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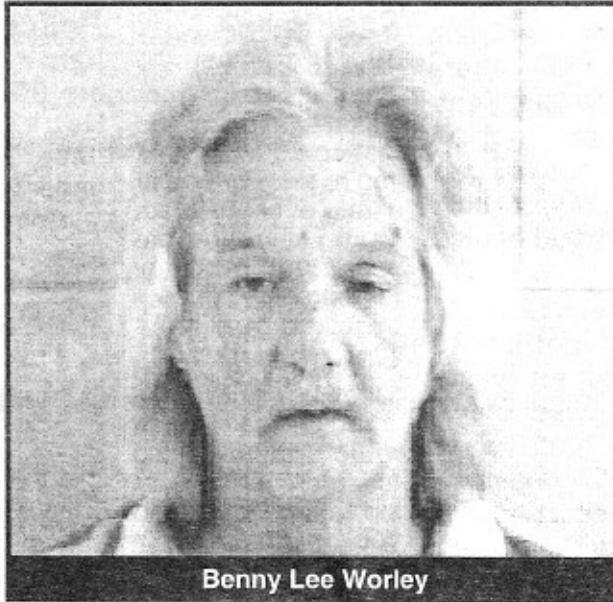
## Man pulls razor on officer, knocked unconscious, jailed

Two others also charged

Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed three subjects walking down Hackberry Street walking in the middle of the roadway. These subjects were causing an extreme traffic hazard by not yielding for traffic traveling down Hackberry St. Officer Norman identified one of the subjects as Benny Lee Worley and he had extremely slurred speech, was very unsteady on his feet and a blue powdery residue on his face and around his nose. He was a hazard to himself and the public if left at large.

Officer Norman then asked Worley to put his hands behind his back

(see Jailed pg. 6)



Benny Lee Worley

## Pizza man mugged

A local pizza delivery driver told police he was mugged and robbed by two black males when he made a delivery in the Newton Road area Saturday.

According to records, on Saturday at 7:09 p.m. Deputy Steve Helm, LCSO was

(see Mugged pg. 7)

## Man charged at ETHRA

A Knoxville man was jailed after he reportedly went to ETHRA under the influence of an intoxicant and had a pill in his possession.

(see Yancy pg. 7)

## B. Houser gets 5 for 1 Friday at closed business

Glen S. Crowe, 38, Vonore Road, Loudon was charged with DUI 1st and violation implied consent.

According to the report, early Friday morning at ap-

proximately 2:05 a.m. Officer Bennie Houser, LPD observed a white 2006 Ford F-150 pull into the Valley Mart. The driver was identified as Glen Crowe who

reportedly was unsteady on his feet and had a strong odor of an intoxicant about his person.

Crowe allegedly stated he had been at the Cotton Eyed

Joe's and drank two or three beers.

The officer reported he asked Mr. Crowe to step outside to perform field

(see Charged pg. 3)

## Governor's Highway Safety Office Kicks Off Tennessee Roadway Safety Tour

Nashville, - The Governor's Highway Safety Office is urging motorists to keep an extra eye open for motorcycles on Tennessee highways. The GHSO joined state and local law enforcement, the Mo-

torcycle Awareness Foundation of Tennessee and the Suzuki Owners Club of North America in Memphis to kick off the Tennessee Roadway Safety Tour. The tour, which will make 76

stops across the state in the next 76 days, is designed to highlight public awareness by reminding everyone to stay alert for motorcycles sharing the road.

"Motorcycle fatalities have

more than doubled in the last 7 years and the overwhelming majority of these deadly crashes occur in the spring and summer months," said Governor's Highway Safety

(see Safety pg. 4)

### Verse of the day

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass,

nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. Exodus 20:17

### Obituaries

James D. Burnette-Virginia Mae Lawson Isbell  
Jean Price Foster

### Weather:

Today: A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. High near 55. Tonight: A few clouds overnight. Low 36. Thursday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in

the upper 40s.

### Wazzup

Thanks for a great lunch, Jeff!

### Horoscopes

### Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Try your best to hold

onto your sense of reality today -- hard as it may be! Something big has shifted and you might have to adjust your thoughts and feelings in accordance

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

# Obituaries

**James D. Burnette**, age 66, of Lenoir City, passed away Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Parkwest Hospital. James was a member of Light House Baptist Church. He retired from Elm Hill Meats. His wife, Frances Burnette; parents, Andrew Jackson Burnette and Ruby Shubert Burnette, preceded James in death. He is survived by his daughters, Lois Burnette Drake and Jimmy, Nancy Burnette all of Lenoir City; granddaughter, Jayden Drake; sisters: Louise Williams of Sweetwater, Barbara King of Loudon,

Brenda Decker and Amanda Jackson both of Lenoir City; brothers, Frankie Burnette of Loudon and Luke Burnette of Philadelphia along with many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Brad McCoy officiating. Interment will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Burnette family.

## Charged

sobriety tasks in which he performed poorly. He was read the Implied Consent and refused.

Two passengers, William D. Best, 44, of Attica, Indiana and Zachary W. Ferguson, 24, Decatur, Illinois also were charged.

Best was charged with public intoxication and Ferguson was charged with public intoxication and resisting stop, halt and frisk.

Records indicate, Best had a strong odor of an intoxicant about his person and the officer felt it was unsafe to leave Mr. Best in the parking lot as he was unable to call anyone.

The lawman reported Ferguson also had a strong odor of an intoxicant about his person and stated he drank numerous beers.

Officer Houser asked Ferguson to step out of the vehicle and he allegedly refused, stating he wasn't going to get a PI charge.

Mr. Ferguson was removed from the vehicle by Officer Houser and Sgt. Newman, LPD.

Joel H. Lynn, 22, Spring Street, Philadelphia was charged with DUI 2nd, driving on revoked and violation of implied consent.

According to the report, on Friday at 2:25 a.m., while completing a traffic stop in

the Valley Mart parking lot, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD observed a red 1999 Saturn pull in and a male subject start walking across the parking lot, very unsteady on his feet. He was identified as

Joel Lynn and he had the keys to the vehicle in his hand.

Mr. Lynn had a strong odor of an intoxicant about his person and stated he drank two or three beers and a shot of Tequila.

The officer asked for his license and Lynn gave him his drivers license number. A check of Lynn's drivers license number through the E-911 Center came back revoked for a DUI.

Lynn performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and once at the jail he was read the Implied Consent and refused.

The passenger and vehicle owner, Whitney A. Buckner, 24, Reed Springs Road, Philadelphia was charged with DUI by consent.

Records indicate after Officer Houser arrested Lynn, he made contact with the passenger Whitney Buckner. Miss Buckner stated the car belonged to her.

Buckner had a strong odor of an intoxicant about her person and was very unsteady on her feet. She also performed poorly on field sobriety tasks.

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## Safety

Office Director Kendall Poole. "These riders are your neighbors, co-workers, and friends and we want to keep them safe."

The number of motorcycle fatalities in Tennessee jumped from 42 in 1998 to 148 in 2007. In the last decade, motorcycle deaths across the nation have increased 127 percent.

"Driver inattentiveness and other distractions can create a scenario that causes many of these avoidable crashes," said Colonel Mike Walker, Tennessee Highway Patrol. "With a little extra vigilance, I believe we can dramatically reduce the number of lives lost in motorcycle accidents."

The Motorcycle Awareness Foundation has some simple safety rules for drivers:

**Do Not Share the Lane** – Motorcycles often need the full lane to respond to road hazards, other vehicles, and maximize their view.

**Always Check Your Blind Spots** – Following accidents involving motorcycles, many drivers claim they didn't see the cyclists. Check your blind spots and mirrors at intersections and before changing lanes.

**Use Your Turn Signals** – Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic.

This allows motorcyclists to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane.

**Pay Close Attention at Intersections** – Two-thirds of collisions between cars and motorcycles occur when drivers turn in front of motorcyclists. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is turning before you proceed.

**Don't Follow a Motorcycle Too Closely** – Tailgating a motorcycle can easily lead to a crash. It's best to allow a four-second following distance between your vehicle and a motorcycle.

**Know Basic Hand Signals** – Being familiar with motorcyclist hand signals gives you a better awareness of their intentions and safety concerns.

The Tennessee Department of Safety's Motorcycle Rider Education Program approves courses and instructors across the state. To find out more about the program and courses offered, go to <http://tennessee.gov/safety/mrep.htm>.

The Tennessee Roadway Safety Tour will make 76 stops in 76 days through May 17th. It will take riders over Tennessee roadways with visits to towns in cities from Memphis to the mountains of East Tennessee. For a complete list of events and locations, please visit [www.suzukiownersclub.org](http://www.suzukiownersclub.org).



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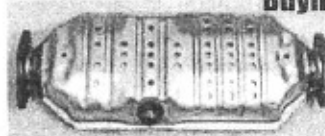
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that he was under arrest three times. The third time Worley reached in his pocket and grabbed a razor knife. The officer then took Worley to the ground where he struck his head on the roadway knocking him unconscious. The officer then took the razor knife from him and half of a straw with pill residue in it. The Loudon City Fire Department and Loudon County EMS arrived on the scene and transported Worley to UT Medical Center.

Benny Lee Worley, 54, of Pathkiller Trail, Loudon, was charged with public intoxica-

tion, aggravated assault, resisting arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rickey Franklyn Littleton, 50, of Pathkiller Trail, Loudon, was charged with public intoxication. Littleton had very slurred speech and a blue powdery substance in his moustache and the outer part of his nose.

Misty Daniele Branum, 28 of Taylor Drive, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication, possession of schedule IV x2 and a warrant out of Knox County for driving on revoked. According to the report, Branum had very slurred speech, was unsteady on her

feet and had a blue powdery substance around the outer part of her nose. During a search at the jail officers uncovered a plastic baggie with

approximately 15 Xanax and one and half Klonopin. Officer Blake Norman, LPD made the arrests.

## Police Beat

Dominic DeAngelo

Brown, 30, of Allegheny Drive, Knoxville, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Vance Wright LCSD made the arrest.

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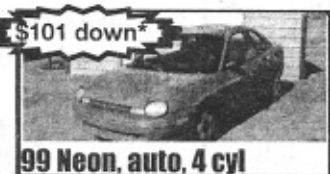
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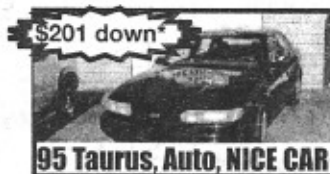
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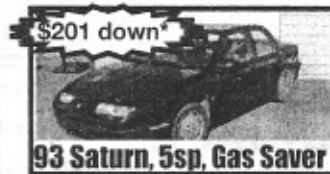
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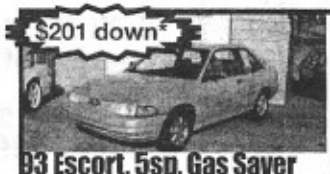
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## Mugged

dispatched to Papa Johns Pizza on Highway 321 in Lenoir City to investigate a complaint of a mugging of a pizza delivery driver.

The assistant manager advised one of his drivers returned after a delivery advising he had been mugged and robbed.

The delivery man stated two black males ap-

proached his vehicle, opened the door, dragged him out and assaulted him by hitting him several times, then robbed him, taking \$50 cash.

This is alleged to have occurred at Kerr Street and Newton Road.

The driver refused EMS or medical treatment for apparent minor injuries.

The value of the loss was estimated at \$50.

## Yancey

Joseph B. Yancey Jr. 45, West Gallaher Road, Knoxville, was charged with public intoxication and possession of schedule III.

According to the report, on Thursday morning around 10:37 a.m., Officer Bobby Lankford, LCPD received a call of a possible intoxicated person at Ethra on Blairbend Drive in Loudon.

Upon arrival the officer found Mr. Yancey. Yancey reportedly had a strong odor of an alcoholic sub-

stance on his person and bloodshot eyes. He stated he drank the night before, but not that morning.

Yancey was asked to perform field sobriety tasks and performed poorly. He also had trouble maintaining his balance.

Mr. Yancey gave consent to search his vehicle and a white pill identified as Hydrocodone was found. Yancey advised he did not have a prescription for the pill. He was placed under arrest and transported to jail.

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