

Five indicted on Friday

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down five indictments on Friday.

Indicted were:
John L. Lamb, 48, of Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon was indicted on four counts in connection with a June 7th traffic stop by Kentucky State Trooper Life Owens.

Lamb is accused of possession of methamphetamine (meth) while in possession of a firearm, operating a motor vehicle on a revoked license, no insurance and no tail lamps.

Scott Combs, 30, of Bluegrass Inn Apartments in Mt. Vernon was indicted on fourth degree assault charges, fleeing from police and second degree criminal abuse.

Combs is accused of leaving his 17-month-old child in a hot car outside Rite-Aid Pharmacy, while he committed a crime.

Police also say they found the illegal drug meth in Combs' possession and that he admitted to using the drug the day he was arrested.

His child has been taken into protective custody.

Randolph S. Adams, 44, of Hwy. 1505, Brookhead was indicted on one count of wanted endangerment.

He is accused of shooting a firearm at Jim Brock on June 18th.

Ricky Kelly, 39, of Gray, Kentucky was indicted on a third driving under the influence charge and operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their support of me throughout my participation in the American Legion State Tournament. Their donations and contributions assured us of a successful tournament.

They are as follows: Wendy/Cito (Danny Settles), Peg's Food Mart (Bert King), Buzz Carlisle (Rockcastle County Judge Executive, S&M Grocery (Mike and Sue Brown), Howard Saylor (Valley Bingo), FoodWorld (Robbie Lawson), John Hamm's Auto Sales, Mr. John Hale Principal at RCHS, last but not least thanks to Jerry Penrod, Godfather's Pizza for his donation to the Twins Baseball Team.

Thank you,
Shea Taylor

Clarification

In the article titled "Times Square Meet: Appalachia" printed in the July 19, 2001 issue of *The Mount Vernon Signal*, the support given to the workgroup by Our Lady of Mount Vernon Catholic Church was not mentioned. The Christian Appalachian Project would like to extend recognition to Our Lady of Mount Vernon for their generosity in opening the doors of their facilities to house the workgroup for the week.

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Sara Hammond and Brittany Calhoun participated in the swimming competition in the Bluegrass State Games. Sara brought home gold medals in the 50 Freestyle and 50 Breaststroke, silver medal in 200 freestyle relay and bronze medals in the 50 backstroke and 200 medley relay. Brittany brought home a silver medal in the 200 freestyle relay and a bronze medal in the 200 medley relay.

"ORV meeting"

(Cont. from front)

sure of lands via standard signs like those used in upstate New York "Wildlife Safety Zone" areas where citizen patrolling is in effect. Any anonymous donor offered to design and pay for standard yellow signs

and give those to cooperating landholders in the affected region.

Organizing efforts through existing organizations such as the local

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Rockcastle River Rebirth and, if necessary, to take legal action to see that enforcement occurs. This has been suggested by several state environmental groups who had representative present.

Work with the state tourist agencies to show that the leakage (amount of money going outside a targeted tourist area) is one of the highest in the country and especially in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Leakage means that little money is coming into the region through outside ORV riders because equipment and much of the supplies are purchased outside of the area. The results will be forthcoming through work being done by Sherman Bamford, a research associate with ASPH through a grant from the Natural Trails and Waters Coalition of Missouri, Montana.

Encouragement of individual actions by landowners who have dissuaded trespassers by a variety of means such as barbed wire and other devices. Some landholders expressed a desire to accelerate these practices if effective state and county enforcement is not forthcoming.

Two proposals were made by those more comfortable with ORV

200 "pot" plants found

Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff's Trevor Hensley and Ronnie Roark and KSP officers Gary Lane and Jason McCowan located and destroyed 200 marijuana plants on the John Helton Road at Pine Hill Tuesday.

Roark said that arrests in the case would be forthcoming. Police found the marijuana after a tip.

users. One was to open a private ORV track, but there was question as to whether out-of-state riders would use it with the current lack of controls. The second and more generally acceptable proposal was to register all ORV vehicles into the Commonwealth of Kentucky. However, this would require new legislation and it would most likely be opposed by manufacturers, sales outlets and their associations.

A third landholders conference will be held later with invitations to state law enforcement officers who have shown a willingness to attend and give some information on what to do about trespassing violations. Interested persons should contact Sherman Bamford at ASPH by calling (606) 453-2105.

Esti-49 off Rt. 75 in Laurel County has been a favorite destination of ORV users.

"Guilty"

(Cont. from front)

Dwayne Singleton, 37, of Mt. Vernon, entered a plea of guilty in Rockcastle Circuit Court.

According to Montgomery, on April 4, of this year, Singleton was attempting to elude Mt. Vernon Police Chief Bill Mink on Richmond Street, when he struck a vehicle being driven by Garner Mink, also of Mt. Vernon, head on. Immediately following the impact, Singleton exited his vehicle and began to run in an attempt to flee from police officers. Singleton was captured by officers and charged with several felonies. He was later taken to the hospital for treatment and while being treated at the hospital, Singleton once again fled from officers.

After several days of eluding police officers Singleton turned himself in at the Rockcastle Sheriff's office.

Montgomery stated that Singleton was scheduled to stand trial on Monday for the offenses of Wanted Endangerment, First Degree, Fleeing and Evidencing, First Degree, Escape, Second Degree and Persistent Felony Offender, Second Degree.

Montgomery said Singleton, who received a sentence of twelve years imprisonment in 1990 for crimes ranging from Arson to Rockcastle Homicide, could face up to twenty years imprisonment for his crimes when he is sentenced on August 31.

"Deborde"

(Cont. from front)

DeBorde was arrested Monday after he was charged with spiking and harassing communications.

The charges were brought by

Two leave Sheriff's department

Two full-time Rockcastle County Deputies, Darrell Doan and Doug Thomas are no longer with the local Sheriff's department.

Doan's last day on the job was July 20th and Thomas' last day was August 4th.

Thomas has gone to work for the Laurel County Sheriff's department and Doan currently isn't in the law enforcement business.

Melanie Campbell, an employee of a local check cashing store. In the complaint, Campbell alleges that DeBorde threatened to hurt her and he also threatened Governor Patton.

DeBorde, who travels by motorized wheelchair, is due back in district court on August and has been ordered to have no contact with the complainant.

"Insurance"

(Cont. from front)

A public hearing to discuss the rate increase has been scheduled for 9 a.m. on August 24th at the courthouse.

The Judge also informed the court that he had declared a state of emergency for August 3rd when the county and especially the Brookhead area was hit hard by torrential rainfall.

Carlisle said that it had been estimated that \$100,000 in damage occurred during the flooding.

The Judge said that by declaring the state of emergency local citizens may be eligible for federal assistance.

"Sewer"

(Cont. from front)

lines to unserved areas, Rogers said. The goal is to eliminate more than 15,000-40 percent of the 36,000 documented straight pipes.

Another 40 percent of the state's straight pipes already have been targeted by a combination of previous PRIDE loans, the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, officials said.

Straight pipes usually are installed by people who can't afford septic systems - which cost about \$2,500 - or who live on land where installing a system or hooking on to a public sewer system is difficult.

Under the new program, homeowners can contact their local health department to begin the grant application process. If their income falls under HUD poverty guidelines, they will be eligible for grants to cover the cost of installing a septic system, according to Carlisle.

In another action announced yesterday, officials said an undetermined amount of money will be used to forgive loans already made to people to install septic systems.

Since April 1999, PRIDE has awarded more than \$7 million in low-interest loans to more than 3,000 homeowners. The average monthly payment ranges from \$12 to \$30, but half of the loan recipients are currently in default because they can't afford the payment, Rogers said. Some of those loans were made in Rockcastle.

"We've got to help the poorest of the poor," Rogers said. "That burden will soon be lifted."

Under the program, those who are current on their payments will have their loans forgiven. Home owners who are behind on payments can have their loans forgiven once they catch up on their payments.

PRIDE officials will be contacting those eligible for the program. Meanwhile, Kentucky's top environmental official said the state will start cracking down on those who have straight pipes.

"We are not going to back off on anybody for any reason," said Bickford, Kentucky Natural Resources. "Folks, we're not going to tolerate it any more. It's going to stop."

School Menu

Rockcastle County Schools
Menu
August 16 & 17, 2001
Breakfast
Thursday: Pancakes and syrup or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
Friday: Sausage biscuit or cereal, biscuit/jelly, juice and milk.
Lunch
Thursday: Ham and cheese on bun or chicken on bun, macaroni 'n cheese, green beans, dessert and milk.
Friday: Pizza or breadstick with sauce, garden salad, corn, fresh fruit and milk.

Not the ones...

Ruby Lee McFerron of Madison County is not the Ruby McFerron listed for owing back property taxes. Jennifer Renee Dooley, daughter of George and Barbara Dooley, of Chestnut Ridge is not the Jennifer Dooley listed in recent court news.

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