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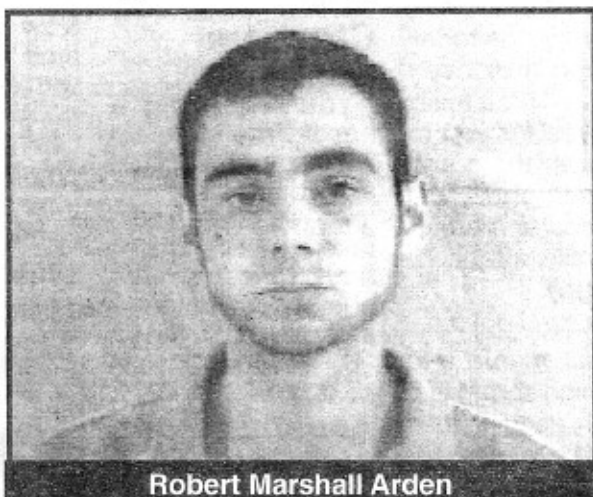
Man robs pharmacy of Oxycontin

Police arrested a Lenoir City man Saturday on charges he robbed a local pharmacy and made off with a bottle of Oxycontin after making the clerk think he had a gun.

Robert Marshall Arden, 23, Stinnett Road, Lenoir City was charged with aggravated robbery.

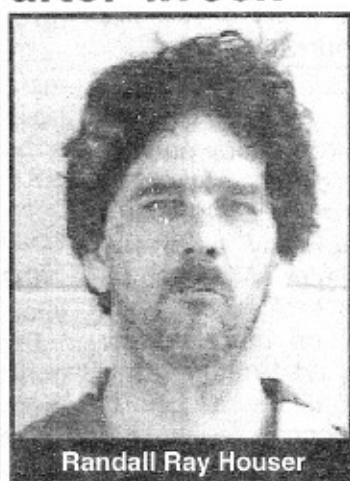
The report states, Saturday at approximately 12:48 p.m., Robert Arden entered CVS Pharmacy, Highway 321, Lenoir City, and approached the counter where prescriptions are dropped off.

(see Arden pg. 6)



Robert Marshall Arden

3rd DUI, more after wreck



Randall Ray Houser

Vehicles burglarized

Authorities were called to investigate the burglaries of two vehicles at a local residence Friday after a woman discovered her and her husband's autos had been broken into and multiple items of property stolen.

According to records, Deputy C. Bowen, LCSO was dispatched Friday to Old Farm Road, Lenoir City to a

(see Burglarized pg. 7)

Tools, meds stolen from truck

A Loudon man called police when he discovered someone broke into his truck, using his own tools, and took other tools and prescription medicine.

According to records, Corporal Chad Estes, LCSO took a report on breaking and entering to a vehicle. On Saturday, Mr. Tim Presley, Watkins Road, Loudon advised he parked his truck along the roadway on his property, around 3:45

(see Stolen pg. 6)

Special USDA Signups for Bobwhite Quail and Pollinator Habitat in 28 Counties

Loudon & Monroe Counties eligible

NASHVILLE --- A special enrollment period for certain practices in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Incentives Program in a 28-county priority area is now underway as announced by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation (NRCS). The signup period began June 15 and will continue

(see EQIP pg. 4)

A Knoxville man received multiple charges after he left the scene of a an accident while reportedly driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Randall Ray Houser, 38, Tarkin Valley Road, Knoxville, was charged with DUI 3rd offense, leaving

(see Houser pg. 7)

Free and Confidential HIV Testing for TN Residents

NASHVILLE-- The Tennessee Department of Health will join health providers and advocates across the country in observing National HIV Testing Day on Saturday,

(see Testing pg. 3)

Verse of the day

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:20-21

Obituaries

None

Weather:

Today: Sunny skies. High around 90. Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 68.

Friday: Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 91.

Wazzup

Congrats. Lt. Jeff Vittatoo on your new position with the DA's office. We're gonna miss you!!!

Congratulations, Amanda Cook on your 102 average in sociology!

Horoscopes Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

Your big brain makes today better than you

expected -- others are in tune with your big ideas, and at least a few people are willing to sit down and brainstorm some new hot ideas for future use.

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Testing

June 27. The goal of this observance is to promote public awareness and prevention of HIV, and the Tennessee Department of Health is encouraging all sexually active Tennesseans to get tested for HIV. TDOH provides free, confidential testing across the state in local county health departments.

Department of Health statistics show the urgent need for raising awareness about HIV. In 2007, there were 1,043 persons who were newly identified with the HIV virus in Tennessee. The largest number of HIV/AIDS cases occurred

among persons aged 35-44 years and accounted for 30 percent of all cases diagnosed in 2007. Among those newly diagnosed cases, 74 percent were men and 26 percent were women; 64 percent of the total were African American.

According to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are 1,106,400 million HIV-positive individuals nationwide, and one in five of those are unaware that they have HIV. Nationwide, someone is infected with HIV every 49 seconds. TDOH experts note that the virus affects all age groups,

and stress the importance of early detection of HIV.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that HIV testing become a routine part of medical care" says Carolyn Wester, MD, MPH, medical director of the state's HIV/AIDS/STD section. "The earlier people know their status, the quicker they can begin treatment, which leads to longer and healthier lives. Without treatment, the HIV infection can continue to weaken the immune system and will likely progress to AIDS."

According to statistics from the Ten-

nessee Department of Health, more than 19,000 cases of HIV/AIDS have been diagnosed across the state since 1992. Over this period, an increasing number of cases have been reported among all races and ethnicities, with the sharpest increase among African Americans.

Various sites across the state will provide free, walk-in HIV testing on Saturday, June 27 for National HIV Testing Day. To find your nearest testing site, visit www.hivtest.org. The Tennessee Department of Health offers free HIV tests throughout the year at county health department locations. Contact information for your local County Health Department

can be found online at <http://health.state.tn.us/LocalDepts/index.html>.

To learn more about the HIV/AIDS epidemic and how to protect yourself, visit the Department of Health, HIV/AIDS/STD section Web site at <http://health.state.tn.us/STD/std.htm>. Questions about HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases can also be answered by calling the HIV/AIDS/STD Hotline at 1-800-525-2437.

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EQIP

through July 15.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency submitted the successful proposal for the project and funds are provided through the NRCS Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI). TWRA has identified the following 28 Priority Bobwhite Restoration counties as having the best potential for habitat restoration and a resulting response by quail:

TWRA Region I - Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Haywood, Henry, Lauderdale, Madison, Obion, Tipton, and Weakley. TWRA Region II - Montgomery, Robertson, and Sumner, and Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Lincoln, and Maury. TWRA Region III - Cumberland, Meigs, McMinn, and Rhea. TWRA Region IV - Loudon, Monroe, Greene and Hawkins.

USDA cost-share for developing or improving quality bobwhite habitat or developing pollinator habitat is 75 percent of approved practice costs, or 90 percent for beginning, limited resource, or socially disadvantaged farmers. TWRA is also providing significant additional incentives to encourage landowners to develop this habitat.

"Bobwhite quail populations have de-

clined over 70 percent since 1980, and we still battle continuing loss of habitat and other obstacles to maintaining and increasing populations of this popular game bird," said Mark Gudlin, TWRA Private Lands Liaison.

"We need to intensify our efforts on restoring quality native habitats where chances of success are best and bobwhites are most likely to respond and persist. In addition, as society has become more aware of the negative impacts to agricultural crops and native plants due to the loss of native pollinators, we saw an opportunity to encourage good habitat for pollinators such as native bees, beetles, and butterflies, which also overlaps with good habitat for quail and many other wildlife."

New bobwhite habitat consists of converting cropland or tame grassland to a mixture of native grass and broadleaf plants (forbs) along with a percentage of native shrub thickets and hedgerows and/or thinning the woodland edges along the new habitat. Improvements to existing native grass stands not currently under other USDA contracts include applying management practices such as strip disking, strip herbicide application, or prescribed burn-

ing plus interseeding of native legumes and forbs; addition of needed native shrub cover; and prescribed burning of thinned woodlands. Pollinator habitat opportunities include whole or partial fields established or converted to a mixture of short native grasses that is heavy on native wildflowers and some native shrubs that will flower at different times from early spring through fall, or field buffers of native grass and wildflower mixes at least one acre in size.

The minimum size for new bobwhite habitat plantings or stands of existing native grasses to apply management practices on is five acres. Pollinator habitat plantings must be a minimum of five acres of whole or partial fields, or at

least one acre for field borders. In addition to the USDA cost-share, the TWRA Incentive for the new bobwhite or pollinator native grass-forb-shrub habitat is \$100 per acre.

"One of the great new opportunities through this project is the chance for landowners that established bobwhite habitat in past years to get cost-share and incentives to help manage and improve their existing native grass stands, as long as that land is not currently under a government conservation program contract," added Gudlin. Such management practices include strip-disking or strip herbicide applications or prescribed burning followed by legume interseeding, or adding native shrub cover, or

burning thinned pine or hardwood stands.

TWRA-CCPI Incentives are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Application for the incentives is made when applying for the CCPI bobwhite or pollinator habitat practices at the USDA Service Center NRCS office.

Application can be made at the USDA Service Centers in the listed counties. Applications for land located in other counties are not eligible. Funding is also anticipated for 2010. Applications are accepted continuously but there are periodic application cutoff dates. More information on the specific practices and TWRA Incentives can be viewed at <http://www.tn.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

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Arden

Arden allegedly told the clerk to give him a bottle of Oxycontin 80 or he would blow her f---ing head off. He also told her not to press any buttons.

Records indicate the clerk advised she gave him the bottle of pills and Arden turned and ran from the store.

Arden allegedly had his right hand in the pocket of his black hoodie indicating that he had a gun.

Arden's actions placed the clerk in fear of her safety, including bodily injury and death.

Detective Jack Fine, LCPD, made the arrest at Arden's home

at 1:00 a.m..

Stolen

p.m. and he returned to it at 6:45 p.m.

Presley stated he discovered someone took a large wrench out of his tool box, located in the bed of his truck, and busted out the passenger side vent window to gain entry to the vehicle.

Items taken from the truck were a 1" impact wrench, a 20 piece socket set, and a Crown Royal bag containing a bottle of prescription medication with about 52 pills left inside it that had been laying on the seat. The value of the stolen tools was estimated at \$750. The case is under investigation.

DORL

Anthony Robert Ritch, 23, C Street, Lenoir City was charged with driving on revoked license.

According to re-

cords, Friday, at about 7:34 p.m., Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD noticed a purple Chrysler Sebring traveling on Harrison Road. The driver, Mr. Anthony

Ritch was not wearing his seat belt.

Officer Felts stopped the vehicle and a check through T.I.E.S. revealed Ritch 's license are revoked.

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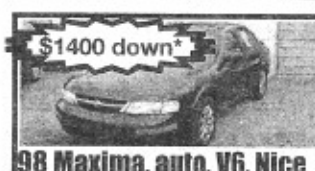
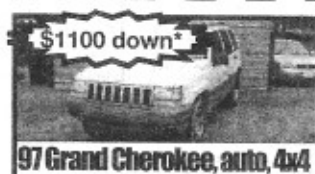
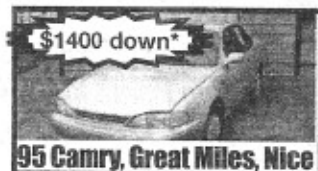
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Ride

the scene of an accident with property damage, driving on revoked license 1st offense, false report and violation of implied consent.

According to records, Saturday, at 2:54 p.m., Randall Houser was involved in a non injury crash on Interstate 75. He

then drove to the Watt Road exit on I-40 to the TA Truck Stop.

Houser was reportedly found behind the truck stop, working on his red Dodge Intrepid. He said he was coming back from the Methadone Clinic in Chattanooga. Mr. Houser also claimed his wife was driving the car.

Houser reportedly staggered and stumbled when he walked and later admitted to driving the car himself. He was offered field sobriety tasks and performed poorly on them.

Mr. Houser has a revoked license in the state of Tennessee. He has also recently been suspended for

frequent traffic violations on April 7, 2009 and failure to satisfy citation on October 27, 2008. Houser was originally revoked for DUI.

Houser was read the implied consent law and refused to submit to a chemical test. Trooper D. Morton, THP made the arrest.

Burglarized

report of a burglary to a vehicle and theft of property. The complainant, Mrs. Lynn Hoppe stated she had last seen the vehicles and articles intact at approximately 9:45 p.m. the day before.

Hoppe said when she awoke she went to her vehicle and discovered items missing. Mrs. Hoppe called her husband and notified him and he also had items missing.

Hoppe advised she checked her credit cards via the internet and learned there were transactions throughout the night

on the cards.

The items were taken without the owners permission or knowledge. The purchases were also done without their knowledge, or authorized by the owner.

The items missing include: two Virgin Mobile cell phones, a TomTom GPS unit, XM Satellite Radio, four credit cards, a wallet and a drivers license.

The estimated value of the stolen items is \$540. The total amount of credit card purchases was unknown at the time of the report.

The investigation is ongoing.

Police Beat

Paul Martin Gilbertson, 37, Dunraven Drive, Knoxville, was taken into custody on four attachments and one capias out of Knox County.

Deputy Shane Ezell, LCSO made the arrest at a Calloway Circle location Tuesday.

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Police Beat

Jessica Elena Cross, 23, Willis Road, Palmetto, Florida, was charged with driving under the influence 1st offense.

According to reports, Thursday, at approximately 2:24 a.m., Deputy Jerramie Bowen,

LCSO stopped a white 2010 Chevy 3500 for suspicion of DUI. The pickup was traveling on Highway 321 and crossed the center line approximately three times and the fog line once.

At one point, accord-

ing to the deputy, the vehicle was traveling in the middle of the road on a blind curve.

The officer made a traffic stop and identified the driver as Jessica E. Cross.

There was a strong

odor of alcohol reportedly coming from the vehicle. Mrs. Cross was asked if she'd had anything to drink and she allegedly stated she'd had two beers earlier. She reportedly consented to field sobriety

tasks and performed poorly on the tasks given.

Cross was read the implied consent and agreed to be tested. Upon arrival at the jail, Cross registered .04%.

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