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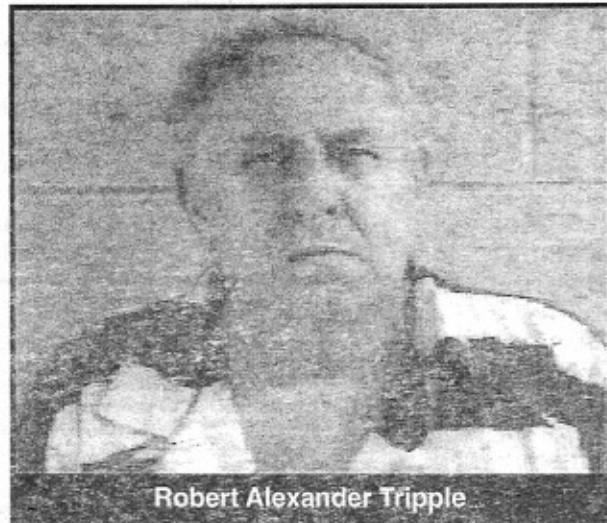
## Police say kidnap victim lucky to be alive

**Sweetwater man charged with attempted murder and more**

(see Tripple pg. 8)

Investigator Charles Cosner, LCSD CID has filed charges against a Sweetwater man following a murder attempt that led to the rescue of a Loudon woman. The man forced the woman at gunpoint to take 20 pills, a lethal dose. Fortunately the woman was rescued in time and taken to the hospital to be treated. Investigators found marijuana growing at the residence, which belonged to the assailant who has an active order of protection against him.

According to the warrants, on July 2 at approximately 10:30pm



Robert Alexander Tripple

Robert Alexander Tripple arrived at the residence of his estranged wife, the victim located on Cox Road in Loudon. Mr. Tripple parked his vehicle behind a fence at the neighbor's house. Mr. Tripple then approached the house, going to the right side of the residence and cut the telephone and cable wires using his pocketknife. Mr. Tripple approached the rear of the house, cut a section of the screen on the screen door, reached in and unlocked the door.

Mr. Tripple discharged two shots from his handgun that he

## Methadone before driving bad idea

Three persons were arrested after police stopped the vehicle they were for suspicion of DUI and found

the driver under the influence of methadone. The passengers reportedly also were extremely intoxicated.

(see Methadone pg. 3)

## Speeding, missing headlight lands 1 in hoosegow

A young Oak Ridge man was taken into custody after police stopped his vehicle for speeding and having a headlight and discovered he

was under the influence and unlicensed.

Juan Everardo Perez, 20, of Tennessee Avenue, Oak Ridge, was charged with

(see Perez pg. 7)

## Stopped car, U-turn finds one DUI

A Greenback man was taken into custody after police stopped to check on his vehicle, which was stopped in the middle of the road. After a U-turn and brief drive-off, the man was found to be

(see Wheeler pg. 6)

## Moist, Crispy Corn Cakes Something to "Crow" About

Nashville, - "If you've never visited a farmers market or a 'pick-your-own farm' before, now is the time to start," says Tammy Algood. "From now until Labor Day is the time of year when most

of Tennessee's produce is available. Just about anything you can think of—tomatoes, peppers, beans, okra, eggplant, melons—is being picked daily and available now."

(see Cakes pg. 4)

## Teen charged again

A local teenager has again been charged after he reportedly became involved in a domestic dispute with his parents after they refused to let him drive drunk.

Jeffery William Olmsted, 18, of Fog Hill Lane, Lenoir

(see Olmsted pg. 6)

## Verse of the day

*And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.*

Exodus 19:11

## Obituaries

Eula Martin  
Henrietta Rodgers McKee

## Weather:

Today: Some clouds & possibly an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 88.  
Tonight: Widely scattered showers or a thunderstorm,

then partly cloudy. Low 67.  
Saturday: Plenty of sun. Highs: low 90s; Lows: upper 60s.  
Sunday: A few clouds. Highs: low 90s; Lows: upper 60s.

## Wazzup

Wazzup with drivers who pull out in front of other people in a heck-fired hurry only

to poke along well under the speed limit???

## Horoscopes Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

No matter how much you would like to, you can't chase away emotion with  
(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Methadone

Joanna M. Davis, 23, of N. 15th St. La-follette, was charged with DUI,

According to the

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report, Davis was stopped for driving erratically. Davis was observed in the centerline of the interstate weaving and crossing into both lanes of traffic. Davis had extremely slurred speech, seemed confused and was unsteady on her feet. She admitted to taking methadone prior

to driving.

A passenger, Aaron M. Collette, 21, of Lake Lane, Caryville, was charged with public intoxication

According to the report, Due to his level of intoxication he was safety hazard to himself and others and could not drive or walk away from the scene.

Another passenger,

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Crystal Roberts, 25, of Lake Lane, Caryville, was charged with public intoxication.

Due to her level of intoxication she was deemed a danger if left in public. Trooper Russell Smith, THP made the arrests.

## Police Beat

Jennifer Leona Mayfield, 33, of Shaw

Ferry Road, Lenoir City was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Mayfield was convicted of theft and theft under \$500 and sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days.

Since then she has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$1095; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$152.50, no payment made; and failed to respond to notices. Deputy John Maples, LCSD made the arrest.

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-Jeff Foxworthy

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## Cakes

"Now that sweet corn is ready, it's time to figure out as many ways as possible to use it while we can shuck it fresh off the stalk."

Fresh Corn Cakes is the latest recipe by Tammy Algood, available at the "Pick Tennessee Products" Web site, [www.picktnproducts.org](http://www.picktnproducts.org). Pick Tennessee Products is the promotional campaign developed by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Market Development Division to help consumers identify and choose food products grown or processed in Tennessee. Algood is spokesperson for the campaign and creates recipes featuring food products grown or processed in Tennessee.

"The secret to this dish is frying," says Algood. "Since so many people are limiting fats these days, frying is becoming a lost art. Truth is, properly fried food offers a satisfying crunch and taste without retaining much of the oil."

And what is proper frying? "Fast frying

is the key to low absorption of oil," says Algood. "Don't pour batter, or place whatever it is you wish to fry, into a skillet until a few drops of oil 'dance' when dropped onto the already hot surface. I use a cooking spray when I fry because it coats the pan so evenly and there's no mess, but a drop or two of oil into the pan can go a long way to reassure you that the skillet is ready."

"Another way to keep the fat content of this recipe lower is to substitute yogurt cheese for the sour cream," says Algood. "Yogurt cheese is the more solid product that's left when the liquid, whey, is allowed to drain away. Just put your yogurt in a cheese cloth and let the liquid drain out - the more solid part that will remain in the cloth is the 'cheese.' You can use coffee filters if you don't have cheesecloth handy, or you can purchase a yogurt strainer. The important thing is for the yogurt to be strained in the refrigerator. Depending on how much yogurt is in the strainer,

the process can take anywhere from an hour to overnight. The whey can be discarded."

"If you can get fresh Tennessee sweet corn nearby from your local farmers market or pick-your-own farm, then you can experience the best of the best - the freshest, tastiest corn possible," says Algood. "But if this year's weather conditions have made fresh produce harder to find in your area, all is not lost."

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### Fresh Corn Cakes

3/4 cup salsa or chopped, seeded and peeled tomatoes, divided

1 cup sweet corn, fresh or frozen

1-1/4 cups Martha White cornbread mix

1 cup sour cream, di-

vided  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
1/4 cup pine nuts, lightly toasted  
Tops of green onions or green bell pepper strips

In a small bowl, combine 1/2 cup of salsa and 1/4 cup of corn. Mix well and set aside. In a medium bowl, combine remaining salsa and corn, cornbread mix, 1/2 cup of sour cream and egg. Mix well. Spray a large nonstick skillet or griddle with cooking spray. Heat over medium heat until hot. Drop batter by tablespoonfuls into skillet. Cook 2 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Serve with remaining sour cream and salsa-corn mixture. Sprinkle with pine nuts and green onions. Yield: 12 servings

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## Wheeler

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Kenneth Ray Wheeler Jr., 39, of Craigs Chapel Road, Greenback, was charged with DUI 1st.

According to the report, Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD stopped to check the vehicle Wheeler was driving because it was stopped in the roadway on Sugarlimb Road.

The driver, Mr. Wheeler Jr., was sitting at the wheel staring ahead and did not respond to the officer's request to roll down the window.

Wheeler made a U-turn to the roadside, stopped briefly then continued to drive off. He was finally stopped and he admitted to drinking a little.

Wheeler performed poorly on sobriety tasks. Deputy Steve Helm LCSD made the arrest.

## Olmsted

City, was charged with underage consumption

According to the report, Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSD responded to Fog Hill Lane of a possible domestic dispute. On arrival the deputy spoke to the parents and they stated Jeffery got upset at them for not allowing him to

drive his car.

Olmsted had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and is only 18 years of age. Deputy Chris Jenkins LCSD made the arrest.

## Stupid Criminals

In December of 1987, a young woman awoke to find a masked person standing over her bed, brandishing a knife. Terrified, she screamed. The assailant was so unnerved by the scream, he dropped his knife, told the woman to shut up and got down on his hands and knees to search for his weapon. After a moment, he gave up. He then set down on the side of the bed and pulled a set of handcuffs from a jacket pocket. The would-be rapist identified himself as "Too-hot Romeo" and told the woman that he had been watching her for months. He went on to explain in great detail that he fantasized about being handcuffed to a bed, while the young woman did a slow "strip tease" for him, after which they would share a long passionate night. He promised that as long as she played along, she wouldn't be hurt. The young woman quickly agreed that the plan sounded very erotic and ...you guessed

it. She told the man to strip down to the skin, which he eagerly did. She then handcuffed him to the heavy brass headboard of her bed, then grabbed his clothes, where she correctly guessed the keys to the cuffs would be, and ran to the living room. From there, she quickly called the police. As police were dragging the inept offender out of bed, he stepped on the knife which was laying in the plush pile carpet, neatly severing a toe.

Local newspapers tagged the inept rap-

ist, "The 'Where's My Toe' Romeo."

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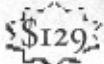
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## Perez

driving without a license, and underage consumption. According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD stopped a vehicle for speeding and having a headlight out.

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## Tripple

brought to the residence through the sliding glass door. Mr. Tripple entered the residence and found the victim in the hallway coming from her bedroom. Mr. Tripple pointed the handgun at her and forced her to set on the small couch in the living room while he sat on the larger couch. Mr. Tripple made several threats to the victim about killing her and then killing himself.

Mr. Tripple forced the victim to get her prescription medication. While pointing the gun towards her, Mr. Tripple forced the victim to consume approximately 20 milligrams of Xanax. After a period of time, while sitting on the large couch, Mr. Tripple fired one round from the handgun into the small couch where the victim was setting. The projectile struck the cushion beside the victim.

At approximately 4:30am on July 3, the victim was able to

contact her boss who contacted police. After police arrived, Mr. Tripple was taken into custody and the victim was transported to Ft. Sanders Loudon via Rural Metro for evaluation after consuming the lethal amount of medication. It has been found that an active order of protection was filed and served on Mr. Tripple prior to the incident, prohibiting Mr. Tripple from being in contact with the victim and from possessing a firearm while the order is in effect.

While at the location, a total of 10 green leafy plants were found to be growing in the flowerbed behind the residence. The victim stated the plants were marijuana and they belonged to her estranged husband, Robert Tripple. The victim did present a document from her attorney to Mr. Tripple's attorney in reference to the plants, stating Mr. Tripple needs to take responsibility for his actions and de-

stroy the plants.

Investigator Charles Cosner, LCSD CID handled the investigation and filed the charges. Also participating in the rescue and arrest of Mr. Tripple were Detective Lt. Jeff Vittatoe, LCSD CID; Officers Bill Evans, Benny Houser, Brendan Deboer, LPD, Corporal Ernie Brown, LCSD and Deputies Brian Blakney and Jason Goddard, LCSD.

Robert Alexander Tripple, 62, of Tellico Trail, Sweetwater, was charged with felony vandalism, attempted first-degree murder, especially aggravated kidnapping, especially aggravated burglary, aggravated assault by domestic violence, manufacturing schedule VI.

## Police Beat

Kassie Michelle Littleton, 24, of Davis

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Ridge Road, Lenoir City was charged with an attachment out of juvenile court.

Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSD made the arrest.

Freddie Dean Helton Jr., 44, homeless was charged with DUI 2nd and implied consent.

According to the report, Officer Darrell Butler LCPD was dispatched by Officer Joe Foster on a possible drunk driver. On making contact, Helton had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

He also refused a BAC test. Officer Darrell Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

Ruben Mejia Gonzalez, 26, of E. 2nd Av-

enue, Lenoir City, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Deputy Bryan Blakney, LCSD observed a gray vehicle on Sugarlimb Road break the plane of the double yellow line and then come back over and cross the white.

The vehicle repeated this down the road into oncoming traffic. Deputy Blakney stopped the vehicle and the driver was found to have no license. He did, however, have a green card the report noted. Deputy Bryan Blakney, LCSD made the arrest.

*Human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home.* -Bill Cosby

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## Public Notice

### Purchasing Committee meeting Personnel Meeting

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## Obituaries

**Eula Martin**, was born May 1, 1916, and married Guy V. Martin in April of 1941. Her husband, to whom she was indeed a true wife and helpmate, and by whose side she stood so many years, predeceased her. She was the light of his home and joy of his life. She was a noble, devout Christian woman who faced trials and troubles that would have broken the will of one without her faith. Her ability to face troubles and dangers with resolute courage, while managing to serve her family, church and friends with such a gentle spirit, mirrored the template of a Christian life instilled in her through prayer and cast by an ancestry of Christian believers, including her grandfather, the late Rev. Ripley Kizziah Benson, minister of Baptist churches in Salem, Nettleboro, and near Fulton, AL. She lived long among us, and the halo of her sweet life

and the inspiration of her consecrated efforts to brighten and bless our homes, linger in our memories, gladden our lives, and quicken our impulse for good. She passed from our midst on July 3, 2007, at the age of 91, preceded in death by her parents, James Alpheus Benson and Roberta Clarke Benson, and by her brother, Elwis Benson. Eula is survived by her three sisters, Roberta Chevillon, Grey Tate, and Alice Taylor and husband, James Taylor; by her children, Sue Adams and husband, James Lee Adams, Guy Martin, Jr. and wife, Lynne Martin, Vicki Holton and husband, Greg Holton, Sr.; grandchildren, Vicki Davis and husband Kip Davis, Susan Glass and husband Mark Glass, Sarah Adams, Guy Martin III, Roy Martin, Lee Martin, Greg Holton, Jr. and Sue Ann Holton; and great grandchildren, James Davis, Susan Davis, John Davis, Elizabeth Glass, Mark Glass Jr.,

David Glass, and Hannah Glass. A memorial service to honor her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 6, 2007, at the First Baptist Church of Tellico Village, TN with Dr. Charlie Barnard officiating. Relatives and friends are welcome at the Church from 10:00 a.m. until the memorial service begins. Internment will be alongside her husband in Jefferson Memorial Gardens, Trussville, AL, on Saturday, July 7, following a graveside service officiated by Rev. Eugene Ennis at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are welcome to the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church of Trussville following the graveside service for fellowship with the family. Donations may be made in memory of Eula V. Martin to the First Baptist Church of Tellico Village, TN, the First Baptist Church of Camilla, GA or the First Baptist Church of Trussville, AL. The family would like to express its love and thanks to the staff

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of NHC for their prayers, love, care and support, unselfishly provided in their daily service to Mrs. Martin and to our family. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Martin family.

**Henrietta Rodgers McKee**, age 85 of Lenoir City, passed away Sunday, July 1, 2007. She was a member of the Church of God and was retired from Baptist Health Care Center. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Ray Bryant and James McKee; parents, George and Lowrinia Rodgers; brother, George Kenneth Rodgers and 3 infant brothers. Survived by daughters, Margie Bryant, Brenda Brewer and husband, C. A. all of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Rebecca Laney of Tellico Plains, Roy Baker Jr. of Nashville, Mary Ann Brewer Schaffer, Brenda Long both of Lenoir City, Norma Mead of VA., David Worley of Lenoir

City, Mi-Dona Worley of Okinawa, Japan, Richard Worley of Salt Lake City, UT, Susan Hamilton of Johnson City, Danita Jones of Nashville and Barry Jones of Knoxville; 22 great grandchildren; 4 great great grandchildren; brothers, Garland Rodgers and wife, Edna Jean of Ind., James A. Rodgers and wife, Maude, Lawrence Rodgers and Bill Rodgers all of Lenoir City; many nieces and nephews; special friend, Norma Louise Stinnett. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday with funeral services to follow at 8 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 12:30 p.m. Sunday and proceed to Unicoi Cemetery in Tellico Plains for graveside services at 2 p.m. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.



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