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Monday, June 2, 2008

First 1st Degree Murder conviction by jury in Loudon County since 1995

(see Conviction pg. 3)

On February 17, 2004, Loudon County Highway Department workers discovered the brutally murdered body of 43 year old Adwinna Pamila Hughes off Eblen Road and contacted the Loudon County Sheriff's Department.

Lt. Detective Jeff Vittatoe was the lead investigator and presented the case to District Attorney General Russell Johnson for prosecution. The suspect was found 2 days later in Roanoke VA by Roanoke PD Tactical Team and ATF agents who arrested Gerald Davis Thomas, 53, a black male, along with another female,

Michelle Tolley, who was questioned and was the State's key witness in the case.

Tolley reported she witnessed Gerald Thomas kill Pam Hughes with a 45 caliber handgun that was found in the victim's car, a 2001 Honda Civic, green in color. The pair was in Hughes' car when they were found in Virginia and were tracked by Hughes' cell phone. The murder weapon was also found in the car.

A .45 caliber slug was found in the victim's body, and shell casings found at the scene were matched up via the TBI lab and per DNA testing,



Gerald Davis Thomas

LC man charged with DUI after running from accident scene



(see Parton pg. 9)

Cpl. Chad Estes, LCSD, takes Jerry Parton into custody following a hit and run accident Thursday afternoon. Chief Deputy Tony Aikens and Deputy Brad Rayfield, pictured right, assisted in the apprehension.

Public meetings

The Lenoir City Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 6:00 p.m. June 3, 2008 at Lenoir City Hall with the Regional Planning Commission immediately following.

Planned BZA Agenda items include:

(see Meetings pg. 3)

Fishing with Gus

Continued from last week

With a little help from earth's gravitational forces, the trip out of the truck for Coonfoot only took a few seconds; with a loud thump and a couple moans later, he was soon on all fours crawl-

(see Fishing pg. 7)

Tennessee Department of Health receives Komen grants

The State Department of Health's Tennessee Breast and Cervical Cancer

Screening Program has been awarded five one-year grants totaling \$206,950

(see Grants pg. 8)

Verse of the day

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; Joel 2:1

Obituaries

None

Weather:

Today: Thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s.

Tonight: Lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday: Scattered thunder-

storms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Wazzup

Happy Birthday, Jonathan Sartin - ain't it nifty being fifty?!

Thanks for the great, safe walking/riding trail, LC Parks & Rec.

Horoscopes Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

It's too easy to get frustrated with the pace of the day, but you might be able to figure out a few new ways to calm down and

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Conviction

also done at the lab. The case was tried in open court before a jury by District Attorney General Russell Johnson and Assistant District Attorney Frank Harvey, and is the first jury trial resulting in a 1st degree murder conviction since 1995.

Sheriff Tim Guider

stated, "We are extremely happy with verdict and I am very appreciative of the jury's commitment and efforts. A lot of good police work was involved in this case from the very beginning with the cooperation of several police agencies to bring this suspect to justice."

"An added pat on the back goes to Lt.

Jeff Vittaote's hard work in one of his first major cases with the Sheriff's Department."

Agencies involved include: LCSD, Blount Co. SD, US Marshalls Service, Federal Bureau of ATF, Roanoke PD, TBI Crime Lab.

Meetings

Request consideration of approval of lot size variance for two proposed lots located at the corner of Doyle and Houston Streets, 844 SF for Lot 1 (from 15,000 SF to 14,156 SF) and 846 SF for Lot 2, (from 15,000 SF to 14,154 SF), referenced by Tax Map 20-G, Group I, Parcel 4.00, Zoned R-1, Low Density Residential District. Owner: Chris Clabough (Postponed from May meeting)

Request consideration of approval of 17' front yard setback variance (from 20' to 3') and 8' side yard setback variance (from 8' to 0') for property located at

205 Pike Street, referenced by Tax Map 20-L, Group K, Parcel 15.00, Zoned R-3, High Density Residential District. Owner: Kay Arnwine

Planned RPC Agenda items include:

Request consideration of approval of rezoning approximately 1.4 acres of property located on the North-East corner of Hwy 70 and Creekwood Blvd., from R-4, Residential District to O-1, Office Professional District, referenced by Tax Map 10, part of Parcel 168.00, 5th Legislative District. Owner: Tony Hale

Review conceptual plan and grading plan for approximately 18 acres of commercial property at Emily's Landing located at Hwy 321 at Allen Shore Drive, referenced by Tax Map 27, Parcel 17.00. Owner: Chester Franklin

Request consideration of approval of release of letter of credit in the amount of \$100,000 for construction of left turn lane on Harrison Road for Allenbrook

subdivision.

Consideration of approval of revision to Section 11-414, Lenoir City Zoning Ordinance, HZ, Historical Overlay District, Section 1, Procedures for Issuance and Enforcement of Certificate of Appropriateness for HZ Historic Zoning District - Staff

Consideration of approval of amendment to Section 11-312, Lenoir City Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan Review, requiring site plan approval by the Regional Planning Commission

The Loudon Regional Planning Commission will meet at 12:30 p.m. at Loudon City Hall with the Loudon Board of Zoning Appeals meeting immediately following.

Planned RPC Agenda items include:

Request consideration of approval of rezoning approximately 7 acres of property located on Hwy 72 between Tennessee National Drive and Monterey Mushrooms from M-2, Heavy Industrial District to C-2, Highway Commercial District, referenced by Tax Map 39, Parcel 35.00. Owner: Barry Baker

Request consideration of approval of reduction and/or release of Letters of Credit for Tennessee National Old Club Road, Pod 2, Pod 2-B, Pod 2-3, Pod 4, Pod 5-A, Pod 5-B, Pod 6, Pod 7, Pod 8, Pod 13-A, Pod 13-B, and Pod 13-C.

Consideration of approval of amendments to Section 11-604 Signs, Billboards and Other Advertising Structures

There are no planned Agenda items for the BZA meeting.

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Ronald Allen Price, 40, of Inola Place, Loudon, was charged with public intoxication. According to the report, Officer Nathan Wilson LCPD received a call of a possible intoxicated person in the Aubrey's parking lot. Upon arrival the officer found Price with a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was a danger if left in public. Officer Nathan Wilson, LCPD made the arrest.

1st. According to the report, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD observed a vehicle on Hwy 72 cross the center line numerous times. The vehicle also had no taillights. The officer stopped the vehicle and the driver, Ms. Cress had an odor of an intoxicant on her person and performed poorly on sobriety tasks. She took a BAC at the hospital. Officer Bennie Houser, LPD made the arrest.

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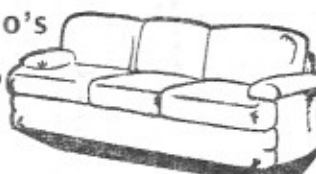
Angela Marie Cress, 42, of Corinth Church Road, Loudon, was charged with DUI

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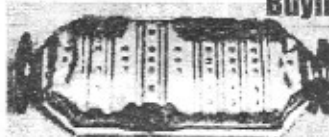
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Jacob A. Hamilton, 53, of Binfield Road, Maryville, was charged with DUI.

According to the report, Trooper Russell Smith, THP received complaints from motorists about Hamilton for running off the roadway and driving erratically.

Hamilton admitted to taking methadone and was unable to perform sobriety tasks. Trooper Russell Smith, THP made the arrest.

Michael John McLemore, 28, of Sunset Drive, Sweetwater, was charged with failure to appear on domes-

tic violence assault, violation of probation and parole violation. According to the VOP affidavit, McLemore was convicted of driving on suspended and viol. of financial responsibility and was sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days. Since then he has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$638; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$220 and failed to respond to notices. Deputy John Wilson, LCSD made the arrest.

Robert Andrew Yelverton, 18, of, Highland Avenue, Loudon, was charged with vio-

lation of probation. According to the report, Yelverton was convicted juvenile charges, speeding, no driver license, reckless endangerment, evading arrest and SP

and was sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days. Since then he has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$5699; failed to

pay supervision fees, owes \$90; failed to respond to notices and was arrested on new charges August 2007. Deputy Shane Ezell, LCSD made the arrest.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Budget Committee Meetings

Lenoir City Budget Committee will meet at City Hall in the small conference room on the following dates/times:

- Tuesday, June 3, 2008
- Tuesday, June 10, 2008
- Thursday, June 12, 2008
- Tuesday, June 17, 2008
- Thursday, June 19, 2008

All meetings are scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meetings will be continued consideration/discussion in the preparation of the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget

Thank You,
Gene Hamby, Chair

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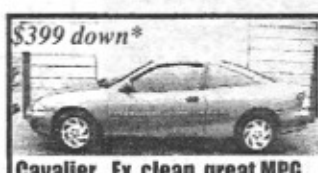
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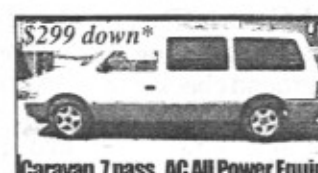
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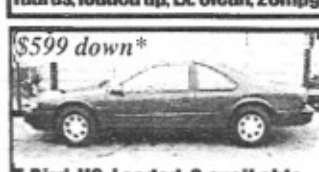
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Fishing

ing after Toad towards the restaurant.

By this time, Sven was already explaining how Coonfoot had gotten into this shape in the first place to the

law officer in charge, Claude Magilicuty.

The officer turned out to be the same fellow that had arrested Coonfoot last year after Coonfoot went deer hunting

with his old wrecker on the Ranger Stations front porch, he still swears that the mechanical deer ran across the road and jumped up on the porch. Coonfoot had

made it to the steps of the restaurant; he was yelling at the top of his lungs that he would kill Harold. Now Harold works down at the Do-It Yourself Abattoir and we all know that Coonfoot and Harold were old hunting buddies, so it was odd that he would be yelling this about poor old scrawny Harold.

To see how this ends for Coonfoot, go to ToadsBaitShop.com for the conclusion. -Gus

Police beat

Crystal Marie Brown, 25, of Donaldson Road, Philadelphia, assault by domestic violence.

According to the report, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSD

responded to Donaldson Road on a domestic call. When he arrived he saw the victim holding Crystal down on the couch in a headlock.

Crystal was trying to fight the victim and he was trying to keep her from hitting him anymore.

Crystal was taken into custody and was still angry and acting in a violent manner. Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSD made the arrest.

Stephen Michael McCarter, 28, of Martin Road, Harriman, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy John Maples, LCSD made the arrest.

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Grants

from Tennessee affiliates of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the international organization dedicated to ending breast cancer. Grants have been awarded in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Davidson County, the Tri-Cities area and Tennessee's Upper Cumberland region to provide breast cancer screening for uninsured women.

"It is so important that all women have these screening tests to detect cancer earlier when it can be most easily treated," said Susan R. Cooper, MSN, RN, Commissioner of Health. "These grants will help provide life-saving services to women who might otherwise

go without the tests."

The grant awards are intended to address the screening and diagnostic needs of women ages 50 through 64 who are uninsured and below a certain income level, based on family size. The state program is particularly interested in screening women who have never been screened for breast cancer or who have not been screened in two or more years, as these women are at greater risk for cancer.

"We are extremely grateful to Komen for its generous support of the state program," said Mary Jane Dewey, director of the Tennessee Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program.

"Without it, several hundred women in our state could not be served."

Dewey also said that 100 percent of the Komen money will be used to pay for basic screening and diagnostic tests for women with suspicious findings. There are Komen Affiliates in 62 Tennessee counties. State and federal funds are available to cover services for women in the remaining 33 Tennessee counties.

Each year, about 14,000 women receive services through Tennessee's Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, with only a small number needing further tests or treatment. To learn more about the state program, call 1-877-969-6636 or visit

<http://health.state.tn.us/BCC/index.htm>. Contact your local county health department to schedule an appointment or to get information about eligibility.

The Tennessee Komen Affiliates are part of the 125-member Affiliate network of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the world's largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting to end breast cancer forever. Local affiliates serve as the face and voice of Komen's global breast cancer movement, mobilizing millions of everyday people through activities like the Komen Race for the Cure® Series, the world's largest and most successful education and fundraising event for breast cancer.

For more information about Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the many ways to get involved in Komen's fight against breast cancer visit www.komen.org or call 1-877 GO KOMEN.

Police Beat

Jose Guadalupe Dominguez-Valdivia, 37, of 9th Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with two counts of failure to appear.

Deputy John Maples, LCSD made the arrest.

Douglas Ricardo Silvera, 20, of Green Acre Road, Kingston, was charged with violation of the check law.

Deputy John Maples, LCSD made the arrest.

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Parton

Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD received a call of a possible drunk driver on Hwy 11 coming from Watt Road. The complainant following a red truck after the truck was involved in

a hit and run on Watt Road in Knoxville. Corporal Estes found the vehicle at Hwy 11 and Ford Road and the complainant had followed the vehicle out Ford Road onto Dewitt Drive and the vehicle

then turned around and came back toward Hwy 11. The witness stated the driver of the truck threw out a black bag on Ford Road. When Corporal Estes approached the vehicle, the driver was identified as Jerry

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Ree Parton. Mr. Parton had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and the driver compartment of the vehicle when he exited the vehicle Ms. Parton was unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech and when asked how much alcohol he had consumed Parton stated about four beers and he had been taking medication. Parton refused BAC tests and the officer found the black bag laying in the yard of a residence which contained several beer cans. Parton was also issued a citation for littering.

THP Trooper Bill Garrett is investigating the hit and run that occurred just moments earlier at Dixie Lee Junction and Watt Road. Parton was in the turn lane of Watt Road and started

and stopped and was struck in the rear by a Mitsubishi Eclipse driven by an extremely attractive Knoxville woman who did stop at the scene. A witness aided the woman and searched the area for the truck but it was gone. The young lady went to her residence and contacted THP while LCSD was taking Parton into custody just a few minutes later.

Jerry Ree Parton, 51, of Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI 1st and implied consent. Corporal Estes made the arrest. He was assisted by Chief Deputy Tony Aikens, Sgt. James Davis II, Sgt. Jeff Russell, Deputy Brad Rayfield, Deputy Michael Watkins and the vehicle was towed by Malones Wrecker Service in Lenoir City.



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