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Monday, September 21, 2009

All Loudon County Schools have been closed due to illness, beginning Friday September 18, 2009 and returning Wednesday September 23, 2009.

Police impersonator charged with sexual battery after juvenile pat down

According to the warrants, filed by Detective Sgt. Jeff Russell, LCSO CID, according to the victim and witnesses statements; on September 9, 2009 Ernest Stevens approached a juvenile male on Nelson Street and announced himself as Loudon County Police and proceeded to ask questions. Stevens then performed a pat down search of the juvenile's (see Stevens pg. 4)



Ernest Effle Stevens

When you're getting attacked by fake people it's time to quit

Sgt. RS "Scott" Newman LPD reported the 911 Center dispatched Loudon Police Department to an emergency call on Vale Street. The caller advised dispatchers a physical fight was taking place at his residence. Upon arrival at the residence Sgt. Newman observed Walter Brian Underwood lying on the couch in the residence. He was talking on the phone yelling, and dispatch advised they were



Walter Brian Underwood

(see Underwood pg. 7)

Fracas in the Square lands 2 in jail

Two persons were taken into custody on alcohol related charges after reportedly being involved in an altercation with a woman at McGhee Square Sunday. (see Square pg. 3)

August Unemployment Rate 10.8 Percent

NASHVILLE - Tennessee Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development James Neeley announced Tennessee's unemployment rate for August was 10.8 percent, up 0.1 percentage point from the July rate of 10.7 percent. The August rate a year ago was 6.6 (see Unemployment pg. 3)

Was it the air bags that gave it away?

A Kingston man was jailed after a motorist called police report a possible drunk driver in a wrecked vehicle on the interstate. When authorities located the sus- (see Wattenbarger pg. 6)

Report Examines Tennessee's Efforts to Keep Schools Safe from Violence

A report released by the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's Offices of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) examines Tennessee's efforts to make sure that its schools are safe. A legislative request to initiate the report was prompted after (see Report pg. 7)

Verse of the day

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually. Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his

mouth;
1 Chronicles 16:11-12

Obituaries

Lillian Melton
Martha Marie Guider
Rymer

Weather:

Today: Scattered thunderstorms. Highs

in the upper 70s.

Tonight: Lows in the low 70s.

Tuesday: A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Wazzup

Happy 18th Birthday

Sarah Harper! Hope it was a doozy!

Horoscopes Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

You stumble on something trivial midday, but it shakes you for a while. It's a good time to take

a second look at your working or living arrangements and see if you can avoid this in the future.

Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

It's time to put that (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Unemployment

percent. The national unemployment rate for August 2009 was 9.7 percent, up from the July rate of 9.4 percent.

"The unemployment rate has been at approximately the same level for the past four months, which is consistent with a labor market that appears to be stabilizing," reported Labor Commissioner James Neeley.

The unemployment rate of 10.8 percent is the highest since

November 1983.

According to the Business Survey, 14,700 job gains occurred in local government educational services; 2,900 in administrative, support and waste services; and 1,500 in educational and health services. Major employment decreases occurred in mining and construction, down by 3,300; finance and insurance declined by 2,200 jobs; and durable goods manufacturing decreased by 1,300.

Year-over-year in-

creases occurred in health care and social assistance, up by 8,900; local government increased 8,800; and arts, entertainment and recreation gained 2,100; manufacturing was down 41,800; trade transportation and utilities lost 29,600; and mining and construction decreased by 28,900.

Square

Angel Dawn Mischeau, 23, McGhee Square Apartments, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

Joshua David White Morgan, 25, North D Street, Lenoir City also was charged with

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public intoxication.

According to reports, on Sunday, at approximately 9:30pm, Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD was dispatched to McGhee Square in reference to a disturbance and upon arrival came in contact with Morgan and Mischeau.

Mr. Morgan had been in an altercation with a female in the complex. He smelled of an alcoholic beverage, had slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet.

Mr. Morgan was deemed a danger to himself and to the public and was placed under arrest.

Ms. Mischeau had also been in an altercation with another female in the complex. She smelled of an alcoholic beverage, had slurred speech and was unsteady on her feet.

Mischeau was also deemed a danger to herself and to the public and placed under arrest.

No other charges had been filed at the time of the report.

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Stevens

body by touching him on the sides of his

body along with the groin area.

Stevens was asked

Obituaries

Lillian Melton, age 74, a resident of Lenoir City, passed away Thursday, September 17, 2009 at the family residence. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. Lillian was the daughter of the late Trav Dyer and Lenore Williams. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Charles "Boomer" Melton who passed away January 26, 2009. Survived by her three children and spouses: Warren "Boomer" and Teresa Melton, Timmy and Kathy Melton all of Lenoir City, and Beci and Dudley Humphrey of Cleveland; very special friends, Marty and Kim Nix, Brandon Nix and Diane Ricker all of Lenoir City; four grandsons and spouses: Michael and April Itson, Shane and Christi Melton all of Cleveland, Matthew and Megan Itson of York, England and Jacob Melton of Lenoir City; five great-grandchildren: Julia Itson, Alayna Itson, Amelia Itson, Eli Melton and Josh DeVaney. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday with Funeral Services to follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. Saturday and proceed to the Lakeview Memory Mausoleum for entombment services at 11 a.m. Serving as pallbearers: Shane Melton, Jacob Melton, Michael Itson, Marty Nix and Brandon Nix. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Melton family.

Martha Marie Guider Rymer, age 92, passed away

Tuesday, September 15, 2009. She was the daughter of the late Perry and Elizabeth Keener Guider. Marie was a member of Powell United Methodist Church. Preceded in death by husband, Dallas Rymer; sisters, Louise Rymer, Thelma Johnson, Lillian Chrisman, and Christine Sowards; brothers, James Perry (Bud) and Ernest Guider. She is survived by her daughter, Shelda Bostick and husband, Bernard of Knoxville; son, Bill Rymer and wife, Meribeth of Cleveland; grandchildren, Kathy Cabe Trundle and husband, David of Columbus, OH, Karen Cabe Copeland and husband, Casey of Knoxville, Kurt Cabe of Knoxville, Alex Rymer of Midtown and Matthew Rymer of Maryville; great-grandchildren, Martha Marie and Anna Trundle, Samuel Copeland, Bailey and Katie Cabe, Oakley, Morgan and Micah Rymer; brother, Benny Wayne Guider and wife, Juanita of Maryville; sisters-in-law, Margaret Rymer of Knoxville, Ruth Guider of Lenoir City; brother-in-law, Don Grove of Knoxville along with many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, September 18th with Funeral services to follow at 8 p.m. in the Hawkins Chapel with G. W. Bowles and Jamie Bauknight officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Lenoir City for graveside services. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Hawkins Chapel, 102 B Street, Lenoir City is serving the Rymer family.

for his badge by the juvenile and refused to do so but did escort the juvenile towards the juvenile's residence where he turned him over to Chief Crowder of the Philadelphia Police

Department.

Mr. Ernest Stevens is not an officer of the law for any department in Loudon County.

Earnest Effle Stevens, 38, of Nelson Street, Philadelphia,

was charged with criminal impersonation and sexual battery.

Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSO made the arrest at Stevens' residence.

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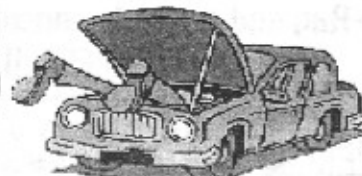
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Wattenbarger

pect car, the air bags were deployed and the driver reportedly was drunk.

Jeffrey L. 'Jeff' Wattenbarger, 43, Rose Road, Kingston was charged with driving under the influence and violation implied consent.

According to reports, on Monday Deputy Marty Stanley, LCSO was dispatched to Interstate 75 south bound around the 76 mile marker on a possible drunk driver. The 911 caller stated the vehicle had heavy front end damage and no right side head light. The caller saw the vehicle exit onto the

76 south exit ramp and keep going.

Deputy Stanley spotted the vehicle, a 2000 silver Buick, at the top of the exit ramp and followed it to the Interstate 75 north exit ramp and stopped it, because he could see the air bags had deployed and the headlight appeared to be missing totally from the vehicle.

The driver, Mr. Jeffrey L. Wattenbarger, stepped out of the vehicle and walked around to the front of it to survey the damage.

Mr. Wattenbarger was reportedly unsteady on his feet, had red watery eyes and a strong odor of

an alcoholic beverage coming from his person.

The officer asked him what happened and he stated he fell asleep. Mr. Wattenbarger reportedly

admitted to drinking "since about 10:30am and having about 7-8 beers."

Wattenbarger was given three sobriety tasks and did poorly on all of them.

Deputy Stanley read Mr. Wattenbarger the implied consent law and he refused to take any test to determine the alcohol and or drug content of his blood.

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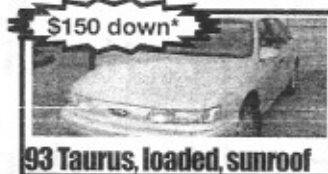
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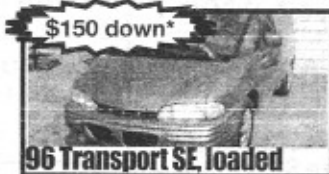
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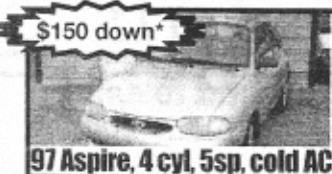
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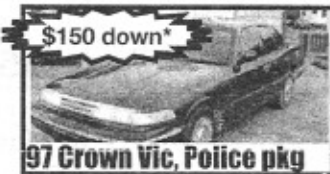
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Report

a tragic fatal shooting at a Tennessee high school in 2008.

The Keeping Tennessee Schools Safe report provides a comparison of state laws, policies and requirements with accepted best practices for keeping schools safe from violence. The report states that Tennessee has made significant progress since the mid-1990s toward ensuring the safety of its students and school person-

nel. The 2007 Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Act established statewide comprehensive planning and accountability requirements for school districts to meet regarding school safety and violence prevention efforts.

Although safety and violence prevention efforts are addressing most of the identified best practices for safe and secure learning environments, staff and funding needed to implement the require-

ments are limited and decreasing, according to the report.

In addition, the report concludes that state-level guidance related to school building security is lacking. Such measures include school resource officers, metal detectors, random searches and video surveillance systems.

"It is intuitive that such efforts enhance building security, but we found little research evaluating those security measures as a

means to deter or prevent violent incidents," said Susan Mattson, legislative research analyst and co-author of the report. "Although the SAVE Act currently requires school officials to report on security strategies and procedures they have in place, it does not require them to assess their appropriateness or effectiveness."

The report describes options the Tennessee General Assembly and state education officials could take for enhancing and improving school safety efforts. Some of the options listed for consideration include how to allocate limited state funds for school safety; requiring statewide school climate assessments to better guide the state's policies and programs; reexamining Tennessee's criteria for designating schools as dangerous; and to more closely monitor the SAVE Act's effectiveness.

Underwood

talking to Underwood at that time.

Sgt. Newman made contact with Mr. Underwood and he stated he had been assaulted by an unknown person in the house. Sgt. Newman spoke with two other individuals at the residence both stating they had been asleep and did not know what was going on.

Sgt. Newman reported Underwood was extremely intoxicated and called 911 cussing the dispatchers and then hung up the phone. Dispatch called back and Underwood stated several subjects were fighting in the house.

Walter Brian Underwood, 47, of Vale Street, Loudon, was charged with 911 calls in a non-emergency situation. Sgt. RS Newman LPD made the arrest.

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Police Beat

Mora Moises Gallardo, 42, Webb Drive, Loudon was charged with driving on revoked license. The report states, Deputy Chad Petty,

LCSD noticed a Ford Taurus being driven by Moises Mora Gallardo. The officer had prior knowledge Gallardo was revoked for

driving under the influence.

Deputy Petty stopped the vehicle and identified the driver. A check through NCIC by

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