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Monday, December 7, 2009

Alleged thief poaches deer from area hunter

Loudon County Sheriff's Office deputies and TWRA officials arrested a young Loudon man on a slew of charges including the stealing of a deer from a hunter in early October.

Robert Andrew Yelverton, 20, Steekee Road, Loudon was charged with two counts of driving without a license, failure to appear, evading arrest and illegal posses-

sion of wildlife.

According to records, Wednesday at 5:51 P.M., Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSO was dispatched to the area of Martel and Lakeview Roads in reference to a gold colored GMC Yukon that had just been involved in a possible robbery in Knox County at Turkey Creek. The suspect vehicle was being followed by the original complainant.

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Robert Andrew Yelverton

Woman charged after assault



Martha June Mills

(see Mills pg. 8)

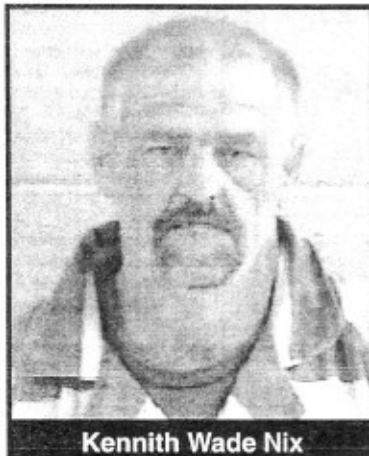
Man charged after taking alleged gun to motel

A homeless man reportedly told police he was trying to talk with his ex-girlfriend when he showed up at her hotel room with what she said she believed was a gun.

Kennith Wade Nix, 49, homeless was charged with aggravated domestic violence assault and criminal trespass.

According to the affi-

(see Nix pg.



Kennith Wade Nix

Hmm, maybe there's a reason...

A White Pine man found himself in the hoosegow for driving on suspended li-

cense after he was stopped for poor driving. Officials also learned he had just

(see Faulkner pg. 4)

Business Tax Administration Shifts to Department of Revenue

(see Business Tax pg. 7)

NASHVILLE - This past legislative session, the 106th General Assembly enacted

Public Chapter 530, shifting the administration and collection of business tax

AccessTN Expands Eligibility to Include Children

(see AccessTN pg. 7)

NASHVILLE - Members of the AccessTN board of directors approved a new policy to allow uninsurable

children with chronic and acute medical conditions to enroll in the state-administered health insurance

Verse of the day

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things

unto himself.

Philippians 3:21

Obituaries

None

Weather:

Today: Few showers. Highs in the low 50s. Tonight: Lows in the low 40s.

Tuesday: Showers. Highs: mid 50s; Lows: upper 40s.

Wazzup

Today mark the 68th anniversary of the attacks on Pearl Harbor: thank a veteran today...

Horoscopes Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Your ideals are pretty close to the surface -- anyone who doesn't know what you stand for doesn't know you very well! Today is perfect for acting on

them and moving on with your life.

Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Your personal energy needs an outlet -- in the form of one special person! That

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Horoscopes

means romance, or possibly some other single-minded pursuit, but your ability to focus should help you in a big way.

Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

You are in efficiency mode today, though that may freak out your family if they aren't up to it. Try to tackle stuff on your own unless you know others are on the same wavelength -- you won't be sorry!

Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

You are seeing deeper and deeper into the mysteries of your mate or your spiritual struggle -- so keep exploring! Your great sensitivity is making life easier for you, so make the most of it!

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

You're in transit in some way -- maybe emotionally -- and you need to find a way to reconnect with your roots. That could mean visiting your

childhood home or just calling the folks.

Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

Fix that car or transportation problem that has been on your mind for a while -- you've reached the point at which something has to be done, even if it doesn't quite feel urgent yet.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

Focus on your own needs today -- your people are mostly doing the same, after all! Sometimes you've got to hunker down and just be selfish, as long as you can pull up out of it when the time is right.

Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

All eyes are watching you -- but it's not one of those nightmares! In fact, you think it's pretty

awesome, because you've either scored a new achievement or have found a way to get people to see things your way.

Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

You're feeling much more sensitive to slights today, so try to avoid those who mock for sport. If you have to deal with them, you may find it easier if you've got one good friend by your side.

Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

Your efficiency is legendary, and today you need to make the most of it. People need organizing -- probably, though not necessarily, around the house -- and you're the one to do it.

Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

Help your friends see things in a more

positive light -- even if you aren't so sure yourself! You have a gift for lighting the darkness, and there may very well be a huge demand for that right now!

Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Travel is totally on your mind today -- and if you are actually out exploring the world, so much the better! Your great energy should help you see the best in the people and places you visit.

Police Beat

Sandra Marie Dean, 26, East 9th Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving on a revoked license.

According to reports, Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD stopped a brown Buick traveling east on Broadway at around 8:18 PM with no headlights on.

The officer ran Ms. Dean's information through NCIC and it showed her license are revoked for unpaid traffic violations. She was also cited for the light violation and financial responsibility.

William Everett Bengé, 22, Rugby Road, Crossville was charged with failure to appear (promoting meth).

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest.

Angel Darlene Meddings, 20, Webb Road, Sweetwater was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Rondel M. Branam, LCSO made the arrest.

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Yelverton

Deputy Rayfield and several other officers stopped the vehicle on City Park Drive, close to the overlook in Lenoir City.

Deputy Rayfield along with Sgt. Yokely and Corporal Estes, LCSO made contact

with the driver, Mr. Yelverton.

Yelverton was checked and ran through NCIC which revealed he is unlicensed and had two outstanding warrants, one for failure to appear for violation of probation, and the other one for driving without a license.

Knoxville Police are investigating the Turkey Creek incident.

While still on the scene at City Park Drive, Officer Anthony Chitwood, TWRA arrived and charged Mr. Yelverton with

evading arrest and illegal possession of wildlife.

According to those affidavits, which were filed by Officer Chitwood; on the evening of October 8th, 2009, the officer encountered Mr. Yelverton at a residence on Jackson Bend Road while investigating the theft of a deer that had been taken from a hunter in the area. When Mr. Yelverton realized who Officer Chitwood was, he fled on foot around the back of the house.

The officer an-

nounced himself and a foot pursuit ensued with Yelverton ignoring multiple commands to halt from TWRA Officers Anthony Chitwood and Dewayne Williams.

Yelverton fled into the woods adjacent to Jackson Bend Road and escaped. A LCSO K9 Unit was deployed, which tracked Yelverton back to the residence on Jackson Bend Road where he had just been picked up by another vehicle.

Upon investigation the TWRA officers discovered the deer that had been stolen in the garage of the residence. Yelverton's vehicle was then towed and impounded by Money-makers on that date in October.

Police Beat

Jeffrey Keith Low, 38, Shaw Ferry Road, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on revoked license.

The report states Deputy Rondel M. Branam, LCSO noticed a black Jeep Cherokee with a brake light out traveling on Shaw Ferry Road at around 1:07 AM. The officer stopped the vehicle in Mr. Low's driveway.

Mr. Low's Florida drivers license came back expired since January 31st, 2003.

A check of his name and date of birth through NCIC did show he has a Tennessee drivers license, but is currently revoked for DUI. He was also issued a citation for violation of the light law.

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Faulkner

been cited for the same thing just days earlier.

Justin Michael Faulkner, 55, White Pine, Tennessee was charged Monday with driving on suspended license 3rd offense and lane control.

According to reports, Mr. Faulkner was stopped on Interstate 40 East for failure to maintain

lane control by going onto the shoulder multiple times. A record check showed Faulkner's license are suspended with two prior convictions and he also received a citation three days earlier for suspended license in Bristol.

Trooper Carey Hixson, THP made the arrest.

U.S. 64 rockslide update:

Crews set off ex-

plosive charges on western portion of the slope in order to remove a seam of unstable rock as part of the overall remediation plan. The contractor drilled a series of holes through the unstable rock layer to the desired depth, set off the

explosive charges, and successfully exposed a stable layer of rock that is less susceptible to future slides. Plans are to continue working from the west side of the slope to the east with drilling and trim blasting operations and will begin haul-

ing away slide debris this week. The larger debris will be broken into a manageable size using a hoe-ram, loaded on to dump trucks and removed from the site.

Updates will be provided as they become available.

F.Y.I.

Calvary Baptist Church, 300 W. 1st Avenue, Lenoir City presents "Child of Wonder" A Celebration of Christmas. Friday evening, December 4, at 7:00 P.M., Saturday evening, December 5, at 6:00 P.M., Sunday morning, December 6, at 10:45 A.M., and Sunday evening, December 6, at 6:00 P.M. For more info, contact the church office at 865-986-3567.

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The Loudon County Sheriff's Office still has Toys for Tots names available to be adopted at area branches of GreenBank, BB & T, and Regions Bank, and also Foothills Credit Union in Loudon and Security Finance in Lenoir City. Gifts should be returned to the location where the name is picked up no later than Monday, December 7th. Toys will be distributed to the families in Mid-December.

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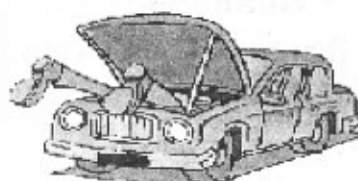
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Nix

davit filed by Officer Brad Parks, LPD, on November 24th, 2009, at 8:49 PM, Officer Parks was dispatched to room 253 at the Super 8 Motel in Loudon for a man with a gun. Upon arrival, the officer spoke to the victim who stated her ex-boyfriend, Kenneth Nix,

had shown up at her room and displayed what she believed to be a semi automatic handgun.

According to the victim, she told Nix she was going to call the police and he turned the gun on himself. Nix then fled the area to Sweetwater where he was arrested by Sweetwater Police

Department.

The officer noted Nix placed the victim in fear of bodily injury of death and he has been banned from the property of the Super 8 Motel by the general manager.

While en route to Loudon County Jail, Nix stated to Officer Parks he went to the Super 8 Motel to see the victim and try to

talk to her.

Sgt. Bill Evans, scene.

LPD was also on the

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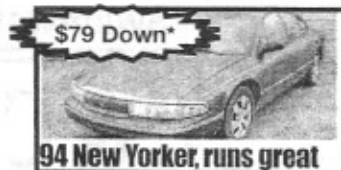
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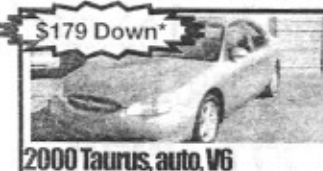
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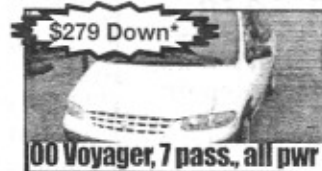
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Business Tax

from local municipalities and counties to the Department of Revenue. With this change, the Department of Revenue will use its resources and experience in tax administration to collect the business tax, resulting in greater efficiency in the collection process and increased revenue for the State and for local governments.

"This undertaking is a true partnership between state and the local governments," said Commissioner Reagan Farr. "While increasing revenue

through improved tax compliance, we also plan on simplifying the tax process for business owners including developing a new, simplified tax return and initiating major education programs."

Beginning with Classification 1 taxpayers, due Feb. 28, 2010, all business tax returns will now be filed with the Tennessee Department of Revenue. Businesses will continue to obtain business licenses from the county clerks and/or municipal officials.

The Department of Revenue is work-

ing closely with local municipalities and counties to make this transition a smooth process. The department is currently gathering registration data from the counties and cities to register the business owners and mail out tax returns by the end of 2009. More information is available at the Department of Revenue's Web site www.TN.gov/revenue.

AccessTN

plan. The change will take effect immediately.

As Tennessee's high risk health insurance plan, AccessTN has provided comprehensive coverage since 2007 for adults who have been denied insurance coverage due to pre-existing health conditions. Until recently, CoverKids had provided coverage to children in similar situations, but suspended new enrollment in November 2009 due to budget limitations.

"With enrollment for new members in CoverKids closed, uninsured children with chronic conditions have fewer options for coverage," said David Hilley, director of AccessTN. "The AccessTN board voted to expand the program to include children to ensure viable options remain for families with sick children."

With a current enrollment of more than 3,800 members, each of whom pays a monthly premium for coverage, AccessTN provides comprehensive health insurance to individuals younger than 19, while still managing within its set budget.

Premiums for children will be based on the lowest premium level charged to AccessTN enrollees and will range from \$284 to \$410 per month. Premium assistance is an option for some families earning less than \$75,000. This aid can cover up to 60 percent of the monthly premium, depending on family income, and is subject to available funding.

"Prior to the CoverKids enrollment suspension, families with uninsurable children could buy into that program by paying monthly premiums because they exceeded the income limits to qualify for free coverage," Hilley added. "Now that enrollment for CoverKids has closed, this keeps a buy-in option open for those families who still need coverage for their children."

To qualify for AccessTN, an individual

must be a Tennessee resident, U.S. citizen or qualified legal alien and be considered uninsurable due to pre-existing health conditions. In addition, applicants must be uninsured for at least three months, though special exclusions apply for those finishing COBRA or TennCare policies, or for those whose employer has cancelled group coverage. For more information about AccessTN eligibility, or to apply, visit www.CoverTN.gov or call 1-866-COVERTN.

AccessTN is a program of Cover Tennessee, Governor Phil Bredesen's initiative to address the health care needs of Tennessee's uninsured. Cover Tennessee offers three other programs, including CoverTN, a limited benefit health plan for the working uninsured. CoverKids provides free comprehensive health insurance for qualifying children 18-years-old and younger. CoverRx provides Tennesseans who lack pharmacy benefits with access to affordable prescriptions.

New enrollment in CoverKids suspended Dec. 1, 2009. The last day to pre-qualify for CoverTN was Nov. 30. Any businesses or individuals who prequalified for coverage have until Dec. 31, 2009, to enroll with BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. Both programs are temporarily closing enrollment as a result of limits in the state budget.

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Mills

A McGhee Square woman was jailed twice after she allegedly assaulted her boyfriend, once for the assault, the second time because she reportedly called her boyfriend even though she had a no contact order against her.

Martha June Mills, 23, McGhee Square, Lenoir City was charged with assault by domestic violence and criminal contempt.

According to the affidavit, on November 22nd, 2009, the complainant stated he and Ms. Mills were walking towards his mother's house on Brittini Lane in Lenoir City when he stopped to talk to his brother. Martha kept walking towards his mother's house and

when he got there Ms. Mills was on the phone talking to a man, asking him to come and pick her up to go buy pills.

The complainant advised he told Mills to get off the phone while at his mom's house and if she wanted to be with the man, to go be with him.

Mills reportedly hung up the phone, threw it, then reached up and smacked and kicked the complainant a couple of times. He got the phone and called 911 while she continued to smack and hit him.

The complainant reportedly further stated when Ms. Mills realized he called 911, she ran out the door. LCPD made reports at that time.

Two days later, Mills was charged with criminal contempt.

According to that report, on November 25th, 2009, between the hours of 11:20 and 11:40 PM, Ms. Mills called her fiance on his cell phone and texted

him. Deputy Chad Estes, LCSO reported he heard the phone call.

Martha Mills had a Exparte Order of Protection against her

and when she made bond for the assault by domestic violence on November 24th, 2009, she had a conditional release to not contact the victim.

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