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Deputy charges 1 with selling drugs

A Spout Springs man was arrested for trafficking in drugs Saturday afternoon by Deputy Josh King.

The citation states that the deputy received a call from Sheriff Chris Flynn about a vehicle that had possibly been involved in selling drugs.



Justin Tipton
 Photo/3 Forks Jail
 The vehicle was described as a 1997 white GMC 4x4 vehicle.

The deputy said he located the vehicle traveling on Main Street and made a traffic stop. He said there was a strong smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

He said that Justin Tipton, 35, of Spout Springs Road, Irvine was operating the vehicle and was not wearing a seat belt.

King said he asked Tipton and a passenger numerous times if there was anything illegal in the vehicle to which they kept replying no.

The deputy stated that he deployed the K-9 Penny, who gave a conditioned response to the odor of narcotics on the door of the vehicle.

Sheriff Flynn and Irvine Officer Jason Conrad both had arrived on the scene to assist the deputy.

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Help for Flood Victims
 Helen Walling was one of Estill County's senior citizens who lost her home during last month's flood. Since then she has been staying with family members but hopes to get a place of her own. On Saturday, she went to Irvine United Methodist Church.



Penny, above, is one of two drug dogs used by the Estill County Sheriff's Department. The evidence on the table behind Penny was confiscated Saturday during a traffic stop on Main Street. Penny gave a positive response to the driver side door of the vehicle. A white powder was found inside the vehicle which was suspected to be carfentanyl or fentanyl derivative.

Chief Lane is honored by K92.9 fm



Rescue Squad Captain Tommy Lane (green shirt) with members of the rescue squad in the background. The ATV got him where he needed to go during the ice storm and flood.
 Photo Submitted

Last Friday, K92.9 fm honored Estill County Rescue Squad Chief Tommy Lane as First Responder Friday.

Chief Lane has been involved as a first responder since 1974 when he began as a Junior Firefighter at the #Ravenna Fire Department.

He has served as Volunteer Fire Chief, Lieutenant of the Hargett Volunteer Fire & Rescue and now Captain of Estill Co. Rescue Squad. He is also a deputy coroner.

2021 has been a crazy year, but Chief Lane and his team have worked non-stop! During the ice storm he spent numerous hours responding to accidents and EMS assists, along with transporting nurses, aides, and essential workers to and from the hospital and nursing home.

During the flooding in early March he was there again, leading in water rescues, searching homes for people stranded, blocking roads that were flooded, boating EMS across water to assist people in need.

Chief Lane is always first to respond and organize whatever needs done and Estill county is lucky to have a leader like Chief Tommy Lane!

To nominate someone to be recognized on First Responder Friday, please go to www.K929FM.com.

Obituaries

- Nancy Brinegar, 70
- Eugene "Buck" Carpenter, 66
- Peggy Centers, 85
- Geraldine Jewell Chrisman, 77
- Kathy DeBord, 65
- Charles Fritts, 75
- John Tipton, 52
- Valery Williams, 70
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Judge presents \$1.3 million jail budget

The jail budget for the upcoming 2021-22 fiscal year was presented during a special meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court last Wednesday afternoon.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson explained the law requires the budget to be presented by April 1 each year.

The magistrates have a month to look over the jail budget to make any necessary changes. The entire county budget is

due on May 1, and the jail budget becomes apart of it.

The budget in its entirety will then be sent to the Department of State and Local Government in Frankfort. When it is sent back from Frankfort, the fiscal court will vote on it again before it takes effect July 1.

The total expenditures for the jail budget, as presented, was \$1,332,958. Getting the biggest chunk

of the budget is contracts with other counties. Most Estill inmates are incarcerated at Three Forks Regional Jail in Beatyville.

The county expects to spend nearly 64% of the total budget, or \$850,000, housing inmates in other county jails.

Salaries for jail transport employees is expected to cost \$273,569. This includes salary for the jailer, full time and part-

time employees, as well as their fringe benefits.

The county is required to operate a jail or to house inmates in another county jail. It is not required to provide 911 services, fire departments, or fund deputies for the sheriff's offices.

Estill County expects to receive only about \$119,300 in revenues for the jail during the new fiscal budget year.
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