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Thursday, January 3, 2008

Wal Mart evacuated after gas leak in photo lab





Twelve people were sent to area hospitals to be checked New Year's Eve after gas fumes began leaking in the photo lab at Wal Mart. Above: The store was evacuated for a short time while the leak was contained. See story page 8.

Man nabbed after firing gun, knifing tires

Investigator Charles Cosner, LCSD CSI took a man into custody following a series of events in Greenback involving gunshots fired and tires being flattened.

According to the report, a woman and her friend left a residence she shares with Louis Haggard to go to the

(see Haggard pg. 3)



Louis Wayne Haggard

Obituaries

Sewall Anthony

Glenn L. McNabb

Carol Ann Plemons

Women charged

Two local women were suspicion of DUI and found

jailed when police stopped both reportedly had been the vehicle they were in for drinking. The driver's mi-(see Women pg. 9)

Don't crawl on the floor in public!

Police arrested a Lenoir be on drugs after workers at City man who appeared to a local fast food restaurant

(see Wright pg. 7)

Passed out man gets multiple charges

A Virginia man was taken found him passed out in his

into custody after police vehicle with an open beer (see Shultz pg. 6)

Verse of the day

Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless. Psalm 10:14

Weather: Today: Mainly sunny, High 36.

Mildred "Polly" Smith Johnson

Tonight: A mostly clear

sky. Low 19.

Friday: A few clouds. Highs: upper 40s; Lows: upper 20s.

Wazzup

Better batten down the hatches again tonight - it's going to be another cold one! Please make sure your outdoor animals have shel-

Horoscopes Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Your social energy is quietly buzzing right now,

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Haggard

store. While out, the two females stopped at another friend's house on Hwy. 95 in Greenback. After being there a while, Mr. haggard called the woman to inquire where they were. She told him they would be home soon.

After another telephone call. Mr. Hag-

gard arrived at the residence on Hwy. 95 and found the woman's ex-husband also at the residence.

An argument ensued and Mr. Haggard made the statement, "Good luck getting home on flat tires."

The two females followed Mr. Haggard outside and he punctured the right rear tire of the truck using

a pocketknife. The friend became angry and started throwing items at Mr. Haggard.

Mr. Haggard returned to his car, retrieved a handgun, walked back up to the friend and shot one time into the ground near the friend, who was standing in the yard at the front porch, and the woman was standing on the front DAILY EDITION • January 3, 2008 • Page 3

porch.

Haggard then went back to his car, told the friend that if she didn't stop throwing things at him he was aoing to shoot her and fired the gun six more times in the air.

Haggard then backed out of the drive, behind a Sheriff's deputy who stopped him.

In Mr. Haggard's

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vehicle was a Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun under the driver's seat, loaded with a live round in the chamber. In the center console of the vehicle a .22 caliber Derringer was found. also loaded with two live rounds. A check through NCIC showed Haggard to have no carry permit.

Louis Wayne Haggard, 49, of Acorn Way, Maryville, was charged with aggravated assault by

domestic violence. aggravated assault, felony reckless endangerment, felony vandalism and illegal poss, of a firearm.

Investigator Charles Cosner, LCSD CSI

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made the arrest.

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Shultz

between his legs. The man also was charged with resisting after he tried to fight arresting offices.

Gary R. Shultz, 39, of Smithville, VA, was charged with DUI 1st, resisting arrest and open container.

According to the report, Shultz' vehicle was sitting on the side of a road and he was passed out with a 24-ounce beer can between his legs. Shultz was very irate during questioning and said he wasn't doing anything and was leaving.

Shultz was removed from the vehicle and brought to the rear of his car. He was very unsteady on his feet and came off of the vehicle during pat

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down and had to be taken to the ground and continued to resist and fight.

Upon a second trooper arriving at the scene, Shultz was placed in a vehicle and taken to the hospital for a check and refused a BAC test. Trooper Carey Hixson, THP made the arrest.

Police Beat

Jose Luis Zavala.

24, of Sweet Oak Road, Sweetwater, was charged with poss. of sch. II and driving without a license.

According to the report, Mr. Zavala was stopped for speeding and found to have no license and a search of his vehicle produced a metal tin containing one gram of a white powder that field tested positive for cocaine. Of-

ficer Nathan Wilson, LCPD made the arrest

Amelia Cifuentes, 20, of W. 2nd Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver license.

Officer Rick Eubanks, LCPD responded to a traffic accident and Cifuentes was the driver of a vehicle and found to have no license. Officer Rick Eubanks, LCPD made the arrest.

Richard Joyce Doughton, 53, of Isbellia Towers, Knoxville, was charged with VOP.

Deputy John Maples, LCSD made the arrest.

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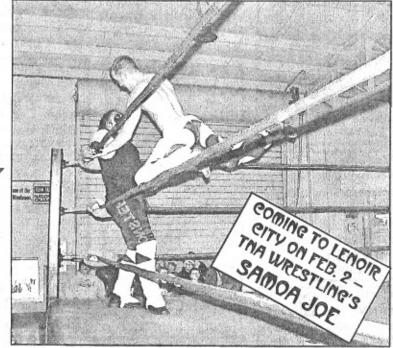
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Wright

called to report him crawling around on the floor.

Joshua Wright, 28. of Waller Street, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Officer Mike Hodges, LCPD responded to Hardee's on a call of a man crawling around on the floor inside the store.

Upon arrival, Wright had slurred speech and was very unsteady on his feet and appeared to be under the influence of narcotics. Officer Mike Hodges, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Michael E. Chastain, 34, of Elm Grove St., Lenoir City, was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the re-

port, Chastain committed the offense of theft under \$500. He entered Food City and concealed numerous items in his pocket.

When stopped Chastain offered to pay for the items after being stopped. Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD made the arrest.

Charles E. Gaston,

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44, of Carding Machine Road, Loudon, was charged with shoplifting, driving on revoked and poss. of sch. IV.

According to the report, Officer Bobby Lankford, LPD received a call of a shoplifter at the Loudon Co-op. Upon arrival the manager stated

Gaston removed a cordless drill and a ratchet set without paving.

Gaston drove to the Co-op by his own admission as well. He was also found to have 31 pills believed to be Klonopin in his possession as well. Officer Bobby Lankford, LPD made the arrest.

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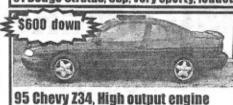
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Wal Mart Evacuated

On Monday, December 31st at approximately 4:00 p.m. rescue workers from the Lenoir City Fire Department, Rural Metro Ambulance Service, Lenoir City Police Department and Loudon County Emergency Management Agency responded to a call at the Wal Mart on Highwav 321 in Lenoir City. Several customers and a few employees had become sick from an unidentified gas in the photo processing area of the store.

Upon arriving, emergency workers secured the area and along with the management of Wal Mart began the process of evacuating the store.

which was cleared of customers for approximately an 1 1/2 - 2 hours.

Loudon County EMS Coordinator Brian Howard organized the triage of the injured customers and employees and oversaw the transportation of the victims. all of whom were complaining of respiratory discomfort, to local hospitals. The 12 people were seen at various medical centers around the area as a precautionary measure and none were believed to have had any life threatening injuries.

The Lenoir City Fire Department inspected the area with a multi-gas meter and no unusual gasses

were detected in the store, however, Chief Richard Martin LCFD stated that any gasses that might have been present in the store possibly could have dissipated very rapidly due to the size of the building.

Wal Mart managers also called in an environmental company. HEPCO, to further inspect the building and clean up any possible contamination. HEPCO is an independent company that reportedly contracts with Wal Mart and handles any environmental problems

that may arise at Wal Mart locations.

After a thorough inspection, the all-clear

was given around 6:00 p.m. for the store to re-open it's doors to the public.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Dixie Lee Advisory Board will conduct their regularly scheduled meeting on the second Monday of each month. The meetings will begin at 3:30 p.m. and will be held in the LCUB conference room. The dates of the meetings for 2008 are as follows unless cancelled or postponed for a holiday:

January 14, 2008 February 11, 2008 March 10, 2008 April 14, 2008 May 12, 2008 June 9, 2008

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Women

nor child also was in the vehicle and police reported fining marijuana, which neither woman would claim.

Tiffiany Dawn Wilkerson, 32, of Williams St., Sweetwater, was charged with DUI, viol. of implied consent, child endangerment and poss. of sch. VI.

According to the report, while on patrol Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSD observed a vehicle on Hwy 72 fol-

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Utilities Board will conduct their regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The dates of the meetings for 2008 are as follows unless cancelled or postponed for a holiday:

January 21, 2008 February 18, 2008 March 17, 2008 April 21, 2008 May 19, 2008 June 16, 2008 July 21, 2008 August 18, 2008 September 15, 2008 October 20, 2008 November 17, 2008 December 15, 2008 lowing too close to another vehicle and also observed it cross the center line. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle and observed the passenger digging around in the vehicle.

When the vehicle finally came to a stop at a residence on Queener Road, the deputy approached and identified the driver as Ms. Wilkerson. She had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person and appeared to be confused and had problems getting documents.

On asking Wilkerson to exit the vehicle, the vehicle almost took off. Wilkerson stated she had 1 1/2 beverages to drink and she was unsteady on her feet. A K-9 "Diego" was deployed and alerted

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on the vehicle.

On searching the vehicle, the officer found a pill bottle containing 2 plastic baggies containing green plant material believed to be marijuana. Both occupants of the car denied the substance.

While at the ER Wilkerson refused a BAC test and also in the vehicle was her 13year-old son.

The passenger, Larissa Lastar Wilkerson, 26, of Queener Road, Loudon, was charged with public intoxication and poss. of sch. VI.

Larissa had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person and was also charged with the narcotics since neither party would take responsibility. Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Christopher Allen Ward, 20, of Oakland Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with simple possession casual exchange.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD observed a vehicle on West Hills Drive. The vehicle crossed the center line 3 times and was stopped.

Upon making contact with the driver, Mr. Ward, the officer observed the odor of burnt marijuana. Upon asking Ward to step out the officer observed a green leafy substance in Ward's mouth. Mr. ward admitted he was driving and smoking a joint and when stopped he ate it. Officer Butler made the arrest.

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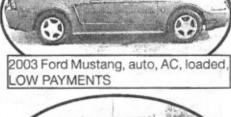
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