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Wednesday, November 21, 2007

# with contributing

An arrest has been in connection with allegations against a Lenoir City man who was with a juvenile female on a school day. The police became involved when the girl's father learned his daughter was not in school, but was with the man at a local apartment complex and when he went to retrieve her discovered the adult male and his teen (see Thaxton pg. 8)



### Reckless driver stopped, 2 busted with pills

of the vehicle appear to II pills.

When a local officer hide something, he soon stopped a reckless driver conducted a search and and saw the occupants reported finding schedule

(see Busted pg. 6)

## The World by Gus

need to be loosened and little traveling. we get to see all the family

Well it's that time of year for a short time; a time to be again where the old belt will thankful, and a time to do a

> A lot of us forget the thank-(see Gus pg. 7)

### Tennessee's October paycheck

collections of the Tennessee Department of Revenue collections. were \$703,475,236, a de-

Nashville, - October 2007 crease of \$48,249,729 or 6.4 percent over October 2006

> Sales and use tax col-(see Collections pg. 6)

#### Verse of the day

And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. Mark 8:6

#### **Obituaries**

None

#### Weather:

Today: A mix of clouds and sun early, then becoming cloudy later in the day. Warm. High 73.

## Update: LC man charged Man nabbed after leaving scene

Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSD received a call of an accident on I-75. As the deputy was arriving close to the scene the caller advised that one of the drivers of the vehicle involved appeared intoxicated and was leaving the scene. Deputy Watkins observed a green vehicle with extensive dam-(see Lewis pg. 3)



### Drive-thru frustration ends in arrest

Police arrested an Ohio employees about a wrong man for DUI after being order. He was found to be called to a local restaurant under the influence of aldrive-thru where the man cohol and registered .16% reportedly as arguing with on an intoximeter once at

(see Porter pg. 4)

### THP to Conduct Dozens of Checkpoints This Thanksgiving Holiday

Nashville, -The Tennessee statewide this Thanksgiving Highway Patrol will conduct in an effort to reduce the more than 70 sobriety and number of crashes and fataldriver license checkpoints ities during the busy holiday

(see Checkpoints pg. 9)

### o our readers

The offices of the Daily Edition will be closed Thursday



and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will publish a special Thursday/Friday Edition tomorrow and will be back on our regular schedule Monday.

Tonight: Showers early then thundershowers developing late. Low 52.

Thursday: Morning showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.

#### Wazzup

A.J.'s will be closed Thurs-

day & Friday for Thanksqiving so ya better eat today! And tip your server.

#### Horoscopes Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

For once, your wildest fantasies seem close (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

#### Lewis

age leaving the scene of an accident and driving without a right front wheel. Deputy Watkins initiated his emergency equipment and the vehicle traveled in the break down lane for a good distance before stoppina.

Upon making contact with the driver,

Melvin Lee Lewis. Jr. he had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech and was very unsteady on his feet. Lewis performed poorly on sobriety tasks and refused a BAC test. Mr. Lewis stated he was enroute to Johnson City to pick up his children and he was on lithium and sereguel medica-

Melvin Lee Lewis Jr., 42, of Cloverdale Circle, Hixson, was charged with DUI and leaving the scene of an accident. Deputy Michael Watkins. LCSD made the arrest.

#### Police Beat

Timothy Eugene Hembree, 48, of Budget Inn, Cedar Bluff, Knoxville, was charged with driving

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on revoked.

According to the report, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSD observed a vehicle in front of him with the driver throwing something out the window and stopped him.

Hembree was found to have a revoked license for several different offenses and a prior revoked charge in 2004. Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSD made the arrest.

#### Stuffed Acorn Squash

Ingredients 2 acorn squash

2 carrots, grated 1 can (8 oz.)

crushed pineapple 2 tbsp.

> dried white raisins 1/4 tsp. ginger Directions

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Combine remaining ingredients and spoon into squash cavities.

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#### Porter

the jail.

Robert C. Porter, 24, of Park Place Drive, Wadsworth, OH, was charged with DUI 1st. According to the report, Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD was dispatched to Wendy's to a call of a man in a white van arguing with the clerk in the drive through. Upon arrival the officer observed the van still in the drive

through and the officer approached it.

The driver advised the employees had given him a wrong order. In speaking with the driver, Mr. Porter, he stated he had been drinking and he performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

Porter registered .16% on the intoximeter. The company truck he was driving was released to a sober driver. Of-

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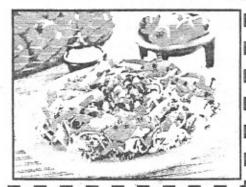
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#### Collections

lections totaled \$574,524,171, an increase of \$10,392,936 or 1.8 percent over the October 2006 collections.

Collections from the retail trade group increased 1.3 percent. Items with significant changes include:

 Eating and drinking places: up 6.2 percent

 General merchandise: up 2.2 percent

 Food stores: up 3.2 percent

 Motor vehicle dealers and service stations: up 1.1 percent (overcoming a 2.4 percent decline in the new, used motor vehicle sub-category item)

Building materials:
 down 6.2 percent

Collections from the service group increased 2.9 percent led by gains in business services (up 6.1 percent).

Collections from the non-retail, non-services group increased 1.2 percent led by gains in communications (up 2.7 percent).

Consumer use collections were \$358,708, a decline of \$34,535 (8.8 percent) from October 2006.

Franchise and excise tax collections were a negative \$58,674,774, a decrease of \$66,232,493 or a negative 876.4 percent when compared to October 2006. Separately, franchise tax collections were a negative \$4,747,659, a decrease of \$39,305,468 or 113.7 percent from last October. The

excise tax collection was a negative \$53,927,115, a decline of \$26,927,025 or 99.7 percent from October 2006.

Tobacco tax collections were \$23,135,838, an increase of \$12,770,451 or 123.2 percent over the collection of October 2006.

Gasoline tax collections were \$53,514,462, an increase of \$2,760,241 or 5.4 percent over October last year.

Income tax collections amounted to \$4,710,346, an increase of \$1,063,166 or 29.2 percent over last October.

Inheritance and estate tax collections were \$7,022,957, a decrease of \$7,722,129 or 52.4 percent from October last year.

Privilege tax collections were \$24,217,563, a decrease of \$1,470,857 or 5.7 percent compared to October of last year.

Motor vehicle fuel tax collections were \$17,098,310, a decrease of \$1,130,809 or 6.2 percent from October last year.

#### Busted

William Michael Harvey, 31, and Tiffany Ann Ingram, 32, of Wilson Road, Lenoir City, were charged with poss. of sch. II.

According to the report, Deputy James R. Lane, Jr. was advised of a reckless and speeding driver on I-75. Deputy Lane observed the vehicle and paced it at 80

m.p.h. in a 65 m.p.h. zone and stopped it.

The deputy saw movement in the front seat and it looked like the driver and passenger were putting something under the seat.

Deputy Lane asked the driver, Mr. Harvey and passenger, Ms. Ingram to exit the vehicle. Deputy Lane asked for permission to search and was given consent.

Deputy Lane found 2 orange pills believed to be methadone in a cigarette box in the passenger seat. Deputy James. R. Lane, LCSD made the arrests.

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#### Gus

ful part. We get our undies in a wad over something; the in-law we don't really care for, or the long ride with the kids wanting a bathroom break every hour.

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had some real close friends and family step up and take some big burdens off my shoulders. It gave me a chance to get up out of the mud and get my feet planted firmly back to planet earth.

This to me is the time of year when I get to say thank you once again. Oh, and by the way, thank all you readers who have written or phoned me or The Daily Edition about the 2 articles that I have been blessed to write. God Bless you all.

Now, let's eat. -Gus Police Beat

Ever Solis Perez, of Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver license, no seatbelt and no proof of insurance.

According to the

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report, Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD stopped Perez for not wearing a seatbelt and found him to be unlicensed and uninsured. Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD made the arrest.

April Nichole Heiple, 24, of Kelly Lane, Lenoir City was charged with speeding and suspended license.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Heiple for speeding and found her to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy. Sqt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Ice Cream Pumpkin Pie Ingredients

1 package (9 oz.) prepared graham cracker pie crust

1 pint vanilla ice cream softened

1 can (16 ounces) pumpkin

 C. whipped cream 3/4 C. sugar 2 tsp. pumpkin pie

spice

1/2 tsp. salt Directions

Fill pie crust with ice cream; freeze until solid.

In medium bowl, combine pumpkin, whipped cream, sugar, pumpkin pie spice and salt.

Spoon mixture over frozen layer of ice cream in crust: freeze until solid.

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#### Thaxton

daughter had left the premises together.

According to the warrant, filed by Deputv Chris Bowen, LCSD on November 2, 2007 Deputy Bowen was dispatched to River Manor Apartments to help locate a missing iuvenile female. Upon arrival the deputy came in contact with the juvenile's father who sated he had been in contact with some friends in the River Manor Complex that stated his daughter was not in school and in the company of a 26 year old black male by the name of Philip Thaxton.

Upon the arrival of the father, Thaxton and the juvenile had left the premises together. The juvenile was then located and petitions were taken out on the female for delinquency.

Philip M. Thaxton. 26, of Highland Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with contributing to the delinguency of a minor. Sqt. Jeff Russell, LCSD made the arrest.

#### Police Beat

Luis Angel Rodriquez, 35, W. Broadway, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver license, speeding, financial resp.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Rodriguez for speeding and while gathering information found Rodriguez to be unlicensed and uninsured. Sqt. Eddie Range LCPD made the arrest.

Andrew Lynn Green, 22, of Robinson Road. Loudon, was charged with simple poss, of sch. VI, poss. of drug paraphernalia and poss, of sch. IV.

According to the report, Sgt. RS "Scottie" Newman, LPD observed a truck leaving the area of some recent construction sites. The officer stopped the vehicle and the driver ws Mr. Green. Green gave Sgt. Newman permission to search his vehicle and a tool bag was searched where the officer discovered a small amount of marijuana and a set of scales and rolling papers. Also in the ash tray was a small green pill identified as Roche 6. Sqt. RS Newman, LPD made the arrest.

#### Polly's Aunt Sweet Potato Casserole Ingredients

2 lbs. sweet potatoes, boiled, peeled and mashed

1/2 cup brown sugar 1 cup buttermilk 1/4 tsp. baking soda 1/2 tsp. nutmeg and cinnamon Directions Preheat oven to 350.

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#### Checkpoints

weekend. The 2007 Thanksgiving holiday period begins at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. November 21st and runs through midnight Sunday, November 25th.

As part of the special enforcement, THP will take part in two law enforcement campaigns. On Wednesday, November 21, 2007, State Troopers will take part in a

nationwide program called "Operation Care." During this effort, a Trooper, sheriff deputy or police officer will be posted every 10 miles the entire length of Interstate 40. Troopers will participate in the campaign from 3:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m., on what is typically one of the busiest days for holiday travel.

"The Department of Safety is happy to

once again be participating in Operation Care," says Department of Safety Commissioner Dave Mitchell. "There will be thousands of more cars and trucks on our highways this weekend. As traffic increases, so does the risk for crashes and injuries. Last year during Operation Care, there were no fatal crashes on I-40, and we hope that will be the case again this year."

Troopers are also participating in a Tri-State initiative called "Take Back Our Highways." THP is teaming-up with the Mississippi Highway Patrol and Alabama Department of Safety for this effort. During the entire Thanksgiving week, November 19-25, all available law enforcement offiDAILY EDITION November 21, 2007 · Page 9

cers, including administrative members, will participate in patrol

"Thanksgiving is a time to be with family and reflect on the many things we have to be grateful for, but too often, we've seen people, as they were attempting to go visit family and friends, lose their lives in a traffic crash," stated Colonel Mike Walker. "It's our goal to have no fatalities this year. That may sound unrealistic, but if we don't have that goal, then we're not out there doing the job that we should be doing."

20 people were killed in crashes on Tennessee roads during the Thanksgiving weekend of 2006. That represents an

increase from 17 fatalities in 2005 and 13 in 2004. Statistics for 2006 are available at this link (PDF).

Sobriety and driver license checkpoints are scheduled at various times throughout the holiday weekend in the state's eight THP districts. Troopers will be looking for impaired and unlicensed drivers, motorists not wearing seat belts, and those driving above the speed limit.

On this day 1620 Pilgrim Fathers

reach America: Provincetown Harbor, Mass 1877 Tom Edison announces his "talking machine" invention (phonograph)

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