

Fall approximately 40 feet and landed on a cliff's edge. The driver, Codin Robert Yoder of Tyner, continued off the ledge and fell an additional 40 feet, Hays said. Both Yoder and Colbert received serious injuries from the fall. They were removed from the scene by Jackson County EMS, local fire departments, as well as local law enforcement and were transported to a location to meet a medical helicopter who flew them to UK Hospital for treatments of the injuries they sustained.

Yoder was treated and released from the hospital. Colbert remains at UK in serious condition. Hays said felony and misdemeanor charges are forthcoming on both individuals. The two are believed to have utilized meth prior to the pursuit.

Donate

Jackson County received votes, but the City of McKee Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department emerged with the most votes from those who attended the meeting. The department will receive Jackson County's portion of Rep. Goforth's legislative salary from this first year in office.

"The Lord blessed me to be in a position where I can give my legislative salary to help deserving causes in my district," Rep. Goforth said.

"All of the organizations that received votes are worthy and deserve our support, but the McKee Fire Department won out based on the votes of those that took time to attend the meeting," said Goforth.

"The work that our first responders do is critical to our public safety on a daily basis, so I am very grateful for the work of the City of McKee Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, and I am happy that they are the first recipient of these funds."

The 89th House District consists of Jackson County as well as portions of Laurel and Madison counties. Rep. Goforth was elected last February to serve out the remaining portion of term of former Rep. Marie Rader, who resigned, that expires on December 31, 2018. Rep. Goforth is

the Republican nominee for the full two-year term in the November 6, 2018 General Election.

Representative Goforth said he will meet McKee Fire Chief next week and go over his paperwork at which time he will issue a check to the McKee Fire Department. McKee Fire Chief Kyle Welch after he receives the check from Goforth, said he will then have checks cut for the other three fire departments in the county, Gray Hawk, Pond Creek and Sand Gap, which will all share equally of the generous donation by State Representative Goforth.

REaCH

In order to 'realize' the needs around them, students met after school to brainstorm ways they could help both their community, and the communities around them. After the first meeting, it was evident that the students were passionate about getting involved with Shriners Hospital for Children. REaCH member Abbi Judd, a patient of Shriners Hospital for Children, took initiative and contacted the hospital. Shriners immediately extended an invitation for the group to attend their annual prom event and interact with their patients.

"Our REaCH group thought it was important to do this because we have many friends that have went to Shriners and we thought it was important to give back," said Jackson County Middle School 8th grader and REaCH member, Mia Rader.

Having personal ties to Shriners Hospital for Children, these students felt compelled to ensure the participants of the Shriners Prom would have an extra special night. Students decided to do this, they would set up a green screen photography booth where they would provide free keepsake photos for prom participants. "Green screen is a technology that is widely used in Hollywood for special effects. It uses a chroma key filter to project any desired image as a background, which makes for a unique finished prod-

uct. Our students have been experimenting with this technology throughout the year," Judd noted. REaCH students first designed "Arabian Nights" themed backgrounds for the event, and then developed a system of collecting participant email addresses via Google Forms to disperse the photographs to the prom goers after the event.

Beth English, Certified Therapeutic Recreational Therapist for Shriners Children's Hospital expressed her appreciation of the students' work for the event. "These students were amazing! The participants loved the green screen photos. We really hope to have them back next year!"

In the coming months, REaCH students will be hard at work with more projects to foster change and create hope. "Currently, we have projects scheduled in November with Jackson Manor and in December with the Department of Health and Family Services, Department of Community Based Services, Division for Protection and Permanency and the Jackson County Foster Parent Association, as well," said Judd. "These students are full of ideas. I can't wait to see what this year holds for REaCH."

If your organization has a specific need or event that you would like for REaCH to be involved in, please send a message via email to: ashley.judd@jackson.kyschools.us.

Sheriff

are caught. If you want to see crime rates decline, help us catch the ones committing the crimes. Step up and get involved because personal information is the best and most effective way to bring outlaws to justice.

H a l l o w e e n, trick or treat night will be celebrated on Wednesday October 31, 2018. Many small children and a few adults dressed as ghosts or goblins will be walking on streets and sidewalks all over the county. Please remember this date and plan to slow down and pay close attention. We want every child to have a great evening while remaining safe and secure.

Election day is November 6, 2018. Once again, you have an opportunity to vote for the people you want to represent this county and State for the next four years. It is a very important date for our county and our State so please get out and vote! It is a responsibility that too many take for granted.

Fall is a time when forest fires are a real problem. We have had a very wet year, but the sudden cold snap will cause leaves to be especially thick when they fall from the trees. Please don't burn between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm and never when the wind is blowing. Fires easily get out of control and many times result in loss of valuable timber or even homes and out-buildings.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to seventy calls for service. We investigated eight traffic accidents, arrested three individuals on various charges and opened two criminal cases. Our court security served civil and criminal papers all over the county as they kept our court house secure.

We thank you for the prayers and support. God Bless!

Judge

Funding sent to our area is affected by population so it's very important for us to get as accurate of a count as possible. If we don't have an accurate count it will be 10 years before we can count again. I will be discussing the Census a lot in the upcoming weeks and months and will share updates as we go along on how you can participate. The Census Bureau has already began recruiting assistants throughout the Commonwealth and will begin hiring Census workers very soon. These jobs pay \$15.50 hourly. If you are interested in a job with the Census you can apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-800-JOB-2020.

C o n t r a c t o r s have started paving some of our County roads we turned in this week. I anticipate them to be done sometime around the end of the month should the weather hold out. Around 8 miles of road in different areas of the County will be paved

this year. This is a start on some very needed road resurfacing, but we still have a lot that isn't going to be able to be paved this year. We still have some localized patching to do before cold weather and some road slips to stabilize so you may see County crews working with asphalt as well. Winter is nearing, and we are preparing for it as best we can.

With cold weather approaching let me remind everyone to keep a check on the elderly and outside pets. Temperatures have already started falling around and below freezing this year. If you see someone you believe to be homeless please contact me at 287-8562 or Central Dispatch at 287-9979. We have a plan in place to get them to shelter and hopefully find help for them to obtain permanent housing. Homelessness is a problem in every area of Kentucky and sadly we are not exempt to it. It's amazing what a little kindness can accomplish though. In every situation it only takes one act of kindness to turn things around. God Bless

In-Person Absentee Voting Open for Ky. General Election

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 22, 2018) – Absentee voting in-person in county clerks' offices is now open statewide for Kentucky's Nov. 6 General Election, Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes announced Monday.

"Voters who are not able to vote at the polls on Election Day for various reasons can vote absentee before Nov. 6," said Grimes, Kentucky's chief election official. "Thank you to the many counties who have already opened their offices and are allowing voters to cast early absentee ballots. I encourage all Kentucky voters who cannot make it to the polls on Election Day to utilize our absentee process, if you are eligible, and make your voice heard."

- To be qualified to vote by in-person absentee ballot, you must be:
- Out of the county on election day;
- Advanced in age, disabled, or ill;
- Military, their Dependents, or an Overseas Citizen;
- Military personnel confined to base and learn of your confinement within seven days or less of an election;
- Student or resident who temporarily resides outside of the county;
- Voter or the spouse of a voter who has surgery scheduled that will require hospitalization on Election Day;
- Pregnant woman in third trimester;
- Or an election official.

Voters may apply to vote an absentee ballot in-person by appearing at their county clerk's office. Check with the county clerk regarding business hours. Some county clerk offices are open on Saturdays before Election Day.

Voters who do not qualify to vote absentee in-person may be eligible to vote absentee by mail. Applications for mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the clerk's office no later than Oct. 30. The completed absentee ballot must be returned by mail and received by the county clerk by 6 p.m. local time on Election Day.

Persons with questions about absentee voting should contact their county clerk or call the State Board of Elections at 502-573-7100. Additional information about absentee voting is also available on the State Board's website, elect.ky.gov.

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