

# The Daily Edition

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Thursday, June 11, 2015

## Reckless driver coming off meth charged by THP

James Gann, 36, Cone Drive Georgia, was charged with DUI, Criminal Impersonation, Resisting Arrest, Evading Arrest, and Violation of Implied Consent. Trooper Eric Miller THP, observed a blue vehicle on Interstate 75 at the 84 mm pulling on the right shoulder with its emergency flashers on. At (see Reckless pg. 4)



James Gann

## The old 'I got choked and beaten' trick don't work with LCSO



Connie Hunter

(see Fake pg. 3)

## TWRA, Non-Profit Organizations Launching Campaign to Save Monarch Butterflies

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is among the organizations launching a campaign to help save monarch butterflies.

The TWRA, along with the National Wildlife Federation, Tennessee Wildlife Federation (TWF), Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation (TennGreen), Mississippi River Corridor (MRC) and The Nature Conservancy are part-

(see Butterflies pg. 7)

## Actual domestic occurs and assailant flees scene



Coleman McJunkins

(see DV pg. 5)

## TDOT and THP Prepare for 2015 Bonnaroo Festival

Since 2002, the small Middle Tennessee city of Manchester in Coffee County has hosted one of the most popular live music events in the country - the annual Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival. Held on a 700-acre farm, the festival is a four-day, multi-stage event that showcases a diverse assortment of musical styles and performers. Thousands of people from all over the country make the yearly

trip to attend the festival, and Manchester becomes their temporary home for several days in June. As in years past, over 80,000 music lovers are expected to attend this year's festival, which kicks off Thursday night, June 11, and winds down Sunday night, June 14.

With 80,000 festival-goers converging on the festival site, the area in and around Manchester always sees increased traffic throughout the (see Bonnaroo pg. 5)

### Verse of the Day

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. — John 10:11

### Obituaries

see inside

### Wazzup

That sweet tea don't get no better than Tommy Stop n Shop in Loudon (exit 72)! Get some good grub while you're there too!

### Weather

Today: Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High 91F.

Tonight: A few clouds. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. Low near 70F.

Friday Scattered thunderstorms. High 88F.

Friday Night Variably cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Low 69F.

### Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21-6/21

A sudden imbalance of

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**Fake**

Connie Hunter, 40, Vonore Road Loudon, was charged with False Report and Misuse of 911. Deputy Brandon Burley and Cpl Ernie Brown LCSO, responded to a report of Physical Domestic. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with Connie Hunter whom advised Deputy that she had been the victim of domestic violence. Connie stated that the offender had choked and punched her in the face. Deputy spoke with the offender who was inside the residence couch with his dog. The inside of the residence was clean and orderly and well put together. The residence was small not large enough for 2 people to struggle and nothing be out of place. Deputy did not notice ant signs of injury on Connie.

Deputy determined that there was no domestic and placed Connie under arrest. Deputy Brandon Burley LCSO, made the arrest.

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Tennessee, where they enjoyed many happy times with their children, grandchildren and friends on the lake. As a second career, Ron volunteered for the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department as a firefighter and EMT for 11 years and helped countless people. Throughout his life, he touched many people's lives with his big heart, sense of humor, ventriloquist entertainment and more. He loved his family and life with his whole being and was an inspiration and role model to all


who knew him. A celebration memorial will be held Monday, June 22 at First Baptist Church of Tellico Village at 205 Chota Road in Loudon,

(see Obits ctd. pg. 4)

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**Reckless**

the same time Trooper received a BOLO for a reckless driver with the same vehicle that was pulled over. Trooper turned around and made contact with the driver who stated he was having trouble with his tire. The subject was very talkative could not sit still, and displayed impairment. The subject was ask I he had identification he stated no. The subject was checked for weapons and 3 knives were located on his person. The person gave Trooper a name and DOB that was not his. Trooper check subject OLN that came back to James Gann. Trooper was placing Gann under arrest Gann became actively aggressive pulling away attempting to evade. Troopers were able to gain control over Gann. Gann became extremely combative and belligerent and once placed in the vehicle began banging his head on the cage. Trooper had Gann check by EMS. Once at the jail Gann stated he was coming down off Methamphetamine. Trooper Eric Smith THP, made the arrest.

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TN. Receiving will be at 2pm; service at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department at 210 Chota Road. Click Funeral Home & Cremations is serving

the family of Ron Harris.

**Jackie Lee Barron** - age 65, a kind and gentle soul, left this cruel world to be with his family and friends in Heaven on Tuesday, June 9, 2015. He was a disabled veteran of the Vietnam War. Preceded in death by his father, George Washington (Bud) Barron; mother, Joy Elizabeth Wilkerson Barron; son, Michael Allen Barron; wife, Sammie Sue Barron; ex-wife and friend, Mary Ann Johnson; grandchildren, Christopher James and Jaiden Ramsey. He is survived by his beloved brother, Bart (Skipper) Barron; daughters, Jana Barron, Joy Barron and Candy Barron; son, Daniel Bryant; grandchildren: Brittney, Matthew, Deon, Rashodney, Kiera, Teahna, Melinda, Chase, Briana, Chaden, Riddyk, Aria and Chloe-Ann Bryant; great-grandchildren: Christopher, Austin and Lucas; best buddy, his beloved dog, Jack, and special family friend, Mickey. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. Family and friends will gather at the funeral

home by 1:30 p.m. on Sunday and proceed to the Lakeview Cemetery for 2 p.m. graveside services. Military honors will be conferred by the Loudon Co. Veterans Honor Guard. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

**A. Lucille Gray** - age 90 of Lenoir City went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 8, 2015. Lucille was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who was also known as "G.G." Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, E. W. and Ella Conner, and sister, Ernestine Hudson. Survived by her sons, Ron Gray and wife, Barbara of Baltimore, MD, and Stuart Thackston of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Michael Gray, Matthew Gray and wife, Amy; great-grandchildren, Molly Gray and Hannah Gray; sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and Larry Messinger, Rella and Frank Cox; sister, Johnnie Lee; many nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will receive friends on Friday, June 12th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City from 12

noon to 2 p.m. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ed Umbach officiating. Burial will be in the Lenoir City Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

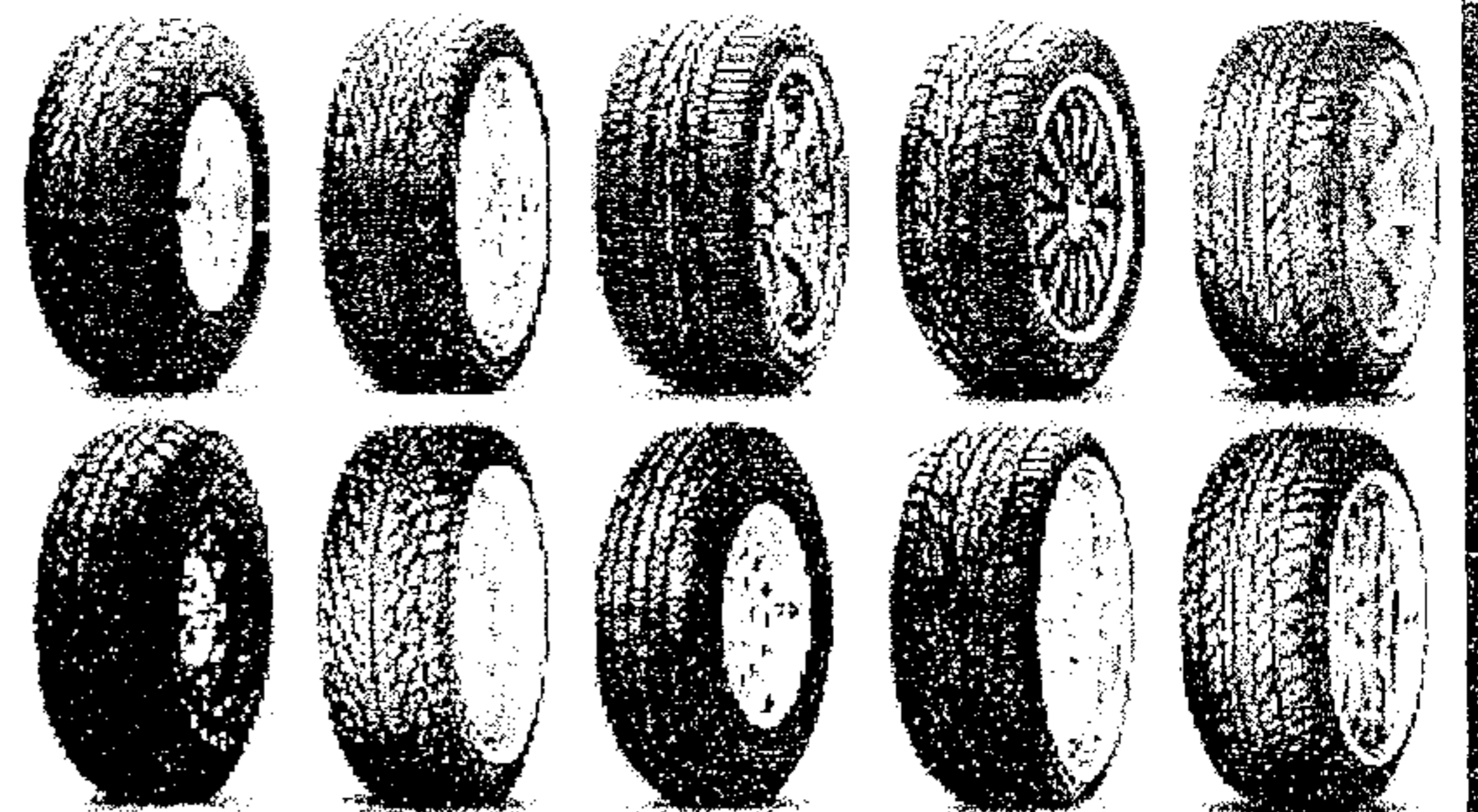
Thelma Grace King Rodriguez - age 66 of Sweetwater, died Wednesday, June 10, 2015. She was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret Armes King and John Lee King; brothers, Richard King, Thomas (Tom) King, and John (Chuck) King, and grandson, Jason King. She is survived by her son, Jerry (Whit-

ney) Cardin; daughter, Margaret King; three grandchildren; nephews, nieces and several great-grandchildren. At her wish, no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the charity of your choice. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is serving the family.

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Loudon County Budget Committee will meeting on Wednesday, June 24th, 4:30 PM at the County Office Building in Loudon.

DV

Coleman McJunkins, 21, Pine Street Greenback, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy Charlie Parker LCSO, responded to the area of downtown Greenback around Pine St. to an aggravated domestic violence call. Deputy made contact with the victim who advised Deputy that Coleman McJunkins had hit her several times and

choked her. Deputy noticed a table was knocked over. Deputy did notice clearly visible marks on victim neck and right forearm. Deputy attempted to make contact with McJunkins but was unable to at that time. A warrant was issued for Coleman McJunkins. Later that day Deputy Bobby Hamilton LCSO, responded to Pine St to serve a warrant on Coleman McJunkins.

Upon arrival at the

residence contact was made with McJunkins he was placed under arrest. Deputy Bobby Hamilton LCSO, made the arrest

**Bonnaroo**

festival. As Manchester prepares to welcome a multitude of visitors, the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Tennessee Highway Patrol are gearing up for the extra traffic expected in the area. TDOT and the THP are working closely

with the Manchester Police Department, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and festival promoters to keep traffic moving on I-24 while also getting Bonnaroo attendees to their destination. Click here for detour map.

"As always, the main goal is to keep through traffic moving smoothly on I-24 during the Bonnaroo festival while getting festivalgoers safely into and out of the festival site," said TDOT

Commissioner John Schroer. "TDOT has once again coordinated with our partners at THP and other agencies well ahead of the festival to ensure that traffic delays are kept to a minimum throughout the festival period."

This year, Bonnaroo will officially open all its gates on Wednesday evening June 10 at 8:00 p.m. CDT to allow more time for vehicles to enter the campgrounds. State Troopers will be on-the-job 24 hours a day, beginning Wednesday night, patrolling on the ground and by air.

"There has been a decrease in the number of crashes state troopers have worked during Bonnaroo the last couple of years," THP Colonel Tracy Trott said. "We hope that trend continues this year. We believe our presence on the interstate, along with joint efforts with TDOT and local law enforcement, has helped ensure safe passage ways to and from Bonnaroo," he added.

During Bonnaroo 2014, Troopers logged nearly 6,000 man-hours, worked 11 traffic crashes (0 fatal, 0 injury, and 11 property damage crashes), and wrote 124 citations and issued two warnings.

TDOT HELP units will assist with traffic management during the festival and will aid any motorists who require assistance. In addition to having HELP trucks on-site, TDOT and other agencies will be taking the following steps beginning June 10 through June 15:

Efforts will be concentrated on keeping I-24 traffic flowing.

Exit 111 (SR 55) will be used as the main festival exit. Exits 97, 105, 112 (temporary exit on

(see Bonnaroo conc. pg. 7)

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**Butterflies**

nering with Roundstone Native Seed Company in an effort to save the butterflies.

The "Save the Monarchs Campaign" will supply seeds for native wildflower gardens from Roundstone Native Seed Company to any individual or group that wishes to participate. The seeds include a mix of native, nectar-producing flowering plants and milkweeds, which are required to support healthy monarch populations. Funding for this project is being provided by a State Wildlife Grant and donations of funding or in-kind services from the non-profit organizations.

Monarch butterfly populations have de-

clined more than 90 percent in just the past 20 years. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is conducting a status review under the Endangered Species Act. The decrease is largely attributed to severe weather changes, deforestation in Mexico and reduced acreage of protected Midwest farm land under the USDA Farm Bill.

School groups, non-profit organizations, and neighborhood associations are welcome along with individuals to apply for the seed packets. For information on receiving these seeds, please contact Pandy English in the TWRA Environmental Services Division at (615) 781-6643. Persons are asked to leave a message if directed

to voice mail.

Each seed packet will cover approximately 15 feet. Recipients of the seed packets are urged to plant these seeds in open spaces, such as gardens or flowerboxes.

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westbound side only), 117 and 127 are alternate exits if congestion occurs on the interstate.

TDOT maintenance units will be posted throughout the festival region, and maintenance personnel will be on call all weekend.

TDOT will provide variable message signs to warn drivers of delays.

There will be no construction-related lane closures on I-24 near the Bonnaroo festival area between 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10 through 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15.

Median crossovers will be guarded to prevent motorists from parking in the crossovers and blocking emergency vehicles.

Festival traffic will be kept in the right lane and/or on the shoulder of the interstate, allowing through traffic to utilize the left travel lane unimpeded.

Emergency vehicles will use county roads that will be kept at low volume.

Bonnaroo promoters issued early news releases to the trucking industry and other sources to alert the traveling public to festival times, location, and alternate routes.

Temporary communication towers are in place to improve emergency communications.

During the festival, motorists should call 511 from any mobile or land line phone for traffic updates or visit the

TDOT website at [www.tn.gov/tdot](http://www.tn.gov/tdot) where they can also find information on alternate routes. From your desktop or mobile device, get the latest traffic information and live streaming SmartWay traffic cameras at [www.TNSmartWay.com/Traffic](http://www.TNSmartWay.com/Traffic). TDOT is also on Twitter. For statewide traffic tweets follow TN511 or for regional traffic information follow Nashville511, Chattanooga511, Memphis511 and Knoxville511.

Also, drivers should keep in mind that if they need the assistance of a state trooper while traveling anywhere in Tennessee, they can simply dial \*THP (\*847) from their cell phone. They will be automatically connected to the nearest THP dispatch office and the operator will send a state trooper to their location.

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