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Monday, July 13, 2009

## Frightened father shoots son



Todd Edwards drove this vehicle directly to the door where after trying to kick his way in was shot

Sheriff Tim Guider, advised the Loudon County Sheriff's Department is conducting an investigation of a shooting that took place at approximately 10:52pm on July 9, 2009 at 1624 Shaw Ferry Road in Lenoir City involving a father and son. Deputies were dispatched to Shaw Ferry Road to investigate a shooting and upon arrival it was learned Todd Aaron Edwards, 37, of Misty Ridge Drive, Lenoir City was sitting in the grassy

(see Shooting pg. 3)

## Sales Tax Holiday Provides Big Savings for All Tennesseans

Mark Your Calendar for August 7-9

NASHVILLE - The fourth annual Sales Tax Holiday through Sunday, August 9. The Department of Revenue reminds Tennessee shoppers that the Sales

(see Holiday pg. 7)

## Verse of the day Weather:

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. Psalm 25:5

**Obituaries**  
None

## Wazzup

Glad you're feeling better, Butch Russell!

## Horoscopes Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

There's a lot going on in your world today, and that could mean

that you need to make some new connections or otherwise figure stuff out in a new way. Your intuition is all fired up!

## Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

Try not to believe everything you hear

today -- you need to be able to step back and look at things more skeptically. If you can manage that, you should be able to make some serious progress!

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

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(see Greatscapes pg. 6)

## Possible teen drowning at Melton Hill

On Friday afternoon, TVA Police called for assistance from Loudon County fire, rescue and ambulance services after a report of a 14

(see TVA pg. 4)

## June Revenues

NASHVILLE - State tax revenues continued to decline in June for the eleventh consecutive month of the fiscal year, Finance and Administration Commissioner Dave Goetz announced. Tennessee sales tax collections have experienced negative growth for 16 of

(see Revenues pg. 9)

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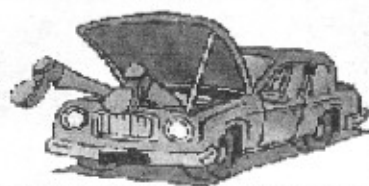
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## Shooting

area of the residence that belonged to his father suffering from at least one gun shot wound to the chest area. The father was identified as Pierce Edwards, age 66. According to Sheriff Guider, Todd Edwards was shot with a .38 caliber revolver that was recovered by investigators.

Upon taking statements it was learned that Todd called his father and his wife threatening to kill them if he could get into the residence. Approximately 10 minutes later, Todd Edwards did come to the residence of his father and parked directly in front of the entrance to the residence. Sheriff Guider advised Todd Edwards then attempted to kick the door open. Investigators did find evidence the door had been kicked.

Sheriff Guider advised that is when the father, Pierce Edwards, fired two shots through the front door of the residence hitting Todd Edwards at least once in the chest area. Todd Edwards was transported to UT Hospital and his condition is unknown at this time.

According to Sheriff Guider it was learned Mr. Pierce Edwards

and his wife had been fearful of Todd prior to this incident and investigators advised they had stayed at a motel on a previous occasion due to threats made by Todd Edwards.

Sheriff Guider advised no charges have been filed at this time and the Loudon County Sheriff's Department will be consulting with the DA's office regarding this incident.

## Police Beat

Marlana Mattea Herrod, 19, of Summer St., Loudon, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a vehicle with extremely loud music on and stopped it.

A check showed Herrod to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy a citation. Officer Blake Norman LPD made the arrest.

Kristi Michelle DeHart "aka" Wright, 35, West 4th, Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with violation of probation Friday.

Deputy J. Goddard, LCSO transported Ms. DeHart to the Loudon County Jail, where Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO placed her under arrest.

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## TVA

year old boy that was missing. Within minutes the area was met with assistance. The efforts turned to the dive and rescue team as of presstime.

According to sources a 14 year old boy was in the swimming area when he went over the pipe and was missing when authorities began their search. The boy had not been located as of presstime either. The Daily Edition will bring you more as they become available.

### Special Meeting of TWRC to Be Held July 15 Via Conference Call

NASHVILLE --- A special called meeting of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission will be held via conference call on July 15 at 10 a.m. (CDT). The only item on the agenda is a rule which establishes bear dog training sessions in the Cherokee National Forest.

Commission members will address concerns of the U.S. Forest Service regarding possible conflicts over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Since the TWRC was not scheduled to meet in July, the special meeting will be conducted by the conference call, so that any possible changes will be effective prior to the holiday.

Interested mem-

bers of the public and media representatives wishing to attend the conference call should be seated by 10 a.m. in the main conference room of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's Nashville office. The office is located in the Ellington Agricultural Center at 5107 Edmondson Pike.

The TWRC will return to its meeting schedule in August. The TWRC next meeting will be held August 20-21 at Paris Landing State Park. The meetings days will be a Thursday and Friday, a change from the regular Wednesday-Thursday schedule.

### Police Beat

Michael Conrad Sexton, 61 of Cedar Crest Street, Powell, was charged with simple assault/domestic.

According to the report, a 911 call was received by a female that a co-worker, Michael Sexton, had assaulted her by hitting her in the face with the back of his hand and pulling her hair. The victim had a red mark on her nose and 2 marks above her lip and her hair was consistent with her story the report noted.

The victim reported she was in Sexton's vehicle and he was trying to keep her from getting out and told her he would kill her. The victim stated she finally got away from Sexton and he

followed her until she stopped at LCPD and Sexton left when he realized it was a police department.

Sexton called the victim many times while the officer was present doing a re-

port and left messages.

The victim reported she and Sexton had been intimate but she was trying to end it.

Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD made the arrest.

### On this day

1832 Source of Mississippi River discovered (Henry R Schoolcraft)

1836 US patent #1 (after 9,957 unnumbered patents), for locomotive wheels



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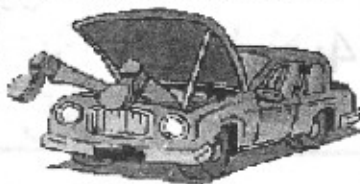
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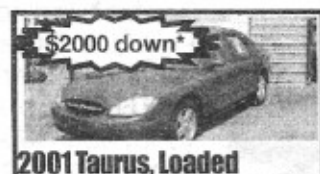
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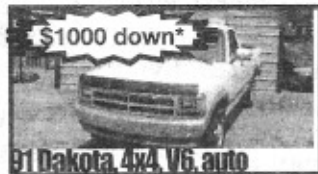
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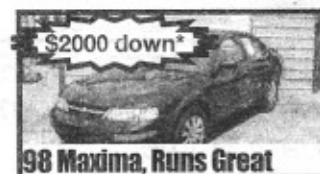
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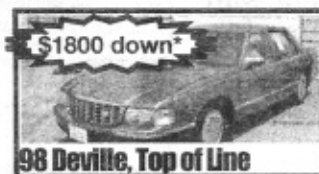
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# Loudon County Sheriff's Office

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## **Loudon County Sheriff's Office** **Citizens' Law Enforcement Academy**

Loudon County Sheriff, Tim Guider, will be hosting the first Citizens' Law Enforcement Academy for Loudon County residents. This academy series of classes will be free of charge and taught by law enforcement professionals volunteering their time to share their expertise. Successful graduates will receive a certificate of completion at the graduation ceremony.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the "academy" is to provide citizens with a basic understanding of the training and requirements for their local law enforcement officers and to foster a cooperative partnership between our citizens and the officers who serve them.

### **Contents**

All classes will be taught by law enforcement professionals. Classroom and Field instruction, at a minimum, will cover the following topics:

- ◆ Tennessee Law
- ◆ Criminal Investigations
- ◆ Domestic Violence
- ◆ Narcotics and METH
- ◆ Patrol Duties and Tactics
- ◆ K-9 Operations and Capability
- ◆ Firearms Training, including range
- ◆ Defensive Driving Tactics
- ◆ Corrections and Jail tour
- ◆ Communications and E911 tour
- ◆ Judicial system
- ◆ Officer Ride-Along
- ◆ Self Defense Tactics

### **Requirements**

- ◆ Participants must be 18 years of age
- ◆ Applicants must submit to a background check. Photograph and fingerprinting included.
- ◆ No felony convictions
- ◆ Possess a valid drivers license
- ◆ Participants must sign a release and waiver.

### **Who May Apply**

All residents of Loudon County meeting the minimum requirements may make application for the academy.

### **Where and When**

Classes will be taught at the Loudon County Justice Center in the Sheriff's Office training room one night a week for ten weeks. Field exercises for firearms and driving will be scheduled for weekends during daylight hours. Classes will begin at 6pm and finish at 9pm.

Day training exercises will begin at 8am and conclude at 12 noon.

### **General Information**

The class sizes will be limited to ensure safety of the participants during skill based activities.

All applications are the property of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office and are confidential. Participant selection is the sole discretion of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office which reserves the right to disqualify, and or remove, anyone disruptive or inappropriate to the Academy.

Successful completion of the academy does not qualify the graduate as a certified law enforcement officer.

### **How**

Applications are available at the Sheriffs' Office located at the Loudon County Justice Center on Highway 11 and Sugarlimb Road. The phone number for inquiries is 865-986-4823.

Applications should be returned to the Sheriff's secretary to the attention of Investigator Patrick Upton by July 30th for consideration. Successful applicants will be notified by phone of their placement in the academy. Classes are scheduled to begin in late September.



## Holiday

Tax Holiday provides three full days of tax breaks on clothing, school and art supplies, and computer purchases.

The holiday begins Friday, August 7 at 12:01 a.m. and ends Sunday, August 9 at 11:59 p.m. During the designated three-day weekend, consum-

ers will not pay state or local sales tax on select clothing with a price of \$100 or less per item, school and art supplies with a price of \$100 or less per item, and computers with a price of \$1,500 or less, a savings of nearly 10 percent on exempt items. Visit [www.tn-taxholiday.com](http://www.tn-taxholiday.com) for more information on

the holiday.

"During tough economic times, this tax-saving initiative provides savings for Tennessee shoppers and a much needed boost for Tennessee retailers," said Revenue Commissioner Reagan Farr. "We are hopeful that all Tennessee shoppers will enjoy the immediate relief of the 2009

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Sales Tax Holiday."

Please visit the Sales Tax Holiday Web site at [www.tntaxholiday.com](http://www.tntaxholiday.com) to learn more about the items exempt from sales tax. The Tennessee Department of Revenue also assists consumers via e-mail, [Sal-tax.Holiday@TN.gov](mailto:Sal-tax.Holiday@TN.gov), and through its toll-free statewide telephone hot line, (800) 342-1003. Staff is available to answer questions Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time. (Out-of-state and Nashville-area callers, please dial (615) 253-0600.)

Examples of exempt items include:

**Clothing:** Shirts, dresses, pants, coats, gloves and mittens, hats and caps, hosiery, neckties, belts, sneakers, shoes, uniforms whether athletic or non-athletic and scarves

**School Supplies:** Binders, book bags, calculators, tape, chalk, crayons, erasers, folders, glue, pens, pencils, lunch boxes, notebooks, paper, rulers and scissors

**Art Supplies:** Clay and glazes; acrylic, tempera and oil paints; paintbrushes for artwork; sketch and drawing pads; and watercolors

**Computers:** Central processing unit (CPU), along with various other components including monitor, keyboard, mouse, cables to connect compo-

nents and preloaded software (Note: While the CPU may be purchased separately, other items must be part of a bundled computer package in order to be eligible.)

## Blow & Barf

Robin Dennise John, 25, Black Jack Road, Rockwood, was charged Friday with driving under the influence 1st offense and violation of implied consent (cite in).

According to records, Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSO was on patrol at 12:32 a.m. on Highway 321 when he noticed a black Toyota Sequoia run over the curb at Ayala's Mexican Restaurant on Highway 321.

The vehicle reportedly swerved across the yellow line several times and sped up and slowed down.

The officer stopped the vehicle near Krys-tals and identified the driver as Robin D. John. According to the deputy's report, he could smell an odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. He asked John if she'd had anything to drink and she said she'd had enough to not be sober.

John performed poorly on field sobriety tasks.

Once at the jail, Mrs. John consented to a breath test, but when she tried to do the test the first time she blew an insufficient sample and threw up. She did not continue the test.

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## Revenues

the past 18 months, when compared to the year before.

"Governor Bredesen and the Legislature worked together to map a multi-year path to preserve budget stability, so we are positioned to weather the economic downturn," Goetz said. "By maintaining healthy cash reserves while reducing spending we are able to keep the state's budget balanced, but we need to continue to make sure our spending is in line with collections ongoing."

Overall June revenues were \$1.088 billion, which is \$134.8 million less than the state budgeted.

On an accrual basis, June is the eleventh month in the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The general fund was under collected by \$127.6 million, and the four other funds were under collected by \$7.2 million.

Sales tax collections were \$68.3 million less than the estimate for June. The June growth rate was negative 9.41 percent. For eleven months revenues are under collected by \$606.6 million. The year-to-date growth rate for eleven months was negative 7.35 percent.

Franchise and excise taxes combined were \$41.6 million below the budgeted estimate of \$279.2 million. The growth rate for June was negative 14.28 percent. For eleven months revenues are under collected by \$322.5 million and the year-to-date growth rate was negative 19.37 percent.

Privilege tax collections were \$5.2 million below the June estimate. For eleven months collections are \$56.9 million below the budgeted estimate.

Business tax collec-

tions were \$12.8 million less than the June estimate, and the growth rate was negative five percent. Year-to-date collections for eleven months are \$9.6 million below the budgeted estimate.

Inheritance and estate tax collections were \$1.4 million below the June estimate. For eleven months collections are \$12.3 million below the budgeted estimate.

Tobacco tax collections were \$123,000 above the budgeted estimate of \$31.8 million. For eleven months revenues are under collected by \$24.3 million.

Gasoline and motor fuel collections for June increased by 1.35 percent. For eleven months revenues are under collected by \$43.5 million.

Year-to-date collections for eleven months were \$1.146 billion less than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was under collected by \$1.047 billion and

the four other funds were under collected by \$99.0 million.

The budgeted revenue estimates are based on the State Funding Board's consensus recommendation adopted by the second session of the 105th General Assembly in May of 2008.

The revised estimates for this fiscal year as presented in the 2009-2010 Budget Document assume an under collection in total taxes in the amount of \$1.10 billion. The general fund under collection is projected to be \$1.06 billion.

By tax source the under collections are: Sales tax \$544.2 million; F&E taxes \$336.1 million; privilege taxes \$80.6 million; hall income tax \$58.0 million; highway fund road user taxes \$48.6 million; and a net under collection of \$40.0 million from all other tax sources.

On May 7, 2009 the State Funding Board met and adopted revised revenue growth ranges for the current fiscal year ranging from negative 9.00 percent to negative 8.50 percent for total taxes, and negative 10.20 percent to negative 9.70 percent in general fund taxes.

These revised ranges recognize a revenue shortfall in total taxes from the original budgeted estimates in the amount of \$1.280 billion at the low end of the range to \$1.224 billion at the high end. The ranges for the general fund recognize a shortfall of \$1.222 billion at

the low end to \$1.176 billion at the high end.

## Police Beat

Rodney Baine Harrison, 53, Abbot Road, Lenoir City was charged Friday, with driving under the influence 1st offense.

According to records, at around 12:12 p.m., Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSO was told to be on the look out for a red Nissan Altima with a possible intoxicated driver on Highway 70 going toward Dixie Lee Junction.

The officer spotted a vehicle matching the description pass Stone Brook Subdivision on Highway 70. The vehicle reportedly crossed the center yellow line numerous times.

Deputy Bowen followed the vehicle for a time and made a traffic stop near the junction of the Interstate 40 overpass. The driver, Rodney B. Harrison, was allegedly very slow and clumsy when he got out of the car.

According to the officer's report, Harrison had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person, very red bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. He performed poorly on field sobriety tasks.

Harrison agreed to implied consent and was transported to Fort Loudoun ER for a blood alcohol test. He signed the documentation for the test and then recanted his decision and was then transported to jail.

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