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Wednesday, August 25, 2010

LCSO, BC H.E.A.T. seize laptop with child porn, arrest 1

A joint operation between members of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and Blount County's Hi-tech Evidence and Technology Unit (H.E.A.T.) resulted in the arrest of an 18 year old Greenback man after images of minors engaged in sexual activities reportedly were found on his (see Swanson pg. 6)



Evan Patrick Swanson

Woman flees THP after chase in stolen vehicle

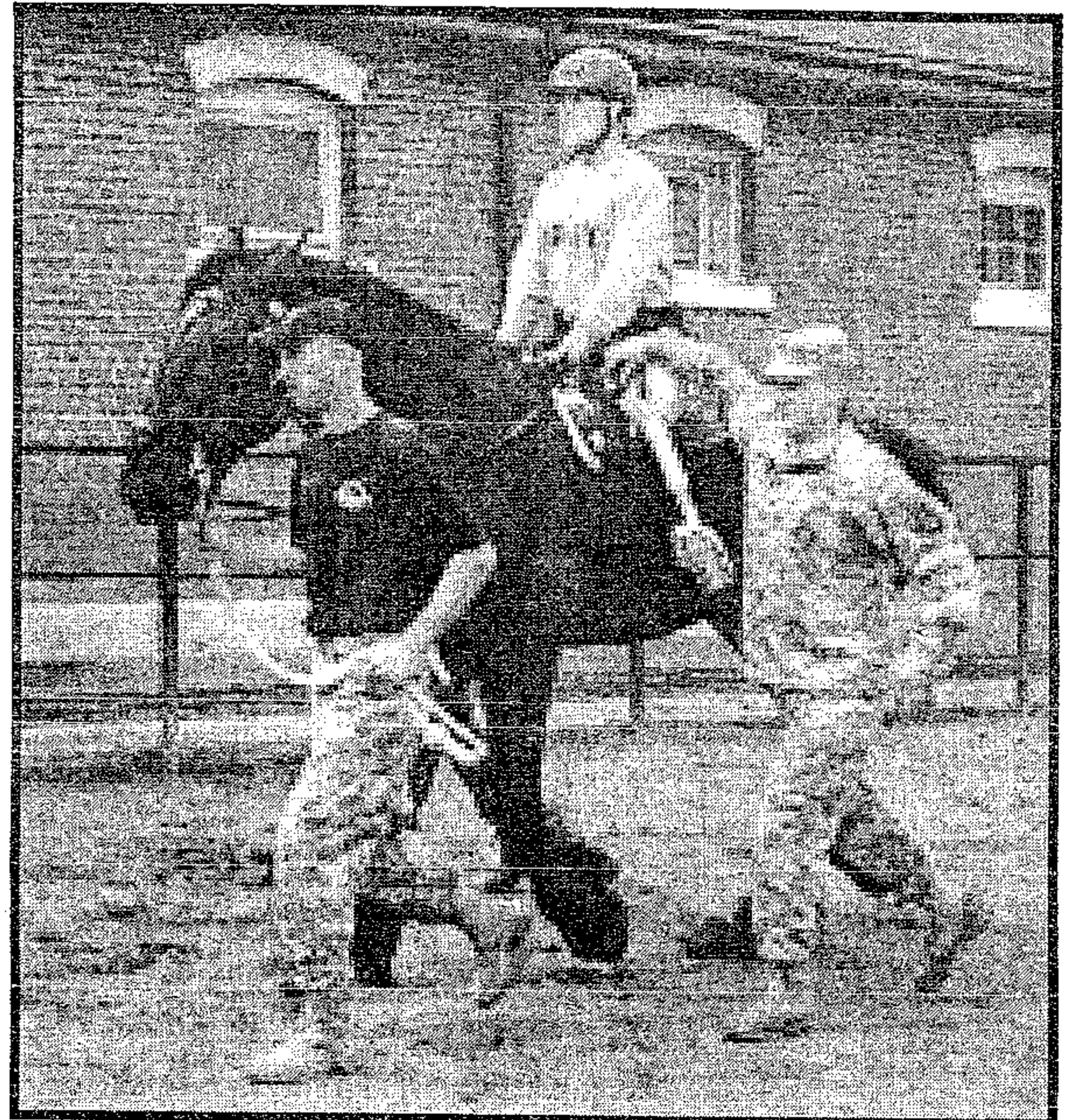
At least two persons were reportedly involved in vehicle pursuit with THP officials who attempted to stop the stolen truck they were in. When the truck stopped, the occupants fled on foot, but one of them, a young local woman, apprehended a short time later in a wooded area nearby.

Kendra Rochelle Watson, 21, Old Spears (see Watson pg. 3)



Kendra Rochelle Watson

Horses for Heros Program in East Tennessee (see Program pg. 4)



Wounded Warriors such as the injured soldier shown on horseback above, reap a multitude of healing benefits from the Horses for Heros program. STAR and Legion Post 256 are in the process of organizing this pilot project for eight of our Wounded Warriors. Photo by Larry Pence

Fishing with Gus

METH HEAD TREE SERVICE

Well my neighbor had the top of a mighty oak snap during the storm we had last week. Now this is one large old tree that must have been 80 foot tall.

My neighbor had some bids ranging from

\$1900 to \$4500 dollars to have the tree removed, then last week two fellows showed up and struck up a conversation with him; seems they was tree experts and agreed to remove the oak for 400 bucks.

(see Gus pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart

from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee. Isaiah 54:10

Obituaries

Michael Earl Whitehead
Charles Leslie (Les) Sweeney

Wazzup

Didn't mean to go ba-

nanas with the Monkey Ice Monday afternoon at Weigel's on Highway 321 in Lenoir City!

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny skies. High 89. Winds

N at 5 to 10 mph. Tonight: Clear skies with a few passing clouds. Low 66. Winds light and variable.

Thursday: Sunny.

(see More pg. 2)

Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Anything and everything is possible right now -- and you need to be sure that you're keeping up with it all! Change isn't such a bad thing, especially when you can predict it and adapt.

Libra 9/23-10/22

Try to make the world a little brighter today -- smile more, spruce up your space (or someone else's) and just generally look for ways to make people happy. You've got the right attitude for sure!

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

You're getting some weird, dreamy -- but powerful -- energy today, and you might just need to let it have its way with you rather than trying to control it. Things may get a lot weirder soon!

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

You need to look around you and figure out how to apply today's big lessons to your own life.

It's one of those days when your energy is a little dispersed, but you can still make a difference.

Capricorn 12/22-1/19

Your own comfort and good energy help you make the right impression on the right people today -- so go ahead and push yourself a little! You can afford to make a few gaffes in order to keep your momentum.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

You may find yourself getting sidetracked by all sorts of weird people or thoughts today -- so don't worry too much about getting all your work done. You may encounter a new idea that works well for you.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

You should do whatever it takes to push yourself into a new direction -- growth really becomes you right now! Your fierce energy makes it easier than ever for you to transform yourself.

Aries 3/21-4/19

You direct all of your energy toward a friend

or family member in trouble today -- but you don't mind in the least! It's just one of those things we all do for each other, and it feels good.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

It's a good day for crazy schemes -- you know you've got a few tucked away! You may not be able to get many others on board, but once you start seeing some success, they should join up.

Gemini 5/21-6/21

You need to make sure that your creative energy gets the first shot at any projects you have lined up -- the same boring approach just doesn't work this time! It may be the right day for a big shift.

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Try to reach out today -- you've definitely got the right kind of energy for helping and making a real difference. A good friend or a total stranger might need you to step up and say something.

Leo 7/23-8/22

Are you an artist -- or

do you just want to try your hand at something new? Today is perfect for exploring your creative side in earnest, even if you haven't sketched a face in years.

No License

Jessie Ann Baker, 29, Lakeview Cove Road, Loudon was charged with driving without a license.

According to records, Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD clocked a black Nissan Pathfinder at 45 mph in a 30 mph zone on Harrison Road.

The officer checked Ms. Baker's license through NCIC and was advised, Ms. Baker doesn't have a valid license.

Aguistin Chavez Lopez, 26, Hillside Road, Oak Ridge, was charged

Saturday with driving without a license.

According to reports, Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD observed a white Chevy pickup traveling north on Highway 321, doing 68 mph in a 55 mph zone. The officer stopped the vehicle one mile past Loudon County Fencing and identified the driver as Mr. Lopez.

A check of his name and date of birth revealed Lopez was unlicensed.

Police Beat

Victor Kenneth Falk, 42, Shaw Ferry Lane, Lenoir City was charged Friday with failure to appear.

Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO made the arrest.

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Watson

Road, Lenoir City was charged with evading arrest and theft - \$1000 to \$10,000.

According to affidavits filed by Trooper D. Morton, THP; Ms. Watson was in possession, as a passenger, of a 1995 Dodge Ram 2500, which had been reported stolen in Knox County. Ms. Watson was in possession of the vehicle with the intent to deprive the owner of the vehicle.

The truck was involved in a vehicle

pursuit with Trooper Morton on Thursday, August 19th, 2010, on Hotchkiss Valley Road. Once the truck stopped, Ms. Watson fled on foot in an attempt to elude capture. She was apprehended in a wooded area near the vehicle.

Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO served Kendra Watson with the warrants at the Loudon County Jail.

Records indicate the driver was not apprehended at the time of the incident.

Police Beat

Brittany R. Sedman, 20, Mulberry Street, Loudon, was charged with driving on suspended license, simple possession of schedule VI (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to records, Wednesday, around 10:03 AM, Deputy James Bowman, LCSO stopped a white GMC pickup on Highway 321 at Highway 11 for an expired tag. NCIC showed Ms. Sedman's license were

suspended.

Upon getting consent to search the truck, Deputy Bowman reported he found a clear plastic baggy with a green leaf like substance he believed was marijuana and a pipe packed full of a green leaf substance

Charles William Smith, 33, Windrock Road, Oliver Springs was charged with a capias out of Knox County.

Agent Jonathan Yates, 9th DTF made the arrest Wednesday.

Edward Bryan Stiltner, 36, Coley Lane, Lenoir City was charged with driving on revoked license.

The report states, Wednesday, around 12:49 AM, Deputy Petty, LCSO noticed a red Ford Mustang traveling down Old Highway 95 and had prior knowledge the driver, Mr. Stiltner had a revoked license.

He stopped the vehicle on Hotchkiss Valley Road East near Happy Hollow Road. Mr. Stiltner handed over a Tennessee ID.

A check of the ID through NCIC came back revoked.

Tracey Donielle Lowry, 28, Oakhills Drive, Sweetwater was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy John Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday.

Dennis David Dixon Jr., 30, Woody Road, Knoxville was charged Thursday with failure to appear and failure to obey court orders.

Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO made the arrest.

Eric Paul Spicer, 25, Farr Drive, Knoxville was charged with suspended license, speeding and financial responsibility.

According to reports, Mr. Spicer was driving a red Dodge Neon on East Broadway Thursday, around 4:57 PM, when Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped him for speeding.

Upon a check of his license through NCIC, Spicer's status came back suspended.



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Program

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A recent study conducted by the Baylor University Medical School of a program in Georgetown, TX showed unequivocally, that participation in a therapeutic program of this type provides discernible physical, physical and psychological benefits to the participating warriors.

A significant key to this program is the participation of volunteers who perform one of three distinct functions as a horse walker, side walker or stable hand.

Neither the side walkers nor the stable hands need to be "horse people," they do, however, need to have a degree of familiarity with the military either as retirees or former service members.

STAR and Legion Post 256 are in the process of organizing this pilot project for eight Wounded Warriors. The full cost for one participant for a ten-week session (one class per week for ten weeks) is \$1000.

Fund raising efforts have just begun, so any and all donations will be gratefully accepted. If interested in providing financial support, which is tax deductible, please contact or mail a check, in any amount, payable to American Legion Post 256. It should be mailed to: American Legion Post 256, Post Office Box 233, Vonore, TN 37885.

If interested in participating in this program either contact STAR at 865-988-4711, www.rideatstar.org or the American Legion Post 256 Service Officer, Dick Kolasheski at 865-458-3482 or via e-mail at [HYPERLINK "mailto:rkolashe@aol.com"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:rkolashe@aol.com) rkolashe@aol.com.

Police Beat

Andrea Ramsey Rus-

sell, 36, Cedar Circle, Lenoir City was charged Wednesday with driving on suspended, financial responsibility, and speeding.

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asking if I have any extension cords he could borrow.

Now, I'm not an expert in this field, but trying to cut a massive oak with a 12" electric chain saw just doesn't seem like my neighbor has made the wisest choice in tree contractors. They started the saw and made two cuts, both sweating like wa-

ter was being pored over their heads. The leader of the bunch said that's all they could do today and they needed \$200 for what they had done.

To be continued...

**-Gus
Police Beat**

Philip Nelson Artis, 50, Highway 70 East, Lenoir City, was charged Thursday, with driving on suspended license and violation of probation Anderson County.

According to records, a deputy was dispatched to a resi-

dence on Highway 70 East in reference to a property dispute and while enroute was advised by dispatch and the jail there were warrants out of Anderson County on Philip Nelson, one of the parties involved in the property dispute.

Upon arrival the complainant advised Mr. Artis left in a orange pickup truck with a lawn mower in the back.

After leaving the scene, the officer located Mr. Artis's vehicle turning from Adessa

Extension onto Highway 70 East and was behind him when he turned into the driveway of the residence. Mr. Artis handed the officer a ID Card. A check through NCIC came back suspended for failure to satisfy citations.

No License

Vicente Gonzalez, 25, Broome Road, Knoxville was charged with no drivers license, window tint violation and financial responsibility.

According to records, Saturday, at approximately 12:57 PM, Mr. Gonzalez was driving a black Honda on Kingston Street at 1st Avenue. He was stopped for a window tint violation and while checking his information, his drivers license status came back unlicensed.

Mr. Gonzalez was also cited for financial responsibility.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD was the arresting officer.

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Swanson

computer.

Evan Patrick Swanson, 18, North Trigon Road, Greenback was charged with sexual exploitation of a minor.

According to an affidavit filed by Investigator Jason Smith, LCSO-CID; on Wednesday, August 18th, 2010, deputies from the Loudon County Sheriff's Office and Blount County H.E.A.T. Unit served a search warrant issued by the Loudon County General Sessions Court for a residence located on North Trigon Road in Greenback. A laptop computer was taken as evidence and users identified.

Evan Swanson was identified as having used the laptop and af-

ter having been read his rights, admitted having used his computer to download images of minors engaged in sexual activity.

A search of the laptop by Blount County H.E.A.T. revealed videos of minors engaged in sexual activity and simulated sexual activity that were patently offensive.

Deputy Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.

Obituaries


Michael Earl Whitehead, age 53 of Loudon, passed away Thursday evening August 19, 2010 in Knoxville. Mr. Whitehead worked as an over the road truck driver. Preceded in death by father, Earl G. Whitehead and 3 siblings. Survivors in-

clude his daughter and son in-law, Miki and Guadalupe Cisneros, Loudon; mother, Thelma Eubanks Whitehead, Loudon; grandchildren, Ana, Alex and Marco Cisneros, Loudon; extended family and friends. Memorial services 6:30 PM Thursday, McGill-Karnes Chapel, Rev. Richard Wooley officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at McGill-Karnes Funeral Home, Loudon.

Charles Leslie (Les) Sweeney, a 7 year resident of Loudon and formally Newport News, VA, died peacefully August 23, 2010 at The Neighborhood in Tellico Village, TN. He was born January 15, 1916 in Norfolk, VA to Robert and Nettie Sweeney. Les made a career with the Newport News Ship-

building with over 40 years in the Sheet Metal Dept. and Ship Repair. Prior to retirement he was instrumental in locating and restoring the first ship built in the yard, the Dorothy, now proudly displayed at the yard's main entrance. Retirement lasted one day when he joined the Jamestown Festival Park in Virginia to head up restoration of the three ships on display, the Susan Constant, the Godspeed and the Discovery. Upon completion of the ships he again retired and was again immediately employed by Rancorn Wildman Architects to administer the construction of the Virginia Air & Space Center in Hampton, VA. Besides being a master boat builder, Les was a beloved husband and an extraordinary father and friend, who will

be missed by all. Your family and friends wish you Godspeed. Les was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Edna Sweeney, sister Ruby Robertson and brothers Lee and Edward Sweeney. He is survived by one sister, Genevieve Delinger, VA Beach, VA, son Dick Sweeney of Edgewater, MD, daughters Phyllis Snyder of Loudon, TN, and Tina Gustin Haney, Norfolk, VA. Friends are invited to Tellico Village Community Church at 9 a.m. on August 28, 2010 for a memorial service. Les will be interred at Peninsula Memorial Park in Newport News. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Association. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City, TN is in charge of arrangements.



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