

Arrest

warrant on Hobbs and Berry charged Hobbs with fleeing or evading police 2nd degree and resisting arrest.

In an unrelated incident, on July 17, 2017 at around 10:00 a.m., Deputy Keith Berry was patrolling Hwy 3630 in the Tyner area of Jackson County when he observed Johnnie Miller operating a red van.

Miller had an active warrant for his arrest. Berry stopped Miller and confirmed the warrant was still active through the Jackson County Dispatch Office. Berry was advised the active warrant for Miller's arrest was drug related.

Miller was arrested and placed in the backseat of Berry's cruiser. Berry searched the front drive side area of the vehicle that Miller had been driving and located the following items: several crack pipes with suspected meth residue, scales, snort straw and cotton balls suspected of containing methamphetamine. These items will be sent to KSP Laboratory in London, Ky for identification.

Miller was taken to the Jackson County Detention Center and charged only with the active warrant, Berry will present other charges to the Jackson County Grand Jury pending the results from KSP Lab for the items found in Millers vehicle.

Ritchie

her husband, Kevin Ritchie, who was driving. He and Edwards were taken to area hospitals for treatment of their injuries. The crash happened at the 18.4 miles marker along U.S. 331. The investigation continues and no additional information was available at press time.

Sheriff

epidemic. Ultimately the manufacturer of OxyContin changed the chemical makeup of the drug and made it much more difficult to abuse, so gradually OxyContin vanished

from the list of highly abused drugs. It did not stop the drug addiction, however.

Methamphetamine appeared prominently in our area around 2006. It was locally created by drug dealers who made it in their sinks and bathrooms, using a list of chemicals that were all highly toxic and potentially deadly to the users. Some of the ingredients put off a pungent smell that was easily recognized by law enforcement. The mixture of the chemicals used to create Meth were highly flammable, leading to flash fires that burned homes and people. Police officers worked with local legislators to reduce the available of Pseudo-ephedrine, a key ingredient in Meth, making it more difficult to make Meth at home. Therefore, today there is less home Meth labs, although some still exist.

Today, Crystal Meth is currently being imported from major dealers inside and outside the state. It has the same potential for addiction, but is produced outside our area and distributed by mid-level dealers who bring it inside our county and sell it to anyone who wants it. Heroin also has appeared with a vengeance and has been a deadly drug all around our county.

Recently Carfentanyl, which is one of the most potent narcotics on the streets today has been mixed or "laced" with some Crystal Meth (and other abusive drugs) to increase the potency of the drug. A far more potent version, Pofentanyl, otherwise known as elephant tranquilizer is now being mixed in other drugs, which is so extremely potent that even touching it can lead to death. A quantity the size of that of a grain of salt can kill whoever touches it. Officers are now afraid to touch these illegal drugs because their own lives can be in jeopardy.

I bring this to your attention because the best way to prevent

death is to share information while there is time. Please speak to your friends and family and try to persuade them to stay away from all illegal drugs. Heroin, Meth, Crystal Meth, Bath Salt and all their derivatives ultimately will destroy whoever uses it. Our job is to prevent crime if possible, protect lives and enforce laws that keep us all safe. We are doing everything in our power to make Jackson County a better place to live, however, we cannot do this alone. We need your support, your prayers and your help. Take a stand against illegal drugs.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to 89 calls for service. We investigated 6 traffic accidents, opened 4 criminal cases and arrested 5 individuals on various criminal charges. We served volumes of civil and criminal documents and protected and secured the courts. Thank you for all your support.

MMH

deliver exceptional care and quality to patients as we carry out the mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ in our community," said Erika Skula, CEO/President of the hospital.

HealthCare's Most Wired survey, conducted between Jan. 15 and March 15, 2017, is published annually by Hospitals & Health Networks. The survey's nearly 700 participants represent more than 2,000 hospitals in the U.S. It examines how organizations are leveraging IT to improve performance for value-based health care in the areas of infrastructure, business and administrative management; quality and safety; and clinical integration.

According to the survey, Most Wired hospitals are using smart phones, telehealth and remote monitoring to create more ways for patients to access health care services and capture health information. They are also

transforming care delivery with knowledge gained from data and analytics and investing in analytics to support new delivery models and effective decision-making.

"The Most Wired hospitals are using every available technology option to create more ways to reach their patients in order to provide access to care," said AHA President and CEO Rick Pollack. "They are transforming care delivery, investing in new delivery models in order to improve quality, provide access and control costs."

Judge

us forward. Not long after I started in office I began to consider the possibility of Jackson County having a Chamber of Commerce. Seems like every avenue I took led to a dead end on the idea. This past week City Council member Michael Stidham, stopped by my office and after some detailed research he discovered that we had a Chamber but it wasn't active. He then took on the task of getting the Chamber back into the active status. I am glad to report today that Jackson County now has an active Chamber of Commerce. We will be giving more information about this as it comes available and even have an event later to introduce the Chamber to our businesses. The number to call about the Chamber is 287-4712.

I called the State police this week to get an update on the investigation of the former treasurer. I haven't got a phone call back from them yet so I have no new information to share. The last time I spoke to detectives it was still an open investigation. As soon as I have additional information I will share it with the court. We are still having some financial trouble but are making progress as best we can to fix our problems. I pray this year is much better than last. God Bless

Treasure
Their Memories
 CD's For Sale for 2016-2017
 JCHS Sports, Senior Night, Homecoming, and Graduation
 Pictures Taken by a Professional Photographer.
 Reasonable Prices and I can custom your order with selected photos.
 For additional information and prices please call (606) 287-3427 or (606) 493-8356.
 You can also go to <https://www.facebook.com/abyrdsview/> to see a sample of my work.

Law Enforcement Officers, Agencies Honored for Seat Belt, Child Restraint Enforcement
 Ceremony salutes efforts to save lives on Kentucky roadways

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 12, 2017) — The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) today honored law enforcement officers from 122 agencies across the Commonwealth for their efforts to increase the use of seat belts and child restraints in motor vehicles.

The Governor's Occupant Protection Awards ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. Awards were presented to officers with the most occupant protection citations in each agency and division. There are six divisions, broken down by number of officers within the agency, and a division for Kentucky State Police.

"These officers, their departments and agencies render a great service for public safety by enforcing our occupant protection laws," KOHS Executive Director Noelle Hunter said before presenting the awards. "It comes down to this: Officers would rather write a seat belt or car restraint citation than make a death notification."

All winners received a highway safety coin while each division winner was presented with an encased commemorative baseball bat from Louisville Slugger, a Kentucky historic industry leader.

"I'm honored to introduce the inaugural Highway Safety All-Star Award at today's ceremony," said National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Regional Administrator Dr. Beth Baker. "By partnering with Louisville Slugger, an iconic Kentucky institution, we are recognizing those who go above and beyond to aid our mission of saving lives on Kentucky roadways. An all-star is defined as 'outstanding performers or participants' and these law enforcement officers embody those characteristics."

According to the NHTSA, seat belts, when worn correctly, are proven to reduce the risk of fatal injuries to front-seat occupants by 45 percent – and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and minivans. Also according to NHTSA, a properly installed, belt-positioning booster seat lowers the risk of injury to children by nearly 60 percent, compared with seat belts alone.

"We continue to see improvement, and I applaud Kentucky's efforts to raise awareness and increase enforcement of this life-saving measure," said Dr. Baker. "Writing citations is not a strategy designed to increase arrests; in fact, it may yield in decreased citation counts over time, which is our goal."

With the passage of the primary law, Kentucky's seat belt usage rate increased from 67 percent in 2006 to 86.5 percent in 2016. The national seat belt usage rate is 90.1 percent.

TO THE CITIZENS OF JACKSON COUNTY

In July of 2000, Jackson County enacted a Mandatory Ordinance for Trash Pickup. The ordinance applies to every household in Jackson County. Anyone not on trash service can be cited for being out of compliance with this ordinance, which can result in a court appearance a fine or both. It is also illegal to Burn Trash in Jackson County and can result in a fine.

Citizens who wish to haul their own trash may do so by registering at the transfer station as a self disposer. Once registered, they are required to pay on their first visit each month and can come in as many times as they choose for that month. Their name and weight totals are kept on file and updated on each visit.w

The cost as a self disposer is \$12.00 per month or they have an option of paying \$132.00 for a year in advance. If this option is chosen, they receive a free month of service in their service year. The trash weight limit is 300lbs per month. If this weight limit is exceeded, there is an additional charge of .04 cents per pound.

We also have (3) permitted haulers serving Jackson County residents and businesses in specific assigned areas. These haulers are permitted to haul trash in their permitted areas only. The cost for this service is \$14.00 per month for each residence and customers are allowed to dispose up to (5)-33 gallon trash bags per week. It is the customers responsibility to keep trash secure at all times.

For more information on your assigned hauler, or to file a complaint against a hauler or a non-compliant resident, please call the transfer station at (606) 287-7688.



After a long day on the softball field on July 15th, the first annual Jessamine County Fastpitch Softball, Queen of the Hill 8u tournament came to an end.

All-star teams from Jackson, Rockcastle, Jessamine, and Fayette County competed in a day long tournament that ended in Jackson Counties 8u Knockoutz bringing home their 1st Championship Title. These girls went undefeated after pool play determined seeding for them, winning their final game 14 to 5 in the 5th inning against Jessamine County All-stars.