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Wednesday, June 20, 2007

Wreck sends 1 to hospital; pins 3 in vehicle



Above: Donna Derrick is prepared for transport to UT Medical Center Saturday evening.

Right: Loudon County Fire & Rescue and LCFD wield the Jaws of Life to extricate three trapped passengers in the Ford 4X4.

See story page 6.



eBay purchase arrives empty

A local couple called police to report buying an item over eBay and finding the box empty when it arrived.

(see Empty pg. 8)

Snagger snagged too close to dam

A local man was taken into custody when he was found snagging too close to the dam and when TWRA officers spoke to him discovered he had no license or identification.

(see Snagger pg. 4)

ATV stolen

Police were called Sunday to investigate the larceny of a child's ATV from the front yard of a residence.

(see ATV pg. 7)

Medications result in DUI charge

A Madisonville man was taken into custody after

(see Bennett pg. 9)

Get off the road!

When police stopped a speeding vehicle the driver was found to be under the

(see Charged pg. 4)

Pills in JC parking lot lead to fight

Deputy Ben Munro, LCSD was dispatched to the Loudon County Jail parking lot on a physical domestic in progress. Upon arrival several of the jail staff was on scene with both parties. Deputy Munro spoke to the victim who reported her granddaughter, Ms. Eva Hightower, had tried to steal her oxycontin pills out of her

(see Hightower pg. 3)



Eva Marie Hightower

The World by Gus

It seems as if there may be some strange and paranormal activity a'happening in Madisonville. According to the authorities it started May 14, when Captain Graves

of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office was flying a small plane in Madisonville. Graves noticed a strange pattern cut into the fields below.

(see Gus pg. 8)

Verse of the day

For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.
1 Samuel 3:13

Obituaries

Walter Steven Spears

Weather:

Today: A few clouds in the morning, but mainly sunny for the afternoon. High 88. Tonight: Clear skies. Low 58.

Thursday: Sunny skies. High around 90.

Wazzup

When we hire a man to do an honest job by the sweat of his brow, we must pay him his wage & realize that what he does with his money has no

bearing whatsoever on the blessings we receive - here or elsewhere...

Horoscopes Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

As great as you are in pub-
(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Horoscopes

lic, you're even more delicious in private. Someone senses this and wants to get closer. You, however, might be having too much fun being part of the crowd. Get their number for later.

Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

This person's been there before, which is why you believed they'd come through this time. Even if they can't, you discover hidden resources within yourself. You're the one who can (and will) step up to the plate.

Leo
(Jul 23-Aug 23)

Is someone close to you acting a lot more stiff and starchy than usual? Instead of picking a fight, just go about your own business. They might be dealing with some uncomfortable business in their personal life.

Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

When you think about it, you realize you've racked up quite a few favors from your nearest and dearest. Now's the time to collect, especially if you're in need of some help. Go ahead and call in those old markers.

Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

When you learn to stand up for your rights, it's a skill that's rarely forgotten. It pleases you to make others happy, but if it's constantly at your own expense, you

need to rethink your actions. Do you feel drained?

Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Be brave and put your talents on display, especially with your loved ones. While you may be shy at first, their encouragement and your increasing confidence will persuade you that this is too good to remain restricted to your circle.

Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Your creative side is at war with your inner editor, but it doesn't have to be a battle royal. Agree that each one of them plays an essential role. Most importantly, let them each take their turn.

Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

You wanted something to happen because you thought it would change how you felt on the inside. Was that realistic? It's amazing what's possible when you look clearly at the present rather than living in a daydream.

Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

Your boss cancels a meeting. Your partner offers to cook and clean dinner tonight. Meanwhile, your neighbor offers you their extra tickets to a fabulous concert. The stars say fun and fantastic events are on your agenda.

Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

If you and a certain someone have an issue to work out, do everyone a favor and listen to what they

have to say before you jump in with your side of the story. Figure out what the problem is, and things will be fine.

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

A friend's invite gets you back in the social mix, and none too soon. While you have quite a cozy little set-up on your own, it doesn't hurt to trip the light fantastic among all of your friends every once in a while.

Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

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purse and sell them in the parking lot of the jail.

Deputy Munro learned that Ms. Hightower is expect-

ing a child and still tried to steal the pills and take them.

Upon the officer speaking to Ms. Hightower she explained she and her grandmother were in a ver-

bal argument for her stealing her pills and she may have pushed her grandmother but that was it.

The victim had several marks on her arms and stated to the deputy Ms. Hightower did push her and try to keep her from taking her medication back since Hightower is expecting.

Eva Marie Hightower, 22, of Old Spears

Road, Lenoir City was charged with domestic assault. Deputy Ben Munro, LCSD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Michael E. Chastain, 33, of Elm Grove St., Loudon, was charged with driving on revoked and traffic control device violation.

According to the

report, Officer Lynette Ladd, LCPD stopped the vehicle Chastain was driving for running a stop sign at 6th avenue and A St.

Upon approaching the vehicle there was no tag and the driver was known to have a revoked license. Officer Lynette Ladd, LCPD made the arrest.

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Obituaries

Walter Steven Spears, age 52 of Nashville, formerly of Lenoir City, passed away suddenly Friday, June 15, 2007 in Ocean Isle, NC. Steve graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Archeology. He was a singer/songwriter and music was his life. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Spears. Steve is survived by his wife of 9 years, Emily Landstreet Spears; daughters, Samantha of Nashville and Sara of Halls; granddaughter, Isabella and grandson, Phillip; mother, Wilma Spears of Lenoir City; sister, Janice Wright and husband, Howard of Knoxville; brother, Tim Spears and wife, Clay of Greenback; many other

family members and friends. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Thursday at Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services. Serving as pall bearers: Bucky Smith, Marcus Weissman, Bailey Johnson, Ken Hensley, Matt Hensley, and Billy Ellis. Eddie Bell will serve as an honorary pallbearer. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 4450 Walker Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37919, www.kidneyetn.org. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Spears family.

Snagger

Raul Rojas Hernandez, of E. 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with

snagging to close to dam.

According to the report, Officer Anthony Chitwood, TWRA observed Hernandez

snagging fish less than 100 yards from Ft. Loudon Dam.

Upon inspection it was determined he did not have a license or identification. Officer Anthony Chitwood, TWRA made the arrest.

Charged

self-admitted influence of drugs and alcohol. A passenger reportedly was found in possession of drugs and crack paraphernalia.

Rodger Dale Arwood, 30, of Abbott Road, Lenoir City was charged with DUI.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD observed a vehicle at 43 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone and stopped it. The driver, Rodger Arwood had a strong

odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and stated he took 2 oxycodone, smoked marijuana and drank 3 beers prior to driving.

A BAC test was taken at the hospital. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

The passenger, Christopher L. Arwood, 29, of Abbott Road, Lenoir City was charged with poss. of sch. II and poss. of

drug paraphernalia.

According to the report, Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD received consent to search and found a cigarette pack with 6 white pills identified as Percocet and a metal pipe commonly used to smoke crack cocaine underneath the seat where Christopher was sitting.

Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD made the arrest.

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Wreck

Loudon Co. Fire and Rescue along

en by Donna Dean Derrick, Loudon, was traveling west

driver's son.

Rescuer's were able to extricate the passengers after using

were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Mrs. Derrick was transported by Rural Metro to UT Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. THP responded to

the scene and handled the report of the incident.

At the time of this report no charges had been filed and the accident is currently under further investigation.



Cpl. Chad Estes, left, assists emergency personnel with the accident scene, which was investigated by THP

with LCSD and Rural Metro Ambulance service responded to a wreck at the corner of Hwy. 11 and Shaw Ferry Rd. Saturday that sent one Loudon woman to UT Medical Center and trapped three other people in a second vehicle.

According to witnesses a vehicle driv-

along Highway 11 when a black Ford 4X4 driven by John Ammons reportedly ran through the stop sign at Shaw Ferry Rd. causing Mrs. Derrick to strike the truck at full speed. The impact sent the 4X4 onto its top, trapping three other occupants inside, including the

the "Jaws of Life" to pry open the vehicle and free the occupants. All four people

Police Beat

Jennifer Patricia Davis, 23, of Pardue Lane, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSD was dispatched to a possible drunk in a convenient store. Upon arrival the officer met Ms. Davis outside in the parking lot and she was very unsteady on her feet and fell into the officer twice.

She advised the officer she was taking Diazepam and Citalopram earlier and ad-

vised she had just lost her brother and was on the medications. Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSD made the arrest.

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Gus

It appeared to be a large circle surrounded by a number of smaller circles. The circle was 170 feet across with smaller circles radiated out in a pattern that has been described as a "Celtic cross."

I guess everyone in Monroe County has visited the site by now and there was even a team of specialists sent in to investigate the scene.

I will make some early predictions that UFO sightings will be on the increase in the upcoming year in that county.

Are there such things as UFO's? Well, I think that to you and me they might be unidentified, but some-

body out there knows what they are and how such unnatural things like crop circles are formed. I wonder if it has something to do with the fact that Watt's Bar Nuclear Facility is having some testing done? UFO sightings around nuclear facilities is a pretty common thing.

It could also be just a couple of kids or older pranksters who are to blame for the circle.

Who or what ever caused it did manage to do one thing; it managed to put a little excitement in Monroe County. -Gus

Empty

According to records, Susan and Richard Kowalczyk of Avery Circle told

Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD, they had purchased a collector's item on eBay and when it arrived June 5 the box was empty.

The item was identified as a Harry Potter book and the value of the loss was estimated at under \$5000.

Police Beat

Michael Thomas

Case, 34, of White Wing Road, Lenoir City was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to the report, Deputy Daniel Kelly LCSD responded to a call of domestic violence. Upon traveling toward the scene the officer encountered both parties in

two separate vehicles and stopped them.

The assailant was identified as Mr. Case and the victim did have a red mark on her ear where Case is alleged to have grabbed the phone from her when she called 911.

Deputy Daniel Kelly LCSD made the arrest.

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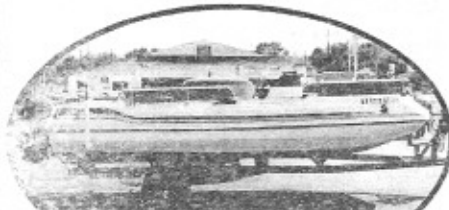
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Bennett

police stopped his vehicle for suspicion of DUI and discovered he was driving under the influence of several medications, including morphine.

Steve J. Bennett, 58, of Easter Drive, Madisonville, was charged with DUI 2nd and driving on revoked 3rd.

According to the report, Officer Darrell Butler, LCPD was advised of a possible drunk driver on Hwy. 321. The officer located the vehicle as it was pulling into a convenient store. On approaching the driver, Mr. Bennett, he advised the officer he was on several medications including mor-

phine and alprazolam. Bennett agreed to a BAC test, which was taken at the hospital.

The vehicle had damage to the passenger side front tire where he hit the curb crossing Ft. Loudoun Dam. His license was found to be revoked with 2 prior convictions.

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tions. Officer Darrell Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Nikita L. Russell, 18, of Teepee St., Loudon, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report Russell was reported to have been

in a verbal argument with a male. When Officer Kevin Walker, LCPD arrived Russell smelled of an alcoholic beverage and was unsteady on her feet.

Officer Kevin Walker, LCPD made the arrest.



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