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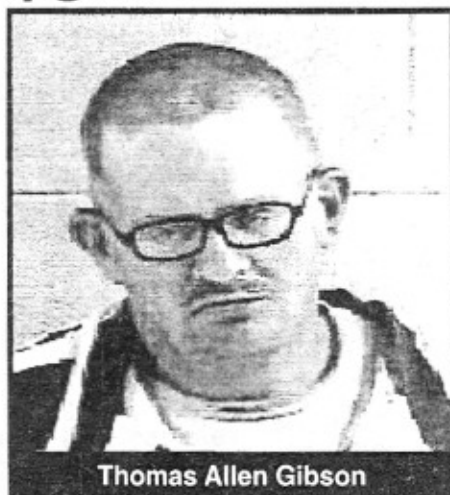
Thursday, June 12, 2008

Deadbeat camping sex offender charged with animal cruelty at local campground

TVA Police apprehended a convicted sex offender who has failed to register as a sex offender at Melton Hill Campground after he failed to pay the required camping fees to TVA. Through communications in Knox and Loudon Counties the man was found to be an unregistered convicted sex offender in Tennessee.

While checking the campsite TVA Officer John Neal and Greg Roberts discovered 3 small dogs in cages and the animals were in the sunlight and the temperature was in the high 80's. The temperature was 88 degrees on the temperature gauge of the officer's patrol car and the animals had no

(see Gibson pg. 4)



Thomas Allen Gibson

Outbuilding burglarized

A White Wing Road woman called authorities Friday when she discovered someone broke into her outbuilding and stole some of her property.

According to records, Genevia Aumiller advised a gas powered Torro weed trimmer and a red tool box

(see Outbuilding pg. 2)

Straw fire destroys pickup truck

Authorities responded to Buttermilk Road Friday afternoon when a load of straw in the bed of a pickup truck caught fire, destroying the truck and its contents.

Deputy Freddie Gene Walker, LCSD, reported he was dispatched to Buttermilk Road near Hope Creek Road where he spoke with Jerry Bryant of Kingston who said he noticed

(see Fire pg. 4)

We got ripped off in a crack deal

Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a white Acura Integra traveling east on Hwy 72. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle for violation of the registration law. The driver Richard Chad McNabb had very glossy eyes but performed well on sobriety tasks. While inter-

(see Ripped off pg. 7)



Richard Chad McNabb



Travis Brian Williams

TDOT and THP Prepare for 2008 Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival At Least 80,000 Expected at This Year's Manchester Event

Nashville, - Every year in mid-June, the city of Manchester temporarily becomes the sixth most popu-

lous city in Tennessee. It's almost time again for the annual Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival - one of the

premier concerts in the nation and the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Tennessee Highway

Patrol are gearing up to ensure a smooth traffic flow during the event. The 2008 Bonnaroo music festival (see Bonnaroo pg. 3)

Verse of the day

And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.
Malachi 1:9

Obituaries

Edward Joseph Lyons
Barbara McCarroll Hartsook

Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy with afternoon thunderstorms. High 89. CoR: 50%.
Tonight: Scattered thunder-

storms in the evening with a few showers possible late. Low 69. CoR: 40%.

Friday: Isolated thunderstorms. Highs: low 90s; Lows: low 70s.

Wazzup

How 'bout those Kobe Bryants, fellas?!?

Horoscopes Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

You've got too many different opinions spinning around in that big brain of yours -- but it's not time to pare them back just yet! Let

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Bonnaroo

begins on the evening of Thursday, June 12, and runs through Sunday, June 15, with the heaviest traffic expected on Thursday, June 12.

The festival, which is held on a former farm in Manchester, attracts over 80,000 people each year to the Coffee County area, which means the area in and around Manchester will see much heavier traffic during the festival period. Travelers on I-24, as well as state routes and local roads, will be impacted by the heavy volume of festival-goers. TDOT and the THP have worked closely with the City of Manchester Police Department, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and festival promoters throughout the year on a plan to efficiently handle both through traffic and vehicles entering and exiting

the festival area.

"Planning for the Bonnaroo event is a team effort," said TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely. "TDOT has once again coordinated with multiple state and local agencies to ensure safe, efficient travel during the festival for both Bonnaroo attendees as well as other motorists. Our goal is to provide festival-goers with safe and quick access to the festival site while keeping traffic moving on I-24. We have been very successful with this plan during past festivals, and we expect to see the same or better results this year."

All festival gates open Thursday, June 12 at 6:00 a.m. CDT. State Troopers will be on the job 24 hours a day beginning Wednesday night, patrolling and controlling traffic on I-24. The THP will work both on the ground and in the air, using helicopters

to assess the scene from above and relay important information to the marked patrol cars and motorcycles on the ground.

"Our goal is to make sure that I-24 stays accident-free and clear for festival-goers and other travelers," stated THP Colonel Mike Walker. "Nearly 100 Tennessee State Troopers will be working around the clock to help make that happen. In addition to aggressively enforcing traffic laws, we will be working with TDOT, local law enforcement and Bonnaroo organizers to handle all the extra traffic."

During Bonnaroo 2007, Troopers logged over 7,300 man-hours, worked 25 traffic crashes (7 injury, and 18 property damage crashes), and wrote 359 citations and 64 warnings. A breakdown of all THP-issued citations during last

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year's festival period is attached to this release.

HELP units from TDOT's Chattanooga office will also be in the festival area to assist with traffic management during peak traffic times and to aid any motorists who require assistance.

In addition to having HELP trucks on the scene, TDOT and other agencies are taking the following steps on the dates surrounding Bonnaroo beginning June 11 through June 16:

Efforts will be concentrated on keeping interstate traffic flowing.

Exit 111 (SR 55) will be used as the main festival exit. Exits 97, 105, 112 (temporary exit on westbound side only), 117 and 127 are alternate exits if congestion occurs on the interstate.

TDOT maintenance units will be post-

ed throughout the festival region, and maintenance personnel will be on call all weekend.

TDOT will provide variable message signs to warn drivers of delays.

There will be no construction-related lane closures on I-24 near the Bonnaroo festival area between 3 p.m. June 11 and June 16.

Median crossovers will be guarded to prevent motorists from parking in the crossovers and blocking emergency vehicles.

Festival traffic will be kept in the right lane and/or on the shoulder of the interstate, allowing through traffic to utilize the left travel lane unimpeded.

Emergency vehicles will use county roads that will be kept at low volume.

Bonnaroo promoters issued early news releases to the trucking industry and other sources to alert the traveling public to festival times, location, and alternate routes.

Temporary communications towers are in place to improve emergency communications.

During the festival motorists should call 511 from any mobile or land line phone for traffic updates or visit the TDOT website at www.tn.gov/tdot where you will also find information on alternate routes.

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Gibson

water to drink.

The reports also stated Thomas Gibson previously registered in the state of TN but he moved to Kentucky and registered there. He was convicted January 10, 2002 of sexual battery by an authority figure in Hamblen County.

Thomas Allen Gibson, 42, of Greasy Creek Road, Shelbyana, KY, was charged with theft of services, animal cruelty, and sex offender - failed to register. Officer John Neal, TVAP made the arrest.

Fire

and flames coming from the bed of the 2004 Ford F15 he was driving and stopped the vehicle. A man driving behind him also stopped.

Three bales of straw were in the truck bed and were on fire, but the two men were unable to pull them from the vehicle because of the flames. Rural Metro responded and put out the fire.

Bryant reported the

straw had been in the bed of the truck for about two weeks and the truck belonged to a man identified as William Spoon.

Spoon also came to the scene and advised there were several other items in the truck including two Craftsman chain saws, two drills, a leaf blower, a jig saw and various other Craftsman tools.

The officer noted the truck appeared to be a total loss. The value of the damage was unknown at the time of the report.

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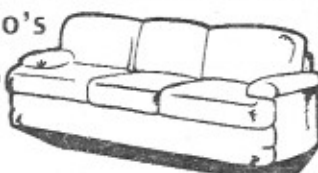
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Ripped Off

viewing Mr. McNabb, K-9 Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD deployed his canine partner around the vehicle who alerted on the possible presence of narcotics in the

vehicle.

Officers then conducted a search of the vehicle and a metal pipe with black residue used to smoke crack cocaine was found under the passenger seat and a cellophane baggie that

contained a white rock like substance believed to be crack cocaine was found between the seats and it tested positive for cocaine base. Officers also uncovered a baggie of a similar substance that tested

negative for narcotics. Travis Williams, the passenger stated they were cheated in Knoxville in his attempt to purchase crack cocaine.

Also uncovered was a debit card, driver license, bank card, credit card from a Lenoir City man who was called and stated those items had been stolen from him at the Home Depot and it was on record with LCPD.

Richard Chad McNabb, 30, of Corinth Church Road, Loudon, was charged with possession of stolen property, possession of schedule II, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Travis Brian Williams, 28, of Highland Avenue, Loudon, was charged with possession of stolen property, possession of schedule II and possession of stolen property.

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