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Pot found

William Glen Mink, 42, of Cove Branch, was arrested Friday on felony charges for cultivating approximately two hundred marijuana plants on his property. Mink was also charged with unlawful transaction with a minor, when he allegedly used his minor child to assist in the cultivation.

According to court records, Mink, who had been in domestic violence court recently, on at least two occasions, was charged when his wife, Regina, gave consent to Sheriff's Deputy Roark to search the property. His search revealed a plot of nearly two hundred marijuana plants, paths leading to the plot, water buckets and other indications of cultivation, according to court records.

Mink has prior felony convictions in 1994 for cultivating marijuana and trafficking in marijuana.

Brodhead Fish Fry will benefit victims

The Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly Fish Fry on Saturday, October 6th.

According to fire department volunteers this fish fry will be dedicated to the New York firefighters who lost their lives trying to save others.

All proceeds will be sent to the firefighters families.

If you would like to add a donation to this you can contact Anita Shackelford at the Citizens Bank in Brodhead, Angie Smith at the Citizens Bank in Mt. Vernon or call Louise or Johnny Bengs at 758-0206, Tim Albright at 758-9633 or contact Larry Taylor at Taylor's Produce in Brodhead.

Solid Waste Coordinator Don Coyle killed Sunday



Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator Don Coyle, 68, of Brodhead was killed in an accident on Hwy. 39 Sunday afternoon.

According to a Kentucky State Police, Coyle died after the bicycle he was riding was hit by a car driven by 17-year-old Derrick Todd of Eubank.

Police said that Coyle turned into the teenager's path causing the accident.

Pulaski County Deputy Coroner Kim Shumaker pronounced Coyle dead at the scene.

Police said the accident occurred at the junction of Ky. 935 and Hwy. 39 around 4 p.m. Sunday, near Woodstock School.

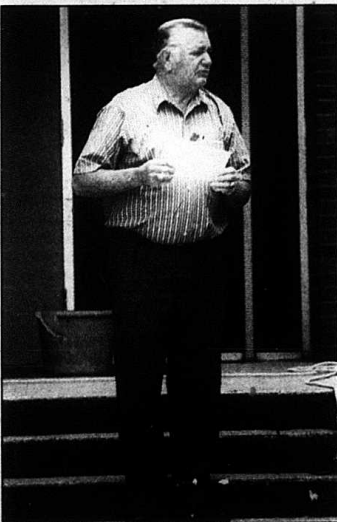
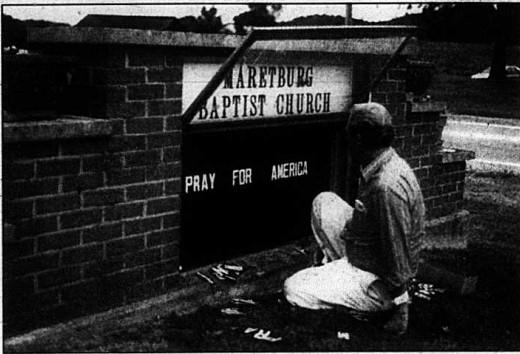
Coyle was also in charge of the federal Pride program which has pumped thousands of dollars into the county for clean-up of illegal dump sites.

"I really believe that Don was one of our leading citizens, he was extremely civic minded," said Rockcastle County Judge-Executive, Buzz Carlolius.

Ironically, Coyle taught a bike safety instruction class on Saturday to students at the Rockcastle Middle School as part of the 21st Century Learning Center.

Besides being head of PRIDE and Solid Waste Coordinator for the county, Coyle was also the current President of the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club, the county's most active civic group.

Services for Coyle were held in Lancaster. A complete obituary appears on Page A-9.



Rockcastle Countians, as well as the rest of the country, have answered the call this week to remember and pray for those families affected by last week's tragedy in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania and to remember our great nation. In the top photo, Bro. Wayne Harding of Maretburg Baptist Church fixes the church's sign to reflect what most Americans are thinking. In the second photo, students from Estill County and Rockcastle County hold a candlelight memorial service at Friday night's football game. In the third photo, Tina Gibbs, Russell Houk, Sonya McGuire, Becky Smith, Thelma Adams, Bill McKinney, Ruth Spears, Dee Ann Miller, Carol Bryant, Betty Bussell, Teresa Jackson, James Miller and Nancy Meadows were some of those who participated in a prayer service on the steps of the Rockcastle County Courthouse on Friday. At left, Bro. Raymond Offutt is shown leading the prayer service at the courthouse.

Front photo photos by Richard Anderkin

Two Mexicans die in shooting near Bee Lick

An undetermined number of shots were exchanged Sunday night near the Pulaski-Rockcastle line at Bee Lick in a feud among acquaintances, killing two Crab Orchard men and seriously wounding another.

The gun battle took place about 9:00 p.m. Sunday at the Eddie Reynolds property on Old Bee Lick Road near S&M Grocery, about 100 feet south of the Pulaski-Rockcastle line.

Pulaski County Sheriff Sam Catron said four or five men, including Jose de Jesus Estrada, 35, and Rene Arriano-Reynolds, 34, both of Crab Orchard, went to the home of Nicholas Gutierrez, 28, with whom they had a running feud.

Whatever they argued about at the Gutierrez home turned into violence and shots were fired.

Catron said that Estrada fired first at Gutierrez, whose Old Bee Lick Road address is Eubank, and the

Pulaski County resident returned fire. Both were treated at the scene by the Somerset-Pulaski County EMS and taken to Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. Estrada, who lived at 5990 Ky. Hwy. 1781, was pronounced dead on arrival.

Gutierrez was transferred by helicopter to the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, where he was listed in serious condition.

The second man who died, Arriano-Reynolds, was pronounced dead at the scene from multiple gunshot wounds. Catron said it was unclear who fired the shots that killed Arriano-Reynolds, whose address was listed as 165 Edwards Road, Crab Orchard.

The Pulaski sheriff's department said the number and identity of any other persons present when the shootings occurred remains under investigation.

Police find meth lab in county

Friday Kentucky State Police reported that they received information of a possible lab in Rockcastle County used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine.

Troopers Lefe Owens and Tommy Cromer responded to the report at the

residence of Dwayne S. Blair on Old Chestnut Ridge approximately 3/4 mile south of Mt. Vernon.

After arriving troopers contacted the owner as to the reported information and was given consent to search by the owner. During the search troopers discovered a working methamphetamine lab along with the components used in the production of methamphetamine and marijuana at the residence, according to a news release.

Local banks accepting money for Red Cross

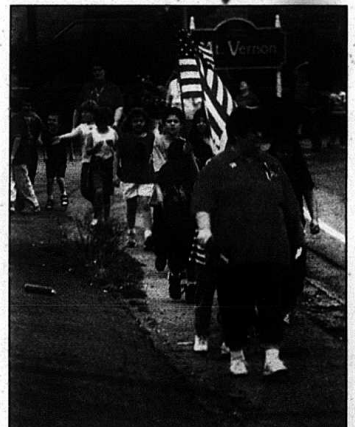
To help coordinate our community's efforts to respond to the events following terrorist attacks last Tuesday, the Community Trust Bank, formerly the Bank of Mt. Vernon and Berea National Bank, have been designated by the Daniel Boone Chapter of the American Red Cross to receive donations for victims of the disaster.

Cash or check donations may be dropped off at either bank's offices in Mt. Vernon or at Community Trust's offices on Hwy. 461.

Checks should be made to the American Red Cross, Disaster Relief Fund.

Questions should be directed to Treana Burdette at Berea National, (606) 256-2032.

Bittersweet Festival is October 5-6



Students in Mrs. Brewer's and Mrs. Deboard's P3 classes at Mt. Vernon Elementary School walked the streets of Mt. Vernon last week carrying American flags and honoring those who lost their lives in last week's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.