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Thursday, September 27, 2007

Gas leak evacuates North Middle



Assistant Principal Tim Thompson (left) and NMS Principal Tim Berry discuss the logistics of the students evacuation Tuesday (see NMS pg. 6)



Loudon County E-911 Supervisor Rose White handles communications for police and emergency workers during Tuesday's event

Newman tazes, nabs running man

LCPD lay spikes down and flattened all four tires



Sgt. Scott Newman (middle) prepares to transport Johnnie Osborne Massey of Manchester to Ft. Loudoun Medical Center before going on to jail (see Massey pg. 3)

Must have light

A local woman was taken into custody after she reportedly stole two flash lights from a local department store.

Carolyn Sue Breeden, 43, of Rest Camp Road, Lenoir

(see Breeden pg. 9)

Ldn man charged with assaulting woman, minor

Police arrested a Loudon man after he allegedly assaulted two females, one of whom was a minor.

Anthony James Kaufman,

Headlines at deadline

Officials responded to Yarberry Campground Wednesday afternoon when an eighteen year old male was found lying dead beside a vehicle. (see Death pg. 4)

Rockers stolen from porch

Police were called to investigate the larceny of two rocking chairs from a local couple's porch Friday.

(see Rockers pg. 8)

Shoplifters busted

Police arrested two local women after the pair allegedly shoplifted several items from Wal Mart.

(see Busted pg. 7)

Man charged after drunken melee

A Maryville man was jailed after he reportedly became enraged and began fighting people when friends refused to let him drive under the influence of alcohol.

(see Collins pg. 9)

thunderstorms before midnight. Low 57.

Friday: Sunshine. Highs: low 80s; Lows: low 50s.

Wazzup

Wazzup Jeremy Dishner? Ya gotta be careful 'bout stepping in them holes!

Horoscopes Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

You're the master of compromise -- though today, you may have to negotiate with different aspects of yourself. That's not as hard

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Verse of the day

For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover.

Isaiah 38:21

Obituaries

Deborah Sue Dunkin Foster

Dan E. Nowlin

Weather:

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High around 80.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered

Massey

Sgt. RS. Newman, LPD received a call of a possible drunk driver on I-75 approaching the 72 exit. The officer observed the vehicle passing the exit ramp matching the description. The vehicle was riding the white line and the officer observed it weaved back from

the shoulder to the centerline repeatedly.

The officer activated his lights and siren and the vehicle refused to stop. The vehicle continued north toward Lenoir City. Officers from LCPD set up spike strips at the exit ramp and the vehicle exited at the 81 exit.

Sgt. Joe Foster and

Lt. Mike Tinnel were able to deploy spike strips. All four tires were hit and the vehicle continued on to Highway 321 until stopping in the middle of the roadway.

Johnnie Osborne Massey was driving the vehicle and refused to follow orders and was removed from the vehicle by

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Officer Sam Harrison, LPD. During the struggle Mr. Massey refused to remove his hand from under his body and was hit with a tazer by Sgt. Newman.

Mr. Massey had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was drinking a beer as he

drove down the road. Mr. Massey submitted to a BAC test at the hospital. A check of his license showed them to be revoked.

The vehicle Massey was driving was reported stolen in Knoxville earlier in the day. Mr. Massey did not have permission to take the vehicle and did admit to stealing it and taking several hydrocodone.

Johnnie Osborne Massey, 33, of Murfreesboro Road, Manchester, was charged with DUI, evading arrest, theft over \$1000, resisting arrest, and driving on revoked 2nd offense. Sgt. RS. Newman, LPD made the arrest.

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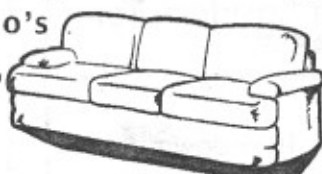
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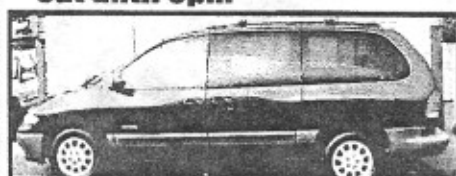
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Death

The young man, whose name had not been released as of press time, apparently suffered some type of wound to the back of his head.

Foul play is sus-

pected and the death is under investigation.

Several persons were brought in for questioning and the Daily Edition will bring you more information tomorrow.

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Obituaries

Deborah Sue Dunkin Foster, 44, of Philadelphia died suddenly Monday at her home. Debbie was a member of Reed Springs Baptist Church. Survivors: son, Daniel Mullins; parents, James and June Bradshaw Dunkin; brother, John David Dunkin, Philadelphia; sisters, Mrs. Buddy (June) Green, Ringgold, GA, Mrs. Mike (Wanda) Packett, Lenoir City, and Peggy Seufert, Loudon; nieces and nephews. Funeral services 7 p.m. Thursday, Loudon Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Bill Roberts officiating. Family and friends will meet at Reed Springs Cemetery, 10:30 a.m. Friday for graveside services. Family will receive friends 5:30 - 7 p.m. Thursday, Loudon Funeral Home.

Dan E. Nowlin, age 77 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN formerly of Valparaiso, IN passed away Thursday, September 20, 2007. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Dan was a member of Tellico Village Community Church. He retired from IBEW Local 531 in La Porte, IN. Dan was a former member of First Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso and the Elks Club. He was active with the Loudon County Habitat for Humanity. Dan was an avid golfer, gardener and a dedicated Lady Vols Fan. Preceded in death by parents, Everett and Dorcas Nowlin; brother, Don Nowlin. Survived by his wife of 57 years, Sarabel Graham Nowlin; sons: Carl Nowlin and wife, Victoria of Valparaiso, IN, Dale Nowlin and wife, Isabel of Columbus, IN, Larry Nowlin and wife, Sharon, Terry Nowlin and wife, Barbara all of Valparaiso, IN; grandchildren, Brenda, Becky and Beth Nowlin, Elisabeth McNinch and husband, Tim, Joel and Matthew Nowlin, Amy Nowlin, Benjamin and Shelby Nowlin; great grandchildren, Genevieve Nowlin and Ian McNinch; sister, JoAnn Cochran of OK; sister-in-law, Charlotte Nowlin; several nieces and

nephews. Dan was blessed with many dear friends. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Tellico Village Community Church with a memorial service to follow at 3 p.m. Rev. Martin Singley will officiate. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on October 7th at the First Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso, IN with a reception to follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Tellico Village Community Church, 130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN 37774. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Nowlin family.

NMS

On Tuesday, September 25th, students at North Middle School were evacuated when a leak in an air-conditioning unit, being worked on by maintenance personnel, ruptured releasing Freon into several fifth grade classrooms.

The Freon gas, used as a coolant, was thick enough to cause what school officials described as a "visible fog" in the classroom and the adjacent hallway, which prompted officials to evacuate the facility.

Students were removed from the classrooms and initially taken outside on the school grounds until school administrators and emergency personnel had an opportunity to assess the situation and any potential danger that the rupture posed to the students and the structure.

The students were evacuated to Central United Methodist

Church after church administrators offered the use of their facilities to the students. Students were given pizza and water and a cool place out of the sun until parents were able to arrive and pick them up.

Approximately 90-100 students, in four classrooms that were in close proximity to the leak, were transported via school bus to Ft. Sanders Loudon and Park West Medical Centers to be examined by medical personnel as a precautionary measure.

LCSD Sheriff Tim

Guider stated, "No injuries or illnesses have been reported at this time. We, (officials), just wanted to make sure that the children were alright."

In a cooperative effort between school administrators, Loudon County Emergency Management Agency, Rural Metro EMS, Loudon County Sheriff's Office, Lenoir City Fire Department and the Loudon County Fire and Rescue, the facility was ventilated and cleaned before Wednesday's classes were scheduled to begin.

The maintenance Dept. for the Loudon Co. School system made repairs to the damaged gas line and repaired the air-conditioning unit that services the classroom.

F.Y.I.

Freedom House of Worship invites you to a benefit for a new ceiling and bathroom, Oct. 6, 2007, Oak Grove Rd. off Hotchkiss Valley, 12 p.m. - ??? We'll have a singing and be selling hamburgers, hot dogs & chili, cokes, candy & cookies. If you would like to sing or play an instrument feel free to do so!

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Busted

Lindsey Marie Abert, 20, of Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, Abert took a tank top and sweater and concealed them in her purse while in the shoe department at Wal Mart. Ms. Abert exited the store past all point of sales and

was stopped outside the store.

The total of the merchandise was \$18.31.

Shellie Ann Helton, 19, of Duggan Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, Shellie Helton took a pair of green pants and concealed them in her purse and passed all points of

sale when she was stopped.

The total of the merchandise was \$9.92. Sgt.

Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrests.

Police Beat

Felicitio Saucedo, 20, of W. Broadway, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD stopped

the vehicle Saucedo was driving for music playing loud enough to be heard well over 50 feet away from the vehicle.

A check of his information showed him to be unlicensed. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

Sean Callahan Kelsey, 22, of Tokalon

Drive, Knoxville, was charged with driving while suspended.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD observed Kelsey operating his vehicle in the parking lot of City Hall with music playing loud enough to be heard well over 50 feet away.

A check of his license showed them to be suspended. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

JC Charles Coleman, 27, of Roddy Road, Harriman, was charged with failure to appear on assault charges.

Deputy John Wilson, LCSD made the arrest.

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Rockers

According to records, Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSD, was dispatched to Deerfield Court where he spoke with Kim Henry and Otis Peterson who advised they came home to find the two rockers missing from their front porch and said they had to have been taken during the daytime hours.

The chairs were described as white, wooden Cracker Barrel rockers valued at \$300.

Charged

According to the report, Officer Scott Wallace, LPD was dispatched to Path Killer Trail for a possible domestic in progress. Upon arrival the officer was confronted by two females stating that Anthony Kaufman was going belligerent in the van and was cursing them.

One victim reported Anthony Kaufman started pushing her and ripped her sweater while falling to the

ground. The other victim, age 13, also stated that Kaufman did push her into the dumpster, which caused her braces to cut her lower lip.

Upon further investigation by all officers Mr. Kaufman was determined to be the primary aggressor and was charged. Officer Scott Wallace, LPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Gustavo Almanza Espinoza, 33, of Seed Tick Road, Philadelphia, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the

report, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD observed a vehicle on Hwy. 72 at Queener Road at 61 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. The officer stopped the vehicle and the

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Officer Bennie Houser, LPD made the arrest.

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Collins

Kenneth Justin Collins, 24, of Burchfield Road, Maryville, was charged with simple assault and public intoxication.

According to the report, Deputy TJ Scarbrough, LCSD responded to Old Spears Road to an officer investigation call of a joy riding. Upon arrival Deputy Scarbrough and Deputy Shane Ezell witnessed Collins hitting the victim about

the face as the victim was trying to restrain Kenneth Collins until officers arrived.

Witnesses stated that someone dropped off Kenneth Collins and once there Kenneth and a female began to argue because Kenneth wanted to go home to Maryville. The woman did not want Kenneth to drive because he was intoxicated.

The female sated Kenneth knocked her glasses off and at that time the male came

out and attempted to restrain Kenneth and got hit several times in the face. The male victim did have a small cut about the left eye.

Mr. Collins had a very strong smell of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was very unsteady on his feet. Deputy TJ Scarbrough, LCSD made the arrest.

Breeden

City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the warrant, Breeden entered the Wal Mart, went to sporting goods, picked up two flashlights, walked to another department and concealed the flashlights in her purse and walked out the lawn and garden entrance.

Officer Darrell But-

ler, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Aaron Edmond Hampton, 20, of Joiner Hollow Road, Rockwood, was charged with simple poss. and driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD observed an older model vehicle pull in to the parking lot of the Food City. The vehicle was parked with no open businesses and no other vehicles.

The officer approached the vehicle and the driver Mr. Hampton was asked if everything was okay and he stated he was waiting on a girl. At that time the officer noticed Hamptons pupils were dilated and his eyes were glassy.

A check of Hampton's license showed them to be suspended.

Hampton produced a marijuana cigarette and the officer found a small bag of the same substance. Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD made the arrest.

Michael Adrian Poffenberger, 42, of E. Lee Hwy, Loudon, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD observed Michael Poffenberger driving and had prior knowledge his license was suspended. The officer stopped the vehicle and Poffenberger was indeed found to have a suspended license. Cpl. Estes made the arrest.

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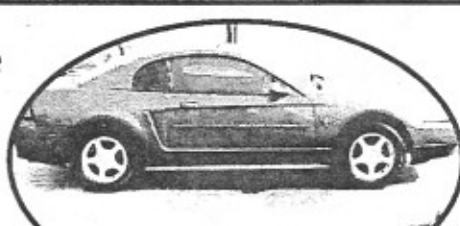
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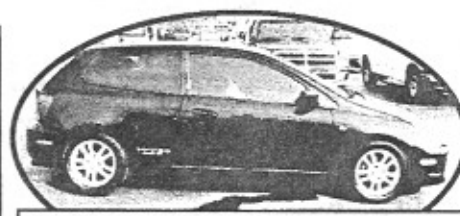
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