

Grant
 be rounded up to \$123. The additional 38¢ would go directly into the RoundUP account. The average contribution over time is approximately 45¢ per month.

The donated funds go directly into a trust account that can only be used for grant funding. This account is administered by a seven-person Board of Trustees who meet quarterly to review grant applications. Any individual or community group with a worthwhile project can apply for funding.

More than \$300,000 has been donated to area community service projects since Jackson Energy began this program in 2003.

For more information on Operation Round-Up call 1 800-262-7480, or log on to Jackson Energy's web site, www.jacksonenergy.com.

Ball
 contest came down to a tie breaking round as junior Jayden Baldwin, sophomore Clay Akemon, and junior Logan Rose all tied in the 3-point drill. We added a minute on the clock and had each of the three shoot the 3 ball from the top of the key until the buzzer sounded (most makes won). The winner of the event was Logan Rose who knocked down 16 shots. We also had a good competition with our dunk contest. The contestants were narrowed to two leading into the final round; a showdown between senior Cody Lakes and senior Zack Bingham. Bingham won the dunk contest by putting down some incredibly explosive dunks.

As we get ready to begin our season, we are starting out on the road on our own road to Rupp Arena. The JCHS Generals open next Tuesday night (27th) against the defending 14th region champion, the Estill County Engineers. It will be a freshman, JV, and Varsity triple header. We then will travel on the

29th to Red Bird to play a much-improved Red Bird Mission who returns several key starters from last year's squad and bring in some gifted transfers as well. Saturday, December 1, the Generals will travel deep into the mountains to play a Johnson Central team that has made Rupp Arena four out of the last seven seasons from the 15th region. This will be part of a Boy/Girl double header.

Even though we open our season against stiff competition, we feel great about our squad we are going to put on the floor. We are adopting toughness, effort, and enthusiasm from each player that we feel will have us right in the mix in our 13th region. Our players have really embraced the mindset of underdogs and have implemented the moto; Team/Me. The goal is to provide a brand of basketball that our county, fans, and schools, can not only enjoy watching but can implement the same intensity in our county at every level.

Thank you for the continued support and encouragement, GO GENERALS!

Bill
 heroic coal miners and all of Kentucky's workers to right the wrongs that happened as a result of House Bill 2, which I voted against. If we are committed to doing the right thing, we will fix this and correct this in a bipartisan fashion."

Their legislation would again allow the state to contract with any physician trained to diagnose black lung. Under this year's House Bill 2, which was signed into law in March, that group is limited to board-certified pulmonary specialists who are licensed as "B" readers.

"When this bill passed, there were only a handful of doctors here in Kentucky meeting that standard, according to a news report by NPR, and nearly all were working for the coal industry or nearing

retirement," Rep. Hatton said. "This change all but cut out radiologists who are just as qualified to make black-lung diagnoses."

"The only reason to remove radiologists was to save money at the expense of our miners," Rep. Goforth added. "That's just wrong,"

In April, the chief executive officer of the American College of Radiology called this issue "a matter of life and death for many people. Politics should be left out of it. We hope that the Kentucky legislature will rescind this new law and work with medical providers to save more lives."

Reps. Hatton and Goforth said that is just what their legislation seeks to do. It will be considered when the General Assembly reconvenes at the Capitol in January.

Thanks
 holiday season. This is the time of year when communities should come together to help one another, especially those who are most in need.

Let us also remember our men and women in uniform, many of whom will be without their families as they serve our country. Keep these families in your prayers, and offer them support if the opportunity arises. Fisher House Foundation and the USO are among several great organizations that serve military families.

As you begin your holiday shopping, please consider supporting your small local businesses, especially on November 24, Small Business Saturday. You can purchase great gifts while contributing to the backbone of your local economy at the same time.

Lastly, I want to thank you for your legislative questions and concerns. I always appreciate the feedback and look forward to continuing to serve our district. I hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with delicious food, lasting memories, and of course, football.

Arrest
 their initial investigation, several baggies

suspected of containing methamphetamine and marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and U.S. Currency were located.

As the ongoing investigation continues Hayes and Mcnew were arrested and lodged in the Jackson County Detention Center charged with Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Marijuana.

The investigation is being conducted by KSP Post 7 Trooper Scott Townsley. He was assisted at the scene by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

Since transportation is a vital infrastructure to have in place, it does play a major role in workforce development. I'm going to continue into 2019 working on developing our workforce and look to bring more job opportunities to Jackson County. Our main goal is to see our hometown grow and be a place that our families can build a life and not have to leave to find work to do just that.

If you remember earlier this year we received a huge donation of water from Wal-Mart DC in London Ky. Greg Browning with Wal-Mart informed me that they had a tractor trailer load of Great Value bottled water that had the wrong UPC code on the packages and instead of trying to reship and relabel the water it was easier and more cost efficient to donate it. We were the fortunate recipients of the load of water. Throughout the year we have given away several cases of water to any organization needing it for events they have had throughout the year. We still have several pallets of water left. If your Church or community club or organization would like some of this water we would be glad to give it to you. The only thing that Wal-Mart asked and I ask myself is please don't sale any of this water. I would love to see this water spread throughout the Community. If you would like some water please call me at 287-8562 and we will arrange a pickup time and date for you.

On a final note I want to wish you and yours a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. What a wonderful time to live in a small town where traditions like Thanksgiving still hold a great value. I am very thankful for my community and the people I am blessed to serve, our Country that is blessed to be free and my family that God blessed me to be a part of. It's not hard to be thankful. Just look around and see the good things in life. God Bless

Sheriff Hays Shares Thanks, But Warns of Scams
 By Sheriff Paul Hays

What are you thankful for? Sometimes we get so focused on the negative, we lose sight of the positive. With Thanksgiving coming this week, with your permission, I want to mention some things for which I am very thankful.

I am so thankful for my wife, my children, my grandchildren, my brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and of course, my mother-in-law. We currently have well over three-hundred actual members that we call family. We were blessed by those who came years ago, lived their lives and passed on qualities that gave us a chance to succeed in life.

I am thankful to live in Jackson County, the place to which I was born and raised. I am thankful to know that most of our people are good, honest, hard working people who live by the rules and bother no one.

I am thankful for the blessing to be your Sheriff, for I consider it an honor. I do not take this privilege lightly, and I am committed to do everything in my power to keep our county safe and secure, protect the elderly and the children and treat everyone with the respect they deserve.

I am thankful for my church family and, more than anything, for the blessing of my salvation, for without God's mercy I would have nothing at all.

I recently learned that some good friend's vehicle was practically submerged in water from a sudden rain storm. Water is a dangerous element and not to be taken lightly. If water is over six inches deep and moving, it can literally wash a vehicle off the roadway. Never take a chance to cross swollen streams that are over the roadway. It is not worth the risk.

It is the season for SCAMS! Several people have called this week concerned about calls requiring them to send money, give personal identifying information, etc. The scammer may indicate the police will be there to arrest them if they do not cooperate. DO NOT FALL FOR THIS! The police will never ask for money over the phone to avoid a criminal charge. Beware and simply hang up the phone. Don't try to argue or outsmart these thieves. They may tell you they live in the county or state, but actually may reside outside the country. It is very difficult to prosecute people who don't live close. Please be careful.

We have been working hard to find funding to purchase a drug dog for the county. I am pleased to announce the Jackson County Sheriff's Office will soon receive our new K-9. We trust this K-9 will increase our ability to investigate illegal drug cases in our county. Many groups and individuals have donated to this cause and we certainly appreciate every donation. Thank You!!

We will begin accepting donations for our fourth annual Stuff the Cruiser for Christmas project right after the Thanksgiving holiday. We are already receiving requests for help for the kids. If you can help us out, together we can make Christmas brighter for some of our most needy families. Thank you and God Bless.

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Judge Executive Wishes Everyone a Happy Thanksgiving
 By Judge Executive Shane Gabbard

Good Morning. I wish you and your family a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

This past week myself and members of the Fiscal Court attended the 44th annual KACO Conference. We participated in several roundtable discussions dealing with everything from grant funding, rural and secondary road funding, cybersecurity to smart counties of the future. We also heard from speakers such as Governor Matt Bevin, Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles, KY State Police Commissioner Rick Sanders and US Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao just to name a few. There was a lot of good information discussed during the 3 day conference and the networking with other elected officials and business leaders is very helpful when planning for the days ahead. The majority of the discussions seem to go back to and center around transportation and workforce development. I'm reminded at meetings like these that transportation needs aren't just a local issue but also a State and Federal issue as well. I'm certain that most budget talks in Frankfort this year will center around roads and bridges.

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Notice!
 The Jackson County Times will be closed the rest of the week for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will re-open on Monday, Nov 26th

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Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to 72 calls for service. We investigated 2 traffic accidents, opened 2 criminal cases and made 3 arrests. Thanks for your support and have a safe and sober Thanksgiving Day!