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Thursday, June 21, 2007

## Officials break ground on future



From left: Lenoir City Mayor Matt Brookshire, Loudon County Mayor Doyle Arp, Mr. Mims, Dr. Bob Overholt and Robert Mims break ground on a new development site along Highway 321, which will possibly include a Kroger's and other future businesses. The Daily Edition will bring you more as the plans are finalized.

## Woman hits gas pump and leaves



Rebecca Ann Key

(see Key pg. 8)

## Mower, tools stolen in GB Burglary

Lt. Investigator Jeff Vittatoe, LCSD CID ND responded to a Hwy 95 Greenback residence in reference to

a burglary of an outbuilding. When the Investigator arrived he spoke to Dave Keenan. Mr. Keenan stated

(see Burglary pg. 9)

## Vandals go on mailbox bashing spree

Deputy Ben Munro, LCSD, was dispatched to Corinth Church Road on a mailbox vandalism call and upon

checking the area reported finding about 200 boxes damaged.

All the mailboxes from

(see Vandals pg. 4)

## Unlicensed man gets DUI with youngster in vehicle

Police arrested a Loudon man after responding to a reckless driver call and upon locating the vehicle

discovered him unlicensed and under the influence with his little girl present.

Hector Martinez, 31, of

(see Martinez pg. 3)

## Man cuts off CMV, found DUI

An Athens man was discovered driving under the influence when police stopped his vehicle for reckless driving and he admitted

to drinking a beer before driving.

Matthew W. Robinson, 49, of Stanton Lane, Athens, was charged with DUI 1st, (see Robinson pg. 7)

## Coyotes: What you should know

The coyote has erect, pointed ears, slender muzzle with a black nose and a bushy tail which is carried down as it runs.

The coyotes' fur is long, coarse and heavy, varying in color. Most are grizzled gray or brown to reddish gray with buff under-parts. A grey-black band of longer hair (typically five inches

(see Coyotes pg. 6)



The average weight of a coyote in Tennessee is 20-40 pounds, about the size of a small to medium sized German Shepard.

## Verse of the day

*The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation; he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.*

Exodus 15:2

## Obituaries

Walter Steven Spears

## Weather:

Today: Mainly sunny. High 89. Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 61. Friday: More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

## Wazzup

Hope you get to feeling better soon, Sheila Foster! Hey everybody at City Hall, Kay says Hi from California - the weather's beautiful, the skies are blue and the water's mahhhvellous!

## Horoscopes

### Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

The urge to tinker with something is irresistible, but if it ain't broke, why fix it? Perhaps you're worried

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

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The officer stopped the vehicle and the driver, Mr. Martinez,

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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](http://www.kidneyetn.org). Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Spears family.

## Vandals

Steekee Road to Caldwell Road had been hit with many of them knocked down.

The officer reported he also checked the Steekee School area where he found the same, as well as all the boxes along Fork

Creek and Steekee Creek Roads, which had been knocked down.

Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSD, reported finding a mailbox vandalized along Roberson Springs Road in Loudon on the same evening.

The damages were unknown at the times of the reports.

## Police Beat

Christopher Thomas Davis, 28, of Harvey St, Knoxville, was charged with VOP and an attachment out of juvenile court.

According to the affidavit for VOP, Davis was convicted of assault, poss. of drug paraphernalia, driving on suspended and sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days.

Since then he has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$1455; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$540; and failed to respond to notices.

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## Coyotes

long) runs down the mid-back and forms a shoulder saddle or mane. The eyes are typically yellow or amber with round black pupils. Their eyesight is six times greater than man's. Sense of smell is extremely well developed, more than 23 times better than man's. Coyotes rely upon this sense for hunting and detecting scent left by other coyotes. The coyote may run up to 30 mph for short distances. They are good swimmers, but poor climbers.

A typical group of coyotes consist of a mating pair and their offspring. The family unit is largest in the summer when pups, parents, and non-breeding adults are together at dens.

Coyotes breed during January through March. Daytime activity increases during the coyotes breeding season. After breeding season, coyotes begin a frenzy of feeding activity and begin searching for suitable denning sites. Coyotes may dig their own den or enlarge another animal's den. Natural holes, blown down trees or rocky ledges may also be utilized as den locations.

The typical litter size is 5-6 pups born 60-63 days after breeding. The entire family unit including the mother, father and other family members help raise young by providing food. The young are weaned after 5-7 weeks. Young coyotes begin dispersal in October, at which point a young coyote may travel up to 100 miles from its birthplace.

Coyotes are highly adaptable and can survive in urban areas as long as food and shelter requirements are met. In urban areas coyotes will feed on almost anything including garbage, pet food, small cats and

dogs, and other wild animals such as rodents, skunks, raccoons and birds. Coyotes typically hunt alone, however they may hunt in groups when food is abundant.

Coyote pups are born in dens. In urban environments, dens can be storm drains, culverts, under storage sheds, under porches, holes in vacant lots, parks, golf courses, or any dry area.

Coyotes are sighted more often these days due to several factors. The human population has increased greatly over the past few years combined with a decrease in open farmlands (natural coyote habitat). Many well meaning residents have promoted an unnatural boldness in coyotes by intentionally or unintentionally feeding them. This has encouraged coyotes to become accustomed to the sights, sounds and scents of humans.

In areas where they are hunted and trapped, coyotes are extremely wary of humans. However, in urban areas where they are less likely to be harmed and more likely to associate people with an easy and dependable source of food, they lose the fear of humans. Coyotes will come up on porches and decks if food is regularly present. Animals that have lost their natural fear of humans (associating humans with food) become dangerous to humans and that animals lifespan is shortened.

Coyote attacks are extremely rare. In recorded history only 30 coyote attacks on humans have been recorded. The vast majority of coyote attacks in the United States are the result of a coyote attacking a small dog or cat and the pet's owner trying to stop the attack by getting between the

animals. When the pet's owner gets between the animals, the coyote will bite the pet's owner. Many attacks occur when coyotes become comfortable around humans, often a result of people feeding them.

If a wild coyote bites you, seek medical attention immediately. Notify the state health department as soon as possible.

**Do not feed coyotes!!** When coyotes begin associating humans with food they lose their natural fears and may become dangerous.

**Eliminate water sources.** These areas attract rodents, birds, and snakes which the coyote will prey upon.

**Position bird feeders** so coyotes can not get to the feed. Coyotes may also be attracted to birds and small mammals that have been lured in by the

feeder.

**Do not discard edible garbage.** Coyotes are opportunistic and will eat any table scraps.

**Secure garbage containers.** Use trash barrels with lids that clamp down tight even when tipped over.

**Do not place trash** cans out the night before scheduled pickup. Placing cans out the morning before pickup will give coyote less time to scavenge, they will not have cover of darkness.

**Do not leave barbecue** grill outside and uncovered, the smell of the grill and the contents of the grill's drip pan attracts coyotes.

**Feed pets indoors** whenever possible. Remove any leftovers if feeding outdoors. Store pet food in area not accessible to other animals.

**Clear brush and**

**weeds** from around property. This deprives the coyotes prey (small mammals and birds) of protective cover and deters coyote from hunting around your property.

**A Fenced yard may** deter coyotes. The fence must be at least 6 feet high. Preferably the bottom of the fence should extend 6 inches below ground level.

**Do not leave small** children outside alone if coyotes have been frequenting the area.

**Do not allow pets** to run free. Provide secure housing especially at night. Small pets (cats, rabbits, small dogs) are favorite prey of coyotes.

**Discourage coyotes** from frequenting your area. Harass them by throwing rocks, shouting, and making loud noises when one is seen.



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## Robinson

open container, and reckless driving.

According to the report, Trooper Russell Smith THP stopped Robinson for reckless driving, cutting off a commercial vehicle nearly causing a crash and following too close.

During an interview

Robinson admitted to drinking a beer prior to driving. A half empty beer was found in the floorboard.

Robinson performed poorly on sobriety tasks. Trooper Russell Smith THP made the arrest.

## Police Beat

Jonathan Richard Stein, 18, of Morris

St., Sweetwater, was charged with DUI 1st.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a gold vehicle on Hwy 11 at a high rate of speed 72 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. The officer proceeded to stop the vehicle and

it continued to the Monroe County line still traveling at a very high rate of speed.

The officer was able to get the vehicle to stop on Hwy 11. The driver, Mr. Stein had very bloodshot eyes and was in a very lethargic state.

Stein performed poorly on sobriety tests and during a search of the vehicle the officer uncovered a cellophane package with marijuana seeds

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in it. Stein admitted he does smoke marijuana on occasion. Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

Brandon Lee Smith, 27, of Atlanta Avenue, Loudon, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer Steven Gutt, LPD observed Smith driving and had prior knowledge his license was suspended and stopped him.

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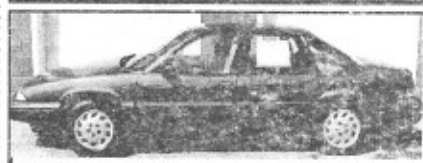
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## Key

A Lenoir City woman was charged with leaving the scene of an accident with property damage after she hit a pump at the Murphy USA on Hwy. 321.

According to the warrant, on or about June 12, 2007, Re-

becca Ann Key, was at Murphy USA on Hwy. 321.

While there she did hit a gas pump with her silver Buick and caused damage to it. Key knew she hit the pump but left the area without telling anyone about it. The

total amount of the damage is \$120.40.

Rebecca Ann Key, 19, of Old Midway Road, Lenoir City was charged with leaving the scene with property damage.

Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD filed the charges and made the arrest at City Hall on Thursday.

## Police Beat

Rebecca Mary Ankeney, 31, of Summer St., Loudon was charged with DUI 1st and viol. of implied consent.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a white vehicle weaving across the roadway and stopped it. Rebecca advised

she had taken Klonopin and other antidepressant medication.

Ankeney performed poorly on sobriety tasks and she refused a BAC test. Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrest.

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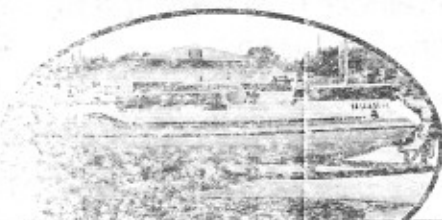
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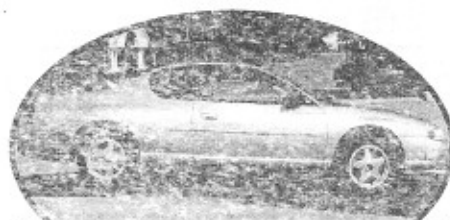
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## Burglary

he had just arrived at his residence and discovered someone had gained entry into his garage and stole numerous items. Mr. Keenan's residence was one of two residences burglarized the same day in the same general area.

Mr. Keenan stated the following items

were missing: a blue and white Campbell-Haufeld air compressor, a battery charger, Power Mate Coleman generator, 14" silver chop saw, Ryobi weed eater and numerous other power tools and hand tools. The value of loss was well over \$1400.

Investigator Vittatoe photographed the

scene and is handling the investigation.

## Police Beat

Richelle Suzanne Whisnant, 25, of Thornton Road, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on revoked license.

According to the report, Investigator Adam Yokley, LCSD received a BOLO for

a blue vehicle with a possible drunk driver. The officer found the vehicle and stopped it.

The driver, Ms. Whisnant was found to have a revoked license for failure to satisfy citations. Investigator Adam Yokley LCSD

made the arrest.

Lisa Maria Barber, 49, of Robinson Springs Road, Loudon, was charged with failure to appear for driving on revoked.

Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSD made the arrest.



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