

Fire
and the Jackson County Coroner's Office. At press time, there was no additional information available.

Rodeo
Our guys brought home several trophies to add to their long list of accomplishments. Help us give these guys a big pat on the back and let them know how much we appreciate them!
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#2018KYLinemenrodeo

Taxes
discount!
Illegal drugs lead to the vast majority of illegal crime in our area. Recently we have been swamped with burglary and theft complaints. A side by side off road vehicle was stolen after a business was burglarized in Welchburg Estates near the Egypt community. Constable Steve Gill is the case officer on this case, which led to the arrest of one individual and the recovery of the stolen vehicle and some of the stolen property. We are still looking for information leading to the recovery of the remainder of the stolen property and any other people involved in this burglary. Please call if you can help us.

We have had several other thefts and burglaries throughout the county. A home was burglarized in the Sand Gap community that resulted in an arrest. We are constantly patrolling high crime areas as best we can, but we need the eyes and ears of the neighbors to help us. Step up if you know something that will help us clear these cases.

Every thief will average three thefts or burglaries a week. They are always looking for easy access, so always lock your doors, put locks on pull behind trailers, stock trailers, etc. Also, put an identifying mark on all your property and take pictures. That will help law enforcement identify items they run across if a serial number is not available.

Last week the JCSO answered seventy-five calls for service. We investigated four traffic accidents, opened four criminal investigations and arrested five individuals on various traffic charges.

We have hired two additional court security officers to replace the individuals who resigned to take on new jobs. Our court security is responsible to wait on the courts, serve a huge amount of civil and criminal documents, transport mentally ill patients to hospitals, etc. They are important part of our Sheriff's Office and we appreciate their work. We ask for your support as we work hard to make Jackson County a great place to live.

Goforth
organization receives a portion of his legislative salary from the Representative's first year in office. Only established non-profit, charitable, or religious organizations that have been incorporated with the Kentucky Secretary of State for at least two years prior to October 1, 2018 will be considered. Residents are asked to attend the meeting scheduled in the county in which they reside.

The meeting schedule is as follows: Jackson County Public Meeting on Monday, October 22 at 6 p.m. in the Jackson County Courthouse Fiscal Courtroom at 100 Main Street in McKee, Laurel County Public Meeting on Tuesday, October 23 at 6 p.m. in the Laurel County Courthouse Fiscal Courtroom at 101 South Main Street in London, Madison County Public Meeting on Thursday, October 25 at 6 p.m. in the Berea City Hall Council Chambers at 304 Chestnut Street in Berea.

"I hope that we have a large turnout at each of these meetings so we can receive as much public input as possible to determine how this money is spent," Goforth said.

"I want to give back to make our

communities better places, and I want it to be a collaborative effort that makes a real difference," said Goforth.

Opals
Friday from 10:00 am till 9:00 pm. Both locations are closed on Saturdays. They are open on Sundays from 11:00 am till 6:00 pm.

Kathy Carpenter said, "We had been so successful at Opal's McKee we were a little apprehensive to open the second location in Annville. However, I'm very happy we did." Carpenter continued, "Business has really been good at both locations. In McKee, people come from out of town that have heard about our pies and have stopped by for a slice and a cup of coffee. As well as our own citizens or former citizens that stop in and have a bite to eat when they come back to Jackson County."

The McKee Opal's has been open since 1984 when Opal Jennings, Kathy Carpenter's mom, opened it at their current location. After her mother decided to leave the area, Kathy and her husband, Doug Carpenter, took over the restaurant. And has made it the go-to-place to eat in McKee.

"We are hoping to do the same in Annville," Kathy said.

Carpenter said, "Our daily menu consists of our buffets, which are a big hit with the working people. It's fast and they can eat if they have a limited lunch hour and be able to relax. We also have a full menu of hot and cold sandwiches, salads, and of course, we make our famous pies at both locations."

While you are at Opal's, you must have a glass of sweet tea, which a lot of people say is the best they've drank. If you are a soda or coffee drinker, they also serve that as well. Your favorite foods will be found on the Sunday buffet such as ham, fried chicken, and their delicious chicken and dumplings. You can also find your favorite

foods to compliment them.

The next time you decide to go out and eat, why travel out of town when we have Opal's McKee and Opal's 2 in Annville right here in Jackson County.

The unemployment rate for August 2018 was up from the 4.3 percent reported for July 2018.

The preliminary August 2018 jobless rate was down 0.5 percentage points from the 4.9 percent recorded for the state in August 2017.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for August 2018 was 3.9 percent and unchanged from the rate reported for July 2018, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based on estimates from the Current Population Survey of households. The survey is designed to measure trends in the number of people working. It includes jobs in agriculture and individuals who are self-employed.

Kentucky added 2,195 individuals to its civilian labor force in August 2018. This brings the state's labor force to 2,071,098, surpassing the previous peak which occurred in November 2012. The number of people employed in August was up by 1,196, while the number unemployed increased by 999.

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased by 2,500 jobs in August 2018 compared to July 2018. Kentucky has added 8,500 jobs since August 2017, a 0.4 percent employment growth.

"We continue to see more individuals entering Kentucky's labor force and getting jobs," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) Associate Director Mike Clark, Ph.D. "However, the growth in both the labor force and employment have slowed as the state's labor market tightens. Growth in the number of jobs reported by employers has also slowed and declined during August."

Nonfarm data is provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics program. According to this survey, six of Kentucky's 11 major nonfarm North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) job sectors saw employment decline from the previous month while three increased and two were unchanged.

Ky August 2018 Unemployment Rate Chart

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The government sector rose by 1,400 jobs in August 2018. This growth occurred entirely within local government, which added 1,400 jobs. The federal and state government sectors did not change in August. Total government employment is up 100 since August 2017.

Information services sector gained 100 jobs in August 2018. This sector has declined by 100 jobs since August 2017. The industries in this sector include traditional publishing as well as software publishing; motion pictures and broadcasting; and telecommunications.

Kentucky's manufacturing sector shrunk by 2,300 jobs from July 2018 to August 2018, an decrease of 0.9 percent. The losses occurred within durable goods manufacturing. Employment in nondurable goods manufacturing was up 100 jobs in August. Kentucky's manufacturing employment was down 3,700 since August 2017.

"The decreases in manufacturing employment have persisted over the past few months," said Clark. "April, July, and August saw relatively large decreases in employment. While employment did increase in May and June, the increases were not sufficient to offset these losses."

Construction employment declined by 1,400 positions, or 1.8 percent, from July 2018 to August 2018. Over the past 12 months, construction employment has dropped by 2,600 positions or 3.4 percent.

Kentucky's trade, transportation and utilities sector fell by 900 jobs in August 2018. From July 2018 to August 2018, wholesale trade gained 200 positions; retail trade lost 600 positions; and transportation, warehousing and utilities lost 500 positions. This sector has added 10,800 positions or 2.7 percent since August 2017.

The leisure and hospitality sector decreased by 400 jobs from July 2018 to August 2018. The accommodations and food service subsector dropped by 300 jobs, while the arts, entertainment and recreation subsector fell by 100 jobs in August 2018. Since August 2017, leisure and hospitality has lost 1,800 positions or 0.9 percent.

The financial activities sector fell by 200 jobs from July 2018 to August 2018. This sector has gained 800 jobs since last August. Within the sector, the finance and insurance subsector decreased by 200 jobs and the real estate, rental and leasing subsector was unchanged in August 2018.

Employment in the other services sector was down by 200 from July 2018 to August 2018. Other services rose by 1,200 jobs from a year ago for a growth rate of 1.8 percent since August 2017. Other services includes repairs and maintenance, personal care services and religious organizations.

Employment in the professional and business services sector did not change from July 2018 to August 2018. This sector has added 2,800 jobs since August 2017.

Employment in Kentucky's mining and logging sector was unchanged from July 2018 to August 2018. Employment in this sector is up 100 positions since August 2017.

Civilian labor force statistics include nonmilitary workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet releases August 2018 unemployment report

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 20, 2018) — Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary August 2018 unemployment rate was 4.4 percent, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

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Donate blood, Y'ALL!
Kentuckians encouraged to give blood



Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) is encouraging Kentuckians to roll up their sleeves, donate blood and help Kentucky patients.

As a thank you, those who register to give blood at the drive below will receive this fun "Donate blood, y'all" T-shirt.

Jackson County Community
Fri., Oct. 12 from 10 am - 3 pm
at the Courthouse Square on the KBC Bloodmobile
at 100 Main Street in McKee.

Blood donors must be 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, which can be found at kybloodcenter.org.

To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

About Kentucky Blood Center
Celebrating 50 years of saving lives in Kentucky, KBC is the largest independent, full-service, non-profit blood center in Kentucky. Licensed by the FDA, KBC's sole purpose is to collect, process and distribute blood for patients in Kentucky hospitals.