

Ice
 the vehicle skidded out of control and crossed the north bound side of the roadway into a ditch where it overturned and landed on its wheels. The driver and her six-year-old brother were treated at the scene by Jackson County EMS after the collision. However, they were taken to Berea Hospital by their parents.

According to Hays, the 6-year-old boy was in a child restraint seat and was uninjured. Speaking with the parents later, this reporter learned the children had bumps and bruises, but they were fine. The vehicle was totaled in the accident.

Meth
 several baggies of suspected methamphetamine, bags of marijuana and a bag of synthetic marijuana. In Hayes pants' pockets, police found a large amount of cash. In the driver's seat where Hayes was sitting when officers found him was paraphernalia, which Hayes said was for consuming methamphetamine, the citation notes. Police also located a black lock box commonly used to transport narcotics. Inside the lock box was a large amount of methamphetamine bags, weighing a total of 159 grams, and other powdered substances suspected to be heroin, states the citation.

Judge
 to be given for the second year in a row. Transparency has been a big thing for me as I want us to be totally transparent in local government. There were a lot of aspects of the Judge Executive position that I didn't realize until I began to serve in 2015 and want people to understand better the functions of the Fiscal Court. That's the reason we welcome any media coverage and anyone that wants to attend one of our meetings personally. This is your community and we want to represent it well in every way.

I was able to meet with our new Rural and Secondary Roads Commissioner, Gray Tomblin, last week. He is planning on visiting us within the next couple of months to discuss the concerns

we have with some of our failing county roads. The last two years of wet winters have been really hard on paved and unpaved roads. The big problem we face is we just don't have the money to fix what needs fixed. We are trying to address the worst of the needs and have several new potholes showing up every day. Hopefully, legislatures will work to secure more road money for rural areas this year as we desperately need the assistance. God Bless.

Sheriff
 out of the house. Take some friends and document the beauty that is already here in our great county. Spend time with family exploring our scenic county. Better still, take a plastic bag with you to pick up and carry out any garbage left by someone and bring it out as you leave. AND THEN, write a story, with pictures included, to share at your school, churches, and with those who may not physically be able to go to these sites. I believe this is a starting point to building pride in our great county. It we explore what we have in our county, clean it up, and if we talk about it, others will come to Jackson County and we will all be better for it!

Speaking of cleaning up, I notice more and more litter on the roadsides. I never actually see people throwing garbage or trash out of vehicles, but it has to be occurring. We have a lot of pickup trucks with paper that could be blowing out as the driver proceeds. When the weather breaks, (if it ever does) perhaps our youth can find a road to clean up. It helps so very much and it is a good way for our youth be involved in such activities. Please don't toss paper out of the car onto our roadways. Someone has to clean it up.

Neighborhood watches work! A friend recently suggested every community should form a watch program to identify civilian patrol units who are willing to travel throughout their particular community to observe and document anyone

who may be looking to commit a crime at all times, but particularly at night. They could write down registration numbers, take pictures of vehicles and people who are potentially up to something bad and report that information to our law enforcement. Thieves and outlaws want to use darkness and focus on the most vulnerable and accessible targets possible. A good community watch makes their efforts much more difficult. It will reduce crime and help law enforcement. Therefore, if there are any communities inside our county who wishes to organize a Neighborhood Watch program, I am happy to present a program to help establish and formalize such a group. Thank you in advance.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to ninety-one calls for service. We investigated six traffic accidents and arrested three individuals on various charges. We work closely with our great Constables and Troopers to reduce crime, protect our youth and our senior citizens and we try to treat everyone with dignity and respect. Thank you for standing with us as we work to make Jackson County a great place to live. God Bless!

Resign
 are investigating.

A Jackson County Family Court judge then ordered an interpersonal protective order (IPO) against Hudson on January 8. Hudson has since then returned to family court for an additional hearing.

"He appeared before the family court judge for his domestic case and nothing has changed there," confirmed the Jackson County Circuit Court Clerk's Office last week.

When asked if an emergency protective order would prohibit a police officer from serving and result in a resignation, County Attorney Gilbert Holland replied, "That's kind of questionable. An EPO is temporary and one sided."

Holland said the only stipulation he knew of was that a person with an active EPO

against them cannot have a firearm. Holland noted this wouldn't have to result in resignation, though. The person could simply be moved to a different position within the department until the matter was resolved in court.

KSP has still not released any details on this case despite multiple phone calls and emails requesting more information. The Jackson County Grand Jury did not meet in February, so if any indictments are to be returned against Hudson, it will be March at the earliest.

The Advocate will continue to follow this investigation and provide any updates as they are made available at mountainadvocate.com.

Detention Center Update

Courtesy of Jackson County Jail

This February has been a busy time, we are just now getting around to giving you an update since the purchase of the sewing machine a few weeks ago.

The Detention Center was able to bring in over \$94,000 that was noted during the last fiscal court meeting, and we picked up trash on the Jackson County High School Rd., Upper Dry Fork, and Azbill Rd.

We are also very excited to say that in between the rains we were able to turn the ground for the return of our Detention Center garden! It will be located on county owned land at 186 feet wide and 486 feet long. This year the plans are to grow onions, cabbage, cucumbers, peppers, potatoes, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, and green beans.

This is a great opportunity for us to be able to raise some work program for both the male and female inmates.

Anything that is not used in our kitchen can be sold to Kelwell, our food contractor, and help cut costs. We are really excited to get things going in the garden.

As always, if there are any county roads that you notice or if you have any questions you can contact us at the Detention Center. God Bless!

USDA and HHS Partner to Create Recovery Housing in Rural Communities

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15, 2019 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz today announced USDA and HHS will partner to create addiction recovery transitional housing in rural communities.

"Strong and healthy communities are foundational for prosperity in rural America," Hazlett said. "Under the leadership of President Trump, we are committed at USDA to building innovative partnerships and driving more effective and efficient use of our resources to address the opioid misuse crisis at the local level."

McCance-Katz said, "We know that the opioid crisis has hit rural communities hard, and we need to leverage all possible partnerships to support these communities. Housing plays a vital part in the recovery process for those living with opioid use disorders."

USDA and HHS formalized their partnership through an official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Nonprofit organizations will be able to purchase homes from USDA and convert them to transitional housing for people recovering from opioid misuse.

USDA Rural Development and HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will coordinate efforts to sell USDA's Real Estate Owned (REO) single-family housing properties at a discount to non-profit organizations that provide housing, treatment, job training and other key services for people in substance misuse treatment and recovery. This will further enhance the two organizations' formal collaboration. It began in 2018 with SAMHSA's supplementing of USDA Cooperative Extension grants to expand technical assistance and training on opioid use disorder prevention and treatment.

President Donald J. Trump has mobilized his entire Administration to address opioid misuse by directing the declaration of a nationwide Public Health Emergency. To help local leaders respond to this epidemic, USDA has worked to build infrastructure for prevention, treatment and recovery, facilitate partnerships, and drive innovation in rural communities. In 2018, USDA worked with the Office of National Drug Control Policy to establish a White House Rural Opioid Federal Interagency Working Group which is improving the coordination of federal resources in rural America. In December, USDA launched the Community Opioid Misuse Toolbox. This initiative includes the Community Resource Guide, a comprehensive directory of federal resources that can help rural communities address the opioid crisis, and the Community Assessment Tool, an interactive database to help community leaders assess how and why the opioid epidemic is impacting their regions.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and healthcare; and high-speed internet e-Connectivity in rural areas.

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