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 Warner. "So, you are the Ashley Judd everyone has told me about?" Now as we all know, from that point on, this conversation could have gone one of two ways, one way much more favorable than the other. With a chuckle, I replied "that depends on what you've heard." We both laughed. From that point on, Cynthia and I instantly hit it off, discussing the great resources available through PBS Learning Media and KET Education. It was one of those rare professional developments that was so useful and engaging that the 45-minute planning period melted away faster than Olaf in summer!

Right before we parted ways, Cynthia shared with me something that, unbeknownst to me at the time, would rock my world! "Have you ever heard of the PBS Digital Innovator Program?" Cynthia began to describe the program and told me, based on the technology and multimedia I was implementing in my classroom, it was really something I should consider pursuing. Unfortunately, there was only a week and a half before the Digital Innovator deadline on February 13th. I told her that I would check it out and keep it in mind, and with that I headed back to my classroom to salvage the remaining few minutes of planning.

I sat down at my desk, with about 5 minutes to spare before my little energizer bunnies returned from PE. I pulled up the PBS Digital Innovator website and began to learn more about it, with every intention of putting it on my to-do list for next year. My anticipation and excitement grew as I read what it meant to be a Digital Innovator. Those 5 minutes flew by! I remember standing up at my desk to go pick up my class from PE and in that very instant the Lord spoke to me more clearly than he ever has before. I felt him telling me to do it, don't wait until next

year, but do it now. Of course, my first thought was "Lord, I've only got 10 days to put together a video and to write a bio and essay, is that even possible?!" Well let me tell you friend, when the Lord bids you to move, then it is absolutely possible! That same day, after school, I got a tripod, my iPad, and like any good mother would do, bribed my 4-year-old to be silent while I recorded the segments needed for my video. By chance, or by divine intervention, my class was submersed in morphing their own original class fiction story, "Trouble in Volcano Valley", into a stop-motion animation movie at the time (you can see that amazing finished product here).

This was an optimal opportunity to get some great footage of my students producing a great multimedia product for my video! I worked diligently to get everything together. I submitted my completed application a mere 12 hours before the deadline!

The winter-that-never-was came and went and ushered in an early, spring-like March. It was a Wednesday morning, March 15th to be exact. I entered my classroom, like any other day, turned on my computer and waited to check my email. I nonchalantly waited for Outlook to update. I can recall my morning-bound eyes catching a glimpse of the word "CONGRATULATIONS". If you want to shake the chains of a sleepy, lackadaisical morning, the word "congratulations" will do it every time. There it was, right before my eyes, a single email that would begin the adventure of a lifetime for me! I had been given the great honor to represent Kentucky as a PBS Digital Innovator! Have you ever got a gentle "I told you so" from God? Well I did! And it was in an email!

The adventure that ensued after that is another post for another day. You will want to check back in for that! So here I am now, a

2017 PBS Digital Innovator. Now let me be painfully honest, I am far from special. I have no amazing talents, I'm no rocket scientist, and I'm most definitely not "Super Ninja Teacher" ridding the education world of the ghastly Novice monsters. I am simply a teacher that is not afraid to fail. I am that teacher that is crazy enough to try anything once. If it's a success, then you're a Rock Star! If it crashes and burns, then hide the evidence and figure out how you're going to achieve Rock Star status next time! Big risks yield big rewards!

I am completely humbled by the wealth of opportunities that have been opened to me through this journey.

Kids

spirit of electric cooperatives' commitment to community and the important role of being politically aware and politically active.

"The Washington Youth Tour was an unforgettable experience that has fostered new friendships and allowed me to see the heart of the country I so dearly love," said MacKenzie Morris."

The students visited Capitol Hill on the same day as the shooting of Louisiana Congressman Steve Scalise and four others at a baseball practice. Despite the incident, Kentucky's congressional delegation kept their commitment to meet with the students, candidly talking about security concerns and answering a wide variety of questions from the students.

"The Washington Youth Tour is undoubtedly the most revealing expedition of our nation's capital," said David W. House. "This monumental trip was nothing short of breathtaking and I owe my astounding experience to the generous electric cooperatives of Kentucky."

Coordinated by the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives, the tour was led by KAEC's Mary Beth

Dennis and 13 chaperones, including Jackson Energy's Renita Fox and Susan Woods.

"Thanks to Mary Beth and all the folks at KAEC for a wonderful week in Washington D.C. with Youth Tour," Fox said. "It was an amazing experience and I thoroughly enjoyed getting to see these young kids enjoy and have such a good time together."

"I absolutely loved watching the history that I have studied come to life in Washington D.C.," Woods added. "However, watching the delegates experience it at such a prime time in their lives was priceless. I thoroughly enjoyed being part of such a wonderful experience."

"I can't thank Jackson Energy enough for the opportunity they have given me and the doors they have opened for me through the Youth Tour. I wish I could relive that week in Washington again," Morris said.

Jackson County High School senior Allison Wade was also selected to represent Kentucky on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Leadership Council. Allison was one of 83 high school students from across the state who participated in this summer's Washington Youth Tour.

One student from each state is selected and Allison went back to Washington, D.C., in July for a leadership workshop which focused on the electric cooperative industry. The purpose of the YLC conference is to build leadership and public speaking skills, and to enhance the delegates' knowledge of the energy industry and the cooperative form of business. These students will also make presentations at their statewide annual meetings.

Members of the YLC play an important role during NRECA's Annual Meeting the following spring. The 2018 meeting will be held in Nashville, and Allison will be representing Kentucky at the meeting. Not only are the YLC members recognized on stage, they have a hands-on experience with virtually every facet of the meeting including the resolutions process and helping our members communicate with their legislators.

Judge

the road will be completely blocked in certain places the day of construction. Traffic will be advised to take alternate routes around construction. Please allow yourself extra time to get to and from destinations if you are

impacted by this road project. In the end, this road should be a lot better than what it has been in the past.

I noticed that we are expected to have very high temperatures this week. If you are working outside remember to stay hydrated and give yourself extra time for your activities. Keep an eye on elderly and make sure your animals have plenty of water and shade during the heat of the day.

All is running well right now in the Judges Office and we hope to see differences made in our communities as the year progresses. Have a safe summer.

Sheriff

The hot weather also increases calls for domestic violence. I guess hot weather increases tempers with temperature. Usually these calls are just verbal arguments, but they are always very dangerous calls. We try to send two people if possible, but we don't always have that option. If you find yourself in some type of domestic altercation, it is always best to leave long enough to calm down and it is Never okay to use injurious physical force against your family. If our officers arrive and there is obvious injury, we are required to arrest the perpetrator of the assault. Please understand our role is to keep the peace, if possible.

We continue to receive calls for law enforcement service through our administrative office number. We have an office manager who is in the office Monday through Friday and I am in the office from 8:30-11:30 on Saturday. The office is closed after that time and the calls are automatically forwarded to our dispatch center. If you need police assistance on a law enforcement matter you should always call 606-287-9979 or simply dial 911 for emergency calls.

This should allow you to receive the quickest possible service from a law enforcement officer in the county, regardless if it is SO, Constables or KSP. I receive complaints periodically regarding the phone service, but our Jackson County Dispatch is not actually part of the Sheriff's Office and they receive and send out all law enforcement calls for service, as well as fire, rescue, ambulance, etc. We are trying to address these issues and improve response times for all our citizens.

Eight boys and girls from our county will join other children from all over eastern Kentucky for Camp UNITE this week. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office was happy to partner with UNITE to transport those students to and from Camp UNITE which is located at the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, KY. Camp UNITE provides an opportunity for young men and women to experience a college atmosphere as they develop leadership skills, maturity and have a lot of fun, all in an environment that is safe and drug free! The campers enjoy four days of excitement and adventure at no cost to the participant. It is a life changing event for every camper! The Jackson County Sheriff's Office believes we should do everything in our power to help our youth become outstanding leaders of tomorrow. We are proud to play a small role in the development of these young students from Jackson County. Our youth is our future!

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to eighty-one calls for service. We investigated four traffic accidents, opened two criminal investigations and arrested four individuals on various criminal charges. Thank you for your continued support.

TO THE CITIZENS OF JACKSON COUNTY

The Jackson County Transfer/Recycling Center would like to remind everyone of our continued recycling program. By using the services of West Rock Recycling, we are able to accept the following items at no charge. Plastics #1 and #2 (we do NOT accept plastic bags at the Recycling Center for recycling) and steel food cans must be rinsed. Those items not rinsed, will be considered contaminated and you will be charged a disposal fee. The labels do NOT have to be removed, we also take the following items if they are sorted; cardboard, newsprint, magazines, phone books, hard back books, junk mail, used oil and various scrap metal (including appliances). Please remember that these paper items must be sorted and separated.

We also have a free weekly collection route for business and industries wishing to recycle.

Any business owner or industry wishing to recycle or a citizen needing information about our drop off center, can contact Shane Harrison or Jason Thomas at 287-7688. The hours of operation for The Transfer Station/ Recycling Center is Monday - Friday 8:00 to 4:00 and 8:00 to noon on Saturday.



We have just entered our 16th year of operation and we want to give a big thanks to all of you, our readers.

All of us at the Jackson County Times have been honored to bring you the news week in and week out every week for these years. We also look forward to serving you for many years to come.

We love our county and we are so happy to continue serving you.