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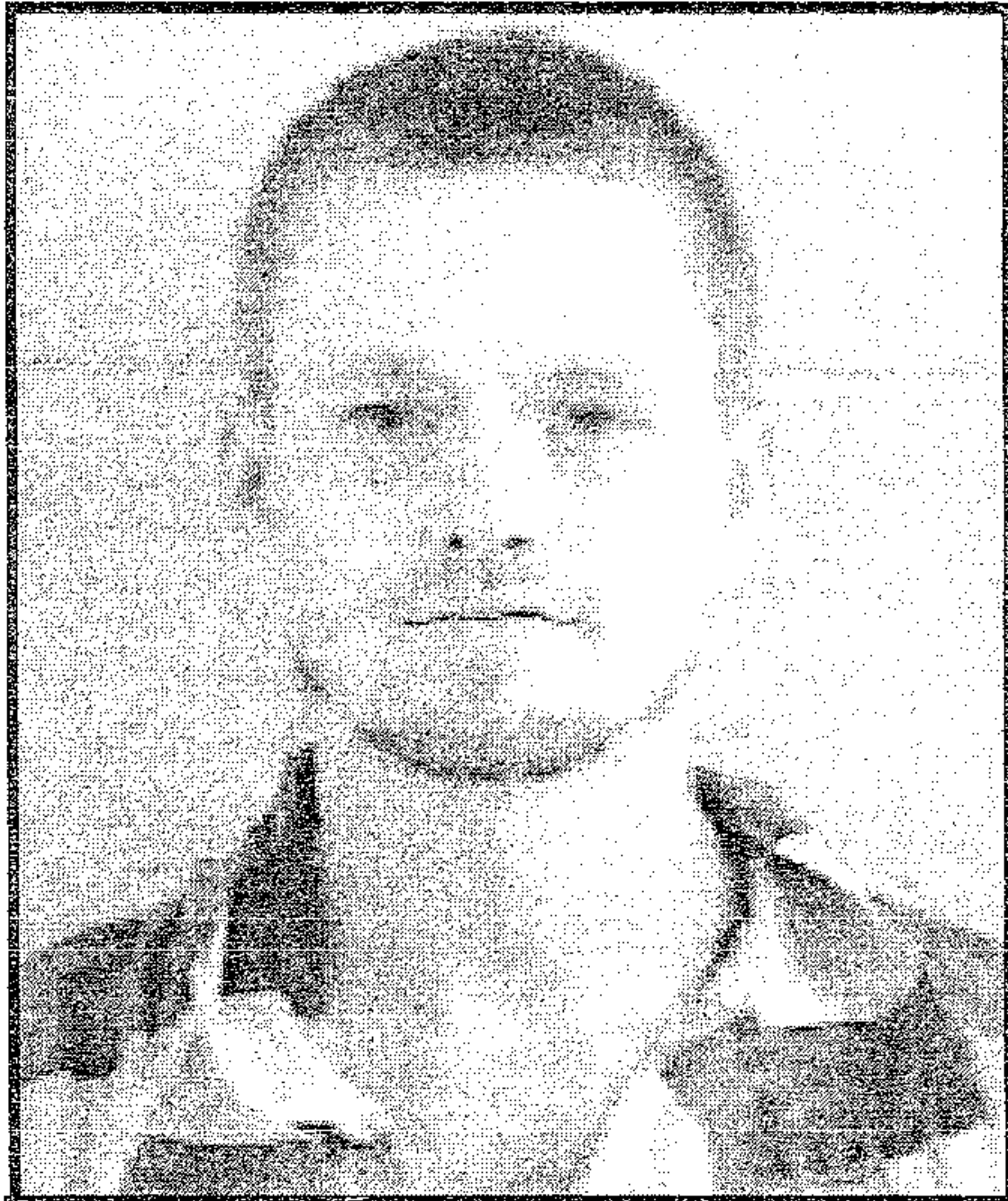
Wednesday, August 11, 2010

## Update: 2nd man charged in burglary

Authorities have charged a second person in connection with the theft of thousands of dollars worth of lawn equipment, some of which was found in the back of a pickup truck during a traffic stop.

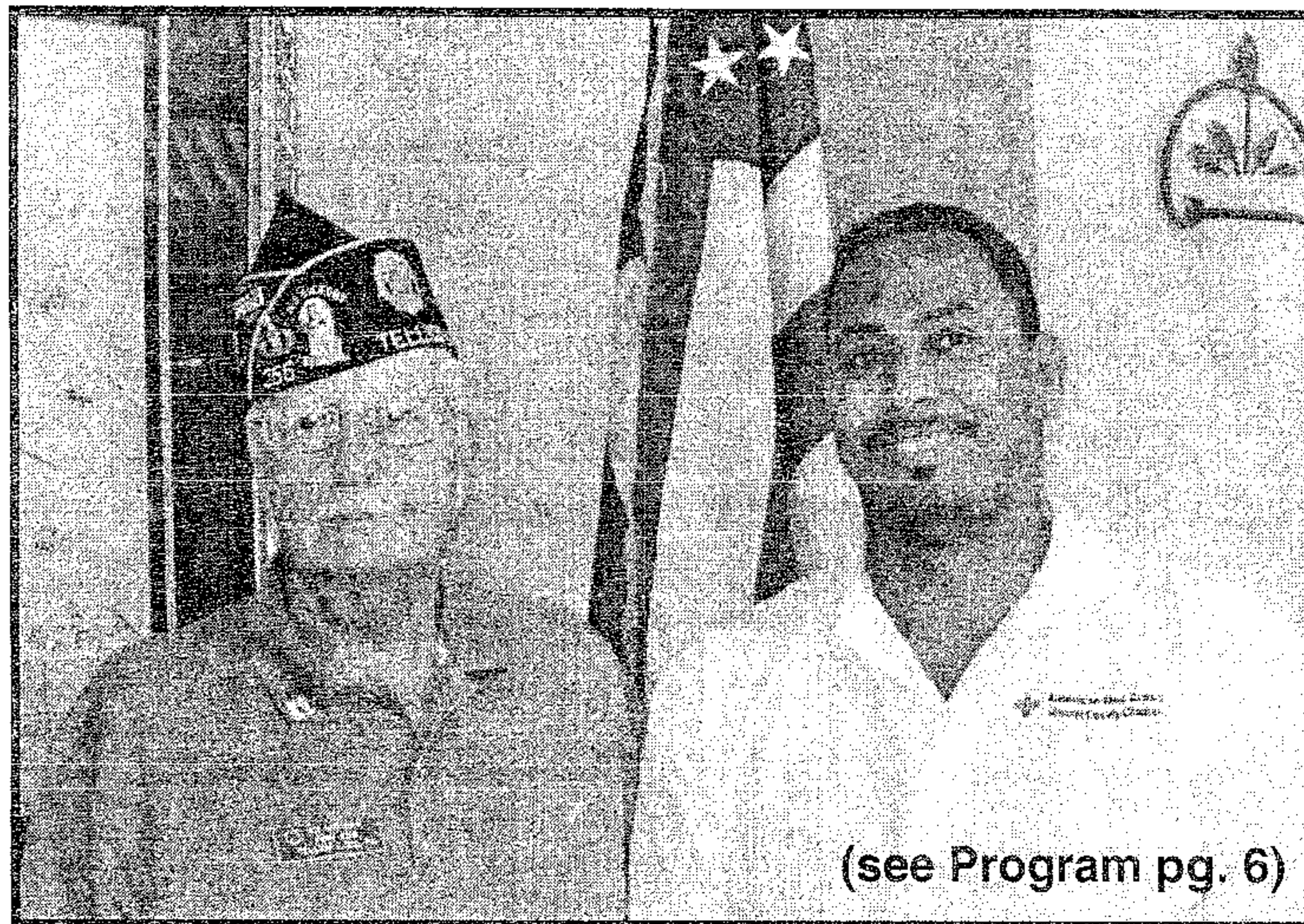
Robert Andrew Yelverton, 21, Steekee Road, Loudon was charged with theft over \$1000 and burglary.

(see Yelverton pg. 7)



Robert Andrew Yelverton

## American Legion and Red Cross Share a Common Goal



(see Program pg. 6)

(L to R) American Legion Post 256, 2nd VC Vic Vickery and Mr. Denziel Westby, Director of the Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Photo by Lt Col James Patterson, USAF (Ret)

## Unlicensed

Robert Glenn Elmore, 42, Highway 11 East, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

According to reports, Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD stopped a gold Ford

(see Unlicensed pg. 3)

## Fishing with Gus

### Hunting Trouble Part II

Well Toad had to fly out to Arizona to get Coonfoot and Sven out of jail from that hunting trip. The judge seemed to have a good

sense of humor and went pretty easy on the pair, considering what they were in for. Unlike the game warden who found Coonfoot's

(see Gus pg. 3)

## Money missing, 1 charged

Authorities charged a Loudon man with theft after he received rent money, then allegedly told witnesses he couldn't find it.

Alfredo Muniz, 43, Main

(see Muniz pg. 4)

## Georgia DOT and TDOT Seek Federal Funding for Atlanta to Louisville High Speed Rail

From the Georgia DOT:

ATLANTA - Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr. announced that the Georgia DOT, along with

the Tennessee Department of Transportation, applied for \$34 million in federal funding to accelerate development of high-speed

rail service from Atlanta to Chattanooga, Tennessee, continuing to Nashville and eventually to Louisville, Kentucky. GDOT is the lead

state in the initiative and applied on behalf of the two states.

Earlier this summer, the Federal Railroad Administra-

(see Funding pg. 7)

### Verse of the day

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall

bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

### Obituaries

Dorothy (Dot) Aikeñs

### Wazzup

Happy Birthday, Danielle Frye - hope your day was as great as you are. And thanks for the great tip on West Hills Market's new Cincinnati Style Chili - it's great!!!

### Weather:

Today: Sun and clouds mixed with a slight chance of thunderstorms during the afternoon. Hot and humid. Heat index near 105.

(see More pg. 2)

Gus lack of papers and excuses far from funny, so much so that when Sven showed up looking for Coon-

foot, he took him to jail just for admitting he knew Coonfoot.

So if any of you are keeping track, Coonfoot still has his hunting privileges revoked in Tennessee for two more years. He is barred for five years from hunting in Kentucky, Arkansas banned him from the state for life, Arizona banned him for two years and Georgia has a shot on sight

order out on him.

Now the funny part, Alabama made him an honorary member of their wildlife federation and actually gave him a badge and a letter from the Governor for any hunting violations he did in the past or for any he did in the future, but then again, he did kill the biggest buck that was ever recorded in Alabama. They didn't even mind that his wrecker was his weapon of choice...

-Gus

**Unlicensed**

Focus on Highway

321 at Interstate 75 Tuesday for a registration violation. Mr. Elmore's registration expired in March of 2010.

NCIC revealed Elmore's license were once suspended, but were reinstated upon passing a driving test. The conditions of the reinstatement had not been met.

Julian Duenas-Vazquez, 26, Highland Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with no drivers license.

According to records, around 10:47 AM, Sunday, Mr. Vazquez was driving a Ford van on West Broadway and was pulled over at I Street for a window tint violation and his drivers license status came back as unlicensed.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Felimon Jimenez (see Unlicensed cont. pg. 6)

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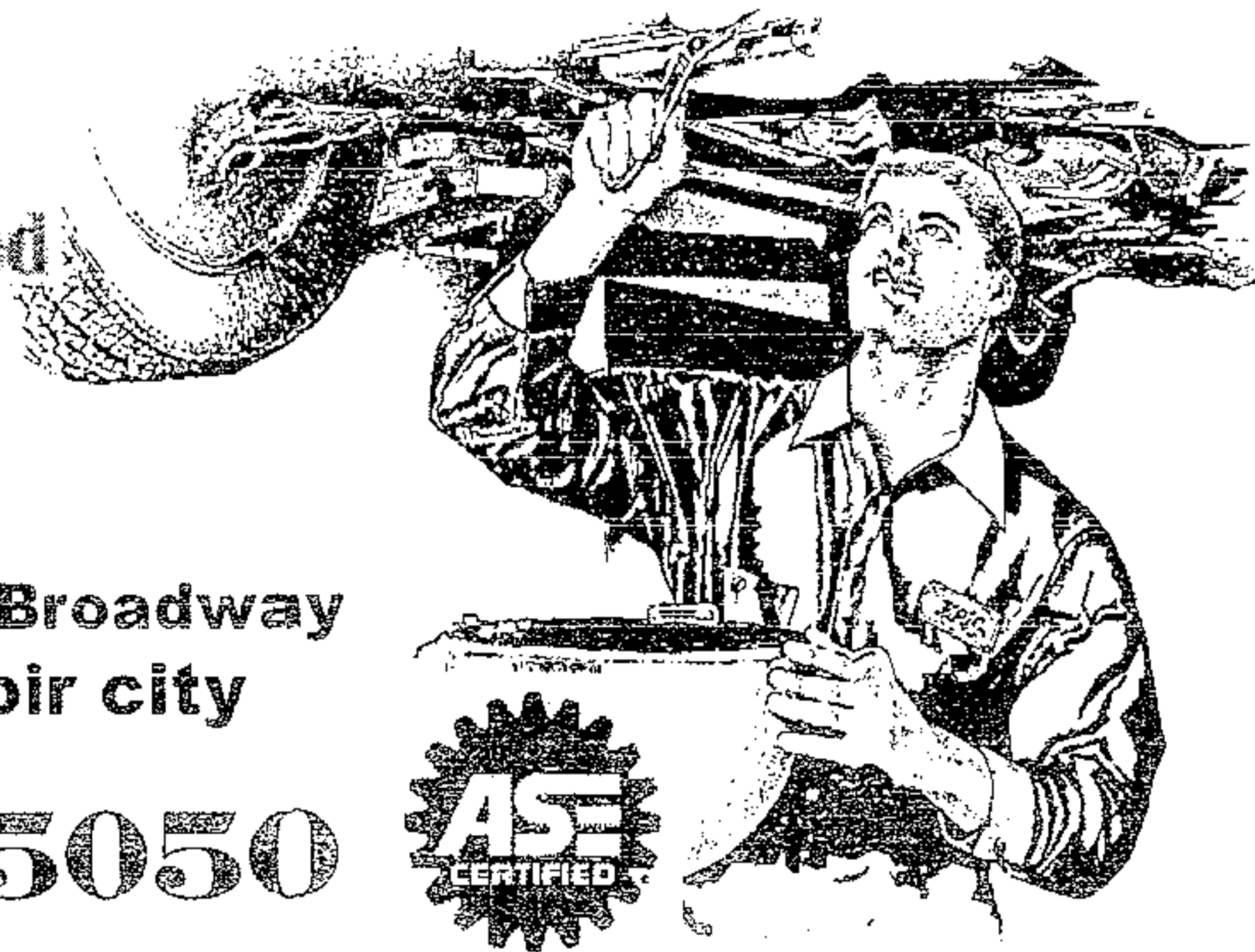
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# Obituaries

**Dorothy (Dot) Aikens**, - age 76 of Lenoir City passed away Saturday, August 7, 2010. She was a member of West Broadway Baptist Church. Dot was a loving mother and grandmother who will be greatly missed. Preceded in death by her husband, Billy Joe Aikens; sister, Jeanette Berry; brother, Joe White and great grandson, Kaden Aikens. Survived by her daughter, Jeanie Aikens Corum and husband, Jeff of Norris; sons, Billy Aikens and wife, Louise of Sweetwater and Coy Wayne Aikens of Marion, IL; grandchildren: Justin Aikens and wife, Samantha, Kimberly Wheeler and Michael, Leigh Ann Parks and

husband, Jamey, Jerry Aikens, Chris Aikens and Nancy Aikens; great grandchildren, Jeremiah and Hayley Aikens, Gavin Wheeler, Kiara, Kaitlyn, Kaleb and Brittany Parks, and Eliza Aikens; sister, Nellie Norman of Loudon; sister-in-law, Wanda White of Lenoir City; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Click Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Frank Weaver officiating. Burial will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

## Muniz

Street, Loudon was charged with theft under \$500.

According to an affidavit filed by Officer Greg Reno, LPD; Johnny Bane gave



Muniz

Alfredo Muniz \$400 cash Tuesday that was intended for the rent on Main Street. A witness watched Bane give Muniz the cash and Muniz stated he received the \$400 cash from

Bane.

Later in the day, however, Muniz told another witness he

could not find the money for the rent.

Officer Reno made the arrest.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Transportation Committee Meeting

Lenoir City Transportation Committee will meet at City Hall, in the small conference room, on Monday, August 16, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be continued review/evaluation of the recently received RFQ's in regards to the Harrison Road Improvements Project.

Thank you.

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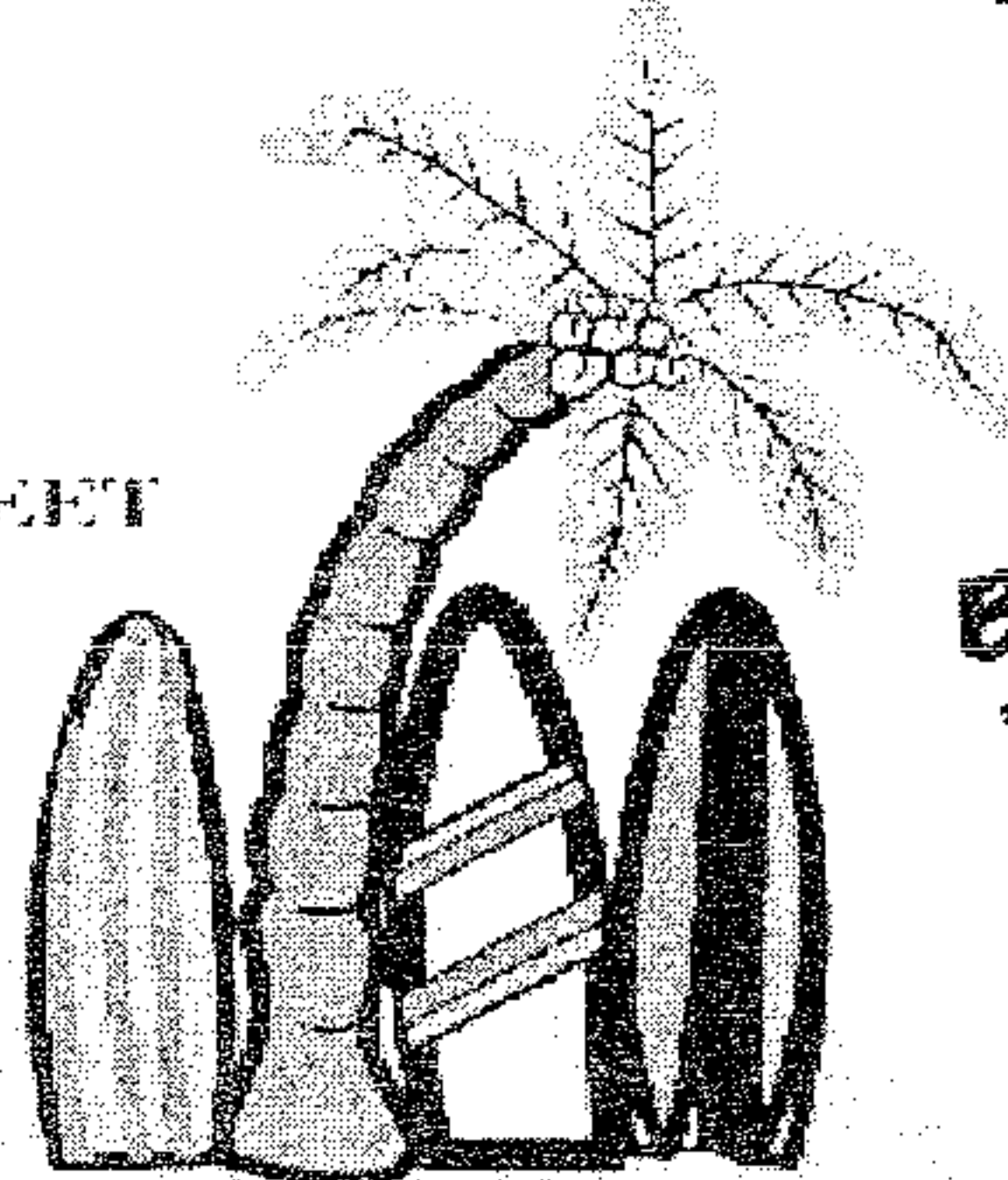
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**Unlicensed cont.**

Bedolla, 52, Foster Road, Lenoir City was charged Sunday with driving without a license.

According to reports, Deputy Ron-del Branam, LCSO noticed a red Dodge traveling west on Sugarlimb Road cross the double yellow line twice and completely cross into the east bound lane at Interstate 75. He pulled the vehicle over just past the Interstate overpass on Sugarlimb Road.

The driver was Mr. Bedolla and a check of his name and date of birth revealed he is unlicensed in the state of Tennessee.

**Program**

Mr. Denziel "Denny" Westby, Executive Director of the Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross recently addressed Post 256, sharing with the group that not

only does the Red Cross provide relief in the aftermath of disasters, but both organizations share the common goal of providing support and assistance to all military personnel and their families.

Mr. Westby gave details, "As a member of the military, you and your family are entitled to valuable Red Cross emergency services. Also, the Red Cross can assist deployed personnel with means to stay in touch with loved ones; get verification of family emergencies; and help secure emergency financial assistance."

Mr. Westby further explained how the Monroe County Chapter had obtained grants and additional funds to support our local National Guard 278th with computer online family communications, shipment of donated personal comfort items and

a program to set up scholarship funding. He then asked members of Post 256, "What programs can we develop to further provide supportive services to our troops and our veterans?"

Legionnaire Dick Kolasheski described how Post 256 was beginning a program called Horses for Heroes. He explained how this is a therapeutic riding program for wounded warriors in East Tennessee.

Mr. Westby agreed that this is the type of worth-while endeavor for the two organizations to focus on and work together to make it happen.

For more information on the Red Cross, go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org); and for Horses for Heroes, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.rideatstar.org"](http://www.rideatstar.org) [www.rideatstar.org](http://www.rideatstar.org); or American Legion Post 256, or contact the Post 2nd VC Vic Vickery, 423-884-6476.

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## Funding

tion (FRA) said states could apply for federal funds under the U.S. High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) program created by Congress last year. Funds would be used to plan and implement high-speed service along approved corridors.

"Even before the federal High Speed Rail program was announced last year,

Georgia DOT was already planning several related projects such as the Atlanta-Chattanooga High-Speed Ground Transportation Project and the downtown Atlanta Multi-Modal Passenger Terminal," Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr. said. "We expect to fit right in."

With FRA approval, Georgia DOT, and the

Tennessee DOT, would continue environmental planning and engineering on a high speed rail link between Atlanta and Chattanooga, design approved stations along the corridor, and create a comprehensive plan for high-speed service to the public that could one day stretch from Florida to Chicago. TDOT would then manage planning along the extension from Chattanooga to Nashville.

Commissioner Smith thanked co-applicant TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely for his strong support, and gave specific credit to Rep. Zach Wamp R-TN, and the Georgia Congressional Delegation. They were instrumental in securing nearly \$14 million in federal funds last year for the Atlanta-Chattanooga HSGT Project.

Smith noted that when Wamp leaves

Congress at the end of this year, "The South will lose one of its strongest high-speed advocates who has given years of service to the northwest Georgia-southeast Tennessee region."

Smith also congratulated the State Transportation Board whose members have long advocated for this development.

"We look forward to the day when Georgians have a vibrant range of travel alternatives and can choose to travel in safety and comfort along a beautiful high-speed corridor where no options exist today" Smith said.

The application received written support from key transportation partners, including the Atlanta Regional Commission which will cooperate on livable communities planning, AMTRAK and numerous cities and organizations in Georgia and Tennessee. The Chattanooga Enterprise Center has been a special partner in this endeavor for many years.

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## Yelverton

According to affidavits filed by Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID; on July 16th, 2010, the complainant/victim reported his barn had been burglarized and several items were taken from the barn. The items included five commercial lawn mowers, a lawn aerator, a sod roller and a chipper. The estimated value of the items was over \$10,000.

Upon further investigation, during a traffic stop made by Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO several pieces of lawn equipment were found in the bed of a red Ford Ranger.

Yelverton was driving the truck and was accompanied by Brandon Scott Coffman of Lenoir City.

During a field interview, both Yelverton and Coffman had different statements as to how and where they got the equipment.

The victim identified all pieces found in the truck as his property taken from his barn. The items in the truck consisted of a sod roller, a chipper and a lawn aerator.

Coffman was taken into custody at the scene and Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSO arrested Yelverton Tuesday.



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