

**Shelter**

Church as an option in an emergency situation? We discussed it at service Sunday and decided to offer it as an option. I posted a status about it on my personal Facebook page and the reception it received was more than I could ever imagine. Many members of our Community and surrounding Counties offered help in many ways. This led to me meeting with Emergency Management and 911/EMS Directors this morning to finalize what we would do in a situation with a homeless person. We have a lot of house fires in the winter and we want to be prepared to help.

First things first is to get the person in out of the weather. We have discussed transportation and Daniel Boone Transit as well as local Church Busses can be used to cover that. We would then transport those in need to the nearest place available for them to warm up, shower, eat, etc. Some places that have become an option for that is St Paul's Catholic Church, EOC (Central Dispatch) or one of our local Fire departments. Next, we would see the affected individual would have warm, clean clothes and good shoes. Next, we would then find accommodations for them overnight, places such as Letterbox Baptist Church, Pond Creek Fire Department or any other available facility. Many Churches and other organizations have contacted me willing to get on board.

The long term is to look at the more permanent need of the individual. There are programs that Daniel Boone Community Action Agency has to help people find jobs and housing to help them get back on their feet.

The ultimate goal is to help people become self-sufficient. The plan we have put together is what we plan to if we hear of someone homeless or someone that doesn't have sufficient heat. If you know of someone that needs help in this area contact 287-9979 or 287-8562. We will do our best to get them help as best we can. God Bless

**Judge**

and hard work. I know it will continue in 2018. The cold weather we are receiving and expecting in the coming days brings important things to mind. First of all if you are outside for any amount of time or traveling please be prepared for an emergency situation. A blanket or extra coat and gloves can be the difference between a bad and worse situation. Next if you have elderly neighbors or family that

stay by themselves it's a good idea to check on them daily to make sure they have heat, food and they have water. If you have outside pets or livestock make provision for them by adding straw for warmth or moving them in out of the weather if possible. A few extra precautions can make a big difference on a cold night, This weather always makes me think of the homeless. We have discussed several times the need for a shelter and should have had the start of one by now but I have come up short. In the upcoming days with the weather forecast being what it is if you know someone homeless please try to get in touch with me by calling 606-287-8562, by private messaging me here or simply stopping by the Courthouse and making us aware. I know of some programs that maybe able to help until they find housing. You never know how much you appreciate something until it's gone and I would hate to be out on the street in this weather. We have many great citizens in the county that I know will help and besides what you may think you can make a difference. A little help can go a long way.

With the new year will come new opportunities. I already have a busy calendar for January but that's ok with me because I only want to see us move forward. The financial status of the County is better now than I've seen it since I started in 2015. We still have some issues to deal with but I am pleased with the progress we've made. I will do my best to keep you updated on the progress or issues we face in 2018. God Bless

**Sheriff**

the term of Jailer Bill Dunn, who suddenly passed. Until that appointment occurs, I have been appointed as Acting Jailer. Recently it has come to my attention, some people believe I am being payed my salary and the Jailer salary for this appointment. The public should know I am receiving absolutely no salary for this appointment as Acting Jailer. This appointment is based on KY Statute and will only exist until our Judge appoints someone to fill that role. I am happy, however, to assist personnel at the Jackson County Detention Center. They have gone through an extremely difficult time and continued to run the jail without incident. I appreciate their effort, as well as their attitude regarding a very stressful job.

Winter is here and with it comes slick

roadways. If the roadway surface looks wet, but you can not hear water coming from your tires, you are driving on black ice. Many people have accidents when they fail to realize the road surface is very slick. Additionally, people tend to want to drive vehicles on snow and ice-covered roadways for no legitimate purpose. It is wise to stay home and allow our highway department time to clear roadways before you venture out. If you have to travel when the roadways are slick, be sure to wear your seat belts. It is also a good idea to keep a blanket in the car, in case your vehicle becomes disabled during times when their is little or no traffic. We expect extreme cold weather this week, so please be careful.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's office responded to forty-nine calls for service. We investigated three traffic accidents, opened three criminal investigations and arrested three individuals. We all appreciate the assistance and support of the public as we try our best to protect and serve the citizens of Jackson County. God bless us all in the New Year!

**Accident**

and treated at the scene by Ambulance Inc. of Laurel County before being air lifted by Air Methods helicopter to University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington for treatment of injuries he sustained in the accident.

Assisting at the scene also was Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, and East Bernstadt Volunteer Fire Department.

**2017 Was Another Historic Year at the Treasury**

FRANKFORT, KY (December 28, 2017) – Kentucky State Treasurer Allison Ball made big promises to Kentuckians in 2017 and she met every single one of them. Treasurer Ball's continued success includes several historic achievements, such as revamping the state's transparency website to a now-easily-navigable site and another record year of unclaimed property returns at over \$24,945,000 returned. Treasurer Ball's two year total for unclaimed property returns is over \$50 million, more than any two-year period in Treasury history.

"I am proud the Kentucky State Treasury has continued to operate in a fiscally responsible and efficient manner throughout 2017 while also improving current services and implementing new programs," Treasurer Ball said. "We've been focused on delivering good government for Kentuckians. I'm proud of our results."

Treasurer Ball's 2017 achievements also include voluntarily cutting her budget to help with the budget shortfall, as well as turning STABLE Kentucky into a national leader in wealth development for people with disabilities. Treasurer Ball launched STABLE Kentucky in December.

Treasurer Ball has continued to build a national reputation in other ways as well. This year she earned the role of National Vice Chair for the State Financial Officers Foundation, a national organization for elected financial officials. She also promoted federal policies favorable to middle class families and Kentucky small businesses, including a reformed federal tax code and expanded 529 savings accounts, both which Congress passed and the President signed into law. Treasurer Ball was also selected by Governing Magazine as one of 25 notable Women in Government for 2017.

Despite this year's successes, Treasurer Ball said 2018 offers a chance to do even more for the people of Kentucky.

"I've certainly got some New Year's Resolutions," Treasurer Ball said. "We'll continue to strengthen STABLE Kentucky as a financial tool for Kentuckians with disabilities, reform Unclaimed Property laws to ease burdens for Kentucky businesses, and pass a legislative package that is good for families. I'm excited about 2018 and what we can accomplish."



Carved wooden spoons by Will Bondurant



Miniature natural material baskets by Gin Petty of Berea

**Berea's Got Talent - Kentucky Artisan Center Demonstrations Feature Berea Artists**

Berea is known for its wealth of talented artisans and January brings that talent to the Kentucky Artisan Center. Take the chill off winter and visit the Center for a warm meal and the chance to watch Berea studio artists demonstrate their skills.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, Louis Northern will demonstrate his oil painting techniques from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Center. To give his paintings a more three-dimensional texture, Northern often builds up the surface of his canvas with gesso, a white paint mixture consisting of a binder mixed with chalk, gypsum or pigment. Northern uses gesso to prepare the painting surface and often applies it thickly or in layers.

Most of Northern's subject matter is rooted in his surroundings – farmland, mules, logging trucks and the woods that grow on his lands.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, Virginia Petty, of Berea, will demonstrate how she creates her miniature baskets from natural plant materials from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Center.

Petty has been making baskets for many years and is primarily self-taught. For her demonstration she will use the natural dried leaves and vines that she finds and gathers in the region surrounding her gardens and yard in Madison County.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, three members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers will demonstrate woodcarving for visitors from 10:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center. Carving that day will be Will Bondurant, John Ferguson and John Lister.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, Gerald LeGrand Price, of Berea, will demonstrate his techniques used to create his jewelry at the Kentucky Artisan Center from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Price is a recent graduate of Berea Tourism's Art Accelerator Program and he creates a line of copper, sterling silver and bronze jewelry using hand-forming and casting techniques.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located just off Interstate 75 at Exit 77. The center's exhibit, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.



The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display include "Get Ready- Get Set: Multiples in Clay" through Feb. 24, 2018; and in the lobby from January 13 to April 30, "Reveal: David Stratton and Trent Altman." For more information about events call 859-985-5448, or visit the center's website or Facebook page.