

THE **DAILY EDITION** 50¢

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Wednesday, June 16, 2010

More from the Bonnaroo crowd

(see Bonnaroo pg. 7)



Sharon Justine Cook



Ralph Terry Cravens



Carol Michelle Abston



Andrew Ryan Ashbridge

Several more arrests of Bonnaroonies were reported after local officers found one group at a Highway 72 business and discovered they were in a possession of a large amount of drugs between them and other

Environment and Conservation Issues \$11.5 Million Penalty to TVA for Kingston Coal Ash Spill

(see Penalty pg. 6)

NASHVILLE - Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke and Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan announced the issuance of a Commissioner's Order against the Tennessee Valley Authority assessing \$11.5 million in penalties in response to the catastrophic coal ash release on

New South Holston Lake Permit Available July 1



TWRA Executive Director Ed Carter (left) reaches across the bow to shake the hand of Bob Duncan, Executive Director of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, near the state line on South Holston Lake.

(see Permit pg. 3)

Fishin' with Gus
Buzzard Ramp

Have you ever been assaulted, violated or just had someone take advantage of you? Well it happened to us the other day at that new fancy boat ramp at the little Tellico Dam. Yep, right there in plain daylight.

Me, Coonfoot and Sven decided to go striper fishing the other morning and we met up before daylight there at the dam. Not another soul in sight; we was excited not to have to share our favorite striper spot.

We fished until Coonfoot got a tow call, then we head-

(see Gus pg. 3)

Verse of the day

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

Obituaries

Luther Clarence Jestice
Carolyn E. Wright Hampton
Mary Joyce (Marchky) Boyle

Wazzup

Thanks for the fish hook

removal surgery, Dan B. And, Ronnie H. - we called you for advice because who better than a body-piercing rescuer???

Weather:

Today: Variable clouds with scattered showers and

thunderstorms, mainly in the afternoon. Humid. High 88. Chance of rain

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Permit

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries have established a permit agreement which will allow the

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residents of Tennessee and Virginia more convenient fishing opportunities on South Holston Lake.

The new South Holston Permit will be available beginning July 1. Tennessee and Virginia residents may purchase the permit along with their state's resident license and fish all of South Holston Reservoir.

Previously, Tennes-

see residents were required to purchase a non-resident license to fish in the Virginia portion and likewise for Virginia residents wanting to fish in the Tennessee portion.

Tennessee residents can purchase the South Holston Lake Permit Type 63 for a cost of \$21. Tennessee residents must purchase the permit at Tennessee license agents. The

permit is required in addition to the Tennessee resident license when fishing in the Virginia portion of the lake. If fishing for trout, a trout license is also required.

In Virginia, the permit is called "South Holston Reservoir Fishing" and is \$21 there as well. Virginia residents must purchase the permit in Virginia.

South Holston Lake comprises an area of 6,336 acres in upper East Tennessee and 1,244 acres in Virginia. Anglers find good populations of small-mouth and large-mouth bass, walleye, rainbow trout, black crappie, bluegill, as well as rainbow trout, brown trout, and lake trout.

Gus

ed back to the ramp. We dropped Sven off so he could get the truck and trailer, but when he got close to our vehicles, he just stopped. Then he started walking around his truck about five times, hands waving and spewing words I do not care to repeat.

We beached the

boat and headed towards Sven.

Sven's truck and mine had been picked clean; nary a single piece of rubber was left.

A couple hundred Buzzards had assaulted our vehicles. They took the windshield wipers, rubber around the windshield and doors and they even started picking the carpet off the boat trailer.

We saw two of them in a nearby tree fighting over one of our windshield wipers!

Now Coonfoot come out of this unscathed, but then again, they say buzzards won't eat their own kind...

-Gus

Police Beat

Mario Espinoza-Cisneros, 42, Valley Vista Drive, Loudon was charged with criminal court capias.

Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday.

John Darren James, 39, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO, made the arrest Wednesday.



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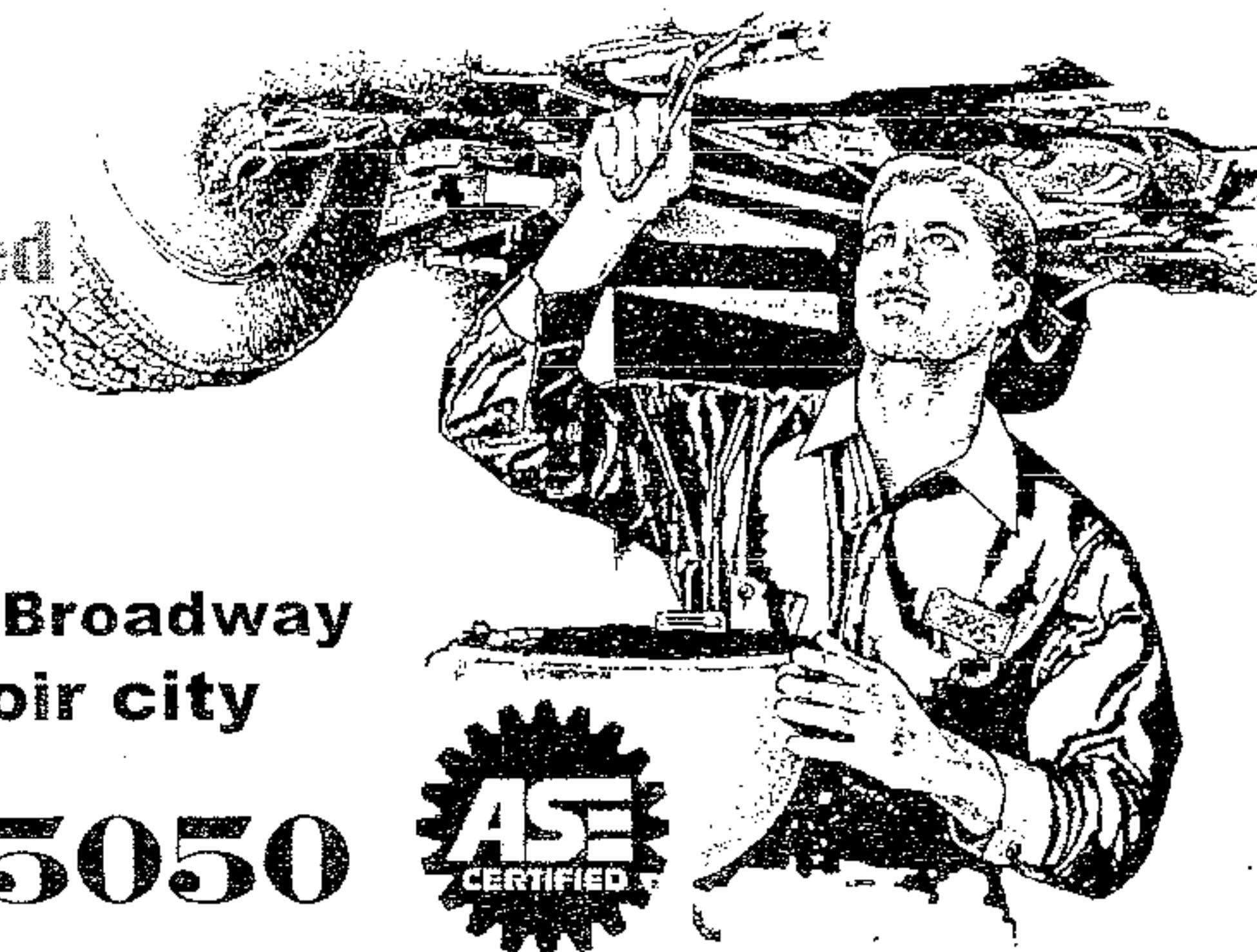
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Penalty

December 22, 2008. The penalties address violations of the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act and the Tennessee Solid Waste Disposal Act.

"These are appropriate penalties in response to an unprecedented event," said Fyke. "We have said from the beginning of this process that civil penalties would come once the site had been stabilized and we had an opportunity to have a full picture of the damages."

This Order assessing penalties follows an Emergency Order issued immediately after the ash spill on January 12, 2009. The Emergency Order outlines the steps TVA must take to stabilize and remediate the Emory River and surrounding property, and remains in effect. This new Order specifically addresses the violations of Tennessee law resulting from the spill.

The \$11.5 million

penalty is to be paid, as follows:

\$2.5 million to TDEC by July 15, 2010;

At least \$2 million in Supplemental Environmental Projects to benefit the environment must be proposed by TVA and approved by TDEC by Dec. 31, 2010. If acceptable projects equaling at least \$2 million are not proposed by Dec. 31, TVA must pay any remaining balance;

\$2 million to TDEC by July 15, 2011;

\$2 million to TDEC by July 15, 2012;

\$3 million has been paid to reimburse the department's oversight costs, as required by the January 2009 Emergency Order. TVA must continue to pay these oversight costs over and above the \$11.5 million total assessment.

"Department personnel have been working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to oversee cleanup activities from the beginning,

and that will continue," said Sloan. "Significant progress has been made, as signified by the completion of time critical activities, and there is much left to do. We are committed to seeing this cleanup through to completion."

The Commissioner's Order announced today specifically reserves the department's right to assess natural resource damages in the future. The Department of Environment and Conservation has obtained the services of Industrial Economics, Inc. to assist state and federal trustees in assessing and recovering natural resource damages from TVA as a result of the spill. Recovering natural resource damages is another step toward restoring these resources for the public.

The full Commissioner's Order can be found on the Department of Environment and Conservation's-TVA Kingston Update webpage at www.tn.gov/environment/kingston.

Police Beat

Britt Jason Knight, 33, Church Street, Loudon was charged with driving under the influence.

According to records, Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSO responded to a vehicle fire Friday on Highway 321 at Allen Shore Drive. The driver, Mr. Knight stated the truck caught fire

and he pulled over.

Mr. Knight had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and he was very unsteady on his feet. He performed poorly on field sobriety tasks.

Mr. Knight reportedly stated he drank three beers. He was read the Implied Consent Form and agreed to a blood alcohol test.

F.Y.I

The American Dexter Cattle Association National Show, Sale and AGM will be held at the McMinn County Livestock Exposition Center, Athens Regional Park, 2405 Decatur Pike, Athens, TN 37303. Barns Open to visitors both days 8am. Friday June 25th – National Dexter Cattle Show 9am, Saturday June 26th – National Dexter Cattle Sale/Auction 10am For more information on Dexter Cattle and for a full list of events at the "2010 AGM" visit www.dextercattle.org or call the event coordinator Sally Coad at 865-213-0590.

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Bonnaroo

officers patrolling the interstate found a passenger in a vehicle stopped for speeding was in possession of ecstasy, marijuana and hash.

Farris William Cook, 49, Monterey, Tennessee was charged with public intoxication.

According to reports, Officer Brendan DeBoer, LPD noticed a man at the Shell

Station in Loudon who was unsteady on his feet and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person. He was identified as Farris Cook.

For his safety and the safety of the public, Mr. Cook was arrested.

Officer DeBoer reported he also spoke with Cook's wife, Sharon Justine Cook, 46, who was charged with possession of schedule II (oxycodone) and possession of a legend drug (trazadone).

Sharon Cook told the officer she had pills in her pocket, which were identified as oxycodone and trazadone. Mrs. Cook couldn't produce a prescription for the medication.

Another person in the group was identified as Ralph Terry Cravens, 38, of Wild-

er, Tennessee, who was charged with four counts of possession of schedule II (oxycontin, morphine, roxicodone, and percocet), possession of schedule III (hydrocodone), possession of schedule IV (xanax) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Records indicate Mr. Cravens appeared to be extremely nervous and uneasy while Officer DeBoer was talking with the Cooks, so he asked Mr. Craven for permission to search him for weapons. Prior to the search, the officer asked Cravens if he had anything illegal on him and Cravens replied he had pills in his front pocket.

There were numerous pills in Cravens'

pocket, which were recovered, and Cravens was advised of his Miranda Warnings.

Cravens also was found to have numerous pieces of metal clamps commonly used to crush pills. Cravens advised a cut piece of a straw and a pill crusher containing white powder found in the vehicle belonged to him.

Mr. Cravens also had \$1791 in U.S. currency in his possession.

Carol Michelle Abston, 41, also of Wilder, Tennessee was charged with possession of schedule II (oxycodone). Ms. Abston was the driver of the vehicle and told the officer she

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Bonnaroo cont.

had two prescription bottles in her purse that belonged to her.

Officer DeBoer located one pill which he identified as oxycodone, which she did not have a prescription for.

All four were taken into custody Thursday, at 11:31 PM. Officer Dennis Akins, LPD was also on scene.

Andrew Ryan Ashbridge, 21, Jamison, Pennsylvania was charged with possession of schedule I (ecstasy) and simple possession of marijuana.

According to reports, Thursday, at

approximately 8:30 AM, Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO stopped a 2004 Ford Mustang for speeding on Interstate 75 south at the 76 mile marker.

While talking the driver, Ashbridge, a passenger, advised he had a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle.

A probable cause search was performed and the marijuana was found in the glove box. A search of a back pack in the passenger compartment produced a film canister with six pills believed to be ecstasy, a schedule I drug, and a powder substance believed to

be hash, a schedule VI drug. The powder substance was less than .5 grams.

A passenger in the vehicle, Andrew Ashbridge claimed ownership of the substance and was taken into custody.

DORL 4th

A Philadelphia man received his fourth driving on revoked license charge after



David Allen Anderson

he was stopped for speeding along Highway 11 Wednesday.

David Allen Anderson, 36, Galyon Road, Philadelphia was charged with revoked license 4th offense and speeding.

According to reports, Mr. Anderson was driving a blue Oldsmobile on West Broadway around 10:01 AM, Wednesday when he was stopped for speeding on Browder School Road near Highway 11.

Mr. Anderson stated he didn't have a license and a check through NCIC showed he is revoked for failure to satisfy.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD was the arresting officer.

Police Beat

Brian Heath Kelso, 24, County Road 293, Philadelphia was charged with driving on suspended license.

According to reports, Deputy Chad Petty, LCSO observed a red Nissan Sentra traveling 45 mph in a 30 mph zone Sunday on Elm Street in Philadelphia. He stopped the vehicle on Christian Street and identified the driver as Brian Kelso.

A check of Mr. Kelso's license through NCIC came back suspended for failure to satisfy citations.

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