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Monday, August 13, 2007

## Teen flees LPD in stolen vehicle

A local teen was taken into custody after leading police on chase in a stolen vehicle that culminated in an accident.

According to a warrant filed by Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD, on August 2, 2007, at approximately 11:13 p.m. Officer Yates attempted to

(see Yelverton pg. 6)

## Passenger pours out beer, driver gets DUI

When a passenger in a vehicle involved in a fender bender poured out a beer in front of an officer who was investigating, the driver of the vehicle found himself facing DUI charges after failing field sobriety tasks.

George Blackburn Wat-

(see DUI pg. 4)

## THP Launches Back to School Enforcement Effort

Nashville, - Be alert! Slow down! Be safe in the school zone! That's the message to drivers and students from the Tennessee Department of Safety (TDOS) and Tennessee Highway Patrol

(THP). On Thursday, the THP launched their 2nd Annual Back to School Enforcement Effort to crack down on motorists who disregard laws designed to protect children.

(see THP pg. 7)

## Verse of the day

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

2 Corinthians 2:14

## Obituaries

None

## Weather:

Today: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s.

Tonight: Lows in the low 70s.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.

## Man charged after having both kids in car while DUI

Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD observed a tan van exiting I-75. The vehicle approached the intersection at Hwy. 72 and as the vehicle approached there was another vehicle there already stopped. The van passed the stopped vehicle, forcing it to drive on the grass.

The tan van proceeded through the stop sign with-

(see Carr pg. 8)



David J. Carr

## Woman cut to the bone in domestic, 1 charged

A local woman was transported to the hospital following a domestic in which she was cut to the bone by a broken plate. One man was charged in connection with the assault.

Christopher Curtis Fritts, 27, of Poplar Street, Loudon, was charged with assault by domestic violence and public intoxication.

According to the report, Officer John McHugh, LPD

(see Fritts pg. 3)

## Squirrel hunting season opens with Free Hunting Day

Tennessee's hunting season for gray, fox and red squirrels opens on Saturday, August 25, 2007 according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

(TWRA). The season continues through February 29, 2008 with a daily bag limit of 10.

This year, the opening day of squirrel season coin-

(see Hunting pg. 9)

## Horoscopes Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

You might let someone else take the glory, but most people in the know realize that you deserve at least

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Fritts

was dispatched to Americas Best Inn for a disturbance call. Upon arrival the officer noticed several people standing on the second floor balcony.

Upon further in-

vestigation Mr. Fritts stated that everything was a misunderstanding. Mr. Fritts was unstable on his feet and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person.

The officer found a female victim who had several lacerations to the bone.

Mr. Fritts did admit to shoving the victim and breaking a large plate, which cut her badly.

The victim was transported to the ER via Rural Metro EMS. Officer John McHugh, LPD made the arrest.

## Police Beat

Christopher Mal-

colm Yelverton, 19, of Highland Avenue, Loudon, was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Yelverton was convicted of juvenile charges, poss. of sch. II, poss. of sch. VI 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 \$2525; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$258.75; failed to respond to notices; was convicted on new charges of poss. of sch. II and VI; failed to complete A/D assessment and this is his 2nd VOP.

Deputy Mike Williams, LCSD made the arrest.

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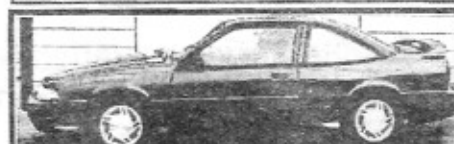
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## DUI

kins 3rd. 59, of Grove Street, Loudon, was charged with DUI 1st.

According to the report, Officer Steven Gutt, LPD was at Food City's gas parking lot and observed a red pickup back into another vehicle. While working the accident the officer observed the passenger of the pickup pour out a beer.

After asking the passenger, Christie, who the beer belonged to, she stated George Watkins, the driver. He admitted he was drinking and performed poorly on all sobriety tasks given. Officer Steven Gutt, LPD made the arrest.

## Police Beat

Tracy Nicole Thaxton, 28, of Mason Lane, Loudon, was charged with domestic violence assault.

According to the report, Officer Scott Wallace, LPD was dispatched to Ferry Street for a possible domestic in progress. Upon arrival both the victim and Tracy were arguing loudly.

Tracy reported they got into a heated argument about the children and the victim getting into Tracy's business.

The victim stated Tracy had struck her in the lower part of her neck and she had no other choice but to defend herself by punching back and connecting in her daughter's mouth.

The officer observed marks on the victim lower neck part. Officer Scott Wallace, LPD made the arrest.

Harvey Allen McMahan, 52, of Pine Grove Circle, Greenback, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Deputy Daniel Kelly LCSO responded to a call of a disorderly subject fighting with the complainant and her husband. The complainant reported Mr. McMahan got into an altercation with her husband and then went into his camper and got a BB gun and started shooting.

Upon arrival McMahan was standing in the doorway of his

camper. There were no weapons found on McMahan. Apparently according to the complainant McMahan was cussing and throwing stuff at their house and then started shooting at them with a BB gun.

McMahan smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage and was staggering drunk. Deputy Daniel Kelly, LCSO made the arrest.

Debra Sue Esquilin, 46, of W. Broadway, Lenoir City, was charged with a mitimus out of Lenoir City for theft under \$500.

Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD made the arrest.

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## Yelverton

stop a red vehicle on Hwy. 72 near I-75 for speeding 74 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. The vehicle refused to stop and eventually wrecked on Pond Creek Road.

The passenger, Shawn Johnson and driver, fled on foot. The officer immediately recognized the driver as Robert Andrew "Andy" Yelverton.

After making contact with the owner of the vehicle, Melissa Garner, it was determined she had no knowledge of her vehicle being missing. She gave no one permission to take her vehicle and filed a theft report with LCPD. The vehicle was valued at

\$2900.

Robert Andrew Yelverton, 18, of Highland Avenue, Loudon, was charged with theft of property \$1000 to \$10,000.

Deputy Mike Williams, LCSD made the arrest at the jail.

## Police Beat

Gregory Scott Taylor, 43, of B Street, Lenoir City, was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to the report, Gregory Taylor struck the victim in the face, kicked her in the stomach and spit on her.

The victim had visible marks on her face and complained of jaw pain.

Taylor stated he choked her earlier the same day on Kingston Street. Witnesses

stated they heard the victim screaming, "Get off of me" and observed him throwing items.

Martin Vasquez Mercado, 36, of Park Lane, Oak Ridge, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Mercado appeared in a public place while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage when he harassed a 15-year-old female causing a disturbance.

Officer Lynette Ladd, LCPD made the arrest.

Walker Michael Cuen, 45, of Lonas

Road, Knoxville, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy John Maples, LCSD made the arrest.

## Public Notice

The Lenoir City Better Building Board will meet in its regular scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room at city hall. The following properties will be heard: 130 Moats Drive- Walter & Nettie Lee Property, 402 Waller Street- Mike Duncan & David Martin Property.



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## Carr

out stopping and onto Hwy. 72. Officer Deboer stopped the van and the driver would not make eye contact with the officer and after a license check was identified as David J. Carr. His speech was very confused and fast.

Mr. Carr also had 2 passengers in the van his 12-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter. The son was in the front seat unrestrained and the daughter was in the back with only a seat belt on.

Carr performed poorly on sobriety tasks and submitted to a BAC test at the hospital. The children were taken into DCS custody.

David J. Carr, 42, of Notchinhill Road, Loudon, was charged with DUI 1st, and reckless endangerment x2. Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD made the arrest.

## Police Beat

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of Highland Avenue, Loudon, was charged with VOP.

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Deputy Mike Williams, LCSD made

the arrest.

Dionicio Lopez, 20, of W. Broadway, Lenoir City, was charged with failure to appear out of Blount County.

Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSD made the arrest.

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Two of the most productive ways to hunt squirrels are still-hunting (slowly walking through the

woods watching for squirrels) and stand-hunting (sitting near food trees). Squirrel hunting with dogs has been gaining popularity in recent years. The best hunting with dogs generally occurs from November through February after the trees shed their leaves.

There are five species of tree squirrels found in Tennessee. Two species, the southern flying squirrel and the northern flying squirrel, are not hunted. They are small and nocturnal and seldom seen.

The most abundant is the gray squirrel and is found statewide. The fox squirrel, the largest of Tennessee's squirrels, is less common than the gray, but in some areas they

out-number the grays. Due to its large size and distinctive coloration, the fox squirrel is a trophy among the squirrel hunting ranks. The red squirrel or "boomer" is the smallest of the hunted squirrels. It is found in the higher elevations of the Appalachian mountains of East Tennessee.

Squirrels are abundant in most areas where patches of woods are available. Excellent squirrel hunting can be found on many of TWRA's wildlife management areas.

Squirrel hunting is one of the best ways to introduce a young hunter to the outdoors and squirrels are known for their excellent table fare. Most recipe books have

a variety of recipes for squirrel, with fried squirrel and squirrel and dumplings being two traditional southern favorites.

For more information on Tennessee hunting seasons pick up a 2007 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide, available at all TWRA Regional Offices and at all hunting license agents.

### Drunk Driver troll unit.

Thomas William Tucker, 23, of Seals Crossing Way, Maryville, was charged with DUI 2nd and driving on suspended.

According to the report, Tucker was observed operating a vehicle at the Pilot on Broadway in Lenoir

City. Several off duty officers observed Tucker who appeared to be intoxicated.

Sgt. David Flynn, LCPD attempted to stop Tucker and he almost backed into the officer's patrol car.

Tucker had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person, was unsteady on his feet and incoherent. Tucker was also found to have a suspended license. Sgt. David Flynn, LCPD made the arrest.

### Police Beat

James Rooker Wellman, 32, of W. Buttermilk Road, Lenoir City, was charged with 2nd failure to appear on DORL charges.

Deputy John Wilson, LCSD made the arrest.

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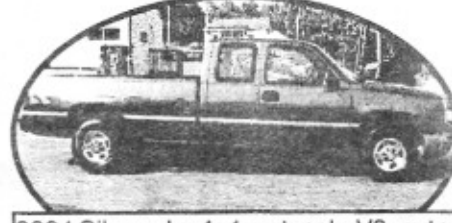
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