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Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Woman charged in 2 thefts

Officer Dennis Guider, LCPD was dispatched to Wal-Mart on a shoplifter call. On arrival the officer found Belinda Brown had taken a pregnancy tests and took them to the ladies restroom where she opened them up and used one of the three tests. Loss prevention followed Brown through store past all points of sale. She was stopped exiting the

(see Brown pg. 3)



Belinda Brown

Ldn man nabbed in 4th DUI

Officer Scott Wallace, LPD observed a white vehicle cross the centerline several times and traveling at a high rate of speed down Grove Street in Loudon. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as Darrel Lee Poynter. Poynter smelled of a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on

(see Poynter pg. 8)



Darrel Lee Poynter

The World by Gus

Well are the Turks going to invade Iraq? Man, oh man, what a mess that's going to be. One good thing is at least they are on our side and shouldn't be shooting at us. I wonder if we can count that as part of the surge?

I guess that won't matter too much because I doubt that they invade, bet they just knock off a few bad guys and pose for some pictures then go back to the border.

What about Israel bomb-

(see Gus pg. 4)

Power theft

Police were called to investigate the theft of electricity Sunday when the property owner discovered his renter had replaced his meter after

it had been pulled.

According to records, M.L. Jackson told Deputy Shane Ezell, LCSD, he had gone to check on his rental property

(see Power pg. 3)

Teens suspected in hay fire

At least three teens are suspected in the burning of over fifty hay bales at a

Loudon County location Sunday.

According to records, (see Fire pg. 8)

Operation Safe Driver Targets Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

THP Joins Effort to Educate, Enforce, and Change Aggressive Driving Behaviors

Nashville, -All this week, the Tennessee Department of Safety joins the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) and Federal Motor

Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) in a new campaign to curb unsafe driving practices that lead to commercial vehicle crashes.

The effort, dubbed "Operation Safe Driver" is intended to improved commercial and non-commercial driver behavior through effective

enforcement, education and awareness strategies. The national public awareness and enforcement campaign runs October 21-28, 2007.

(see Operation pg. 7)

Verse of the day

Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you. Deuteronomy 4:3

Obituaries

Ruby Luttrell Jones

Donna Kay Jenkins Ragan

Weather:

Today: Showers early then thundershowers developing later in the day. High 73. Chance of rain 60%.

Tonight: Showers with a pos-

sible thunderstorm in the evening, then variable clouds overnight with still a chance of showers. Low 58. Chance of rain 60%.

Thursday: Showers. High: low 70s; Lows: upper 50s.

Wazzup

We hear gas prices are

going up 20¢ by the end of the week....

Horoscopes

Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

You're usually pretty open to new ideas and may find that there are more

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Brown

store and had the tests in her purse. The total amount of the loss was \$9.96.

Brown was also found to be wanted in connection with the theft of a vehicle valued at over \$1000. According to the warrant, on or about February 6, 2007 Belinda Brown was staying at a resi-

dence on Old Greenback Road. A neighbor, David Locklear, had his John Deere lawn mower stored at his residence. Brown sold the mower to another neighbor, Jeffery Graves, for \$300 without Mr. Locklear's knowledge or permission.

Belinda Brown, 19, of Fork Creek Road, Philadelphia, was

charged with theft under \$500 and theft over \$1000. Officer Dennis Guider, LCPD made the arrest.

Power

Elm Street in Greenback in after evicting his present renter and he discovered the renter, whom he identified, had put a meter back into the base.

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Jackson reportedly said he found a meter block and two meter bands laying on the ground under the meter.

The officer noted Andy Huffstatler of Fort Loudon Electric Co-op came to the location and advised the power meter had been pulled from the

residence on October 15.

No other information was available at the time of the report.

Police Beat

Whitney Lynn Presley, 21, of Collins St., Loudon, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a green vehicle on Hwy. 72 with both occupants not wearing a seat belt and stopped it.

Presley was found to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy.

Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

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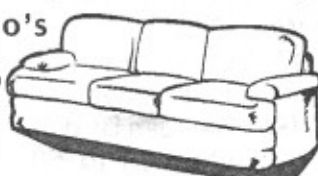
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Gus

ing that nuclear target in Syria? Ain't heard much in the news about that have you? It must have been a real humdinger of a target, or else every middle eastern nation would have been crying about the attack. Matter of fact, I haven't even heard the Syrian's say anything.

Way to go Israel; get in, destroy your target, get out and act like nothing happened. I wonder if the Iranians saw that on TV? You know that that has to make them somewhat more nervous than

they already are. Ol' Israel don't play around, when the dirty deed has to be done, they do it and that's that.

Us, on the other hand, want to talk about it for a few years till nobody wants to do anything; way too much red tape and that touchy feely crap. I say let 'em fly. -Gus

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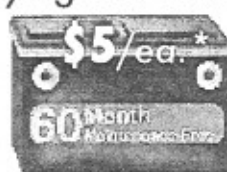
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Obituaries

Ruby Luttrell Jones, of Lenoir City, went to see her Lord and King on Sunday, October 21, 2007. Ruby was a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church, Lenoir City where she was director and artist for the Windows of Christmas ministry for 15 years. She was also a member of the choir and the Church Banner Ministry. Ruby was a former member and past president of the Lenoir City Pilot Club. She was also a member of the Tuesday Club and Sewing Club. Ruby was selected First Lady of Loudon County in 2000. She was a wonderful mother, mother-in-law and a very proud grandmother. Her family and church were her life. Ruby retired from Union Carbide after 32 years of service. She was preceded in death by her husband, F. A. (Red) Jones; mother and father, Mabel and Vernon Luttrell and sister, June Farren. Ruby is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Toby and Roger Brewster; grandson, Matt Brewster; granddaughter, Kala Beth Brewster; sisters, Edna Wise and husband, Gene, Shannah Armstrong and husband, Joe, Betty Wiggins, Nancy Mikels and husband, David; brothers, Charles Vernon Luttrell and wife, Joyce, Glenn Luttrell and wife, Barbara; special companion, Bill Curtis; special friend, Vivol Robinson; many nieces and nephews; a host of friends and church family. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Calvary Baptist Church. Funeral services will be

held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Crass and Rev. Larry Bryant officiating. Interment will follow in the Loudon County Memorial Gardens. Serving as pallbearers: Adam Saul, John Saul, Benji Saul, Bobby Wise, Brent Holder, Terry Holder, Mike Henline and Carl Robinson; honorary pallbearers: Donnie Wiggins, Ernie Wiggins, Gary Waldrop, Steve Luttrell and David Glen Mikels. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 300 West First Avenue, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Jones family.

Donna Kay Jenkins Ragan, age 54 of Lenoir City, passed away Sunday morning, October 21, 2007. Donna was a member of Northshore Church of God. She had attended Lee University in Cleveland. Donna operated Aunt Donnas Preschool in Lenoir City for many years. She was a loving, Christian mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Ragan and her father, Rev. Haskel Jenkins. Donna is survived by her sons, Travis Ragan and wife, Cassandra of Kingston and Matthew Ragan of Houston, TX; grandson, Brady Ragan; mother, Virginia Jenkins of Lenoir City; brother, Terry Jenkins of Knoxville; sister, Pam Patty of Lenoir City; nieces, Courtney Atnip of Nashville and Katy Hannah of Lenoir City; nephews, Nathan Ostrander of Nashville and Daniel Jenkins of Knoxville

along with great niece, Addison Hannah. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday followed by funeral services at 7 p.m. at Sixth Avenue Church of God with Rev. James Bandy officiating. Family and friends will gather at Click Funeral Home by 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and proceed to Lakeview cemetery for 4 p.m. graveside services. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Ragan family.

Police Beat

David Earl Bell, 38, of Davis Lane, Jellico, was charged with criminal trespassing.

According to the report, Bell was barred from Wal Mart and was caught shoplift-

ing at the store.

Lt. Gillis Morgan, rest.

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Department of Safety Commissioner David Mitchell encourages Tennesseans and motorists traveling through the state with this simple message: "All drivers need to remember that the responsibility for driving safely is literally in your hands and that includes buckling up."

"During the week, THP Troopers across Tennessee will emphasize enforcement activity of commercial vehicle traffic as well as non-commercial vehicle traffic to include aggressive driving behavior by motorists around commercial vehicles," stressed Colonel Mike Walker.

"Safety belt usage enforcement and roadside inspections will also be utilized to reduce commercial vehicle crashes and injuries."

Statistics show twelve percent of fatal crashes on highways involve trucks and buses. Research has shown that most fatal crashes stem from decisions or actions made by the driver—passenger vehicle drivers as well as commercial operators. In fact, in most commercial vehicle crashes involving a passenger vehicle, the four-wheeled vehicle typically contributes to the crash by cutting in front of the tractor trailer rig or following too closely.

The objectives of

the week-long campaign are to:

Increase commercial vehicle traffic enforcement activity;

Increase non-commercial vehicle traffic enforcement activity;

Increase safety belt enforcement activity;

Increase driver roadside inspections;

Increase driver regulatory compliance;

Implement commercial driver educational and awareness programs to the motor carrier population; and,

Increase the awareness to the motoring public about safe operations around commercial motor vehicles.

"Through Operation Safe Driver, the THP is a dedicated partner in efforts to take

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enforcement action against unsafe and fatigued commercial drivers and non-commercial drivers operating in an unsafe manner around commercial drivers, and to raise the awareness of the motoring public about the hazards of operating around commercial vehicles," said Captain Steve Binkley, who oversees Safety's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division.

Improving highway safety for commercial vehicle operations starts with the driver and focusing on the importance of safe driving techniques. Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Executive Director Stephen

F. Campbell adds that "the motor carrier industry plays an important role and we encourage them to implement proactive steps to ensure their drivers are well rested, buckled up and utilizing proper trip planning to make it to their destinations safely."

Drivers of passenger vehicles need to understand how commercial motor vehicles operate and know their limitations. "Sharing the road responsibly will mean safer drivers and fewer deaths and injuries on our nation's roadways," said Kendall Poole, Director of the Governors Highway Safety Office.

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Poynter

his person and would not comply with verbal commands. He stumbled when walking and was very belligerent.

Poynter performed poorly on sobriety tasks and gave a BAC at the hospital. Poynter was also found to have an attachment out of general session court as well. A check showed Poynter to have three

prior DUI's.

Darrel Lee Poynter, 47, of Vonore Road, Loudon, was charged with DUI 4th and attachment. Officer Scott Wallace, LPD made the arrest.

Fire

Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD, responded to a field along Antioch Church Road just after 1:30 a.m. where he found fifty-five hay bales belonging to Don

Bailey fully engulfed in flame.

Witnesses stated they saw the fire and when they arrived at the field they saw three young men, ages 16 to 18, standing near the blaze. The witnesses yelled at the trio who

immediately fled the scene on four-wheelers towards Unita Road.

Greenback Fire Department arrived on the scene and contained the blaze without any further damage, however the fifty-five bales were a total loss.

Bailey, of Unita Road, told the officer the bales were worth about \$50 a piece, for a total of about \$2750, and he wants to prosecute the persons responsible.

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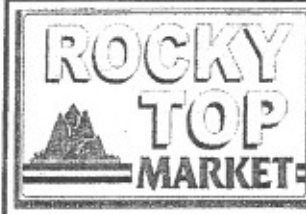


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