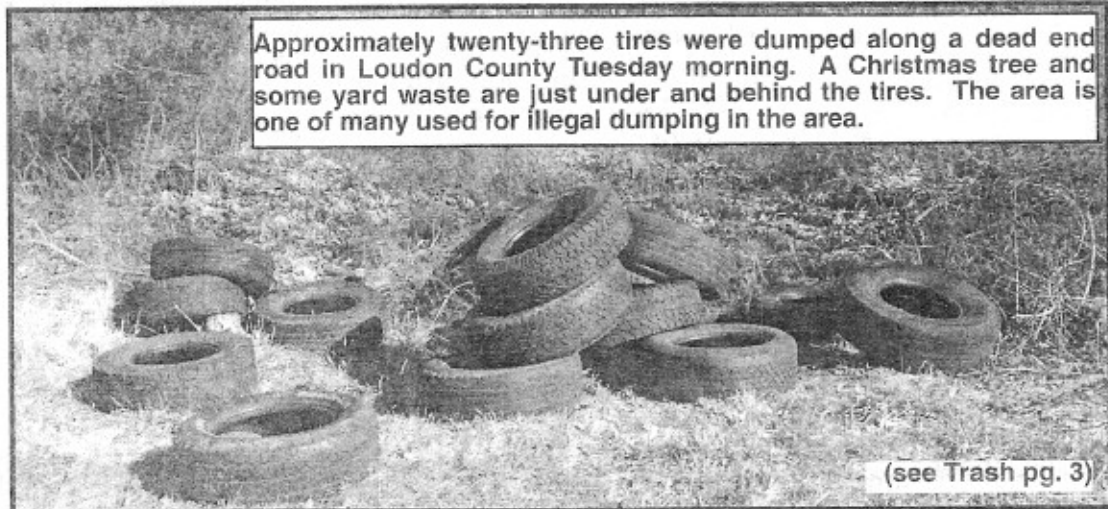


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Friday, January 9, 2009

## What's wrong with people?



(see Trash pg. 3)

## Four wheeler reported stolen

Authorities were called to a local residence when a man discovered someone had stolen his four-wheeler.

According to reports Sgt. Patrick Upton and Lt. Jeff Vittatoe, LCSD were dispatched to a Highway 72 South residence to investigate the theft of a four wheeler. The complainant, Mr. Jim Russell advised

(see Four wheeler pg. 6)

## Shopping under the influence?

A Lenoir City man was taken into custody after he allegedly helped himself to alcoholic beverages he

didn't pay for while shopping at Walmart.

According to reports, on Sunday at 1:05 p.m. Officer

Jamie Whitt, LCPD was called to Walmart on a possibly intoxicated male inside of the store.

(see Nobles pg. 4)

## Nonworking headlight results in multiple charges

A nonworking headlight resulted in multiple charges for a Soddy Daisy man when police learned his driver's

license are suspended after stopping his vehicle.

According to reports, Deputy TJ Scarbrough, LCSD

made a traffic stop Wednesday at approximately 7:37 p.m. on a silver 1998 Isuzu Rodeo on Highway 321 at

(see West pg. 4)

## Debit card stolen

A local man told police he realized his wallet was with his cigarettes when he told a woman to go into another room where they were located when she asked for a cigarette. The realization reportedly came too late, however, because he soon discovered his debit card missing.

According to records, on Thursday at or about 2:15 a.m. Sgt. Jimmy Wiggins, LCSD responded to a theft call on Davis Drive. The complainant, Billy Joe Davis advised two women

(see Debit card pg. 6)

## Gift card stolen

A Loudon County woman called police when she learned her granddaughter had not received a gift card she'd sent and it had been used at a local department store.

(see Gift card pg. 2)

## Man charged after running

A Loudon man was charged with resisting arrest when police went to serve a warrant on him and he reportedly attempted to run away.

Dewayne L. Thaxton,

(see Thaxton pg. 4)

## Verse of the day

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

## Obituaries

Stella Louise (Wez) Powers

Judy Elizabeth Ritchey

## Weather:

Today: Sunny skies.

High near 50.

Tonight: Partly cloudy.

Low around 40.

Saturday: Cloudy with rain. Highs: upper 40s; Lows: low 30s.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Highs: mid 40s; Lows: low 30s.

## Wazzup

Happy Birthday, David Morgan - we

love you!

Happy Anniversary, Wayne & Pat Morgan. 44 years - Wow!

## Horoscopes

## Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

You need to tell your friends what's really

going on and now is the best time to get started. You might have to work on a long email to send to the group or just make a bunch of calls.

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Horoscopes

### Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

Work your creativity -- things are looking good for you and it seems like it might be a good idea for you to try new ideas or plans until you find something that really works out for you!

### Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

You're feeling pretty busy right now and that's not such a bad thing. If you run into an obstacle, though, things might back up unacceptably, so do what you can to overcome or call in for help.

### Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

It's pretty easy to get caught up in the heat of the moment and lose yourself -- so make sure to be clear with yourself on what you're going to say before you say it. That might slow you down quite a bit.

### Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

Focus on the here and now today -- the long-term is off limits! If someone insists that you talk about what's to come, warn them that your predictive abilities are limited for the time being.

### Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

Constant motion is exciting and easy to make happen today -- and you might find

that you're almost impossibly far away from where you started when you do finally take a rest tonight.

### Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

You're dealing with too much stuff today and there's no easy way to back out of it. Try to just handle one thing at a time until you can either call in the cavalry or rush home for a well-deserved rest.

### Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

You've got too much information coming in right now, which means you're having a hard time making up your mind about anything of importance. It's a good time to chill out and bide your time.

### Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

Work is more challenging than usual or at least somewhat more so. You may need to enlist some support from someone you usually try to avoid or you may need to deal with an upset customer.

### Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

You're feeling pret-

ty great, all things considered and your mental energy should be sharp as a tack -- even before your first cup of coffee! It's a good day to tackle big collaborative projects.

### Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Like a black swan, something jumps out at you today that makes you wonder why you hadn't seen it before. Don't focus on the past, though -- you need to figure out what to do about it!

### Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Everything comes down to you today and you've got to make sure that you're hooked into the action in the right way. It's not so hard, as long as you're paying attention and ready to move.

### Gift card

According to reports Officer Steve Helm LCSD was dispatched to a Grandview Drive residence to a complaint of theft of a Walmart gift card. Ms. Nicole Frost advised her grandmother sent a gift card to

her through the mail.

Upon discovering her granddaughter hadn't received it, she traced it through the receipt and card pin number and found it was used in a transaction on December 27th at 11:41 a.m. at Walmart in Lenoir City.

The complainant contacted Walmart Security who viewed tape and gave a description of the suspect, register number and the time it was used. The case is under investigation.

## F.Y.I.

**The 4th annual Soups On** to benefit Kids First Child Advocacy Center will be held on January 21, 2009, from 11:00—1:00 p.m. and 4:30—7:00 p.m. at the Tellico Village Community Church Christian Life Center. Tickets cost \$10.00—buy your tickets early and save \$2.00 (\$12.00 at the door). For more information please call Denise at Kids First CAC (865) 986-1505.

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# Obituaries

**Stella Louise (Wez) Powers**, age 82, of Lenoir City, passed away Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at the Loudon Healthcare Center. She was of the Baptist faith. Her parents, James and Josephine Pass; sister, Ruth Pass; brother, Gaston Pass and wife, Aileen and daughter-in-law, Linda Underwood Powers, preceded her in death. She is survived

by sons and daughters-in-law, Lloyd and Elona Powers, Gaston and Darlene Powers all of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Sherri Gray and husband, Parker, Stephanie Grimes all of Loudon and Angie Powers of Lenoir City; 4 great grandchildren, Melinda and Emily Grimes, Caleb and Callie Gray; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mildred

and Johnny Simpson of Cleveland, Lois and Tommy Jameson of Loudon; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday with funeral services to follow at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ben Ward officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 12:30 Friday and proceed to the Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services at 1 p.m. Click

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Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Powers family.  
**Judy Elizabeth Ritchey**, age 54, of Greenback, passed away Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at her home. Judy was a member of Hickory Valley Baptist Church. Her mother, Jo Ann Munsey and brother, Randy Munsey, preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Bobby Ritchey; daughters,

Beckie Sellers, Tammy Klement and husband, Mike all of Greenback; grandchildren, Kayla Honea and Emily Honea, Reece Klement and Jack Sellers. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Friday at Axley Chapel Cemetery for graveside services with Rev. Charlie Carpenter officiating. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the family of Judy Munsey Ritchey.

## Trash

Have you noticed the roads around here lately? They look like trash trenches. On Thursday morning a crew of trustees was picking up trash alongside Sugarlimb Road. That one road alone seemed to have sprouted a layer of trash in just a matter of days. The trustees can only do so much and have a

large county to cover and can't get it all.

Sometime between the hours of 6 and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday a load of old tires was dumped in a turn-off area on a dead end road located just five miles from the Lenoir City Post Office. The Notchin Hill area in Loudon has been used as a dumping ground for years and finally people have

been caught and convicted of dumping there. Hopefully more will be caught throughout our county.

What's wrong with people? Even dogs won't soil their own yards if given a choice. And isn't it bad enough Tennesseans are made fun on TV and in movies as hillbillies and red-necks without adding to the stereotype? There is a fine for the offense of littering or illegal dumping if the person is caught. There should also be a reward for those that report offenders. The landfill charges but the convenient centers located throughout the county are free

to Loudon County residents. By the way, the convenient centers are one great use of our tax dollars at work.

The point is quit throwing trash out on the roadside and take it to the convenient centers because we don't want it on our roadsides or our properties.

You can do your part by reporting litterbugs and keeping up with your own trash. Think about it: you can find trash cans at most gas pumps, and just outside the doors at convenience stores, shopping centers, etc... They're just about everywhere. Use them when you

stop.

If we all do our part we can keep our roadsides clean and have something to be proud of.

*ed's note: Here's some helpful info:*

*Lenoir City Convenience Center, 988-7558, open 7:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Saturday, located at: 500 Halls Ferry Road, Lenoir City*

*Loudon Convenience Center, 458-8536 open 7:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday, located at: 300 Rock Quarry Road, Loudon*

*Landfill-Santek, Inc., 458-2651, open 7:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday; 7:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon, Saturday, located at :21712 Highway 72 North, Loudon.*

*"There aren't many things that are universally cool, and it's cool not to litter. I'd never do it."*

*-Matthew McConaughy*

## I SPY

The mission of "I Spy" is to reduce roadside litter in Loudon County.

If you see litter thrown or blown from a vehicle in Loudon County, please report your sighting to the Loudon County Sheriff and give the information below:

### LITTER SIGHTING INFORMATION

Date of sighting: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

License number of Vehicle involved: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of vehicle involved: Car \_\_\_\_\_ Truck \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

### WHERE DID LITTERING OCCUR?

Street/Highway: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Intersection: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of litter was involved? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Thaxton

29, of Ferry Street, Loudon, was charged with resisting stop, halt and frisk and with a warrant for violation of probation.

According to the report, Officer James Bowman, LCPD stopped a vehicle for a seat belt violation and the passenger, Thaxton got out and fled on foot for approximately a mile before being taken into custody.

According to the affidavit, Thaxton was convicted of driving on suspended license and sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days. Since then he has failed to meet with probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$704; failed to pay probation fees, owes \$248. This is his 3rd VOP.

Officer James Bowman, LCPD made the arrest.

## Nobles

The officer reportedly observed Gary Lynn Nobles, Harrison Road, Lenoir City leaning on a buggy in the clothing section. Mr. Nobles allegedly smelled of an alcoholic beverage and his eyes were glassy and his pupils dilated.

Mr. Nobles was observed by loss prevention reportedly selecting some Smirnoff Ice and consuming it in the store and disposing of the bottles in blankets.

Nobles allegedly admitted to consum-

ing the alcohol and not purchasing it, but afterwards said he would pay. The total was \$6.99

Mr. Nobles was charged with public intoxication and theft under \$500.

## West

Meadow Road West for a non-working headlight.

The driver was identified as Christopher Forrest West, 28, of Sage Grass Lane, Soddy Daisy. A check of Mr. West's driver license by NCIC came back suspended for failure to satisfy.

Deputy Mike Watkins, LCSD and his K-9 partner Denaro also were present during the stop and the K-9 alerted on the driver's side door of the vehicle.

Upon searching the vehicle, two small plastic baggies containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana reportedly were found in the console of the vehicle. Also under the driver's side seat a small plastic baggie reportedly contained seven white oblong pills believed to be Lortabs.

Mr. West was charged with driving on suspended license 3rd offense, simple possession of marijuana, possession of schedule 3 Lortabs, and cited for light law violation. Mr. West reportedly stated the drugs were his.



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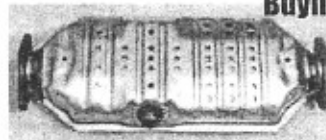
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## Four wheeler

he was at his business located in Lenoir City. He said when he came home, he and his wife noticed the garage door to his work building was damaged.

Also, a fence post was bent over near the building as if the suspect(s) had backed a trailer of some type to the building.

Upon further investigation it was learned the suspects took Mr. Russell's Yamaha Big Bear 4 wheeler. Further investigation also showed the entrance was gained by suspects prying open or backing into the garage door. It was noted one of Mr. Rus-

sell's mowers was moved.

The four wheeler was described as a green, 2001 Big Bear 400 Yamaha 350 with a seed spreader, and a camo soft bag on front and the numbers 14454 on the front rack and had stock wheels. The total value is \$3500.

## Debit card

he identified came into his house and woke him up asking for money because they were out of gas.

Davis advised he told them he had no money but he would call one of the women's husband and get them a ride. The two women then left and came back a few min-

utes later. This time one of them asked for a cigarette. Mr. Davis told her to get one from the living room by the couch.

the officer report-

ed Davis said he lay there for a few minutes and then realized his wallet was with the cigarettes as well. When he went to check on his wallet he

discovered his ORNL Visa Debit card was missing.

No other information was available at the time of the report.

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