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Wednesday, April 15, 2009

DUI driver hits mailbox, passes out; 2 charged

Driver also found with weapon

A Loudon man and his friend were taken into custody after police responded to a wreck call and found the driver passed out by a mailbox he had run over. Both driver and passenger reportedly were intoxicated and the driver also had a gun in his possession.

Douglas Edward White, 47, Dailey Avenue, Loudon was charged with driving under the influence and

(see White pg. 3)



Douglas Edward White

Gun stolen

A local man called authorities Tuesday when he discovered someone stole a gun from his vehicle.

According to the report, Tuesday at 1:18 p.m., Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO was dispatched to MSI Incorporated

(see Gun pg. 4)

Public meetings

The Loudon County Regional Planning Commission will meet April 21, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. with the Loudon County Board of Zoning Appeals meeting immediately following. Planned RPC agenda items include:

(see Meetings pg. 3)

McGhee Square fugitive nabbed

A McGhee Square resident was jailed Monday after police assisted fellow lawmen in locating him for Knox County.

Bobby Charles Spears, 26, McGhee Square, Lenoir

(see McGhee Square pg. 2)

Good Shepherd Center gives Monroe County a challenge

Dear Friends,

In an effort to meet the needs of our ever increasing number of clients, the Good Shepherd Center recently got certified to receive USDA commodities. These com-

modities come to the Center at no cost and supplement the food normally given each month to families seeking assistance. However, there are strict guidelines for the food's storage and distribu-

(see Challenge pg. 6)

Elderly man target of thieves

A seventy two year old Loudon County man told police someone broke into his home and stole several

hundred dollars worth of state quarters while he was away Tuesday.

According to records,

(see Thieves pg. 4)

Ya just can't be nice to people anymore

A local man told police another man was staying with him when he discovered things missing from

his home.

According to the report, Thursday at 12:31 p.m., Deputy Deland, LCSO was

(see Theft pg. 7)

Turkey Hunters Have Opportunity to Share Their Experience with Newcomers

Nashville, - Experienced wild turkey hunters are encouraged and have the opportunity to share the excitement of the sport with new hunters, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Re-

sources Agency (TWRA).

The increase and distribution of the state's wild turkey population has caused hunters, who have not hunted turkeys before, to gain interest in the sport. The sea-

(see Experience pg. 8)

Verse of the day

Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the

kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

1 Chronicles 29:11

Weather:

Today: Mostly cloudy. High 58.

Tonight: Considerable clouds early. Some

decrease in clouds late. Low near 45.

Thursday: More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.

Wazzup

Why does it seem Chase Bank, the bank that now handles child

support, is holding the money for months before releasing it to the parents? If it's a matter of earning interest in these hard times, we would ask Chase to remember we really need that money for our kids, interest or not...

Two have come forward so far; anyone else notice this happening to them? Let us know.

Horoscopes Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

It's harder than usual

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

White

possession of a weapon while intoxicated.

According to the report, Monday afternoon at 4:15 p.m., Deputy Deland, LCSO was dispatched to the area of Sunnyside Road on a report of a wreck. Dispatch advised a man wrecked his truck into his mail box and was trying to leave the scene.

Upon arrival, the officer came in contact with Douglas Edward White and Michael Shane West.

According to Deputy Deland there was a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on both men. Mr. white was allegedly laying on the ground next to the wrecked truck. Mr. West stated White got out of the truck to see if he could fix the mailbox he had ran over. When he got to the mailbox he passed out.

Mr. White woke up when EMS arrived and said he was alright. He reportedly said he had been drinking and had taken some xanax earlier.

Both men were unsteady on their feet and had slurred speech.

Mr. White allegedly did poorly on all standard field sobriety tasks. He was read the implied consent and allegedly refused to give blood to determine his blood alcohol content. Upon searching Mr. White the officer found a .22 caliber Derringer pistol on him.

Michael Shane West, 49, Christian Street, Philadelphia was charged with public intoxication.

Meetings

Request consideration of approval of 16 lot subdivision of 25.96 acres of property located on Hwy 321 at Hickory Valley Road and Unitia Road, referenced by Tax Map 44, part of Parcel

45.00, Zoned A-1, Agriculture-Forestry District, 3rd Legislative District. Owner: William R. Hicks Estate

Request consideration of approval of reduction of Letter of Credit from \$75,000 to \$30,000 for improvements to Stone Crossing located on Hwy 70 E. 5th Legislative District. Owner: Mark White Request consideration of approval of reduction of Letter of Credit from \$98,217 to \$20,000 for improvements to Stone Harbor located on Lakeland Drive. 6th legislative District. Owner: Mark White Review draft zoning resolution amendment for dog kennels and boarding facilities.

Discuss Hwy 321N and 321S Corridor Study

Building Commissioner's Report: 31 permits issued for the month of March with an estimated value of \$2,321,847.00 and fees of \$7,015.00

Planned BZA agenda items include:

Request consideration of approval of variance for sign structure that includes an LED Digital Message Center at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, located at 260 Wade Road W, referenced by Tax Map 68, Parcel 9.00, Zoned A-1, Agriculture-Forestry District, 4th Legislative District. Owner: Christ our Savior Lutheran Church

Police Beat

Lonnie W. Goss, 38, of Bryant Lane, Harriman, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Officer Mike Hodges, LCPD was dispatched to Chili's on an intoxicated male causing a disturbance.

On arrival the officer observed Goss with slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet.

Goss was using loud and profane language toward the manager at Chili's and was deemed a danger to himself and others.



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Gun

rated on Maremont Parkway on a past theft call that occurred in the county. The complainant, Mr. Mike Moran stated he discovered his hand gun missing from his vehicle.

Moran said the gun was in the glove box and when he opened the glove box to retrieve some change he noticed the gun missing.

The gun was described as a .22 caliber Magnum High Standard stainless with black grips.

Mr. Moran advised he does not know exactly when the gun was stolen and he did not give anyone permission to take it.

The value of the loss was estimated at \$400.

Thieves

Wednesday at 3:03 p.m., Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO was dispatched to Lake Point Drive in Lenoir City on a past burglary where a 72 year old man stated on Tuesday he returned to his residence and discovered he had been burglarized.

The inside door lock mount was laying in the floor in the kitchen, something had been pried between the door jam and the door. The door frame was burst out and cranked at the bottom of the door jam appearing as if someone had kicked the door below the handle.

The man also discovered 100 rolls of state quarters were missing from a chest of drawers in the bedroom. Two rolls for each state, and several loose quarters were also gone.

The value of the loss was estimated to be approximately \$1,600.

Police Beat

Arless John Morgan III, 28, of Stevens Lane, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 1st and driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD observed a white vehicle drive through a stop sign and cross over the center line numerous times before stopping it.

Morgan had an odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and a check showed his license to be suspended.

Morgan registered .17% on the intoximeter test at the jail. Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD made the arrest

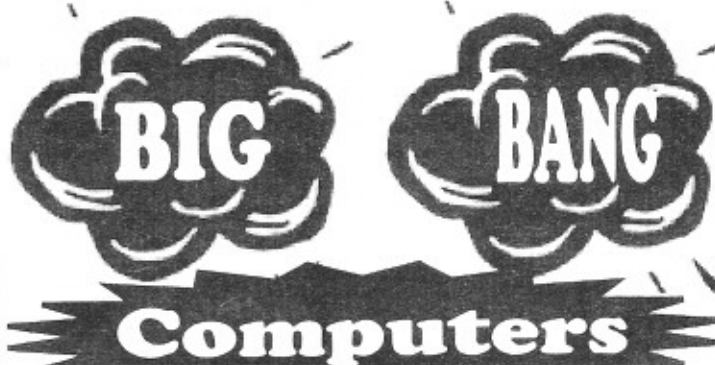
Diana Sue Hamelet, 48, of Cherry St., Lenoir City, was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to the report, Officer Jason Felts, LCPD responded to Martel Road in reference to a property dispute. Upon arrival the officer spoke with the complainant who reported Diana come to her address and began yelling at her saying give me my car.

The victim refused to give Diana her

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keys and Diana became aggressive causing physical harm to the victim. The victim went to the emergency room due to a swelled ankle and other cuts and bruises. Officer Jason Felts, LCPD made the arrest.



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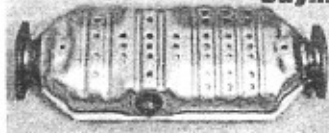
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Challenge

tion. Consequently, additional shelving is being added to the food pantry to accommodate the dry goods and a walk-in freezer is required for the frozen food.

God has blessed us again in that the Center recently received a \$16,000 donation toward the purchase of the freezer. The anonymous donor has also given Monroe County a challenge to raise matching donations for this gift. Is the county up to the challenge? It has been in the past, and it can do it again.

Please mail any contribution to

Good Shepherd Center, P.O. Box 353, Madisonville, TN 37354. Please enter "Freezer Project" on the memo line of your check so that your contribution will be credited as matching funds. No donation is too small.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,
Fund Raising Committee
Good Shepherd Center

Police Beat

Renikia L. Lowery, 32, of Lyons Way, Friendsville, was charged with speeding, financial respon-

sibility and driving on suspended. According to the report, Trooper Russell Smith THP stopped Lowery for speeding 89mph in a 65mph

zone. A check showed Lowery to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy citations out of Knoxville and there was also a war-

rant out of Knoxville for bad checks. Lowery also had no proof of insurance. Trooper Russell Smith, THP made the arrest.

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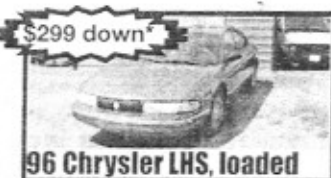
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Theft

dispatched to Myers Road in Lenoir City to make a report on a theft of items. Mr. Richard Hughes stated during the past couple of weeks he's noticed items missing from his residence.

Hughes advised there was a man, whom he identified, staying with him at the time the items were discovered missing.

The items were described as a Kodak Easy Share Camera and a Boost Mobile Cell Phone. The value of the loss was estimated at \$300.

Police Beat

Jeremy H. Morgan, 28, Pathkiller Trail, Loudon was charged with domestic violence assault.

According to records, Officer Brendan

DeBoer, LPD received a call of a disturbance at a residence on Pathkiller Trail. According to the officer, when he arrived he observed a male subject identified as Jeremy Morgan walking away from the residence. Evidently he was there to talk to his estranged wife. She stated he arrived at the home at approximately 11:00pm and started beating on the windows. She asked him to leave and a few minutes later Morgan reportedly gained entry into the house. The woman picked up the phone to call the police and locked herself in the bathroom for fear that he would harm her. According to her, Jeremy Morgan stated he would do what he needs to do to get to her. He left the residence at that

time and was found in the parking lot. Mrs. Morgan also advised he has been making threats to her over the telephone. At the time of this incident there were three children in the house ranging in age from 10 to 13 years old. She stated her and her children are usually in bed by 9:00pm.

Mr. Morgan was deemed to be the primary aggressor and placed into custody.

Gordon David Clark, 28, of Snow Road, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, possession of schedule III narcotics and possession of schedule IV narcotics.

According to the report, Deputy Chris McConkey, LCSO responded to Virtue Road, Lenoir City in reference to a car ac-

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cident. Upon arrival a maroon vehicle was found to be wrecked.

The driver, Mr. Clark stated he never stopped for the stop sign and hit the embankment.

Clark was transported for his injuries and appeared to the deputy to be under the influence.

Clark submitted to a BAC test at the hospital and Clark had in his possession, 3 Lortab and 3 Xanax. Deputy Chris McConkey, LCSO made the arrest.

Tony Edward Binkley 47, Hines Valley Road, Loudon was charged Saturday, with failure to appear on a charge of contempt of court out of Knox County.

Corporal Pete McGinley, LCSO made

the arrest at his home.

Leanne Tracey Womack 46, Aaron Court, Sevier County was charged with driving on suspended license.

According to reports, Monday at approximately 4:57pm, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a gold Dodge Caravan traveling west on Highway 72 cross the center line three times.

The officer conducted a traffic stop on Highway 72 in the BP parking lot. The driver was identified as Mrs. Leanne Tracey Womack.

A check through NCIC revealed Womack's license are suspended for failure to satisfy a citation.

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Experience

Seasoned gobble hunter can offer new hunters a few pointers that can make their first experiences more enjoyable and more than likely promote their pursuit to be a turkey hunter, the TWRA suggests.

Regulations passed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (TWRC) allow a licensed turkey hunter who has filled his bag limit to accompany another turkey hunter and assist in calling. The hunter who has filled

his bag limit may not possess a gun or bow. Sportsmen need to remember that callers must have appropriate hunting licenses.

Regulations also allow a caller without a quota permit to accompany a hunter drawn for a hunt on a Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The non-permitted caller may not possess a gun or bow.

A complete list of all rules and regulations covering the hunting of wild turkeys may be found in the 2008

Tennessee Hunting & Trapping Guide. The guide is available anywhere hunting licenses are sold, at all TWRA Regional Offices or online at www.tnwildlife.org.

The 2009 statewide spring turkey season began March 28 and continues through

May 10.

Police Beat

Octovia Abrego Espinoza, 24, Maple Street, Lenoir City was charged with driving on suspended drivers license.

According to reports, Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD observed a red

Dodge Durango pulling a trailer without any tail lights and one fender was about to fall off.

The vehicle was stopped on Old 95 at The Diner and the driver was identified as Espinoza. He was driving on suspended license.

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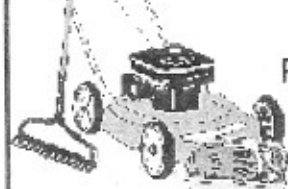
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