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Monday, September 10, 2007

Man wielding alleged AIDS infected needle robs store



(see Robbery pg. 3)

Charges filed after man found robbed and beaten

Investigator Chris White, LCSD CID conducted an investigation into a robbery that occurred on Engel Road in Loudon. According to the warrant, on September 1, 2007 a report was filed with LCSD by the victim.

The victim was found on Engel Road where he had been beaten and robbed.

(see Thaxton pg. 8)



Christopher Franklin Thaxton

Local officer joins LEIC

Christopher Howard joined the UT Law Enforcement Innovation Center (LEIC) in September as the newest homeland security coordinator. He will coordinate the

state program in the Center for Homeland Security Training (CHST).

Chris was formerly a criminal justice (CJ) instructor at Lenoir City High School

(see Officer pg. 6)

Alleged thief snags inspector's gadget

Another Maremont employee has been apprehended and charged after he was given a ride by an officer who he reportedly stole the police radio from.

According to the warrant, on August 31, 2007, at approximately 6:30 p.m. Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD was traveling north on Highway 11 in Loudon near

(see Covington pg. 3)

Fishing with Gus

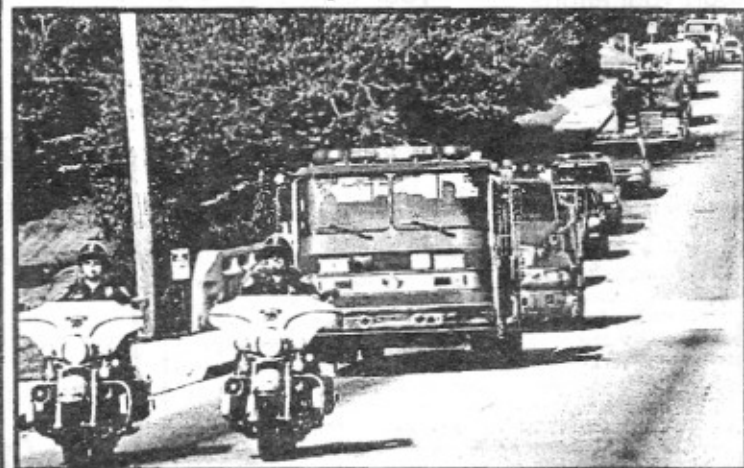
Well I had some crazy responses about my article this past Wednesday. Some

say that they have seen such creatures in Scott County. One older fellow had a sight-

(see Fishing pg. 8)

Community mourns loss of real-life hero

Retired Fire Chief passes (see Fire Chief pg. 6)



Firefighters from several communities escort retired Maryville Fire Chief Hill to his final resting place

Verse of the day

Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.

Leviticus 19:27

Obituaries

None

Weather:

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

Tonight: Lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday: Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Wazzup

Sorry, J.S. - we just had to do it!

Horoscopes

Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

Your innate talent for organization might be straggling just a wee bit today,

especially later on. Don't panic -- it's just the way the day's energy works and you should be back in charge in a little while.

Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

You are full of positive, (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Robbery

On Thursday, September 6, 2007, at approximately 4:50 a.m. Officer David Flynn from the Lenoir City Police Department responded to 204 McGhee Boulevard to help with a reported robbery that had just occurred.

According to the report filed by Of-

ficer Flynn, a store employee stated that a man entered the establishment and approached the clerk and attempted to get him to sell him alcohol. The clerk refused to sell the suspect any alcohol.

The suspect then asked for change for a \$5.00 bill. When the clerk opened the register to get the

suspects change the man pulled out a syringe and told the clerk that it had AIDS on it and if he didn't hand over the money he would stab him with it.

The worker gave the suspect a undisclosed amount of money from the till and the suspect fled the scene in a small blue car in an unknown direction.

Investigator Detective Jack Fine was called to the scene and the video tape from store surveillance cameras was reviewed and taken into evidence.

The suspect in the robbery is being sought for questioning by the Lenoir City Police Department. If

you have any information please call LCPD at 865-986-2005.

Covington

Memorial Gardens when he saw Roy Glen Covington walking up the road. The detective stopped and picked Covington up and he got in the back seat and Sartin gave Covington a ride

to Industrial Park and Highway 11 in Lenoir City and let Covington out of the car.

When the detective got home and started to get his portable radio out of the back seat it was gone. Covington was the only person in the back seat or that had access to get the radio. The radio is a Kenwood TK valued at \$600.

Roy Glen Covington, 30, of Galyon Road, Lenoir City, was charged with theft over \$500. Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest at Maremont and filed the charges.



Roy Glen Covington

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Police Beat

James Haynes Hardin Jr., 25, of Watson Trace, Madisonville, was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Hardin was convicted of DOSL and DUI 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 \$2768, never paid;

failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$135; failed to respond to notices and has a VOP in Monroe County. Deputy Chad Petty, LCSD made the arrest.

Crystal Tenille Shubert, aka Humphrey, 27, of Rogers Circle, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear on criminal simulation x5. Deputy Pete McGinley, LCSD made the arrest.



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Fire Chief

by: M. Lynch

It is very rare that I write about people that I have known personally in my life, however I feel that if I didn't tell our community about a person that has recently passed I think that I would be doing him a disservice. The person I am speaking of is former Maryville Fire Chief Bruce Hill.

When I met Bruce he wasn't a Fire Chief, he was just Bruce. I was fortunate enough to get to know him a little bit before his passing and I even got the privilege of having dinner with him and playing a little guitar for him.

Before his funeral I never knew what kind of a person he really was, but as I watched the hundreds of people who attended in order to pay their respects I knew that this was not an ordinary man that the community had lost.

The one thing that really stands out in my mind about Bruce was when current Maryville Fire Chief Ed Mitchell was delivering Bruce's eulogy and shared a story about how Bruce had rounded up a group of firefighters and several buckets of salt during the ice storm in the 1980's. Bruce took these men door to door to the elderly and disabled people's homes in the community and had the firefighters salt

their walkways and steps. After slipping and falling himself, the other firefighters asked Chief Hill why they were doing that kind of work on such a miserable night. Bruce told them that the reason they were salting the areas was because the people would be receiving their social security checks the next day and that nothing would stop them from getting to their mailboxes, so he didn't want to see any of them get hurt doing it.

Bruce also started the tradition of taking fruit baskets to the less fortunate in the community, oftentimes paying for the fruit himself and filling the fire hall with baskets to be distributed to the point of overflowing. In many cases it was the only Christmas gifts the families received. That attests to the character and commitment of Bruce Hill and the community he served.

I could go on and on with examples of Bruce's service through the years, such as his dedication to the fire department and his vision for its future service to the community. The aforementioned acts are but of a few of his many accomplishments and acts of caring and compassion. I would consider myself lucky if half the people showed up at my funeral as

did at his. I would consider myself lucky if the people of the community placed as much esteem on my life as they did on Bruce's. It is very rare that anyone has the opportunity to meet a real-life hero, but Chief Bruce Hill was, without question, a real-life hero. He was what people refer to as a "good guy."

It was truly an honor to know Bruce, however briefly, and I feel as if I am a better person because of it. May he rest in complete peace and I would like him to know that he is truly missed by his community, his friends and his family.

Rest now, Bruce, because you certainly have earned it.

Officer

(LCHS) for two years. In addition to establishing and developing the LCHS CJ program, he advised and coached a team of students who won the SkillsUSA Crime Scene Investigation Tennessee Championship and National

Bronze medal in 2007. Chris is a TN licensed secondary educator.

Prior to LCHS, Chris spent nearly five years with the UT Police Department as a TN POST certified police officer, field training officer, alcohol diversion instructor, and certified NCIC terminal operator. Chris currently maintains his law enforcement training as a deputy sheriff with Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

A University of Tennessee at Chattanooga graduate, Chris earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice in 1998. He also holds, from Walters State Community College, an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice, 1997, an Associate of Applied Science degree in Public Safety – Law Enforcement, and a Technical certificate in Basic Police Officer Education, 2000. He also holds many law enforcement certifications. Chris will pursue a Master's degree here at UT.

Chris is an East TN

native and wishes to offer the best service delivering the best product to communities of Tennessee and the United States. He will use his diverse background and training to enhance CHST's reach in serving those who protect our homeland.

Chris and his wife Monica reside in Lenoir City with their daughter Danielle, 4, and son Caden, 1. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and camping with his family and friends. Chris also volunteers his time as a guest tracking instructor at various events.

Chris says he is excited to be at LEIC. He says he feels welcome and he is eager to assist LEIC in serving our communities.

F.Y.I.
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Man reports theft of gun

A local man reported the theft of his handgun to police Wednesday and advised the weapon had been taken two to

three weeks prior to reporting it.

Investigator Jason Smith, LCSD, spoke with Jeremy Voiles, Davis Ridge Road, who said he came to the Justice Center to report his handgun, a Glock model 22 .40 caliber, had been taken from a bedroom at

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his residence two to three weeks ago.

The gun reportedly was loaded with a 15 round magazine and was located in a case with a spare magazine. The case and spare magazine, however, was left be-

hind at the home.

The loss was valued at \$475.

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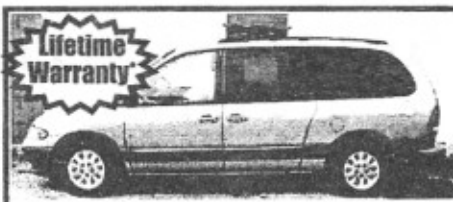
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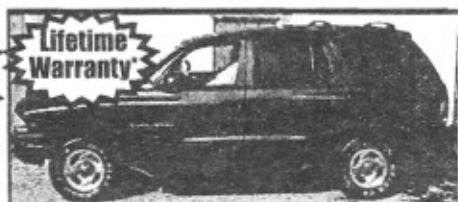
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Thaxton

The victim advised he was with a skinny black man named Chris and when they stopped to pee he was hit in the back of the head. While the victim was down the assailant continued to hit, kick and stomp the victim. The victim's wallet was taken which contained approximately \$520, his ID and social security card along with various other personal items.

The victim was transported to Fort Sander Loudon by Rural Metro and treated for injuries to include a broken ankle, black eyes, and various other abrasions and lacerations.

The victim did pick Christopher Franklin Thaxton out of a six

person lineup as being the one who assaulted him and stole his wallet.

The victim had gone to Thaxton's residence on September 4, 2007 to try and retrieve his wallet and Thaxton told him he just needed the money, then told him to leave.

Christopher Franklin Thaxton, 41, of Summer St., Loudon, was charged with aggravated assault and aggravated robbery. Deputy TJ Scarborough, LCSD made the arrest.

Fishing

ing within ten miles to where I saw the thing. Toad said I was full of something that I shall not repeat in public, but he would not go spend the night up there either, or go up

there at dark. He was all about going up in the day though.

I think we may go this weekend after the catfish class. Maybe take Delmer, that Ol' coot isn't scared of nothing, besides Mrs. Delmer.

Now I know some of you are thinking this is just another wild, semi-truthful adventure; but I swear on my tackle box this is an honest-to-goodness hunt for the allusive big-feet. If I could only get a picture to show you that I am not making this up.

I did call TWRA and asked what season would it be legal to hunt for big-feet. Needless to say the

guy didn't say much other than I should quit drinking.

If any of you out there in newspaperland have any advice for this hunt, feel free to email me at Gus@ToadsBaitShop.com.

Thanks again for all the responses so far. Oh yeah, I did get one guy from Loudoun email me and said he

knew where one was sighted down on the river below Ft. Loudon Dam and the 75 bridge. You all please keep sending me your reports on this matter. Fishing for Big-feet is almost as fun as fishing for catfish. I think the only reason Toads wanting to go is to get Big-feet stuffed and mounted in the Bait Store. -Gus

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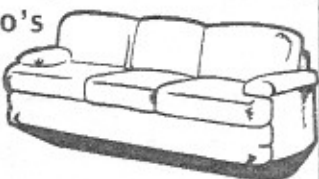
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Kyle Henry Ward

stopped.

The driver was identified as Kyle Henry Ward and he had a

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very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person. There were numerous empty containers and liquor bottles in the vehicle.

It was discovered through NCIC that Ward is a habitual offender whose license is revoked for DUI with 8 prior convictions and 5 prior driving on revoked convictions. Ward refused a BAC test.

Kyle Henry Ward, 56, of County Road 213, Athens, was

charged with DUI 9th offense, driving on revoked 6th offense and implied consent violation. Officer Samuel Harrison, LPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Edgar Gustano Leon, 21, of E Street Lenoir City was charged with no drive license, speeding and financial resp.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Leon for speeding and while gathering information found Leon to have no license and no insurance. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

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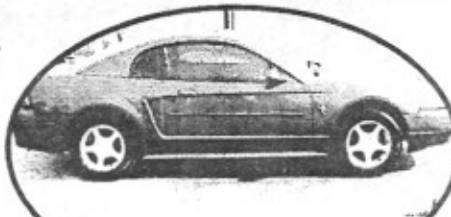
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