

Court Security Officers Complete TASER Safety Training

Training highlights safe, responsible application of TASER X26 and TASER 7 devices

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Deputy Andrew Brewer recently certified court security officers Austin Baldwin, Tori Baldwin, Scott McCreary, and Caira Madden in the safety and application of the TASER X26 and TASER 7, strengthening their preparedness for situations that may require a less-lethal response. The course followed Deputy Brewer’s completion of the TASER Instructor Class offered by Axon, the company that provides TASER energy weapon training resources for law enforcement and public safety professionals. The instruction emphasized safe handling, appropriate deployment, legal and policy considerations, and the importance of using sound judgment before any use of force. Conducted energy weapons such as the TASER X26 and TASER 7 are designed to temporarily incapacitate a person from a safer distance than some other force options. Training materials stress that officers must understand the specific model they are carrying, follow current warnings and agency policy, and comply with applicable laws before handling or deploying the device.

Safety considerations were a key part of the certification. Officers are trained to recognize risks such as falls or other secondary injuries, flammable environments, vulnerable individuals, and the need to avoid unnecessary or prolonged exposures. Current guidance also emphasizes de-escalation when possible and careful decision-making when no immediate safety threat is present. The TASER 7 certification course is designed to help operators safely and effectively use the device through a combination of online learning, practical drills, and live deployments. Instruction includes proper deployment techniques, probe placement, tactical considerations, basic care and maintenance, and troubleshooting. For court security officers, the training supports readiness in a setting where maintaining order and protecting the public are daily responsibilities. By completing certification, officers gain a clearer understanding of when TASER devices may be appropriate, how to reduce risks during deployment, and how to document and respond after an incident. Deputy Brewer’s instruction reflects an ongoing commitment to professional standards, officer safety, and public safety. The certifica-

tion ensures that court security personnel are better prepared to use less-lethal tools responsibly, only when justified, and in accordance with training and policy.



Thank You from the Jackson County Kiwanis Club

The Jackson County Kiwanis Club would like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make the 36th Annual Doug Rader Memorial Golf Scramble a tremendous success. A special thank you goes to the 93 golfers who participated in this years’ event. Your support, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm made for a wonderful day on the course. We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors. Your generosity and commitment to our community are what make this event possible year after year. Without your support, the success of this tournament would not be achievable. Sponsors include the following: PRTC, Jackson County Bank, Appalachian Wireless, Lakes Funeral Home, G&G Contracting, Kentucky Growers Insurance, Dairy Queen, Opal’s Restaurant, Jackson Co Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Brenda Ayers, Agent. Every dollar raised through the Doug Rader Memorial Golf Scramble benefits the Jackson County Little League, helping ensure that local children have the opportunity to participate in youth sports programs that promote teamwork, leadership, and personal growth. Thank you again to our sponsors, golfers, and supporters for investing in the youth of Jackson County. We look forward to seeing you again next year.



2nd Place: Tyler Morgan, Tim Hignite, Jason Hignite, Ronnie Hignite, Micah Summers, Tanner Morgan



3rd Place: Elijah Thomas, Derrick Craft, Jordan Whitehead, Jayden Baldwin, Jordan Akemon, Drew Akemon



1st Place: Eli Summers, Jackson Lakes, Josiah Tyra, Brayden Thomas, Robert Lakes, Josh Lakes



Jayden Baldwin - Men’s Longest Drive



Angie Halstead - Women’s Longest Drive



Tyson Browning - Men’s Closest to Pin

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Jackson County Board of Education
Jackson County, Kentucky

The Jackson County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids from qualified contractors for the installation of chain-link fencing around the track and football field located within the Jackson County School District.

Bid Deadline: 07-29-26

Bids may be mailed to the Jackson County Board of Education or delivered in person prior to the bid deadline. Late bids will not be accepted.

Scope of Work

The project shall include all labor, materials, equipment, concrete footings, hardware, and installation necessary to complete the fencing project in accordance with the specifications below.

Fence Specifications

Approximately 1,600 linear feet of 4-foot-high black chain-link fence
8-gauge black chain-link fabric
1-5/8" Schedule 40 top rail
1-5/8" Schedule 40 bottom rail
2-1/2" Schedule 40 line posts
3" Schedule 40 corner, end, and gate posts
All line posts spaced at 8-foot centers
Fence to be installed on existing concrete curb

Gates

Two (2) 4-foot walk gates
One (1) 5-foot walk gate
One (1) 16-foot double drive gate consisting of two (2) 8-foot leaves
Double drive gate shall utilize 4" Schedule 40 gate posts

General Requirements

Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, concrete footings, hardware, cleanup, and any incidental items necessary for a complete installation. All work shall be performed in a professional manner and in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

The Jackson County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding process when deemed to be in the best interest of the Board.

For additional information, please contact the Jackson County Board of Education.

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Notice is hereby given that Jessica Lynn Allen has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Joshua Lee Burkhart by the Jackson County District Court. All persons having claims against the estate of Joshua Lee Burkhart are requested to present same, verified according to law, to said Administratrix within 6 months

cheaper at the Housing Authority of McKee (Rocky Hill Heights Apts.)

from 7/20/2026. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to pay said indebtedness to the Administratrix. Attorney: N/A Case # 26-P-00086

Notice is hereby given that Daryl Weaver : Harold Weaver has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Irene Ball Weaver by the Jackson County District Court. All persons having claims against the estate of Irene Ball Weaver are requested to present same, verified according to

law, to said Administrator within 6 months from 7/20/2026. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to pay said indebtedness to the Administrator. Attorney: Hon. Juliana Coffey Case #: 26-P-00082

Notice is hereby given that JoAnne Ward has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Kenneth Erbie Ward, Sr. by the Jackson County District Court. All persons having claims against the estate of Kenneth

Erbie Ward, Sr. are requested to present same, verified according to law, to said Executrix within 6 months from 7/13/2026. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to pay said indebtedness to the Executrix. Attorney: Hon. Ross Muray Case # 26-P-00081

Notice is hereby given that Verla Joyce Gray has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Lana Lia Williams by the Jackson County District Court. All

persons having claims against the estate of Lana Lia Williams are requested to present same, verified according to law, to said Administratrix within 6 months from 7/20/2026. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to pay said indebtedness to the Administratrix. Attorney: Hon. Ross Murray Case #:26-P-00084