Wreck

told Hays she didn't believe the ice had caused the accident but possibly thought a rear tire might have blown out. Upon inspection of the vehicle, Hays said the left rear tire of the Jeep was broken from the wheel when he arrived to investigate. He reported he saw no marks on the road to indicate the actual wheel contacted the roadway prior to the vehicle leaving the roadway. Therefore, it is possible when the vehicle left the road and made impact with the ditch the tire was broken loose from the wheel. It could have occurred when the vehicle struck the tree as well Hays said. The second witness indicated to Hays when he saw Opdyke Jr's vehicle, it was already spinning. He could not say what caused the vehicle to go into a skid.

As the investigation continued, Hays said based upon the totality of circumstances, it appears the driver allowed his vehicle to skid out of control when the vehicle suddenly came into contact with the ice on the roadway. The vehicle spun around on the highway before it left the roadway and struck the tree with the driver's door.

Opdycke Jr.was treated at the scene by Jackson County EMS and transported to a landing field in McKee where they met a medical helicopter who transported Opdyke Jr. to UK Hospital in Lexington. According to a spokesperson at University of Kentucky Hospital, Opdycke, Jr was listed in critical condition at press time.

REaCH

The multiple REaCH groups are coordinated by Tyner Elementary Teacher Ashley Judd and Jackson Co. High School teacher Ashley Gabbard. Since the group's origin, students have successfully carried out monthly community service projects.

During a December meeting, while planning to provide a meal for a homeless shelter in London, the students realized the absence of this resource within their own community. The students responded to this need in a big way. "During the meeting, I said 'Let's build a homeless shelter'... It seemed a little farfetched at first, but then we visited the shelter in London, and we realized 'hey, this is a real possibility," said Nick Hays, REaCH member at Jackson County Middle School. The students immediately began to devise a plan for a temporary shelter for the homeless population of Jackson County.

The students began fundraising for the project by offering green screen photography at the JCMS Winter Formal and selling REaCH bracelets. They also designed a prototype of their shelter using the district's new 3D printer and Google Drawing.

"Our kids were passionate about this project. We live in an amazing community, and it only seemed fitting to invite them to be a part of this incredible journey," said Ashley Judd, one of the group coordinators.

On Monday night, county leaders, Judge-Executive Shane Gabbard, Jailer Brian Gabbard, Sheriff Paul Hays, Deputy Emergency Management Director Jamie Strong, and Tommy Miracle, representing Grace Covenant Ministries, showed up, along with 50 additional community members, to show their support for this much-needed resource.

"These kids are laying the groundwork that the community will get behind," Judge-Executive Gabbard stated, as he expressed his support for the project.

The room proved to be filled with the overwhelming support of the students' dream. Jailer Gabbard stood to say "This is simply something we cannot fail at. The opportunity is here," referencing the importance of supporting our students and making this shelter a reality. He went on to say, "This is a dream of mine and of all these people, but for someone who needs a place to stay, and a warm night, it will be a dream come true."

REaCH has projected a construction date of mid to late March. Each emergency shelter will cost approximately $1500 to build, in addition to the large amount of building material that Grace Covenant Ministries has so graciously donated to this worthy cause. This project will rely solely on fundraising and donations from the community. Depending on available funds, the group is optimistic in furthering this project to not only include the initial emergency shelter in McKee but one in the Annville and Sand Gap areas as well. REaCH desires the community's support in all forms.

The group has set up a REaCH Facebook page to keep an open line of communication with the community. Within 24 hours of its creation, the group had 300 followers. Judd urged the community, "There is a place in this project for everyone, young and old alike. We encourage everyone to REaCH out and get involved and help our students accomplish this goal, not only for our students, but for our county!"

For more information and guidelines for the future shelter, please visit the REaCH Facebook. If you would like to be involved in this project, email: ashley.judd@jackson.kyschools.us.

Radio

Operation Round-Up, he said Jackson Energy is a big supporter of Hospice Care Plus.

Judge Executive Shane Gabbard stopped by to say hello and to challenge the other churches to donate as Letterbox Baptist Church had done by donating $500 to Hospice. Others that stopped by during the day were Keith Gabbard of PRTC, County Clerk Donald "Duck" Moore, Brad Minter of McKee S&T and Jackson County Sheriff Paul Hays who showed their appreciation for all that Hospice does for our community.

Special musical performances throughout the day included Phillip Akemon, Renee Gabbard, Ryan VanWinkle, Ken Reinhardt, and co-host Dan Caldwell's mother, Granny Nancy Jackson and The Old Path Gospel Singers. Lynetta Hunter, Kathy Spurlock, Christal Hall for the Seals Family and Robert Kean's daughter, Krista, sent letters to be read on the air in support of Hospice. The Hospice Care Plus staff on hand were Chasity Coleman, Director of Development, Brandy Britton, Development Coordinator, Lauren VanWinkle, Development Assistant, and Brenna Wallhausser, Director of Public Relations, who hosted the event with her co-host, "Dangerous Dan" Caldwell, who is well known to the listeners of WWAG.

Coleman said this was her first experience with Hospice Radio Day and it was truly exceptional. I was amazed how much support there is in Jackson County for Hospice Care in the community. The warmth and generosity, we all felt during radio day was something to remember and we can't thank this community enough for all their help. All proceeds go to Hospice Care Plus and help fund care for those who need palliative, hospice or bereavement care but who are underinsured or uninsured. The primary sponsors for the Hospice Radio Day were PRTC and WWAG. Additional sponsors were Julianne Coffey, Attorney, Citizens Bank, Opal's Restaurant, Jackson County Bank, Lakes Funeral Home, Whistle Stop. McKee S&T and Gail McGillis.

Judge

warning them that they may not be able to get out by the morning. We have been able since Saturday night to make a small bypass to allow people to get in and out of Salt Rock Road.

We had first responders and road crews that were out until late Sunday Evening just trying to open roads and access damage. I spent most of the Day Monday traveling our roads and taking pictures of damage. This event has left more roads damaged than any I can ever remember in any other event before. We have slides and roads breaking all over the county. I am hoping that since the Governor declared the state of Kentucky in a State of Emergency that we may be able to get federal hHelp with our roads. This is going to be a very expensive fix and we will welcome any state and federal aide we can receive.

I want to remind people that we still have state and county roads that are impassible or restricted to one lane. Turkey Foot Road is closed until further notice going towards the campground and we are waiting to hear from US Forest Service Officials on what to expect on this particular incident. I will be posting updates as we go along and want to remind everyone that even though the rain has ended that roads are still moving and slides are still possible. Please be aware and alert when you are traveling. God Bless

Ball

the generals held OBI to 10 fourth quarter points in the fourth as they put up 20 to defeat OBI 92-55 setting up a date in the Finals with the Winner of North Laurel and Clay County.

Scoring Rose 40 / Bingham 13/ C Lakes 10 / Baldwin 7/ Akemon 8/ J Lakes 7/ Baker 3 / Powell 1/ Howard 2 / Madden 1

North Laurel defeated Clay County 56-52 even their leading scorer Cole Kelley did not play. Cole Kelley would return from injury for the District Championship battle with the Generals on Friday 2-22-19.

On 2-22-19 The Battle for the King of the 49th District was on. The Generals got off to a quick start led by Zach Bingham, Cody Lakes and Clay Akemon as NL was smothering Rose in the 1st quarter. The Generals trailed 15-18 at the end of one but with the effort on the floor everyone in the building knew the generals were there to compete with the Jags. The Generals continued to play well in the second quarter as the score was knotted at 28 with just under a minute to go in the second. Standout 8th grader Reed Sheppard buried a three at the buzzer to give the Jags a 31-28 lead at the break. The Jags came out hot in the third as leading scorer Cole Kelley got on track scoring 6 of his game 19 and accompanied by Reed Sheppard and Adam Sizemore the Jags were able to pull out to a 53-45 lead at the end of three periods. The Generals fought hard in the fourth but came up short as they fell to the Jags 80-69.

The Generals went to the arena Saturday morning for the Regional Draw. They drew the Knox Central Panthers (Ranked top 20 state most of season). The Generals had fell twice during the season to the Panthers.

The Generals loaded the big yellow dog and headed to Corbin to battle the Panthers. It was big a night for the Panthers as they got off to a fast start and never looked back.

We are very proud of this team as they represented Jackson County well in post season play. We want to say thanks to the fans, parents, school personnel, and school administration for their continued support of the program. We will miss the three seniors (Zach Bingham, Cody Lakes, and Isiah Baker) as we move forward in preparing for next season.

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