



A severe storm system moved across the county Tuesday night and Wednesday morning causing flooding problems in many areas throughout the county. WeatherBug reported that 1.96" of rain fell during the period. Local weatherman Bud Cox said he received reports of hail around 3:30 a.m. Wednesday. The above photo was taken in front of IGA on Hwy 150 in Mt. Vernon where water completely covered the roadway making it hazardous for motorists.

Complaint leads police to four one-step meth labs

By: Doug Ponder
Three people were arrested for manufacturing meth last Wednesday after police responded to a social services complaint at a residence on Maple Grove Road in Orlando.

Arrested at the scene were Donald Charlton, 18, of Somerset; Sherry Lee Miller, 47, of Mt. Vernon and William Glenn Mink, 54, of Brodhead.

According to state police reports, troopers Scottie Pennington and Ryan Loudermilk received a complaint from a social services worker about a couple manufacturing meth and using drugs in the presence of two

children at the residence.

Once officers arrived, they were greeted by the couple, Miller and Mink, at the front door. While the four were talking, Charlton jumped out a back bedroom window and fled on foot into the woods behind the home. Pennington pursued Charlton on foot for several minutes and was unable to locate him.

Upon further investigation, officers noticed that Charlton had dropped a duffel bag containing an HCL gas generator, which is used in the production of manufacturing meth.

After searching the residence, officers found two active and two inactive one-

step meth labs. Officers also found numerous other items associated with methamphetamine including lithium batteries, burnt aluminum foil, salt, coffee filters and a blue snorting tube.

During the search, Charlton came back to the residence to reportedly "look for his duffel bag" and was apprehended at the scene.

Officers also found five Clonazepam tablets on Miller at the time of her arrest.

While Mink was sitting in the police cruiser, Pennington overheard him telling a neighbor to "take care of his dogs" and "get that shotgun out of the house." Officers later located a shotgun inside the master bedroom and discovered that it was reported as stolen from KSP Post 7 in Richmond. Miller told officers that she had bought the shotgun from a man in Brodhead for \$50.

All three admitted to cooking meth inside the residence around the two children. They also admitted to "smoking meth" earlier in the day.

The two children and the three suspects had to be decontaminated by the Mt. Vernon Fire Department and Rockcastle EMS. After the decontamination, the two children were taken into protective custody and social services placed them with foster parents.

All three were charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and controlled substance endangerment to a child, third degree.

Charlton was separately charged with fleeing or evading police on foot. Mink was separately charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and Miller was

separately charged with possession of a controlled substance, third degree. Both Mink and Miller were also charged with receiving stolen property (firearm.)

All three remain lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$25,000 cash/property bond.

Founder's Day Festival is May 10th and 11th

Participants are needed for the Wacky Raft Race which will be part of Livingston's Founder's Day Festival set for May 10 and 11.

That event will just be one of many scheduled for the event which will also include a Wildcat Mountain Triathlon, a Bluegrass Concert, a car show, parade, beauty pageant, inflatables for the children, a lumberjack competition, duck race, vendors and much more.

The Triathlon will be held May 11th and will be made up of a Mountain Bike segment (5.3 miles), canoe race (4.1 miles) and a 4.6 mile run. The cost is \$25 and each participant will receive a free t-shirt. For entry forms, call 606-453-2061.

The Wacky Raft Race, Saturday, May 11th at 3 p.m., will feature homemade rafts, to be floated on the Rockcastle River. Rafts must be carried to the water by participants and there will be an award for best design. No motors will be allowed. Rafts must be self-powered. No canoes or kayaks will be permitted.

The race is open to anyone who builds a raft. Participants under age 12 must have an adult riding on the raft. All participants must wear a safety vest. For more information, call 606-453-2061 or 606-392-1332. The duck race will be held at 4 p.m.

Events will be held on three stages: the Trail Head Stage, the Climax Water Sound Stage and David's Tire Bluegrass Stage.

Bluegrass bands performing Saturday, May 11th from 5 to 10 p.m., include Tidal Wave Road, New Generation, Level Green and Wilderness Road. Admission is free.

Friday's festivities will begin at 5 p.m. on the Trail Head Stage with an opening ceremony at 6 p.m. which will include an arial show and guest speakers. There will be bluegrass/gospel music from 8 to 10 p.m. when the festival closes.

Saturday's events begin with a pancake breakfast at 7 a.m., a Daughters of the American Revolution flag presentation at 8 a.m., a Lions Club Poker Run at 9 a.m., the Lumber Jack Contest and car show registration at 10 a.m., chain saw art at 11 a.m., an awards ceremony at noon and the parade at 1 p.m.

Following the parade, the stage of stars will be held from 2 to 10 p.m. when the festival will close with fireworks. The Bittersweet Cloggers will perform at 2 p.m. on the Climax Water Sound Stage, the Founders Day Pageant will be held at 6 p.m. and the Medley Boys Band will be performing from 8 to 10 p.m.

Orlando woman arrested for drug possession

By: Doug Ponder
An Orlando woman was arrested for drug possession Tuesday morning after police made a traffic stop on Big Cave Road in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Ashley N. French, 26, of Orlando.

According to state police reports, Trooper Scottie Pennington made the stop after observing French's vehicle traveling 66 mph in a 55 mph zone while driving in the middle of the roadway.

When French saw Pennington was trying to initiate the traffic stop, she pulled off on the left side of the roadway and attempted to flee on foot into the woods. Pennington pursued French on foot and arrested her at the scene.

Pennington observed French was acting like a "wild animal" and that she appeared extremely intoxicated while she was performing field sobriety tests. He also reported that French appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance after noticing a white residue around her nose.

When Pennington asked French her name she told him to "find out his own self" and "she wasn't telling him anything."

After searching the vehicle, Pennington found a bag containing several needles and a spoon that was burned on the bottom. He also found a snorting straw and a pill bottle containing eight Ultram tablets.

French was charged with possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, fleeing or evading police on foot, DUI, reckless driving, driving on a DUI suspended license, speeding and failure to wear seatbelt. She remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$3,500 cash/property bond.



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