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Thursday, April 19, 2007

## Cratty nabbed in robbery of Rite Aid

Thomas Mason Cratty was apprehended by Officer Kenny Ridings, LPD at the Fort Sanders Loudon Medical Center after he went into the pharmacy with a knife and demanded pills.

According to the warrants, filed by Officer Samuel Harrison, LPD; on April 12, 2007, Thomas Mason Cratty with the intent to deprive the owner of their property took a bottle of Hydrocodone from the Rite Aid in Loudon without the owners permis-

(see Cratty pg. 7)

## Man throws 'torch' at tax time

Police arrested a local man after he allegedly hit his spouse with a candle, causing her to be transported to the hospital for treatment.

Terry Wayne Schuler, 61, of Talah Lane, Loudon, was

(see Schuler pg. 4)

## Drug calls lands 2 in hoosegow

Two men were taken into custody when police responded to a drug call and found one of the men to be in possession of a joint and the other a small amount of



Cratty

## Loud muffler brings bad day

A local man was jailed after police stopped his vehicle for having a loud muffler and it was discovered his driving privileges are suspended.

James Andrew Davis, 24,

(see Muffler pg. 7)

crack.

Timothy Lopez James, 20, of Omen Drive, Sevierville, was charged with poss. of sch. VI and VOP.

According to the report,

(see Hoosegow pg. 6)

## A sign of the times...



Here's your sign: Big changes are a'comin to Highway 321 as evidenced by this sign erected Wednesday morning near 1-75

## Man writes check on closed account, charged

Police arrested an Oak Ridge man after he reportedly wrote a check for over \$3000 on a closed account and then refused to make good on it.

Timothy Lee Bowerman, 50, of Elliott Circle, Oak Ridge, was charged with a worthless check.

According to the warrant, filed by Investigator Chris

(see Bowerman pg. 3)

## Drunk driver charged

Zachary Robert Gardener, 20, of E. 1st Avenue, Lenoir city was charged with underage driving while impaired, viol. of implied consent, viol. of head light law, and reck-

(see Charged pg. 6)



Bowerman

## Shoplifter charged

A local woman was jailed when she reportedly was seen stuffing silverware and clothes in purse at a Lenoir City business.

Donna Elaine Purdy, 42, of

(see Shoplifter pg. 6)

## Verse of the day

*Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea 10:12*

## Obituaries

James Doyle (Doc) Ragsdale

## Weather:

Today: Cloudy with a few showers. High around 65. Tonight: A few clouds from time to time. Low 48. Friday: A few clouds. Highs: low 70s: Lows: upper 40s.

## Wazzup

Congrats on your new job, Donnie H.. Keep up the good work!

## Horoscopes:

### Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

You're all about hitting the ground running -- aren't

you? The current astrological influence suggests that you mellow out and enjoy being instead of constantly doing. Why don't you take a long bath and sing silly songs?

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

**Horoscopes****Taurus**

(Apr 21-May 20)

Your heart feels like you're missing a key piece of the puzzle, but your brain insists it's all systems go. What to do? Well, listen to your heart, first of all. Remember that feelings are a form of evidence, too.

**Gemini**

(May 21-June 21)

Sometimes one and one don't add up to two. Think in terms of other kinds of logic, not just rationality. When you take other factors into account - like your heart -- this changes the equation radically.

**Cancer**

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

Is it possible that you've built up this person into more than he or she can reasonably live up to? Yes, there are many admirable qualities here, but that's no reason to take leave of your senses. Get some perspective.

**Leo**

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

If you let them, your loved ones can help with some onerous tasks. The trick is presenting your desires to them, but not necessarily making demands. Be creative and considerate, and you'll find a way.

**Virgo**

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

A turning point is on the horizon, forcing you

to reassess your conduct in relationships. It should be a healthy transition, especially if you work at fostering a sense of understanding between you and your loved ones.

**Libra**

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

Delegate a few of those pesky details while you deal with the bigger picture. Later, you can coordinate your efforts with the team. That way, all of you can pay to your strengths, and while you're at it, build a better mousetrap.

**Scorpio**

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Lately you've had this idea that your efforts never seem to add up to quite as much as you'd like. Don't forget the flipside. What you're learning during your journey is far more valuable than easy success would be.

**Sagittarius**

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

You're in a sentimental state of mind, which could lead you to feeling a little more stubborn than usual. You liked things exactly the way they were, darn it! Go ahead and enjoy this trip down memory lane.

**Capricorn**

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Steadfast and loyal: That's you. When it comes to old friendships, you never say die. Your pals appreciate your attitude, especially if one of them is

going through a rough time. You're a rock for them to lean on.

**Aquarius**

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

You know how to deal with any and all opponents. You simply ensure a victory, wiping them all out. If that opponent, however, happens to be a loved one, look for a more diplomatic solution.

**Pisces**

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Fighting change is like trying to reverse the tides: futile and exhausting. Once you accept that fluctua-

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## Bowerman

White, LCSD CID; on July 12, 2006 Timothy Bowerman did issue a check to Christmas Lumber Co. for the amount of \$3069.11. The check was written on a closed account at Union Plant-

ers Bank. The check was for materials that were delivered to a job site at River Chase in Lenoir City.

On December 26, 2006 the Christmas Lumber Co. sent Bowerman a letter via certified mail, which was signed for by

Patty Bowerman on December 27, 2006 requesting payment on the check. Timothy Bowerman has not made good on the check nor has he attempted to make any type of restitution to Christmas Lumber Company.

Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSD made the arrest.

### Police Beat

Fernando Sagrero, 47 of Clinton Hwy, Knoxville, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Sagrero was observed speeding on Hwy 72 and stopped. He was found to be unlicensed.

Officer April Farmer, LPD made the arrest.



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#1 Appoint Executive Director.

#2 Set salary and approve back pay for acting Executive Director.

#3 Approve removal of former Commissioners and Executive Director from checking and savings account.

#4 Add new Executive Director and Resident Commissioner to checking and savings account.

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## Schuler

charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to the report, Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSD responded to a domestic situation in Tellico Village. Upon arrival Mr. Schuler stated he and his wife were in an argument over income taxes. At some point the argument escalated and Mr. Schuler picked up a candle and struck the victim in the left side of the head.

The victim had red marks and abrasions on the right side of her face and was transported to the hospital for treatment by Rural Metro EMS. Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSD made the arrest.

## Police Beat

David Adam Bradford, 24, of Old Kingston Hwy, Roane County, was charged with domestic violence assault.

According to the report, Sgt. RS Newman, LPD received a call of an unwanted person on Summer St. Upon arrival the officer observed a white vehicle leave the area. After stopping the vehicle the driver, Mr. Bradford had a bloody head and appeared to have been drinking. He stated he had went to his ex girlfriend's to get his belongings

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(Above) Amanda Ward & Det. Kay Arnwine speak to the pre-schoolers at Wee-Folks daycare about child safety.

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Good job LCPD; thanks for the good work that directly affects our children's futures.



Det. Arnwine speaks to a group of home-schooled children at Lenoir City park as parents look on.

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### -School House Rocks"

Lenoir City High School is presenting the musical "School House Rocks" on April 26th & 27th at the auditorium in LCHS. For more info and ticket prices call: (865) 986-2072.

### -LCHS Baseball

The Panthers will take on the Maryville Rebels at home on Wednesday. 6:00 p.m. is the first pitch. The Panthers then travel to Cumberland Co. on Thursday. Opening pitch is scheduled for 7:00 p.m..

### -Community Band Wanted

Loudon Parks and Recreation is seeking musicians interested in forming a community band to perform at the all new Tate@ Lyle Performing Arts Center and special events. If interested, please call at (865) 458-7525.

# Youth Baseball Opens at Lee Russell Recreation Complex

On a beautiful April evening the Lenoir City Parks and Recreation Department kicked-off its annual youth baseball season. Children and parents filled all three ball fields at the Lee Russell Sports Complex to watch some exciting baseball games and even enjoy a hotdog or two and some popcorn. It was a great night to enjoy America's favorite past time and spend some quality time with the family.



(above) The little league games at L/R Complex were competitive and exciting with some great come from behind victories and a couple of heartbreaking losses.

(Right and Below) The coach pitch division had quite a few spirited games with the teams on the field and pre-game warm-ups.

(Bottom Right) #8 gets a semi-high five after coming around third and home to plate the run in an early ball game.



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\*\*\*\* look here for more upcoming events

## Congratulations to Amanda Flores

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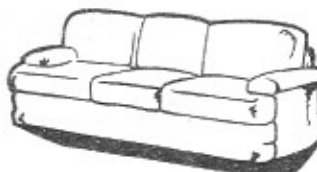
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## Obituaries

**James Doyle (Doc) Ragsdale**, of Lenoir City; born in Greene County on May 10, 1929, passed away Monday, April 16, 2007 at Park West Hospital. He was of the Baptist faith. Doc was retired from T. V. A. and a member of Teamster Union Local #818. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army serving in the Korean War. Doc was preceded in death by parents, Melvin and Della Ragsdale; twin brother, Floyd Ragsdale; brothers, Kenneth and Horace Ragsdale; sister, Mildred Eblen; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Boyd and Genzil Pickel. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carrie Lou Pickel Ragsdale; children: Linda Ragsdale of Knoxville, James (Eddie) Ragsdale and wife, Debbie of Alabama, Tommy Ragsdale, Martha Westberry and husband, Smiley all of Lenoir City; grandchildren: James E. Ragsdale and wife, Shawn of Colorado, Randy Ragsdale and wife, Rabbitha of Loudon, Stanley Ragsdale of George, Rebecca Lawson of Knoxville and Allison Ragsdale of Indiana; great grandchildren: Casey and Austin Ragsdale of Colorado, Aile and Haley Ragsdale of Loudon; brother-in-law, Howard Eblen of Knoxville; sister-in-law, Louise Ragsdale Walden of Philadelphia; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jim and Norene Pickel of Powell; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Shirley and Harry Inman of Knoxville; five

nieces; four nephews; several great nieces and great nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Wednesday with funeral services to follow at 8 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Scot Wells officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Thursday at Loudon County Memorial Gardens for graveside services with Rev. Danny Curtis officiating. Military honors will be conferred by VFW Post 5150 and American Legion Post 120, 70 and 256. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Ragsdale family.

### Hoosegow

Sgt. Jimmey Wiggins, LCSD was called to McGhee Square in reference to a possible drug possession. The deputy saw Tim James outside an apartment and the deputy asked Mr. James if he was a resident at McGhee Square and he stated he was not. James was asked if he had any drugs on him and did he care if the officer searched him down. He stated he did not mind.

Upon a consensual search of Mr. James the officer found a brown hand rolled cigarette containing a green and brown

leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Mr. James admit that it was indeed marijuana.

A warrants check showed him to be wanted for VOP.

According to the affidavit, James was convicted of simple poss x2, and VOP and was sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days.

Since then he has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$1927; failed to pay supervision fees \$240; failed to complete A/D assessment; and failed to respond to notices.

Gary Lynn Wright, aka Pinball, 22, of Kelly Lane, Lenoir City was charged with poss. of sch. II (crack), and poss. of Sgt. Jimmey Wiggins, LCSD made the arrest.

### Shoplifter

Johnson Drive, was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, Purdy was observed in the Dollar General Market concealing items in her purse. She had spoons, forks & chil-

drens clothing valued at \$13.

Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD made the arrest.

### Charged

less driving.

According to the report, Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD was on patrol when he observed a vehicle with its bright lights on and the vehicle failed to dim them. The deputy then turned to make a traffic stop and the vehicle sped off at a high rate of speed in a residential area.

The vehicle then turned and the vehicle finally stopped. When the deputy approached he immediately detected

a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the driver's person.

Zachary performed poorly on sobriety tests and refused a BAC test and refused to sign the form. Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD made the arrest.

### Police Beat

Kevin Benton Wiliford, 35, of Longbottom Road, Williamsburg, KY, was charged with public intoxication. According to the report, Wiliford was at a Convenience Store and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person. Officer Mike Robinson, LCPD made the arrest.

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## Muffler

of Pardue Lane, Lenoir City was charged with revoked license, financial responsibility and anti noise law.

According to the report, Officer Eddie Range, LCPD stopped the vehicle Davis was driving for a loud muffler. A check showed him to have a revoked

license and he had no insurance either. Officer Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

## Cratty

sion.

This happened when Cratty went into the Rite Aid Pharmacy with a knife and demanded the pills. The victim turned over a bottle of hy-

drocodone valued at \$100.

After committing the robbery offense at the Rite Aid, Cratty led officers in a motor vehicle pursuit where he intentionally attempted to elude arrest.

Cratty, during the pursuit, traveled East on Hwy 72, south on Hwy 11, through a trailer park and eventually came to a stop on Calloway Road where he was immediately taken into custody.

He was charged and taken to the jail on April 16, 2007.

Thomas Mason Cratty, 32, of Get Good Hollow Road, Loudon, was charged with aggravated robbery, felony evading arrest, driving on re-

voked 3rd, poss. of sch. II and theft under \$500.

Officer Kenny Ridings, LPD made the arrest.

## Police Beat

Elizabeth Hope Gilby, 41, of Sunnyside Road, Philadelphia, was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Gilby was convicted of theft x6 and sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days.

Since then she has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$3967; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$265; failed drug screen and was arrested on new charges March

21, 2007.

Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSD made the arrest.

Roy G. Harvey, 55, of Kingston Hwy Lenoir City was charged with DUI.

According to the report, Harvey was stopped at a checkpoint and had slurred speech and could not perform sobriety tests. He admitted to drinking a few drinks along with taking prescription medications.

Trooper Russell Smith THP made the arrest.

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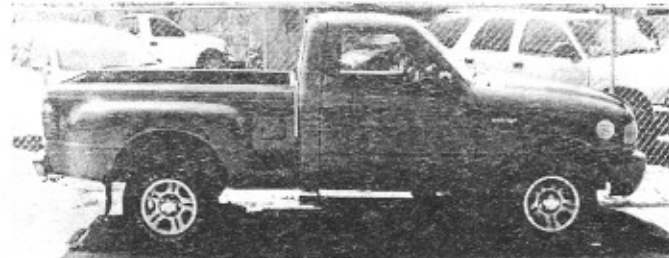
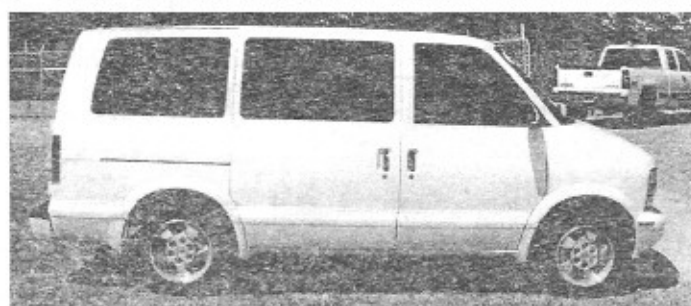
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