

Five people arrested in two separate meth busts

By: Doug Ponder
Five people were arrested this past week in two separate meth busts.
In the first incident, four people were arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine last Friday after police made a traffic stop on Hwy 461 near Mt. Vernon.
Arrested at the scene were Christopher Ryan Stringer, 25, Jordan Michael Crabbs, 20, Ivana Joann Bell, 21 and Margaret Lakeisha Bell, 22, all of Somerset.
According to state police reports, Trooper Eric Moore made the traffic stop after observing Stringer's vehicle swerving back and forth across the center line on Hwy 461.
When Moore initiated the traffic stop, Stringer

stopped his vehicle in the middle of the roadway and fled on foot across Hwy 461 while dodging traffic.
Moore pursued Stringer and gave him several loud commands to stop. He eventually caught Stringer and apprehended him. At the time of his apprehension, Moore found a small purple plastic tub inside his pants pocket that contained two zip-lock bags of suspected methamphetamine.
Moore also noticed that Stringer appeared extremely intoxicated and that his pupils were dilated. However, Moore didn't conduct a field sobriety tests due to Stringer being a flight risk after fleeing.
After apprehending Stringer, Moore asked his passengers Crabbs, Marga-

ret Bell and Ivana Bell to exit the vehicle. Upon searching the vehicle, Moore found 131 pseudoephedrine tablets, 28 lithium batteries, one bottle of drain cleaner, one can of starter fluid and a pack of coffee filters.
Moore also found a zip-lock bag of marijuana inside Margaret Bell's purse at the time of her arrest.
All four were charged with manufacturing methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a meth precursor. Margaret Bell was also charged with possession of marijuana and Stringer was separately charged with first degree fleeing or evading police, DUI, meth possession and first degree wanton endangerment.
All four remain lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on \$25,000 cash/property bonds.
In the second incident, a Mt. Vernon man was arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine after police raided a home on South Wilderness Road in Mt. Vernon.
Arrested at the scene was Delbert Wayne Mullins, 50, of Mt. Vernon.
According to the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Sheriff Matt Bryant went to Mullins' residence after receiving in formation that he had been selling meth.
When Bryant arrived, he

received consent from Mullins to search his property. Bryant only found pieces of burned aluminum foil in Mullins' bedroom. However, Bryant found several items used to manufacture meth inside Mullins' vehicle, including an HCL gas generator, bottle of liquid fire drain cleaner and a bag of rock salt.
Mullins was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine and he remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$25,000 cash/property bond.

“Church” (Cont. from front)

ship service, large group session and small group sessions.
Northside Celebrate Recovery director John Brown said they got the idea to create the program after a group of them saw a need for it in their church and county.
“Northside has been in the business of helping those trapped in addictions for several years,” Brown said. “There was an obvious need and Northside stepped up to the plate by sharing the love of Jesus and the healing that comes through a personal relationship with him.”
Brown said he started attending Northside and their SWAT recovery program several years ago while he was struggling with an Oxycontin addiction. Through Northside and their Celebrate Recovery program, Brown said he has found the tools and support he needed to overcome his addiction.
“Early in my sobriety I was taught how crucial it was to change your environment and surround myself with moral people,” Brown said. “I have found exactly what I needed with our Celebrate Recovery program at Northside.”
Through much needed prayer and fellowship, Brown said the Celebrate Recovery program at Northside in February. He

“Storm” (Cont. from front)

high winds also downed a power line on Pine Hill Road near Pine Hill Holiness Church.
Although a lot of damage was reported, Holbrook said that they were relieved and thankful that they didn't receive any reports of injuries due to the storm.
“As always we are prepared for the worst but we were glad to hear no one was injured,” Holbrook said. “You can replace material things but you can't replace lives.”

said the program is based on twelve Christ-centered steps that include biblical comparisons and principals focused on God's word.
Brown said the program focuses on helping people with life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. He said the small groups divide into separate groups for those dealing with drug addictions, alcohol addiction, depression, physical abuse, sexual abuse, eating disorders, etc.
Brown went on to say that the program has already impacted over a hundred people in our county and that motivates them to continue the program.
“There is an entire family that has been impacted and restored since they have attended the program,” Brown said. “Now you will see this family at every church service and weekly meetings. It's all about healing and seeing souls being saved by Christ.”
As far as the vision and future for the program, Brown said the church hopes the Celebrate Recovery program provides a solution to Rockcastle County's drug problem.
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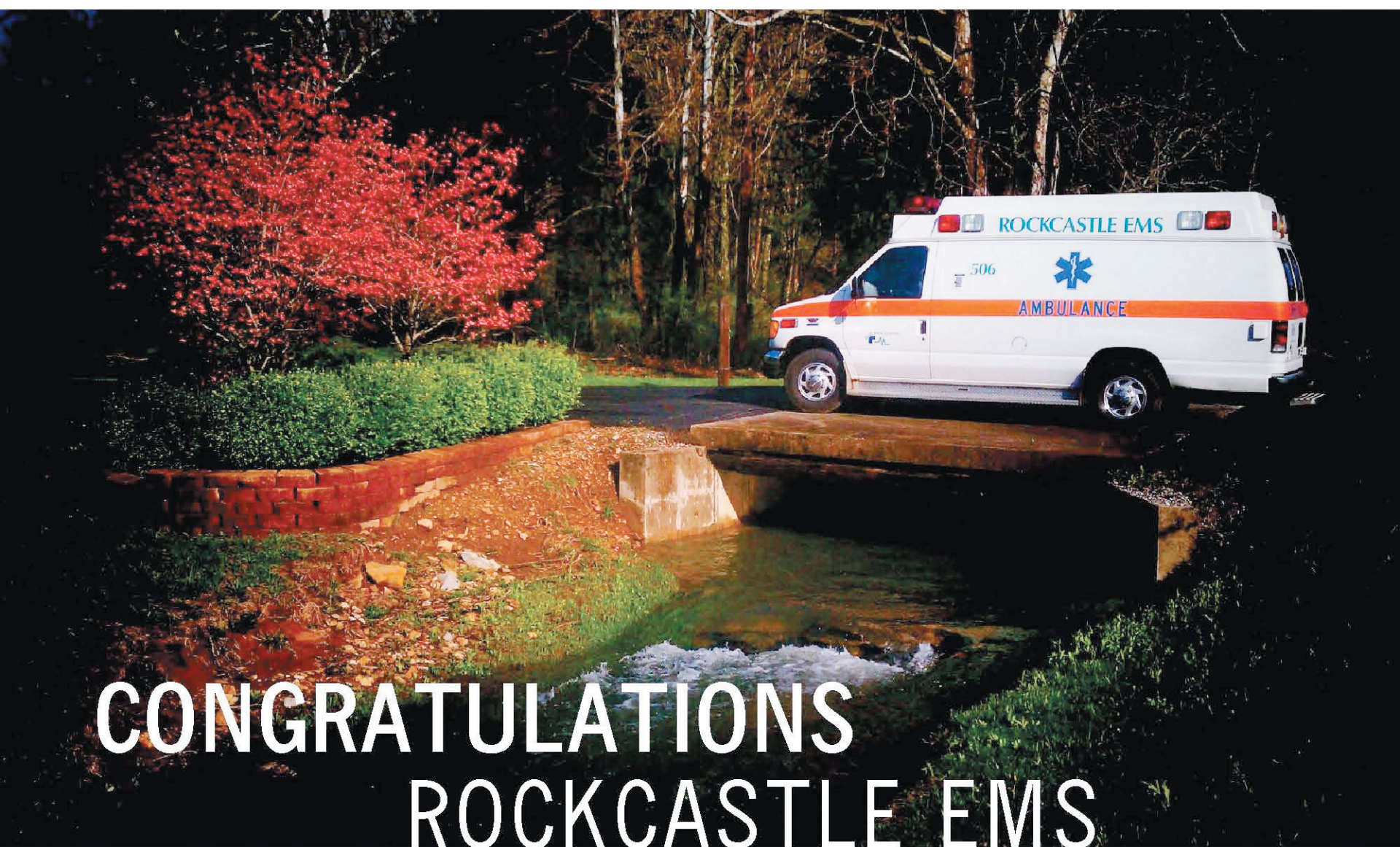
“Parks” (Cont. from front)

the parking lot on the former Perry Mink property, should be open within the next couple of weeks. The area has been fenced and security cameras have been installed, the Mayor said. Needed signage and ramps will also be installed. The only access to the park will be over a footbridge from the rear of the city park.
A pirate ship play center has been installed at the park at Lake Linville, adjacent to the ball field. There

are also two small shelters, picnic tables and swing sets.
Chief Bales gave the council the fire department report for the month of June.
According to the report, 266 runs were made and 3,500 gallons of water were used to answer: 10 accidents with injuries, an accident with injuries and entrapment, two accident not located, two vehicle fires, one structure fire, two woods or brush and grass fires, two fire alarm activations, one dumpster fire, one mutual aid request from Brindlee Ridge Fire Dept., one special detail - Blast in the Valley, one traffic control due to US 25 being closed because of a bear sighting, one hazardous materials call when vandals poured chemicals into the Valley View office and one ATV accident with injuries which was determined to be in Jackson County. The report also showed 181 runs for the year to date.
Police Chief Brian Carter presented the council with the June activity report for his department.
The report showed 464 total calls for service including 20 non-injury accidents, 6 injury accidents, 29 total arrests, two D.U.I. arrests, eight drug charges, 11 traffic violations, 16 warrants served, two criminal summons served, 16 cases opened and 11 indictments.

“Drives” (Cont. from front)

Tuesday, July 23 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Every donor will receive a free \$10 Wal-Mart gift card and everyone who registers to give blood through September 13th is eligible to win a 2013 Toyota Prius.
To schedule a donation visit kybloodcenter.org or call 1-800-775-2522. Blood donors must have a photo ID, be seventeen-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and meet other additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip which can be found at www.kybloodcenter.org.



Air Methods Kentucky salutes Rockcastle EMS and its leadership for the recent achievement of Advance Life Support. This has been a longtime goal requiring a high level of dedication from all involved. This achievement will touch lives in the Rockcastle community for years to come.