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Tuesday, July 8, 2008

# Residents lucky to be alive after unlicensed man hits building and more

Thankfully no one was licensed driver ran into two parked vehicles and then ing without a license. into an apartment complex causing severe damage and nearly driving into the apartment itself. The man was found sitting in a chair provided to him by the residents of the apartment because he could hardly stand.

Juan Pilar Ramirez, 28, of fatally injured when an un- C Street, Lenoir City was charged with DUI and driv-

> According to the report. Officer F. Donth, LCPD responded to 4th Avenue in reference to an accident. On arrival the officer observed several people outside a truck sitting in the yard of an apartment complex.

(see Ramirez pg. 4)



#### Knox man busted

A Knoxville man was taken into custody when police stopped his vehicle for a light violation and found he was driving under the influence. He reportedly also had emergency equipment he was not legally permitted to use in his possession at the time of his arrest.

Paul Bradley Owens, 46, of Arlie Drive, Knoxville, was charged with DUI, implied consent, light law violation,

Broken woman

(see Owens pg. 6)

# 2 charged in \$1200 wire theft

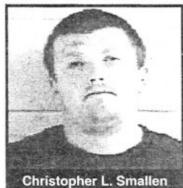
Two local men were jailed following na investigation into the larcweny of copper wire from a Loudon business in larte June.

Brian Keith Russell, aka Gator, 35, of Lovin Farm Court, Vonore, and Christopher L. Smallen, 39, of Smallen Road, Loudon,

(see Thieves pg. 7)



Brian Keith "Gator" Russell



charged A Loudon woman who re-

portedly told police she has broken ankles was taken into custody after a local officer stopped to check on her walking across railroad tracks and found she was under the influence of alcohol.

Teresa Jane Hardin, 38, of (see Hardin pg. 4)

# August sales tax holiday approaching

Shop tax-free August 1-3

the opportunity to purchase August 1.

Nashville, - Tennessee's certain clothing, school and third annual August Sales art supplies, and comput-Tax Holiday, which gives ers free of Tennessee sales back-to-school shoppers tax, will begin on Friday,

to school is a busy, impor- Holiday is an opportunity for tant time for families to pre- families to enjoy savings on pare their children for suc- those items that kids need cess," said Governor Phil to be ready for a successful

"Getting ready to go back Bredesen. "This Sales Tax (see Holiday pg. 3)

#### Verse of the day

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. Isaiah 40:28

#### **Obituaries**

Larry M. Simmons

#### Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms possible. High 93. CoR: 30%. Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms during the evening. then partly cloudy overnight. Low 71. CoR: 30%.

Wednesday: A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

#### Wazzup

The young woman in the (Jun 22-Jul 22) sports car who nearly broadsided the Blazer Sunday eve-

ning when she flew through the red light at Pilot on Broadway needs to HANG UP HER CELL PHONE & DRIVE!!!

#### Horoscopes Cancer

You've got to make sure (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

#### Holiday

school year."

The long weekend of savings begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday. August 1 and ends on Sunday, August 3, at 11:59 p.m. The state's dedicated Sales Tax Holiday Web site, www.tntaxholiday. com, has been updated with new materials. including information about exempt items, frequently asked questions and more.

During the designated three-day weekend, consumers may purchase select clothing with a price of \$100 or less per item, school and art supplies with a price of \$100 or less per item, and computers with a price of \$1,500

or less without paying Tennessee's state and local sales tax on the items. The tax holiday also includes purchases of qualified items sold via mail, telephone, e-mail or Internet if the customer orders and pays for the item and the retailer accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period.

"During the 2008 August Sales Tax Holiday, Tennesseans can purchase qualified items free of sales tax as they prepare for the upcoming school year," said Revenue Commissioner Reagan Farr. "This annual Sales Tax Holi-

day, which Governor Bredesen established in 2005, has provided an excellent tax savings opportunity for all Tennessee shoppers and we are pleased to help further his taxsaving initiative."

Please visit the Sales Tax Holiday Web site at www.tntaxholidav. com to learn more about the items exempt from sales tax. The Tennessee Department of Revenue also offers assistance to consumers via e-mail, Salestax. Holiday@state.tn.us, and through its toll-free statewide telephone hot line, (800) 342-1003. Staff is available to answer questions Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time. (Out-of-

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state and Nashvillearea callers, please dial (615) 253-0600.)

Examples of exempt items include:

Clothing: Shirts. dresses, pants, coats, gloves and mittens, hats and caps, hosiery, neckties, belts, sneakers, shoes, uniforms whether athletic or non-athletic and scarves

School Supplies: Binders, book bags, calculators, tape, chalk, crayons, erasers, folders, glue, pens, pencils, lunch boxes, notebooks, paper, rulers and scissors

Art Supplies: Clay and glazes; acrylic, tempera and oil paints: paintbrushes for artwork; sketch and drawing pads: and watercolors

Computers: Central processing unit (CPU), along with various other components including monitor, keyboard, mouse, cables to connect components and preloaded software (Note: While the CPU may be purchased separately, other items must be part of a bundled computer package in order to be eligible.)

The Sales Tax Holiday is an ideal way to prepare your children for a successful school year, but school supplies are not all that is needed. Ensure a healthy school year for your children by enrolling them in CoverKids, Tennessee's free health insurance program for children 18 and under. Please visit www.covertn.gov to learn more or enroll.

#### Police Beat

Freddie Eugene McMahan, 46, of Corinth Church Road. Loudon, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSD made the arrest.

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#### Ramirez

Ramirez was sitting in a chair that was provided to him by one of the residents there

Multiple witnesses stated Ramirez was driving the vehicle when he lost control. struck two cars, then backed into the building in an attempt to turn around and leave the dead end street.

The damage to the building was severe and left a large hole nearly into an apartment. There was also significant damage to one of the two vehicles Ramirez hit.

Ramirez appeared to be medically secure, however he could barely stand due to his level of intoxication. He had an overwhelming odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person, his speech. although it was Spanish, was extremely slurred

After further investigation it was learnedRamirez has no license. The report did not indicate whether Ramirez has insurance or not. No injuries were reported.

#### Hardin

Vale Street, Loudon, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD observed a female walking across the railroad tracks next to the Laundromat on Commerce St., The officer made contact with Ms. Hardin and she had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person and stated she drank one beer.

Ms. Hardin further stated her ankles were broken and she had surgery on them. Ms. Hardin stated she had walked downtown to use the phone to try to get a ride to Lenoir

The officer felt is was unsafe for Ms. Hardin to be out walking. Officer Bennie Houser, LPD made the arrest.

#### Police Beat

Donna Elaine Purdy. 43, of Johnson Drive. Lenoir city, was charged with criminal trespassing and theft under \$500.

Deputy Ryan Grubb. LCSD made the arrest.



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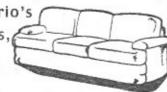


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## turaines

Larry M. Simmons. age 71 of Lenoir City, passed away Friday, July 4th at his home. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church, a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. and was retired from Federal Sign Company. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ward Marion and Evelyn Agnes Simmons, Survived by his wife. Susan Hiatt Simmons; children, Tracey Simmons of Indianapolis, Suzanne Simmons of Geneva, III and Stephen Simmons of Baton Rouge, LA: grandchildren, Laura

and Nickolas Heuss: brother, Alan Simmons of Muncie, Ind. To honor the wishes of the deceased. there will be no memorial services. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of the arrangement.

#### Owens

driving on suspended, and open container.

According to the report, Officer N. Lawson, LCPD stopped a vehicle for driving without taillights. Owens had a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was unsteady on his

Owens performed poorly on sobriety

tasks and received additional charges after numerous pieces of red/white lights were found in the vehicle and he was cited for illegal use of emergency equipment. Officer N. Lawson LCPD made the arrest.

#### Police Beat

Charles Sherman Thaxton, 44, of Summer Street, Loudon, was charged with violation of sex offender reaistration.

Deputy Ryan Grubb, LCSD made the ar-

Tobias Tuck, 31, of Riverview Road. Loudon, was charged with contempt of court out of circuit court.

Sgt. Jeff Russell, LCSD made the ar-

John James Cooper. 28, of South Kingston Street, Wartburg, was charged with an attachment.

Deputy John Maples, LCSD made the

Levi James Lester. 20 homeless, was charged with a capias and VOP.

Deputy Johnny

Brown LCSD made the arrest.

David Lee Coleman. of Calloway Circle. Lenoir City was charged with a criminal court capias out of Anderson County.

Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSD made the arrest.

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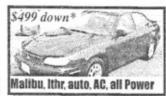
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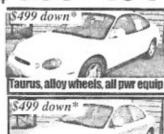








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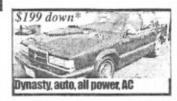














#### Thieves

were charged with theft over \$1000.

According to the warrant, filed by Investigator Chris

White, LCSD CID, on June 25, 2008 Brian Keith Russell along with Christopher Smallen did steal approximately \$1200 worth of

electrical wire from the Village Home Center located on Milaguoa Road in Loudon.

Mr. Russell did admit to detectives he took the wire and sold it to a scrap dealer

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for cash. Investigator Chris White, LCSD CID made the arrest and filed the charges.

Police Beat Katelyn Elise Brown. 21, of South Birchfield was charged with a criminal court capias for theft over \$10,000.

Deputy Ryan Grubb. LCSD made the ar-

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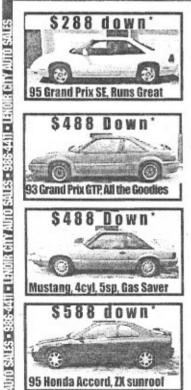
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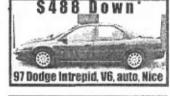




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