

DAILY EDITION

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Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Woman charged after going to court "pilled up"

When a Loudon woman went to court Wednesday, she caught the attention of police who noticed she appeared to be under the influence. She reportedly had an assortment of pills in her possession and is alleged to have tried to swallow two of them when officers searched her at the jail.

(see Viars pg. 3)



Becky Juanita Viars

Inebriated teen found slumped over wheel at store

Police were called to a Lenoir City convenience store Tuesday night when the eighteen year old driver of a pickup truck was found intoxicated and slumped over the steering wheel in the parking lot.

(see Hassett pg. 6)

Unlicensed, uninsured driver passes school bus illegally

A Lenoir City man was arrested after he was stopped for reportedly passing a stopped school bus Tuesday morning and police found he was unlicensed and uninsured.

Edgar Saucedo, 29, Jim Hartsook Drive, Lenoir City was charged Tuesday with

(see Saucedo pg. 7)

Woman blows .17% after wreck with injury

A Loudon woman allegedly involved in an accident with injury while she was under the influence of alcohol, reportedly registered 17% on a breath test, showing she was over twice the legal limit for driving.

Tina A. Phillips, 29, Cemetery Road, Loudon was charged with DUI 1st offense.

According to records, Ms. Phillips was involved in a one vehicle accident with injury on Steekee Street in Loudon. She had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage.

(see Phillips pg. 7)

Revoked and on the road

Ronnie Alan Odell, 39, County Road 312, Sweetwater was charged with driving on revoked license.

According to the report, Patrolwoman April Farmer, LPD observed a white Ford van traveling south on Steekee Street at 60 mph

in a 30 mph zone. Officer Farmer stopped the vehicle on Highway 72 at Steekee Street and asked Mr. Odell for his license. He told her he left it at home.

A check of Odell's name and date of birth through the NCIC Database came back revoked for DUI. He

(see Revoked pg. 7)

CDC H1N1 Flu Update

Each week CDC analyzes information about influenza disease activity in the United States and publishes findings of key flu indicators in a report called FluView. During the week of February 14 -20, 2010, most key flu indicators remained about

(see H1N1 pg. 3)

Trout Stocking Delayed in Upper East TN Due to Cold Water Temps

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. --- Streams in upper East Tennessee will have stocking of trout delayed by two weeks due to the extremely cold water temperature, according to the Tennessee

(see Delay pg. 4)

Verse of the day

If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

Numbers 30:2

Obituaries

Gary Lynn Duggan

Weather:

Today: Mostly cloudy skies. High around 40.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies. Low 28.
Thursday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s.

Wazzup

Happy Birthday to Brian Mitchell! Hope it was as great as you are!!!

Horoscopes

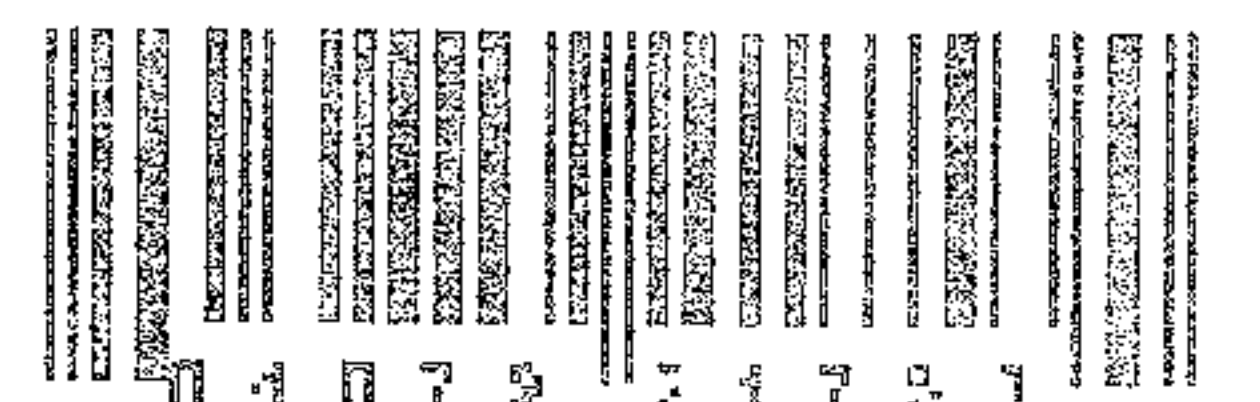
Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Reach out to a friend -- they need you more than

they can say. Your own energy is a bit diffuse right now, but that doesn't mean you can't find a way to get your people back on

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)



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Viars

Becky Juanita Viars, 40, Grove Street, Loudon was charged Wednesday with two counts of possession of schedule II, possession of schedule III, public intoxication and tampering with evidence.

According to the report, Ms. Viars attended Municipal Court at Lenoir City Hall. When Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD made contact

with Ms. Viars her speech was slurred, her eyes were glassy and she was unsteady on her feet.

Viars was deemed a danger to herself and the public and was taken into custody.

When Ms. Viars was searched at the Loudon County Jail, a pill bottle was found hidden on her person. The pill bottle contained a small yellow pill believed to be oxycontin, two blue pills believed to

be adderall and two white pills believed to be lortab.

While attempting to identify the medication, Ms. Viars grabbed the two blue pills and attempted to swallow them. She was sprayed with oc spray by the jail staff and spit one of the pills out, but swallowed the other.

H1N1

the same as during the previous week. Below is a summary of the most recent key indicators:

* Visits to doctors for influenza-like illness (ILI) nationally decreased this week over last week and remain low. ILI is also looked at by region and three of 10 U.S. regions are reporting elevated ILI. Elevated ILI was seen in regions 1, 4, and 7. Region 1 is comprised of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Re-

gion 4 is comprised of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. And region 7 is comprised of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

* Laboratory-confirmed hospitalizations rates have leveled off and very few hospitalizations were reported by states during the week ending February 20.

* The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) based on the 122 Cities Report remains low. However, three flu-related pediatric deaths were reported this week: one death was associated with laboratory-confirmed 2009 H1N1, and the remaining two deaths were associated with infection with an influenza A virus for which the subtype was undetermined. Since April 2009, CDC has received reports of 329 laboratory-confirmed pediatric deaths: 278 due to 2009 H1N1, 49 pediatric deaths that were laboratory confirmed as influenza A, but the flu virus subtype was not determined, and two pediatric deaths that were associated with seasonal influ-

enza viruses. (Laboratory-confirmed deaths are thought to represent an undercount of the actual number. CDC has provided estimates about the number of 2009 H1N1 cases and related hospitalizations and deaths.

* No states reported widespread influenza activity. Three states reported regional influenza activity. They are: Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

* The majority of the influenza viruses identified so far continue to be 2009 H1N1 influenza A viruses. These viruses remain similar to the virus chosen for the 2009 H1N1 vaccine, and remain susceptible to the antiviral drugs oseltamivir and zanamivir with rare exception. Some influenza B viruses are circulating at low levels, and these viruses remain similar to the influenza B virus component of the 2009-10 seasonal flu vaccine.

*All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.

Police Beat

Michael Brandon Raser, 25, Seaton Springs Road, Sevierville was charged with failure to appear for soliciting without a permit.

Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrest at the Sevier County Jail Sunday.

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Hassett

Timothy Stuart Hassett, 18, Copenhagen Road, Lenoir City was charged with driving under the influence.

According to records, around 10:45 PM Tuesday, Officer Mark Maxwell, LCPD was dispatched to the EZ Stop on Broadway in reference to a man slumped over the steering wheel

of his maroon Ford F-150. Upon arrival, the officer found Mr. Hassett in the driver's seat with the motor running.

Hassett had slurred speech and spoke with a thick tongue, according to the report. Mr. Hassett's eyes were dilated and very bloodshot and he was unsteady on his feet.

Hassett was given standardized field sobriety tasks on which he performed poorly and not to the officer's satisfaction.

Mr. Hassett was read the implied consent form and submitted to a blood test.

Police Beat

Dwayne Thomas

'Man' Hampton, 31, Foute Town Road, Lenoir City was charged on an active attachment warrant for child support.

Mr. Hampton turned himself into the Loudon County Jail. Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSO made the arrest.

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Saucedo

no drivers license, financial responsibility and improper passing of a school bus.

The report states Mr. Saucedo was operating a purple Honda Civic around 7:42 AM, on West Broadway when he was stopped for passing a school bus, which had it's stop sign flashing.

Saucedo told the officer he didn't have a license and NCIC showed no drivers license for Mr. Saucedo.

Saucedo was also cited for no insurance. Sgt, Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Revoked

received a citation for speeding.

Crystal Michelle Mosgrove, 22, Steekee Creek Road, Loudon was charged with driving on revoked.

According to reports, Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSO witnessed Ms. Mosgrove driving a blue Ford Escort on Simpson Road. The deputy had prior knowledge she was revoked.

Mosgrove advised

the officer her license were in the mail. A check through NCIC revealed Ms. Mosgrove is revoked in the state of Tennessee for DUI.

Scotty Allen Wicker, 41, Fair Street, Sweetwater was charged with driving on revoked, canceled, suspended license.

According to reports, Officer F. Donth, LCPD stopped a blue Chevy Camaro on F Street at 1st Avenue in Lenoir City for a non working tail light and expired tags from 2006. After further investigation, the officer discovered Mr. Wicker was operating the vehicle with a suspended drivers license.

Wicker also received a citation for the light violation, registration and insurance.

Gregory Richard Yearwood, 42, Ballplay Road, Madisonville was charged with driving on revoked license 1st offense.

According to records, Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSO stopped Mr. Yearwood for speeding. The officer paced

Mr. Yearwood's blue Subaru at 60 mph in a 45 mph zone on Steekee Road at Corinth Church Road in Loudon.

When asked for his drivers license, Yearwood stated he didn't have one. A check through NCIC revealed his license are revoked for DUI.

Deputy Bowen wrote Mr. Yearwood a warning ticket for speeding and placed him under arrest for driving on revoked.

Phillips

age about her person.

Ms. Phillips was unsteady on her feet, had slurred speech and was very uncooperative according to the officer. She was given partial field sobriety tasks, but the tasks were stopped due to safety concerns and the fact Phillips was becoming uncooperative again.

Once at the jail, Ms. Phillips agreed to submit to a breath test. Her results were .17%.

Trooper Eric Miller, THP made the arrest.

Police Beat

Kerri Lee Fowler, 29, Kingston Highway, Lenoir City was

charged with driving on suspended license.

According to records, Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD noticed a white Ford Crown Victoria with expired registration on Highway 321.

A check of Mrs. Fowler's license

showed she is suspended.

James Richard Grubb, 21, County Road 102, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy McKinzie Williams, LCSO made the arrest.

Flu Information Line Concludes Operations

Department of Health's Flu Information Line has concluded operations. Members of the public who have flu-related questions are now encouraged to contact their county health department or health care provider. A complete listing of the county health departments is available on the department Web site at <http://health.state.tn.us/localdepartments.htm>.

Launched in fall 2009, the toll-free phone hotline provided information to Tennessee residents related to H1N1 and seasonal flu as well as general information, like vaccine availability and clinic locations. Though the hotline service has ended, the state Department of Health continues its efforts to protect Tennesseans from the flu and stresses the importance of vaccination to prevent the flu for those eligible to receive the vaccine.

"We are still seeing flu activity in Tennessee, but like other states, the number

of cases has dramatically decreased in the last few weeks, as have calls to the Flu Information Line," said State Epidemiologist Tim F. Jones, MD, with the Tennessee Department of Health. "Even though it seems the threat has lessened, there is still the possibility of a third wave of cases associated with the H1N1 flu pandemic. As a result, I still recommend getting both the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine to be fully protected during the flu season."

H1N1 flu vaccine is still being offered free of charge at county health department clinics across the state. Additionally, retail locations are offering the vaccine for a fee. Visit the department's Flu Shot Locator at <http://health.state.tn.us/fluclinic/default.aspx> to find a location near you.

For more information, visit the Tennessee Department of Health Web site at <http://health.state.tn.us/index.htm>.

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