

DAILY EDITION

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Tuesday, April 8, 2008

DUI 3rd, 9th DORL, & leaving scene for Loudon man

Deputy Deland, LCSD was dispatched to the Grizzly Pig in Philadelphia for a vehicle that had hit the front of the building. When en route dispatch advised a green car left the business and was headed towards Loudon.

Dispatch advised that Loudon Police Department had pulled the vehicle over and upon checking, the owner of the business stated a male subject came

(see Ward pg. 7)



Dennis R. Ward

Deputy saves house from vehicle fire

Quick action by a local officer possibly saved a man's home Tuesday night when his dump truck, which

was parked next his house, caught fire. Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSD, was dispatched to the Town Creek

(see Deputy pg. 4)

Theft, forgery of checks, credit card

A Greenback woman reported the theft and forgery of her checks and a credit

card after she received notification one of her checks, which she had not written,

(see Theft pg. 3)

Break-in at business

Police were called to a local business Wednesday to investigate a break-in after the owner arrived at work to find a door pried open

and an office rummaged through.

According to reports, Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD, responded to Patty Drilling,

(see Break-in pg. 4)

Party in vehicle leads to arrests of 2

A local couple was taken into custody after one of them was found to have a caused a disturbance at a Lenoir City grocery store and then after leaving, a

police officer saw the driver dancing over towards her passenger and stopped the vehicle. The vehicle ran over a curb and the was found to be under the influence of

(see Charged pg. 6)

TDOT Readies for May 1 Interstate 40 Closure

TDOT Partnering with Multiple Agencies to Keep Traffic Flowing During 14-month Closure

Knoxville,— The Tennessee Department of Transportation is now less than thirty days from the complete closure of Interstate 40 in downtown Knoxville. Beginning May 1, I-40 between

James White Parkway and Hall of Fame Drive will close for 14 months. All I-40 traffic will be rerouted to I-640 and all I-75 traffic will be diverted to I-275. Access to and from downtown Knoxville will be

maintained throughout construction.

On Monday, TDOT gathered with emergency responders from across the Knoxville area to kick off National Work Zone Aware-

ness Week in an effort to highlight the importance of safe driving in work zones and the emergency plan for the upcoming I-40 closure.

"During SmartFIX40 the work zone area will be sig-

(see I-40 Closure pg. 3)

Verse of the day

Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die.

Numbers 35:30

Obituaries

Wanda Lynn Selvidge Hendrix
James P. (Jim) Cook

Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy skies. High near 75.

Tonight: Partly cloudy skies early will become overcast later during the night. Low 54.

Wednesday: Showers. Highs: low 70s; Lows: upper 50s.

Wazzup

Congratulations to the local man who won big with a scratch-off ticket worth \$150,000 at Valley Mart #3 in Loudon.

Congratulations go to

North Middle School for great school paper, "Stars Sentinel"

Horoscopes

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

You need to slow down as much as you can and

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

nificantly reduced creating a safer environment for both workers and drivers," said TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely. "Whether motorists are taking the detour route or driving through the project en route to downtown Knoxville, our top priority will be to keep traffic flowing."

TDOT has worked with emergency response agencies in the Knoxville area, including the Tennessee Highway Pa-

trol, Knoxville Police Department, Knox County Sheriff's Department, Knoxville Fire Department, and Rural/Metro Ambulance Service, for many months to plan and prepare for every possible scenario that could occur during the closure. The team developed an incident management plan to assist responders in the event that an incident shuts down one of the alternate routes during the closure. The plan separates areas on I-640 and I-275 into zones. Each

zone has a specific alternate route to be used.

"It's extremely important for motorists to be alert for all the changes that will occur in the coming weeks," said KPD Chief Sterling Owen. "The Knoxville Police Department will make it a priority to keep traffic running as smoothly as possible on both I-640 and I-275. We intend to step up patrols and strictly enforce speeding and reckless driving infractions."

In 2006, 27 people

were killed in work zone crashes Tennessee and 1,680 were injured.

"The Tennessee Highway Patrol and State Troopers take speed enforcement in work zones very seriously," said THP Colonel Mike Walker. "We will be stepping up our enforcement of speed limits and citing drivers whose speeds exceed the posted limits through these zones, especially here in Knoxville during this major interstate closure."

SmartFIX40 is TDOT's single most expensive construction project in its 90 year history. Broken into two separate contracts, SmartFIX40 has a construction price tag of \$190 million. SmartFIX40 is an accelerated construction process that involves closing a primary roadway to allow around-the-clock work that is uninterrupted by traffic in order to dramatically shorten the time it takes to complete the project, thereby re-

ducing the long-term inconvenience to motorists. For the latest project information visit www.smartfix40.com.

Theft

was returned NSF to the credit card company.

According to records, Courtney Hall, Fork Road, told Investigator Chris White, LCSD, someone had taken her Visa card and some checks and used them without her permission. Hall advised she didn't know her credit card was missing until she received a call from her credit card company informing her she had received one of her checks that had come back NSF.

Hall reported she then contacted her bank to inquire about what was going on and was told a check had been written to her credit card company in the amount of \$247.06 and there was at least one more that had not cleared yet.

Hall further advised the forged checks were from a new pack she hadn't yet opened that she had stored in a location in her home and the credit card company would only tell her the last three places her card had been used.

The lawman noted Hall identified a family member as a suspect who she said admitted to using the card and checks.

The case is under investigation.

\$250 Reward

For information leading to the return of the following vehicles:

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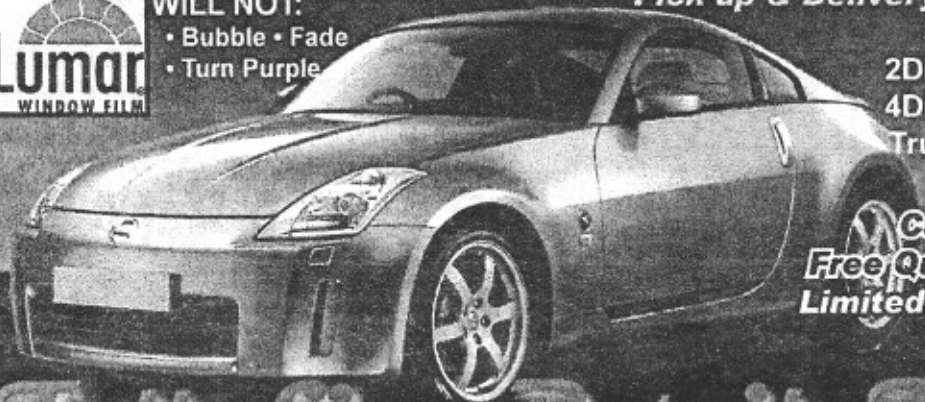
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Break-in

Highway 11, where he spoke with Richard Patty who advised he arrived at the business just before 6:00 a.m. and found someone had entered through a rear window and then pried open an interior office door.

Patty advised the suspect rummaged through desks and file cabinets, but he didn't find anything missing.

Records indicate an item that did not belong to the company was left behind at the scene and Detective Adam Yokley was responded to process

the scene and take over the investigation.

Deputy

Circle residence of Carl Cannon where he arrived to find a small dump truck with the front

end almost completely engulfed in flames sitting close to Cannon's house.

The officer used his fire extinguisher to put the fire out and reported Cannon said the truck, a 1977 Chevy PK VCO dump truck, had been sitting there running when it caught fire.

The value of the damage was unknown at the time of the report.

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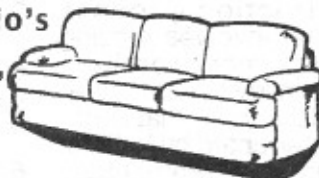
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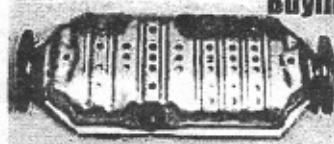
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Obituaries

Wanda Lynn Selvidge Hendrix, age 66 of Lenoir City, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, April 5, 2008 at her home. Wanda was of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Max Hendrix; parents, Everette and Rhoda Selvidge and brother, Frank Selvidge. She is survived by her children, Jay Hendrix and wife, Dorene, Tracie Hendrix Melton all of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Lindsey, Austin, Alyssa, Alex and Landon; sisters, Joyce Gideon, Pat Burrell and Jerry Roberts; brothers, Bill Selvidge and wife, Lois, Charles Selvidge and wife, Jessie and Bobby Selvidge and wife, Carol; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday with funeral services to follow at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Shane Williams and Rev. Dennis Kirk officiating. Family and friends will gather 11 a.m.

Wednesday at Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services. The family would like to express a special thanks to Dr. Tommy Morgan, Nurse Lisa Hughes, Dr. Gail Walter, and special friend, Sandy Russell for all of their special care and support. Those wishing to make memorials may contribute to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, 910 17th Street N.W., Suite 1190, Washington, DC 20006. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Hendrix family.

James P. (Jim) Cook, age 78 of Farragut, formerly of Lenoir City passed away Saturday afternoon, April 5, 2008 at his home. Jim was a long time member of First Baptist Church of Lenoir City. He was a retired Chemical Operator from Y-12 Martin Marietta Energy Systems. Jim was a veteran of the Korean Conflict serving with the U S Air Force. He was a member of Avery Lodge #593 F&AM and was a 32nd degree Mason in the

Scottish Rite. His parents, George and Lois Cook, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty McCown Cook; daughter, Patty Cook; son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Cindy Cook all of Knoxville; granddaughters, Cristin and husband Dr. Jesse Doty of Hixson, Kyra Cook and fiancé, Bryan Fowler both of Knoxville; brothers, Bob Cook and wife Florence of Lawrenceville, GA, David Cook and wife Carolyn; extended family, Buddy and Evelyn Rainwater, Allan and Barbara Bright; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 6:45 Monday at the Click Funeral Home Chapel with a Celebration of Life to follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Dick DeMerchant officiating. Serving as honorary pall bearers, Chuck Graham, Everett Rausin, members of the John Henry McNabb Sunday School Class and LCHS Class of 1948. Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lakeview Cemetery in Lenoir City for graveside services. The Cook family would like to express their gratitude to Jim's health

care providers: Joe Goode of Senior Companion, Eddie Scharff of Home Instead, Amedisys Home Health and Adventa Hospice and to special friends Charles Dial, Jo and Q.E. Richmond and the Hollingsworth family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Lenoir City Bldg. Fund, 2085 Simpson Road East, Lenoir City, TN 37772. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Cook family.

Charged

alcohol.

Lynn M. Nieto, 41, of North C. Street, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, violation of implied consent, speeding, viol. of financial resp. and driving on suspended.

According to the report, Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD observed a vehicle cross Hwy. 321 onto McGhee Blvd. and noted it was driving at approximately 40 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. The driver was dancing around leaning toward the passenger

and inattentive while operating the vehicle.

The officer stopped the vehicle and Nieto ran over the curb.

Nieto had a Florida license, which showed suspended, and she had an odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person.

Nieto performed poorly on sobriety tasks and could not show proof of insurance.

The passenger, Robert Max Duff Jr., 57, of North C Street, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Duff appeared in a public place and was causing a disturbance at Food City.

Duff was distracting the driver as well when stopped. Duff was later charged with DUI by consent after the vehicle was found to be his and he had let Nieto drive while she was under the influence.

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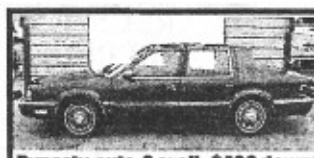
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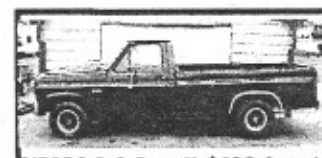
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