

Over the past month, the Washington County Drug Team, with the help of the Indiana State Police Meth Team has been busy cleaning up Washington County.

The two groups made 18 arrests and shutdown 14 meth labs.

"We took a lot of meth off the streets," said Washington County Sheriff Claude Combs. "I am very pleased with the work of our drug team and the ISP's meth team."

Combs said all 14 of the labs that were shutdown were one-pot systems where the meth was being cooked in two-liter bottles.

"They usually use some type of plastic bottle and it takes a very short period of time to make it," Combs said. "With it being that easy, a lot of people have jumped in the game recently. Our guys have been getting tips and we monitor the reporting services that tells you who buys Sudafed and stuff like that with all of those things working, the result is 18 arrests and 14 labs being shut down."

Combs said the labs were sprinkled throughout the county. The first arrest was made January 17, 2012 and the last one was made Feb. 6, 2012.

Combs said meth is still a relatively new drug and the long-term affects are not known. That's why he is always glad to get it off the streets when he can.

"Me, Mayor David Bower, former Salem chief Scott Ratts and current chief Troy Merry and the Prosecutor Dustin Houchin are committed to the drug team and the work they are doing,"

Combs said. "The drug team has made a significant different in drug trafficking in our county."

The following is a list of people who were arrest during that period and their charges:

Lacey Jackson, Pekin, dealing (manufacture) meth; poss of precursor, poss of para, maintaining a common nuisance, neglect of a dependent x-2 (meth lab).

Josey Wells, Pekin, dealing (manufacture) meth; poss of precursor, poss of para, maintaining a common nuisance.

Allison Klinglesmith, Pekin, possession of meth, manufacturing within 1,000 feet of a school, church or daycare, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of a precursor.

Justin Klinglesmith, Pekin, possession of meth under three grams within 1,000 feet of a school, church or daycare, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of a precursor.

Jason Atkins, Salem, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of meth under 3 grams within 1,000 feet of a youth program center B-felony.

Wesley Dicus, Salem, possession of meth, poss of precursor, manufacturing meth and maintaining a common nuisance.

Valerie Dicus, Salem, possession of meth, possession of precursor, manufacturing meth, maintaining a common nuisance.

Shawn Hinkebein, Pekin, possession of chemical reagents or precursors, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of meth, dealing meth, manufacturing or distribution of a substance.

Daniel Ledford, Salem, dumping meth trash, manufacturing meth, possession of meth, maintaining a common nuisance.

Tonya Campbell, Salem, manufacturing meth, possession of meth, maintaining a common nuisance, dumping a controlled substance.

Sherry Nunley, Pekin, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of meth, possession of precursors, possession of paraphernalia, neglect.

Robert Nunley, Pekin, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of meth, possession of

precursors, possession of paraphernalia, neglect.

Frank Sparks, Pekin, maintaining, possession of meth, poss of marijuana under 30, possession of paraphernalia, possession of precursors.

Stacey Sparks, Pekin, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of meth, possession of precursors, possession of marijuana under 30 grams.

Kristen Hacker, Salem, conspiracy to manufacture meth.

Heather Warman, Salem, manufacturing meth, possession of meth w/firearm, possession of a precursor, maintaining a common nuisance, poss of marijuana, poss of paraphernalia.

John Losson, Salem, manufacturing meth, possession of meth with firearm, possession of a precursor, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia.

Darren Terrell, Salem, possession of meth and precursors with a firearm, possession of paraphernalia, maintaining a common nuisance.

Check back in the Wednesday, Feb. 15 issue of The Washington County Edition for more information.