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Arrest

Townsley asked for consent to search her car for anything illegal which she granted. When he began searching at the driver's side front door, he said he observed a small pink change purse sitting in the driver's seat. He opened the purse; he observed a small clear plastic bag which contained several white pills marked 358 on one side and 10 on the other side. He also located in the bag a cut straw that contained a white residue.

Trooper Townsley said the pills are suspected to be Hydrocodone, a schedule 2 narcotic. He also observed a small backpack sitting in the front passenger seat. The bag was open and was sitting on top of the other items in the bag, he observed an oval shaped blue zip up soft container. In the container he located a small clear Ziploc bag which contained several variations of white pills and one orange pill. Some of the pills were the same as previous found in the other plastic bag. The other white pills were marked SG 178 and they are suspected to be Gabapentin, a schedule 4 narcotic. The orange pill, according to the officer, was marked IG 323 400 mg, which is also suspected to be Gabapentin, a schedule 4 narcotic. Also, in the same Ziploc plastic bag, Townsley said he located a light blue folded piece of paper that contained a crystal substance that is suspected to be Methamphetamine. In the same Ziploc plastic bag, he also located a red folded piece of paper that contained a brown substance that is suspected to be heroin.

According to the report, Townsley arrested Tiffani Chapman, 30 years old of Hwy 2004, McKee, was read her Miranda rights and was placed under arrest and was escorted in Townsley's car to the Jackson County Detention Center. In the report the officer said on the way to the Detention Center, he advised Chapman of the substances found inside the vehicle and also asked who she was

bringing the drugs to. She told the officer she was not bringing them to anyone. She just had them with her. When he asked what she was doing with the drugs, she stated she was given the drugs by a person. According to the citation, Chapman's vehicle was removed by Vernon's Towing after she was placed under arrest.

Chapman is charged with possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (Heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (Methamphetamine); Trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> or = 10 D.U. drug unspecified; Possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree-drug unspecified; Prescription controlled substance not in proper container 1st offense; and Drug paraphernalia-Buy/Possess. She appeared in court in front of the Honorable Judge Allen B. Roberts on Monday, April 5, and plead not guilty. She is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Monday, April 12.

Shot

Resource Hub or www.adventhealthmanchester.com. Get your shot — encourage their shot!

Judge

Department of Corrections on a plan to allow more inmate crews to work outside the jail. If the DOC approves this plan, we hope to have crews working on cleaning up our roadsides soon.

In the meantime, we need to figure out how to slow the litter problem down. I'm not sure if we need stiffer fines for offenders or more volunteers in areas that see the most litter or both. It seems that until something changes from a community perspective this will always be a problem. I have said in the past and still say today, that if we want to see Jackson County grow than we will need to clean it up. Roads used to be the subject of the majority of my calls but now, however, I hear more about litter than anything. We are working toward a good solution for this problem.

I have had several people contact me about the FEMA declaration that President Biden signed last week for Kentucky. This particular designation was for the ice storm and not for the flooding to the best of my understanding. As far as I know, we had more personal property damage in the county from the flooding than we did the ice storm. Even though both were devastating in their own regard, there was more homes damaged with the

a water than they were with the ice. EM Director, Jamie Strong, is continuing to do damage assessments in hopes that property owners will get some help if it becomes available. We are hopeful that President Biden will sign the declaration for the flooding soon. It takes a great deal of time to get everything together for anything dealing with FEMA. We are trying hard to help property owners receive the help that many so desperately need. We are also hopeful that this will be the last state of emergency that we have to deal with this year.

The rest of my week looks to consist of meetings. I plan to attend one of the first in-person meetings for judges and magistrates since March of 2020. I also have several local board and committee meetings this week. We are planning several tourism-based events this year as well as the fair. The Fiscal Court will be meeting soon. I will need to try and have the first reading of our next fiscal year's budget soon. That always takes a great deal of time as well as thought.

Even though things aren't back to normal, we hope to see a steady decline in Covid infections as the year goes on. That means we will try and have as many events as we can that we can safely do so. Of course, most of those will be outside events. I will detail these events later as the year goes on. I look for some exciting things to happen in Jackson County this year. We could sure use some positive things after last year. Have a blessed week.

Sheriff

I am personally so sick of the garbage and the people who could care less about their neighbors. Littering hurts everyone, people! It reduces value on property and it damages our natural resources through pollution. We will prosecute anyone who we find littering or piling garbage on properties in Jackson County. Do the right thing for everyone's sake.

Jackson County has some of the most beautiful forest lands in Kentucky. There are trails all over the county that allows people to enjoy the great outdoors. Many people use ATV to travel over these trails. Others use dirt bikes and others may walk or ride horses. If you meet someone on a horse, please always stop and shut off your motor until the horses are safely past you. Horses have their own minds and their only defense mechanism is to either run or kick, bite and buck.

There is a huge area for all of us to enjoy, so be good neighbors and keep everyone safe from physical harm.

Our local Grand Jury will meet very soon and many criminal cases will be presented for indictment. You may or may not have ever been selected to serve as a jury member. Few people actually want to participate in this process, but it is critical to our system of justice. It allows for a fair and unbiased trial for people who are criminally charged in some issue. We need good, honest people who represent the people in our county for these serious matters. Thank you in advance for your service and please agree to accept the responsibility as a juror, should you be called upon to do so.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to seventy-five calls for service. We investigated three traffic accidents, opened five criminal cases and arrested three individuals on various charges. Our court security team helps wait on the courts, serve civil and criminal summons and transport prisoners and mentally ill patients. As always, we appreciate the support and prayers of the public for our officers as we work hard to keep all citizens safe and secure. God Bless!

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 1, 2021) – Gov. Andy Beshear and the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) are encouraging Kentuckians to participate in the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day scheduled nationwide on April 24, 2021 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm ET.

"In 2019, we lost 1,316 Kentucky residents to overdose deaths, with a significant number of those overdose deaths caused by opioids," said Gov. Beshear. "Every step we make to prevent a loved one from misusing or abusing prescription drugs is worth the fight. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is one of those easy steps we can make to protect all Kentuckians."

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications

According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

"Every year Kentucky participates in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at locations across the commonwealth, such as the local health department, convenience stores and law enforcement agencies," said ODCP Executive Director Van Ingram. "With it being spring time, now is a great time to clean out our medicine cabinets, and this nationwide day is a good reminder for all of us to safely dispose of any expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs."

In years past, Kentucky has collected more than 160,000 pounds of prescription medications during this event.

For a list of locations that will be participating this year, please visit ODCP's website.

Kentuckians who are unable to make it to one of the event locations on April 24 can safely dispose of their prescription drugs at 193 different drug disposal locations throughout 116 counties.

In Jackson County, you can drop off at:
 Jackson Co Police Department
 100 South Main Street
 McKee KY 40407
 606-287-7121
 Additional Info: Mon-Fri 8-4

Community Connections



Do you need help to make important Health Insurance decisions? Then, now more than ever, is the time to sit down and talk with someone that can provide you with the up-to-date information. Community Connections is here for you to find abundant resources. There are more choices available for 2021 more than ever before. Contact us so we can go into more great detail. There are options for everyone. If you have Medicare, now is the time to come on board with us so that we can help you cut your cost and get all the benefits that you have worked for.

Choosing health insurance can be pretty expensive and sometimes you may feel there is no way that you can afford the premiums and all the copays that come along with it.

Well, I am here to walk through and guide you with all possibilities. COVID 19 has brought about change to our communities and there are help out there for almost everyone.

If you do not have health coverage, contact me and I will get you covered. Most plans are at \$0 cost. Ask us about the COVID 19 Medicaid.

We have lots of good companies to choose from. We want to assist you with any type of coverage. Need dental or vision. We have the solution for you. Stop and take a minute to call us and watch us take care of your health insurance needs for all ages. To learn more call Jennifer or one of the girls at 606-658-2276. Due to our call volume, please be patient if you are put on hold.

