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Wednesday, June 27, 2007

Stabbing suspect nabbed in Greenback



Photo from left: Heith Willis of Athens Police Department along with Detectives Patrick Upton and Jason Smith, LCSD CID search burned debris for clues

An Athens man clings to life at Erlanger Hospital after being stabbed numerous times by a suspect that was apprehended in Greenback early Tuesday

(see Stabbing pg. 3)

\$20,000 Bobcat stolen

Deputy Daniel Kelly, LCSD responded to a call of a stolen Bobcat. Upon arrival, Steven Haralson reported the Bobcat was sitting at the job site on Antioch Church Road when he left on Friday. When he returned Monday

(see Bobcat pg. 8)

Missing welder pawned in Knoxville

Investigator Chris White, LCSD CID received information from Knoxville City Police Department concerning some items that have been pawned in Knoxville. The person who did the pawning is a suspect in a re-

(see Welder pg. 4)

Verse of the day

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins; return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. Isaiah 44:22

Obituaries

None reported

Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy with afternoon thunderstorms. High around 90F. Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms during the evening, then skies turning partly cloudy overnight. Low 72F.

Narcotics and CID bust Ldn man for resale

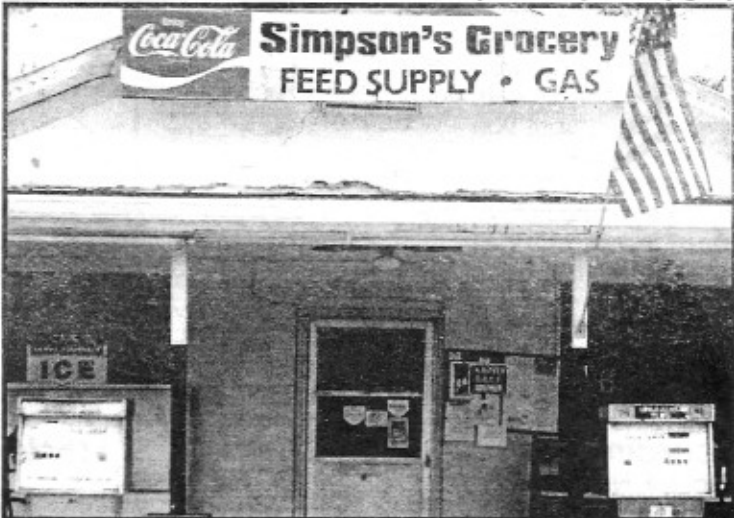


Over 13 ounces of marijuana was seized from the habitual criminal's residence (see Bust pg. 4)

Sometimes the little man IS the better man

by Ricki Braswell

(see Simpsons pg. 6)



An Icon of the Piney Community, Simpson's Grocery will still pump your gas and bring your groceries out, all with a smile

Horoscopes Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

You have to speak your mind today -- no matter how scary doing so may seem. Some people need to hear the cold, hard truth

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Thursday: Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.

Wazzup

A Super Special Happy Birthday to Virgil Simpson out at Simpson's Grocery in the Piney Community.

Stabbing

as Loudon County Sheriff's Department CID Investigators along with Athens Police Investigators searched a Greenback area. Detective Lt. Jeff Vittatoe, LCSD CID ND stated "we assisted Athens Police Department in a search for evidence in a stabbing

that occurred in their jurisdiction, we were able to uncover quite a bit of evidence."

According to Investigator Scott Webb, Athens PD On Sunday morning an Athens man was severely stabbed by a suspect with lots of tattoos. A crimestopper tip from Chattanooga came in to Athens PD and a suspect

was found in Greenback on Tuesday. The suspect Levi Boy Lopez, white male, 25, of Arizona was staying at a residence in Greenback when taken into custody without incident.

Lead Investigator Bill Matthews, Investigator Scott Webb, Investigator Fred Schulz and Investigator Heith Willis of Athens PD participated in the investigation. From LCSD were Deputy Dan Kelly, Investigators Patrick Upton and Jason Smith also participated.

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"I can't describe the cooperation and outstanding effort put forth by the Loudon County Sheriff's Office. Their participation and assistance will definitely speed up this investigative process," stated Investigator Scott Webb, Athens Police Department

Lopez was charged with especially aggravated robbery and attempted first degree murder and will more than likely be a no

bond when he faces arraignment Wednesday morning.

Police beat

Joshua D. Rice, 20, of Hwy 321, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSD stopped Rice due to having prior knowledge his license was suspended.

A check through NCIC showed him to have a suspended license out of Kentucky. Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSD made the arrest.

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Welder

lated theft in Loudon County. Investigator White called Ron Crawley and asked him if he had a Craftsman Mig Welder and he advised yes but it had been awhile since he was in the shop where it was kept. The investigator asked Mr. Crawley to go look for his welder and call back. When Mr. Crawley called back he told the investigator his welder was in fact missing. Investigator Chris White, LCSD CID is handling the investigation.

Best

Members of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit and Criminal Investigation Division served a search war-

rant on Watson Road in Loudon. While searching the property Sgt. Billy Hall, ND deployed K9 Draga around the garage area. She alerted in the area of the drivers door of a Chevy truck parked beside the garage. A search of the truck revealed a large amount of marijuana in a plastic jar.

The marijuana was packaged in different plastic bags broken down in different weights to be sold. Draga was then deployed behind the garage and alerted to a large pile of leaves. A check of the leaves revealed two more plastic jars with a large amount of marijuana packaged in the same manner as the first jar found. The total weight of

marijuana found was approximately 13+ ounces. While talking with Herman L. Russell at his home during the search he admitted to selling marijuana. At the time of the search warrant, Herman Russell is under federal indictment as a career criminal.

Herman L. Russell, 58, of Watson Road, Loudon, was charged with possession of marijuana for resale. Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSD ND made the arrest. He was assisted by Investigator Adam Yokley, ND and Detective Charles Cosner, CID.

Police beat

Brett Whitehead, 18, of Carding Machine Road, Loudon, was charged with simple poss. of marijuana. According to the report, Officer William Evans

received a call of an intoxicated person causing a disturbance at Carding Machine Road. Upon arrival the officer was advised by Brett Whiteheads' parents he was in his vehicle in the driveway and was messed up causing a disturbance. Upon seeing the officer Whitehead ran from his vehicle leaving the door open and entering the woods behind the residence. Whitehead was unable to be located. A search of the area was done and produced a

small amount of a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana and a rolling paper box. Officer Jason Brown, LPD made the arrest a few days later.

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Simpsons

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the only small, country store of its kind in the Piney area. Simpson's Market, in Loudon, use to be one of six, in the area, however, today it remains the only one left.

As I walked in to meet the owner, Virgil Simpson, and co-owner, Gail, I was greeted with a smile, and a friendly hello. These people did not know me from Eve, but treated me as though they knew me. I was even invited to a bologna sandwich for lunch, which I gladly accepted. It was a good lunch, and very good company.

Mr. Simpson, who turns 87 today, opened the Simpson's Market in 1948, and has managed to keep it open, even through the winds of change. Upon inquiring about the success of this small country store, both, Mr. Simpson, and Gail agree that it is the people of the community, and their support that keeps them going, and they would like to thank the people for this support, throughout the

years. With the larger companies popping up everywhere, and the technology of today's time, it puts the smaller businesses at risk. Gail replies, "Daddy use to be Mr. Simpson. Now he's just a number". When asked about the downside of a small business, she said, "We don't get the same price breaks that the larger corporations do. When we get a good deal, be certain that we will pass it on to you." And even though they do not get the same breaks, they still bring their items to you at a very reasonable cost.

As I talked with Mr. Simpson, he informed me, of the various changes throughout the years. He regrets that

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not spend the same, or less, for that next gallon of milk, and support a local, small business, who is there for us, and our community. They show and express their appreciation for us ev-

ery time we walk in the door, so why not give them that opportunity to do this more often? I guarantee, your mood will change for the better, if you let it.

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Virgil Simpson celebrated his 87th birthday and 48+ years in business serving the Piney Community



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Walking down the aisles, I observed signs throughout the store. These were more than just words. They were mottos, guides, and words to live by. One read, "A man is rich according to what he is, not what he has." And it is my

strong opinion that the Simpson's, and their long time friend and employee, Wanda, truly live by these words. "It used to be that a person's handshake was his word. Now it's not a handshake, but a contract", says Gail. I noticed the stacks of paper charge accounts that

lined the walls, and I asked about them. They were accounts from items that were delivered to these people's front door, carried in for them, and put onto paper charge accounts (most of them have passed away). Although, they may not do paper charge accounts any more, their customer courtesy still goes way

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beyond that which is expected. I watched, as Wanda carried out several bags of groceries for a customer. I also observed several people who came for lunch, and to shop, and were greeted with a smile and friendly conversation. Like everyone else, I, too, shop at larger corporations, but never leave feeling like I did when I left Simpson's Grocery. I went in, with work in mind, and left

with the feeling that I had made new friends. Simpson's truly is a little man, the better man".

Oh, by the way, the next time you visit Simpson's, don't forget to have Wanda make you a bolog sandwich, and grab an 8 oz. glass bottle of coke, and don't forget to pop the cap with the opener right beside the front door. Mr. Simpson agrees "they really do taste better".

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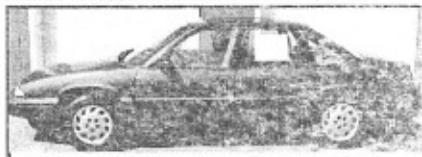
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Wreck

morning the Bobcat was gone.

Mr. Haralson stated an employee asked to borrow the Bobcat on Wednesday, but he told him he could not loan the equipment out.

On Sunday the employee called and told Mr. Haralson the Bobcat was gone.

The missing Bobcat is a white and orange 2005 T180 valued at \$20,000.

Detective Lt. Jeff Vittatoe, LCSD made the arrest.

Police beat

Isaac Lemus Guzman, 29, of First Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD observed a black vehicle with a small child sitting on the passengers lap so the officer stopped

the vehicle. When approached there was another small child sitting between the seats not properly restrained. The driver was Mr. Guzman and he was issued a citation for the child restraint violations and a check showed him to be unlicensed. Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD

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Police beat

David Ray Palmer, 46, of Jackson Bend Road, Greenback, was charged with domestic assault. According to the report, Corporal Ernie Brown, LCSD was dispatched to Palmer's residence to a report of an intoxicated disorderly person. Upon arrival the officer was advised by the victim her boy-

friend had assaulted her. She stated he had held her down by the throat and pulled her hair. She had red marks on her left forearm and around her left eye. A witness corroborated the victim's story. Corporal Ernie Brown, LCSD made the arrest.

Mark B. Gage, 46, of Sequoyah Drive, King-

sport, was charged with VOP. According to the affidavit, Gage was convicted of reckless driving and sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days. Since then he has failed to meet with probation officer due to being in Sullivan County Jail; failed to pay costs and failed to participate

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in CSW. Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD made the arrest.

Justin Bullard, 20, of Silo Drive, Lenoir City was charged with VOP. According to the affidavit, Bullard was convicted of vandalism, PI and resisting and was

sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days. Since then he has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$1009.50; failed to pay supervision fees. Sgt. Jeff Russell, LCSD made the arrest.

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