

# THE DAILY EDITION

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Thursday, October 29, 2009

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## Man charged with assault



Michael Eugene Chastain

(see Chastain pg. 3)

## Weapons, tools stolen

A local man called police Wednesday when he returned home to find someone had broken into his residence and stolen numerous

(see Stolen pg. 3)

## Traffic stop yields pot, 1 charged



Shane Edward Crass

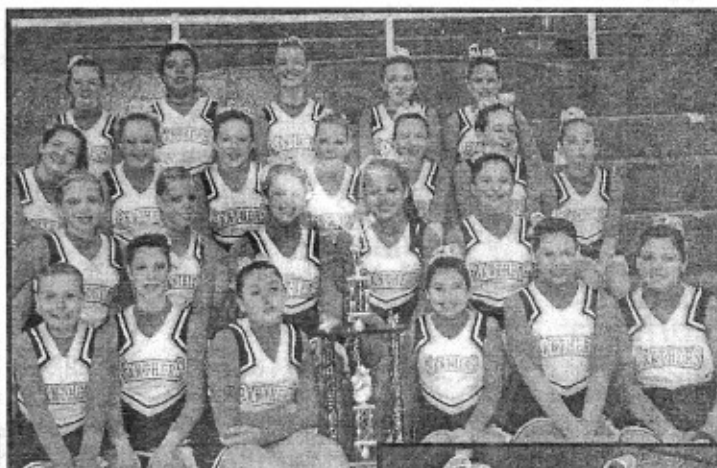
(see Crass pg. 6)

## LCPD charges vandal

Police charged a Lenoir City man with the vandalism of a woman's home where he allegedly broke two doors, for which restitu-

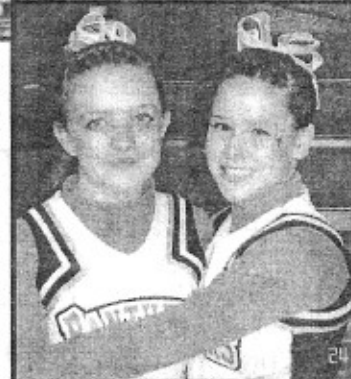
(see Goff pg. 8)

## LCYFO Jr. Cheerleaders win!



Above-The LCYFO Jr. Cheerleaders finished in 1st place in the sub-regional cheerleading competition and went on to finish 3rd overall in the Grand Regional. Congratulations ladies on a job well done.

photo right- Kelsey Cook and Lacey Pritchard are excited about the victory.



## THP Urges Motorists Beware: Drunk Driving Will Not Be Tolerated! Don't let Halloween Turn into a Horror Story

NASHVILLE --- Halloween is a fun night for both children and adults, but the Tennessee Department of Safety (TDOS) and Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) remind parents, children

and especially motorists to do their part to make sure that everyone gets home safely. The celebration can quickly turn into a real night of horror if someone is hurt by a careless or impaired

driver.

"With Halloween falling on a Saturday this year, we want to make sure revelers aren't taking the party to the roadways, putting trick-or-treaters and responsible

motorists at risk," said Department of Safety Commissioner Dave Mitchell. "THP along with Law enforcement officers throughout Tennessee will be out in full force arresting and removing

(see THP pg. 7)

## Verse of the day

For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf; but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. And

the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Romans 16:19-20

## Obituaries

Betty Levine  
Ricky (Bubba) Williams

## Ralph vonStempa Weather:

Today: Intervals of clouds and sunshine in the morning with more clouds for later in the day. High near 75. Tonight: Cloudy skies. Low 58. Friday: Mostly cloudy.

Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

## Wazzup

Had a great time, David & Sharon. Thanks for coming and especially for bringing Micah & Malachi to visit; looking forward to next time!

## Horoscopes Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

You're in touch with your sweet side today, and you should be able to make a good impression on (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Chastain

A Loudon man was taken into custody after he reportedly assaulted a woman and injured her at a Lenoir City shopping center Saturday.

Michael Eugene Chastain, 36, Vale

Street, Loudon was charged with aggravated assault.

According to the report, around 7:31pm Saturday, Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD responded to Walmart parking lot in reference to an aggravated assault.

A female advised two people in a red van, the driver being Michael

Chastain, was handed \$75 by her in exchange for a child seat.

Chastain reportedly took the woman's money and when she grabbed the van, he took off and dragged her, then threw her using the van, and caused several cuts and bruises to her person.

Mr. Chastain left the scene and was stopped

by another officer on Interstate 75 where he was taken into custody and transported back to Walmart before going to the Loudon County Jail.

Records indicate the victim had many cuts and bruises due to the assault.

## Stolen

weapons and some tools.

According to records, Mr. Benjamin King, Big Hill Road, Lenoir City reported to Deputy Mike Watkins, LCSO he left his residence around 7:30am Wednesday and returned to find the front door glass was busted out and several items were missing from the house.

A hammer was found on the front porch that appeared to have been

used to bust the window.

Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO, was called to the scene and reported stolen items were described as a Rossi 357 mag stainless sub nose, Ruger MK3 22/45 bull nose with scope, Hi Point C9 9mm black pistol, Glock 22 40 cal black pistol, Mossberg 835 12 gauge camo shot gun, Savage 17 hmr rifle with scope, Averatec laptop, Bianchi 40 cal paddle holster, a Ryobi 18 volt power tool set and a Stanley tool bag with miscellaneous hand tools.

Excluding the costs of the damage done to the door, the total amount of the loss was estimated at \$2785.

The investigation is ongoing.

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**Crass**

Police arrested a Philadelphia man after finding about an ounce of marijuana in his vehicle during a traffic stop. A passenger was also was charged.

Shane Edward Crass, 31, Seed Tick Road, Philadelphia was charged Sunday with felony possession of schedule VI (marijuana).

The report states, Corporal Pete McGinley, LCSO was on routine patrol on Old 95 and while traveling behind a red Chevy Cavalier noticed the brake lights on the Cavalier were not working properly. The vehicle turned into a driveway on Happy Hollow Road and pulled up to the

carport.

Corporal McGinley also noticed the driveway the vehicle pulled into had an off duty deputy's personal vehicle in it, so he called him. The off-duty officer advised he did not recognise the vehicle in his driveway.

A short time later, Corporal McGinley stopped the Cavalier at Old 95 at Hotchkiss Valley Road and Deputy Brad Rayfield arrived on scene to assist.

Mr. Crass reportedly gave permission for a search of his vehicle and a Dale Earnhart jacket was found in the trunk. Two clear plastic baggy's containing a green leafy plant like material believed to be marijuana were discovered in a pocket.

After reading Crass his rights, Crass told the lawman he purchased the marijuana that morning and paid \$100 for it. He also advised he purchased an ounce and that was the amount in the

baggy's.

James Christopher Patterson, 31, Maple Hill Road, Loudon, a passenger in the car with Mr. Crass was charged with violation of probation and was also arrested.

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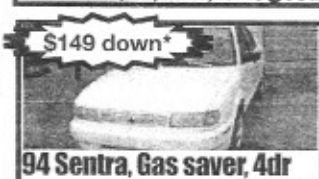
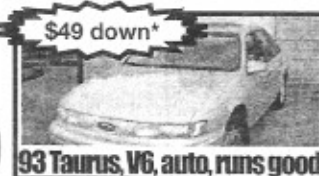
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ing drunk drivers from our roadways."

Halloween is a particularly deadly night due to drunk drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2008, 58 percent of all highway fatalities across the nation on Halloween night involved a driver or motorcycle rider with a BAC of .08 or higher. Last year in Tennessee, eight people were killed in seven crashes on Halloween between 12:00 a.m., October 31, 2008, through 6:00 a.m., November 1, 2008. Four of those crashes involved alcohol. That compares to

three people killed in crashes on Halloween during the same time period in 2007. One crash in 2007 involved alcohol.

"One foolish decision can turn a fun Halloween into a real nightmare," stated THP Colonel Mike Walker. "We want everyone to have a good time, but be smart about it. Designate a driver. This is your warning, because if you drink and drive, you will go to jail."

Parents and children have a responsibility to be safe this Halloween too. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) found that the number of deaths among young pedestrians (ages 5-14) is four times higher

on Halloween evening than any other evening of the year. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) reports that fatal collisions between motor vehicles and young pedestrians (under the age of 15) happen most frequently between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prime trick-or-treating time. Parents should remind teens just how terrifying, dangerous and illegal it is to drink and drive. In 2008, 31% of young drivers, 15 to 20 years old, who were killed in crashes, had a BAC of .08 or higher. Drivers are less likely to use restraints when they have been drinking. In 2008, 63 percent of young drivers of passenger vehicles involved in fatal crashes who had been drinking were unrestrained.

There are simple precautions partygoers can take such as designating a sober driver in advance or taking a taxi. Below are tips parents, children and motorists should keep in mind before heading out the door

this Halloween. Sobriety and Driver License checkpoints for the Halloween weekend are attached.

**Tips for Motorists**

\* Slow down. Watch for children walking on roads, medians and curbs.

\* Be extra alert when pulling in and out of driveways.

\* Be especially alert for children darting out from between parked vehicles and from behind bushes and shrubs. They're excited – and they are not paying attention.

\* Do not pass other vehicles that have stopped in the roadway. They could be dropping off children.

\* If you are driving to a Halloween Party, put your mask on after you park the car.

\* Never drink and drive – tonight or any night. If you are partying, designate a driver.

**Tips for Parents**

\* Adults should accompany children at all times and supervise their "trick or treat" activities.

\* Teach children to "stop, look left-right-left, and listen" before they cross the street.

\* Instruct children to stay on sidewalks and to cross only at corners or crosswalks.

\* Use a flashlight and wear retro-reflective strips or patches on

your clothing or costume to be more visible to motorists.

\* Be certain that the mask does not obstruct vision or hearing.

\* Ensure that costumes do not impede walking or driving ability.

**Tips for Pedestrians (children and adults)**

\* Before crossing a street, stop at the curb or edge of the road and look left, right and left again to be sure no cars are coming. Continue to check for traffic while on the street.

\* Walk – never run – from house to house or across the road.

\* Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks.

\* When crossing at an intersection with a traffic light, be sure to watch for turning cars. Obey all pedestrian signals.

\* Walk on sidewalks whenever possible. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic.

The Tennessee Department of Safety's mission is ([www.TN.Gov/safety](http://www.TN.Gov/safety)) to ensure the safety and general welfare of the public. The department encompasses the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Office of Homeland Security and Driver License Services. General areas of responsibility include law enforcement, safety education, motorist services and terrorism prevention.

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**Goff**  
 ion is being sought.  
 Michael Lee Goff, 32, Simpson Road, Loudon was charged with vandalism. According to the affidavit, on July 19, 2009, at approximately 4:30pm, Michael Goff used his fist to break the window of the front door belonging to a woman on West

5th Avenue in Lenoir City.

Prior to this offense, while inside the residence, Michael Goff again used his fist to bust

a bedroom door.

Restitution for both doors is \$205 dollars.

Detective Jack Fine, LCPD is in charge of the case

and filed the charges.

Deputy Kimber W. Littleton, LCSO made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

## Get ready for the 8th Annual Haunted Trail Of Fears

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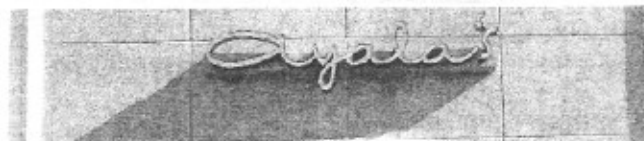
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