

DAILY EDITION

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Friday, January 4, 2008

Child abuse charge filed after wreck

A Lenoir City man has been charged with aggravated child abuse in addition to a DUI charge following a wreck that sent both the driver and his 6 year old son to the hospital.

According to the report, Trooper S.F. "Hawk" Holcomb III, THP responded to an accident with injury on Dixon Road. The trooper

(see Hammat pg. 3)



Gene Glen Hammat

Vehicle egged

Police were called to investigate the vandalism of a local man's vehicle Tuesday after he discovered someone had egged it.

According to reports,

Travis Hicks, Blue Springs Road, told Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD, he discovered someone had thrown eggs at his 1999 Foretravel bus/motor home and he didn't

(see Vehicle pg. 7)

Decline in traffic fatalities over New Year's holiday weekend

Nashville, - Preliminary reports indicate nine people were killed during the New Year's holiday weekend, compared with 16 fatalities during last year's holiday. Statistics for the 2007-2008

New Year's holiday reflect the time period from 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 28, 2007, to midnight Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

If preliminary figures hold true, seven fewer fatalities

(see Decline pg. 11)

3rd DUI for resisting driver

During a DUI checkpoint on Hwy. 11 the officer observed a red Jeep driven by Timothy Neal Knight. Mr. Knight had a smell of an alcoholic beverage on his person and advised he had a couple of beers. He performed poorly on sobriety tasks and was found to have a revoked license with work

(see Knight pg. 8)



Timothy Neal Knight

Gas tank sugared

A local man called police Tuesday when he discovered someone had tried to pour sugar into his gas tank.

Deputy Shane Ezell, LCSD, was dispatched to a residence along Highway 70 West where he spoke with

(see Sugar pg. 4)

Stray taken in after dog fight

A stray dog was picked up by Animal Control after it reportedly went onto the back porch of a local residence

where it got into a fight with another dog, leaving both canines injured.

Deputy James Lane, Jr.,

(see Stray pg. 9)

Resolve to live smoke free in the New Year

Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine Offers Support to Smokers Who Want to Quit

Kick off the New Year by kicking the habit in 2008! Quitting smoking is a popular New Year's resolution,

and the Tennessee Department of Health can increase your odds of keeping it. All it takes is a telephone

(see QuitLine pg. 10)

Verse of the day

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Proverbs 6:23

Obituaries

Gwendolyn Dawn Kealey

Robert A. Thompson

Weather:

Today: Sunny skies. High 47.

Tonight: Generally fair. Low 28.

Saturday: Cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Sunday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Wazzup

Happy Birthday, Daniel C. & Aaron M.; hope you guys have an awesome day and a wonderful year full of blessings for both your families!

Horoscopes Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Your energy is focused on work, however you define that term. It may be that you need to explore

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Hammat

reported Gene Glen Hammat was driving a 2001 Ford pickup when he crashed into a tree.

While the trooper was investigating the crash Mr. Hammat admitted to having a couple of beers earlier prior to driving. He smelled of beer and could not walk

without stumbling. Mr. Hammat had his 6 year old son with him who was hurt and sent to UT Medical Center.

Gene Glen Hammat, 35, of Cress Lane, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI and aggravated child abuse. Trooper S.F. Holcomb III, THP made the arrest.

Police Beat

Melissa Kay Thomas, 30, of Paw Paw Plains Road, Lenoir City, was charged with driving while revoked and poss. of sch. IV.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD observed Ms. Thomas on Hwy 321 driving with an expired registration. The registration displayed expired in October 2007.

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A check showed her license to be revoked 4th offense. A check of her purse revealed a pill bottle containing one Xanax she has no prescription for. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

Denny Earl Letterman, 48, of Hawkins Road, Sweetwater, was charged with DUI 2nd and viol. of im-

plied consent.

According to the report, Officer Dewayne Williams, LPD was dispatched to Hwy 11 over a possible reckless driver. Upon arrival the officer noticed a pickup sitting in the middle of the roadway blocking traffic.

Upon approach to the vehicle Letterman was asleep in the drivers seat with the keys in and the vehicle running and in gear.

After awaking Letterman the officer noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his person. Letterman stated he was too drunk to perform sobriety tasks and refused a BAC test. Officer Williams made the arrest.

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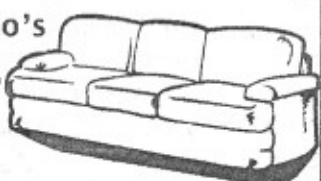
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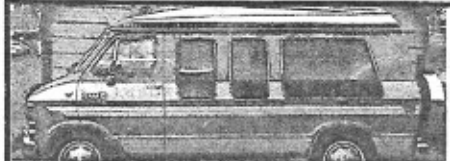
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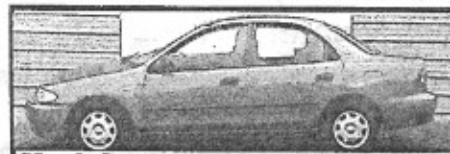
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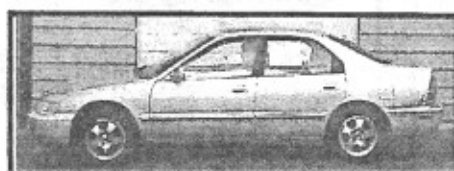
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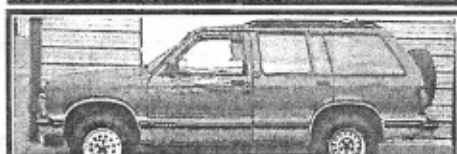
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Sugar

Mike Smudrick who advised someone had tried to put sugar in the gas tank of his 1984 Ford van.

The deputy reported he saw sugar in the driveway in the area the vehicle was parked and there was also sugar on the gas tank lid and fill neck.

The value of the damage was unknown at the time of the report. A possible suspect was identified to police.

Police Beat

Ashleigh Nichole Hall, 19, of North Purdue Ave., Oak Ridge, was charged with driving on suspended and an attachment out of Knox County. According to the report, Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD observed a blue vehicle occupied by 3 individuals and was stopped. Ms. Hall advised the officer her license might be suspended and a check confirmed her license was suspended for failure to pay a citation. She was also found to have an attachment out of

Knox County. Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD made the arrest.

A passenger, Benjamin Brady Pemberton had a smell of an alcoholic beverage on his person and consented to a search of his person and the officer found 5 small green pills that Mr. Pemberton advised was Valium. Pemberton was transported to the Loudon County Jail where he advised he had a bag of cocaine on his person and Deputy Brian Smith along with Officer Deboer recovered the substance.

Benjamin Brady Pemberton, 25, of Battery Hill Circle, Knoxville, was charged with poss. of sch. II, poss. of sch. IV and public intoxication.

The other passenger, Desiree Noel Cornett was the front seat passenger and she had an odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from her person along with the odor of marijuana. Cornett had a small amount of marijuana in her purse along with 2 green pills identified

as Valium. A piece of tinfoil was also found that was used to smoke the marijuana.

Desiree Noel Cornett, 25, of Vine Avenue, Rockwood, was charged with poss. of sch. VI, poss. of sch. IV, poss. of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication. Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD made the arrests.

Silvino Martinez-Nicolas, 25, of Highland Avenue, Loudon, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Dewayne Williams, LPD stopped Silvino for driving across the center line. He could not produce a license and a check showed him to be unlicensed. Officer Dewayne Williams, LPD made the arrest.

Controlling blood pressure through healthy eating

How is your blood pressure? Do you know what you can do to help keep it in the "normal" range?

Hypertension affects approximately one-quarter of adult Americans with another one-quarter having prehypertension, or blood pressure in the zone between normal and high.

Keep your blood pressure normal – or lower it – by making some lifestyle changes.

- Participate in regular physical activity: at least 30 minutes a day on most days of the week.

- Consume moderate amounts of alcohol.

- Limit sodium intake to no more than 2,400 milligrams a day.

- Maintain a normal body weight.

- Adopt the Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension, or "DASH," eating plan.

The DASH eating plan calls for consuming eight to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables, three servings of dairy foods, limited animal fat intake and increased intake of plant proteins every day. Make the switch to the DASH eating plan by slowing making manageable, lifestyle changes. (From the American Dietetic Association)

F.Y.I.

Revival Service at Outreach Ministries, 606 E. Lee Highway, January 6-9 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Brian Padgett & Evangelist Victor Alley

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Knight

restrictions.

Mr. Knight was asked to place his hands behind his back and he refused. Mr. Knight began to actively resist arrest by pulling away from officers.

Mr. Knight was repeatedly ordered to stop to which he refused. EMS was called to check Mr. Knight for injuries after being tazed and he was taken to the hospital to have the tazer probes removed. Knight also refused a BAC test.

Timothy Neal Knight, 45, of Manor View Drive, Knoxville, was charged with DUI 3rd, driving on revoked 2nd, resisting stop, halt, frisk, arrest and violation of implied consent. Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD

made the arrest.

Police Beat

Nicky W. Dixon, 22, of Grandview Drive, Loudon, was charged with DUI 1st.

According to the report, Dixon was stopped at a sobriety checkpoint and gave consent to search the vehicle.

Dixon admitted to smoking marijuana earlier and was unsteady on his feet and could not perform sobriety tasks as instructed. Trooper Eric Miller, THP made the arrest.

Robert John Davis, 27, of Hotchkiss Valley Road, Lenoir City, was charged with violation of order of protection.

According to the warrant, filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about December 26, 2007 Davis was calling the victim on

her cell phone and at work.

Davis knew he was not to be calling her at all. Judge Wicks out of Roane County ordered this in November 2007. Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest.

Michael Lee Hollis, 40, of Shipley Lane, Lenoir City was charged with driving while revoked 2nd.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD stopped Hollis for an expired tag and found him to have a revoked license. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

David Joseph Carr, 42, of Notchin Hill Road, Loudon, was charged with failure to

appear.

Officer Buddy Bradshaw, LPD made the arrest.

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

July 14, 2008
August 11, 2008
September 8, 2008
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Stray

LCSD, responded to a Sunnyside Road, Philadelphia residence Sunday where Randi Mills said she had let her dog out and then heard a dog fight on

her back porch.

Mills advised she and her father broke up the fight between her pet and a large brown stray dog and then they tied up the stray and called dispatch.

The officer noted he saw where both dogs had injuries from the fight and the stray, a male dog, had a collar on it, but no ID.

Animal Control was called and took the stray into custody.

Police Beat

Douglas Lee Phillips, 49, of Steekee Road, Loudon, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Deputy Deland observed a red vehicle on Friendship Road. The vehicle had severe body damage on it.

Upon checking the license plate it came back to a different vehicle. Upon stopping the vehicle and speaking with the driver, Mr. Phillips he stated his license was suspended and

a check confirmed. Deputy Ron Deland, LCSD made the arrest.

Scott Allen Cirincione, 26, of Hill St., Niota, was charged with DUI 1st, driving without a license and poss. of drug paraphernalia.

According to the report, Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD approached a grey vehicle on Hwy 11. The vehicle crossed the centerline causing the officer to take action to avoid a collision. The officer followed the vehicle and observed it cross the centerline again and stopped it.

The driver was found to have no license and

a check showed his license cancelled for an unknown reason. The officer detected an odor of an intoxicating beverage on Scott and he performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

Cirincione registered .15% on the intoximeter. Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD made the arrest.

Ernesto Castro, 19, of Steekee Road, Loudon, was charged with no driver license.

According to the report, Officer Rick Eubanks, LCPD responded to a traffic accident and upon arrival found Mr. Castro to be unlicensed. Officer Rick Eubanks, LCPD made the arrest.

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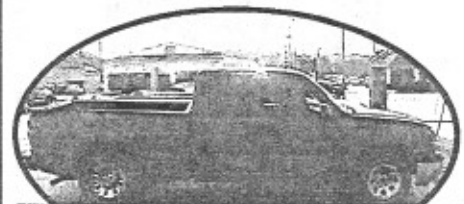
The Lenoir City Utilities Board will conduct their regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The dates of the meetings for 2008 are as follows unless cancelled or postponed for a holiday:

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
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The Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine is a coaching service available at no charge to all Tennessee residents. The QuitLine's trained, credentialed quit coaches guide callers through all phases of the quitting process and help them create an individualized plan to stop smoking. Callers work with the same coach throughout the quitting process to receive personalized assistance to kick tobacco addiction.

"Each year, many Tennesseans resolve to make this the year they will quit tobacco,"

said Donna Henry, director of Health Promotion. "By calling the Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine, individuals will be guided through a tailor-made quitting program by a trained quit coach who will help them to their quit date and beyond. With this crucial support, the likelihood of success greatly increases."

Tobacco users who call the QuitLine to stop smoking or using other tobacco products will join thousands of other Tennesseans who are using this service to help them succeed. Call volume to the QuitLine has soared since implementation of the Non-Smokers Protection Act and an increase in the cigarette

tax this year. More than 3,000 people called the QuitLine in October 2007 alone.

In addition to calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW for support, the Tennessee Department of Health offers the following tips to encourage tobacco users who are preparing to quit in 2008:

Break habits before your quit date. Try to change your routine and take cigarettes and other tobacco products out of the picture. Instead of smoking in the car or house, put cigarettes in the trunk or leave them outside so you are not tempted to pick up the pack.

Find a substitute and delay. When you feel a craving to use tobacco, breathe. Take ten rhythmic breaths and

imagine your lungs filling with clean air. Also try drinking a glass of water, reading a list of your reasons to quit, journaling, or chewing on a toothpick or nicotine replacement.

Change the scenery. Spend as much time as you can in non-smoking places. Remove yourself as much as possible from the situation that has triggered your craving.

Think positively. When feeling tempted to pick up a cigarette and/or dip, chew or rub, hear yourself say "no" and tell yourself how proud you are for quitting. Review your reasons to quit and remember why you want a healthier life.

The Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine is available Monday through

Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern time, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time, and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time. The call center will be closed New Year's Day. QuitLine services for the deaf and hard of hearing are available by calling 1-877-559-3816.

For more information on quitting tobacco use and the Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine, visit the Web site at <http://health.state.tn.us/tobacco-quitline.htm>.

Police Beat

Melissa Renee White, 33, of Summer St., Loudon, was charged with an attachment for child support.

Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

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Decline

ties occurred on Tennessee highways this New Year's holiday than last year, despite a longer holiday period. In 2006-2007, the official holiday period was 78-hours. This year, the holiday period was 102-hours.

This holiday, there were seven fatal crashes. Six were single vehicle crashes, while one was a multiple vehicle crash. Five of the nine

victims were not wearing safety restraints. Alcohol was involved in only one of the seven crashes, which represents a decline from eight fatalities in alcohol-related crashes in 2006-2007.

THP participated in the Governor's Highway Safety Office's Cumberland Crackdown. During the 12-hour special enforcement initiative on Friday, December 28,

2007, the THP and 22 other local law enforcement agencies teamed-up to conduct saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints. The Cumberland Crackdown focused enforcement efforts on Highways 127 and 111 from the Kentucky border and across the Cumberland Plateau to Hamilton County and the Georgia border.

A preliminary holiday statistical report, including the locations of where the fatal crashes occurred over the 2007-08 New Year's holiday period, accompanies this release and is available through the link at the top of this page. Please note the official traffic fatality count may rise due to delays in reporting and classification of traffic fatalities.

The highest number

of fatalities recorded during the New Year's holiday period occurred during the 78-hour period in 1970-71, when 19 people were killed in Tennessee traffic crashes. The lowest number of deaths occurred in 1982-83, when eight people were killed in a 78-hour period.

Police Beat

George Anthony Plemons, 22, of Steekee Road, Loudon, was charged with contributing to the death of a minor. According to the report, Officer Jim Thearp, LPD was on patrol and observed a vehicle parked behind a gas station. There were three subjects in the vehicle and upon them exiting Officer Thearp saw a six pack of beer

in the back seat. There was a 17 year old subject that admitted to drinking beer in the vehicle. Plemons is the only subject that was 21 and admitted to buying the beer.

Jonathan Daniel Fisher, 19, of Rosedale Avenue, Loudon, was charged with driving on revoked and underage consumption of alcohol.

According to the report, Officer Dewayne Williams, LPD observed a vehicle setting behind a gas station. The vehicle had an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from it. A check of Fisher's license showed them to be revoked and he had alcohol on his breath and is only 19. Officer Dewayne Williams, LPD made the arrest.

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