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Thursday, August 20, 2009

Health Department can't confirm swine flu rumor, but says not to panic

Even though there have been reports of a case of swine flu at Lenoir City Elementary, officials at the Loudon County Health Department told Daily Edition Publisher Dan Bell on Wednesday they cannot confirm there is a case as the local health department no longer gets those records that indicate when the H1N1 virus is detected on a local level. There is no need to panic as H1N1 flu is treated like all other flus and if your child is sick, keep them at home.

It was also reported that some physicians use a type of detection for the flu virus but it does not indicate the type of flu the ill person has according to health department officials.

prescription forgery identity theft, more

A Lenoir City man was taken into custody Tuesday after employees at a local pharmacy discovered he had forged a prescription he was attempting to have filled.

Curtis Alexander Graves, 24, Ash Avenue, Lenoir City was charged Tuesday with fraud.

According to an affidavit, CVS Pharmacy personnel noti-(see Graves pg. 8)



Curtis Alexander Graves

TennCare Fraud Arrests Reach 1000

brings to 1,000 the total fraud cases. number of people charged

NASHVILLE - The arrest the Office of Inspector Genof two people named in eral (OIG) was formed and Putnam County indictments given authority to pursue

The OIG announced with TennCare fraud since the two arrests - both ac-

(see Arrests pg. 6)

Local charged after Woman charged with

Police charged a Lenoir City woman after she reportedly stole more from another woman by using her personal information to transfer funds from her bank account.

Chrystal Ellen Kerley, 29, West Second Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with identity theft and theft under \$500.

According to warrants, On August 11, 2009, at (see Kerley pg. 3)



Tennessee's 2009 Free Hunting Day Set for August 22

NASHVILLE --- All Tennesseans are reminded that Saturday, Aug. 22 is Free Hunting Day in Tennessee when state residents may

hunt without a license. The annual event coincides with the opening day of squirrel season.

The Tennessee Wildlife (see Free Hunting Day pg. 4)

When thou vowest and not pay. a vow unto God, de- Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 fer not to pay it; for Obituaries he hath no pleasure Elizabeth Jones in fools: pay that Billy Joe Tinell thou vowed. Better is it Wade A. Rice that thou shouldest Weather:

Verse of the day thou shouldest vow

hast Edith Burkhart

not vow, than that Today: Variable clouds Friday: Scattered

with scattered thunderstorms. Humid. High 83. Chance of rain 60%.

Tonight: Variably cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Humid. Low 73. Chance of rain 60%.

thunderstorms pos- in' holes? How can sible. Highs in the low anyone enjoy fishin' 80s and lows in the from a trash heap upper 60s.

Wazzup

Wazzup with all the Leo empty bait containers, (Jul 23-Aug 23) cans, bottles, wrappers, and all the other trash left behind at fish-

anyway?

Horoscopes

Your belief in your-(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Kerley

approximately 8:50 a.m., Chrystal Ellen Kerley, did take without the owners effective consent and with the intent to deprive the owner, a total of two hundred and fifty dollars from the bank account of another woman.

Mrs. Kerley called the bank and stated that she was the victim and she wanted to transfer the money from her account to another account, which belonged to Ms. Kerley's mother.

During this transaction, Ms. Kerley did give personal information about victim to the bank including the victim's social security number, which she found while staying at the woman's residence. After the transaction, Ms. Kerley went to Weigels where she withdrew the funds from her mother's account.

Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO CID is in charge of the case.

Corporal Ernie Brown, LCSO made the arrest Tuesday.

Police Beat

Eight young people were charged with underage drinking after police saw them intoxicated in a local parking lot.

According to reports, Officer Blake Norman,

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LPD observed several Hispanic subjects who appeared intoxicated standing in the parking lot of the Super 8 Motel on Highway 72. The officer made contact with the subjects and they advised they had been drinking and they were underage.

Upon checking the room the group had rented, there were approximately five more people inside the room who were also intoxicated and admitted to drinking. All of them had a strong odor of alcohol emitting from their persons and there were also twenty empty beer cans in the motel room.

All were placed un-

der arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Eight people charged with underage consumption were identified as Edgar Ivan Gonzalez, 18, Highland Avenue, Loudon, Junior Gonzalez Espinoza, 18, Maremont Parkway, Loudon, Jose Carlos Cisneros, 20, Maremont Parkway, Loudon, Genaro Galvin, 18, Maremont Parkway, Loudon, Vicente Liovardo Abrego, 18, Maremont Parkway, Loudon, and Luis Angel Munos, 20, Victor Hugo Aviles, 18, and Clauido Alberto Silva. all of Redding, Pennsylvania.

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On Free Hunting Day, state resident hunters are exempt from hunting licenses and WMA permits requirements. Not all WMAs are open to hunting on Aug. 22. Hunters are asked to check the information for particular WMAs in the newlypublished 2009 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide which is available online at www.tnwildlife.ora or copies are available at any TWRA regional office or at most outlets where licenses are sold.

Hunter education requirements have not

been waived for Free Hunting Day. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1969 is required to have successfully completed a hunter education course. A one-time, one-year apprentice license is required for those born on or after Jan. 1, 1969 if the hunter education course has not been completed.

In addition to squirrels, those species that have a year-round season will be open as well. The year-round species are armadillo, beaver, coyote, English sparrow, groundhog, nutria, pigeon, starling, and striped skunk.

For more information about hunting in Tennessee, visit TWRA's Web site at www.tn-wildlife.org or contact your nearest TWRA Regional Office.

No license

Hilario Maye-Palma, 20, Starcrest Street, Clearwater, Florida, was charged with driving without a license and speeding.

According to reporta, Maye-Palma was driving a 1999 Ford Expedition at a speed of 95mph in a 65mph zone on Interstate 75 north at the 68 mm. Upon contact, Maye-Palma stated he did

not have a license.

Maye-Palma produced an ID only from Mexico with a Florida address. A Florida license check showed he is unlicensed.

Trooper Carey Hixson, THP made the arrest Monday

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Arrests

cused of prescription drug fraud within the TennCare program.

The OIG became fully operational in February of 2005, after Governor Phil Bredesen led the push for legislation creating the unit, and laws supporting its efforts.

"As more and more people are interested in prescription drugs instead of 'street' drugs, I think our efforts will be even more in demand," Inspector General Deborah Y. Faulkner said. "We're certainly not going to slow down at 1,000, as our agents are in the field today pursuing

cases."

Angela S. Tindle, 36, of Cookeville, was charged with four counts of TennCare fraud for using TennCare to pay for forged prescriptions on four separate occasions for the painkiller Hydrocodone, two preparations of insulin - humulin and novolin, and syringes.

Jamie L. Bowman, 36, of Baxter was charged with four counts of TennCare fraud. Bowman is accused of using TennCare to pay for fraudulent prescriptions for the painkiller hydrocodone on four separate occasions.

The OIG, which

is separate from TennCare, began full operation in February 2005 and has investigated cases leading to over \$2.6 million paid in restitution and recoupment to TennCare, with a total estimated cost avoidance of over \$165 million for the TennCare program, according to latest figures. To date, 1,000 people have been charged with TennCare fraud.

Through the OIG Cash for Tips Program established by the Legislature, Tennesseans can get cash rewards for TennCare fraud tips that lead to convictions. Anyone can report suspected TennCare fraud

by calling 1-800-433-3982 toll-free from anywhere in Tennessee, or log on to www.tn.gov/ tnoig and follow the prompts that read "Report TennCare Fraud."

Police Beat

Pamala Agnes Coone, 47, Defuniak Springs, Florida was charged Friday with driving on a suspended license.

According to the report, Patrolman Brandon Gentry, LCPD stopped a gray Yukon for speeding on Highway 321. When the officer checked the driver's license status through NCIC, it showed it to be suspended.

Coone was cited for speeding 59 mph in a 40 mph zone.

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Graves

Lenoir City Police Department Curtis Graves was in the store with a forged prescription. CVS workers advised the pharmacy notified the doctor of the suspected forgery and the doctor said the prescription was forged.

Mr. Graves stated he came straight from the doctor's office to CVS. Curtis Graves was placed under arrest for altering a prescription.

Patrolman Darrell Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Dailon Matthew Sellers, 24, Sunnyside Road, Philadelphia, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Rob Lane,

LCSO made the arrest on Friday at the jail.

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