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Thursday, February 5, 2009

## Phone call proves undoing for alleged drug smuggler

Reviews of an inmate's phone calls reportedly provided authorities with enough cause to charge a Townsend woman with the discovery of drugs found in the inmate's shampoo upon delivery.

Michelle Lynn Nodal 40, Mountain Avenue, Townsend was charged with introduction of drugs into a penal institution Wednesday.

According to records, three weeks prior, at approximately 9:30 p.m. a white female delivered a shampoo bottle to the Loudon County Jail and told Deputy McKinzie Williams, LCSO the shampoo was for inmate Adam Lawson.

(see Nodal pg. 6)



Michelle Lynn Nodal

## Wii missing

A Loudon County man called police Wednesday when he discovered a Wii game unit he had placed in a another room nearly a month ago was missing.

According to reports, on Wednesday, Corporal Chad Estes, LCSO was dispatched to a residence on Davis Lane in Lenoir City on a theft call. The complainant, Kevin Floyd, stated he noticed his Wii game unit was missing.

Mr. Floyd said he put the Wii in a spare bedroom almost a month ago due to having some remodel-

(see Wii pg. 3)

## Two New Fishing Records Close Calendar Year

(see Records pg. 3)

Nashville, - The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency reports that two new state fishing records were established to close out the calendar year in December,

## Temper tantrum, fake seizure doesn't work

(see Kitts pg. 3)

When a temper tantrum didn't work for a local man being placed under arrest he reportedly attempted to fake a seizure to avoid going to jail.

## Traffic Fatalities Decline Over Super Bowl Weekend

Nashville, - The Tennessee Department of Safety is pleased to announce that traffic fatalities dropped significantly over the 2009 Super Bowl weekend. According to preliminary reports, six people were killed this year on Tennessee roadways during the holiday weekend,

compared to 14 fatalities in 2008. Statistics for the 2009 Super Bowl weekend reflect the time period from 6:00 p.m., Friday, January 30, to midnight Sunday, February 1.

If preliminary figures hold true, there were eight fewer fatalities during the 2009

Super Bowl weekend. This year, there were five fatal crashes, including one involving a motorcycle. Two of the fatalities were alcohol-related, and four out of the five vehicle occupants killed were not wearing a seat belt.

(see Report pg. 4)

## Handgun missing

Police were called to investigate the larceny of a handgun from a local man's vehicle Saturday.

According to records, on Saturday at 10:11 p.m. Deputy Steve Helm, LCSO was dispatched to a vehicle theft from Heather Lane in

(see Handgun pg. 4)

### Verse of the day

*And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

John 14:13

### Obituaries

Gail Abbott Burnet  
Lee Marble

### Weather:

Today: Generally sunny. High 37.

Tonight: Clear. Low 27.

Friday: Sunshine.

Highs: mid 50s; Lows: upper 30s.

### Wazzup

Try to give us a little better notice when the schools are going to be closed, Loudon County Schools! Please let all the stu-

dents come back to-day!

### Horoscopes Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

It's a good day for you to ignore convention and do things

your way. You may not feel totally comfortable sticking your neck out, but you've got the right kind of energy to pull it off now.

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

# Obituaries

**Gail Abbott Burnett**, age 67, of Greenback, passed away Monday, February 2, 2009. Gail was an active member of First Baptist Church Lenoir City where she previously served as a Sunday School Teacher. She was a retired teacher from the Lenoir City School System with 28 years of service and had also taught in Walker County, Georgia for 2 years. She graduated from Carson Newman College in 1964 with honors and received her masters degree from Lincoln Memorial University in 1987. Gail was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Bessie Abbott of Townsend. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Jerry "Bo" Burnett; daughters and sons-in-law, Lori and Mark Shubert of Lenoir City, Stacy and Gerard Laurain of Boulder, CO; grandchildren: Mandy, Marcy, Austin and Kelsey Shubert, Cole and Aly Laurain; brothers and sisters-in-law, Eddie and Ola Abbott, Tony and Lisa Abbott; sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Tim Napier all of Townsend; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ted and Pat Burnett of Westminster, MD, Barry and Pam Burnett of Crossville, June and Bill Bilbrey of Signal

Mountain; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday with funeral services to follow at 8 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. C. E. Jackson and Rev. Phillip Martin officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Thursday at Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in Townsend for graveside services with Rev. Dick DeMerchant officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 2085 Simpson Road East, Lenoir City, TN 37772. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Burnett family.

**Lee Marble**, age 79 of Lenoir City. On Monday the 26th of January 2009, Retired Chief Warrant Officer Ernest Lee Marble accepted a position with our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. Born June 19, 1929 in Pensacola, FL. Lee served in the United States Marine Corp from October 1945 to November 1976. Participating in World War II (Okinawa), Korean, and Vietnam Wars. Decorations include: Good Conduct Medal with 5 Stars, Purple Heart, Naval Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Ex-

peditionary Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Meritorious Mast, Meritorious Unit Citation with Cross of Gallantry with 2 palm, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. Mr. Marble is survived by son, Leland Marble; daughter, Sandra Edmunds; son in-law, Nicholas Edmunds; and 4 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. Mr. Marble was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Marble; parents, Glen and Welthie Marble; 2 sisters; and 5 brothers. He was an active member of Weekend Wanderers and an active member for 30 years with Family Camping and RV. Lee served as District Director and Vice President of North Carolina Family Camping and RV. A memorial service with full military honors will be held 1:30 p.m. on Thursday February 5, 2009 at the East Tennessee State Veteran's Cemetery, 5901 Lyons View Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919, (865) 594-6776. Quoted by life time friend Frank Petrowski: "For those who knew Ernie as he was called had a friend for life. For those who did not get to know him missed a gem". Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Marble family.

## Records

including one that surpasses a mark that was established last April. The new records are for spotted bass and gizzard shad.

Preston Taylor, III of Bristol, used a T.D. minnow to catch a 3 lb., 3 oz. gizzard shad from the Holston River in Sullivan County. Taylor landed his trophy at noon on Dec. 13 and the fish measured 19.5 inches in length. Taylor's catch surpassed the previous record set by a Knoxville resident, Roy Hawk, who caught a 3 lb. gizzard

shad that was 17 3/4 inches long on April 3, while fishing on the South Fork of the Holston River.

Jack Paul Watson, of Tellico Plains, is the new state record holder of the spotted bass, making his catch on New Year's Eve morning on Parksville Lake in Polk County. Watson used a floating fly on a 6 lb. test line to land his 5 lb., 14 oz. trophy that was 23 1/4 inches in length.

Watson's spotted bass was a prime example of the species and TWRA confirmed that the fish was a spotted bass using genetic analyses. Many black bass anglers have been vying to be the one to catch the next state record spotted bass. Watson's record fish passed that state mark which stood for almost 20 years. Gary Martin had a 5 lb., 8 oz. spotted bass catch on Feb. 4, 1989 on Center Hill Lake.

The criteria to be considered for a state record fish along with the new record application and instructions, state records and fishing license information are in the 2009 TWRA Tennessee Fishing Guide which will be available later this month. Information is also available on the TWRA Web site.

## Kitts

Jason B. Kitts 28, Kelly Lane, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication

and resisting arrest.

According to reports, on Sunday at approximately 1:18 a.m. Officer F. Donth, LCPD responded to Kelly Lane in reference to an unwanted guest. Kitts was found hiding in a storage room. He attempted to flee on foot, and was taken to the ground behind building 7.

Mr. Kitts was ordered to show and bring his hands from under him. Kitts reportedly refused and officers had to spray him with Freeze+ P pepper spray in order to gain control of him.

Once Kitts was secure and escorted back to the patrol vehicle he reportedly attempted to delay arrest by displaying signs of an epileptic seizure. EMS responded and determined the seizure was in fact false and stated he was medically capable of being transported to jail.

## Wii

ing done on his residence. He advised the construction workers were left alone in his residence for several weeks to do the work. After it was done he went to get the Wii out of the bedroom and it was gone.

The items missing consisted of one Wii game unit, a power adapter, and two controllers. The value of the loss was unknown at the time of the report. The investigation is ongoing.

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## Report

"The fact that fatalities fell this year is encouraging, but I find it very disturbing that 80 percent of the people killed in vehicle crashes over the weekend were not buckled up," said Tennessee Highway Patrol Colonel Mike Walker. "It takes less than five seconds to fasten your safety belt, and it is the number one move you can make to protect yourself in case you are involved in a crash."

Over the weekend, Tennessee State Troopers conducted more than 40 sobriety and driver license checkpoints across the state. Forty-three people were arrested for driving under the influence. Troopers issued more than 4,200 citations, including 1,466 for speeding and more than 560 for seat belt and child seat violations.

Overall, fatal crashes are down in Tennessee. Preliminary reports reveal that 1,018 people were killed in vehicle crashes in the state in 2008, compared to 1,211 traffic fatalities in 2007.

### TDOS Preliminary Report

2009 Super Bowl  
6 p.m. Friday, January 30, 2008 - 11:59 p.m. Sunday, February 1. (54-Hour Holiday Period)

**FATAL CRASHES: 5**  
2 crashes were single vehicle crashes; 3 crashes were mul-

tiple vehicle crashes.

### FATALITIES: 6

Two of the fatalities were alcohol-related.

Five of the people killed were vehicle occupants.

Four were not wearing safety restraints.

No child passengers requiring child restraint devices were killed.

One motorcyclist was killed; he was wearing a helmet.

Please note the official traffic fatality count may rise due to delays in reporting from municipalities and classification of traffic fatalities.

The Tennessee Department of Safety's mission is ([www.tennessee.gov/safety](http://www.tennessee.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.

### Handgun

Lenoir City.

Justin Loy advised a Ruger 9 mm handgun was missing from his 2005 Ford F150.

The officer reported there was no forced entry to the vehicle and Mr. Loy advised he keeps his truck locked at night.

The case is under investigation.



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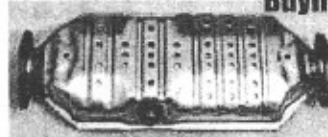
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## Nodal

Records indicate Deputy Williams discovered a cigar container inside the shampoo bottle and inside the container were three blue pills, a small baggy contain-

ing a green leafy substance and another substance believed to be tobacco.

Inmate Lawson was interviewed and stated he did have a person send the items to him and the

person did not know the items were in the bottle.

Records further indicate officers reviewed telephone calls Mr. Lawson made while

in jail and the conversation between him and a female identified as Michelle Nodal was discovered. Lawson asked about the shampoo bottle

and Nodal stated she put a little extra in the bottle. During the same conversation he told her to have her mother deliver the item to the jail.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### RFQ Committee Meeting

Lenoir City request for Qualifications (RFQ) committee will meet at City Hall on Monday, February 23, 2009 beginning at 3:30 p.m. in order to continue the discussion/consideration of selecting an architectural/engineering firm in regards to the future construction of new municipal facilities. Firms will be present.

Thank You,  
Matt Brookshire, Mayor

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