

**Sports**

District Championship in our district. This could not have been accomplished if these girls, their coaches, parents and volunteers hadn't had been dedicated and had the will to compete and win. Almost every county around us that we compete against is bigger in population and have more resources to work with inspiring players. That did not stop this team from believing and they achieved because of their positive attitude, outlook and love for the game. I believe this will inspire future generations to believe in themselves and not to be intimidated by the heavier populated areas.

One of my goals as Judge is to work toward gaining every possible resource for our youth sports programs in Jackson County. We hope one day to have more fields, gyms for inside recreation, equipment, leagues of every interested sport and resources to give every child that wants, a chance to develop and compete. Youth sports and recreation may give a child the opportunity to exceed and very well may keep them out of trouble if given the chance to participate.

So, this week, July 9-16, 2022, I am proclaiming as "Jackson County Little League Youth Sports Week" in Jackson County. We want our youth in Jackson County to know that we are cheering them on and we are some of their biggest fans. We are happy for you and proud of your accomplishments. Have a blessed week.

**Reward**

equipment and lumber from the outbuildings. Among the things taken was a red Mahindra 6500 4x4 tractor with loader and a white gooseneck trailer that belonged to the victims.

We need your help Hays said. The same thieves that have stolen from this family will continue until they are caught or worse. If you have any information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators and recovery of the stolen property. Please call Sheriff Hays at 606-287-7121 to share any valuable information regarding this investigation.

**Sheriff**

label the excuses people

make for not doing what they should or for doing things they should not do. Regarding your faith, your family and your community, it is time to stop the excuses and do what we are able to do to make a difference. Don't worry about the things you can not do, but stand up for the opportunities you have to make a difference. It matters to all of us, particularly in today's world.

We had another theft in the southern end of the county recently. On Hazelwood Road, a white box trailer loaded with antiques and garden tools was stolen. If you have any information on where the stolen property may be, please contact the Jackson County Sheriff's Office at 606-287-7121.

Keep records of weapons, tools, equipment, etc. In order for law enforcement to have a chance at recovering stolen property, it helps us investigate cases if we have the serial numbers, VIN, etc. when items are stolen. It also helps to have pictures of the stolen property. Take time to write down those numbers, in the event someone breaks into your home and steals valuable property from you.

Just a reminder, traffic accidents occur every day. Regardless, if the accident is your fault or not, if you wear your safety belts, you have a much greater opportunity to survive with minimal injury.

Last week, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to one hundred and twenty three calls for service. We investigated four traffic accidents, opened two criminal cases and arrested one individuals on various charges. As always, we appreciate the support and always ask for your thoughts and prayers for the safety of our officers. God Bless.

**Update**

large animal veterinarians. This specific type of veterinarian focuses on dairy, beef, horses, swine, goats, sheep, and other larger animals and livestock and play a major role in our agricultural industry, particularly in ensuring our food supply is safe. As of the committee meeting, there were only 54 veterinarians in Kentucky with a practice dedicated entirely to food

safety. Clearly this is an area that both the state and private industry need to work on, beginning with making education more available. Currently there are no veterinary medicine schools located in the Commonwealth, so the state participates in the Kentucky Veterinary Contract Spaces Program to provide Kentucky residents with access to veterinary schools at Auburn University and Tuskegee University. Lawmakers heard that part of the solution is to expand the number of slots reserved through this program, but that may not be as easy as it seems because there are simply not enough veterinary schools in the country. The committee also heard that the business model used in veterinary medicine has changed dramatically and there are opportunities to make the licensing and regulatory oversight less burdensome. There was positive news, as the Department is working to recruit veterinary students from other states to practice in our state. The committee also heard from the Kentucky Cattleman's Association about meat processing challenges. During the pandemic the state experienced meat shortages that tracked back to a lack of access to meat processors. This is still an ongoing problem, but members also discussed concerns that larger meat processors have a monopoly on the processing market, making it more difficult for smaller cattle, swine, and other livestock farmers to get their product to market. While this is primarily a federal issue, members are looking into what could be done at the state level.

IJC on Judiciary: Legislators spoke with officials from the Bail Project, a nonprofit that pays bail for those who cannot afford to. While well-intended, there are concerns that the group does not provide enough oversight over those they help release - leading to more criminal activity and in at least one case a death. We are looking to find a balance, perhaps by limiting which types of crime are eligible for bail assistance. The committee also discussed changing adult guardianship statutes to better serve a more modern world by adjusting some of the language and

how judges and attorneys manage such cases.

IJC on Natural Resources and Energy: Members received a briefing from Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) on grid reliability. MISO is an independent, member-based organization that focuses on three areas: managing the generation and transmission of high-voltage electricity across 15 states and a Canadian province; managing energy markets in the MISO region; and planning for future electrical grid needs. With Kentuckians and energy providers growing more concerned about increasing summer energy demands, MISO's report will provide data about the issue. Our country has been experiencing rolling blackouts for years because of issues with grid infrastructure. The committee also discussed the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The program was established in 1982 to assist households with the lowest income levels in paying their heating and cooling bills.

IJC on Transportation: Members discussed making Kentucky a logistical hub by increasing access to charging stations and other infrastructure necessary for electric vehicles. Members also discussed reformulated gasoline (RFG) requirements levied on Kentucky by the Environmental Protection Agency. Those testifying say they are in the process of eliminating the RFG requirements, but that a new designation must first be attained in order to stop RFG requirements in the Louisville area. This is a frustrating issue, particularly if you live in Jefferson County or the portions of Oldham and Bullitt County that also must sell RFG. People in those areas are paying between 16 and 32 cents more per gallon than neighboring counties, which adds up quickly.

IJC on Appropriations and Revenue: The committee met this week to discuss gas prices, as well as receive an update on the more than half a billion dollars we have allocated to expand broadband internet deployment and update water and wastewater infrastructure. The governor's administration suspended a two-cent increase in the gas tax triggered by a decade-old state law. While it sounds good, when you do the math you have to question if it saves Kentuckians enough today to make what we will have to pay later worth it. Due to the freeze, the road fund will lose \$35 million by January 2023, which leaves a big gap in our efforts to maintain roads and bridges. On the other hand, the average Kentuckian will save only 94 cents per month with the freeze in place. Another topic discussed by the committee was the broadband internet deployment fund. This fund appropriates \$300 million for underserved/unserved broadband areas. Access to broadband is important to the economy, healthcare, education, and many other fields. Lastly, the committee discussed

funding we provided for water and waste water projects. The improvements to Kentucky's infrastructure helps communities across the Commonwealth live better and safer lives.

BR Subcommittee on General Government, Finance, Personnel, and Public Retirement: Members met to discuss a comprehensive plan to improve state employee pay and compensation that the budget requires the Personnel Cabinet to create. Instead the cabinet's representatives gave members an eight page summary for a 45 page document that contained no data, and no information about how Kentucky stacks up against other state governments, public or private employers. The cabinet has promised this plan for more than a year and it is disappointing as we are looking for this information to determine what can be done going forward. While we were able to provide state employees an 8% raise in the current budget, we know more needs to be done to ensure the state has an efficient and effective workforce in place to provide services.

BR Subcommittee on Education: Lawmakers received an update on student loan servicing and how public universities are working to maintain their facilities. The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) kicked off the meeting by sharing that the extended student loan payment pause by the Biden administration and increase in loans transferred to a large national servicer, KHEAA's revenues have been negatively impacted this fiscal year.

If you are interested in keeping up with legislative committees, work groups, and task forces, the meetings are open to the public with materials available at legislature.ky.gov. While lawmakers must be physically present to participate in the meeting, members of the public may attend in person or watch meetings live on YouTube@KY LRC Committee Meetings or Kentucky Educational Television at ket.org/legislature. In the meantime, I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at Timmy.Truett@lrc.ky.gov.

**Prom**

years and make them feel young again. It took us a couple of days to decorate the community center. I must say when we finished it was a sight to behold. We had a wall

that was dedicated to Elvis Presley. We had an old Chevy cut-out, balloons everywhere and nostalgic memorabilia. An all the gala and trimmings that you would want in your walk back in time to the 50's. With the help from my staff and family, we had everything set to kick-off our senior prom at 4:00 pm. We decided to set it from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. to accommodate our seniors on their special night. What a night we had!

We started off the evening by our DJ blasting out 50's tunes as our guests walked up on the porch in their poodle skirts, saddle shoes and other 50's outfits and the ladies received their beautiful wrist corsage. As they entered the ballroom, they were seated and while they were chatting with their friends they were served a 50's drive-in style dinner which included a dressed cheeseburger, fries, cole slaw and baked beans. A delicious hot fudge cake finished off the dinner.

Jennifer and her staff began the giveaways, which included TVs, grills, and other high dollar items from Anthem, Humana, WellCare, United Health Care, and Community Connections, the insurance companies that Jennifer works with to bring her clients affordable insurance coverage.

As the evening progressed, the dancing began and was the high point of the night. Especially, when the DJ played the old favorites like the Twist, YMCA, the Chicken, the Electric Slide, and other favorites that made them feel like they were 16 again!

Jennifer also recognized a 75-year-old man, who had just received his GED. She introduced him to the crowd and explained how happy and proud she was of him and presented him with a new laptop from Community Connections, an Integrity Company.

As the evening began to wind down, the grand finale was the crowning of the king and queen. Jennifer had also chosen to name a prince and princess, who was introduced to the crowd with a loud applause as the confetti filled the room.

It was a very successful night with media coverage from WYMT Hazard, Manchester Enterprise, and the Jackson County Times. Jennifer said she plans to make this an annual event and they are already planning for next year's prom, which she hopes to make even better than her first. There were a hundred plus people in attendance.

**Dan's This & That Corner**

**ATV For Sale**

- 2019 Honda Rancher 420, for \$5,500
  - 1999 Honda Four Trax 4x4, for \$1,500
  - 2007 Honda Rancher 4x4, for \$3,200
- For more information 606-364-3147 or 606-224-0230.

**Peaches for Sale**

Doug Vaughn will have peaches for sale next to Jackson County Bank in Annville.

**HEAVENLY BUFFET**

Located Beside Heavenly Pizza in London and Next to Regency Cinema 8

**Lunch Buffet \$9.99 Including Drink Monday-Thursday**

**11:00 - 2:00**  
**Quick Serve Yourself!**  
**All You Can Eat...**  
 Cheeseburgers \* Hotdogs  
 Crispy/Grilled Chicken  
 Spaghetti \* Sloppy Joes  
 Tacos \* Pizza \* Fries  
 Soup \* Salad  
 Ice Cream and more!  
**CARRYOUT**  
**BUFFET AVAILABLE!**



**Heavenly Weekend Buffet \$14.99 (Includes Drink)**  
**Kids 3-11: \$7.99 (Includes Drink)**  
**Friday & Saturday 12-8**  
**Sunday 12-6**  
 Steak \* Chicken \* Shrimp  
 Rotisserie Chicken  
 Turkey \* Meatloaf \* Chicken N Dumplings  
 Beef Roast with Potatoes and Carrots  
 Soup Beans \* Masked Potatoes  
 Buttered Corn \* Green Beans  
 Varieties of Pizza \* Salad