



Police arrested two men for manufacturing meth Tuesday night after finding two meth labs inside a home on Pittman Lane in Mt. Vernon. Authorities say they responded to a complaint of a meth lab inside the home where they discovered two active meth labs. Arrested at the scene were Dallas E. Kirby, 62 and James L. Hellard, 32, both of Mt. Vernon. Officers notified the Kentucky State Police East Drug Enforcement Branch and Mt. Vernon Fire Department to respond to the residence to decontaminate the meth labs.

“Roads”

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post 2.600 and extending 1.600 miles to the intersection with US 25 at milepost 4.200.

Resurface KY 2108 (Maretburg Road) from the intersection with KY 1250 at milepost 0.000 and extending 0.455 miles to the pavement joint at Hemlock Circle at mile post 0.455.

Flex Funds are funds which the court can use at their discretion to repave roads. The projects have to be approved by the state. Last year, the court widened, ditched and repaved Lambert Road with these funds, along with small sections of other roads.

“Livingston”

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trailhead will service the hiking, biking, canoeing and horseback riding trails that currently surround the city.

The court also approved a \$10,000 donation for Hospice, on the request of Danny McKinney, a member of the Hospice board.

McKinney told the court that in 2012, there were 60 Hospice patients in the county with 177 days of care given and 18 who were patients in the organization’s Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He noted that Hospice also had several employees from Rockcastle County.

Several of the magistrates recounted their family’s personal experience with Hospice which were all good.

In other action, the court discuss the Administrative Office of the Court’s request that the judicial center annex be made more secure by limiting access to the fa-

cility to one entrance, instead of the seven at present.

However, County Judge Buzz Carloftis said this would cause a problem for visitors to the courthouse since it would limit their access to the elevator.

He also pointed out that a provision in the county’s lease agreement with the AOC gave the county “unfettered” access to the elevator.

The discussion came about following an announcement that five part time security personnel had been approved, by the AOC, for the county. Sheriff Mike Peters said he presently had one full time and one part time security officer. These officers will help control access to the courtrooms for the safety of court participants. Plans are to install at least one metal detector outside the courtroom.

Action on a request by the Brodhead Fire Department for an enclosed trailer to transport search and rescue equipment was tabled until more information can be obtained. The trailer would cost somewhere between \$6400 and \$9,000 and would transport approximately \$60,000 in rescue equipment purchased through an Urban Search and Rescue grant.

A donation of \$1,150 was approved to the Western Volunteer Fire Department and, along with a \$3200 state grant, will be used to purchase a thermal imaging camera which can detect human body heat in a smoke-filled room. The donation was given at the request of Johnny Bengé, Chief.

The court also approved a countywide PRIDE Drop Off Day at the Brodhead Fairgrounds. The event was held last year and usage was heavy.

Total cost last year was \$13,066, PRIDE contrib-

uted \$4,750 and \$1,400 in scrap metal was collected and sold for a net cost to the county of \$6,945.

However, Carloftis told the court that PRIDE would only contribute \$2,750 this year. Carloftis also told the court that an effort would be made to curtail people obtaining scrap metal being brought in before it gets to the county’s drop-off site. The judge reminds everyone that the drop-off day is for residents of Rockcastle County only and driver’s licenses will be checked.

“Davidson”

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cently performed stand-up comedy routines at numerous prominent comedy clubs such as the Go Bananas Comedy Club in Cincinnati, Funny Bone Comedy Club in Newport and Comedy Off Broadway in Lexington.

Pre-sale tickets purchased before the event are \$2 each for students (ages 4-17) and \$4 each for adults. Tickets purchased at the event are \$3 each for students and \$5 each for adults. Children who are three years old and under get in free.

Pre-sale tickets will be available through March 21st and can be purchased from Arielle Estes at Rockcastle Regional Hospital or Melinda Kincer at Mt. Vernon Elementary.

Proceeds will go to the March of Dimes Foundation to improve the health of mothers and their babies. For more information contact Arielle Reese at 606-256-7780.

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Warmer weather is on its way as the first day of spring is next Wednesday. Shown above is a wild patch of Easter flowers in a hay field at a farm on Chestnut Grove Road in Brindle Ridge. Several other wild patches of Easter flowers can be found in fields and ditches across the county.

Two arrested for manufacturing meth

By: Doug Ponder

Two people were arrested for manufacturing meth Tuesday night after officers from the Kentucky State Police and Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Department raided a home on Pittman Lane in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene were James L. Hellard, 31 and Dallas E. Kirby, 62, both of Mt. Vernon.

According to state police reports, trooper Adam Childress and deputy Joe Rush responded to a complaint of a possible meth lab inside a home on Pittman Lane.

After arriving at the residence, officers knocked on the front door and were greeted by Kirby who told officers that he did not live in the home. Hellard then met the officers at the front door and told them that he

owned the home.

While talking with Kirby and Hellard, officers could smell a strong chemical odor coming from inside the residence. Hellard told officers that they would find two active meth labs if they were to search his home. Officers also found two used syringes on Hellard at the time of his arrest.

Officers then notified the KSP East Drug Enforcement Branch and Mt. Vernon Fire Department to respond to the residence so they could decontaminate the meth labs.

Hellard and Kirby were both charged with manufacturing methamphetamine. Hellard was also separately charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. They both remain lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$25,000 cash/property bond.

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