

Fair
 the fair exhibits. We had tons of entries this year, with everything from homemade foods to arts and crafts! On Thursday, the group Remix was the entertainment for our Family Fun Night at Bond Memorial Park, with several hundred people in attendance! We had a dunking booth, free throw competition, hay bale toss, emergency vehicle displays, inflatables, and much more!

This past Friday, we started our 2 nights of entertainment with as strong a lineup of musicians as you'll ever see. Brother Smith from Covington started things off with an awesome set of feel good music! Next up, from Campbellsville, it was No Deceit, who was so well received 2 years ago, we brought them back! They did not disappoint! The night's headliner was next, 7 Bridges, who Rolling Stone Magazine called "the world's best Eagles' tribute band!" Although their set was shortened slightly by rain, people were dancing in the street!

Saturday has always been our biggest day, as well as our longest day. We started the morning with fair board member Tim Tankersley heading up the annual Car Show. We had a great group of vehicles, with everything from rat rods to classic muscle cars, and many of them rode in our parade. Speaking of the parade, the Kiwanis Club always does a great job helping us organize it, and it followed the car show at 1:00 Saturday afternoon. We had the biggest parade we've ever had, with it taking nearly 30 minutes to roll through McKee! We honored Marie Rader as our Grand Marshal this year, and she was presented with a special proclamation for her 21 years in the Kentucky Legislature as Jackson County's state representative. Judge Shane Gabbard also declared September 1st as "Marie Rader Day" in Jackson County, and state representative Robert Goforth took part in the presentation as well. Annville Christian Academy was the winner of our annual best float competition, winning a \$500.00 grand prize. PRTC won the business float category, while 4-H won the Church/Civic Group category, and The Tyner Cheerleaders won the School category. Each of those received \$100.00 for their win in their respective categories. The rain came within just a minute of us completing the parade, so everybody took cover. However, the rain only lasted about 15 minutes, and then everybody headed over to Water Street for a day full of music, fun, and a

penguin!
 First up, Cambo The Clown, who had come through the parade, entertained the kids with a great show at 2:15. At 3:00, we started our "African Penguin Experience!" We worked in conjunction with The Jackson County Public Library to bring Paula The Penguin down to Jackson County! A big thanks to the library for their help! The penguin, originally from Africa, came to us courtesy of the Newport Aquarium. Just like most everything at the fair, we were able to do it for free because of our business sponsors! Everyone loved seeing the penguin!

At 4:00, YouTube viral sensations Chris Rodrigues and Abby The Spoon Lady took the stage for their sound check, but the rain came once again and soaked the sound equipment. Fortunately, our county judge had a sound system in his vehicle, so we worked quickly to set it up, and Chris and Abby took the stage at 5:00 to a nearly capacity crowd of approximately 2,500 people! Everybody went nuts for Chris and Abby, and they hung around a long time after, signing autographs and talking to their fans.

Next up, from Nashville, it was the very talented group Roanoke. They put you in the mind of country sensation Lady Antebellum. The crowd was once again very impressed with Roanoke, even though they had to shorten their set because we were behind schedule because of the rain and they had another gig later that night.

We closed out our incredible day of music with the top bluegrass band in the nation, Flatt Lonesome! They are the reigning group of the year in bluegrass, winning the I.B.M.A. award in both 2016 and 2017! They put on an incredible show! Even though there's no way to head count the people in attendance, our estimate was around 3,000 people! Quite possibly the biggest crowd EVER in Jackson County history!

There are too many people to thank, but please know how much we appreciate each one that took part. A big thanks goes to our platinum sponsors, including The Jackson County Fiscal Court, The City of McKee, Appalachian Community Federal Credit Union, Chiropractic Health Solutions, Don Franklin Family of Dealerships, Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, Jan Williamson Law Office, Manchester Memorial Hospital, and P.R.T.C.! We also want to thank all our other sponsors too, all our first responders, and all our vendors at the fair. We had a great selection of

food, homemade goods, jewelry, clothing, crafts, and more!

Your Jackson County Fair Board is already discussing our entertainment for next year, with hopes to bring even bigger crowds and more fun than ever before! Go to our Facebook page, The Jackson County Kentucky Fair, and like our page to stay up to date with everything we've got going on. Not just a fair board, we also have events like Breakfast with Santa, a Christmas Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, softball tournaments, and free movie nights! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your support!

Music
 from the shows are contributed to the JCHS band to further music education in our secondary schools.

Sparrow Hawks have been featured throughout the region and are regular performers at the Berea Arena Theater, the Stringbean Music Festival, Levitt Amp First Friday Concert Series, the Bearded Man Festival, and the Jackson County Fair. Sparrow Hawks use their band and music to strengthen the bonds within their family and also within the community. To help their community the band perform regular benefit concerts for various charitable organizations such as Hospice Care Plus, Habitat for Humanity and Kentucky Heartwood.

Band members consist of Jerry Sparks (guitar, banjo & vocals), his wife, Leah Abner (vocals & percussion), son-in-law, Michael Chappell (bass guitar & vocals), cousin-in-law, Joey Cruse (percussion & vocals), cousin James "Moose" Morgan (harmonica & vocals), and daughter Sara Maria Sparks (vocals). On special occasions close friends Lee "Sloppy Joe" Creech (guitar & vocals) and his wife, Polly Lakes (vocals & percussion) join them on stage as well. All of the members have roots in Jackson County.

Since their current lineup coalesced, Sparrow Hawks have proceeded to carve out a unique niche in the regional music scene. Styling themselves as "purveyors of post-apocalyptic folk and pop", the group has built a sound that features clean instrumentation and multilayered vocal harmonies to evoke timeless echoes of that vital era of the sixties that remains the backdrop and springboard of so much of today's popular music and culture.

Perhaps even more interesting, a fascinating undercurrent of Appalachian culture runs like a hand-spun thread through the 'Hawks music. The

members' personal histories draw on deep and intertwining roots of the Scotch-Irish, Native American, and Southern traditions, all stirred into a unique musical alchemy in which the whole is much greater, and infinitely more unique, than any conventionally conceivable sum of the parts. Everyone is invited to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame to share an evening of music with the Sparrow Hawks.

Clinic
 Skula, along with other local dignitaries and hospital employees, were celebratory of the new facility - recognizing the ribbon-cutting ceremony was held one day after the one-year anniversary of the official groundbreaking for the facility's construction.

U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers was on hand for Thursday's celebration, telling those in attendance that Manchester's name of "City of Hope" has been well-earned over the past several years. In fact, Manchester was the launch pad of Rogers' UNITE campaign targeting illegal drug trafficking and use. UNITE represents Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education.

"Operation UNITE got its start in Clay County, when the community stood up on its own to fight the drug epidemic," Rogers said. "Two years ago, three of the top five counties in the state for rates of hospitalization for opioid overdoses were in my district. But in 2003, you held a walk against the drug epidemic and said, 'We've had enough.'"

Rogers said the southeastern region of Kentucky was one of the highest areas of opioid distribution between 2010 and 2016.

"There were 8.3 million doses of opioids prescribed in this region," he said. "That breaks down to 395 doses per citizen in this county. Now, thanks to your commitment, the cases have decreased."

"This is a big day for this hospital and its region," Rogers continued. "This region is known for its high instances of lung and breast cancer, heart disease, obesity and diabetes. Now there are 500-plus employees and thousands of residents who don't have to travel very far to receive quality care. This is another testament of your commitment to your community."

Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers, who represents Clay County in Frankfort, said the facility offered "21st Century health care" in which the possibilities were unlimited.

"Now there is a place where chemically dependent women can

come, with Manchester Memorial Hospital being key to that, so they can have a baby that is born with a chance," he said.

Affiliated with the Adventist church, Manchester Memorial will change its name to include their owning company in January. The facility and its out-branches will be known as Advent Health Manchester, said Terry Shaw, President and CEO of Advent Health Services.

"I was here a year ago when we broke ground for this facility," Shaw said. "I'm here today for a ribbon-cutting. I hope I'm back in 2020 for another ribbon cutting where you have added a couple new OR's (Operating Rooms) and procedure rooms. I hope we all remember every day at this facility and continue to extend the healing ministry of Christ to everyone - to represent Christ to someone who may never have seen Him before."

Judge
 is in sync and that makes for a well oiled machine. I hope people see that politics isn't what makes us thrive but that a sense of servitude and gratitude is what makes the push towards success. I am proud of the effort that I have seen out of almost everyone this past year

I have been in more than my share of meetings here lately. I've been in Frankfort, Manchester, London just to name a few. I have had an opportunity to share in many ideas that can effect us on not only a Regional level but on a local level as well. Jobs bring opportunities and we want to be a part of as many opportunities as we can. I will be speaking a lot in the next few months on the topic of the 2020 Census. It's very important for us to get an accurate count of our citizens so we can be eligible for as many programs as possible. The more we have participate in the census the better off we will be in the long run. Keep an eye on social media and the papers for more information in the upcoming months.

This years Fair and Homecoming was as good if not better than any we have ever had. For example we met a couple from Syracuse New York that were on their way to Florida for vacation that found out that Abby the Spoon Lady was performing in McKee and that it was a free show. They routed their vacation through our town and said they enjoyed visiting us as good as anywhere they had ever been. They were able to meet and get pictures with Abby and they said it was definitely the highlight of their vacation and would make plans to come back. That was

great to here. Also we proclaimed the First Saturday of September as Marie Rader Day. Marie was the Grand Marshal of the parade and has been such an influential and essential part of the development of Jackson County that we felt it was the least we could do to honor her. It was definitely a wonderful day to be in Jackson County. This is why we want to keep up the momentum and keep moving Jackson County forward. God Bless.

Bill
 Goforth said he decided to sponsor the bill after extensive discussions with Kathy Rowe, a Jackson County farmer. He said he is convinced current laws bind the hands of Kentucky dairy farmers who can successfully provide safe products to the public if laws are updated.

According to information provided by Kentucky dairy farmers, "Raw milk products can be perfectly safe for human consumption. By having impeccable equipment sanitation along with healthy animals and watchful farmers, these products can create delicious and flavorful alternatives to what can be found on grocery store shelves."

The other piece of legislation sponsored by Goforth would establish an emergency contact information registry within the Kentucky Driver's License Information System.

If adopted, the bill would mandate the collection of emergency contact information for all individuals with Kentucky driver's licenses, and would only be accessible by law enforcement and Transportation Cabinet personnel.

Goforth said that this legislation was requested by law enforcement as a public safety enhancement so that emergency personnel can easily notify someone when individuals are injured or incapacitated.

"I truly believe that both these bills, if passed, would enhance the quality of life for all Kentuckians," Goforth said.

"I am hopeful for their full hearing and eventual passage during the Regular Session of the 2019 General Assembly."

Goforth said that the bills were the first of several pieces of legislation he plans to introduce prior to the upcoming session.

The General Assembly reconvenes in January 2019.

FESTIVAL OF HOPE 2018
 October 6, 2018 1:00 pm – 10:00 pm
 Located at Gray Hawk Park
 Refreshments - JCCF Teams & Darrell Combs BBQ Sandwiches