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Friday/Monday, August 1/4, 2008

**20 full pages of news, 2008 -2009 school calendars, official election ballots, stupid criminals and more!**

## Alleged drunk driver arrested at hospital

Police arrested a Cleveland, Tennessee man five days after a drunk driving accident that fractured his back and broke his ribs when he struck a mailbox and continued on to have a series of over-corrections that culminated in striking a tree and more.

Michael Patrick Skelly, 59, of Henderson Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee

(see Skelly pg. 13)



Michael Patrick Skelly

## Wanted: Local furniture man

Tommy Fincher of Bon & Grand Furniture, Tellico Plaza, Lenoir City is Wanted for giving customers, especially local ones, incredible deals on sofas, recliners, beds, tables and more. The owner will be out of town and Tommy has vowed to clear the store just "Cause

(see Furniture pg. 7)



Tommy Fincher

## Man charged with theft of wallet

A local man was jailed following an investigation into

the theft of another man's wallet when he left it on a

(see Powell pg. 6)

## Verse of the day

*The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.*  
Exodus 14:14

## Obituaries

Heather Ward  
Shirley Burris  
Gary Parris

Florence Ann Clark Lowry  
Vaughn Arthur Snow

## Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy skies. High 92.  
Tonight: Clear skies. Low 69.  
Saturday: Mix of sun & clouds. Highs: mid 90s; Lows: mid 60s.

## Attempted animal poisoning

A local woman whose dog had recently been poisoned called police early Thursday

when her children woke her up to show her a suspicious liquid that had been poured

(see Poison pg. 4)

## Residence, vehicles destroyed by fire

Police responded to a house fire that destroyed a residence and several vehicles

Wednesday afternoon. Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSD, reported he was dis-

(see Fire pg. 7)

## Copper wire stolen

A Friendsville man called authorities Wednesday to report the theft of over

\$2000 worth of copper from his residence.

According to reports, Au-

(see Stolen pg. 11)

## Consignment store closes, man's furniture goes "poof"

A Tellico Village man called police Tuesday to report the theft of his furniture after a

consignment store the furniture was at closed it's doors and he was unable to con-

(see Poof pg. 8)

## Fishing with Gus

### Leftovers

Well by the time Wednesday evening rolled around, I knew I couldn't stomach

another night of my wife's left over roast. Five days of that old dry piece of rubber

(see Fishing pg. 10)

Sunday: Sunshine. Highs: low 90s; Lows: mid 60s.

Monday: Sunshine. Highs: low 90s; Lows: upper 60s.

## Wazzup

Congratulations on the birth of your new baby boy, Casey McKinney!

Players needed for LCYFO,

sign up now at Civitan Field Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 p.m.

## Horoscopes Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

Your thinking is slowing down a bit -- but getting

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

**Poison**

around their pets dishes after they had let their dogs out.

According to records, Cpl. Ernie Brown, LCSD, was dispatched a Rawhide Trail residence just before 2:00 a.m. where Lisa Whorley advised her children were playing a game when their dogs started barking and ran to the door. The kids let them out, but didn't notice anything outside. The pets came back in the children went back to their game.

Whorley said the dogs ran back to the door a few minutes later and barked again. The kids let them out again and that's when they saw a liquid had been poured around the dogs' food and water bowls on the back patio.

The liquid was spread around in a squiggly pattern and there was line of it by the entryway as well as a small puddle about four feet from the door.

The officer reported Whorley advised

her kids woke her up around 1:10 a.m. to show her the liquid and she became alarmed because about ten days earlier her black Labrador Retriever had become sick and when she took it the vet the vet determined the dog had ingested rat poison. Whorley said she had no rat poison around for the dog to get into.

The officer further noted it appeared neither dog had gotten into the mysterious liquid at the time of his report and Whorley identified a possible suspect.

**DUI**

Bryar Lynn Fritts, 19, of Yarnell Road, Knoxville, was charged with underage DUI, implied consent, and lane control.

According to the report, Fritts was involved in a single vehicle crash and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and refused tests and was staggering on his feet.

Trooper Carey Hixson, THP made the arrest.



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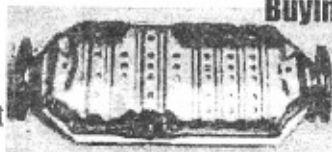
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## Powell

check-out counter at Wal Mart.

James Robert Powell, 36, of Mealer Road, Lenoir City, was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, Powell did pick up a wallet at Wal Mart on Hwy 321 in Lenoir City. Powell took the wallet out of the store and took it home.

Powell then called the owner and told him he had his wallet. Upon the victim getting the wallet back there was approximately \$400 missing out of it.

Powell was the only person around the wallet when it was left

on the counter at the Wal Mart.

Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest and filed the charges.

## Police Beat

Michael Paul Johnson, 20, of Evans Road, Kingston, was charged with underage consumption.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a gold vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign on I-75. The officer stopped the vehicle and the rear passenger was Mr. Johnson and his only 20 and was found to have a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person.

Another passenger,

Charles Carl Teffeteller, 24, of Evans Road, Kingston, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Teffeteller had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and the driver was later charged. He was a danger if left in public. Officer Blake Norman LPD made the arrests.

Albert Joseph Hansen, 26, of South Hill Road, Knoxville, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD stopped a red vehicle with a passenger head light out and the driver Mr. Hansen was found to

have a suspended license.

The passenger, Cheja Johanna Hansen, 38, of South Hill Road, Knoxville, was charged with public intoxication.

Hansen was found to have a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person and could not be left in public in her condition. Officer Deboer, made the arrests.

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## Fire

patched at Erie Road in Philadelphia to a house and fire and arrived to find the residence fully engulfed in flames.

The homeowner,

Cathy Tinnel, arrived on the scene and told rescuers there was no one inside.

The officer noted the residence and several vehicles were a total loss and the

cause of the fire was unknown at the time of his report.

## Furniture

I Can".

For those of you who've waited for years to see Tommy

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on the front page it has finally happened. Go by and see him at Bon and Grand Furniture, Tellico Plaza, Lenoir City or give him a shout at 865-988-9511.

## Police Beat

Brenda Michelle Marsh, 24, of Foothills Road, Lenoir city was charged with failure to

appear.

Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

Douglas Edward Branum, 25, of Old Kingston Hwy, Loudon, was charged with VOP.

Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

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## Poof

tact anyone about it.

According to reports, Ronald McElveen, Inata Circle, advised he had some furniture at a consignment store called Village Exchange and the furniture was to be sold or returned to by an agreed upon date.

McElveen reported he tried to contact the owner, Bob Richards,

and found the store had closed and gone out of business and he has been unable to make contact with him despite calling all the phone numbers he has for Richards.

The loss was valued at \$920.

## Police Beat

John Christopher Arp, 50, of Overlook Lane, Clinton, was charged with DUI 1st, implied consent and

open container.

According to the report, Trooper Carey Hixson THP responded to a single vehicle crash and motorists had called in complaints about his erratic driving. A witness did watch Arp crash.

Arp had an obvious odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and a near empty bottle of Vodka in his vehicle.

Arp admitted to taking prescription sleeping pills earlier and refused a BAC. Trooper Carey Hixson THP made the arrest.

Kathy Michelle Green, 40 of Beals Chapel Road, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear in compliance court.

Deputy Mike Williams LCSD made the arrest.

Lisa Maria Barber, 50, of Robinson Springs Road, Loudon, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Mike Williams LCSD made the arrest.

Samuel Brian Knox, 23, of Kiser Road, Philadelphia, was charged with theft under \$500.

Sgt. Kami Galaba, LCSD made the arrest.

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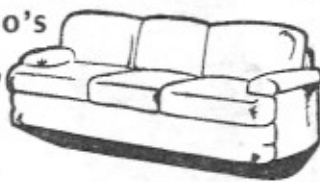
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## Fishing

and I had had enough so I decided to go out and grab some lunch.

I went to The Salt and Battery Restaurant and had their daily special: salmon patties, mashed potatoes, fried okra, a big steaming bowl of pinto beans, corn bread and a half a stick of butter. I was about done eating when Toad and Delmer walked in. They ordered and came over and sat down in an old booth next to me.

Toad asked why was I eating salmon patties. He said that the Crappie was a'running something fierce and asked if I would like to go fishing with him in the morning. Boy was I ever shocked.

See, Toad is a little funny when it comes to giving out information on his crappie catching methods; that old dude would lie to his

own mother about his well kept secret spots. Toad has the ability to limit out on his crappie catch every single time and he's usually done in an hour. Big crappie too, most the size of a dinner plate. We have been at the boat ramp before and seen Toad heading in and that old cuss would stop a few hundred yards out and cut the lures off of his pole to keep you from seeing what he was using, that's how secretive he is.

I told him I would love a mess of crappie and we agreed to meet the next morning at the Bait Store.

Sven Peterson was in the bait shop early that morning, seems he forgot his wife's birthday again and he was looking to buy her that fly rod she's been eyeing. When Toad asked me if I was ready to go catch some Crappie, Sven

spoke up immediately and asked if he could tag along.

See, Sven and Toad have this unspoken competition about who can out-fish who. Sven is one heck of a Trout, Musky, and Pike fisherman. Toad is great at Crappie, Bass and Catfish. Sven being from up North, Toad being from down South. To my amazement, Toad agreed to let Sven come along.

Sven had his tackle and gear stashed in the truck. He returned wearing his normal outfit; hip waders, fishing vest, his lucky boony: everything green in color and covered in a wide assortment of patches. He looks a bit like one of those TV fisherman, only not as cleanly shaven.

Toad was wearing an old t-shirt and a pair of cut off camo pants; he looks like he's get-

ting ready to mow the grass.

I loaded my gear into the boat and we were off. Toad headed back to a little cove that I had fished before, but I had never had any luck in this particular cove.

We eased up into the shallow end of the cove and Toad killed the engine. Sven was already getting baited up, wanting to catch the first fish as usual, but Toad started messing around with his cell phone, not paying a bit of attention to the water or Sven. He made a short phone call, then he put away his cell phone and stood up and said, "You all ready for some crappie?"

Sven was getting annoyed by this time because he was fishing in water that was no deeper than your knee.

No more than a minute after Toad spoke we heard something walking through the woods heading straight for us. To our amazement, J.C. Wiginbottom pops out of the bushes carrying two five gallon buckets. See, J.C. is the man who supplies the bait shop with live minnows and shad, but on this day he had 10 sandwich size crappie in each bucket, still alive.

Toad just chuckled and said, "You boys didn't really think I was going to show you my crappie hole, now did you? And besides, J.C. only charges 2 dollar a piece for them."

I ended up buying the lot. Sven was madder than I've have ever seen him, but on the lighter note, I don't have to eat a roast beef sandwich tonight. -Gus

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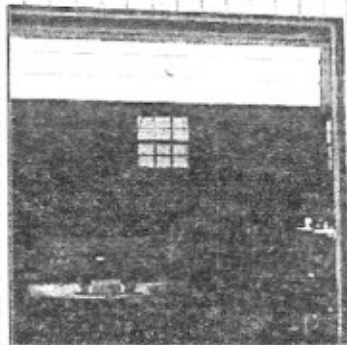
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# Lenoir City Schools

## 2008-2009 School Calendar

August 1 Friday Administrative Day  
 August 4 Monday Registration Day (No Buses)  
 August 5-6 Tuesday-Wednesday Teacher In-Service  
 August 7 Thursday 1st Full Day of Classes  
 September 1 Monday Labor Day (No School)  
 September 15-16 Monday-Tuesday Teacher In-Service  
 October 6-10 Monday-Friday Fall Break  
 November 26-28 Wednesday-Friday Thanksgiving Vacation  
 December 19 Friday Last day of classes before Christmas Holidays  
 (Students dismissed at noon. Buses will run.)  
 January 5 Monday Classes Resume  
 January 19 Monday Teacher In-Service  
 February 16-17 Monday-Tuesday Teacher In-Service  
 March 16-20 Monday-Friday Spring Break  
 April 10-13 Friday-Monday Easter Break  
 May 25 Monday Memorial Day (no school)  
 May 26 Tuesday Last day of classes  
 May 27 Wednesday In-Service  
 May 28 Thursday Administrative Day

# Loudon County Schools

## 2008 - 2009 School Calendar (revised May 08)

July 31 Thursday Staff Development day  
 August 1 Friday Staff Development day  
 August 4 Monday In-Service day  
 August 5 Tuesday Administrative day  
 August 6 Wednesday Registration (Buses do not run)  
 August 7 Thursday In-Service day  
 August 8 Friday In-Service day  
 August 11 Monday 1st full day of classes  
 September 1 Monday LABOR DAY  
 October 6 - 10 Monday - Friday FALL BREAK  
 November 4 Tuesday In-Service day (Election day)  
 November 11 Tuesday Administrative day  
 November 26 - 28 Wednesday - Friday THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS  
 December 19 Friday Last day of classes before CHRISTMAS BREAK.  
 85 student days unless bad weather. (Buses will run)  
 January 5 Monday Administrative day  
 January 6 Tuesday Classes resume  
 January 19 Monday NO SCHOOL  
 February 16 Monday In-Service day (Target Technology)  
 March 16 - 20 Monday - Friday SPRING BREAK  
 April 10 - 13 Friday - Monday EASTER BREAK  
 May 22 Friday Last day of school. 90 student days unless bad weather. (Buses will run)  
 May 26 Tuesday Administrative day  
 In-Service Days Administrative Days Staff Development Days  
 August 4 August 5 July 31  
 August 7 November 11 August 1  
 August 8 January 5 Three (3) days to be planned  
 November 4 May 26  
 February 16 Parent Conferences

### Stolen

gust Jones, Unitia Road, told Deputy Freddie Gene Walker, LCSD, he had a pallet of copper wire that had been moved down near the road and it had about six hundred pounds of numbers 12 through 6 copper wire on it.

Jones said he discovered the copper

missing about five days earlier and advised a man he identified as Dewey Cantrell had moved the pallet and was asked why he had done so.

The officer reported he tried to locate Cantrell but was unable to.

The loss was valued at \$2760.

### TDOT Releases Historic Bridges Book

Nashville, - The Tennessee Department of Transportation has published a first-of-its-kind book, entitled Tennessee's Pre-1946 Masonry Arch, Timber Truss, Metal Truss, Concrete Arch, Metal Arch, and Suspension Bridges. This study is the culmination of research documenting the unique histories of individual bridges, bridge companies, and general bridge building techniques in Tennessee, up to the end of World War II.

"We have a number of significant historic bridges here in Tennessee," said TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely. "This book will appeal not only to historians and engineers, but also to anyone who has wondered about the history of a bridge in their community."

This publication details TDOT's state-wide survey of vehicular metal truss, timber truss, masonry arch, concrete arch, metal arch, and suspension bridges that have been or are currently located on highways. The book also reveals the existence of such rare structures as one of the few Bal-

timore Petit truss and Bowstring truss bridges remaining in the Southeast as well as possibly the only nineteenth century cable stayed suspension bridge in the United States.

The book's author, Martha Carver, has been a historian with the Tennessee Department of Transportation since 1980. In addition to her work at TDOT, Ms. Carver has written articles for various journals and magazines, and was co-editor for Looking Beyond the Highway: Dixie Roads and Culture, published by the University of Tennessee Press in 2006.

Copies of the book are being provided to libraries across the state as well as to each county mayor and road superintendent in Tennessee. Copies have also been provided to other state highway departments and state historic preservation agencies across the country. A limited number of copies are available free, on a "first come, first served" basis, through TDOT's Environmental Division. To request a copy, call 615.741-3655 or visit [www.tn.gov/tdot/environment](http://www.tn.gov/tdot/environment).

## Skelly

land, was charged with DUI and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage Wednesday.

According to affidavits filed by Trooper Jimmy Whitt, THP, at approximately 6:15 p.m. on July 25, 2008, Skelly was driving south on Stockton Valley Road in a 1998 Chevy 1500 when he dropped off the road and over-corrected, going across the roadway and striking a mailbox and an embankment.

Skelly then pulled back onto the road and continued driving

south approximately one half mile before striking a tree off the right shoulder, then crossing back onto the road and down the left side where he struck another embankment and came to a final rest.

The lawman reported Skelly had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and refused all field sobriety tasks and a BAC.

He was transported to UT Medical Center and admitted.

Trooper Scott Holcomb, THP, was contacted by Sgt. Whitt on Wednesday and

asked to respond to UT Medical Center to pick up Skelly after he'd placed a hold on him.

Trooper Whitt reported UT Medical Center Security escorted him to Skelly's room where he found Skelly with a fractured back and three broken ribs. Skelly was wearing a back brace and because of his injuries was not handcuffed. He was transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident just before noon.

## Police Beat

Jermaine Christopher Derrick, 30, of Ferry St., Loudon, was

charged with driving on suspended, possession of schedule VI and DUI 1st.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD clocked a white vehicle at a high rate of speed 50mph in a 30mph zone and stopped it.

Derrick was the driver and he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and also admitted to smoking marijuana.

Derrick performed poorly on sobriety tasks and the officer found a small plastic bag containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Officer Norman made the arrest.

sickle, 47 of Durwood Road, Knoxville, was charged with DUI 2nd, driving on revoked, speeding and implied consent.

According to the report, Officer Mark Maxwell, LCPD observed a vehicle at a high rate of speed 88mph in a 40mph zone and stopped it.

Vansickle was the driver and she was severely swerving in between lanes and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person and was unsteady on her feet.

Vansickle refused a BAC test and a check showed her license are revoked. Officer Mark Maxwell, LCPD made the arrest.

Robin Myers Van-

## Election Notice

### Loudon County Voting Precincts

Dist.	Precinct	Location
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1	LNO	Loudon High, 1039 Mulberry St., Loudon
2	LNC	Memorial Building, 103 B St., Lenoir City
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3	GDL	Glendale Comm. Center, 40005 HWY. 95 L.C.
3	GBK	Greenback Comm. Center 6889 Morganton Rd., Greenback
4	DVS	Piney Ruritan, 2890 Davis Ferry Rd. Loudon
4	PHI	Philadelphia School, 300 Spring St. Phila.
4	LUT	Fenders Comm. Center 2529 Oakland Rd. Philadelphia
5	ETN	N. Middle School, 423 Hickory Creek Rd. L.C.
5	BRW	Learning Center, 4380 Harrison Rd., L.C.
6	HPK	Highland Park School, 4404 Hwy. 11 E., L.C.
7	TVE	Christian Life Center, 130 Chota Ctr., Tellico Village Community Church
7	TVG	Christian Life Center, 130 Chota Ctr., Tellico Village Community Church

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