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Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Child finds drug addicted mom passed out with syringes, bloody paper towel

Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD was dispatched to Simpson Road, Lenoir City on a possible intoxicated female sitting in a vehicle at the residence. The call came from the neighbor's house who stated a 7 year old child came to her residence and stated her mother was sitting outside the residence in her vehicle unconscious with syringes and a bloody paper towel laying beside her.

When Corporal Estes, Deputy Michael Watkins and Deputy Chris Jenkins arrived they found a white female and identified her as Jennifer Elaine Wright. Wright was sitting on the steps of the residence and had slurred speech and was very unsteady on her feet and was very confused.

(see Wright pg. 6)



Jennifer Elaine Wright

Court order bans City from park

A temporary restraining order and mandatory interlocutory injunction signed by Loudon County Chancellor Frank Williams on Friday effectively banned a police department, a fire

(see Order pg. 3)

It's too late once you're spotted!

A Nashville man reportedly tried to ditch his car keys when police stopped his vehicle for suspicion of drunk driving after seeing him in the wrong lane of the

(see Piazza pg. 6)

LCSD CID's White charges woman with stolen rental

A Philadelphia woman was jailed following an investigation into allegations she sold property belonging to a rental business.

According to the warrant, filed by Detective Chris White, LCSD Criminal Investigation Division (CID), on April 11, 2008 Rent A Center filed a report with CID in regards to a Dell Computer they had rented to Amber

(see Lennex pg. 7)



Amber Michelle Lennex

Dogs run horses, cause injuries

A Vonore man told authorities his dogs had escaped their fence and he was looking for them when he discovered they had been at

another residence chasing horses, causing several of them, including a pregnant mare, to be injured.

According to records,

(see Horses pg. 4)

Driver license centers now accepting credit cards

Nashville, - The Tennessee Department of Safety (TDOS) is pleased to announce that customers conducting business at driver license service centers statewide may now

use their credit cards.

"TDOS is committed to improving customer service," stated Department of Safety Commissioner Dave Mitchell. "One of our

(see Cards pg. 3)

Verse of the day

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
Matthew 1:18

Obituaries

Ira D. (Max) Gilbert

Weather:

Today: A mainly sunny sky. Warm. High 82.

Tonight: A few clouds. Low 56.

Wednesday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Wazzup

It's finally gonna happen, today's the day - Kaylee Ann is scheduled to arrive!

Had a great time, thanks, Kim, Randy and person who doesn't buy my paper, but will now! -Dan

Horoscopes

Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

If you're in business for yourself or with a partner, now is a good time to decide what to do with recent profits. Most likely, you've

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Cards

strategic goals has always been to provide additional services that will make doing business at any of our driver license centers more convenient, and we see this as a major step in achieving that goal."

Drivers wanting to obtain or renew a Tennessee driver license, reinstate a license or submit an application for a Tennessee handgun permit may now pay for the transaction with a Visa, Mastercard or Discover. However, debit transactions that require a pin number are not acceptable. TDOS has taken steps to ensure that no credit card number will be printed on reports to ensure confidentiality.

"We began accepting credit cards in February at the Centennial Boule-

vard Driver License Center in Nashville. The pilot project was very successful, and we received a lot of positive feedback from customers," said TDOS Deputy Commissioner Greta Dajani. "In the past few months, the Department has worked hard to successfully implement this new service in all of our driver license centers, so that every Tennessee resident can benefit from this convenience."

Driver license examiners have been fully trained in credit card transactions and related customer service. It's estimated that 30 percent of transactions in 2008 will be made with credit cards.

In November 2007, TDOS began adding reinstatement services to driver license centers in Tennessee's major metro-

politan areas. Reinstatement statements are now available in 19 driver license centers statewide. This allows customers to "one-stop shop," making it easier for people to regain their privilege to drive.

Drivers may also conduct business and pay fees using a credit card online by visiting our website at www.tennesseeanytime.org/tndlr or www.tennessee.gov.

Order

department and all City employees from a Lenoir City Park following an apparent conflict between the parks and recreation director and a water sports company. According to court records, the order restrained Lenoir City, Tennessee, its agents, employees and specifically Steve Harrelson, Parks and Recreation Director, from contacting, calling, threatening, harass-

ing or coming around in any way interfering with Shadrack Water Sports Inc.,' unrestricted use of the Lenoir City Park from Friday, May 2, through Sunday, May 4, 2008.

The Loudon County Sheriff's Department was under order to remove any of those listed from the park for the duration of the event.

The issue reportedly began when a scheduling conflict arose concerning the unrestricted use of the park on Sunday. Shadrack Water Sports Inc. noted in the petition the company had received written permission from Lenoir City Attorney Shannon Littleton on April 14, 2008 to use the park for a boat show. Then on April 30, 2008, Harrelson contacted Josh Glover, General Manager of Shadrack Water

Sports Inc. & RV, to advise the company could not use the park on Sunday, May 4 because another event was scheduled at the same time.

A compromise was offered, which would have cut the number of boats at the park on Sunday from 50 to 8, but Shadrack Water Sports Inc. claimed Sunday was a critical day for their sales and the event needed to proceed (without the restriction).

The company further noted in the petition that Harrelson wrote in a letter that if Shadrack Water Sports Inc. could not abide by the (compromise) he would shut down the boat show for Sunday.

Attorneys for the City and Shadrack Water Sports Inc. met and tried to resolve the conflict, but were unable to do so.

Shadrack also noted the company expected to sell numerous boats during the event and spent around \$30,000 in advertising and preparation costs.

The order was very encompassing because it included the Lenoir City police and fire departments, instead of being specifically against the Parks and Recreation Director.

Shadrack Water Sports Inc. representatives we spoke with indicated they just simply wanted to be able to use the park like anyone else and not be denied access.

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Horses

Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD, was dispatched to Mayo Road East to a complaint of loose dogs chasing horses and arrived to find a horse about to foal was loose and run through the fences while being chased by two dogs described as a Huskey/Malamute mix and a Lab/Spaniel mix. The horse had cuts on its legs from running through the fences.

Two colts had also been chased by the dogs and one of them had a small injury on one of its legs.

The owner of the horses, Joyce Mitchell, advised another family member would have cuts on the horses treated by a vet.

The officer reported the dogs owner, Dennis Gornowich, also was on the scene and stated the dogs had run out of their fenced area and he had been looking for them. He said the dogs had current vaccinations.

The officer further noted the dogs bore rabies tags for 2005 and Gornowich was eventually able to leash the animals.

No other information was available at the time of the report.

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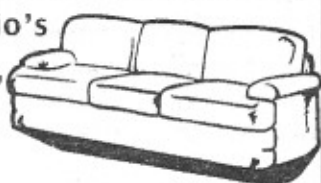
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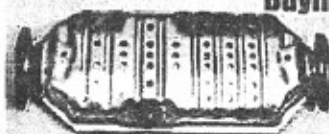
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Obituaries

Ira D. (Max) Gilbert, of Lenoir City, passed away Sunday, May 4, 2008, at the U. T. Medical Center. He was a beloved father and grandfather. Max was a member of First Baptist Church in Lenoir City and the John Henry McNabb Sunday School Class. A 50 year member and Past Master of Avery Masonic Lodge 593 F&AM. Max was Master Sergeant with the Army National Guard. Preceded in death by his wife, Joy B. Gilbert; parents, B. W. Gilbert and Anna Kimbrough Gilbert and brother, John A. Gilbert. Survived by his daughters, Pam Shaver and husband, Mark of Lenoir City and Peggy Gilbert Boatman and husband, Mike of Knoxville; grandchildren: Matthew, Emily and Andrew Shaver; brother-in-law, Robert Bean and wife, Joanne of Knoxville; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Family

and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens for graveside services with Rev. Dick DeMerchant and Rev. Donny Crass officiating. Full military honors will be conferred by the Loudon County Veterans Honor Guard. The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the National Park Service and the many volunteers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 2085 Simpson Road E., Lenoir City, TN 37772 or Search and Rescue Operations, 107 Park Headquarters Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Gilbert family.

Wright

While Corporal Estes was speaking to her, Jennifer stated she had been shooting morphine for about

two months. She then showed the deputy track marks that were on both arms.

Jennifer stated the last time she had used morphine was the day before but she had taken hydrocodone pills during that day. Due to Jennifer's intoxicated state and her drug uses she was unable to care for her seven year old child and the child was having to take care of herself.

The residence was also in disarray, food was in the floor, clothing was thrown throughout the residence, and dog feces was in the floor of the residence.

Jennifer Elaine Wright was taken to Loudon ER for medical treatment due to her intoxicated state and

when released was taken into custody and charged.

Jennifer Elaine Wright, 43, of Simpson Road, Lenoir City, was charged with child neglect. Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD made the arrest.

Piazza

roadway and observing his driving skills.

Harry Anthony Piazza, 39, of Hampshire Place, Nashville, was charged with DUI and violation of implied consent.

According to the report, Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSD received a call of a possible drunk driver on Hwy 70 driving the wrong way in the wrong lane. Deputy Watkins observed the vehicle come to almost a complete stop on

Hwy 70 when the driver saw the deputy's patrol car.

Upon following the vehicle the deputy observed it swaying from line to line and at a speed of approximately 30mph on a 50mph road. The subject stopped in the roadway and then turned on his turn signal before turning into a subdivision.

Upon stopping, the man threw his keys into a field and exited the vehicle.

The driver was identified as Harry A. Piazza and he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

When asked, Mr. Piazza stated he consumed 6 beers and taken a Xanax earlier. Piazza refused a BAC test. Deputy Watkins made the arrest.

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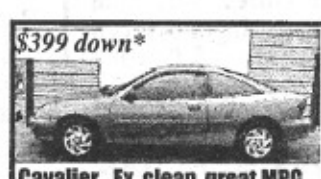
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