

Kernel have lunch with him. He supported anything that was for a good cause in the county such as benefits, road blocks, prom promise and other school activities, which he always attended by participating or taking pictures of the event.

If you spent any time with Kernel, two things quickly became clear. First, was that Kernel was a man of God. Kernel was an ordained minister and was never ashamed to pray over a meal or to share a relevant scripture. Second, was his love for his wife Marsha. Kernel and Marsha were amazing people and did many things to help our county, often with a focus on education. Something they were both very passionate about.

His smiling face will be sadly missed around the county by his many friends.

Danielle Fields, an employee for the City of McKee, added that on September 9th, 2018 our community suffered a loss of a unique individual with a big heart; whose dedication and love to our community cannot be replaced. Kernel Lee Banks leaves behind a legacy that most do not even realize. Most importantly, he leaves behind his sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He leaves behind brothers and sisters, and a host of friends who will always miss his companionship. Kernel leaves a hole in our community that will be hard to fill.

Kernel Banks was in the second year of his first term on City Council. He was a member of the local D.A.V. Jack Welch Chapter #165, and former Chaplain for the McKee Volunteer Fire Department. Kernel was an active member of our community; he was always brainstorming trying to make our little town better and make people happier. One of the greatest joys in his life, aside from his family, especially his grandchildren, was Halloween. He loved to dress up and give out candy to the kids in this town. There was never a dull moment with him on Trick-or-Treat night. Not only was he always up to something crazy, he spent an enormous amount of time documenting other people's fun at various events so that they could enjoy their moments. It is likely most people know Kernel as that man who was always taking pictures all over town. Not only did he love having fun, he loved to capture those moments on camera.

While Kernel was the type of person who didn't care to tell you exactly what he

thought, underneath all that was an incredibly caring person. He was always sharing stories about his wife, his kids, and his grandchildren. He was always doing favors for people or doing nice things for his friends just because he could. He had a lot of love and respect for his community, and the people in it. He will be missed by those who knew him, and our town will have a little less joy in it because he is gone.

See the obituary page for service times.

4-H

A special thank you to the 4-H volunteers, Tammy Morgan, Amy Combs, Brenda Bowling, Alissa Ackerman, Taylor Robarts and Jessica Young-Thorpe. Also a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with open class entries.

Jackson County 4-H also honored the oldest 4-H member, Bill Farmer, by making him the Grand Marshall on their 4-H Float!! Mr. Farmer joined 4-H in Lee County in 1945 but has been a resident of Jackson County for many years. Jackson County 4-H members gave Mr. Farmer a T-shirt that read 'Jackson County 4-H'er since 1945'. The Jackson County 4-H float was entitled "Jackson County 4-H'ers are Kentucky Proud" and consisted of a Farmer's Market theme and we are extremely proud that Mr. Bill Farmer let us honor him.

For more information on the Jackson County 4-H Youth Development program please contact, Verlone Congleton-Hacker, Jackson County 4-H Agent at 606-287-7693. The Jackson County 4-H Youth Development office is located at the Jackson County Cooperative Extension Service beside of Farm Bureau.

Fiscal

the court asking us to pass a resolution recognizing Sarah Elliott and Shay Lunsford for their respective basketball careers by placing signage in the county stating they were from Jackson County. We will be addressing that at the next court meeting on Thursday, October 4th.

In new business the judge gave his report and the magistrates said the districts are finishing up mowing and getting ready for asphalt resurfacing on the roads. The sheriff reported they have been getting complaints about atv use on state highways. The concern is children on the atvs and them possibly getting hurt. The department will be monitoring this situation.

Jailer Brian

Gabbard gave his report and said the jail is bringing in over \$80,000 a month now from state inmates alone. The jail has met its own payroll for two months in a row now.

Judge Gabbard said we had some citizens that owned land on the north part of Mad-dentown Road petition the court to close a section of the road due to illegal drug related activity happening on the remote section of the road. However, I also received a letter from the County Wagon and Saddle Club and the Jackson County Off Road Club stating they request it stay open since they use it for rides at different times of the year. Since there is a public need for the road, we voted for it to remain open at this time.

He also said they were attending a state surplus auction on the 25th of this month and are looking to update our fleet. The fiscal court approved to purchase these items within a decent price range pending vehicle condition and fair market value. They also approved to let the bills be printed so they will be available in October.

The tax rates were passed as was a purchase of a slope mower for the road department. The court approved to pay the bills and the meeting was adjourned.

Judge

incentives that the State offers that is a draw to our area as well.

The County Fair was a huge success this year. We had a couple of small showers but all in all it was really good weather for the Fair. The entertainment was great, and it seems as if Abby the Spoon Lady was a big draw. For example, there was a couple at the Fair from Syracuse, New York. They were going to Florida for vacation and found out that Abby was playing our Fair. They routed their trip through McKee just to see Abby and on top of that it was a free show. They gave us positive reviews and said they would definitely return to our County for another Fair again. What a compliment that is. The Fair Board really knocked this one out of the park and we can't thank them enough for their hard work and dedication.

This year's Grand Marshall was Marie Rader. Marie served us as State Representative for 21 years. We presented her with a proclamation during the Parade making the First Saturday in September Marie Rader day. We are very thankful for her dedication and hard work put into

Jackson County and it was the least we could do to thank her for her service. Marie was also given a Citation from current Representative Robert Goforth from the US Senate honoring her service. Jackson County has had its share of great people but people like Marie Rader are a real asset.

Sheriff

no less responsible to nurture and care for their children. Sadly, too many mothers are forced to be both mother and father. They must be the head of the household, the leader and breadwinner for the children and the person who is most responsible for how their children turn out. It is, many times, easy to see the scars of children who are raised in single parent households, even if the single parent has done their best.

Grandparents

inherit even more difficulties when their children have children but cannot or do not take care of them. We were not made to raise kids when we are old, but many grandparents are forced, at no fault of their own, to do just that. Even if the kids struggle, how would they make it without the grandparents.

All this being said to simply remind people, we all have responsibilities as adults. We all have purpose for our lives that are far more important than ourselves. Therefore, take those responsibilities seriously and, as the bible says, ..."train up a child in the way they should go and, when they are old they will not depart from it."

We are becoming more and more concerned about ATV riders on our roadways. It is illegal to ride an ATV on a State highway in

Kentucky, except for one mile from one trail to another trail. In Jackson County an ordinance was passed years ago that allows riding ATV on gravel county roadways. We are very lenient on ATV riding; however, parents should not allow children under the age of sixteen to operate ATV, or any automobile, on the roads.

I fear we are going to have a child seriously injured or killed while riding ATV on the highway. Please talk to your children and remember, parents are responsible. In the past two weeks the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to one-hundred and ninety calls for service. We investigated six traffic accidents, opened nine criminal investigations and arrested six individuals on various charges. We appreciated the support from the public and cherish your prayers.

Shelby Bryant Named to Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services



On August 20th, Governor Matt Bevin signed an Executive Order appointing Adrienne Shelby Bryant of Sand Gap to the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services. Mrs. Bryant serves as an EMT-B for Jackson County EMS. She will serve for a term expiring September 19, 2020.

We are excited to see yet another voice of influence from Jackson County recognized by Governor Bevin. Mrs. Bryant's experience as an EMT in a rural and geographically challenging area of Kentucky will provide a vital perspective to the board and its members.

The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services is charged with regulating EMS licenses and ensuring all licensed and certified EMS workers in Kentucky practice within the state's code of conduct for emergency services.

Congratulations to Mrs. Bryant on her well-deserved appointment. She will certainly make us all proud!

Judy Thompson and Darryle Chivers Named Simply the Best Employees at MMH

Manchester, KY: Manchester Memorial Hospital (MMH) proudly named Darryle Chivers (non-clinical) and Judy Thompson (clinical) as Simply the Best Employees for the second quarter of 2018.

Darryle and Judy were recognized for their positive attitudes, helpful nature, and exemplifying the hospital's mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ.

"Darryle has been a tremendous asset to our team. He never has a negative comment to the team or patients and is always asking how he can help someone. His is eager to learn and grow and I really believe he embodies our mission every day," said David Watson, Executive Director of Plant Services.

Roxann May, a former MMH employee and patient said, "While I was a patient at the hospital, Judy went above and beyond her duties. After having done my MRI, Judy took me back to my room and I felt very nauseous. Instead of calling a nurse, Judy took care of me. She is a very compassionate person and shows concern for her patients. She is a great asset to Manchester Memorial Hospital."

Each quarter, MMH names one clinical and one non-clinical Simply The Best employee based on the demonstration of extraordinary dedication to their work. Employees are nominated by their supervising managers/team leads/directors and the hospital's C-suite, along with other senior staff, determines winners based on those nominations. At the end of the year, two employees from the 8 chosen, are recognized as employees of the year for exemplary service.

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