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Tuesday, September 30, 2008

## Vittatoe charges LC man with aggravated child abuse x4

A local father was jailed after he reportedly injured his child numerous times during the month of August.

According to the warrants, filed by Lt. Investigator Jeff Vittatoe, LCSD Criminal Investigation Division (CID), on or about the month of August 2008 Jared Gilbert did strike his juvenile child with an unknown object causing injuries and bruising to his

(see Gilbert pg. 6)



Jared Ralph Gilbert

## 7x revoked driver

Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD was on Town Creek Road and observed a green vehicle with no tag on it and stopped it. The driver was identified as Larry Dean Smith, and Smith stated he knew the vehicle had no tag on it.

The vehicle belonged to

(see Smith pg. 4)



Larry Dean Smith

## Verse of the day

*I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*

Deuteronomy 30:19

## Obituaries

Cassie B. "C.B." Leonard

## Weather:

Today: Generally sunny. A stray shower or thun-

derstorm is possible. High around 80. Tonight: Clear. Low 49. Wednesday: Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

## Wazzup

The LCYFO is having a car wash this Saturday from 8 - 1 at Advanced Auto on Broadway in Lenoir City!

## Horoscopes Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

Today is perfect for in-

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Cratty to serve 18 years

District Attorney General Russell Johnson announced that on September 24, 2008, Thomas Mason Cratty entered pleas of guilty in several separate felony cases that were set for trial over the course of this term in the

Criminal Court for Loudon County. The guilty plea convictions resulted in a total sentence of eighteen (18) years to be served in prison with the Tennessee Department of Correction.

The charges include: three (see Cratty pg. 6)

## Juvenile admits to setting barn fire

On Thursday, September 25, 2008, at approximately 11:09 A.M. deputies received a call to Hotchkiss

Valley Road on a barn fire. Upon arrival the barn was fully engulfed. The co-owners of the barn are: Jimmy

(see Juvenile pg. 7)

## Evading, obstruction charges filed

Police arrested two persons after going to a local residence to serve a warrant and being told the person

they were looking for was not there. The wanted man reportedly was soon found on the premises and both

(see Charged pg. 4)

## Vonore's Spay/Neuter Assistance for Pets awarded 2-year \$200K grant from Maddie's® Fund to help low income pet owners



SNAP receives \$200,000 grant for Spay/Neuter Program Photo from left: Lynne Fridley-Maddie's Fund, Doyle Arp-Mayor of Loudon County, Alan Watson-Mayor of Monroe County, and Mike Cleverdon-President of SNAP (see Grant pg. 4)

# Obituaries

**Cassie B. "C.B." Leonard**, age 74, of Loudon, passed peacefully at Loudon Healthcare Center on Saturday, September 27, 2008, surrounded by his family and friends. CB was of the Baptist faith. He was a former employee of Clinton Pallet in Clinton, TN. His parents, Earl and Josephine Leonard; son, Timothy "Tim" Leonard; daughter-in-law, Linda Leonard; four sisters and two brothers, preceded him in death. C.B. is survived by his daughter, Susie Worley and her husband, Andy of Madisonville; son, Daniel "Danny" Leonard of Oak Ridge; grandchildren: Amy King, Andrew King, Kristopher King and Kelsey Worley all of Madisonville, Rachel McKee of Sweetwater, and Noah Leonard of Cleveland, TN; great grandchildren: Brandon Hall and Jacob Patterson both of Madisonville, Damien and Karley McKee both of Sweetwater; brothers, James Leonard of Madisonville and Jackie Leonard of Loudon; sisters: Kate Haun and her husband, Jessie of Rockford, IL, Jean Knox and her husband, Earl of Fayetteville, TN, Stella Scott of Loudon; special friend, Alice Clemmer of Lenoir City along with several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City with funeral services to follow at 8 p.m. with Rev. Raymond McKinnin

and Chaplain Clay Mulford officiating. Family and friends will gather at Click Funeral Home by 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and proceed to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Lenoir City for 11 a.m. graveside services with Rev. Glen Gattenby officiating. The family would like to express a special thank you to the staff at Loudon Healthcare Center for their care. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Leonard family.

## Grant

On September 24, Lynne Fridley of the California based Maddie's Fund® presented Spay/Neuter Assistance for Pets, Inc (SNAP) with the first installment of a 2-year, \$200,000 grant for a spay/neuter program in Loudon and Monroe Counties. Scheduled to start on October 1st, Maddie's® Spay/Neuter Project is targeting cats and dogs of low income pet owners to reduce intake and euthanasia in Loudon and Monroe County shelters. The goal is to perform 1818 above base-line surgeries for each year of the Project.

The Maddie's® Project will pay veterinary sterilization surgery cost for low income pet owners who meet at least one of

six criteria: individuals with income less than \$20,000/yr or household income less than \$30,000/yr, individuals who are disabled, handicapped, receive Medicaid assistance or food stamps.

SNAP will use the grant funds to issue free spay/neuter vouchers to qualifying pet owners residing in Loudon and Monroe Counties. A photo ID will be required. SNAP will manage the Monroe County part of the grant and is responsible to Maddie's® Fund for the entire grant. Loudon County Humane Society (LCHS) will manage the Loudon County part of the grant.

Voucher recipients will be asked for a donation, although donations are not required. Monroe County will use donations to pay for admin expenses and additional s/n surgeries. Loudon County will use them to pay for admin expenses and pay for other project funding.

About Spay/Neuter Assistance for Pets, Inc. SNAP was incorporated in 2003. In 5 years,

SNAP has raised \$159,000 and paid \$151,000 to participating vets to sterilize 2880 pet dogs and cats. Pet owner donations of about

\$14,600 have paid to s/n about 280 pets.

About Loudon County Humane Society. LCHS was incorporated 20 years ago. For the last 15 years, LCHS has provided free s/n surgery and rabies shots for pets of low income residents as funds would allow. The LCHS is responsible for providing the funding necessary to build the new state of art Loudon County Animal Shelter valued at about \$750,000 in the Sugar Limb Industrial Park.

About Maddie's Fund. Maddie's Fund,® The Pet Rescue Foundation, ([www.maddiesfund.org](http://www.maddiesfund.org)) is a family foundation funded by Workday and PeopleSoft Founder Dave Duffield and his wife, Cheryl. Maddie's Fund is helping to create a no-kill nation where all healthy and treatable shelter dogs and cats are guaranteed a loving home.

To achieve this goal, Maddie's Fund is investing its resources in building community collaborations where animal welfare organizations come together to develop successful models of lifesaving; in veterinary colleges to help shelter medicine become part of the veterinary curriculum; in private practice veterinarians to encourage greater participation in the animal welfare cause; and in the implementation of national strategies to collect and report shelter statistics. Maddie's Fund is named after the family's beloved Miniature Schnauzer who passed away in 1997.

The next scheduled dates to issue s/n vouchers are:

Monroe County: 10:00am Sat, Oct 4 in Sweetwater City Hall, 203 Monroe Street, Sweetwater; 10:00am Sat, Nov 8, at Democratic Headquarters, 204 N. Tellico St, Madisonville; 10:00am Sat, Dec 6 at the Community Center, 132 Bank St, Tellico Plains; 10:00am Sat, Jan 10 at

the Community Center, 611 Church St, Vonore

Loudon County: 1:00pm Sat Oct 4 at the Lenoir City Library, Lenoir City; 1:00pm Sat Oct 18 at the Loudon City Hall, Loudon; 1:00pm Sat Nov 8 in Greenback - place to be arranged; Sat Nov 15 in Philadelphia, time and place to be arranged; Sat Dec 13 in Lenoir City, time and place to be arranged; Sat Jan 10 in Loudon, time and place to be arranged; The veterinarians participating in the Maddie's Fund® project are: Monroe County: Monroe County Animal Hospital, Sweetwater; People Promoting Animal Welfare, Greenback; Sweetwater Veterinary Hospital, Sweetwater; Tellico Bay Animal Hospital, Vonore.

Loudon County: Animal Medical Clinic of Loudon County, Lenoir City; Lenoir City Animal Clinic, Lenoir City; Loudon County Animal Hospital, Lenoir City; People Promoting Animal Welfare, Greenback; Veterinary Centre of Greenback, Greenback.

Officers and Directors of SNAP are: President, Mike Cleverdon; Vice President, David Galbrelli; Treasurer, Sandy Moore; Secretary, Judy Duckman; Director, Susan Cleverdon; Director, Gordon Harless; Director, Heather O'Brien, DVM

Funding by the following foundations and organizations are helping SNAP to meet the 381 baseline s/n surgeries per year that are required by Maddie's® Fund: Tennessee Animal Friendly License Plate Program - TN Dept of Agriculture,

East Tennessee Foundation - John D. Grubb & Louise G. Sumner Fund, Monroe County Friends of Animals, including funds from a PetSmart grant, Build - A - Bear Workshop Foundation, Onshore Foundation (Luster Family Foundation), Petco Foundation, Wal-Mart Foundation, and Rarity Bay Women's Club.

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## Smith

Pam Loveday and Larry stated he drove the vehicle to the store to get some beer. Larry could not produce a license and a check through NCIC came back as being revoked for DUI with six prior offenses and Smith is listed as a habitual offender.

Larry Dean Smith, 44, of Hidden Valley Lane, Lenoir City was charged with driving on revoked 7th offense. Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD made the arrest.

## Charged

were charged.

Terry Daniel Hurley, 45, of Hidden Valley Lane, Lenoir City was charged with evading arrest and failure to appear on VOP.

According to the report, Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSD along with Assistant Chief James Davis II responded to Hidden Valley Lane to attempt to locate Mr. Hurley that was wanted on a failure to appear warrant out of Loudon County.

As the officers arrived on the scene they were met by a

female subject that was coming from the upstairs and stated Mr. Hurley was not there and was acting very nervous. Deputy Watkins searched the residence and found Mr. Hurley hiding in the attic. Hurley was taken into custody and the female was also charged.

Brenda Gail Cardwell, 53, of Hidden Valley Lane, Lenoir City was charged with obstruction of process.

Ms. Cardwell was seen by Chief Davis in the same room as the attic entrance where Mr. Hurley was located. Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSD made the arrests.

## Police Beat

Dana Rahe Thacker, 48, of West First Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with suspended license.

According to the report, Thacker was stopped for speeding 66mph in a 45mph zone on Hwy 72. A check showed her license to be suspended for failure to satisfy citation.

Deputy Charles Butler, LCSD made the arrest.

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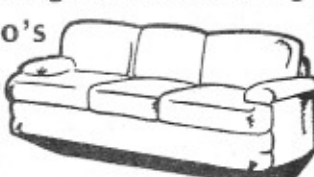
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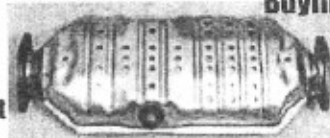
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## Cratty

Aggravated Burglaries, one Burglary of a Business, a Felony Evading Arrest, and an Aggravated Robbery. The majority of these offenses occurred while Thomas Mason Cratty was out on bond on the offenses committed previously, resulting in the district attorney being able to require consecutive (stacked) sentences as opposed to concurrent (simultaneous) sentences. Cratty's attorney, Assistant Public Defender Buddy Hathcock, argued for a furlough from jail for Cratty so that he could 'get his af-

fairs in order' before being shipped off to serve his TDOC time. Because of Cratty's extensive felony criminal history in Loudon County, and the fact that Cratty had re-offended while out on bond, Assistant District Attorney Frank Harvey successfully convinced Judge Eugene Eblen to deny the request and Cratty was immediately remanded to custody.

General Johnson stated, "Needless to say, members of law enforcement and our office are glad to see this day come. I can say the same for the number

of victims Tommy Cratty has offended and violated by his criminal conduct."

## Gilbert

back, arms, thighs and legs. This was documented by photographs, statements

from the victim and a recorded statement from Jared Gilbert.

DHS also investigated along with Lt. Vittatoo who placed the charges.

Jared Ralph Gilbert, 46, of Industrial Park Blvd, Lenoir City, was charged with 4 counts of aggravated child abuse. Deputy Ryan Grubb, LCSD made the arrest.

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## Juvenile

Williams, Betty Brown and Kenneth Cook. The fire was thought to be arson because there was not electricity to the building. There were several

bales of hay lost in the fire as well as a tractor and hay bailer that was damaged.

At about 2:00 P.M., Sheriff Department Detectives received a call from School

Resource Officer Scott Brewster with the Lenoir City Police Department that a subject (juvenile) had left school around 10:15 A.M. and had returned to school

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smelling of smoke. Upon further investigation it was learned that the juvenile was friends with one of the workers at the barn and had previously been to the property. The barn is located near Lenoir City High School.

Detectives Patrick Upton and Jason Smith interviewed the juvenile and he admitted to setting the fire of the barn. He advised that it happened when he was burning some hay while trying to kill some bees. He also admitted to bringing the matches. His clothes were seized and he is being charged as a juvenile. No other subjects have been indicated at this time.

The Lenoir City High School authorities, The Lenoir City Police Department School Resource Officer and The Loudon County Sheriffs Department all worked together to solve the crime.

## Police Beat

Daniel Gary Dugan, 33, of Parkway Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with a capias out of Criminal Court.

Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSD made the arrest.

Brian Keith Mitchell, 38, of Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on suspended license.

Deputy Mike Williams, LCSD made the arrest.

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