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Monday, February 16, 2009

Narcotics Unit makes double trouble for alleged meth cookers

(see story & more photos inside)

Two young Loudon County brothers were charged with manufacturing methamphetamine and possessing drug paraphernalia after one of them called police to report someone trying to enter their home. LCSO Narcotics informed responding officers of the meth cooking operation and a search confirmed the presence of a meth lab.

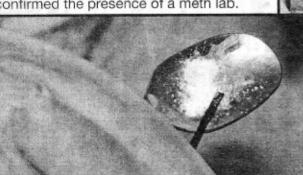


Photo left: The finished product: officers seize methamphetamine in the search. Above: Officials coordinate their efforts while cleaning up the meth cooking op-



Soup's On: A Community Event

Hot soup and a cold day were the perfect combination as Kids First Child Advocacy Center hosted their fourth annual Soup's On lunch and dinner, January 21. The fund-raiser for the CAC has become a highly anticipated

(see Event pg. 4)

Photo right: Ginny Ranck, left, Kids First CAC Board member, and Judy Courtley. Both women worked non-stop the day of 'Soup's On'. Judy makes the bread every year.



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Horoscopes Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

You ought to be able to get your people to Pisces see things your way (Feb 20-Mar 20) today, especially folks who never seem to get

A local man called police when he discovered his car missing from his driveway.

According to reports, on Sunday at 5:34 p.m. Deputy Bryan Blakney, LCSO was

(see Car pg. 6)

Checks forged

Authorities were called to a Loudon County business to investigate the forgery of bad com checks.

According to reports, on

(see Checks pg. 6)

you. Your great mental energy helps you explain things in terms they can understand.

Try to let go of an old (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Verse of the day

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus Philippians 3:14

Obituaries

None

Weather:

Today: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s. Tonight: Lows in the Broadway in Lenoir mid 30s.

Tuesday: Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.

Wazzup

Event

event in the area. This year, over 500 hungry participants were treated to a selection of three "allvou-can-eat" soups, and Hunter's Chili. accompanied by homemade bread and cookies. Over \$5,500 was raised to support the work of Kids First, which serves children in Loudon, Morgan, Meigs and Roane counties.

The lunch/dinner has also become an anticipated annual event for the Tellico community. This year, thirty-seven persons representing: GFWC Women's Club of Tellico Village, Women Build Habitat for Humanity, Kids First Staff, and Friends of Kids First. prepared and served the soups. Twentynine persons baked cookies, and three

at the Church.

Kids First CAC is a private, non-profit agency that provides services to severely abused children and their non-offending family members in Loudon, Roane, Meigs and Morgan counties.

made fresh bread. Local businesses donating ingredients included Wampler Farm Sausage, Monterrey Mushrooms and Artistic Recreation Taxidermy (contributing venison for the Hunter's Chili). Nearly 50 volunteers worked during the event, held at the Tellico Village Community Church, which donated the facility. Left-over soup and cookies went to feed those in need at Iva's Place, and also to the monthly training luncheon for adults with disabilities held



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Car

dispatched to Lake Forrest Drive in reference to a theft.

Mr. Steven Beck advised when he returned home he discovered his car was gone. The drivers side mirror was laying in the driveway. It was knocked off while the vehicle was being driven away. The vehicle also hit a tree.

The officer reported a neighbor stated the car was there the night before and when she left for church that morning at 10:50 a.m. it was gone.

The case is under investigation.

Checks

Tuesday at 11:39 a.m. Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO responded to the TA Truck Stop on Watt Road to take a report of forgery of checks.

The officer reported company personnel stated an employee has been writing bad com data-checks and he discovered three checks were forged. He also stated Detective Jason Smith has been working on the other checks.

The value of the loss was estimated at \$900.

The case is under investigation.

Police Beat

Jonathan Guiterrez-Luna, 23, of Bob Gray Road, Knoxville, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Deputy Chad Petty, LCSO noticed a maroon vehicle on Hwy 11 and it crossed the double yellow line multiple times and

was stopped.

The driver, Mr. Luna has no license or social security number. Deputy Chad Petty LCSO made the ar-

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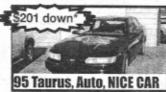




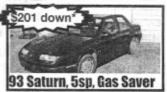












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alleged meth cookers

Kenneth Henry Stringfield, 18 and his brother, Jack Burton Stringfield, also 18, Bird Road, Lenoir city were charged with manufacture of methamphetamine and felony possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to reports, on Tuesday at approximately 2:37 p.m. the LCSO Patrol Division received a call at a Bird Road residence in reference to a subject trying to get into the house. LCSO Narcotics Unit advised officers on the scene the location, and subjects who lived at the location, were believed to be manufacturing meth.

During the event Investigator Sgt. Patrick Upton, LCSO got consent to search the house from the complainant, Kenneth Stringfield.

While in the house, Investigator Upton observed several items used to manufacture meth and backed out until LCSO Meth Response Team arrived.

While searching in and around the house law en-



forcement discovered fertilizer (ammonia nitrate), glass mason jars, hot plates, plastic tubing, raw lithium metal, pieces of lithium battery casings, empty psuedo ephedrine blister packs, 8 coffee filters with pill binder, cans of Coleman Fuel, mason jars with flammable liquids, cans of drain opener, several boxes of book matches, and needles and spoons with powder residue used to consume meth.

Records indicate Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO interviewed Kenneth Stringfield and he ad-



mitted to cooking meth in the house and advised his brother, Jack was helping him

Jack Stringfield he reportedly stated he threw a box of psuedo ephedrine pills out the window just prior to police arrival at the residence when he found out law enforcement was at his house.

Both Kenneth and Jack Stringfield reportedly have purchased large amounts of psuedo ephedrine in and around Loudon County within the last 60 days.

No License

Jose Ignacio Juarez-Diaz, of old Loudon Pike, Lenoir city, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Samuel Harrison, LPD observed a Hispanic male acting very suspicious at the old Cupboard Market and stopped him on Arden Street. There were no operating brake lights on the vehicle either.

Diaz was found to have no license. O

Jose Manuel Merida-Mendez, 22, of W. Broadway, Lenoir City, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSO stopped the vehicle Mend

ez was driving for suspicion of drunk driving after it crossed the center line several times. The officer made contact with the driver, Jose Merida-Mendez and he handed the officer a Guatemala ID.

A check showed him to have no license.

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