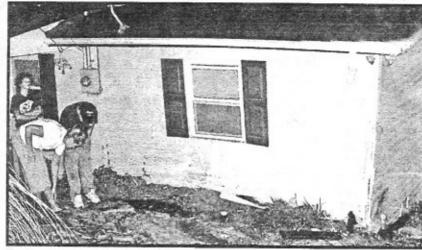
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Monday, September 24, 2007

Needle-point Bandit apprehended after robbery, chase, crash (see Bandit pg. 9)

On Thursday around 3:55 a.m., LCPD Lt. David Flynn attempted to stop a vehicle on Harrison road. The vehicle, a 1986 Ford Escort, driven by 42 year old Robert S. Snelson of 116 Nocolosi Lane. Lenoir City, TN, went down Norwood Drive onto Johnson Road and then turned onto West Hills Drive. The



vehicle was run-ning at a high rate Rude awakening: This family inspects the damage to their home after suspected robber Robert S. Snelson crashed into it during a police chase early Thursday

Car burglarized

A local woman called authorities Tuesday when she noticed several items missing from her vehicle while she was on the way

Katherine Simpson of Riverview Golf Drive told

(see Burglary pg. 7)

Fishing with Gus

We had a good turnout at Toad's Catfish Tournament this past weekend.

Allen Bryant and Heath Gore(no kin to Al) took first place with 4 nice Blue Cats.

(see Fishing pg. 11)

Abandoned trailer burns



A firefighter works to make sure the fire that destoryed this trailer is completely extinguished (see Fire pg. 7)

Drunk driver slams breaks on officer

A Kingston man charged he bargained for when he

with driving under the influ- deliberatly slammed his ence nearly got more than brakes on in order to get (see Charged pg. 3)

Shoplifter busted with pills

A Lenoir City man found some shirts at Wal Mart. He ter he allegedly tried to steal in his possession.

himself in the hoosegow af- also had unprescribed drugs

(see Busted pg. 3)

ET White Oaks hit hard by late freeze

on mast production in East sources Agency (TWRA). Tennessee, and it certainly

The late spring freeze was has done that, according to expected to have an effect the Tennessee Wildlife Re-

> "Although the white oak (see Oaks pg. 8)

Verse of the day

They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine. Isaiah 29:24

Obituaries

Jean McElroy Miller

James R. (Buddy) White Weather:

Today: Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s.

Tonight: Lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday: Scattered Thunderstorms. High 84; Low

Wazzup

Hey Drew Ward, nice Willie Mays catch!!!

Look for more on the fund raiser being held to buy vests for Loudon County's K-9 officers in an upcoming Editon.

Horoscopes Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

You need to turn your focus to your home and family life. Something is a bit out of sorts and once you've identified it, you should be (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Busted

Shawn e. Dauenbaugh, 30, of Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City, was charged with theft under \$500 and poss, of sch. IV.

According to the report, Officer J. Anderson LCPD made the arrest at Wal Mart where Dauenbaugh was charged with stealing several

shirts.

During a search the officer found three white pills that were identified as Klonopin that he had no prescription for, Officer J. Anderson LCPD made the arrest.

Charged

the arresting officer to rear-end him.

Anthony Lawrence Aiello, 55, of Shady Trail, Kingston, was charged with DUI 1st and reckless driving.

According to the report, Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD was on Hwy. 70 doing speed enforcement on radar and a white vehicle came by and was clocked at 65 m.p.h. in a 50 m.p.h. zone. The officer then pulled behind the vehicle

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and before he could activate his emergency equipment the driver slammed on his brakes in an attempt to make the officer strike his vehicle in the rear.

Corporal Estes stopped the vehicle and asked the driver why he slammed his brakes on and

he stated he thought the officer was riding his rear and it was an attempt to make him back off.

Aiello had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person, slurred speech and was very unsteady on his feet when exiting. Aiello performed poorly on sobriety tasks and registered .15% on the intoximeter at the jail. Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD made the arrest.

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Stevens' Dream Becomes Reality With Dedication of Ramp

Gatlinburg, - The late Bill Stevens' vision of a handicap-accessible fishing pier in the City of Gatlinburg has become a reality.

Construction at Herbert Holt Park has been completed on a ramp on the Little Pigeon. River which Stevens envisioned at a City Commission meeting years ago.

The ramp and pier was dedicated in an ofcial public ceremony Friday, September at 4 p.m., with memers of the Stevens amily, his many friends and supporters in atandance.

Stevens supported ne establishment of Gatlinburg's unique zinbow trout stocking wogram, which included the conversion of the City's former sewer plant into a trout farm featuring six raceways which support thousands of trout as they grow from fingerlings into adults.

The City stocks Gatlinburg waters with thousands of trout annually for local residents and visitors.

The ramp affords more people the opportunity to enjoy the fishing program by providing added accessibility.

"Former Mayor Stevens believed that it would be nice for the City to offer a designated and accessible place for handicapped people to fish for trout in Downtown Gatlinto fish off a bridge or off a sidewalk," said Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Manager.

A committee which included Stevens looked around town and picked the Herbert Holt location on a section of the river presently set aside for fishing by children. Herbert Holt Park offers plenty of parking, another factor in the choice of the

After Stevens' death in 2004, City Commission put special emphasis on the project specifically to construct the fishing ramp and pier as a memorial to the community leader's years of service to Gatlinburg.

An engineering study was completed and models were completed of stream flow and how the addition of any structure in the floodway would impact stream flow. The City applied for a grant last Spring and received a \$100,000 matching grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation toward the Citv's Herbert Holt Park Handicapped Fishing Access Project. Also, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency gave a commitment of an additional \$20,000 toward the construction of the pier.

The concrete ramp winds from the parking area down along the river around several turns, meeting all wheelchair slope requirements, to a concrete pier built where there was a sandy beach in the bend of the river. The ramp allows wheelchair-bound people to get right down next to the river to fish, and is unique because it might be among the first, if not the only fastwater handicap fishing pier in the state.

"There are lots of handicap fishing facilities on lakes and ponds, but I don't know of another one on a fastmoving stream, especially a trout stream," said Gatlinburg Recreation Director Marty Nicely.

Herbert Holt Park will remain a kids section of the river, but the ramp area will be designated for defined handicap use as well.

General contractor Design and Construction Services, Inc. earned the contract for the ramp project and completed it in August.

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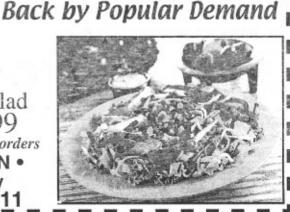
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Obituaries

Jean McElroy Miller, age 61 of Lenoir City, TN, formerly of Needham, MA and Shrewsbury. MA died of complications from breast cancer on Sunday, September 16, 2007 in Knoxville. TN. Jean was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. She attended Boston University. Jean enjoyed writing and had written articles and short stories for several magazines. She published non-fiction in Home and Portfolio magazines, mainstream fiction in Chips Off The Writer's Block and Agapae, plus two horror stories in After Hours. She received an Honorable Mention in 1987 Writer's Digest writing competition, article category. Presently, she was working on a horror novel. She also enjoyed cross stitching and painting. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Rosalie McEl-

rov: brother-in-law, Karl Seger. She is survived by her sisters, Suzanne Seger of Lenoir City and Lynn Tanner of Hopkinton, MA; nephews, David Seger and Steven Seger; nieces, Kelly Tanner and Jennifer Tanner, A Mass will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, September 28 at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Deacon Sean Smith celebrant. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grreat Dog Rescue, 875 Hwy 321 North, Suite 600, #51, Lenoir City, TN 37771, www.grreatdogrescue. com. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the family of Jean McElroy Miller.

James R. (Buddy) White, age 65 of West Knoxville passed away Tuesday evening, September 18, 2007. Buddy was the founder and owner of Farragut Ditching Company. He was a developer and builder for many years. Buddy

was a member of Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his son, James Kevin White: father, James Franklin White. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Loretta Gladson White; daughter and son-in-law, Kristi and Rob Boles of West Knoxville; granddaughter, Blakely Boles; mother. Edith Marie White of West Knoxville: sisters. Ruth Hellard. Agnes Mincey, Gail Farris and Laverne Henry; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Friday, September 21, 2007, in the Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel followed by a Celebration of Life at 7 p.m. with Rev. Steve Diamond and Rev. Cardelia Howell-Diamond officiat-

ing. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Saturday at Virtue Cemetery for graveside services. In lieu of flowers. memorials may be made to Virtue Cumberland Church, 725 Virtue Road, Knoxville, TN 37934 or to the Pastoral Crisis Fund, c/o University of Tennessee Hospital, 1924 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the White fam-

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RIDDLE

A time when they're green, a time when they're brown, But both of these times, cause me to frown.
But just in between, for a very short while, they're perfect and yellow, and cause me to smile!
What am I talking about here?

Look for answer in Monday's Edition

LAST WEEKS RIDDLE

This thing has 7 letters,
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Fire

Authorities responded to a Loudon County location Tuesday when an abandoned trailer caught fire.

According to records, Deputy Sam Johnson, LCSD, was dispatched to the fire call on Muddy Creek Road just after 10:00 a.m. and reported he arrived to find an old, abandoned trail-

er totally engulfed in flames. Loudon County Fire and Rescue responded to extinguish the blaze.

The complainant and trailer owner was identified as Jimmy Johnson, also of Muddy Creek Road.

The trailer was completely destroyed and the cause of the fire was unknown at the time of the report.

Burglary

Deputy Sam Johnson,

LCSD she was on her way to work when she noticed some things missing from her vehicle including a women's full set of Acuity golf clubs and bag, a Ping putter, a black, leather Prada purse and a wireless headset for a van's TV system.

Simpson reportedly advised a neighbor had been sleeping in her car next door and heard voices sometime around 2:30 or

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3:00 a.m., but the windows were foggy and she didn't see anyone.

The loss was valued at \$500.

Police Beat

Robert Thomas Key, 19, of W. 4th Avenue. Lenoir City was charged with VOP

According to the affidavit, Key was convicted of theft of property \$1000-\$10,000 in criminal court and was sentenced to probation for 3 years.

Since then he has moved without informing probation officer; failed to report; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$90; failed to pay \$460.50 in costs; and failed to submit to DNA testing.

Deputy Rob Lane LCSD made the arrest.

Driver license factoid

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Oaks

mast was hit hard in the lower elevations. we do have some red oak mast," said David Brandenburg. TWRA wildlife biologist. "White oaks did better in the higher elevations of the Cumberland Plateau and in the mountains of East Tennessee."

Brandenburg is just completing the summary of mast surveys conducted by field personnel. Mast surveys are conducted each year in selected counties and WMAswma"s across Tennessee. Surveys are run along an established route so that data can be compared to that collected in previous years.

Data collected this year in counties and wma's in Region IV is as follows:

* Carter County:

19 of 28 white oaks sampled had acorns. 3 of 48 red oaks had

* Grainger County: 0 of 43 white oaks had acorns, 2 of 12 red oaks had acorns.

* Greene County: 2 of 45 white oaks had acorns, 7 of 33 red oaks had acorns.

* Hamblen County: 1 of 28 white oaks had acorns, 17 of 28 red oaks had acorns.

* Chuck Swan WMA: 1 of 18 white oaks had acorns, 14 of 22 red oaks had acorns.

* Royal Blue WMA: 20 of 44 white oaks had acorns, only 5 of 27 red oaks had acorns.

This year's late freeze is expected to have more of an effect on next year's red oak mast, since red oak acorns take two years to mature.

Reproduction in

black bears in the Southern Appalachians appears to be closely related to acorn abundance, Research on white-tailed deer in the Appalachians has demonstrated that acorn abundance significantly influences body weights, antler size, and productivity of deer.

Although the overall production of acorns is down, there may be isolated pockets where white oaks were not affected.

Police Beat

Barbara Ann Gaston, 33, of Carding Machine Road,

Loudon, was charged with Dui 1st, poss. of sch. VI and viol. of implied consent.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD was advised by Sqt. RS Newman, LPD to be on the lookout for a red van that was involved in a possible theft from Lenoir City. The officer observed a van that matched the description and it ran the stop sign on Hwy 72 at I-75.

The driver, Ms. Gaston, had very bloodshot eyes and she reported she took three Klonopin approximately 30 minutes

prior to the stop.

Ms. Gaston performed poorly on sobriety tasks and she had a pack of cigarettes with a cigarette that contained a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Ms. Gaston denied all tests as well.

There were two children present in the vehicle as well, ages 9 and 10. Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

It's too bad I'm not as wonderful a person as people say I am, because the world could use a few people like that.

Alan Alda

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Bandit

of speed and was attempting to negotiate a curve when the driver lost control, left the roadway and crashed into a house located at 220 West Hills Drive.

This crash resulted from an earlier report of an armed robbery that occurred at the BP Kenjo on Highway 321. LCPD Officer Mark Maxwell responded to the scene

and upon speaking with the clerk learned that an unshaven man with blue eyes and wearing a black beanie hat had entered the store carrying a needle wrapped with a paper cover. The suspect reportedly stated that the needle contained AIDS infected blood and if the clerk did not hand over the money he would squirt the clerk with it.

The clerk stated that

he argued momentarily with the suspect and then gave him the \$80.00 that was in the cash register in 1 and 5 dollar bills and the man then left.

The suspect, Robert S. Snelson then tried to evade police by reportedly running after being located.

Snelson is also being investigated in another armed robbery that occurred DAILY EDITION September 24, 2007 • Page 9

at the Kenjo Market located on McGhee Blvd. with similar circumstances.

After the crash Snelson was transported to the University of Tennessee Medical Center for multiple injuries sustained in the incident, which included a broken neck, broken hip and broken ribs.

The suspect is being investigated in both robberies and LCPD currently has charges pending in both incidents.

Police Beat

Walter Zeil Stanley, 26, of Skydome Road, Sweetwater, was charged with driving on a suspended license.

According to the report, Deputy Bryan Blakney, LCSD observed Stanley with a front headlight out and stopped him.

A check of his license showed them to be suspended.

Deputy Bryan Blakney, LCSD made the arrest.

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Fishing

Vittetoe, John and Sammy took second. Was a good night to be on the water. We weighed in at midnight, nice and cool, thank God fall starts next week, 22nd I think. Next tournament is October 6th,3pm at Georges Creek Ramp.

BigFeet Hidden Camera Update; Have 3 cameras-good spot. We got a few pictures, a bear, 3 dear, some crows and a fatman taking a whiz by a four-wheeler. Did learn that two years ago, a Bigfoot was sighted in Lafollette. Had several sightings. Twenty miles from our encounter.

We are planning a trip to do some cat fishing back up on Norris Lake. The last fall trip I took up there with Toad and Delmer stunk. Not a

single fish. We were using the wrong bait. We was watching these big old catfish eat birds. We tried everything, but we didn't have anything that looked like a bird. The bird was a red breasted water warbler. They only visit Norris to rest on there southern flight. So this fall we are ready. no we didn't catch the endangered red breasted water warbler, we got some chickens and some fire engine red spray paint. -Gus



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