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Sheriff's auction raises \$45,000 for drug effort

Sheriff Tim Guider announces the Loudon County Sheriff's Office public auction of seized vehicles was a huge success for the department and for the citizens that were able to attend. The auction was held in front of the Loudon County Justice Center this past Saturday.

Sheriff Guider said his office was glad to make available approximately 47 vehicles to the general pub-

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An estimated 500 people turned out to bid at the Sheriff's Auction held last Saturday at the Justice Center

American Legion Post 256 Donates to "Hugs for Our Soldiers" Program

Photo right: (Center) Kathy Orcutt, President of "Hugs for Our Soldiers", (L to R) American Legion Post 256 Executive Council, Vic Vickery, Don Burgett, Arlen Bee, Pat Brooks, Jim McNeece, Commander John Allen, 1st Vice Commander, Rich Gruber.

"As I look around the room, I see the faces of all of you who helped Hugs for Our Soldiers touch the lives of 2,800 deployed troops from October to

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Verse of the day

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 7:20-21

Obituaries

None

Weather:

Today: Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Tonight: Lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday: A few snow showers. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.

Wazzup

Today is the first of March and the deadline for filing your taxes will be here before you know it; so don't forget about Uncle Sam, cause he sure ain't gonna forget about you!

Hope you're feeling better soon, Donald McKinney!

Horoscopes

Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Try harder to keep still when your family or co-

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Legion

December alone," said Kathy Orcutt to American Legion Post 256. "This \$500 donation you have given Hugs today will allow us to send care packages to our troops right here in our backyard – our 'Citizen Soldiers' of the 278th Tennessee Army National Guard." Orcutt went on to say to the Legionnaires, "Hugs just shipped 1,900 Valentine treats,

along with several thousand cards from people across our nation, to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our Girl Scout Cookie Drive has kicked off and, believe me, the soldiers have told us that getting Girl Scout cookies in a care package is like receiving Christmas in spring! So buy an extra box of cookies for a Soldier, Marine, Airmen or Sailor, give it to Hugs and we'll make sure this Taste

of Home gets shipped overseas."

Vonore's American Legion Post 256 has been supporting Hugs for Our Soldiers for three years now. Members of this Post were the core committee to Hugs' first Welcome Our Soldiers Home project in 2008 focused on the "single" soldiers returning home to barracks that were empty of everything. Hugs' President stated, "Our success of being able to put a snack bag on 1,400 soldiers' beds, toiletries in their bathrooms, and a new towel and washcloth hanging on their shower doors was due to the hard work and dedication of American Legion Post 256. They helped us promote this project, collected items and made monetary donations." Since 2008, over 7,000 soldiers have been recipients of Hugs' Welcome

Home program and Post 256 has been a driving force in helping this program grow.

Hugs for Our Soldiers will be introducing a new program called "Give a Hug" to support our troops as they leave home for Afghanistan or Iraq. Please visit their website (www.hugsforoursoldiers.org) to learn more about this, as well as the Girl Scout Cookie Drive. For additional information about the American Legion, contact Post Commander John Allen, 423-884-7297.

Reckless driver

Byron S.A. Massey, 18, Bill Street, Rockwood was charged with reckless driving and driving on suspended.

According to records, Patrolman Jeremy Dishner, LCPD stopped a black Honda motorcycle for reckless driving on Highway 321. Mr. Massey was traveling at a high rate and weaving in and out of traffic in a reckless manner.

A check through NCIC showed Massey to be suspended in Tennessee.

Mr. Massey also had 4 attachments issued for his arrest in Blount

County General Sessions Court.

Police Beat

Octavio Martinez, 48, Cedar Street, Loudon and Feliciano Roldan Bolanos, 24, Summer Street, Loudon were charged with public intoxication.

According to records, Saturday, around 1:04 AM, Officer Chris Lamons, LPD and Sgt. R.S. Newman, LPD, encountered two Hispanic males on Maremont Parkway near Highway 72.

Officer Lamons noticed a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage on both men. They told the officers they'd drank several beers and they were both unsteady on their feet.

Officer Lamons deemed them a danger to themselves and others and placed them under arrest.

Bobby C. Spears, 27, Kelly Lane, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on suspended and driving against traffic flow.

The report states Patrolman Jeremy Dishner, LCPD saw a white Dodge Durango traveling (backing) north in the southbound lane on Kelly Lane around 4:20 PM.

A check of Mr. Spears Tennessee ID number through NCIC showed his license are suspended.

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PI at the PO

James Roy Christopher, 65, East Depot Street, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

According to records, Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD was dispatched to the Post Office on East Broadway. The complainant stated a man wearing camouflage coveralls had attempted to step up on the curb and had fallen into her vehicle. She also advised he went up the steps and fell again, then continued into the Post Office.

Officer Whitt went into the Post office and observed Mr. Christopher leaning on the counter. He was unsteady on his feet, had very glassy

eyes and smelled of an alcoholic beverage.

Christopher told the officer he had drank a couple and needed to get a money order. He appeared to be a danger to himself and a bother to the public.

Woman injured

Jose Luis Hildalgo Villatoro, 23, Old Loudon Pike, Lenoir City was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to reports, Officer Mark Maxwell, LCPD was dispatched to Maple Street in reference to

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a disturbance in the street. When the officer arrived on scene, Mr. Villatoro and his girlfriend were in her mother's vehicle.

After separating them it was discovered both parties had been in a physical domestic. The victim had a hand print around her throat and several knots on her head.

According to her, Villatoro grabbed her by the throat, shoved her down and start-

ed kicking her in the head. She also stated she jumped in her mother's car and he followed and refused to get out of the vehicle.

The victim was transported to Fort Loudoun ER for the injuries to her head and throat. The victim stated there was a history of domestic violence and she was seeing a therapist because of damage to her foot caused by

Villatoro two weeks prior.

Police Beat

Zachary Scott Sheets, 25, Decatur, Alabama was charged with driving while revoked.

According to reports, Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD stopped a gold Ford Explorer for speeding on West Broadway.

A check of Zachary Sheets through NCIC showed his license are revoked.

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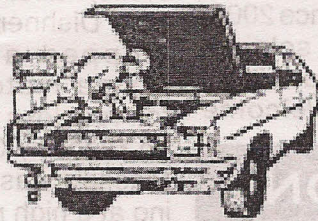
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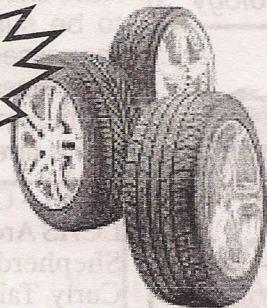
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illegal drugs.

Sheriff Guider advised his office has several vehicles that will be available for auction in the near future. Once a reasonable number of vehicles are obtained, an auction will be scheduled. The sheriff estimated the next

auction will be in the spring or early summer.

Police Beat

Rachel Lauren Ketelle, 28, Clinton Highway, Knoxville was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSO made the arrest.

Auction

for bid and approximately 25 firearms available for bid to any licensed firearms dealer. An estimated 500 people were in attendance for the event on a much needed sunny day. The vehicles and firearms presented in the sale were obtained by the Sheriff's Office during drug investigations

and state mandated DUI seizures over the past year or so.

Sheriff Guider advised the sale of the seized items raised approximately \$45,000.

The sheriff said his department will use the proceeds to continue the fight in the war on drugs and assist in the education of our community's children on the dangers of

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DUI of pills

Ronnie Oneal Garrett, 59, Duke Street, Clinton was charged with driving under the influence, possession of schedule IV (valium) and possession of legend drug without prescription.

The report states Deputy Chad Petty, LCSO was dispatched to a possible drunk driver on Highway 321 heading towards Blount County. The deputy spotted a Chevy Blazer travel across both fog lines while swerving from lane to lane before entering Blount County.

Deputy Petty activated his emergency equipment and

stopped the vehicle inside Blount County. Mr. Garrett had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech.

According to the officer's report, Mr. Garrett seemed disoriented as far as where he was or where he was headed. The deputy obtained consent to search the vehicle from Mr. Garrett and found five round green tablets and one white round tablet believed to be tramadol in a silver holder on Garrett's key chain.

The officer asked him if he was currently taking medications and Garrett said he had a hydromor-

phone 4 mg earlier that day.

Mr. Garrett did poorly on field sobriety tasks and was placed under arrest. He was read the Tennessee Implied Consent Law and agreed. He was taken to Fort Loudoun ER and then on to jail.

No License

Adela Arevalo, 39, East Clark Avenue, Maryville was charged with driving without a license.

According to reports, Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSO observed a green Nissan Maxima traveling at a speed of 77 mph in a 65 mph zone on Highway 321 near Highway 95. The deputy stopped the vehicle at the Blount County line.

Mrs. Arevalo told the officer she had no drivers license and produced a Mexico ID. A check through NCIC showed Mrs. Arevalo to be unlicensed. She was arrested for driving without a license and received a citation for speeding.

Robert Eugene Gullet, 54, Oakwood Drive, Lenoir City was

charged with no drivers license.

The report states, Mr. Gullet was operating a blue Moped on Simpson Road and Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD, had prior knowledge he didn't have a license.

Mr. Gullet was stopped and arrested for driving without a license.

Jonathan Islas, 24, Grade Road, Rockford was charged with no drivers license and speeding.

According to records, Mr. Islas was operating a black Ford F-150 on West Broadway and was stopped for speeding. Mr. Islas told the officer he didn't have a license. NCIC showed no drivers license. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD was the arresting officer.

Police Beat

Travis Richard Cable, 30, County Road 121, Athens was charged with DUI 1st offense.

According to records, Officer Brendan DeBoer, LPD received a call early Saturday morning in reference to a reckless driver traveling southbound on Interstate 75. The officer observed a white Ford Ranger matching the description exiting

Interstate 75 at the 72 exit.

While behind the vehicle, Officer DeBoer witnessed the Ford Ranger fail to maintain it's lane by running off the roadway and driving onto the shoulder of the road in the grass.

The officer conducted a traffic stop in front of the Marathon Gas Station in Loudon.

Travis Cagle had slurred speech and was slow to respond to questions. He performed poorly on field sobriety tasks.

Upon arrival at the jail, Mr. Cable was read the Implied Consent form which he signed and submitted to a BAC test. The BAC produced a result of .10%. Officer Scott Newman, LPD was also on the scene.

Michael Dewayne McGuire, 46, Highway 321 North, Lenoir City, was charged Saturday with driving on suspended license.

According to reports, Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD made contact with Mr. McGuire while working an accident he was involved in on Highway 321 at St. Thomas Way.

A check of his license found Mr. McGuire is suspended.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lenoir City Transportation Committee will meet at City Hall, in the small conference room, on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting will be continued discussion/consideration of Highway 321 Improvements. Representatives from TDOT and City Engineers will be present.

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