

Wrench attack leads to attempted murder charge

By Sandi Mashburn

Authorities reported Wednesday afternoon that a local man had been arrested on charges of attempted first degree murder after allegedly entering a Fall River Road home and assaulting the resident with a wrench.

When Lawrenceburg Police officers answered the call around 1:00 p.m. they found that the victim, 28-year-old Jason Wil-

liams, had sustained head injuries and that the suspect had fled the scene.

Investigation revealed that Jason Alan Curtis, 31, of Park Street in Lawrenceburg, had entered the residence uninvited and hit Williams in the head with a wrench. Authorities said the altercation stemmed from an issue with a former girlfriend. A witness was able to place a 911 call and identify William's

attacker. At the time information was released Williams had been transported to the local hospital for medical attention and his condition was unknown. He was reportedly conscious and speaking at the time of transport.

A search for Curtis was quickly launched. He was located a brief time later at his home. When they arrived, officers report that he was standing in the

doorway. He fled inside the home where he was found hiding inside a closet.

Curtis was booked through the Lawrence County Detention Center on charges of attempted first degree murder and especially aggravated burglary. He was incarcerated without bond.

Curtis will make an initial appearance in General Sessions Court on October 3, 2014.



JASON ALAN CURTIS

MIDDLE TENNESSEE DISTRICT FAIR WEEK



ARMBANDS for carnival rides are available Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. until closing; on Friday (school day) 5 p.m. until closing; on Saturday 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. (Earlybird special - ride all day) and from 2 p.m. until closing; and on Sunday, 1 p.m. until closing.

~ HoJo photo

- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**
- **Grand Opening** of the new 4,600 seat arena and restroom complex. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 6 p.m.
 - **Late Model Demolition Derby**, First Heat 6:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**
- **Demolition Derby**, First Heat 6:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**
- **Junk Car Jump and Run**, First Race at 6:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**
- **MTDF Concert Series "David Nail"** with special Guest Jacob Powell. Show starts at 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**
- **Farm Stock Tractor Pull**, First pull at 12 noon.
 - **Truck and Tractor Pull**, First pull at 6:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**
- **ATV and Bike Motocross** practice at 5 p.m., first race at 6:30 p.m.
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**
- **Tough Truck Challenge**, first race at 2 p.m.
 - **MTDF Give Away** drawing at 4 p.m.

See the Wednesday, September 24 Advocate for photos of the 'Miss Fairest' beauty contests, held this weekend



SO MUCH TO SEE - At the 2013 Fair, above, Annelise Kennedy, Catherine Kennedy, and Claire Kennedy Methvin pose with the stars of the agricultural exhibits; below, the 2014 Master Gardener booth.

~top photo, Emily Weathers Kennedy, bottom photo, Sandi Pettus



Waxing nostalgic about the Fair

Special to the Advocate by Emily Weathers Kennedy

When the crisp, gentle breezes of September kiss your cheek, and the yellow leaves of the walnut trees drift down before their brethren even turn orange or red, you know it is coming. If you have lived in Lawrence County, you remember the anticipation of something that marks the changing of the season—besides football, that is. You once counted the days until that Friday in September when you would get a free day from school to ride the Scrambler and the Tilt-a-Whirl and eat a candied apple.

You got out of school just to go to the fair.

Might you catch a glimpse of a Lawrenceburg boy you have your eye on,

hoping he might ask you to ride the Ferris wheel or brave the darkness of the house of horrors? You wonder, will you and your best friend, Lynn, meet up with Sacred Heart girls to go to the freak show? After all, the St. Joe guys said they saw a two-headed calf and something in jars.

Nowadays, there is no freak show, thank goodness. But just about every other memory and tradition remains after 100+ years of the Middle Tennessee District Fair.


Though L.M. Forsythe is no longer around to make

his famous slaw and chili for the Loretto Lions Club booth, there are dedicated souls who work day and night for the week of the fair with their clubs and organizations to serve up some delicious fare.

There is no longer a talent contest, but that's okay, because my last memory of it involved my starting Kris Kristofferson's "Why Me Lord?" and forgetting the words. I crept to my mother's side in the bleachers and buried my face in her arm to hide my tears. But there is still the Miss Fair-

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L'burg mom arrested for selling drugs

By Sandi Mashburn

A woman authorities allege sold drugs locally on more than one occasion was arrested on multiple charges last week, and her children removed from her home.

Reports filed through the Lawrenceburg Police Department show that 28-year-old Britta Danielle Rumbaugh was arrested af-

ter department detectives collected considerable evidence against her.

Rumbaugh is accused of selling prescription drugs to a confidential informant on West Gaines Street on September 2, and from her home on Windsor Avenue on September 11. Later that day investigators obtained and executed a search war-

rant on her property, with the assistance of a department drug dog. During the search they report finding a marijuana joint concealed in a metal container at the bottom of a basket in a bathroom, and rolling papers and containers bearing marijuana residue on an entertainment center.

Inside Rumbaugh's 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer officers report locating a set of digital scales bearing marijuana residue concealed inside the center console. Due to the fact that she had used it to deliver drugs to a confidential informant during an arranged buy, her vehicle was seized along with televisions, gaming systems, cell phones, and computer hardware all believed to be obtained from the proceeds of illegal drug sales.

Rumbaugh was transported to the Lawrence County Detention Center where she was charged with two counts of possession of Schedule II drugs for resale, simple possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. During a search at the facility, reports show that corrections officers discovered a plastic baggy concealed in her bra that contained 3.6 grams of crystal meth. Eighty dollars on her person was also seized. Officers report that

two of the \$20 bills matched the pre-recorded money that was used during the drug buy.

As a result of the discovery Rumbaugh was additionally charged with possession of methamphetamine for the purpose of resale and introduction of contraband into a penal facility. Also as a result, her bond, which had originally been set at \$102,000, was changed and she was held without bond.

Rumbaugh is scheduled to answer the charges against her in General Sessions Court on October 2, 2014.

At the time of the search and arrest authorities say Rumbaugh's children were inside the home. A referral was made to the Department of Children's Services and the children were subsequently released into the custody of a relative.

Sheriff's Dept. urges caution regarding suspicious white van

By Sandi Mashburn

The Lawrence County Sheriff's Department issued a statement Wednesday evening in response to various recent reports regarding suspicious activities of individuals traveling the area in a white van.

Several individuals have filed complaints with the sheriff's department and Lawrenceburg Police Department stating that they believe the occupants may be perpetuating some sort of scam or fraud attempt. They reported that the individuals attempted to sell them cleaning products, offering to come inside and demonstrate and thus gain access to their homes.

The statement released Wednesday reads as follows:

The Lawrence County Sheriff's Department has been made aware of the white van traveling within Lawrence County and the City of Lawrenceburg in a supposed effort to sell products.

It is unclear at this time if this is a scam, a rouse to gain entry into homes or a legitimate sales effort but citizens are urged to use caution if approached and make every effort to verify their legitimacy.

Law requires them to obtain a permit and at this time no permit has been procured by these individuals. If you have a concern, do not hesitate to contact law enforcement and you have every right to deny access to your home and property.

Police seek help with suspect identification

By Sandi Mashburn

Police officials are seeking public assistance in an attempt to identify a woman who has recently passed counterfeit checks at Rite Aid in Lawrenceburg, as well as both the Summer-town and Mt. Pleasant Super Rama stores.

In all instances, officials with the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department say that the female, described as having dark hair and a tattoo on her left wrist, cashed checks that proved to be counterfeit. Although she presented a Tennessee driver's license as proof of identification, she does not appear to be the person to whom it was issued.

The woman is a passenger in a four-door, dark colored car. A parking lot video

shows that when entering the Super Rama Summer-town lot, the driver parked behind a milk truck, "In what looks like an obvious attempt to stay away from the building."

Anyone who has information regarding the woman's identity is urged to contact Lt. Nathan Neese at the sheriff's department at 931-762-1608, extension 110.



County Technology committee to meet

There will be a Technology Committee meeting Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 5 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference room of the Administrative Center.

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School Board Liaison committee meets Oct. 6

There will be a School Board Liaison Committee Meeting Monday, October 6, 2014 at 5pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Administrative Center.

Lost wallet solves Lincoln Co. crime

By Sandi Mashburn

A lost wallet found at a Lawrenceburg restaurant led authorities to solve a crime that had occurred in Lincoln County and arrest a man wanted in Alabama.

Lawrenceburg Police Chief Judy Moore said Tuesday that the wallet was found at McDonald's on North Locust Avenue Monday. She reports, "Detectives discovered that one of the driver's licenses found inside the wallet was stolen from a vehicle in Lincoln County."

Department detectives were able to determine that the subject who had been in possession of the wallet was staying at 1065 Waynesboro Highway. They responded to the address and spoke with Jeffrey Dale Mason,

age 46.

Mason was wanted for a parole violation in Montgomery, Alabama. He was incarcerated at the Lawrence County Detention Center on that charge and awaited extradition.

Moore said that information in the case was shared with Lincoln County authorities.

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THESE MASTER GARDENERS designed and set up the organization's display at the Middle Tennessee Fair, which is inspired by the farm to table movement. From L to R: Lena Ackerman, Joyanna Mathenia, Jill Mathenia, Sandi Pettus, Mary Bowers, Margaret Adams, Michelle Lewis (not pictured, Eric Lewis)

~ courtesy Sandi Pettus



AGRICULTURAL AND HOME ECONOMIC ENTRIES include houseplants, cut flowers, and arrangements by Lawrence County's green thumbs. Other divisions feature the best in quilting, canning, woodworking, produce, baking, and more. Exhibits halls open at 10 a.m. each day, beginning Tuesday.

Waxing nostalgic . . .

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est of the Fair contest, the tractor pull, and the concert.

My favorite thing to do at the fair is still to walk around the exhibits. Each year I marvel at the school children's artwork; the meticulously canned vegetables and fruit; the crochet, knitting, and sewing projects; the photography; the wooden carvings—many with blue, white, and red ribbons dangling from the winning entries. I wonder at the efforts of farmers and hobbyists, craftspeople, and amateurs, who take the time to grow, to create, and to enter their prized work in the fair.

As my husband, Kerry, and I have delved deeper into gardening, we have come to appreciate tending to the soil and plants to produce earth's bounty for ourselves. We wonder if we should can vegetables next year to keep up this old tradition so carefully carried out by Lawrence County gardeners and cooks. And,

as we wind our way through the exhibits to the last building, we find what we eagerly anticipate every year—the Lawrence County Master Gardeners' exhibit. Each year they manage to impress us with their creative use of indoor space with plants, sticks, and hay bales all arranged in a natural vignette.

This year my friend and Master Gardener, Michelle Lewis, helped with the design and styling of the booth. She explained to me that the inspiration for the design came from the idea of the farm to table movement. However, the Master Gardeners want to demonstrate the celebration of the harvest on a smaller scale. She says, "Bring your table outside and enjoy your own harvest in the same setting in which you grew it! You already enjoy being in the garden and working in the garden, so take it one step further and find pleasure in eating in the same environment." Sounds as if the

Master Gardeners have outdone themselves this year!

Wendel Smith, our Lawrence County Agricultural Extension Agent, adviser to the Master Gardeners and farmers in the area, and one of the people involved in getting the out-of-county judges for the fair exhibits, caps it off quite nicely. He says, "The exhibits capture the sights and smells of agricultural life. When you step into the exhibit halls you see and smell the hams, the hay, and the tobacco. It reminds you of the old ways of doing things and encourages you to appreciate the bounty this country gives you."

I couldn't have said it better myself. It's not just the Scrambler, the Tilt-a-Whirl, and the candied apples that make me wax nostalgic about the fair. It's the reminder of what makes this place called home so special: the land, the people, and the traditions that we have carried from one generation to the next.

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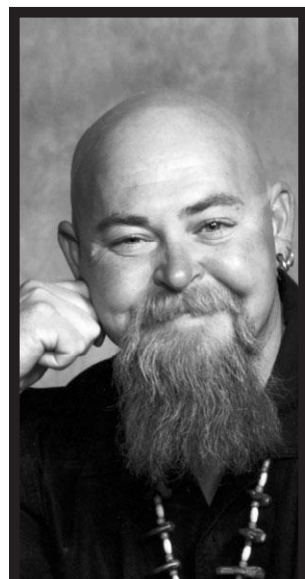
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