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Friday, March 30, 2007

Man nabbed in forgeries covering 2 counties

A Loudon man was apprehended at the Monroe County line by Sgt. Jeff Russell, LCSD. According to numerous warrants filed by Detective Jason Smith and Detective Chris White, LCSD ND; on Feb. 11, Brian Keith Russell did enter the one stop in Philadelphia and took several items includ-

(see Russell pg. 6)



Russell

Lawn equipment stolen

A local man called police Thursday when he returned home to discover someone

has stolen some lawn equipment from his property.

(see Stolen pg. 4)

DUI driver disregards construction zone, charged

A Maryville man was taken into custody after police stopped his vehicle for disregarding construction signs and barrels and once

(see Charged pg. 3)

Turkey Season Opens Tomorrow

Rules to Keep Turkey Hunting Safe

Tennessee's 2007 Spring Turkey Hunting Season will open thirty minutes before sunrise on Saturday, March 31. Due to the tremendous success of Tennessee's tur-

key restoration efforts, the interest in turkey hunting is on the increase.

As with any hunting, there are certain rules needed to keep turkey hunting safe for

(see Rules pg. 9)

Verse of the day

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:15

Obituaries

Bobbie Sue Branham

Bobbie Wiseman Wright
Helen Mehaffey

Weather:

Today: Showers in the AM with partial clearing in the afternoon. High 76.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers & thunderstorms. Low 57.

Man in vehicle snatches purse, drags woman

Police were called to investigate a complaint of purse snatching Thursday after a woman stopped at a local store and one of three males in a vehicle grabbed her purse and drove away,

dragging her along.

According to records, Deputy Guy Wells, LCSD, was dispatched to J.B.'s Country Store, Highway 321 where he spoke with a Friendsville Road woman

(see Woman pg. 7)

Prowler spotted running from residence

A Philadelphia man called police 3/27 when he heard someone prowling around his residence and looked

out to see a black-clad figure running from his yard.

According to reports, Brandon Hurst, Moss Road,

(see Prowler pg. 6)

Pit Bull missing after purchase inquiry

Authorities were called to a Philadelphia residence Wednesday when a Pit Bull dog was discovered missing after a man asked about

buying it.

According to records, Robert Oody, Rausin Road advised Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD, a man he identified

(see Missing pg. 4)

Company leaves, meds gone

A Lenoir City man called authorities Thursday to report his medication missing after he'd had guests.

According to reports, Harvey Perkins, Old Highway 95,

(see Meds pg. 8)

TDOT's 511 Motorist Information Line Hits Half Million Calls

Nashville, — Seven months after the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) unveiled Tennessee 511, travelers are turning to the motorist

information line in ever-increasing numbers. Tennessee 511 was launched by Governor Phil Bredesen and TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely on August 14, 2006.

(see 511 pg. 7)

Saturday: Cloudy. Highs: low 80s; Lows: mid 60s.
Sunday: Scattered thunderstorms. Highs: low 70s; Lows: upper 50s.

Wazzup

The powers that be at Wal Mart were going to discontinue fabrics by the

end of April, but changed their minds - for now. Call 1-800-WALMART and let them know how you feel.

Horoscopes:

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

A friend may resent the
(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Horoscopes

ease with which you attract the right people, but it's not your problem. If they want to talk about it, of course you'll listen. You don't need to feel guilty about it, though.

Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain when it comes to calling someone's bluff. In the process, you'll realize how low the stakes were in the first place. Could it be that you're done playing games?

Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

You're about to get some very welcome news about a creative effort, but before you're able to appreciate it to its fullest, you need to tie up some loose ends from your past. Get to work and do it now.

Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

Emotional setbacks can hurt like heck. If you're not ready to move on, you're not ready, so don't force yourself. Let your feelings exist. They'll be over and done with before you know it.

Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

It might feel a little bit awkward and strange as you take on new roles in life, but then you realize that change is inevitable. Accept transitions, and they'll gradually become easier. This new role

suits you to a tee.

Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

You're focusing on your health and well-being with a new sense of energy and commitment. Make exercise and cooking regular parts of your routine, and you may pick up a cute new romantic prospect along the way.

Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

Are you unsure why these old patterns keep cropping up in your life? It's a good time to take a break from your current activities and examine what's really going on. Some self-exploration can work wonders.

Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

You're not out of the woods yet -- but almost! Keep a positive attitude and have faith that you'll get through this just fine. Once you figure out how you can keep learning from the process, you'll be in the clear.

Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Everyone's got an opinion (or two or three) about what you should do next, but only you know what's best. Ignore everybody's input (which you didn't ask for anyway) and connect with yourself as you revamp your game plan.

Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

You're rocking

and rolling, so why doesn't this feel like more of a party? The stars sympathize, but they say you have to get through this rough patch before you hit a sweet spot. Just hang in there.

Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

This rough patch of your recent history is, believe it or not, a great opportunity to learn how to change things for the better. Stop bemoaning your fate. Figure out the divine lesson in these events.

Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Live and let live - that's your mantra right now, and a darn good one, too. Chant it even if you see people making decisions you think are a little kooky. You'll be glad you took a vow of noninterference.

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Charged

stopped he was found to be under the influence of alcohol with two minor children in the vehicle.

Jack D. Hamilton, 52, of Denton Hayes Road, Maryville, was charged with DUI and

reckless endangerment.

According to the report, Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD was on patrol on Hwy 321 when a gray vehicle pulled from Hwy 95 onto Hwy 321 through some construction barrels.

The roadway was blocked so vehicles would not turn left. It was also posted no left turn and the vehicle and driver ignored the sign and was stopped.

When corporal Estes approached the

vehicle he could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. The driver was Jack Hamilton and he reported he had 2 beers.

Hamilton was very unsteady on his feet and performed poorly on sobriety tests. He registered .13% on the intoximeter. In the vehicle with Hamilton were a male juvenile

and a female juvenile both 16 years of age.

Another passenger in the vehicle, Anthony Willard Hamilton, 33, of Deaton Hays Road, Maryville was charged with public intoxication. He had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was also very unsteady on his feet. Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD made the arrests.



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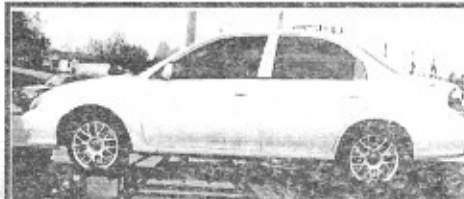
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Missing

had come to his residence and asked to buy a Pit Bull dog and when the man left his residence his American Red Nose Pit was gone.

The officer reported a witness advised he saw the accused man leave with the \$500 dog in his truck.

The case is under investigation.

Stolen

According to reports, Carl Kerr, Newton Road, told Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD, he was away from home for a couple of days and when he returned he discovered someone had taken his lawnmower from his front porch and his weed trimmer from a storage building located behind his house.

Kerr described the mower as gray and yellow push

mower with yellow wheels he had purchased at either Home Depot or Lowe's. Kerr reportedly said he purchased the weed trimmer in Knoxville and valued it at \$200, but said he didn't have the value of the mower.

The value of the loss was believed to have exceeded \$500, however. Two suspects were identified to police.

Police Beat

Ever Perez, 18, of Allen St., Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license. According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD received a call of a possible wreck on Hwy 72. On arrival the officer found Perez standing outside the vehicle.

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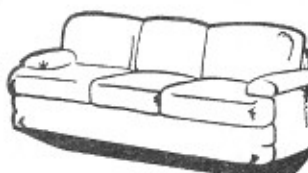
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Obituaries

Bobbie Wiseman Wright, of Loudon, passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2007. She was a retired teacher, artist and an avid genealogist. Bobbie was a member of Loudon United Methodist Church and a former hostess at Carmichael Inn. Preceded in death by parents, Austin and Mona Wiseman. Survived by son, Pat Wright and wife, Betty of Loudon; daughter, Carolyn Wright Hampton and husband, Chester of Knoxville; grandchildren; Caleb Wright and fiancée, Lou Ellen Mills of Raleigh, NC, Trina Wright Medlock and husband, Clint of Dothan, Ala., Seth Wright and fiancée, Krista Wilson of Loudon, Allen Rodriguez, Jackie Hill both of Phoenix, AZ and Lindsey Turnbull of Lenoir City; great grandchildren, Alli Medlock and Bryson Turnbull; sister, Joann Thompson of Oak Ridge; two nieces and one nephew. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Click Funeral Home with funeral services to follow at 7 p.m. Rev. Keith Wilkerson will officiate. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Saturday at Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens for graveside services with Rev. Tony Collins officiating. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Bobbie Sue Branham, age 51 of Kingston formerly of Lenoir City, passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at Park West Hospital. She was a member of Smith Grove Baptist Church. Preceded in death by parents, Paul and Martha Moats; sister, Charlotte Haynes and brother, David Moats. Survived by her husband of 30 years, Stanley (Beaver) Branham; daughters, Charlotte Ann Bales and husband, Mitch of Ten Mile, Linda Maynard and husband, Sam of Lenoir City, Jennifer Stiltner and husband, Bryan of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Morgan, Hailey, Emilie and

Brooke; brothers, Billy, Paul and Gary Moats; sisters, Kathy Moats and Janie Mills; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Click Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Darrell Hackworth officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Branham family.

Helen Mehaffey, age 67 of Greenback, passed away March 17, 2007 in Georgia where she had been residing with her daughter. She attended Axley Chapel Church United Methodist Church. Survived by children; grandchildren; brothers; sisters, many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31st at Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City. Private interment will be held in the Axley Chapel Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is serving the Mehaffey family.

Russell

ing 10 lottery tickets worth \$10 each. Russell did exit the store without paying for the tickets and video evidence proved this.

On February 22, 2007 Russell went to Bob's Market and wrote a check for \$94.81 on a closed account that was stolen from the victim,

Mr. Smith of Lenoir City.

On February 24, 2007 Russell went to Bob's Market and wrote a check for \$47.49 and signed the victims name on the stolen check from a closed account.

On February 28, 2007 Russell went to Bob's Market and wrote a check for \$130.14 on a closed account. The checks were stolen from Mr. Smith and he gave no one permission to write any checks.

On March 1, 2007 Russell went to Bob's Market and wrote a check on the same closed account for \$147.84 without the permission or knowledge of the victim. Russell wrote another check to Bob's the same day for \$92.53.

On March 1, 2007 Russell did go to Bob's Market and wrote a check for \$72.53 on a closed account. The check written was a stolen check from Mr. Smith who had no knowledge and he gave no one permission to write any checks.

On March 2, 2007 Russell wrote another check to Bob's Mar-

ket for \$85.07 that was on a closed account. The check was stolen from the victim, Mr. Smith.

On March 3, 2007 Russell wrote a check for \$140.14 to Bob's Market on a closed account. The check was stolen from the victim, Mr. Smith of Lenoir City.

The warrant from Monroe County involves the same victim here but the check was written to a Monroe County business.

Brian K. Russell, 33, of Caldwell Road, Loudon, was charged with theft, forgery x8, failure to appear on charges from Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSD ND; and forgery out of Monroe County. More charges in this case are pending. Sgt. Jeff Russell, LCSD made the arrest.

Prowler

told Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSD, he heard something hit the back of his residence, then the side, and finally the front. He then saw someone

dressed in dark clothing running through his back yard.

The officer reported there were no signs of damage done to the residence and he didn't find anything on the outside that could have been thrown at the home.

The incident reportedly occurred around 11:30 p.m.

Police Beat

John C. Barnett, Jr., 33, of Hwy 70, Lenoir City, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, medical personnel were dispatched to Chili's regarding a white male passed out in the grassy area of the parking lot. It was determined by medics the Mr. Barnett was drunk and incapable of walking any distance.

Police were then called and the officer determined Mr. Barnett had been drinking, smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage, was unsteady on his feet and acknowledged drinking 3 "turkeys". Officer James E. Smith, LCPD made the arrest.

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"Governor Bredesen and I presented 511 to the public last August, and we are very pleased at the tremendous response from motorists," said Commissioner Nicely. "Motorists are using the 511 system in increasing numbers to get current and accurate information on road conditions in Tennessee."

The Tennessee 511 system is a component of a nationwide plan to provide reliable

traveler information to the motoring public. Tennessee was the 24th state to launch a 511 system since the initiative began in 2000.

Tennessee 511 uses both touch-tone and voice-activated technology. Upon dialing 511, a caller is presented with a list of options that can be accessed either by using their phone keypad or by simply speaking. The available options include current information on traffic conditions, statewide weather information, access to TDOT's Record-A-Comment phone line, Amber Alerts, and links to neighboring state 511 systems.

Judy Steele, TDOT Community Rela-

tions Director added, "I am delighted that motorists in Tennessee continue to trust and depend on 511 as a one-stop resource for obtaining accurate statewide travel information. The investment that TDOT made in this technology is paying off by making travel safer and more convenient for Tennessee's drivers."

Tennessee 511 can be accessed 24-hours a day, either by phone or on the internet at www.TN511.com. Although Tennessee 511 provides information on construction-related lane closures, more detailed construction information may be obtained on TDOT's web site www.tennessee.gov/tidot. Also, it is important

to note that general congestion, such as daily rush hour traffic, is not reported through the 511 system.

Woman

who said she and her family had stopped at the store and as she was leaving a car with three males in it pulled up and one of them asked for directions.

The woman reported she gave the directions and then one of the men grabbed her purse and drove off, dragging her for about ten to fifteen feet. Her husband then chased the vehicle and got a tag number, but reported he lost the suspects in Knox County.

The lawman re-

ported the woman sustained numerous scrapes and bruises to her arm and shoulders, but refused EMS at the scene.


The vehicle was believed to have been from Virginia or North Carolina and no other information was available at the time of the report.

The woman reported her purse contained her wallet, driver's license, social security card and other personal items.


Police Beat

Lora Jane Bright, 35, of 2nd Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with a mitimus out of Lenoir City. Officer Kevin Walker, LCSD made the arrest.

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Meds

Told Investigator Chris White, LCSD, two prescription medications had been stolen from him and he had last seen it two days earlier on Tuesday.

Perkins further advised he'd had some company over around the time the medicine turned up missing and he's had no one over since.

Possible suspects were identified to police.

Police Beat

Rosas Aguilar Leonardo, 20, of Fox Lomas Drive, Knoxville, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Deputy Ben Munro, LCSD while on regular patrol had

a silver vehicle pass him going 69mph in a 45mph construction zone on Hwy 321 @ Jackson Bend Road in Greenback.

The vehicle stopped on Tellico Parkway and the officer talked to the driver. A check showed he was driving without a license. Deputy Ben Munro, LCSD made the arrest.

Michael Albert Decker,

42, of Vaughns Chapel Road, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD responded to a possible forgery call at the RxPerts on Hwy 72. Upon arrival the officer spoke with the subject who had brought the prescription in which was Mr. Decker and he was sitting in the lobby.

Decker had ex-

tremely glossy and bloodshot eyes and admitted to taking three oxycontin 40mg on that date and advised he was addicted to oxycontin. Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

Jennifer An Maxwell, 38, of Village Oaks Circle, Cleveland, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy John Maples, LCSD made the arrest at the Bradley County Jail.

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Rules

the participants, reminds the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). Of primary concern is the occasional accident when a turkey hunter does properly identify his or her target. Even one accident is too many. The TWRA encourages all turkey hunters to follow defensive turkey hunting tactics recommended by the National Wild Turkey Federation.

If you plan to hunt wild turkeys in Tennessee this season follow these safety rules:

Select the largest stump, blow-down, tree trunk or rock that is wider than your shoulders and higher than your head to place your back against when calling;

a hunter is more likely to spot another hunter when moving to the front or side than from behind.

Eliminate the colors white, red, black and blue from your hunting outfit; this includes handkerchiefs, socks, underwear, etc... these are the colors of a turkey gobbler.

Select your calling spot in open timber rather than thick brush; eliminating movement is the key to success, not concealment.

Be discreet when imitating the sound of a gobbling turkey.

A good woodsman can always detect movement in the woods by watching other game or listening for the alarm cries of blue jays, crows, squirrels or woodpeckers. Be alert.

When songbirds, crows or your turkey shuts up, be alert. There's a good chance another hunter may be moving in on the same turkey.

Never move, wave or make turkey sounds to alert another hunter of your presence. Remain still and speak in a loud, clear voice to announce your presence. These tactics are safer than quick movements. Use common sense.

For all the rules and regulations about the 2007 turkey season, pick up a copy of the 2006 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold or go to TWRA's website at www.tennessee.gov.

Police Beat

Jessika Lauren Massey, 20, of Hines Court, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on revoked and speeding.

According to the report, Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD stopped a vehicle on McGhee Blvd for speeding 46mph in a 30mph zone.

Officer Whitt ran a check and discovered Massey to have a revoked license for failure to file insurance after an accident.

Brian Keith Jones, 36, of Summer St., Loudon, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Officer Samuel Harrison, LPD was advised there was a

suspicious individual asking for money in the Jiffy parking lot.

Upon arrival the officer located Jones inside someones van in the parking lot. The driver of the van advised Mr. Jones jumped in her vehicle in an attempt to keep police from finding him, even against her wishes.

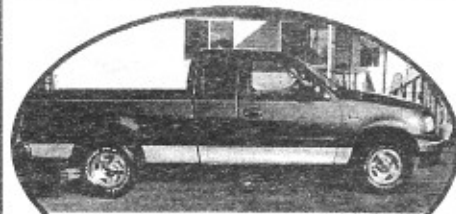
Jones had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and also became verbally combative. Officer Samuel Harrison, LPD made the arrest.

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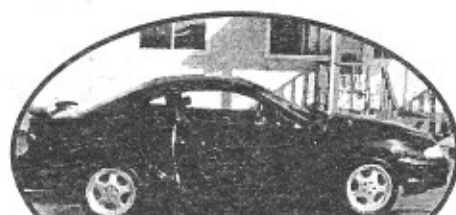
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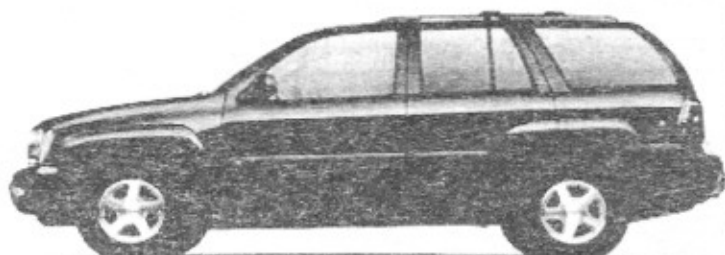
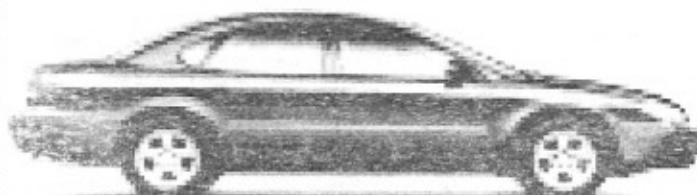
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