

**Judge**  
sacrifice so much of their time to make the Fair a success. It doesn't go unnoticed.  
I know I talk a lot about and promote the County Fair in my notes but there is good reason. The Fair is the one thing that we as a Fiscal Court can help do that really has something for every family in our County. It is one of our ways of saying thank you for letting us serve you. It's the one event where we can slow down and enjoy each other the way a community should. I have a lot going on in my office right now and my calendar is as full as it's ever been with meetings and a list of things that need done. Nevertheless this week is one that I try to devote myself to be available to our Fair Board as it takes all hands on deck for the coming weekend. That's why this week is so important. It's our Homecoming and we never know when it will be our last. I hope you come out and celebrate with us.  
I have received a lot of calls concerning roadside mowing. It's been a ruff year for our road crews in the mowing department as a couple of our big tractors have been down the majority of the summer. Our equipment is getting in bad shape and we are going to have to update some of our fleet. We only have one right of way tractor and it is shared between the 3 districts so we are behind on cutting back overgrowth on our roads. If you are not careful you will put more money into maintaining equipment than it would cost to get better equipment. I hope that we have a mild winter so we can have a little more funds to spend towards updating our road equipment. It takes time to make such an update because of the cost of new equipment but we are moving towards that goal. I am confident we will get the needs met.  
Have a great week. God Bless.

**Arrests**  
license and he was also believed to be under the influence at the time of the traffic stop.  
Bryant said he asked Durbin to step out of the vehicle and asked if anything illegal was in the vehicle, to which Durbin stated there were some paraphernalia he said he had seen the passenger have.  
After a search of the vehicle and the passengers, there was paraphernalia and a variety of drugs found.  
All of the passengers and the driver were arrested and taken to the Jackson County Detention Center for the following charges: Jonathan Durbin, 27, Mount Vernon, operating a motor vehicle under influence of drugs/alcohol, driving on a DUI suspended license; Jordan Swinney, 21, Berea, possession of controlled substance 2nd degree, possession of drug paraphernalia; James A. Adams, 34, McKee-trafficking in controlled substance 1st degree 1st offense, possession of drug paraphernalia; Montana Kelly-arrested on out of county warrants.  
Deputies Bryant and Madden were assisted by Kentucky State Police Troopers Townsley and Brumback.

Churches and citizens all over the county are also pitching in with donations. Every donation, no matter if it is large or small, is greatly appreciated! Hopefully we will soon have the funding necessary to make the purchase of the K-9 which will be utilized on our roadways, in searches of residences and in our schools. This is just another step in making our Sheriff's Office the best it can be.  
Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to ninety-six calls for service. We investigated five traffic accidents, opened seven criminal investigations, arrested nine individuals on various criminal charges and we handled volumes of criminal and civil documents. People call our office for information on various issues and our court security continues to protect our courts. We ask for your prayers and your support as we work hard to keep our citizens safe. God Bless.

**Park**  
the Commonwealth is better suited for expansion in this field. Adding Horse Lick Creek into the National Park System truly could be a 'game changer' for this wonderful rural county of immense natural beauty," Goforth wrote to the federal officials.  
Horse Lick Creek is a 62-square mile watershed that covers parts of Jackson and Rockcastle counties.  
According to the Kentucky Waterways Alliance, "There are many species of muskels in this swiftly flowing stream. The watershed's numerous caves and cliff lines are home to a number of endangered species including bats and cave invertebrates. The healthy populations of these species make Horse Lick Creek one of the premier sites for the protection of biological diversity on the western slope of the Appalachians."  
Goforth added that State Sen. Albert Roberson joined him fully supporting the designation.  
"Getting the National Park System designation for Horse Lick Creek would be huge for Jackson County and our area as we look to provide more jobs and economic opportunities for our people through adventure tourism expansion," Goforth said.

**Twitter**  
way to highlight all the GREAT things happening in our schools everyday.  
A few weeks ago, the district started a Hashtag Competition. The district asked teachers to submit a hashtag that would best represent our district. The district received almost 40 entries that were voted on by staff and the winner was #WeAreJackson. The winning hashtag was submitted by 4 individuals: Ashley Judd, Irma Huff, Missy Madden, and Betty Moore. Each of these individuals received a small prize sponsored by the technology department. The district ended up adding KY to the end of the hashtag to distinguish ours.  
The district would like to encourage everyone to follow us on Twitter @jacksonkyschool and by following the hashtag #WeAreJacksonKY We would also to encourage everyone to

**State Releases County Unemployment Data for July 2018**  
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Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 3.5 percent. It was followed by Campbell County, 3.6 percent; Boone and Kenton counties, 3.7 percent each; Fayette, Oldham and Scott counties, 3.8 percent each; Jessamine County, 4 percent; and Allen and Simpson counties, 4.2 percent each.  
Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 13.8 percent. It was followed by Carter County, 9.7 percent; Elliott County, 9.4 percent; Wolfe County, 9.1 percent; Leslie County, 8.8 percent; Harlan County, 8.5 percent; Clay and Knott counties, 8.1 percent each; and Breathitt, Jackson, Lawrence and Owsley counties, 8 percent each.  
Kentucky's county unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample sizes. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. The comparable, unadjusted unemployment rate for the state was 4.9 percent for July 2018, and 4.1 percent for the nation.  
Kentucky's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was released last week and can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2PhkFOU>. In that release, Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are adjusted to observe statistical trends by removing seasonal influences such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. For more information regarding seasonal fluctuations, visit the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at [https://www.bls.gov/cps/cps\\_htgm.htm#why](https://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm#why).

**Sheriff**  
Routinely on interstates and in communities throughout the country, huge shipments of illegal drugs and money are seized when a drug dog locates those drugs in hidden places.  
The Jackson County Sheriff's office is a small office with very limited resources. We struggle to find the funding to maintain our equipment and pay our employees. I am committed to purchase a K-9 for our office, however, because I believe it is an additional tool necessary to fight this war on illegal drugs. We received a new donation this week from PRTC. Their President, Mr. Kieth Gabbard, made an additional personal donation.

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**Six Kentucky State Parks Recognized With Kentucky Living "Best in Kentucky" Awards**  
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Aug. 23, 2018) – Six Kentucky State Parks were recognized in Kentucky Living magazine's "Best in Kentucky" Awards announced Thursday at the 2018 Kentucky State Fair: Cumberland Falls, Natural Bridge, My Old Kentucky Home, Fort Boonesborough, Green River Lake, and John James Audubon.  
"We're honored to be included among the excellent tourist destinations across Kentucky," said Parks Commissioner Donnie Holland. "We appreciate the support our 49 parks and our park employees receive."  
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park near Corbin was honored with three awards: First place for selfie spot, second place for day trip and third place for family day trip.  
Cumberland Falls is the home of a beautiful waterfall, 125-foot wide and 65-foot high, that also produces a "moonbow" during a full moon. The park has a lodge, cottages, restaurant, campground, hiking trails and many other recreational activities.  
Natural Bridge State Resort Park at Slade picked up two awards: second place for selfie spot and second place for place for adventure.  
Natural Bridge sits alongside Red River Gorge and is the home of a sandstone arch. The park has a lodge, cottages, campground, restaurant and hiking trails.  
My Old Kentucky Home State Park in Bardstown received first place for best historic site. The park features Federal Hill, a mansion completed in 1818 that was the subject of Stephen Foster's "My Old Kentucky Home." The park also has an 18-hole golf course, visitor center, campground and summertime theatrical production – "The Stephen Foster Story."

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Second place for best historic site went to Fort Boonesborough State Park near Richmond. The park has a reconstructed fort commemorating a fort built in 1775 by pioneers that included Daniel Boone. The park also has a campground, gift shop and swimming pool.  
Green River Lake State Park near Campbellsville received second place for best camping spot and John James Audubon State Park at Henderson received third place.  
For more info. about these and other Kentucky State Parks, visit [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov).

**HERSHEL H. TAYLOR**  
CANDIDATE FOR THE JACKSON COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISTRICT B  
IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE JACKSON COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, DISTRICT B, I AM ASKING FOR YOUR VOTE FOR THE DISTRICT B SEAT ON THE JACKSON COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
I am a U.S. Airforce Veteran who served in Vietnam. I have 40+ years in Utility Work and Management. I believe in honesty, integrity and in treating every individual fairly and equally.  
If elected, I will work diligently to:  
1. Ensure that the Board does everything possible to provide all residents with safe water at the lowest possible cost.  
2. Ensure that the water association is open and honest in all communications.  
3. Ensure that proper processes and procedures are in place to provide fair and consistent treatment of all residents.  
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