

# The Daily Edition

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Monday, July 6, 2015

## How bad do you need a pipe? Loudon man charged after theft

Elijah Oneal, 34, Shubert Street Loudon, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para., Criminal Trespassing, and Contempt of Court.

Officer Kenny Ridings LPD, responded to Ferry St. Loudon of a man stuck in a hole under a house. Officer did observe a persons feet sticking up in the air moaning for help.

(see Pipe pg. 5)



Elijah Oneal

## LCPD's Gentry nabs DUI driver



Matthew Guider

(see DUI pg. 7)

## 2 Charged with theft from Walmart



James Kennedy



Helen Kennedy

(see Theft pg. 5)

## The Good News

by David Choate

### We Need to Pray!

We need to pray! I have heard those words many times throughout my life and I agree wholeheartedly, we do need to pray. But if I were to be totally honest, I would have to admit that for the biggest part of my Christian life, my prayer life, for a lack of better words, was "hit or miss". I prayed daily. Most of the time I prayed before I would sit down to a meal. I can remember praying over my children nightly as they were infants laying in their cribs. I know that praying can be best described as just talking to God, but I also have to admit that more often than not, my prayers could have easily come across as if I were presenting a grocery list of needs and wants before our Heavenly Father.

About 5 years ago I experienced something that really changed the way I prayed. A friend of mine, Scott Newton Smith, a wonderful evangelist from Georgia, conducted a teleconference on prayer. During the 2 hour conference Scott discussed 3 elements of prayer. The elements were as follows: The Time to Pray, The Place to Pray, and The Plan to Pray.

Before we go much further, we have to remember that the Bible says we are to be constant in prayer. I pray several times a day.

Many prayers are just short prayers, about specific needs. It may be that I have just seen a friend in Walmart and that meeting has reminded me to lift up a need in their life, or in the life of a common friend. I call those "bullet prayers" quick and to the point. My wife and I also try to have a time of prayer together every night before bed. I am a firm believer in the old saying that "a couple that prays together - stays together." Just a side note before we continue, often as a preacher, I counsel with couples that are going through a difficult place in their marriage. As I sit down to speak with the couple, one of the first questions I ask is, "When is the last time you prayed together as a couple?" That is often followed by question #2, "When is the last time the two of you were in the Word of God together as a couple?" As those questions are asked, I have never had a couple suffering from a broken marriage tell me that they are praying together and reading their Bibles together as a couple on a regular basis. That should speak volumes. As a man and woman draw closer to God in prayer and the reading of the Word, they will automatically, as a side effect, draw closer to each other.

In our teleconference, (see TGN pg. 3)

### Verse of the Day

In him [Jesus our Lord] and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. — Ephesians 3:12

### Obituaries

see inside

### Wazzup

The Rebel Flag was on sale on Broadway in LC. Glad to know there's some who realize it's about Heritage not Hate. Some people find the rainbow flag more offensive than the Rebel

flag will ever be cause it actually came from a Real War.

### Weather

Today: Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 87F.

Tonight: Some clouds early

will give way to generally clear conditions overnight. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. Low 68F. Tuesday Partly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. High 87F.

Tuesday Night Mainly

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the first point we discussed was the "Time to Pray". Throughout the scripture, times of prayer are described as early in the morning, late in the evening, often, & regular. The main thought in this point is to pick a time, set that time aside, and then be consistent in observing that time.

The second point in the discussion was the "Place to Pray". Try to pick a place that is secluded, a place where your focus can remain on God, a place free from distraction.

The third point in the discussion is where I really want us to camp out and focus in on a few things. This area is called the "Plan of Prayer". This is by no means the "only" plan of prayer. But it is to be considered as "a" plan of prayer. A plan that you can use as a foundation for your prayer time. I have shared this with many people over the years and many people have shared with me later that they started with this as a guide and then tweaked it to meet their individual style and needs. This Plan of Prayer can be broken down into 6 main components. Let's look at each of these individually.

Praise – start the prayer by just praising God for what He has done and who He is. I like to look at it this way; in prayer, we are going into a conversation with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the Creator of the universe! As we come into His presence, what better way than with a voice of praise? You may say, "Ok, how do you do that?" Good question. I do it in a couple of different ways. There are many of the Psalms that are songs of praise. I will often start my time of prayer by reading one of those. Check out Psalm 93, 96,

& 97 to only name a few. Sometimes I recite the words to one of the great hymns that we have sung in praise over the years. "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound. That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed." I got excited just typing those words!

Well preacher, I know that we are talking about coming before the Creator of the universe, but aren't we also coming before "Our Father"? Yes, we are, but we must always remember that He is worthy to be praised.

Confession of Sin - Sin is anything that comes between us and God. Before there can be proper communication with Him, there has to be a removal of anything that would hinder that communication. I like to think of sin as "noise" that interferes with me communicating clearly with God and Him communicating clearly with me. The key

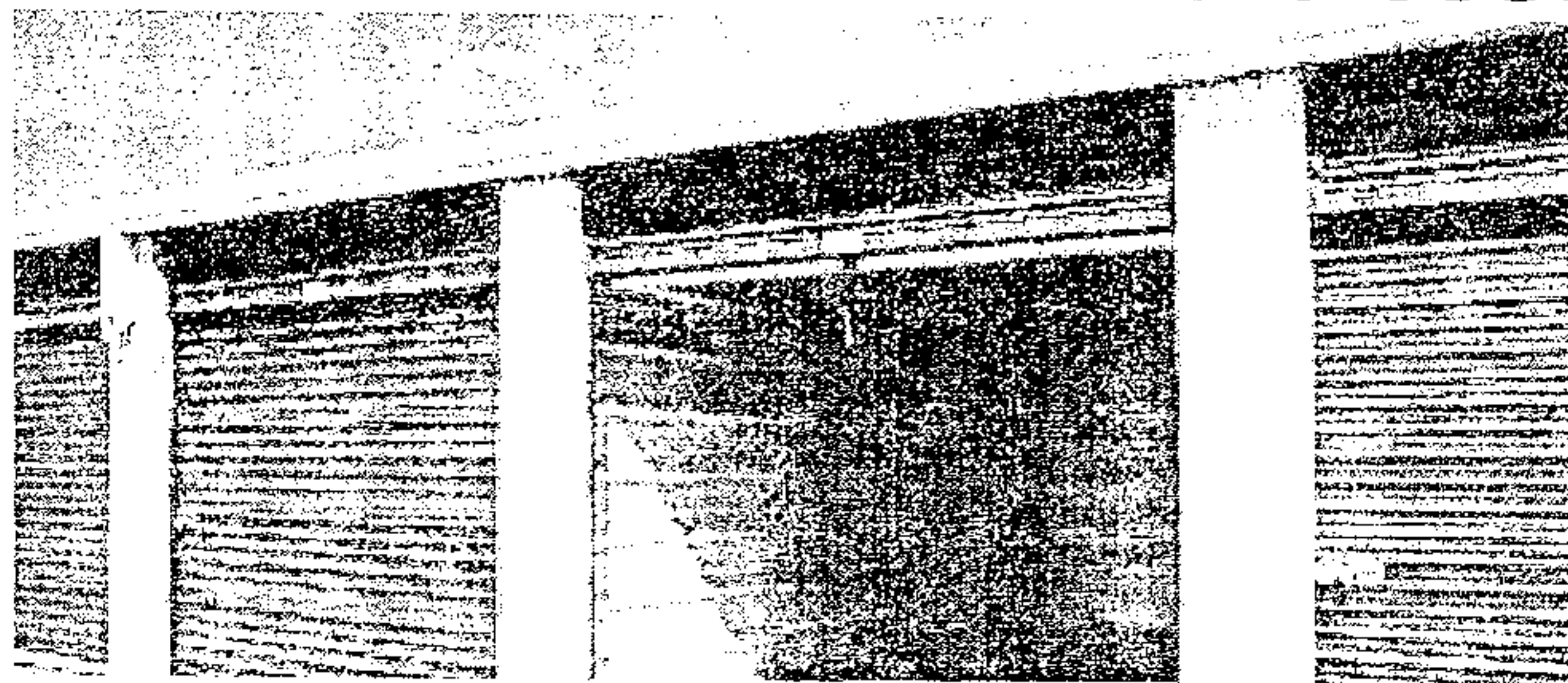
here is to try and be specific. This is not the time for a catch all, "forgive me of my sins". Think about your day, think about the things you have done, things that are not aligned with God's will. Think about the things that you felt God leading you to do and then didn't do. Confess those sins to God. Ask God to expose the things in your life that are not pleasing to Him. Once He shows us those things, then we need to ask Him to remove them from our lives.

Think about where we are now up to this point. We have come into the presence of God almighty

and lifted Him up in praise. We have asked that He remove anything in our lives that hinders our fellowship with him. Now for the 3rd area of focus – Spiritual Warfare Preparation – Our enemy has developed a scheme against us. In this time we prepare ourselves for battle. When I think of Spiritual Warfare Preparation, I think of my cousin Matt. Matt served 2 tours in Afghanistan as part of the U.S. Army. Every morning when he got up, he put on his uniform. There were preparations he made as he

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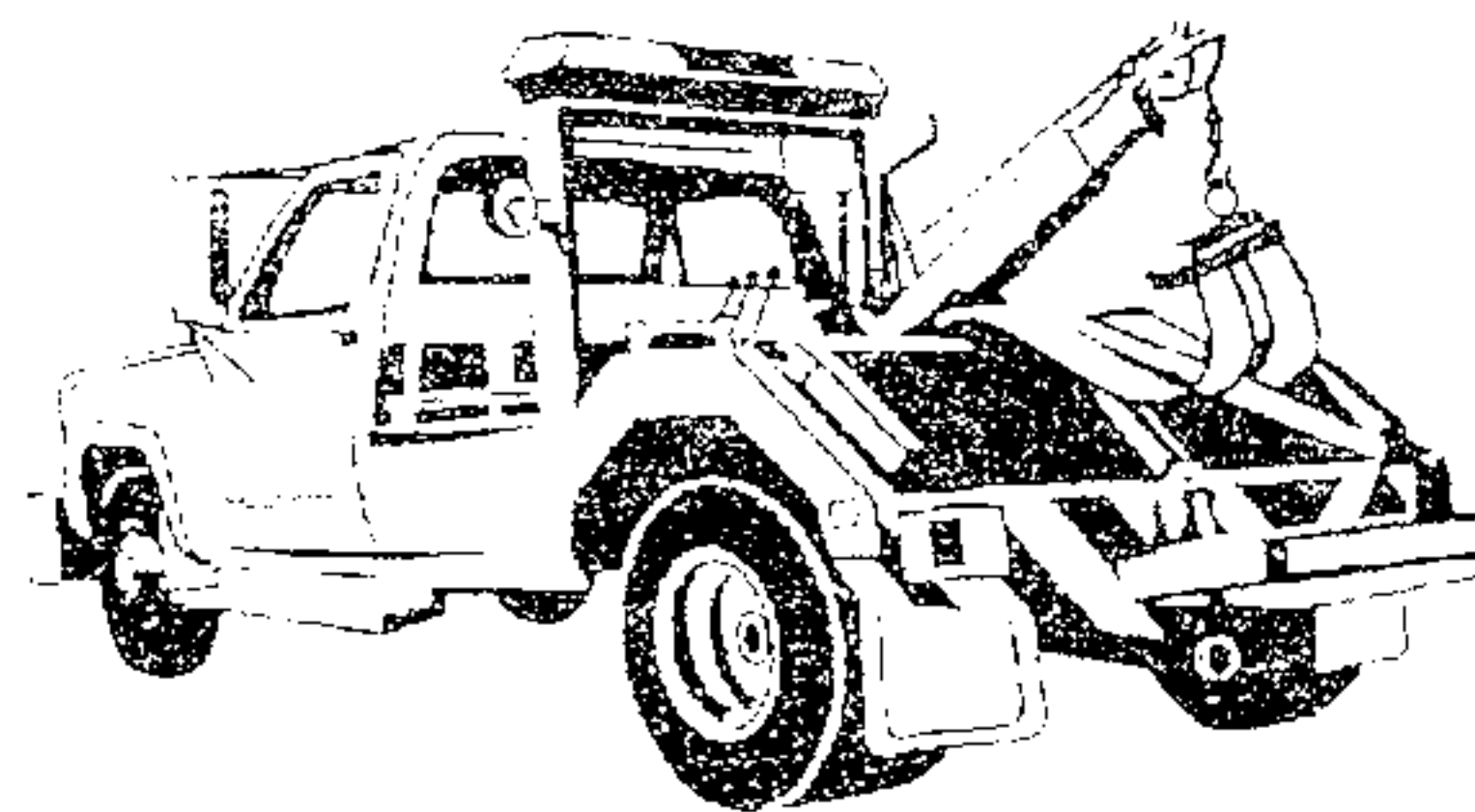
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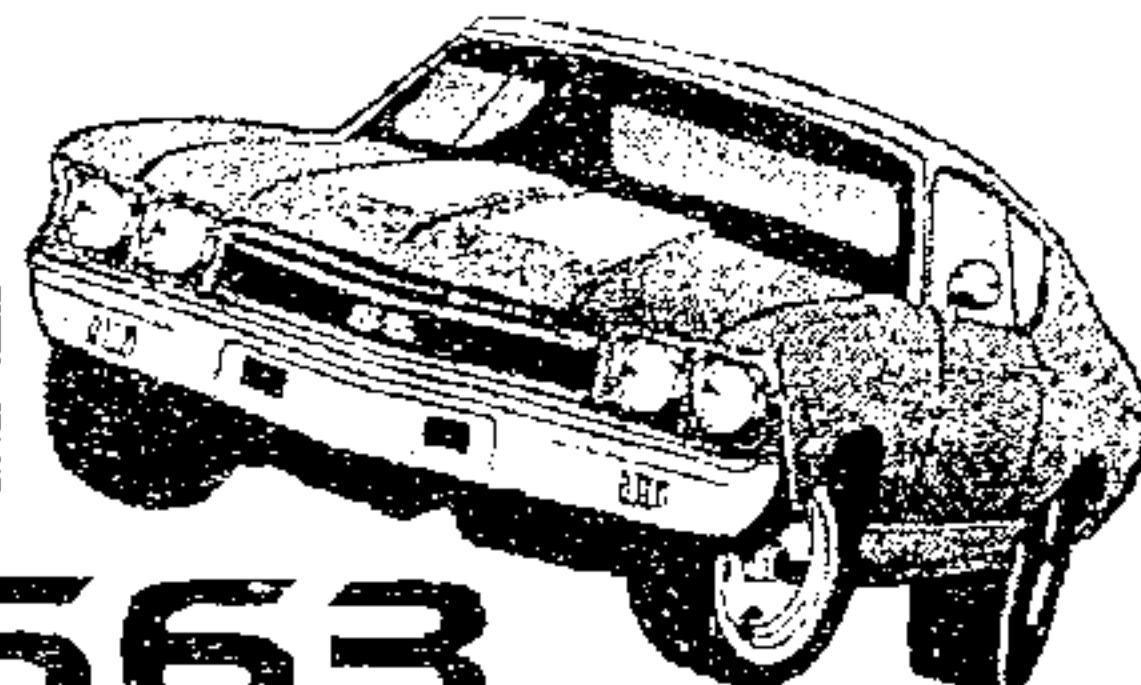
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readied for each day. Matt knew that he was in a war zone and that there was an enemy, and that enemy wished to do him harm. How are we as the children of God any different? We are in a war. Don't get me wrong, through Jesus Christ and His death, burial, and resurrection, we have the victory! The war has been won! But until His return, there will still be battles and we still have an enemy that desires to seek and destroy. In Ephesians 6 we are reminded: "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Brother Scott shared with me three things that we can do as we prepare for Spiritual Warfare. The first is scripture memorization. In our time of prayer, take time to study on a verse or series of verses to commit to memory. The Bible is God's Holy Word. How pleasing do you think it is to God if we take time in prayer to commit His Word to our memory? The second thing that Scott shared and that I do daily is to read through Ephesians 6:10-17, The Armor of God. As I read that scripture I think about what it is saying and I visualize each piece of armor and to what purpose God intend for its use. The final section of the spiritual warfare preparation is praying to be filled with the Holy Spirit. As I pray daily to be filled with the Holy Spirit, I am praying that God in Spirit will be with me and fill me. I have found that the more I am filled with Him, the less room there is for self or for things of this world.

Look at where we are now! We have come into the presence of God almighty and lifted Him up in praise. We have asked that He remove anything in our lives that hinders our fellowship with him. We have realized that we are in a battle and we have armored up for that battle!

See the rhyme and reason to the plan? Now the 4th area of focus – Intercession for Other – in this time, you may wish to pray for your spouse, your children, and other loved ones daily. In addition, you may want to add others based on the day of the week. For example on Tuesdays, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_, on Wednesdays, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_, and so on.

Now that we have made intercessions for other we can turn to the 5th area of focus – Personal Request – this is a good place to make your personal desires known to God. Pray through the different roles of your life. Pray for issues concerning you as a spouse. Pray for issues concerning you as being a parent. Pray for issues concerning you as being a friend. Look at the different roles you play in your life and pray about each of those. Daily I pray about being the husband that God would have me be for my bride. I pray about being the father to my boys that God would have me to be. I praying about being a Godly son to my parents. I pray about being the employer God would have me be for my employees. I pray that I would be the Sunday School teacher, the preacher, and chaplain that God wants me to be. In short, pray that God would have you to be, what He wants you to be, in every area of your life.

In closing, our 6th and final area of focus – Thank-giving - Plain and simple: Just thank Him! Thank Him for all He has done. As I stated earlier, this is not "the" plan of prayer, but rather "a" plan of prayer. Too often if we do not have "a" plan of prayer we will do as I did for years, take a "hit or miss" type approach to prayer. But we can go too far to the other extreme as well. We can develop a plan that is so elaborate that we spend more time preparing to pray, than we do in actual prayer. You know as we develop a plan of prayer, we could pray about it as well. I think that God the Father would find pleasure in us seeking His will in knowing how to pray, don't you?

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**Theft**  
James Kennedy, 32, Jim Hartsook Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property.

Helen Kennedy, 70, Hines Valley Road Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property.

Officer Tyrel Lorenz LCPD, responded to Ingles in reference to shoplifters. Upon arrival Officer made contact with store manager

who stated he caught 2 people shoplifting in the amount \$45.43 worth of merchandise. Officer made contact with James & Helen Kennedy who stated they did shoplift. Both were placed under arrest. Officer Tyrel Lorenz LCPD, made the arrest.

**Pipe**

Loudon Fire Dept. arrived on scene to get the person out, who

was later identified as Elijah Oneal. Elijah had broke the basement lock on a plywood door to make entry inside and retrieved a glass pipe commonly used to smoke narcotics. The homeowners stated Elijah had been told he was not allowed on the property. Elijah was placed under arrest. Officer Kenny Ridings LPD, made the arrest.

**Election for new judge set for 2016**

Unless some major change takes place, the election for the new general sessions judge will be on the March 3, 2016 primary ballot. The March 3rd primary will also be the presidential preference primary meaning the voter turnout will be very high. The other

local election that will be on this ballot is the Loudon County Property Assessor.

Historically in Loudon County, the republican primary elections usually determine the outcome of the election since generally no democrats run for county wide office. However, back in 2001, when the current general sessions judge's seat was on the ballot, five candidates ran for the office. Three republicans and two independents. Rex Dale won the republican primary then went to defeat both independent candidates in the August general election.

The first day to pick up qualifying petitions to seek office in the March 3rd election will be September 11th.

Below is the public notice pertaining to the appointment of the new judge. County commissioners will make that appointment at their August 3rd commission meeting. That appointment will only be for the time from then till the August 2016 county general election.

Loudon County is currently accepting resumes from those wishing to seek appointment for General Sessions Judge. All applicants must first be qualified under T.C.A. §8-18-801 and §16-15-5005. All resumes should be delivered or mailed to Mayor Buddy Bradshaw's office at 100 River Rd., Suite 106, Loudon, TN 37774 no later than 4:30 PM on

(see Election etd. pg. 7)

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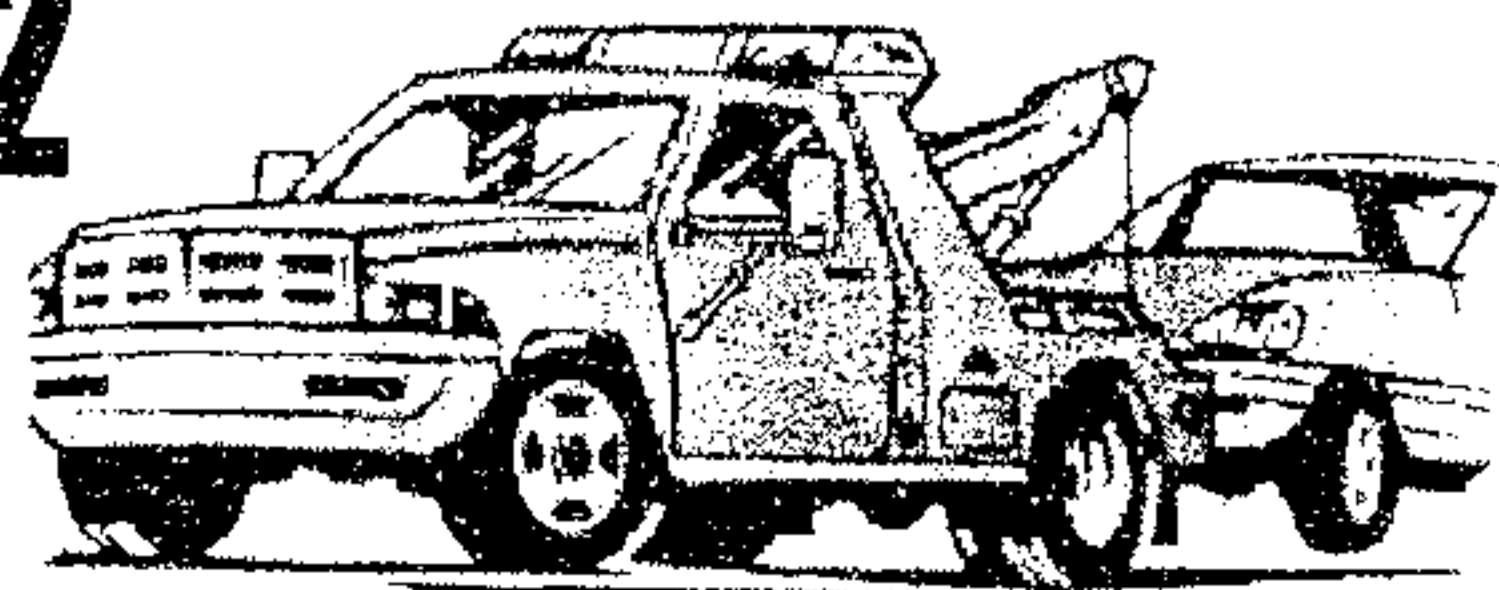
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**DUI**

Matthew Guider, 27, Summer Street Loudon, was charged with DUI. Officer Brandon Gentry Dodge Truck traveling East on Broadway with one working headlight. Officer conducted a traffic stop and identified the driver as Matthew Guider. Matthew eye were bloodshot and droopy, and delayed action. Matthew did poorly on field sobriety test. Matthew was placed under arrest. Officer Brandon Gentry LCPD, made the arrest.

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Friday July 17, 2015. All qualified applicants should submit their original and 12

copies of their resume (containing their sworn statement that they possess the qualifications contained in T.C.A. §8-18-101, §16-15-5005, and TN Constitution Article 6, Section 4 in writing) for potential nominations to be discussed at the Commission Workshop held on July 20, 2015. Commissioners will, upon proper motion and second, vote to appoint the Second General Sessions Judge at the County Commission meeting held Monday August 3, 2015 to be effective on September 1, 2015.

While the ad states that resumes must be in by a certain date, nominations may still be made by commissioners at the August 3rd meeting.

**McFarland challenge before appeals court**

Tom McFarland's appeal of his election loss is scheduled to be argued before the Tennessee Court of Appeals in Knoxville today — Wednesday, 7/1.

Mike Pemberton defeated McFarland in the race for 9th Judicial District circuit court judge on Aug. 7, 2014.

McFarland sued Pemberton, the Roane County Election Commission and Tennessee Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins in Roane County Chancery Court after his loss.

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 tain a-PVP and brought it back to the sell in the Sullivan County area, often out of motels. He also agreed that he supplied a-PVP to another individual in exchange for allowing him to sell a-PVP from that person's residence. Mangum admitted to being a user of a-PVP, but he told law enforcement officers that he was in it for the money.

Others who have been previously sentenced in this a-PVP trafficking investigation include Austin Michael Stallard, Johnny Michael Stallard, Phillip Wayne Mullins, Johnny White and Evelyn Vickers, who were sentenced to 121 months, 180 months, 151 months, 120 months and 110 months in federal prison respectively.

Law enforcement

agencies participating in the investigation which led to the indictment and subsequent conviction of Michael Ray Mangum and his co-defendants include the Drug Enforcement Administration; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Homeland Security Investigations; Sullivan County Sheriff's

Office; Kingsport Police Department; Hawkins County Sheriff's Department; Johnson City Police Department; Greenville Police Department; Hendersonville, North Carolina Police Department; and, Scott County, Virginia Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne Taylor represented the United States.

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