

# DAILY EDITION

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Monday, September 17, 2007

## Man jailed for pointing gun at kid

A Sweetwater man was apprehended and charged with aggravated assault after he is alleged to have gotten into an altercation with a woman and pointed a gun at her child. Detective Chris White, LCSD CID handled the investigation and filed the charges.

Steven Lamar Byrd, 34, of County Road 314, (see Byrd pg. 3)



Steven Lamar Byrd

## Get Lost in Maple Lane Farms' 9th Annual Corn Maze

(see Maze pg. 8)



The 2007 Corn Maze at Maple Lane Farms in Greenback

## Fishing with Gus

Bigfeet Update: We have placed three cameras around sighting.

Last weekend was customer appreciation day at B&D Sporting Goods. They had a good turnout; a few

thousand people. They also had a feller who was a champion deer calling dude. He was making doe calls and deer grunts- thought he was pretty good, but when I asked him if he knew how to

(see Fishing pg. 4)

## Verse of the day

*When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.*

Deuteronomy 24:21

## Obituaries

None

## Weather:

Today: Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

Tonight: Lows in the upper 50s.

Tuesday: Sunny. High: 86;

## Beware!! Con artist on loose

According to reports filed with the Lenoir City Police Department, a con artist is on the loose in Lenoir City and his weapon of choice is bogus travelers cheques.

Several stores in the area such as Rocky Top Shell, the EZ Stop on Highway 321 North, the Dinner Bell restaurant and a few other businesses have been hit (see Cheques pg. 6)

## Man jailed after vandalism at Wal Mart

A local man was jailed after he reportedly destroyed a DVD player at a Lenoir City department store.

Derek Wesley Littleton, 27, of Vaughns Chapel Road, Lenoir City was charged with vandalism under \$500.

(see Littleton pg. 7)

## TWRA reminds hunters to use caution with tree stands

Tennessee's statewide deer seasons will officially begin for 2007 with the September 22 opening of the archery season and the Ten-

nessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) is urging hunters to use care when hunting from a tree stand.

Many deer hunters find (see Tree Stands pg. 8)

## Who ya gonna call? Crop Busters!

### THP helps drug task force eradicate huge marijuana field

Nashville, -The Tennessee Highway Patrol assisted agents with the Third Judicial District Drug Task Force and Greene County Sheriff's Office Thursday in verifying

(see THP pg. 6))

### THP pilot spots half million dollar marijuana field in Cocke County

Nashville, - A Tennessee Highway Patrol helicopter pilot, working with the Governor's Task Force for Marijuana Eradication, spotted marijuana plants

(see Pilot pg. 9))

## Horoscopes

Virgo (Aug 24-Sep 23)

A new layer of depth is revealed in your relationship with your sweetheart or another family member. It may or may not be a huge (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Low: 59.

## Wazzup

Kudos to the new Captain D's in Lenoir City. Keep up the good work and good food. Thanks for the special order as well.

Did anyone eat any gator meat this weekend?

## Byrd

Sweetwater, was charged with aggravated assault.

According to the warrant, on August 24, 2007 Steven Byrd did go to a residence on Oakland Road in Philadelphia where he did get into a verbal altercation with a woman. While words were being ex-

changed between the woman and Steven Byrd the woman's juvenile son was playing in the yard.

At some point during the altercation Steven Byrd did produce a pistol from his vehicle and pointed it at the juvenile in the yard. At that time the woman did order her son into the house and more words were

exchanged between the two.

Steven Byrd did make threats to kill the entire family prior to leaving the residence. Officer Kevin Parks LCSD made the arrest.

### Police Beat

Chantell Deniene Pelfrey, 30, of Hwy 70, Lenoir City, was charged with failure to appear on theft

of property \$1000-\$10,000.

Deputy Shane Ezell, LCSD was dispatched to Hwy. 70 on a theft of money call. After speaking to the complainant it was determined the theft occurred at Wal Mart and while speaking to the complainant the alleged suspect

and Ms. Chantell Pelfrey returned to the residence and upon checking both subjects Ms. Pelfrey had an outstanding warrant and was taken into custody. Deputy Shane Ezell, LCSD made the arrest.

Gregory Keener, 47, of Christian St., Philadelphia, was charged with driving on revoked. According to the report, Keener was involved in an auto accident on Pond Creek Road at Allison Town Road in Philadelphia. During the accident investigation it was discovered Keener has a revoked license for DUI. Sgt. Jeff Russell, LCSD made the arrest.

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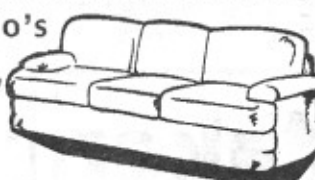
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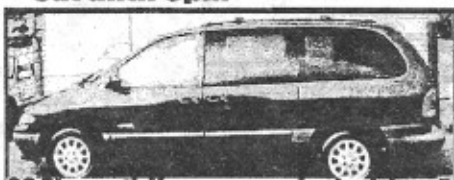
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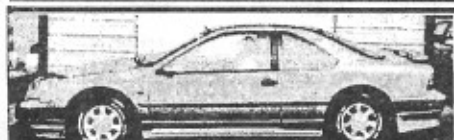
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To a catfish, the sound is their dinner bell. I thought everyone new about the

klunker.

It's also getting closer to Halloween. This year I would like for my readers to submit their scariest night at the lake. I know some of you have some good stories and it would be fun to share them with us.

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## Obituaries

**Ernest Rudolph "Rudy" McConnell**, age 85, passed away, Tuesday, September 11, 2007 on his 59th wedding anniversary. He resided at Loudon Healthcare Center and formerly lived in Rossville, Georgia. Rudy served with U.S. Coast Guard during WWII and was retired from DuPont. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Walter Ernest and Laura Emma Creech McConnell; his brother, Robert Ralph "Bobby" McConnell, Sr.; his sister, Wanda Riddle; and brother-in-law, Turner Riddle. Rudy is survived by his wife of 59 years, Christine "Pat" Neeley McConnell; sister-in-law, Frankie S. McConnell, Titusville, Florida; sister-in-law, Ella Ruth Ryan, Lenoir City; nieces & nephews: Robert R. McConnell, Jr. and wife Kathleen, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Jennifer L. McConnell Henry and husband William, Doylestown, Pennsylvania; Patrick Scott McConnell and wife Gina, Apex, North Carolina; Steven Riddle and wife Kathleen, North Carolina; Mary Laura Riddle Rambo and husband Hugh, Atlanta, Georgia; and Janet Ann Riddle Cooper and husband George, Wyoming; many great-nieces and great-nephew and friends. Special thanks to caregivers, Faye and Bill Packett, Antioch, Tennessee and Ken and Mary Dutton, Lenoir City. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Click Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held Friday at 2:00 p.m. in Lakeview Cemetery with the Rev. George Seay officiating. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the McConnell family.

## Cheques

with the fake \$100 American Express cheques.

The perpetrator is described as a black male with a short heavy-set build and bald, clean shaven head. He is driving a red Ford Expedition with "spinner" wheels. The suspect is signing his name as William Jackson and presenting a Texas identification. The ID has come back through a check of the drivers license number to a man from Plano, Texas.

The suspect will enter establishments and purchase goods that he will then try to pay for with the bogus cheques, thereby depriving the stores of the merchandise and the change received back.

If anyone has any information as to the whereabouts of anyone matching the above description you are encouraged to call investigating officer Detective Jack Fine of the Lenoir City Police Department at 986-2005. All calls will be kept confidential.

## THP

and clearing a massive marijuana field in Greene County.

"One of four armed suspects guarding the large field was taken into custody this afternoon but three others are still at-large," said Task Force Director Scott Castle.

A Tennessee Highway Patrol helicopter pilot, assisting the Task Force, helped

verify the field and locate the armed suspect after a farmer discovered the plants and notified authorities. The marijuana field is three miles from the Cocke County border, where Monday a THP chopper pilot located a 45-hundred plant field near Newport.

"This is one of the largest marijuana fields I've ever seen," said THP Lieutenant Terry Botts, who has served as a Special Operations pilot since 1990 and 30 years with the Highway Patrol.

The field is 50 to

75 yards wide and between 600 to 700 yards long, with an estimated eight to twelve-thousand plants. The plants range in height from five to fourteen feet, with an estimated street value of approximately one-million dollars.

The Third Judicial District Drug Task Force is made up of law enforcement agents and district attorney's officers from Greene, Hawkins, Hancock and Hamblen counties.

## Police Beat

Gabriel Ray Russell, 29 of Highland

Avenue, Loudon, was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Russell was convicted of assault, DWOL, PI, and disorderly conduct 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 \$1213; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$45; failed to respond to notices and was convicted on new charge(s).

Deputy Brandon Wilson, LCSD made the arrest.

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According to the report, Littleton was observed carrying a dual screen DVD

player into the bathroom at Wal Mart and Littleton admitted to throwing the DVD player in the trash

Littleton vandalized the player by prying the bottom off of it. The DVD player was made unusable.

Officer Mike Hodges, LCPD made the arrest.

Anthony Ray Henry, 20, of Vonore Road, Loudon, was charged with DUI 1st, and viol. of implied consent.

According to the report, Officer Blake

Norman, LPD observed a red vehicle on Hwy. 11 where the vehicle was stopped at a green light. The officer followed the vehicle and stopped it after it continued to touch the white line and center line.

Henry had glossy eyes and slurred speech. Henry reported he was on his way home from a

club in Knoxville. He performed poorly on sobriety tasks and refused a BAC test.

The passenger, Jessica Leeann Lindsey, 24, of Hillside Avenue, Mascot, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Lindsey had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person and was very unsteady on her feet. Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrests.

Shane Yarhan Matlock, 25, of Beals Chapel Road, Lenoir City was charged with 2 counts of failure to appear.

Deputy John Mapples, LCSD made the arrest.

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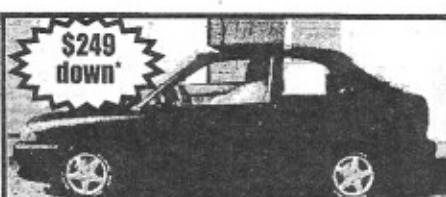
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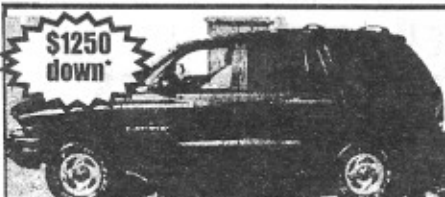
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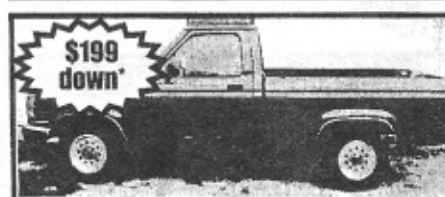
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## Tree Stands

hunting from an elevated stand to be advantageous. It is often more difficult for a deer to detect a hunter in a tree stand than one on the ground, but the TWRA is urging hunters to be cautious anytime they use a stand.

The most common cause of tree stand accidents is a fall. All of these falls could be prevented with the proper use of a safety harness attached to the tree. Many falls occur when permanent, wooden stands, which have been left out in the weather attached to a tree, decay and become unsafe. Eventually, the weight of a hunter can cause the stand to collapse.

If possible, use tem-

porary stands that may be stored in a dry area after the deer season. If a permanent stand must be used, always check it before hunting to make certain it is safe and securely attached. Whether using a permanent or temporary stand, always use a safety harness.

Ten rules for tree stand safety are:

1. Always wear a safety harness while hunting from a tree stand, including while ascending and descending.
2. Never climb into a permanent stand you have not built yourself or carefully checked out.
3. Never hunt from tree limbs.
4. Be sure the commercial stand you have is safe. Practice with it before using it in the woods.
5. Never climb a tree that is too small or too large for your stand to fit safely.
6. Be sure your stand is level at the height you wish to hunt.
7. Always stand up slowly and be sure of

your balance.

8. Be sure you are steady and braced before shooting.

9. Always use a haul line for your bow. Never climb with your equipment.

10. Never climb a dead tree or one with dead limbs above your head.

Hunters should be aware that on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) the use of wire,

nails, or other metal material is prohibited in building or attaching of climbing devices or hunting stands. Portable devices or stands that do not injure trees can be used. Hunting from permanent attached stands is prohibited. Leaving any personal property on a WMA, including tree stands, unattended for more than 24 hours is prohibited without prior approval of the area manager.



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## Pilot

in a Cocke County cornfield Monday valued at half a million dollars.

THP Aviation Lieutenant Terry Botts located the marijuana field five miles east of Newport as part of a routine search. Members of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, T-B-I, Tennessee National Guard, Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the Cocke County

Sheriff's Office are part of the Governor's Task Force for Marijuana Eradication, funded by the D-E-A.

It is the largest harvest in Cocke County this year and perhaps the largest marijuana eradication in Tennessee this summer. The more than 45-hundred plants, ranging in height from eight to 15 feet tall, were collected and taken to the Cocke County

Highway Department, where they were destroyed Monday evening.

Lt. Botts is a 30-year veteran of the THP and has served in Special Operations as an aviation pilot since 1990. Botts spotted the plants at approximately 1:30 p.m. Monday and guided law enforcement officers on the ground to the illegal patches.

## Police Beat

Keysha Renee Hall, 27 of W. 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with mittimus and contempt.

According to the report and warrants, Ms. Hall had a judgment on an assault charge that ordered her to pay fines and costs and she was banned from Ash Trailer Park.

Since then Ms. Hall

has returned to the trailer park two times and police were called the first time and Detective Sartin called the 2nd time.

Ms. Hall has gone against judge's orders and has not paid her costs/fines either. Officer Josh O'Dell, LCPD made the arrest.

Eric A. Albitz, 27, of Cedar Park Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on suspended, speeding and no insurance.

According to the report, Officer Darrell Butler LCPD stopped Albitz for speeding 74 m.p.h. in a 55 m.p.h. zone on Hwy 321.

Albitz had no insurance and was found to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy. Officer Butler made the arrest.

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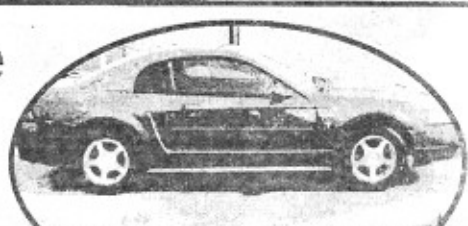
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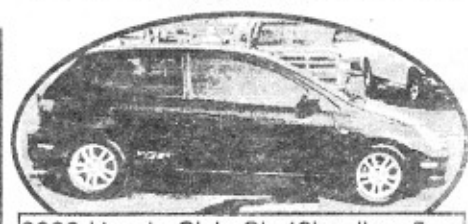
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