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 that we will do every-thing we can to keep them safe at school. The security measures that have been modified lately at our schools makes me feel a little more at ease about their safety.

Public safety is something that is discussed regularly among people today and can involve everything from gun control to drug and alcohol problems. Something we take for granite is speed on our roadways. I receive phone calls almost weekly concerning speeding on small County Roads. In order to put a speed limit on a County Road we must determine a safe speed for the road and then pass an ordinance to adopt said speed limit for that individual road. Each road requires its own ordinance if a certain speed limit is desired for that road or otherwise it is governed by the state speed limit. We would like to try individual speed limits on some of our roads this year to see if drivers will slow down on these roads. The bad side of this is that most people driving too fast on small roads are not going to pay attention to a speed limit sign. I live on a County maintained road and have many times been almost ran over by reckless drivers. Fast cars aren't the problem, reckless drivers in these cars are. Please drive respectfully through neighborhoods and remember that driving slow in congested areas can save lives.

Big Hill Welcome Center had a Grand Opening this past Saturday. The attendance, food, and atmosphere were great. I was there from 12 to about 3 and there were several people coming and going. I am glad to see the Center back open and in operation. I appreciate the work that the Jackson County Tourism Committee has put into this opening. Jason Bowman and his wife Ashley have put a lot of effort into welcoming local artisans by letting them highlight and offer their work for sale at the center. Keep an eye on the local papers and social media for hours of operation and unique events happening at the Center. Big things are yet to come at Big Hill.

Rep
 winning 85 percent of the vote in Jackson County, and sweeping all 14 voting precincts in the county.

Goforth, who took his seat in the House Chamber Tuesday afternoon after he was sworn into office, said that while he "could never fill Marie Rader's shoes in Frankfort" that he would "fight hard every day for the people of the 89th District."

"I will forever be grateful to the people of Jackson County for electing me to be their voice in the Kentucky House of Representatives, and I will never forget them," Rep. Goforth said.

"I'm coming into office late in this year's regular session of the General Assembly, but there is crucial work to be done in the coming weeks, and I'm hitting the ground running to make as many strides for our people as I can during my first session as state representative," said Goforth.

Rep. Goforth said he encouraged constituents to follow him on Facebook and to contact him with any concerns or comments about issues important to them.

"I will be accessible to my constituents just as I have been to voters during the special election campaign," he said.

Sheriff
 Cemetery. Fred served Jackson County for twelve years with distinct courage. He was respected for his bravery as well as his compassion. He was the Sheriff when his Brother in law and sister were horribly murdered in Gray Hawk. As difficult as that situation was, Fred and Jack continued their service to the people. Love him or not, he deserves our respect. He earned it. God bless Fred Hays' family.

Don't leave the keys in your vehicles. On Thursday March 1, 2018, I received a call to respond to a burning vehicle on Turkey Foot Road. Upon arrival I found a vehicle totally destroyed by fire. A few hours later a lady in the Annville community reported her vehicle stolen. She indicated she always left the keys in her vehicle,

even though she knew it was not wise to do so. A brief time later I received a second call of a stolen vehicle in the northern end of Jackson County. Again, the victim left their vehicle unlocked with keys remaining inside. I later learned someone had unsuccessfully tried to steal another vehicle, but this time the doors were locked, and the keys removed. The difference was obvious. Most thieves are looking for easy opportunity to commit crimes. They normally prey on the weakest or the most accessible. Fortunately, we were able to locate the stolen truck and car, complete the investigations and arrest three people out of four suspects. Still it is always better to never leave keys in your vehicles and lock the doors when those vehicles are parked.

As promised, this week I completed a routine visit at Tyner Elementary School. It happened to be Career Day for the kids. I enjoyed the smiles and look of each student as they wore different uniforms and professional outfits. Studies indicate if children who plan their future in their youth have a high opportunity for success in that field. I even took a picture with another potential police officer! This is our future! We must do everything in our power to protect our children and give them the best chance possible at life.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to fifty-seven calls for service. We investigated two traffic accidents, opened seven criminal cases and arrested five individuals on various charges. Our Court team provided security over a three-day civil trial, as well as District and Family court. We continually work to improve our effectiveness, demonstrate credibility and promote relationships of trust and respect with the citizens of Jackson County. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Arrest
 up Kyra King 18 in Berea, before they all proceeded to London. According to Hays after the four of them ate at McDonalds, Bowling and King

took the stolen pickup to Clay County. A few hours later they wrecked the vehicle and left the scene.

The vehicle was towed to Warren's Wrecker service. Sheriff Hays said he and the victim, Gordon Witt, traveled to Clay County where they located the stolen vehicle and the Maroon Dodge Challenger. Kentucky State Police and Manchester City Police Department helped locate the Challenger and identify the participants in the crime. Bowling Hacker and King were arrested later and transported to the Jackson County Detention Center where they remain at press time and are charged with theft by unlawful taking or disp. auto \$500.00 or more but under \$10,000. Hays said there is an outstanding warrant for Crystal Sizemore.

In another report from Jackson County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Daniel Isaacs, on Thursday, March 1, at approximately 11:59 pm, he attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a gold 1998 Lincoln Town Car. When he

activated his emergency equipment on HWY 421 in front of the Hometown Pharmacy, the driver, Rodney Bowling, 37, sped up and turned onto HWY 89 South without giving a signal. Bowling traveled a short distance on 89 South then turned left onto Yellow Dog Road.

Isaacs said he pursued the vehicle to the end of Indian Springs Lane, when Bowling opened the driver's door, while the vehicle was still traveling through a yard, and jumped out of the vehicle and the pursuit continued on foot a short distance.

Bowling was arrested and charged with fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (motor vehicle), fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot), failure to or improper signal, operating on sus or rev oper license, criminal mischief 2nd degree, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req ins/sec, 1st off, failure to produce insurance card and failure to wear seat belts.

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to the Jackson County Detention Center where he remains at press time.

Line
 struggle without power, we're glad to be able to be on the ground assisting in any way we can," said Clarence Greene, Safety and Loss Prevention Director for the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives. "Our focus is to assist with power restoration with safety as our top priority."

Friday's deployment comes five months after the largest out-of-state mutual aid deployment in Kentucky electric cooperative history, in response to Tropical Storm Irma. KAEC coordinated the deployment of 150 linemen from 19 Kentucky co-ops to assist in Georgia and Florida.

The top priority of each local Kentucky co-op is service to its own member-owners. Before committing resources to mutual aid requests, each co-op ensures it has ample crews available for all local needs, including routine maintenance and emergencies.

March Financial Aid Tip

One way students can help pay the cost of education after high school is through a work-study program, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). Plus, work-study can provide valuable experience that looks good on a résumé.

The Federal Work-Study Program offers undergraduate and graduate students a chance to earn money to help pay college costs. Rules may vary some by school, but generally to qualify, a student must:

- Be enrolled in an eligible program.
- Be working toward a degree or certificate.
- Have financial need.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.

Students must be paid at least the federal minimum wage. Jobs may be on or off campus. Students who submitted the FAFSA will be considered for Federal Work-Study unless they asked not to be.

Many colleges also have their own work-study programs. Students interested in a school's program should check with the college's financial aid office.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers Advantage Loans to help students and parents pay for college or to refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit www.AdvantageEducationLoan.com.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

KSP Post 7 Traffic Safety Checkpoint Announcement

RICHMOND, Ky. (March 5, 2018) – The Kentucky State Police, Richmond Post, which provides coverage for Madison, Clark, Estill, Lee, Owsley, Jackson, Mercer, Boyle, Lincoln, Garrard and Jessamine counties, will be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints at locations approved by the Kentucky State Police Policy and Procedures Manual.

These checkpoints will be conducted in an effort to enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Special attention will be paid to occupant protection (seatbelt adherence), sobriety, insurance, and registration violations.

Donate blood, Y'ALL!

Kentuckians encouraged to give blood

Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) is encouraging Kentuckians to roll up their sleeves, donate blood and help Kentucky patients.

As a thank you, those who register to give blood at the drive below will receive this fun "Donate blood, y'all" purple T-shirt.



Bond Baptist Church
 Sat., March 17 from 9 am - 1 pm
 on the KBC Bloodmobile
 at 5355 Hwy 3630 West in Annville.

Blood donors must be 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, which can be found at kybloodcenter.org.

To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

About Kentucky Blood Center
 Celebrating 50 years of saving lives in Kentucky, KBC is the largest independent, full-service, non-profit blood center in Kentucky. Licensed by the FDA, KBC's sole purpose is to collect, process and distribute blood for patients in Kentucky hospitals.

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 Time to Cleanup Your Look!
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