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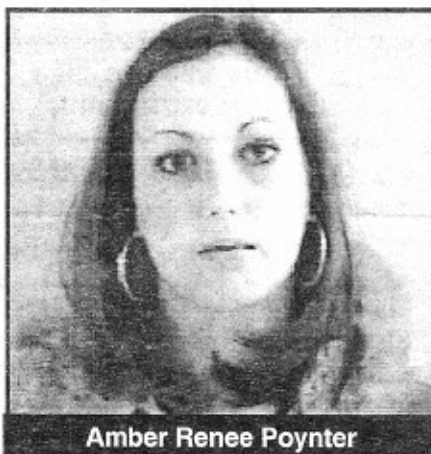
Companies, LPD puts kibosh on thieving workers

LPD nabs employee for theft of minutes

Loudon Police Detective Mike Newman charged a local woman with the theft of phone minutes from her employer earlier in the year.

Amber Renee Poynter, 23, Coffee Circle, Loudon was charged with theft over \$500.

(see Poynter pg. 6)



Amber Renee Poynter

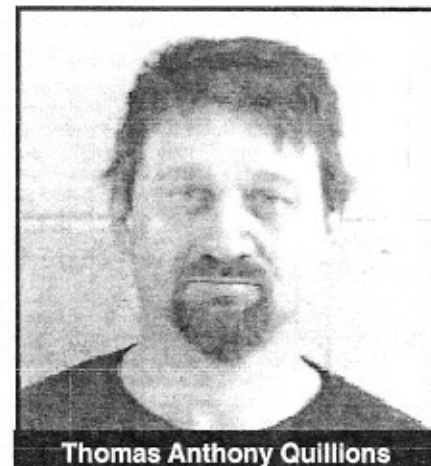
LPD charges employee with trading credited gas for drugs

LPD authorities arrested a man at his place of employment after it was learned he had used his company credit card to trade gas for drugs.

Thomas Anthony 'Tony' Quillions, 43, Hornbeak, Tennessee was charged with theft over \$500.

According to re-

(see Quillions pg. 3)



Thomas Anthony Quillions

Teens petitioned for explosives

Authorities are seeking petitions against four Lenoir City High School students who are alleged to have set off an explosive device at Wal Mart on Tuesday.

Reports indicate the prank occurred when a homemade explosive was detonated in the Walmart

(see Teens pg. 8)

November Revenues

NASHVILLE - State tax collections fell below budgeted estimates in November, for the fourth consecutive month of the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2009. Finance & Administration Commissioner Dave Goetz today announced that state revenue collections for November were \$708.2 million, which is 0.52% below

(see Revenues pg. 7)

Bill Landry Featured Speaker at Good Shepherd Center Fund Raiser

The Monroe County Good Shepherd Center will be holding it's annual fund raising dinner and auction on February 20, 2010. The featured speaker will be Bill Landry of Television station WBIR "Heartland Series"

fame.

The event will be located at Hiwassee College in the Rudy Youell Gymnasium.

There will be a silent auction starting at 5:30 PM followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 PM with roast

(see Fund Raiser pg. 7)

Tennessee Offers H1N1 Vaccine to Everyone

NASHVILLE - The Tennessee Department of Health has expanded H1N1 flu vaccine availability to the general public. Steadily increasing supply of the vaccine has enabled county health departments to allow anyone who wants to get vaccinated to do so. The

vaccine is provided at no charge to patients.

"There are still many who have not had a chance to get vaccinated up until this point," said Kelly L. Moore, MD, MPH, medical director of the state immunization program. "Although we continue to work to reach

(see Vaccine pg. 3)

Verse of the day

Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the

latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 6:3

Obituaries

Curtis Eugene (Gene) Moore
Lee C. Jenkins Sr.
Violette Christina (Breazeale) Henderson

Mary Katherine (Mize) Longwell

Weather:

Today: Cloudy. Intermittent drizzle early. High near 50.

Tonight: Cloudy early with partial clearing expected late. Low 29.

Wednesday: Abundant

sunshine. High 49.

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Horoscopes Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

You might feel a little

restless, but it's nothing that a little exploration of town or country can't cure. Your great energy helps you make hot discoveries and keep your companions entertained.

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Quillions

ports, on Thursday at 11:57 AM, Officer Greg Reno, LPD was dispatched to 7975 Corporate Park Drive in Loudon for an employee theft complaint.

The complainant stated an employee, Thomas A. Quillions, had used a company debit card to make

unauthorized purchases over \$500.

Quillions reportedly told the complainant and another person the card was used to trade gas for drugs.

Upon further investigation, Officer Reno made contact with Quillions who was still on the property and took him into custody at 12:10 PM.

The total unauthorized purchases were over \$582.

Vaccine

people in the target risk groups, it is now possible to begin providing vaccine to everyone who requests it. Public clinics are being scheduled every

week as more vaccine becomes available and the department continues to distribute the vaccine supply efficiently to a wide array of health departments and private providers, including pharmacies."

Even though the numbers of cases of H1N1 flu appear to be decreasing in Tennessee and nationwide, TDOH anticipates that H1N1 will continue to circulate and could even surge again over the next several months. TDOH continues to urge getting vaccinated as the best defense against the H1N1 and seasonal flu viruses. So far, Tennes-

see has received and distributed more than 1.6 million doses of H1N1 vaccine across the state. Vaccine will continue to be distributed throughout the flu season, which can last as late as April.

While initially H1N1 flu vaccine was reserved for those populations considered at particularly high risk of flu complications, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, influenza can cause severe illness in anyone. The vaccine can help prevent serious outcomes in people of all ages, and the Department of Health continues to strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Tennesseans are reminded that depending on the number of people coming to clinics, they could temporarily run out of vaccine. However, based on the amount of available vaccine

and the expected supply continuing to arrive in the coming weeks, there will be enough vaccine for everyone.

Flu vaccine locations are listed on the Tennessee Department of Health Flu Shot Locator at <http://health.state.tn.us/fluclinic/default.aspx>. General information can also be provided by contacting the H1N1 Flu Information Line at 1-877-252-3432.

Police Beat

Jeremy Thomas Palmer, 32, Crock Road, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on suspended license.

The report states Sgt. Billy Hall, LCONSOND observed Jeremy Palmer driving a black Dodge truck on Highway 321 around Taco Bell.

The officer had prior knowledge Palmer's license are suspended for failure to pay a citation and confirmed the suspension upon stopping him.

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According to the affidavit, filed by Detective Mike Newman, LPD; beginning May 18 through August 30, 2009, Amber R. Poynter, with the intent to deprive the owner of their property, gave away free minutes on phones and did not deposit the money into the

company's account.

The alleged theft occurred while Ms. Poynter was working at American Trust located at 930 Mulberry Street in Loudon.

Based on the witness statement and accounting records, Ms. Poynter gave away free minutes on phones in the amount of \$948.46 to friends

while working at the business.

Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO, made the arrest Friday at the Justice Center.

Police Beat

Wilma Jean Pet-

tit, 57, Finley Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with violation of probation.

Officer Dennis Guider, LCPD made the arrest Thursday.

Richard 'Clay' Mhleid, 50, Steekee Road, Loudon was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Dustin Langley, LCSO made the arrest Monday.

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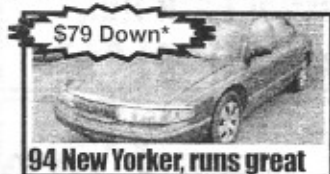
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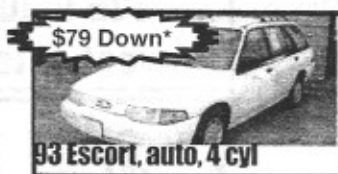
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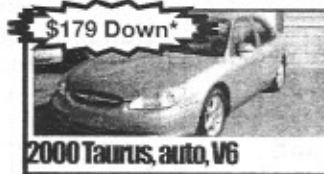
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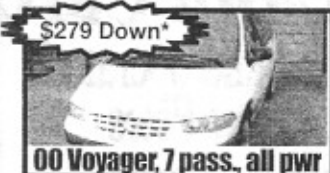
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Fund Raiser

beef, chicken, pasta, potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert.

Tickets will go on sale January 4, 2010 at the Good Shepherd Center. Other locations will be provided in a later announcement.

Tickets will be \$40 apiece for the dinner/auction and there will be "Feed a Family" tickets, also \$40, available for those who wish to support the fund raiser but cannot attend. Portions of the dinner tickets and the entire cost of the "Feed A Family" tickets will be

income tax deductible. The ticket stub will be the receipt for tax deductions.

This dinner/auction is the primary fund raiser the Center conducts each year.

The Center operates on the funds gained from this fund raiser and donations of money, food and clothing from churches and individuals. Volunteers provide the necessary work to operate the Center.

The Good Shepherd Center ministers to people in crises in Monroe County, specifically those who are experiencing sudden or unexpected

hardships caused by insufficient funds. With the current economic situation in the County, need for this service is critical and growing.

Additional information concerning this fund raiser or other Center activities may be had by phoning the Center at 423 420 8888.

Revenues

November 2008 collections. November collections reflect consumer spending in October.

"November is the 18th consecutive month in which sales tax collections have experienced negative growth," Goetz said. "If there's a bright spot, it's worth noting that the growth rate for sales tax collections in November, while still negative, fared slightly better than the month before, when it was negative 7.8 percent."

"It's important to remember we won't see

how after-Thanksgiving retail sales performed until this time next month, when we've collected revenues for November spending."

On an accrual basis, November is the fourth month in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

November collections were \$13.5 million less than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was under collected by \$8.1 million and the four other funds were under collected by \$5.4 million.

Sales tax collections were \$21.2 million less than the estimate for November. The November growth rate was negative 4.45%. Year-to-date the growth rate is negative 7.52%.

Franchise and excise combined collections for November were \$42.3 million, which is \$11.6 million above the budgeted estimate of \$30.7 million.

Gasoline and motor fuel collections were \$5.3 million less than the budgeted estimate of \$72.5 million.

Tobacco tax collections for the month were over collected by \$4.3, with November collections

at \$27.8 million.

Inheritance and Estate taxes were under collected by \$3.7 million for the month.

All other taxes were over collected by a net of \$600,000.

Year-to date collections for four months were \$114.8 million less than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was under collected by \$96.3 million and the four other funds were under collected by \$18.5 million.

The budgeted revenue estimates for 2009-2010 are based on the State Funding Board's consensus recommendation adopted by the first session of the 106th General Assembly in May of 2009, and are available on the state's Web site at <http://www.tn.gov/finance/bud/budget.html>.

Police Beat

Theresa Ann Smith, (aka) Theresa Ann Cloyd, 50, Commerce street, Loudon, was charged with violation of probation and failure to appear.

Deputy Lonnie gaut, LCSO, made the arrest Friday at the Blount County Jail.

Kevin Scott Garner, 20, Brazelton Road, Knoxville was charged Friday with failure to appear.

Deputy Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest at the Knox County Jail.

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Teens

parking lot around 6:30 PM and the four were seen leaving in two vehicles.

Eyewitness accounts and video surveillance reportedly helped authorities to identify the teenagers and it is believed they also were responsible for setting off at least three other homemade device around the area.

No one was hurt in any of the alleged explosions.

The identities of the

suspects are not being released.

Police Beat

Ann Marie Woodard, 28, West Lee Highway, Loudon was charged with domestic violence assault.

The report states Officer Brian Jenkins, LPD responded to a domestic call on West Lee Highway and was advised Ann Marie Woodard and a male had been involved in an altercation.

According to the victim and witness, Ms. Woodard became angry and threw things

at the man.

According to the officer's report, this was a repeat call and all other calls involved Ms. Woodard throwing things at the man.

Woodard was identified as the primary aggressor and was arrested as such.

Officer Bob Lankford, LPD, was also on scene.

Danny William Mills, 43, West Broadway, Lenoir City, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy McKinzie Williams, LCSO made the arrest.

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