

**Drugs**  
 as she was doing so, he noticed a small clear bag fall to the ground from her left pants pocket to which she stated when she asked what was inside the baggy, it was Heroin. She then told Isaacs that she had a bag of -Meth on her person inside her clothing and retrieved a bag of crystal substance and handed it to Isaacs. Inside the vehicle was a glass meth pipe located in a glasses case, which was in Wilson's purse. Also, inside the purse was a red container that had a magnet taped to it and inside the container were various pills.

While in route to the Jackson County Detention Center, Wilson told the officers she had another bag of Meth inside her clothing and retrieved a second bag of crystal substance and handed it to Isaacs. According to Deputy Bryant, as he was helping Isaacs Deputy Shawn Madden had found the glass smoke pipe and needles under the passenger's seat and also found a bottle of pills that had an individual's name on the side of the bottle with a mixture of Klonopin pills inside, which Kelly Blevins had in her possession. Blevins advised the officers she had other drugs on her person under her clothing which she retrieved and gave to Isaacs.

Both Wilson and Blevins were arrested and transported to the Jackson County Detention Center. Wilson is charged with Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense-( $<2$  gms Methamphetamine), Possession Controlled Substance 1st Degree 1st Offense (Drug Unspecified), Possession Controlled Substance, 2nd Degree-Drug Unspecified, Possession Controlled Substance, 3rd Degree-Drug Unspecified, Drug paraphernalia-Buy/Possess, and Promoting Contraband-1st Degree. Blevins is charged with Drug Paraphernalia-Buy/Possess, Public Intoxication-Control Sub (Excludes Alcohol), Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense-( $<2$  gms Methamphetamine), Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept of Transportation, Prescription Controlled Substance Not Proper Container 1st Offense, Possession Controlled Substance, and 2nd Degree-Drug Unspecified. Both Blevins

and Wilson remain incarcerated at the Jackson County Detention Center at press time.

Isaacs said Wilson had approximately 45.4 grams of crystal Methamphetamine which would have a street value of \$4,500 and 0.5 grams of Heroin on her person at the time of her arrest. The officers were assisted at the scene by Kentucky State Police Trooper Scott Townsley Post 7 Richmond.

**Ron**  
 needed to fix something or to be on the job site." Gabbard continued, "Early on he went to Dayton and became a Master Glazer, which is the term for someone who installs glass. Later, moving back to Kentucky with mom and me in tow in 1970, he went to work at a glass shop in Lexington for a few years until he pulled the trigger and went into business for himself. Dad provided a good life for all of us and he was so very proud of that, sometimes doing without so we could have what we needed. A typical dad and husband? Not even close."

"After a while, he decided to try his hand in the local political scene and ran a couple times for Jackson County Court Clerk and Jailer. In 1999, he was elected as jailer, where he spent the next 12 years in McKee and loving every minute of it. I know he loved it because he would gripe and tell us how it was driving him crazy. That's how we knew he loved it. That was just his way," Ron added.

"Little" Ron said, "Dad became sick back in August, and we found out in October of 2017 that it was cancer, the worst kind. Even then, after retirement from public service, he kept on going. Tinkering with this and that until he couldn't. He never stopped."

He finished, "Two things that my dad passed onto me was the love of service for my country and home, and my work ethic. Sometimes I have to be told to slow down or stop, but it irritates me, then I realize, it's my dad. Only kryptonite can slow or stop Superman, and that's what cancer did, it was the only thing that could slow my dad. He loved us in his way which some would consider strange or unconventional,

but we kids and mom knew. Dad's journey here ended Sunday as I was holding his hand and fanning him with his little church fan he often used. These that he left behind will rise now to carry on his legacy and we will always be proud to call him dad, husband, brother and friend."

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**Prom**  
 was made.

The final scene showcased a mock courtroom trial. The Honorable Judge Allen Roberts requested the closing arguments for the case delivered by public defender, Brian Barker and followed by Commonwealth attorney Ross Murray. Heartfelt comments were shared by the victim's mother before

Judge Roberts granted deliberation for the jury. Both the supplier and the dealer received guilty verdicts and maximum sentencing. The last image was of the offenders in orange jumpsuits, handcuffs, and shackles being escorted to face the consequences of their poor decisions. Guest speakers included Pastor and Jailer Brian Gabbard, KY State Representative Robert Goforth, and Principal Brian Harris who closed the production with profound reflections of their insights of the drug epidemic. Our hope is that the production contributed to a drug-free and sober prom night as well as the strong message that poor decisions lead to life-changing consequences.

A special thank you to everyone involved to make Prom Promise 2019 a lasting impression. All the students that participated and done a fine job, JCHS Principal Brian Harris, JCHS Youth Services Center Director Julia Sparks, JCHS teacher Ashley Gabbard, JCHS teacher Tiffany Medlock, JCHS teacher Melanie Martinez, JCHS teacher Candrea Bingham, Jackson County EMA/CSEPP Director Jamie Strong, Administrative Officer of the Courts Rosalie Mathis, Jackson County Sheriff Paul Hays and Court Security Officers, Deputy Daniel Isaacs and K-9 unit Gina, Jailer Brian Gabbard and Jackson County Detention Center, Jackson County EMS Staff, McKee Mayor John Tompkins, Members of the four volunteer Fire Departments: McKee, Pond Creek, Sand Gap and Gray Hawk, PRTC, Coroner Lonnie Hacker and Lakes Funeral Home, State Representative Robert Goforth, District Judge Allen B. Roberts, Commonwealth Attorney Ross Murray, Public Defender Brian Barker, Constable Johnny Peters, School Resource Officer Keith Berry and a thank you to our special guests: Jerry Rains, KYEM Area 09 Regional Response Manager, Summer Lewis, Behavioral Health Program Director/Substance Abuse Counselor and Querida Gyimah, Harm Reduction Coordinator, Cumberland Valley District Health Department.

**Judge**  
 suggestions and guidelines. The Gentleman in the picture is Emanuel

Smith from the US Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau. Mr. Smith led a training session for us Monday to help us better prepare for April 1, 2020 Census day. We learned about various ways to spread awareness of how to complete the Census. We also discussed how that the Census is confidential per household and it holds no determining factors on how you live your life or what benefits you as an individual can or can not receive. A Census simply states how many people live in your household. That's all. What the Census and an accurate count does affect however is how much Federal money comes into communities for things like Schools and grant programs that build communities. That's why I will be constantly stressing the fact that we need everyone to participate in the 2020 Census. This is also the first time that you will be able to fill out your Census online. That's an added convenience for sure. There are also several job opportunities that come along with the Census. I will be posting those as we go along. I will be continuing to spread Census awareness as the year goes by so we as a Community will be ready for April 1, 2020

If you live in the Tyner Community you have probably noticed a new place to shop in your area. The new Dollar General just off of HWY 421 is open for business. When developers first reach out to me a couple years ago with the idea for a Dollar Store in Tyner I was very supportive of the idea. We want every Community in Jackson County to have every opportunity they can but to be honest I first thought that there's no way that the site they had selected will hold a Dollar Store. I figured it would be more work than they would be willing to do but none the less they accomplished it and it improved the looks of that whole area. Dollar General is one of the fastest growing businesses in our Nation and we are very thankful to have another new one in Jackson County. That is 2 new Dollar Generals and one new Family Dollar in Jackson County in the last 3 years. Any investment in our community and for our communities is a great honor and growth is something that's a welcome site in Jackson County.

I want to end up this week with just a little information. Free Dump Day was held on Saturday April 13, 2019. We took in over 111,000 pounds of garbage which is just a little over 55 tons. Free Dump Day was a success and I want to thank all of our hard working employees from the Transfer Station as well as the jail employees and inmates who helped us that day. Your hard work and dedication helped make Jackson County a little cleaner. Have a blessed week!

**Sheriff**  
 us and look for a way to bring us all together. I hope, as the song says, ...a day will come when we can smile about the good things to come.... I pray for such a day.

Friday a group of emergency personnel joined a group of students in a play to show students how illegal drugs can damage so many kids, or worse, snatch the life out of them. The play took students through the horrible fear of a drug decision gone bad. It showed them a moment when bad decisions were made and how peer pressure can take us down a bad road. It showed what happens when illegal drugs get hold of a person. It showed the reality of fear that grips the dealers when they are actually caught by the law and placed under arrest. It showed the despair when a judge sentenced them to a long term in prison as punishment for the crimes they committed. Hopefully this message was absorbed by every student. Hopefully they will never participate in illegal drugs through using or selling. Maybe we made a difference! I hope so.

Every law enforcement officer in Jackson County knows our focus must primarily be upon illegal drug dealers. We arrest someone nearly every week who possesses illegal drugs. We constantly work to find ways to prosecute illegal drug dealers. Our K-9 has been a great resource to sniff out illegal drugs in our county. The pressure continues to be turned up, but we still have a long way to go. Heroin is making its way into our county. Heroin is more deadly than the other drugs we have encountered, because an overdose can ultimately can cause death. Our deputies and I are trained to use Narcan to prevent overdose deaths, but we can not always arrive on time. Therefore, we look for ways to educate the public to the dangers of illegal drug use. Help us out by discussing illegal drug use with your children. Let them know where you stand and keep a watchful eye on every child. They are precious cargo.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to eighty-four calls for service. We investigated four traffic accidents, opened nine criminal investigations and arrested two individuals on various charges. Our court security team transports prisoners, serves volumes of papers, and waits on the courts. We work very hard to make Jackson County as safe and secure as possible. God bless!

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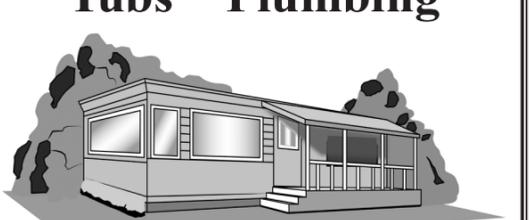
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