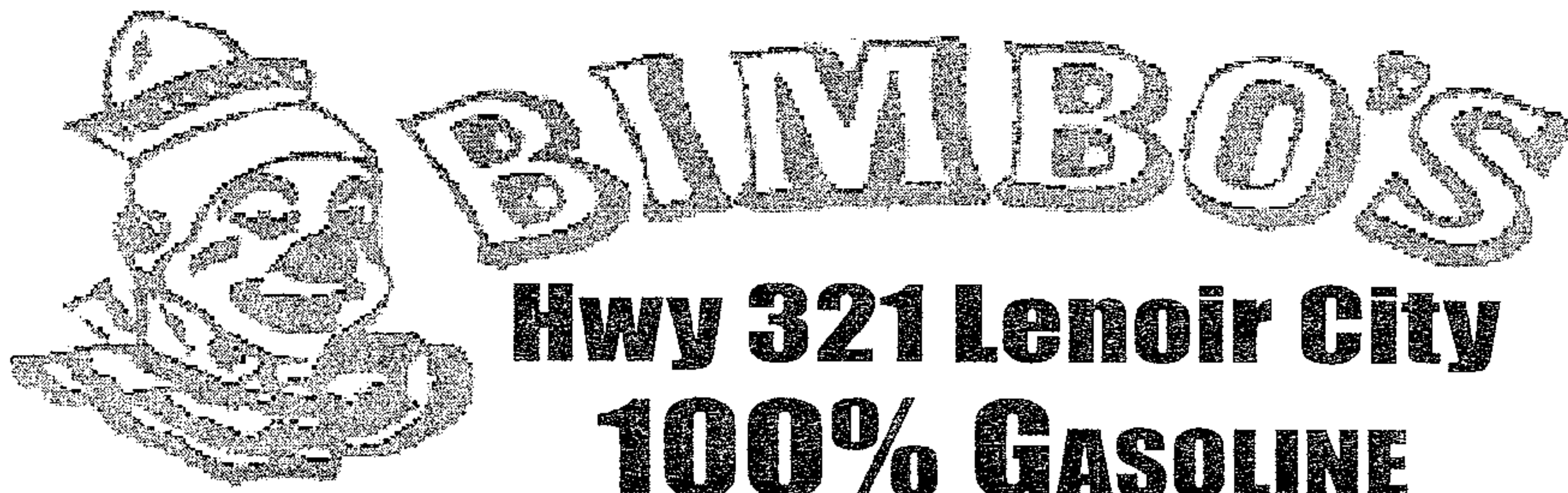
Deputy Bowen spoke to her and asked her name and date of birth. She advised she was 17 years old and told the deputy she and Mr. Shirk were fighting over him rubbing her back and leg. According to her, she told him to stop and he would not. She finally got him

to quit and he left and rode around. Then he came back and slid into the campsite and almost hit the tent. The victim said she asked Shirk to take her home and he told her to find someone to come and get her. She told the deputy she talked him into taking her home, only if she could drive.

Mr. Shirk reportedly said she could when they got to the road, only he kept going when they got to the road. She told him to stop and he wouldn't.

At some point Shirk stopped the car and she jumped out and ran and hid behind the sign until Deputy Bowen arrived.

Shirk had a strong odor of alcohol about his person, although he did well on field sobriety tasks.



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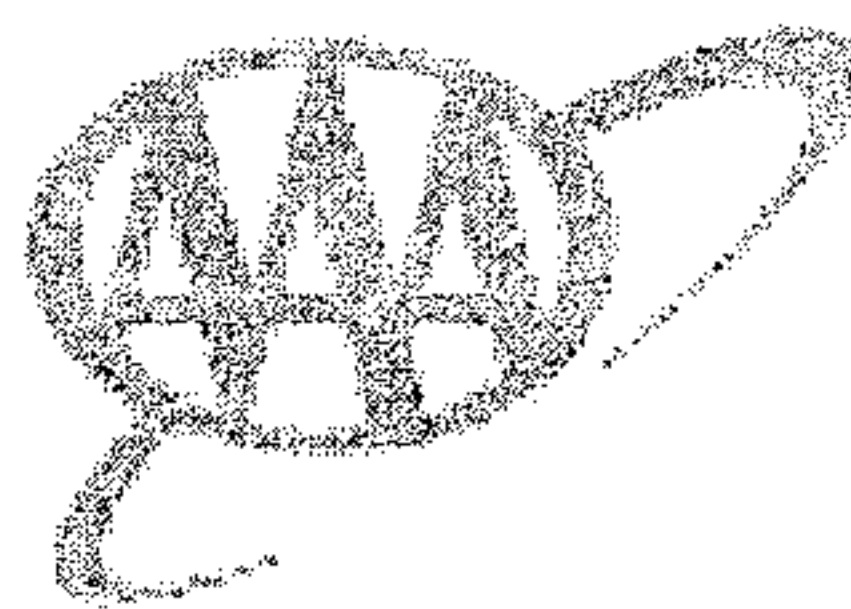
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DeLoach

Street and made contact with the driver, who was identified as Alexander Maxwell 'Alex' DeLoach, 20, of Rio Drive, Friendsville.

While talking with DeLoach, the officer reported he smelled an odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle and asked DeLoach to exit the vehicle.

Sgt. Hall further reported while interviewing DeLoach at the rear of the vehicle, he smelled an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. DeLoach advised he had consumed some vodka and he was 20 years of age. DeLoach was asked for consent to search

the vehicle and he granted consent.

A search of the vehicle produced 3 large bags of marijuana in the glove box and a pill bottle with a small amount of marijuana in the door. The total weight of marijuana found was approximately 3 1/2 ounces.

Found in the ash tray was a set of digital scales.

After placing DeLoach under arrest, a glass pipe used to smoke marijuana was located in his front pocket. DeLoach claimed ownership of the marijuana found in the vehicle.

DeLoach was charged with possession of marijuana for resale, possession

of drug paraphernalia and under age consumption.

TWRA

for attendees to enjoy and the Wear It! Tennessee boat will be present as well.

The Boating Safety Day is sponsored by Sea Tow in partnership with the TWRA as well as the Wear It! Tennessee program, U.S. Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadrons, and the

Fort Loudoun Lake Association.

The event will run from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Boaters can bring their boats, by water or on a trailer, and receive a free U.S. Coast Guard safety inspection. Boaters of all ages will have the opportunity to learn about safe boating through demonstrations throughout the day.

Police Beat

Kelly Rae Vance, 27,

Newport Road, Knoxville was charged with violation of probation out of criminal court.

Deputy Kimber W. Littleton, LCSO made the arrest at the Knox County Jail Monday.

Steven Calvin Black, 45, Green's Trailer Park, Philadelphia was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Earl Ammons, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday.

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Harmon

with criminal trespassing and theft under \$500.

The report states, Tuesday around 9:00 PM, Walmart Loss Prevention observed Christie N. Harmon conceal three ties in her pants while in the men's wear department. Ms. Harmon

also took a Mt. Dew from a cooler and drank it while shopping.

Harmon then left all points of sale without paying for the merchandise. The total amount of the loss was \$46.36

Ms. Harmon was banned from Walmart property on March 8th, 2008.

Police Beat

Delores B. Harrod, 65, Marco Island, Florida was charged Friday with driving under the influence.

According to reports, Officer Allen Bean, LCPD observed a maroon Mercury turn off of Highway 321 onto

Interchange Park Lane on the wrong side of the road. Officer Bean stopped the vehicle in the Ramada Inn parking lot and made contact with the driver, Delores Harrod.

Harrod's eyes were very glassy and her speech was slurred.

She was unable to successfully complete field sobriety tasks.

Ms. Harrod was transported to Fort Loudoun ER for a blood/urine test and then on to Loudon County Jail. Officer Jason Felts, LCPD was also on scene.

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Campaign

phones from a place they were never intended to be used: the driver's seat," said Governor Phil Bredesen. "When Tennessean's hands are off the wheel, their focus is off the task of driving, and the consequences can be deadly."

In 2008, nearly 6,000 people lost their lives nationwide in crashes involving a distracted driver, and more than a half million people were injured, according to traffic data from the NHTSA.

"Each day, 15 people in the U.S. die in distracted driving crashes. That's 105

people a week and those deaths can be prevented," said TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely.

There are three main types of distraction: Visual – taking your eyes off the road; Manual – taking your hands off the wheel; and Cognitive – taking your mind off what you are doing. While all distractions are dangerous for drivers, texting is the most alarming because it involves all three types of distraction. In 2009, the Tennessee General Assembly enacted a law against texting while driving in Tennessee. Drivers caught sending or reading a text while driving face

a \$50 dollar fine. Tennessee is one of 23 states that currently ban texting while driving.

GHSO Director Kendell Poole asked, "Would you ever tie a blindfold around your eyes, get behind the wheel, and drive the length of a football field at 55 miles per hour? It is time to take off the blindfold and make our cars no phone zones."

A 2008 NHTSA study indicated at any given moment during the daylight hours, more than 800,000 vehicles are being driven by someone using a hand-held cell phone. A 2005 study for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

found drivers are four times less likely to be involved in a serious injury crash when cell phones are turned off while behind the wheel.

"A call or text isn't worth taking a life," said Winfrey. "We must not allow more mothers and fathers, daughters and sons, sisters and brothers to die before we take action against distracted driving. Let's put a stop to it now, by joining together on April 30 for national 'No Phone Zone Day', and by making our cars a 'No Phone Zone.'"

On Friday April 30, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" will present a special live episode devoted to ending dis-

traced driving and is asking people to take the "No Phone Zone" pledge and refrain from using cell phones while driving. More than 160,000 people have already signed the pledge.

For more information on "No Phone Zone Day," and to take the No Phone Zone pledge, visit www.oprah.com/nophone-zone. For additional information on distracted driving, visit www.distraction.gov.

Police Beat

Natosha B. Cozart, 25, County Road 334, Niota was charged with an attachment for child support.

Deputy Deland, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday.

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Police Beat

Gregory Eugene Reynolds, 49, Deerfield Drive, Louisville, was charged with violation of the check law x 5.

According to the report, Blount County Sheriff's Office arrested Reynolds on LCSDO warrants for violation

of the check law then transported Reynolds to the Loudon County Jail where Deputy Charlie Huskin took him into custody Wednesday.

Isaac Lemus Guzman, 32, West

Hills Drive, Lenoir City, was charged Sunday with driving on suspended license.

The report states, Pa-

trolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD stopped a blue PT Cruiser on West Hills Drive for a noise ordinance

violation. A check of Mr. Guzman's license came back suspended.

Obituaries

Patricia Ann Hodge Wear - age 73 of Sweetwater passed away Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the Sweetwater Hospital. She was a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Survived by her husband of 53 years, Don Wear of Sweetwater; son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Brenda Wear; grandsons, David and Travis Wear all of New Jersey; sisters, Edith Craig of Jefferson City, Edna Crisp of Chattanooga, Evelyn Calhoun of Goose Creek, SC and Thelma Watkins of Williamsburg, VA; brothers,

Calvin Hodge of California, Hollis Hodge of Concord, GA and Marvin Hodge of Saluda, NC; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Click Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Tommy Beeler, nephew and Rev. Eddie Click officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Saturday morning and proceed to Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens for 11 a.m. graveside services. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

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