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Wednesday, May 31, 2017

## Everybody in the car gets charged



Eduarado Espinoza  
(see charged pg. 2)



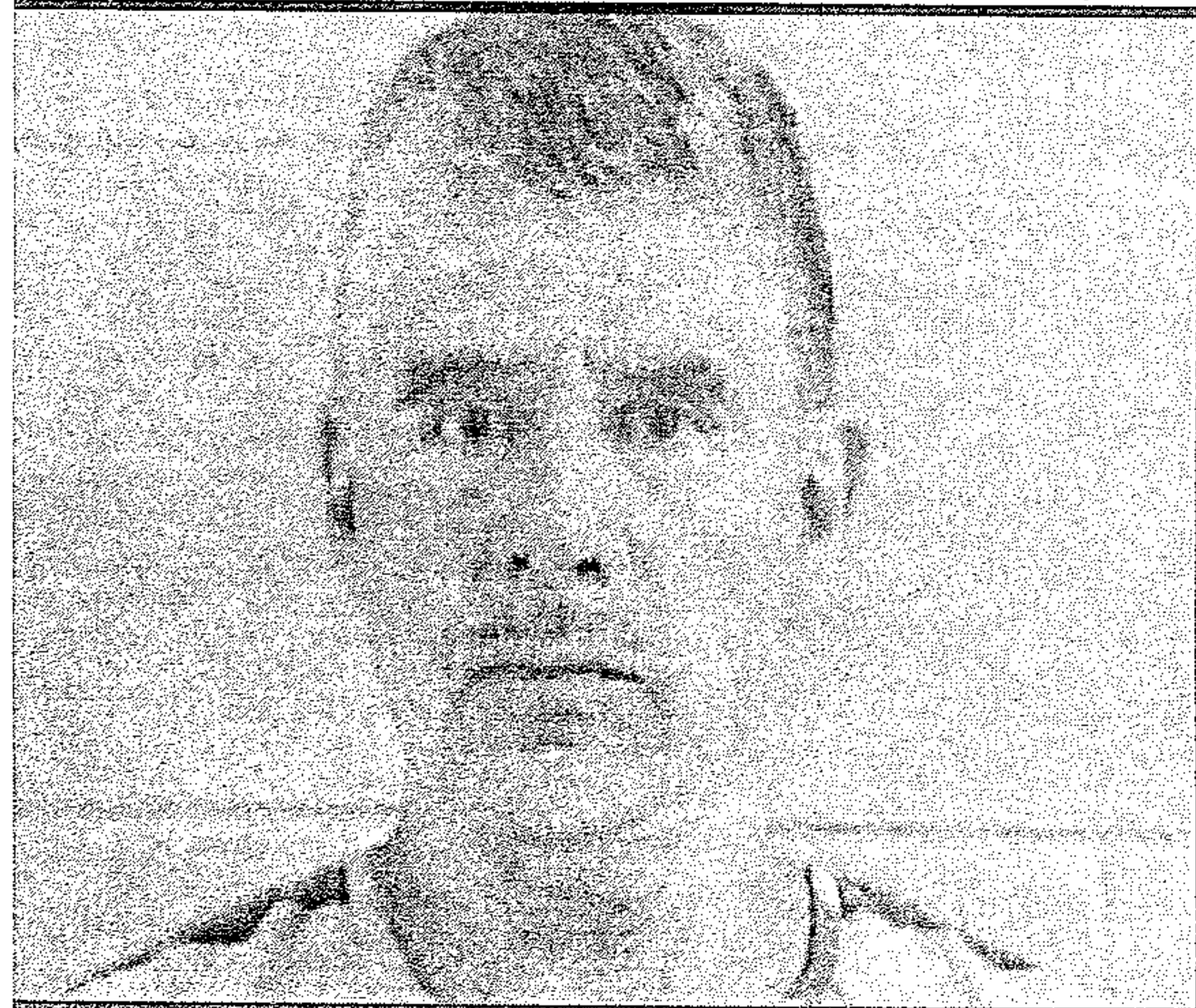
Baltazar Hernandez



Ismael Zahdalla

## Over 2x limit in DUI arrest

Mario Sanchez, 50, West Fork Road Loudon, was



Mario Sanchez

see DUI pg. 3

## Ribbon cutting for new LC Park slated



see park pg. 5

Travel the world and through time in the Library's new Passport Program

Knox County Public Library partners with 15 area organizations for summer programs

This summer, Knox County children and teens are invited to travel to the 19th century, visit ancient Egypt, walk in the footsteps of John Sevier, and discover hidden treasures. It's all part of the new Summer Library Club Passport Program.

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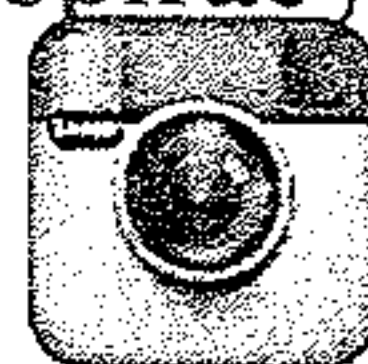
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## Joel Hosea Beasley sentenced to 25 years for methamphetamine conspiracy and firearm charges

On May 25, 2017, Joel Hosea Beasley, a.k.a. Jose, 37, of Morristown, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable R. Leon Jordan, Senior U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 300 months in federal prison following his convictions on methamphetamine conspiracy and firearm

charges.

According to his plea agreement on file with U.S. District Court, Beasley admitted that he was responsible for at least 1.5 kilograms but less than 4.5 kilograms of actual methamphetamine. Beasley sold methamphetamine to an individual cooperating on behalf of law enforcement on (see Beasley pg. 4)



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### Verse of the Day

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

— Proverbs 31:8

### Obituaries

see inside

### Wazzup

It's officially the end of May and the beginning of a lot of vacations and road travel. Be safe out there and get off the interstate and see some country

while you're at it and enjoy life!

### Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms in the morning, then mainly cloudy during the afternoon with thunderstorms likely. High around 80F.

Tonight: Mostly clear skies. Low 56F.

Thursday Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 82F.

Thursday Night A few clouds. Low 58F.

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## Charged

Eduardo Espinoza, 37, Steekee Road Loudon, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Ismael Zahdalla, 35, Angel Row Loudon, was charged with Public Intoxication, and Possession of a Handgun while under the Influence.

Baltazar Hernandez, 44, Steekee Street Loudon, was charged with Public Intoxication, and Possession of a Handgun While Under the Influence.

Officer Anthony Akins LPD, witnessed a Red SUV traveling North on Ferry Street with it's brake lights not working. Officer stopped said vehicle and identified the driver as (Eduardo Espinoza). After speaking with Mr. Espinoza he advised, that he did not have a driver license. A check through

dispatch revealed that his license was revoked for DUI. Mr. Espinoza was placed under arrest at 0237. There were two male passengers later identified as (Baltazar Hernandez) and (Ismael Zahdalla) in the back seat. All parties were asked several times if there were any weapons, such as guns or knives inside the vehicle. Officer asked Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Zahdalla to exit the vehicle so he could do a vehicle search. Mr. Espinoza gave verbal consent to search said vehicle. After getting all parties out of the vehicle, Officer located a 50 caliber Desert Eagle handgun wedged in between the middle of the back seat where Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Zahdalla were sitting.

Both Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Zahdalla had immediate access to said weapon. Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Zahdalla,

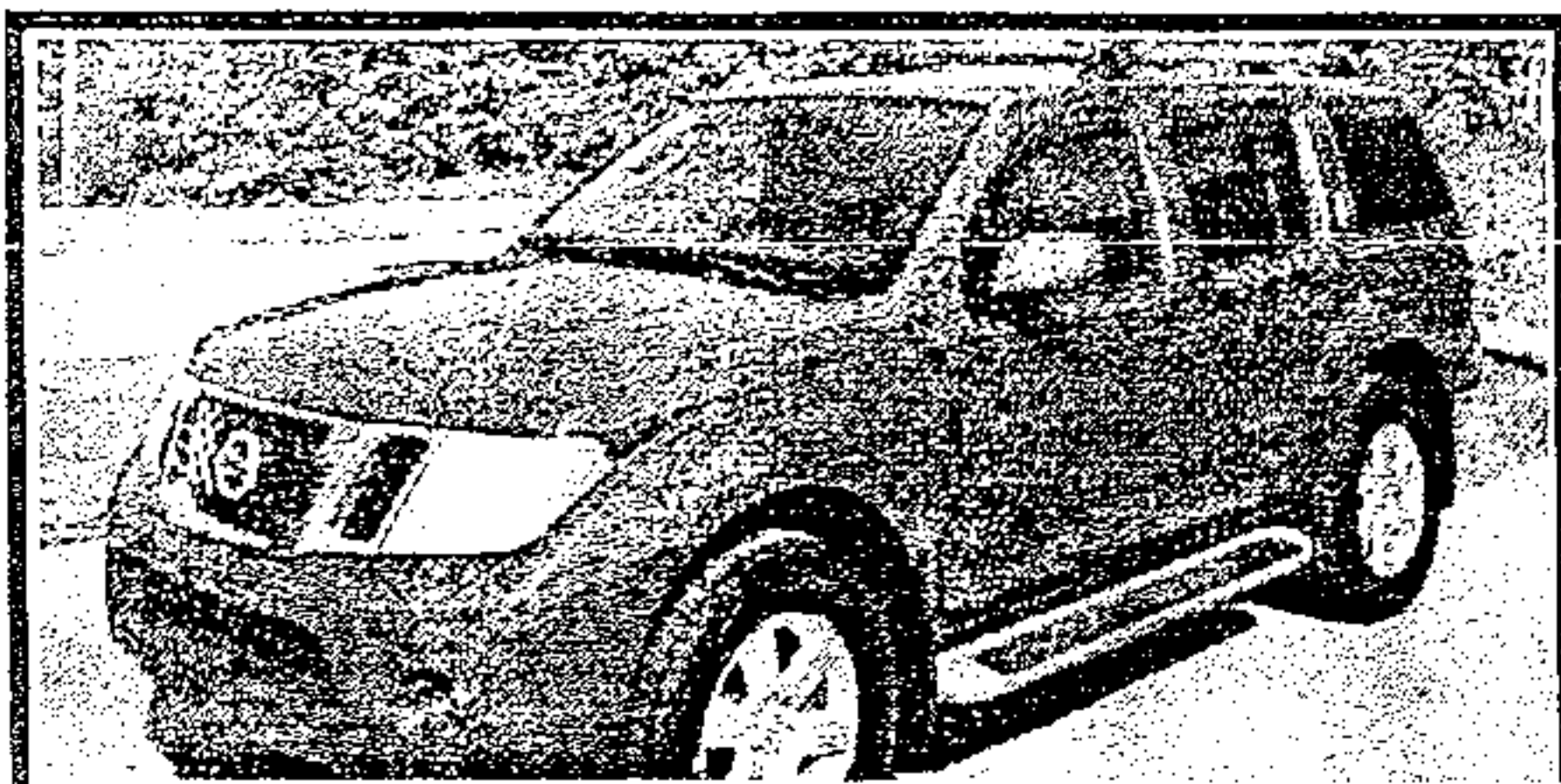
and Mr. Espinoza claimed the weapon did not belong to them. Due to both Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Zahdalla being intoxicated, and both having access to said weapon, they were both charged with public intoxication and

possession of a handgun while under the influence. All parties were placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail. The above incident did occur in the city of Loudon.

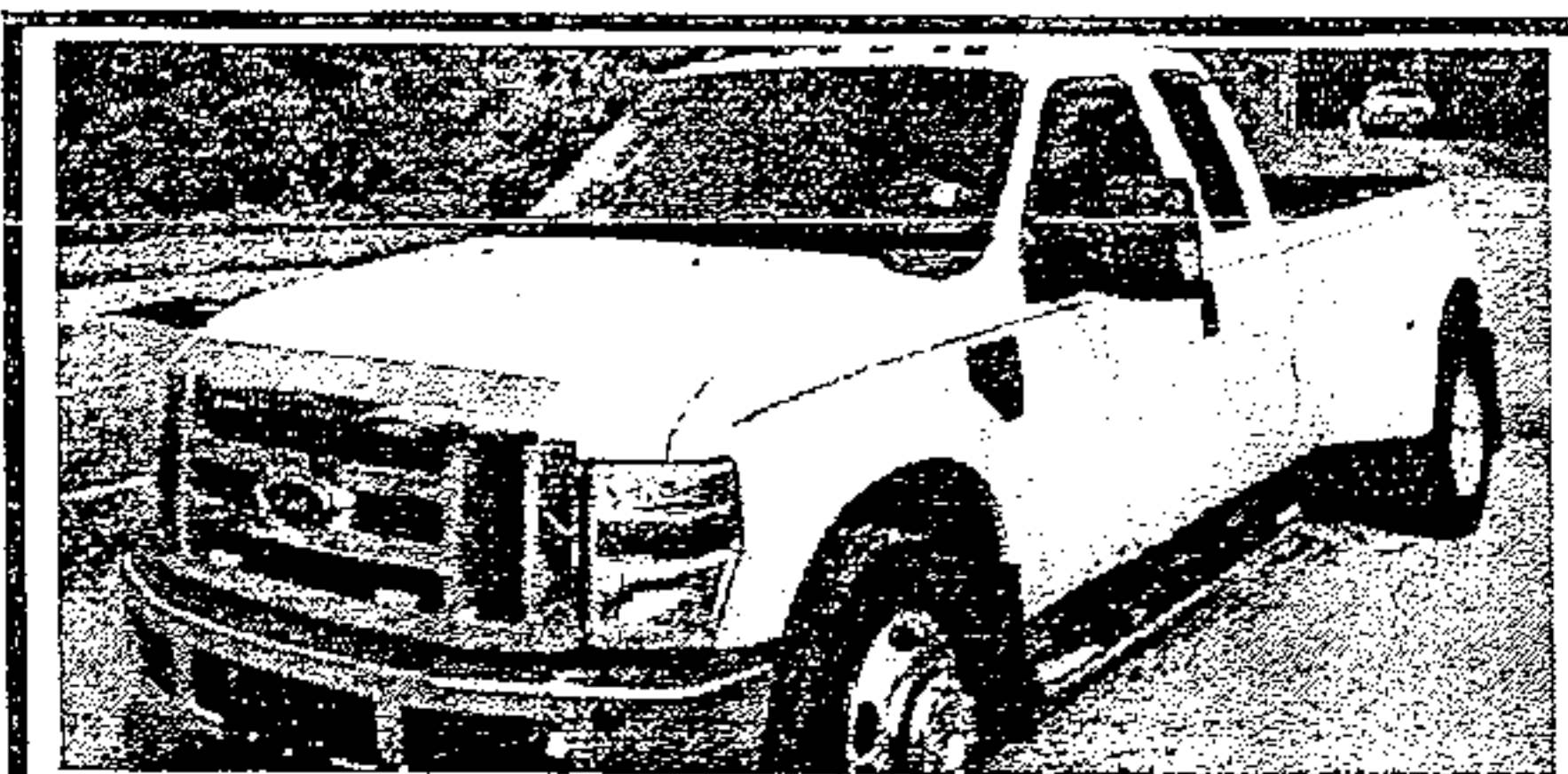
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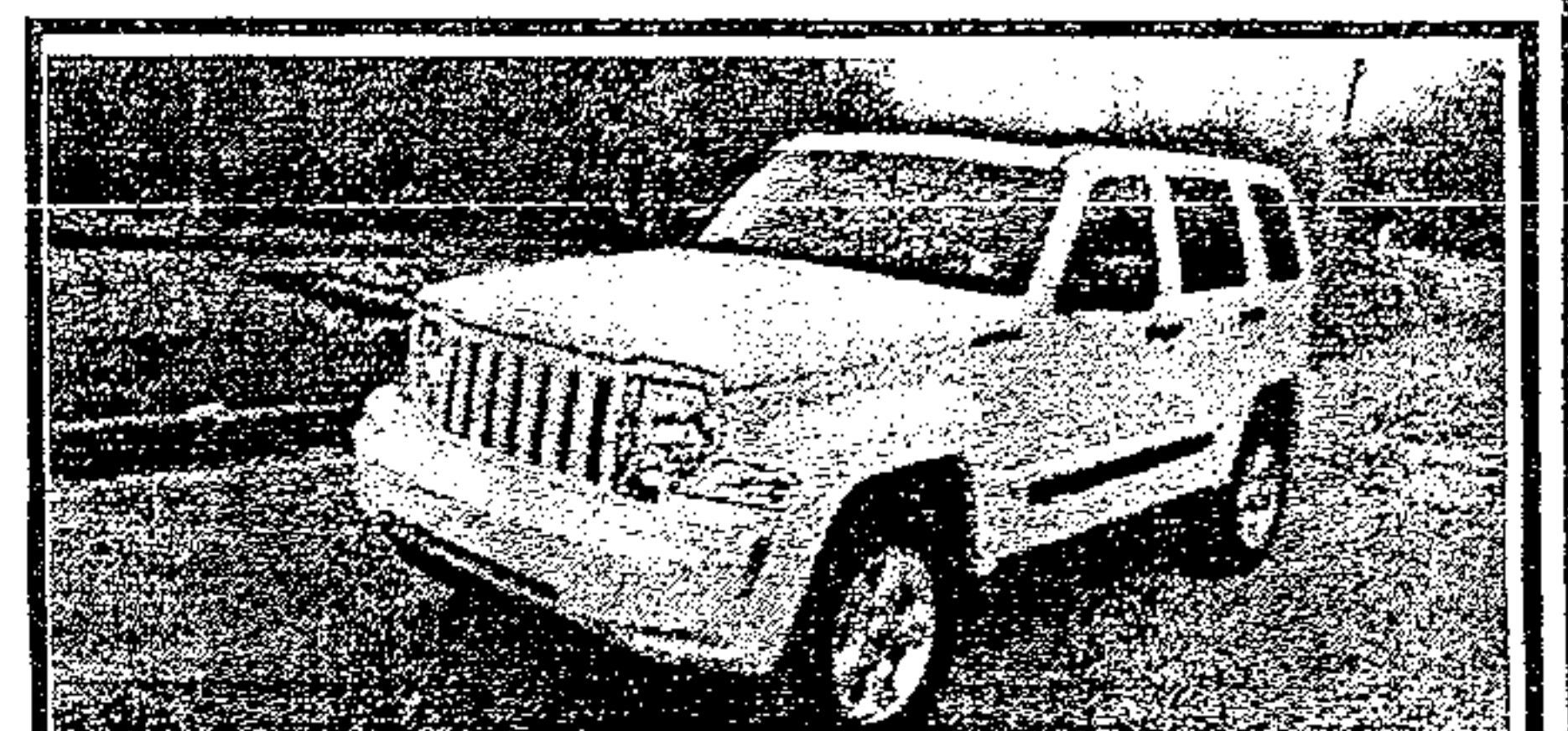
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**DUI**

charged with DUI.

Deputy K. Palmer LCSO, was dispatched to a reckless driver on Highway 444. Deputy was advised the vehicle was all over the roadway and about hit several vehicle's. Dispatched advised the vehicle turned left onto Highway 72 then left onto West Fork Road. Dispatch advised the vehicle had turned into the driveway at West Fork

Road and a male got and was urinating in the driveway. When Deputy got in the area the two complainants had followed the vehicle to the driveway. Deputy observed the male was standing outside the vehicle half way up the driveway with the vehicle running and the door open urinating in the driveway. Deputy made contact with the male a Mr. Mario Sanchez. Deputy asked Mr. Sanchez what he was

doing. While speaking with Mr. Sanchez he could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his person. Deputy asked Mr. Sanchez how much he had to drink at which time he stated about 4 beers. Deputy observed Mr. Sanchez was also unsteady on his feet and had red glassy

eyes. Deputy asked Mr. Sanchez where he was coming from at which time he stated Cinco De Mayo. Deputy asked Mr. Sanchez if he would be willing to do some field sobriety task at which time he stated yes. Mr. Sanchez did perform very poorly on all field sobriety task.

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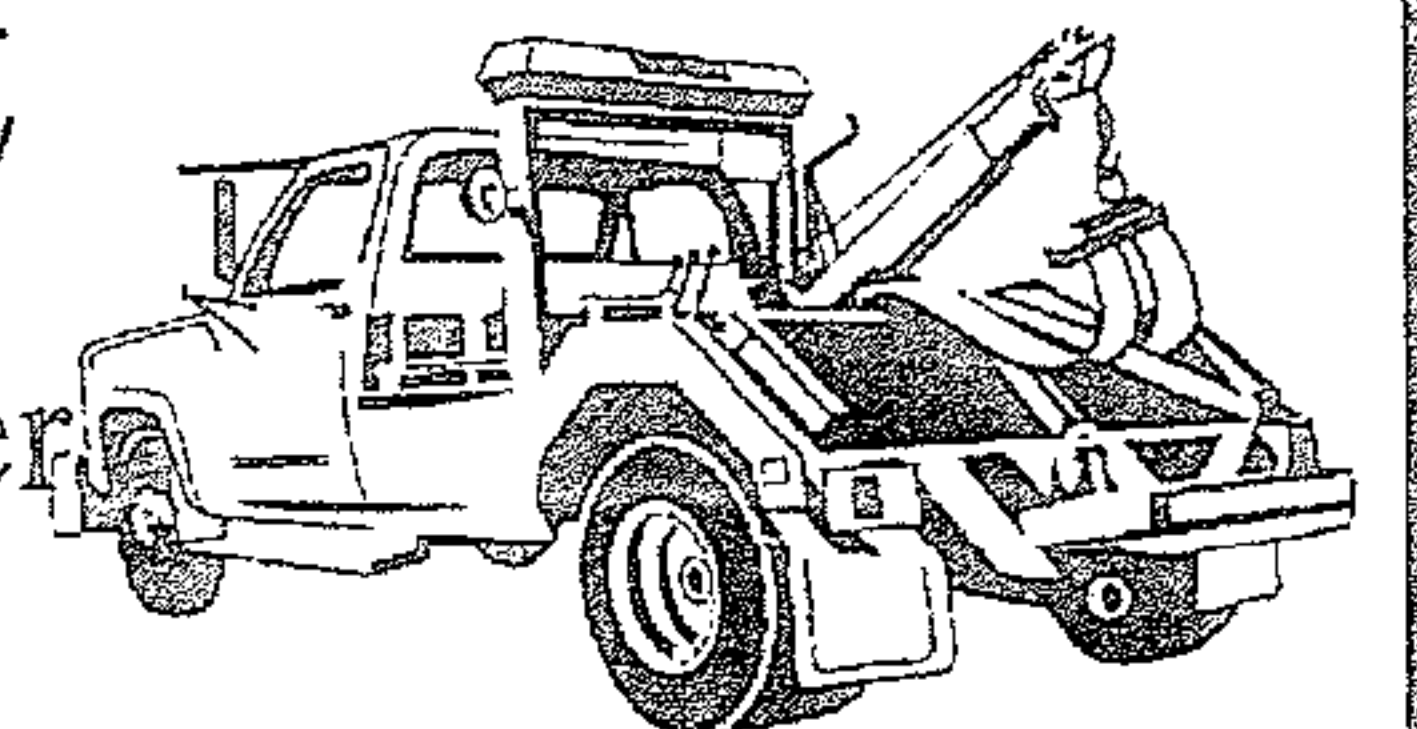
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**Beasley**

five separate occasions between February and June 2015. A search warrant executed at his residence in Morristown in June 2015 produced over an ounce of methamphetamine and multiple firearms.

Even after execution of the search warrant, Beasley continued to sell methamphetamine. In July 2015, he sold another quantity of methamphetamine to an individual working on behalf of law enforcement. During this recorded transaction, Beasley said he had sold six ounces the previous day. In September 2015, Beasley wrecked his motorcycle in Morristown while carrying approximately 55 grams of methamphetamine, 11.6 grams of Psi-

locin mushrooms and a firearm. He tossed the drugs toward some nearby bushes to hide them from law enforcement and emergency personnel responding to the crash. Beasley told his wife, co-defendant Darinda Beasley, 37, of Morristown, Tennessee, to take the firearm and hide it from the police as well.

After his September 2015, Beasley continued to engage in the conspiracy by participating in numerous recorded jail calls with co-conspirators. In several conversations, he told his wife, Darinda Beasley, to collect debts from people who owed money from prior methamphetamine sales. Another recorded jail call referenced the Chicken Head Mafia of which Beasley and numerous other co-defen-

dants were members.

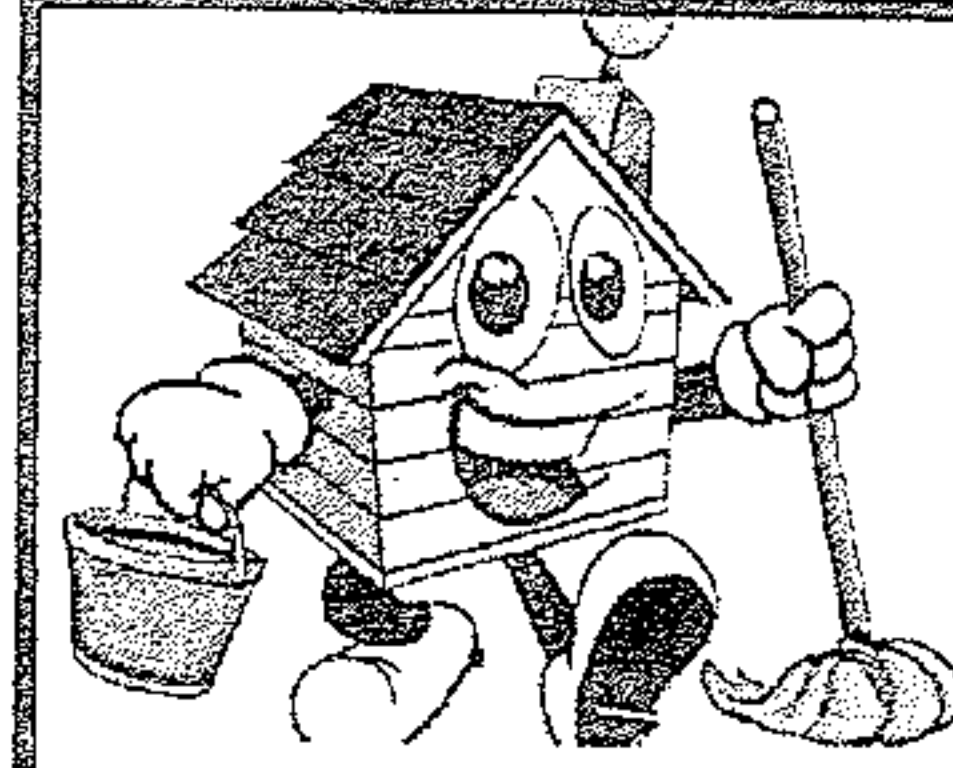
In addition to involving his wife into the conspiracy, Beasley's son, John Beasley, 19, of Morristown, Tennessee, attempted to take his father's place by selling methamphetamine, once he was put in jail. John Beasley was previously sentenced to 78 months in prison for his role in the conspiracy.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the investigation included the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Hamblen County Sheriff's Office, Morristown Police Department and the Third and Fourth District Judicial Drug Task Forces. Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne Taylor represented the United States.

This case was a result of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's drug supply reduction strategy. OCDETF was established in 1982 to conduct comprehensive, multi-level at-

tacks on major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations. Today, OCDETF combines the resources and expertise of its member federal agencies in cooperation with state and local law enforcement. The

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opening and ribbon cutting has been set.

The ribbon cutting and grand opening will be Friday, June 9th at 11:00am at the new park on Broadway. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

DUI ctd. from pg. 3

Mr. Sanchez was placed under arrest for driving under the influence. Mr. Sanchez was read the Tennessee Implied Consent Form at which time

he agreed to a breath test. Mr. Sanchez was then transported to the Loudon County Jail for the breath test. The vehicle was released to Mr. Sanchez's neighbor who pulled his vehi-

cle to Mr. Sanchez's residence. Mr. Sanchez blew a .184 at the Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County TN.

Loudon County deputies: Call of kidnapped woman is unfounded

A Loudon County Sheriff deputy told Local 8 News the call dispatch received about a Greenback man, who said his wife was kidnapped, was unfounded and that officers were called off.

Authorities received the 911 call about kidnapping from the man at the 300 block of Dotson Road Saturday.

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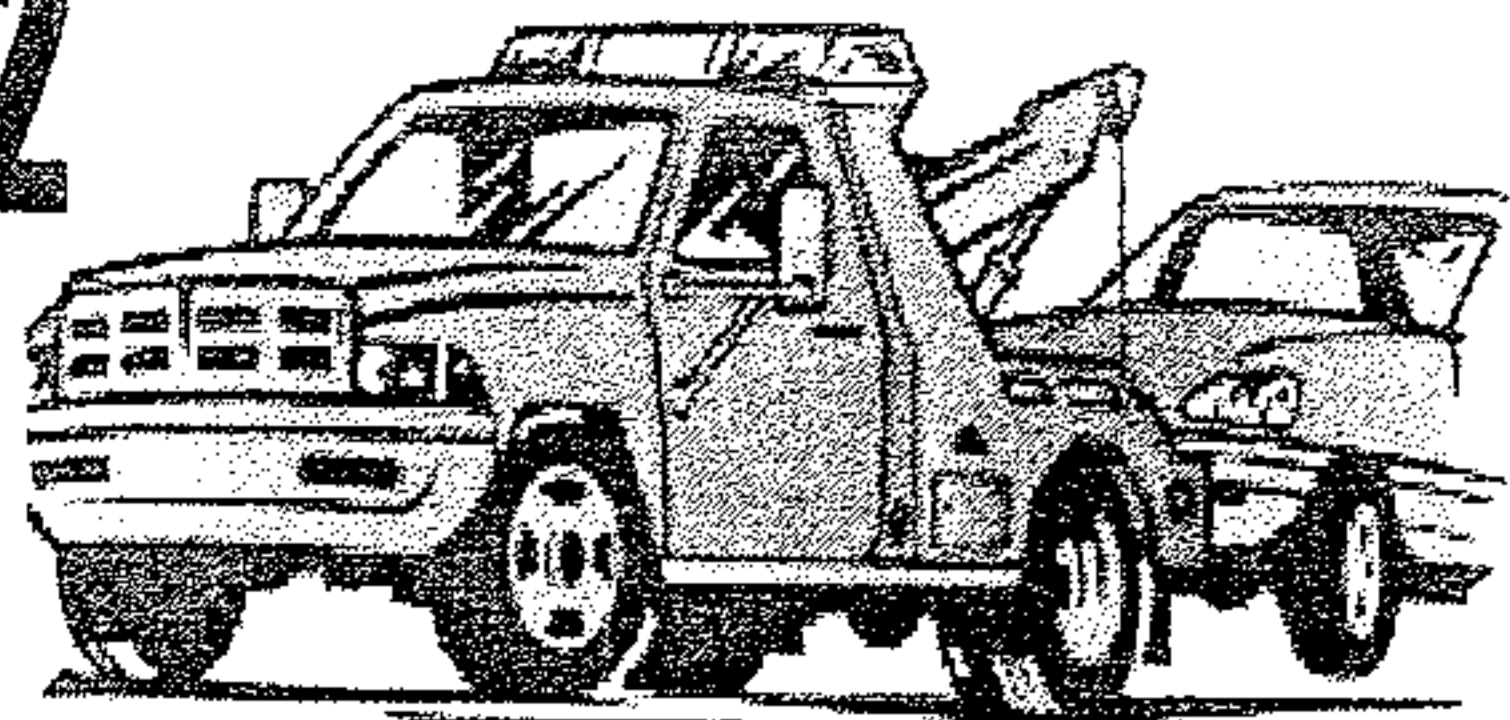
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**Library**

activities that complement the Library's summer reading programs. The goal for both teens and children aged 5-11 is to read for 20 hours between May 20 and July 31. Once they've completed their reading goals, they can return their logs to the Library for a reward.

This year, through the Passport Program, participants can substitute up to 5 hours of reading with select enrichment activities such as visiting area historic homes, attending a keeper chat at Zoo Knoxville, identifying trees at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum, or building a structure at The Muse Knoxville. Entry fees may apply.

Research shows that struggling readers often lose academic gains over the summer, which can compound into a two-year

deficit. By reading regularly over the summer and by participating in educational activities such as museum visits and tours of historic sites, students can maintain their academic standing. The Summer Library Club seeks to provide resources and support to all students to prevent this "summer slide."

The Summer Library Club kicked off on May 20 at the Children's Festival of Reading in World's Fair Park. Participants may pick up their Passport at the Festival, at any Knox County Public Library or participating organization. They can also choose to track their progress online at [knoxlib.org/slc](http://knoxlib.org/slc).

"We are honored to partner with these great local organizations as part of our Summer Library Club," said Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. "Programs like this make learning more fun and encourage kids to read over the summer break."

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