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Tuesday, December 2, 2008

9th DTF Director, Steve Cook, named Drug Agent of the Year

Steve Cook, Deputy Director of the 9th Judicial District Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force, was named both the East Tennessee Drug Agent of the Year and the State of Tennessee Drug Agent of the Year by the Tennessee Narcotics Officers Association at the organization's recent annual meeting in Gatlinburg.

The award was presented by TNOA President Shane Daugherty for Cook's years of service in law enforcement

(see Cook pg. 9)



Deputy Director of the 9th Judicial District Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force Steve Cook

Estranged husband gets multiple charges

A Lenoir City man was jailed on numerous charges after police responded to a domestic call and reportedly found he had busted his way into residence. He is further accused of resisting officers and damaged a patrol car.

Stephan Dwhite Wilson, 27, Kelly Lane, Lenoir City, was charged with domestic violence assault, resisting

(see Wilson pg. 6)



Stephan Dwhite Wilson

Lenoir City man charged with vandalism

A young Lenoir City man was taken into custody Tuesday after police reportedly found him vandalizing City property.

According to records, Sgt. Lynette Ladd drove into City Park Drive in Lenoir City and observed a green Ford Ranger, Parks & Recreation vehicle with trash all over the windshield and hood.

(see Dalton pg. 4)



Cory Chase Dalton

Dark window tint leads to charges

Officer Blake Norman observed a silver Ford Explorer traveling south on Highway 11 with improper registration. The registration was in the rear window of the vehicle and the windows

were tinted too dark to see the registration.

The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and identified the driver as Chelsea Hope Brashears, 18, of Julie Lane, Lenoir

(see Charged pg. 3)

Final Segment of Bear Season Scheduled December 4-17

Morristown, - The last segment of Tennessee's 2008 black bear hunting season opens on Dec. 4 and continues through Dec. 17,

according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

The season is open in Blount, Carter, Cocke,

(see Bear pg. 8)

Verse of the day

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it un-

der a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Matthew 5:14-15

Obituaries

Herbert Lee (Bud) Coff-

man

Rachel E. (Libby) Fritts

Weather:

Today: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 43.

Tonight: Clear. Low 26.

Wednesday: Times of

sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Wazzup

Here's wishing you a very Happy Birthday, Misty Cook!

Happy belated Birthday, Kayla Mc-

Cord - Hope your day was great!!

Horoscopes Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Nothing goes exactly as you'd expect it (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Obituaries

Herbert Lee (Bud) Coffman, age 77, of Loudon, formerly of Lenoir City, passed away Sunday morning, November 30, 2008 at the home of his son and daughter-in-law. Bud was a member of Bell Avenue Baptist Church in Lenoir City. He was a retired construction worker with the AFL-CIO. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Sue Coffman; his parents, George and Edith Coffman; his brother, Bill and his sister, Gerri. Bud is survived by his

son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Connie Coffman who were also his caregivers; grandchildren: Missy Packett and Tony Coffman of Lenoir City, Amy Roberts, Randall Coffman and Malisa McMahan all of Loudon; three great grandchildren and one great-great grandson; sister, Christine Mercer and brother, Jim Coffman both of Lenoir City; wife, Wanda of Athens along with several nieces and nephews, many friends and acquaintances. The family will receive

friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday followed by funeral services at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. George Seay and Rev. Wayne Packett officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10 a.m. Tuesday and proceed to the Rock Springs Cemetery in Meigs County for graveside services and interment at 11 a.m. Pallbearers will be Bud's five grandchildren and his special friend, Jordan King. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Coffman family.

Rachel E. (Libby) Fritts, age 83, of Lenoir City, passed away Saturday, November 29, 2008. Libby was of the Baptist faith. She was retired from Yale & Town Security Company and was number one on the clock there for 34 years. Libby was preceded in death by her husband, Carl A. (Hissy) Fritts; parents, William Garland and Rachel Vivian Mooneyham; sisters: Connie Bryant, Mary Crow

and Ann Hyde; brother, Duane Mooneyham. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Jean Fritts of Lenoir City; grandsons, Shannon Fritts and wife, Laura of Lenoir City, Eric Fritts and wife, Danielle of Knoxville; great-grandchildren, Elijah and Ella Fritts; sister, Betsy Kelley of Lenoir City along with many nieces and nephews. Libby was blessed with many great friends on First Avenue and a special caretaker, Edna at Summitview in Farragut. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday followed by funeral services at 2 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. George Seay officiating. Interment will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. Libby had a deep love of children and the family ask that memorial donations be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, C\ O Kerbel Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in serving the Fritts family.

Charged

City. There were approximately seven forty-ounce bottles of

beer and a six-pack of a mixed drink in the rear of the vehicle.

Brashears was placed under arrest for underage possession of alcohol.

A search of the vehicle also uncovered a plastic baggy containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana, between the passenger seat and the center console of the vehicle. One of the passengers in the vehicle, Daniel Charles Brasfield, 20, of Bigtree Drive, Knoxville, advised the officer that the bag of marijuana was his.

A search of Mr. Brasfield uncovered a pack of rolling papers, commonly used in smoking marijuana. Brasfield was charged with possession of schedule VI drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, and underage possession of alcohol.

Another passenger in the car, Brandon Thomas Deaton, 18, of Phelps Road, Lenoir City, was also charged with underage possession of alcohol.

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Dalton

There was toilet paper thrown all over the truck and the trailer.

Sgt. Ladd observed Cory Chase Dalton, 18, of Houston Street, Lenoir City, running toward his vehicle. Upon making contact with him, he was breathing heavily and extremely nervous.

Dalton reportedly first stated that three males had done the vandalism and fled the scene. Dalton was read his rights and he then confessed to the vandalism.

Further investigation also found that a mailbox had been knocked over and a satellite dish broken. Sgt. Ladd made the arrest, charging Dalton with vandalism.

Police Beat

James Lee Rhodes, Jr., 29, of Upper Street, Knoxville, was charged with domestic violence assault.

According to reports, Patrolman Jason Felts, LPD, responded to Upper Street in reference to a disturbance. Upon his arrival, he made contact with the complainant, who advised that

when he came home from work he noticed a knife in the wall and a screwdriver in a door of his residence. He then confronted James Rhoades, Jr., who had been drinking, and asked why he had done it.

Rhodes reportedly became violent toward the victim and made threatening gestures. Due to his violent rage, the victim was in fear for his safety and well being. Officer Jason Felts, LPD made the arrest.

Officer Blake Norman, LPD was dispatched to the Food City on Highway 72 in Loudon for a accident with no injury. Upon his arrival, Officer Norman spoke with Mrs. Kerry Palmer, the driver of one of the vehicles involved in the accident. He ran her name through NCIC and was informed that she was wanted out of Loudon County for two bad check warrants.

Kerry Denise Palmer, 23, of Bateman Lane, Loudon was charged with two bad checks.

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Wilson

arrest, and vandalism.

Records indicate officers from LCPD responded to an apartment on Kelly Lane in Lenoir City in reference to a man kicking in the front door. Upon his arrival, Officer F. Donth observed Officer Mike Hodges escorting Wilson, who was already secured, out the front door.

As contact was made with the female victim, Wilson began yelling and screaming at her through the doorway. When officers attempted to escort Wilson to their vehicle, he began to resist and attempted to re-enter the apart-

ment.

Officer Donth and Sgt. Joe Foster had to bring the subject to the ground and eventually install leg shackles to prevent him from injuring himself or them.

Once Wilson stood up officers attempted to place him in the patrol car. He continued to resist and was forced into the car. Wilson then began banging his head on a plastic barrier of the car. During transport, he was turning sideways and began kicking the driver side rear window, breaking the plastic cover that holds the window controls.

Once at the jail Wilson refused to exit

and Officer Brian Smith had to physically pull him from the car.

Officer Mike Hodges collected a witness statement from the victim who stated that her husband, whom she is separated from pending a divorce, came to her residence and attempted to break in by busting the front door. Officers observed evidence of this action. The victim then opened the door to prevent any further damage.

Once inside, Wilson knocked a picture off the wall and demanded a cigarette and told the victim if she didn't comply he was going to start breaking things. The

victim called 911 as she was in fear for her safety.

Police Beat

Daniel Charles Giles, 58, of Maple Hill Road, Loudon, was charged with violation of probation Tuesday.

Deputy Bryan Blakney, LCSD was advised that Mr. Giles was at Fort Loudon Hospital and that there was an active warrant for his arrest. It was confirmed through records and the jail that the warrant was active.

Deputy Blakney went to the hospital and made contact with a nurse who advised him of the room number that Mr. Giles was in. The deputy went to the room and

advised him of the active warrant.

Daniel Charles Giles was arrested and transported to the Loudon County jail without further incident.

Jerry Allen Lynott, 29, of Arthur Drive, Maryville, was charged with failure to appear on a violation of probation.

Deputy McKenzie Williams, LCSD made the arrest.

Amber Renea Lindsey, 27, of Oldem Avenue, Knoxville, was arrested on a warrant for an attachment out of child support court.

Deputy John Wilson, LCSD made the arrest.

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Bear

Greene, Jefferson (east of Highway 411), Johnson, Monroe, Polk (east of Highway 411 and north of Hwy. 64), Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington counties. Dogs are permitted to be used for hunting during this season.

Hunters have harvested a total of 228 bears during the early bear hunting seasons this year. Harvest by county has been: Blount 22, Carter 30, Cocke 12, Greene 16, Jefferson 1, Johnson 30, Monroe 32, Polk 25, Sevier 23, Sullivan 11, Unicoi 22 and Washington 4.

In addition to the private lands in these counties, there are

several hundred thousand acres of public land open to bear hunters during this season. These lands are included in the Cherokee and Foothills wildlife management areas (WMAs). There are portions of the Cherokee WMA that are set aside as bear reserves where no bear hunting is allowed. Hunters should check for descriptions of these restricted areas on pages 67-68 of the 2008 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide.

Hunters should be aware of the following regulations when hunting black bears in Tennessee:

The limit on bear for any person participating in statewide or

WMA hunts or both shall not exceed one bear per calendar year.

Cubs or female bears with cubs at side may not be taken at any time. A cub is defined as a bear weighing 75 pounds or less.

Bears may be whole or field dressed but must weigh pounds or greater when checked out.

The reproductive (sex) organs must remain attached to each bear harvested until the bear has been officially checked out at an official TWRA checking station.

For detailed infor-

mation about black bear hunting in Tennessee refer to the 2008 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide or the TWRA web page at www.tnwildlife.org.

Police Beat

Benjamin Vincente Chavez, 37, of Roderrick Road, Knoxville, was charged with driving on revoked after he was seen by Deputy Marty Stanley, driving on Interstate 75 south in a silver Isuzu Rodeo with a sticker blocking part of the license plate number.

The vehicle was stopped and the deputy made contact with the driver. A

check of Mr. Chavez's name and date of birth through NCIC revealed his license to be revoked for failure to file security after an accident.

Mr. Chavez was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County jail and his vehicle was turned over to another licensed driver at the scene.

Allen Joshua Fritts, 29, of Steekee School Road, Loudon, was charged with failure to appear on violation of probation.

Deputy McKinzie Williams made the arrest.

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Cook

working illegal drugs. President Daughtery especially commended Cook for his work this year in partnering with TBI Drug Agent Danny Wright to bust one of the largest cocaine dis-

tribution rings in East Tennessee headed up by Daniel "Gomez" Schleben of Roane County that resulted in both federal and state prosecutions of several defendants. Cook and Wright also coordinated the investiga-

tion and take down of Richard Hurst of Rockwood who was allegedly operating a large prescription pill distribution operation that has resulted in a large federal and state prosecution.

Cook stated that it was an honor to receive this award which was voted on by the two hundred six members from various agencies across the State of Tennessee.

"Deputy Director Cook is instrumental in helping to coordinate the drug enforcement activities of the fourteen agencies and their officers that are all members of the 9th DTF with great results in Loudon, Meigs, Morgan and Roane Counties," stated District Attorney General Russell Johnson. "He is deserving of these

awards for his dedication to the task."

Police Beat

Kristy Leigh Jaynes, 29, of Grove Street, Loudon, was charged with driving on revoked and cited for speeding.

Officer Brendan Deboer observed a red Saturn traveling east on River Road at a high rate of speed. The officer paced the vehicle for 1/2 mile at 40 MPH. A traffic stop was initiated on Grove Street.

The driver was identified as Kristy Leigh Jaynes and was shown through dispatch to have a revoked license for DUI in the state of Tennessee.

Lisa Joell Kitts, 42, of Cedar Park Drive, Lenoir City, was

charged driving on suspended license, violation of probation, and failure to appear.

According to reports, Cpl. Pete McGinley, LCSD stopped a blue Fiat on Broadway for having no brake lights. The driver was identified as Mrs. Kitts and when her Tennessee ID card was ran through NCIC, her license were found to be suspended.

The officer also arrested Mrs. Kitts for two warrants found through the check.

The violation of probation charge resulted from failure to report to probation officer with the last visit being on 10/13/05, failure to pay court costs/fines of \$664.00, and failure to pay supervision fees of \$180.00.

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