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Friday, August 14, 2009

## Philadelphia woman charged after assault at animal shelter

Sgt. Brian Jenkins LPD filed the charge of assault against Tammy Coleman of Spring Street, Philadelphia after the woman reportedly spit in the face of the director of the animal shelter.

According to the warrant, after investigating an incident that took place at the Loudon County Animal Shelter on July 17, 2009, Sgt. Jenkins found what he believes to be probable cause that an assault took place. Evidence exists to indicate that Tammy

(see Coleman pg. 3)



Tammy Renee Coleman

## Rifle stolen

Authorities were called to investigate the larceny of a rifle from a local man's residence Friday.

(see Rifle pg. 6)

## Theft from vehicle

A local woman called authorities when she discovered someone stole over \$600 worth of items from her vehicle.

(see Theft pg. 3)

## July revenues show full year of negative growth

NASHVILLE - State tax revenues continued to decline in July, making it the first time in Tennessee history the state has experienced a full year of negative

growth. Finance and Administration Commissioner Dave Goetz reported July revenue collections, pointing to sales tax collections which have experienced

## Local girl wins coloring contest



11 year old Dianna Hoskins of Lenoir City won a backpack chock full of school supplies from Walmart Vision Center in their recent Spongebob themed coloring contest.

## Car misses creek, but alleged drunk driver still wet

A Knoxville man was found asleep behind the wheel of his running vehicle

after he nearly crashed into a creek at a local golf course Sunday. His vehicle was still

(see Hart pg. 6)

## TWRA Seeking Fields for Dove Season

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) is seeking fields to lease for the upcoming 2009 dove sea-

(see Fields pg. 4)

**Verse of the day** is the man that  
For the Lord God trusteth in thee.

is a sun and shield: Psalm 84:11-12

the Lord will give Obituaries  
grace and glory: Wanda Sue Messer

no good thing will Weather:  
he withhold from them that walk  
uprightly. Lord Today: Sunny, along  
of hosts, blessed with a few afternoon  
clouds. High 88.

Tonight: Partly cloudy.

Low around 70.

Saturday: Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s.

Sunday: A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s.

## Wazzup

Happy Birthday, Myles Mitchell! Hope it was as super-awesome-cool as you are!!!

## Horoscopes Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

Who's in charge?

That's the big question that is on everyone's mind today, and you may have to be the one to finally step up and spit it out for everyone to hear. Things should

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Theft

According to reports, at approximately 7:30 a.m. Monday, Deputy Tinnel, LCSO was dispatched to Abbott Road in Lenoir City to take a report of theft from a vehicle. Upon arrival, the officer spoke to Karen Brown, who said she

had some items taken from her 2006 Ford Freestar Van. The theft occurred sometime overnight.

Records indicate the van did not appear to have been broken into and Mrs. Brown advised she had a set of keys to the van that have been missing for a while.

The items taken include eleven DVD's, a DVD player, a portable DVD player, four blue towel sets and three boxes of Gain detergent.

The value of these items was estimated at \$627. The investigation is ongoing.

### Coleman

Coleman did commit the offense of assault against the victim.

Coleman did intentionally and knowingly cause physical contact with the victim in a manner that a reasonable person would consider extremely offensive or provocative.

During an argument over an animal Cole-

man did spit in the victim's face.

Tammy Renee Coleman, 30, was charged with assault.

Deputy Brandon Dixon, LCSO made the arrest.

### Police Beat

Christopher Franklin Thaxton, 42, of Summer Street, Loudon was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Sgt. RS Newman, LPD was dispatched to a domestic violence call on Summer Street. Upon arrival the officer found Christopher in the street.

Thaxton was unsteady on his feet and smelled of an alcohol-

ic beverage. Thaxton was yelling and causing a scene and had been in an argument with his girlfriend who was outside attempting to leave.

Sgt. RS Newman LPD made the arrest.

Everett Allen Edington, 43, of Des Moines Road, Maryville, was charged with a capias for failure to appear out of Blount County.

Sgt. Jimmey Wiggins, LCSO made the arrest.

Adam Chandler Gates, 18, of Misty Ridge Drive, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Kimber Littleton LCSO made the arrest.

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## Fields

son. The first phase of dove season opens at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Landowners who have interest in leasing their fields should contact the TWRA regional office in their area so that a TWRA official can check their property for a potential field lease. TWRA personnel annually search the countryside to seek out fields that have large numbers of doves for

public hunting.

The TWRA has four regional offices across that interested landowners can contact: Region I (West Tennessee) 731-423-5725 or toll free 1-800-372-3928; Region II (Middle Tennessee) 615-781-6622 or toll free 1-800-624-7406; Region III (Upper Cumberland) 931-484-9571 or toll free 1-800-262-6704; Region IV (East Tennessee) 423-587-7037 or 1-800-332-0900.

## Obituaries

**Wanda Sue Messer**, age 69, of Kingston, passed away August 10th, 2009. Wanda was a member of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. She was a former OB nurse at Hancock Memorial Hospital in Greenfield, Indiana. Wanda was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Marie Leisure, and her sister, Anita Stuckey. Wanda is survived by her husband of 50 years, Larry Messer; children Mark Messer and wife Sherri of Charlottesville, IN, Joni McCart and husband Tom of Oak Ridge, Jack Messer and wife, Dawn of Merritt Island, FL, and John Messer and wife Jamie of Scott AFB, IL; grandchildren Kristin, Sarah, Ashton, Colton,

Alex, Alyssa, Megan, Erika, and Jordan; great grandchild Layla; brothers Dudley Leisure and wife Jenell, and David Leisure and wife Judy, sister Judy Nelson and husband Larry; several nieces and nephews. A private family viewing will be held Thursday, August 13th, at Click Funeral Home from 4 to 6 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 14th, at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4930 Kingston Highway, Lenoir City with Rev. Tom Markwood officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Heart Association, 4708 Papermill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37909-1972. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City, TN is serving the family of Wanda Messer.

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## Police Beat

Steven Calvin Black, 45, Green Trailer Park, Philadelphia, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Rondel Branam, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday.

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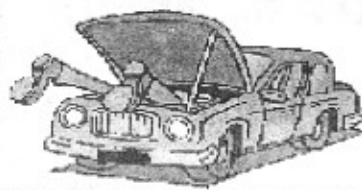
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## Revenues

collections showed positive growth for July, but all the over collection resulted from significant one-time payments, not from an upswing in economic activity in Tennessee," Goetz said. "We continue to strictly monitor revenue collections and our expenditures in order to maintain a balanced budget."

Overall July revenues were \$815.0 million or \$61.8 million less than the state budgeted.

On an accrual basis, July is the twelfth month in the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The general fund was under collected by \$47.5 million, and the four other funds were under collected by \$14.3 million.

Sales tax collections were \$81.3 million less than the estimate for July. The July growth rate was negative 10.88%. For

twelve months revenues are under collected by \$687.9 million. The year-to-date growth rate for twelve months was negative 7.66%.

Franchise and excise taxes combined were \$27.1 million over the budgeted estimate of \$53.8 million. The growth rate for July was 52.25%. For twelve months revenues are under collected by \$295.4 million and the year-to-date growth rate was negative 17.07%.

Inheritance and estate tax collections were \$100,000 above the July estimate. For twelve months collections are \$12.2 million below the budgeted estimate.

Privilege tax collections were \$4.8 million below the July budgeted estimate. For twelve months collections are \$61.7 million less than the budgeted estimate. The

year-to date growth rate was negative 18.65%.

Tobacco tax collections were \$1.5 million below the budgeted estimate of \$25.0 million. For twelve months revenues are under collected by \$25.8 million.

Gasoline and motor fuel tax collections for July increased by 2.85 %. For twelve months revenues are under collected by \$46.0 million.

Year-to-date collections for twelve months were \$1.2 billion less than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was under collected by \$1.095 billion and the four other funds were under collected by \$113.0 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 the general fund.

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.

Based on the May 7, 2009 recommendation of the funding board, the General Assembly adopted revised revenue estimates for 2008-2009. Year end collections of total taxes are \$16.4 million more than the revised estimates, and \$39.6 million above the revised general fund estimate.

Year-to-date collections for 2008-2009 are subject to final accrual adjustments.

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## Police Beat

Joel H. Lynn, 22, Vale Street, Loudon was charged with driving on revoked license.

According to re-

cords, Sunday at approximately 4:57 p.m., Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a red Saturn traveling west on Keene Street and noticed Joel Lynn

driving the vehicle. The officer had prior knowledge L:ynn's license are revoked for driving under the influence.

The lawman stopped the Saturn and ran Mr. Lynn's

information through NCIC and it came back revoked for DUI.

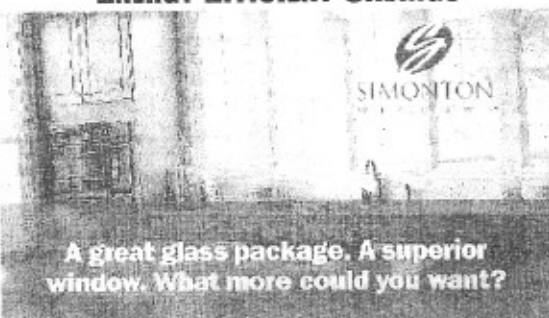
Officer Blake Norman made the arrest.

Mark Shannon De-

busk, 50, Bryan Road, Kodak, was charged with failure to appear Tuesday.

Deputy Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest at the Loudon County Justice Center.

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