

# DAILY EDITION

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Thursday-Monday, November 27-December 1, 2008

## Walmart employee charged with theft over \$1000

A Lenoir City woman was taken into custody following an investigation into allegation she stole several hundred dollars in cash and merchandise while employed at retail giant Walmart.

According to the warrant, a witness reported that while employed at Walmart, Lisa Anne Henry did take \$450 in

(see Henry pg. 3)

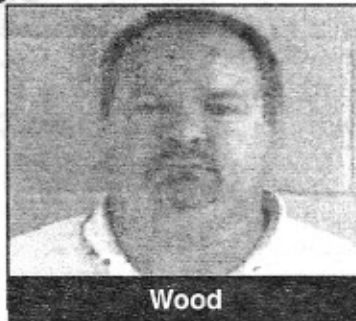


Lisa Anne Henry

## Wood would not stay at wreck scene

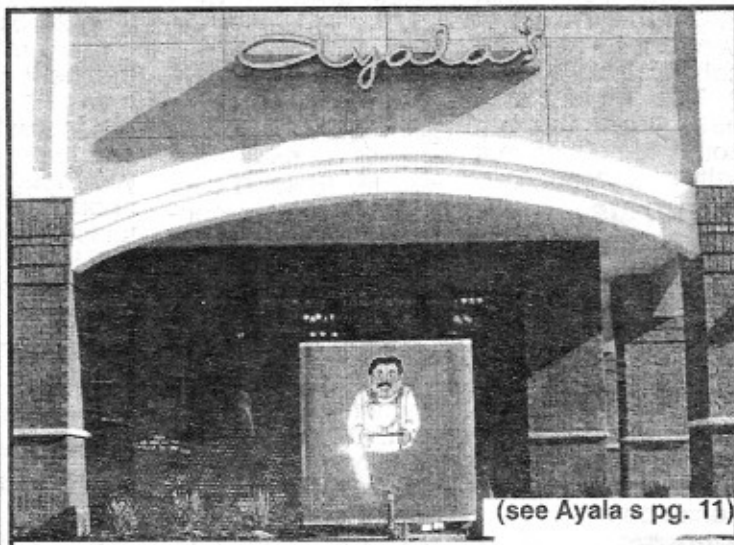
A Maryville man was charged with leaving the scene of an accident after being involved in a minor traffic accident and fleeing to his residence in Maryville where he was apprehended and returned to Lenoir City.

(see Wood pg. 6)



Wood

## New restaurant set to open



(see Ayala's pg. 11)

## Aggravated assault, resisting

Police arrested a local man after responding to a Greenback residence where two women had been forced to flee for their safety and upon were met with resistance.

Russell Vandermeeden, Highway 95 South, Greenback, was charged with aggravated assault (domestic

(see Vandermeeden pg. 9)



Russell Vandermeeden

## Find these headlines & more inside:

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### Verse of the day

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.  
Psalm 86:9

### Obituaries

Anna Hu Cruet

Loretta Joyce Smith

### Weather:

Today: Plentiful sunshine. High 61F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.  
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies early will become

overcast later during the night. Low 38.

Friday: Mostly cloudy.

Highs: mid 50s; Lows: low 30s.

Saturday: Times of sun & clouds. Highs: low 50s; Lows: low 30s.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy.

Highs: low 50s; Lows: upper 20s.

Monday: Mostly Cloudy. High 47; Low 24.

### Wazzup

The Daily Edition wishes you and yours a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

### Horoscopes Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Today brings great insight into your own behavior, though may be not so much about  
(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

# Obituaries

**Anna Hu Cruey**, age 73 of Kingston, went on to be with the Lord Wednesday morning, November 26, 2008 at Roane Medical Center. Anna was a member of Winesap Freewill Baptist Church and a former member of Calvary Baptist Church in Crossville. Anna loved to sing for the Lord. Her husband of fifty years, Earl Andrew Cruey, preceded her in death. Anna is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Denise and Carl May of Kingston, Luanna Dycus of Grandview; son and daughter-in-law, Andy

and Susanne Cruey of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Della Lyles and husband Donald, Matthew May and wife, Tiffany, Sarah May Hutzler and husband, Raymond, Houston Dycus and Jessica Dycus. The family will receive friends from 12 Noon until 1 p.m. Friday with funeral services to follow at 1 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel with Rev. Rudy Oakes officiating. Interment will follow in the Highland Memorial Cemetery. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel 11915 Kingston Pike is serving

the Cruey family.

**Loretta Joyce Smith**, age 70, of Rossville, Georgia, formerly of Lenoir City, passed away Monday, November 24, 2008 at her home. Joyce was of the Baptist Faith and loved her family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby E. Smith, Sr.; her son, Bobby E. Smith, Jr.; parents, John Franklin Sr. and Charity Mae Franklin; brother, John Franklin, Jr. Joyce is survived by her grandson, Luther (Scooter) Smith and fiancée, Jacquelin; daughter-in-law and son-in-law, Sandra and Danny Mitchell all of Loudon; brothers: Harvey, Jesse, Clarence, Joe, Harold and James Franklin; sisters, Clara Mae Deaton and Ruth Rogers along with many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday followed by funeral services at 2 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rick Kirkland officiating. Interment will follow in the Byrds Chapel Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street in Lenoir City is serving the Smith family.

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## Henry

cash, one Sanyo LCD television valued at \$257, one Samsung LCD television valued at \$537, one Dell Computer valued at \$898 and a computer stand valued at \$70. Henry did commit

this offense without the permission of the owner, with the intent to deprive the owner thereof.

Lisa Anne Henry, 50, of Martel Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft over \$1000.

Detective Jack Fine, LCPD made the arrest.

## Truck vandalized at business

Police were called to local business Thursday when workers discovered someone had vandalized a vehicle that was parked on the premises for sale.

Deputy N. Lawson, LCSD, was dispatched to East Tennessee Scale Works, Martel Road, where he spoke with Kathy

Finger who advised someone threw a golf ball through the driver's side window of a truck parked outside on the lot for sale.

The officer reported the ball was still lying in the back floorboard of the vehicle, a 1995 Chevrolet and the value of the damage was unknown.

## Vandalism and theft reported

Police were called to investigate the vandalism of and theft from a Vonore Road man's vehicle Thursday.

According to reports, Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSD, was dispatched to the call and spoke with Justin Burnette who advised someone damaged his father's vehicle sometime overnight

while it was parked in the driveway.

Burnette reported the vehicle, a 1998 Mazda, was damaged along the top and trunk and a Army uniform consisting of shirt, pants, two hats and a belt had been taken from the trunk.

The value of the loss and damage was estimated at \$2000.

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## Business vandalized, tongue & groove stolen

Authorities were called to investigate the vandalism of a local business Tuesday, which resulted in the filing of a theft report after no inventory was taken.

Deputy Brayn Blakney, LCSD, was dispatched to Village Home Center, Miualaquo Center, on Tuesday where he spoke with Peggy Hine who said sometime over the weekend someone cut a section of fence enclosing their lumber yard. Hine advised company personnel would review the tapes to see if they had any information on a possible suspect and an inventory of the yard would be performed to determine if anything had been taken.

The lawman reported

Hine called him back on Thursday to advised the company had found 49 pieces of tongue and groove Advantec lumber had been taken from the yard and valued the stolen lumber at \$1123.

Hine further advised it would cost the company \$1000 to fix the damaged fence.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Purchasing Committee Meeting

The Lenoir City Purchasing Committee will meet on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be continued discussion of recently received quoted for health insurance renewal.

Thank You,  
Gene Hamby, Chairman

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## Wood

Bobby D. Wood, 48, of Carpenters Grade Road, Maryville, was involved in a minor traffic accident on Highway 321 and Highway 11 where he reportedly hit another vehicle and continued driving toward Maryville. The victim followed Wood to his residence and contacted the Maryville Police Department. They confronted Mr. Wood and he gave them his drivers license. Wood went back inside his residence and would no longer cooperate.

Bobby D. Wood was charged with leav-

ing the scene of an accident with property damage. Officer Dennis Guider, LCPD completed the affidavit and Officer Rick Eubanks made the arrest.

## Checks stolen from mailbox

A Unitia Road man reported the theft of several checks from his mailbox Wednesday after someone removed them and left the flag up.

According to records, Timothy Whitehead told Investigator Sgt. Patrick Upton, LCSD, he had left four personal checks in his mailbox with the flag up on Tuesday evening and around 6:30 a.m.

the next morning the flag was still up, but someone had taken the mail out of the box.

The lawman reported he advised Whitehead to cancel all of the missing checks and to notify him immediately if the checks got cashed. He also advised Whitehead to run a credit check in a few days to make sure no credit has been applied for in his name.

The missing checks reportedly totaled \$208.61.

## LC woman charged with DUI, leaving the scene

A local woman was taken into custody after she reportedly left the scene of an accident and was found to have been driving

under the influence of alcohol.

Teresa C. Tackett, 46, of Whitney Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI and leaving the scene of an accident.

According to the report, Tackett was involved in a two car accident on Shaw Ferry Road and Highway 11. She proceeded to leave the scene and parked her vehicle in a business parking lot, running into the fence.

Tackett exited the vehicle and entered a business. LCSD had to restrain her due to her being combative.

Tackett reportedly admitted to driving the vehicle and stated that she had consumed two alcoholic beverages prior to driving. She had slurred speech and a very strong odor

of alcohol on her person. Due to her combativeness, Tackett was not given a field sobriety test. Tackett was placed under arrest by Trooper Eric Miller, THP and transported to the Loudon County jail.

## Murphy's Lesser Known Laws

*The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.*

*Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.*

*If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog.*

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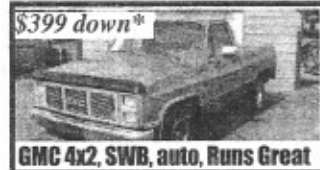
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## 2nd extension of unemployment benefits approved

26,000 Tennesseans Estimated to Qualify

Nashville — An estimated 26,000 Tennesseans will qualify for another round of extended unemployment benefits under federal legislation signed by President Bush, with hundreds more becoming eligible each day. Unemployed Tennesseans can collect up to 26 weeks of unemployment normally. In June, Congress approved the first 13 week extension due to the downturn in the economy. The second extension was signed November 21 by the President.

The new legislation provides up to seven more weeks of

benefits to those who participated in the first extension for a total of 20 weeks. Then if Tennessee's unemployment rate remains above six percent, unemployment claimants will qualify for another 13 weeks for a possible total of 59 weeks of benefits for eligible claimants.

The legislation provides that the federal government will pay 100 percent of the costs to extend the benefits. The money will not be drawn from Tennessee's unemployment trust fund.

"This move by our congressional representatives in Washington comes at a crucial

time for Tennessee and for our nation," said Governor Phil Bredesen. "Unemployed people across the country are having a tough time getting back to work, and this extension will provide needed assistance to Tennesseans during their job search."

The Department of Labor & Workforce Development is currently reviewing files to determine who may be eligible. Those who are currently receiving basic or extended benefits will transition automatically when they exhaust. Those who have already exhausted their benefits and qualify will be notified by mail. No one will be required to come into a local Labor & Workforce Development Office or Career Center. Nor will they be required to call the unemployment claims center.

Individuals who received the first extension and exhausted those benefits will receive an application in the mail to update

their benefit records. If they are still unemployed, they should return the application form by mail. Individuals who are determined eligible should expect to receive their first extended unemployment compensation payment in two to three weeks.

"This federal extension is very much needed for unemployed Tennesseans," said Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner James Neeley. "Our department will do our best to get these benefits to the claimants as quickly as possible."

### Police Beat

Patrick Bruce Smith, 38, of Warwick Lane, Corryton, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident.

According to records, there was a hit and run accident with Mr. Smith's vehicle traveling on Highway 11 from the junction toward Lenoir City. The vehicle was stopped on Highway 11 at Highway 321.

The silver Hyundai

had damage to the front driver side. The victim's vehicle had matching damage to the right rear.

Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD, made the arrest, charging Mr. Smith with DUI and driving on revoked.

Jose Luis Gonzalez-Gonzalez, 35, of Emerald Court, Lenoir City, was charged with public intoxication.

Trooper Eric Miller made the arrest and Gonzalez-Gonzalez was transported to the Loudon County Jail by LCPD.

Horacio N. Garcia, 22, of Grandview Drive, Loudon, was charged with driving without a license.

Officer Nathan Wilson made the arrest.

### Murphy's Lesser Known Laws

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## TDOT suspends highway construction for Thanksgiving holiday

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Nashville, Tenn. - The Tennessee Department of Transportation will halt all construction work requiring lane closures on Tennessee interstates and state highways beginning at noon on Wednesday, November 26 in anticipation of increased Thanksgiving holiday travel.

TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely has informed all of the department's crews and contractors to stop all road construction work requiring lane closures beginning at

noon on Wednesday, November 26 through the early morning hours of Monday, December 1, 2008.

"With the recent dramatic drop in gas prices, more Tennesseans may choose to travel by car over the Thanksgiving holiday period," said Nicely. "We want to provide maximum roadway capacity for the hundreds of thousands of travelers who will be visiting friends and family over the next several days."

While lane clo-

sure activity will be stopped, workers will still be working in many construction zones. Drivers should obey all posted speed limits, particularly in construction areas. Slower speeds are necessary in work zones due to the temporary layout of the roadway and will be enforced. Drivers convicted of speeding through work zones where workers are present face a fine of \$250 to \$500, plus court fees and possible increased insurance premiums.

"Drivers can expect to see an increased number of law enforcement personnel on the roads this Thanksgiving weekend," said Governor's Highway Safety Office Director Kendall Poole. "We want everyone to have a safe holiday, so remember to buckle up, drive the speed limit and don't get behind the wheel if you've had too much to drink."

Despite falling fuel costs, AAA predicts holiday travel will be

down slightly this Thanksgiving. 41 million Americans are expected to take a trip 50 miles or more from home this year - a 1.4% decrease from 2007. However, the Southeast accounts for nearly one-fourth of the nation's travel with 10 million travelers.

Nearly one million Tennesseans are expected to travel during the Thanksgiving holiday period. Of these numbers, it is predicted that 700,501 will travel by car and 90,582 will travel by plane.

For up-to-date travel information, Tennessee motorists are reminded to call 511 from any land line or cellular phone or visit [www.TN511.com](http://www.TN511.com).

### Vandermeeden

(violence) and resisting arrest.

According to affidavits, officers responded to Highway 95 South in Greenback in reference a man who was attempting to kill himself.

When Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSD arrived, he found Deputies J.C. Schultz and Freddie Gene Walker were also on the scene.

Officer Schultz stated Vandermeeden was still in the house and his mother had run down the road from the defendant in fear of her life.

Officers witnessed Vandermeeden through the kitchen window. Vandermeeden then went

on to the back porch and out the back door into the yard and confronted the officers.

He was given verbal commands but did not reply. Vandermeeden became more aggressive and tried to get back in the house where his weapons were. Officers had to tackle and restrain him.

After placing him in custody, Vandermeeden continued to resist. He appeared to be very intoxicated and had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath.

Records indicate another woman was at the location and had also fled from the home for her safety.

Deputy Hamilton made the arrest.

### Police Beat

Verona J. Youngblood, 35, of Monroe Street, Sweetwater, was charged with DUI 1st, implied consent, and open container.

Records indicate Youngblood was stopped for a citizen complaint of reckless driving and upon interview, she had a strong odor of alcohol on her person. Youngblood admitted to drinking a couple of beers prior to driving and was unsteady on her feet.

Youngblood was unable to perform field sobriety tests as instructed and was arrested. An open container was also found under the passenger seat.

Trooper Rusty Smith, THP made the arrest.

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## Governor announces litter grant for Loudon, Monroe Counties

Grant awarded through TDOT's Beautification Division

Nashville, — As part of the effort to StopLitter™ in Tennessee, Governor Phil Bredesen and TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely awarded Loudon County with a litter grant in the amount of \$36,391, and awarded Monroe County with a litter grant in the amount of \$43,167.

"Each year volunteers pick up around 25 million pounds of roadside litter in Tennessee alone," said Bredesen. "Litter is an eye-sore, it's costly to clean up and can be harmful to our environment, but it's totally preventable. These funds will be used by counties across the state to organize their pick-up efforts and

conduct educational campaigns to teach children and adults about the importance of keeping Tennessee beautiful."

Litter grant funds are distributed annually by TDOT to all 95 Tennessee counties.

Senator Randy McNally and Representatives Dennis Ferguson and Jimmy Matlock represent Loudon County in the Tennessee General Assembly.

"TDOT awards approximately \$3 million each year to help local communities in their efforts to stop litter in Tennessee," said Nicely. "These funds are obtained through the collection of a specialty tax on the malt beverage

and soft drink industry through the Litter Grant Bill which was enacted by the General Assembly in 1981."

The funds that each county receives are determined by county road miles and county population in order to ensure an equitable distribution statewide. Funds must be used for litter pick-up activities and litter prevention education. Education funding can be used in a variety of ways, such as sharing litter control awareness with schools, citizens and businesses.

Through the litter pick-up program, approximately 25.5 million pounds of roadside litter were

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picked up on approximately 292,000 miles of county roads, and approximately 45,000 miles of state routes.

To find out more about Tennessee's Litter Grant program, please visit: <http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/environment/beautification/littergrant.htm>

### Ayala's

Ayala's Mexican Restaurant located in the Lenoir Mills Shopping Center on Hwy 321 in Lenoir City is set to open its doors this coming week. Lupe and Jesus are the owners and have been part of this community for several years now. This time, however, it's their turn. For years the duo have made customers happy at

other restaurants and now those people can come to Ayala's.

The restaurant will feature authentic Mexican cuisine; everything from enchiladas to tacos, they have it all.

The duo have furnished the place with great decor. There's plenty of space and when it warms up they'll be adding a deck outside.

Great food, along with complimentary homemade salsa and chips will make your dining experience a great one. Ayala's has the coldest beer in town and margaritas will be coming soon.

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