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Friday, May 30, 2008

LCSD K9 Unit is "Top Dog" at USPCA Dog Trial

On May 18, 2008 the Loudon County Sheriff's (LCSD) K9 Unit went to Cookeville, TN to compete and certify in the United States Police Canine Association's (USPCA) 16 Annual National Detector Dog Trial. Eighty-three K9 teams gathered in Cookeville to compete and certify in the trial. These teams are some of the best in the nation and came from all over the country, including from Iowa, Georgia, North Carolina, Idaho, Minnesota, Florida, Texas, Washington D.C., Canada and many more areas.

(see Top Dog pg. 9)



Photo above: LCSD K9 Unit members from left - Deputy Chris Jenkins (K9 Diego), Deputy Michael Watkins (K9 Denero), Cpl. Paul Curtis (K9 Deacon) and Sgt. Billy Hall (K9 Draga) take home top awards

Update: woman charged in shooting

A local woman has been charged in the shooting of a Kingston woman that reportedly occurred when the victim and her boyfriend tried to wrestle a revolver away from her after she pointed it at another guest of her home.

Shelia Ann Richardson, 55,
(see Richardson pg. 8)



Shelia Ann Richardson

Deputy finds vandalism while after finishing alarm call

A local deputy discovered a case of vandalism as he was leaving a residence on

an alarm call Monday.

Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSD, reported he was
(see Vandalism pg. 6)

Burglars hit GB home

Authorities were summoned to Greenback residence Monday afternoon when a man returned home from work to find that while he was out making an honest living, thieves were invading his home and stealing.

(see Burglary pg. 3)

Credit card fraud

Police were called to investigate a case of credit card fraud after a Lenoir City man learned someone had been using his Visa card to order items over the

(see Fraud pg. 7)

P.O.A. reports vandalism

Police were called to Tellico Village Tuesday morning when Tellico Village P.O.A.

property was found vandalized.

According to reports,
(see P.O.A. pg. 3)

Verse of the day

Let nothing be done through strife or vain-glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Philippians 2:3

Obituaries

None

Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy. Warm. High 89.

Tonight: Clear skies with a few passing clouds. Low 68.
Saturday: Scattered thunderstorms. High: low 90s;

Lows: upper 60s.

Sunday: Scattered thunderstorms possible. High: low 80s; Lows: low 60s.

Wazzup

Thank-you for all your help, Dan Bell!

Great cheeseburger Jonathan B. - very yummy!

Horoscopes

Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

You long for a big change in your life -- one that seems to be a long time coming. It's a good time to try way-out ideas and see what happens.

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Burglary

ing his property.

Deputy Marty Stanley, LCSD, reported he was dispatched to Peterson Road where he spoke with James Tarwater who said he returned home from work to find his back door broken and several items missing from inside his house.

Tarwater reported the missing items include all his prescription medications, none of which were narcotics, a Ruger Mark .22 pistol, a special, one-of-a-kind Case hunting knife, another knife that is handmade from a railroad spike and several pieces of his fiancée's jewelry.

CSI Investigator

Charles Cosner was called to the residence and the case turned over to him. The value of the loss was unknown at the time of the report.

Police Beat

Kasey Ann-Marie Henson, 18, of Mulberry St., Loudon, was charged with domestic violence assault.

According to the report, Officer Bobby Lankford, LPD received a call of a domestic disturbance on Mulberry St. Upon arrival the officer spoke with the victim who is the caregiver of Henson.

She reported Kasey had become combative toward her and officers could hear her screaming from the next room.

Kasey was taken into custody and mobile crises was contacted.

Officer Bobby Lankford, LPD made the arrest.

Tonda Sue Ferguson, 45, of Woodland Drive, Kingston, was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, Ferguson was observed by Walmart loss prevention selecting and concealing a lacrosse tweezer valued at \$6.68.

Officer Nathan Wilson, LCPD made the arrest.

Mary Jane Doane, 51, of Christian St. Philadelphia, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer William Evans, LPD observed a vehicle on Hwy 72 driving erratic and swerving and stopped it.

Doane was the driver and she was found to have a suspended license. Officer Evans made the arrest.

Brent Allen Snyder, 25, of Caldwell Rd.,

Philadelphia, was charged with failure to appear x2.

Deputy Adam Bryant, LCSD made the arrest.

Michael David White, 42, of Kingston St. Lenoir City, was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to the report, Officer Darrell Butler, LCPD was dispatched to Kingston St. and found the victim and Michael White had been in a physical confrontation and the victim had scratch marks on her arm.

The victim stated Michael had started to leave and as she was there to get her property she sat down in the car to tell him to unlock the basement so she could get her stuff. She stated he tried to choke her (no marks) and he stated she tried to grab his keys and she got scratched in the process.

Officer Butler made the arrest.

Joseph P. Fitch, 28, of Jaynes St. Sweetwater, was charged with driving on revoked 2nd.

According to the report, Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSD stopped a vehicle for speeding and Fitch was the driver.

Fitch was found to have a revoked license with one prior conviction. Deputy Goddard made the arrest.

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Police Beat

Johnny Ray Clowers, 23, of Maryville Pike, Knoxville, was charged with an attachment for failure to appear.

Deputy Adam Bryant, LCSD made the arrest.

Jackie Eugene Jones, 49, of Vale Street, Loudon, was charged with driving on revoked.

According to the report, Officer April Farmer, LPD observed Jones driving a vehicle and had prior knowledge his license was revoked and stopped him.

A check indeed showed Jones to have a revoked license.

Melissa Ann Stamey, 28, of Morris St., Sweetwater, was charged with a mitimus out of Lenoir City.

Lt. Gillis Morgan, LCPD made the arrest.

Johnathan Ray King, of Paint Rock Valley Road, Philadelphia, was charged with DUI.

According to the report, King was involved in an accident on Blue Springs Road. Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD found King had been drinking and fell asleep and left the roadway.

King registered .15% on the intoximeter. Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD made the arrest.

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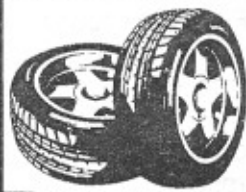
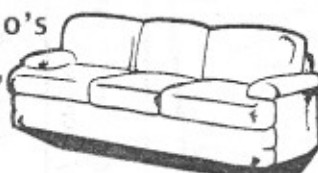
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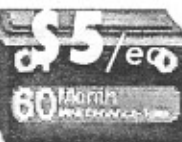
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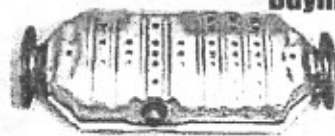
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leaving a residence on Martel Road just after 8:30 p.m. and was pulling out of the driveway when he noticed the front door on a nearby residence was open.

The officer reported he checked inside and found the door appeared to have been forced open and the frame was damaged with several pieces of the door lying on the floor. The house also was empty with no one living in it.

The owners, identified as Michael and Julie Masters of Lenoir City, were located and police learned the couple

had recently evicted renters from the home and have problems with them ever since.

The case is under investigation.

Police Beat

William Glenn Gooden, 37, of Cedar Street, Loudon, was charged with DUI 1st.

According to the report, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD clocked a vehicle on Hwy 11 and stopped it. Gooden was the driver and he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and reported he had drank a six pack and there was a half empty beer in the console of the

vehicle.

Gooden registered .11% on the intoximeter. Officer Bennie Houser, LPD made the arrest.

Jerry Wayne Jones

Jr., 27 of Atkins Loop Road, Williamsburg, KY, was charged with driving on revoked.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD stopped Jones for being around a closed business. A check showed him to have a revoked license. Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Budget Committee Meetings

Lenoir City Budget Committee will meet at City Hall in the small conference room on the following dates/times:


- Tuesday, June 3, 2008
- Tuesday, June 10, 2008
- Thursday, June 12, 2008
- Tuesday, June 17, 2008
- Thursday, June 19, 2008

All meetings are scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meetings will be continued consideration/discussion in the preparation of the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget


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Gene Hamby, Chair

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Richardson

of Ellis Road, Lenoir City was charged with 2 counts of aggravated assault and reckless endangerment.

According to the warrants, filed by CSI Investigator Charles Cosner, LCSD on May 27th at approximately 12:30am Loudon County Emergency Communications Center received a call that the caller's girlfriend had been shot. Upon arrival deputies located the victim, identified as Brenda Marsh, with a gunshot wound to the hand.

While conducting the investigation the following facts were gathered from witnesses at the location. Ms. Marsh, along with boyfriend, Clayton Jarrard, Shawn Miller

and Shelia Ann Richardson were sitting on the screened-in back porch drinking for several hours.

Mrs. Richardson became enraged and started arguing with Mr. Miller and Ms. Marsh. Mrs. Richardson went to her bedroom where she retrieved a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver and then returned to the back porch.

Mr. Miller left the back porch and was setting in Ms. Marsh's vehicle, which was parked just outside the porch.

Mrs. Richardson pointed the revolver at Mr. Miller and stated to him the gun was loaded and the safety was off. Mrs. Richardson then pointed the gun at Ms. Marsh and threatened to kill her.

Mr. Jarrard grabbed Mrs. Richardson's arm and they started wrestling over the gun. Ms. Marsh also attempted to get the gun from Mrs. Richardson. The gun discharged into the right hand of Ms. Marsh causing extensive damage that required surgery to repair.

CSI Investigator Charles Cosner, LCSD

made the arrest and filed the charges.

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Top Dog

LCSD's four-dog K9 unit consists of three dual purpose dogs and one utility dog, all of which are drug sniffing dogs. They participated in the two exercises that make up the test. One is an indoor test where the K9 teams had to check three rooms for two drug hides that the judges place secretly. The other test is similar, but it is an outdoor test where the teams had to check five vehicles

for two drug hides.

Every team starts with a perfect score and as they test, points are deducted for mistakes. Each team must find three of the four hides to certify.

After two days the scores were tallied and a banquet was held to honor the top competitors with individual awards.

There were many awards given at the banquet. In the national level trial the USPCA recognizes the top twenty competitors with individual awards. They also recognize the top five department teams which consist of two K9 teams making up one department team.

LCSD entered two teams into the de-

partment competition. The LCSD K9 Unit has been a member of the USPCA for nearly seven years and has certified and competed in Region 8 of the USPCA, which covers all of East Tennessee. Each participant of the national trial must first participate in a regional trial before qualifying for a national event.

Police K9 teams are required by law to certify every year under an unbiased association to be able to deploy on the streets. The USPCA is one of the more prominent of the many associations that are available to law enforcement for K9 team certification.

The Loudon County Sheriff's Office is proud to recognize their K9 Unit for their success and hard

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work in this most prestigious event with Deputy Michael Watkins and K9 Denaro finishing 20th overall with a score of 188.00 out of a possible 200 and contributing to a 2nd place Department Team award.

Sgt. Billy Hall and K9 Draga finished 14th overall with a score of 191.33 out of 200, and they made up the other half of the nations 2nd best Department Team.

Deputy Chris Jenkins and K9 Diego finished 11th overall with a score of 191.83. They took 5th place in the vehicle test and contributed to a 1st place Department Team award.

Cpl. Paul Curtis and K9 Deacon took 1st place overall with a

score of 198.00 out of 200. They took 3rd place in the vehicle test, 4th place in the indoor test and made the other half of the 1st place Department Team in the nation.

This is a great accomplishment for the LCSD K9 Unit, as it is extremely difficult to take one K9 team to the nationals and finish in the top twenty, but to take the entire unit and finish with the success the LCSD Unit had is rare. This accomplishment only magnifies the great work they have done removing drugs from the streets of Loudon County as well as neighboring areas and suppressing crime in general to make our community one of the finest anywhere.

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