

## Crab Orchard man arrested for meth possession Monday

By: Doug Ponder

A Crab Orchard man was arrested for meth possession Monday night after police raided a home on Old US 25 in Mt. Vernon.

Arrested at the scene was Jody Ray Cooper, 26, of Crab Orchard.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Assistant Chief Barry Adams and Officer Jeff Harness responded to the residence after discovering the homeowners had purchased a large amount of pseudoephedrine earlier in the day.

Once officers arrived, they found Cooper sitting at the kitchen table inside the residence. Officers also discovered that Cooper had two bench warrants out for his arrest.

Found on Cooper at the time of his arrest was a hunting knife, syringe and a small plastic bag of suspected methamphetamine.

Cooper was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree. He remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$7,500/10% bond.

## Brodhead man arrested for manufacturing meth

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A Brodhead man was arrested for manufacturing meth last Tuesday, after officers from the Mt. Vernon Police Department and Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department raided an apartment at Castle Village Apartments in Brodhead.

Arrested at the scene was Shannon Christopher Vaughn, 38, of Brodhead.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Assistant Chief Barry Adams and Deputy Sheriff Matt Bryant received complaints of someone selling heroin in an apartment at the apartments.

Once officers arrived at the scene, the tenant gave them permission to search the apartment. Adams found Vaughn hiding in a bedroom closet with a plastic bag containing a box of pseudoephedrine tablets, a measuring cup, coffee filters, a spoon, a roll of black electrical tape and a bottle of Gumout engine starting fuel.

After searching the residence, officers also found a small baggie of suspected methamphetamine, exposed hypodermic needles, a box of Reynolds Wrap tinfoil, a bottle of engine starting fluid, four mixing cups bound together with electrical tape and a set of funnels that were also taped together with black electrical tape.

Officers also found a pack of batteries in Vaughn's coat pocket at the time of his arrest. Officers discovered through MethCheck that Vaughn had purchased a total of 13.2 grams of pseudoephedrine since January 7, 2013.

No heroin was found at the scene.

Vaughn was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance, first degree. He remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$25,000 cash/property bond.

## "Sewage"

(Cont. from front)

backup is due to the low lying position of the property. Thus both parties agree that the only feasible way to correct the problem is to install a lift station.

Mr. King said that he couldn't believe the agreement said that the home was built on a property that was too low.

"The agreement says that the house was too low but when the city's sewer system works our sewer works," King said. "During heavy rains your sewer plant can't handle it and water is squirting up out of our manhole. Then our toilets in the bathrooms won't flush and it's hard to rent a house when the toilets won't flush."

King said that Mayor Walter Cash originally told him the city would install a lift station if the Kings would sign an agreement to furnish the electricity for the station.

However, Mr. King said they were shocked when they first received the agreement which said that once the city installs the lift station, the city would have no further duty to the upkeep, maintenance or operation and that the successful operation of the lift station would not be the responsibility of the city after it is installed.

"If the lift station doesn't take care of the problem, then the agreement says there is nothing else the city can do," Mr. King said. "If it doesn't work then I got a house sitting down there with no sewer and an obligation to a lift station that doesn't work."

Mayor Cash assured the King's the lift station will work and that the city currently has other homes within city limits operating on a lift station.

"We have a lift station that is taking care of two houses in our city limits and we have never had any problems out of it," Mayor

Cash said.

Councilman Ronnie Cash told the Kings that the council was advised to follow the advice of their attorney and that if they didn't feel comfortable signing the agreement then he didn't think they should sign it.

Mrs. King also said that she is shocked that the city doesn't seem concerned that there is raw sewage floating around in open areas within city limits.

"Do you all not have a concern that there is raw sewage floating on the top of the ground that we are all breathing in," Mrs. King said. "After heavy rains we have found raw sewage, towels, syringes and baby wipes floating up out of the manhole. We even have pictures of it to prove it."

Councilman Larry Taylor said the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center is going to have to monitor their waste more closely. Taylor said that city officials had met with the previous owner before but that the nursing home has changed owners since the council last met with them. Councilman Mark Buras agreed and said that they need to have their lawyer to draft a letter to Signature Healthcare.

The council unanimously agreed to have their lawyer draft a letter identifying the problems and urging them to address the problems in a prompt manner.

The council also agreed to award the bid for building the city's shelter at the new park to Kenny Dyehouse for \$10,000. Construction on the shelter started Wednesday and it is scheduled to be completed by June 15th.

## "Festival"

(Cont. from front)

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.

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