

Gina as an additional tool to disrupt illegal drug activity and bring the people responsible to justice. Our office could not have obtained Gina without the financial support of concerned citizens and churches, as well as grants from Walmart Distribution and ASAP of Jackson/Clay County.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Deputy Michael Mullins provided significant assistance in our efforts to obtain a K9. We greatly appreciate the support from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Donate fund designed to benefit cooperatives and the charitable groups they support throughout rural America. Under "Sharing Success," Co-Bank matches contributions by its cooperative customers, like Jackson Energy, to the nonprofit organizations of their choice.

Jackson Energy selected Ronald McDonald House for the contribution. The house offers families who have children being treated at Lexington hospitals a place to stay. The house has 21 bedrooms, serves home-cooked meals and offers transportation to and from hospitals. Families from throughout Jackson Energy's service area have stayed at the Ronald McDonald House, including one of our own line techs.

In 2016, the average stay at the house for a family was 13 nights and 61% of the nights of lodging were for families with children who were born early, or preemies, according to the Ronald McDonald House website.

"Ronald McDonald House provides a helping hand to many of the same families we serve," adds Jackson Energy President & CEO Carol Wright.

"When we had the opportunity to take part in the 'Sharing Success' program, we chose Ronald McDonald House because of the positive impact its

programs have on families in our region." Jackson Energy is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative serving 51,000 homes and businesses in Southeastern Kentucky.

Judge starting to turn towards the cold side so here are a few things to keep in mind. Keep an eye on elderly family and neighbors and make sure they have sufficient heat and food. We have a plan in place in case we have someone come up homeless this winter. If you know someone that's homeless please let us know and we will do our best to get them to shelter. If you have outside pets extra straw or cedar shavings go a long way for good dry sleeping quarters. Give yourself extra time to travel as road conditions can be unpredictable in freezing weather. Take extra blankets and it's always a good idea to have an emergency kit in your car. A lilt extra attention can make a big difference in winter weather.

A community isn't just buildings house and roads, but a community is the people that fill those buildings, houses and roads. A healthy community isn't made up entirely of what we eat, drink or how we exercise but a healthy community is a community that believes in itself and takes pride in who they are. Our Hometown is unique in many ways and this coming year I encourage you to be a part of the Community. Whether it's a local sporting event, concert, festival, board or group meeting get out and get involved. Strength comes from the inside and if our Community is to be strong our citizens must be the ones to do it.

God Bless and Merry Christmas

Sheriff the tree. If you want to help, please bring your gifts by the Sheriff's Office as soon as possible. Time is short, so remember; if you want to make Christmas

brighter, please help us. Thank you and Merry Christmas!!

The Thanksgiving holiday was very successful with very few issues. We had no fatal accidents and very few domestic violence calls. Amazingly, we actually had no criminal case complaints through the holiday. We are very thankful for the peaceful time we shared together this holiday. We pray for more good days to come.

Chief Deputy Daniel Isaacs and our new K9, Gina, is now a certified by the United States Police Canine Association for Drug Detection. We are confident we now have an additional tool that will significantly impact illegal drug trafficking in Jackson County. Our office has come a long way in the past four years, from practically no equipment to the place where we can compete with any law enforcement agency in Kentucky. We still have much to do, but we are committed to make the Jackson County Sheriff's Office a place in which its citizens can be proud.

We keep reminding the public to beware of SCAMS in our area. No law enforcement group, IRS, or court system will ask you to send money or be arrested. No legitimate group would expect personal identifying information to be given over the phone. Therefore beware of these Scammers and never fall for their tricks. Millions of dollars are lost east year by such illegal activities, which many times are committed by people from outside the state or country.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to eighty-three calls for service. We investigated five traffic accidents and arrested four individuals on various criminal charges. Please keep our officers in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

Visit commemorative statues of Kentucky's most famous sons including Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, and Henry Clay and learn about Kentucky history.

Students then listened to Representative Goforth explain how his job as our representative works at the capitol and his experiences passing recent legislation. Representative Goforth graciously answered several of our questions before the tour continued to the House and Senate Chambers, ending with a tour of the Kentucky Supreme Court and a special invitation to the governor's office.

We then made our way to the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History Museum downtown. There we were able to experience several interactive exhibits detailing Kentucky's history from Native tribes, to Daniel Boone to the Civil War and Great Depression Era. We also had the opportunity to tour the hall of Kentucky Governor portraits as we departed the museum and returned home to McKee that evening.

I along with my fellow teachers and staff who attended are extremely grateful for the hospitality of the Capitol and museum staff as well as the excellent behavior of our 5th grade students who represented us proudly.

Special thanks to Representative Goforth who took time from his busy schedule to make our day at the capitol a special one.

Hickman counties, offer daily walk-in waterfowl hunting. For more information on these opportunities, refer to the 2018-2019 Kentucky Waterfowl Hunting Guide available in a printable PDF format at the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife webpage at www.fw.ky.gov. There is no longer a paper version of this guide.

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Hunters without a boat and other gear needed to hunt large bodies of water should try farm ponds. "Farm ponds always provide opportunity," Little said. "You must get permission from the landowner. Do not be afraid to ask, many landowners with resident goose issues are open to waterfowl hunters. Do not forget to close the gate behind you; that is the number one way to lose hunting permission on a farm."

Steel shotshells in No. 2 through No. 4 work well for ducks while those in BB through No. 2 make good goose loads. "The modern non-toxic loads with tungsten or bismuth allow hunters to use smaller shot sizes," Little said.

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Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Optimistic Outlook for the Upcoming Waterfowl Season

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 15, 2018) — The first snippets of snow fell this week, making most people frown, but put a smile on the faces of Kentucky waterfowl hunters. The cold weather the week before the waterfowl season opener on Thanksgiving Day is a good sign.

"Waterfowl hunting in Kentucky is nearly 100 percent weather dependent," said Wes Little, migratory bird biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "We will have more birds to hunt if we get cold weather to the north of Kentucky. If we continue with this cold weather, we should have a good opener."

Little said fantastic habitat conditions for waterfowl await those birds. "The moist soil vegetation such as wild ryes, annual smartweeds, millets and sedges are looking great across the state. The habitat is here and population wise, we are living the glory days."

A slight dip in duck numbers in 2018 resulting from adverse weather conditions during breeding season in the prairie-pothole region on the northern Great Plains and Canada in 2017 should not concern waterfowl hunters. "We are still well above the long term average for duck numbers," Little said. "This trend is basically a blip and should not impact hunting at all."

New public waterfowl hunting opportunities on Sloughs Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Henderson and Union counties offer a chance for excellent hunting each week of the season. Little explained hunters who have not put in for a quota hunt on the area may try for a minimum of 10 slots via a weekly draw each Monday night of the season.

"Nine of those slots are on the Jenny Hole Unit with one on the Sauerheber Unit," Little explained. "More slots may be available if those drawn for quota hunts on the area don't check in on the Sunday before their hunts."

Waterfowl hunters on Ballard WMA in Ballard County, an anchor of Kentucky waterfowl hunting for decades, no longer have to hunt from blinds. "For the first time, a few boat-in hunting spots are available on Ballard WMA," Little said. "There are many wade and shoot opportunities as well."

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need a valid Kentucky hunting license as well as a Kentucky Migratory Bird – Waterfowl Hunting Permit along with a signed Federal Duck Stamp to be legal waterfowl hunters.

Waterfowl hunting provides a fun reason to get outside in winter while providing excellent tasting, nutritious table fare. A meal featuring properly cooked duck is as good as any expensive restaurant

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