



FOOD, FUN, FIREWORKS, MUSIC AND FRIENDSHIP were enjoyed by visitors at the First LawCo Freedom Fest held Saturday at LCHS football field. The energetic audience joined in sing-a-long songs by Legendary local group The Skyliters. Nashville's "Northern Lights" Band entertained prior to the nightcap fireworks display. - HoJo photos

Williams unopposed in bid for second term

Submitted by the candidate
 T.R. Williams is formally announcing his commitment to a second term as Lawrence County Executive.
 "I am so thankful for the grace and good will extended to me by the people of Lawrence County," he said. "It is a tremendous honor to serve as County Executive."
 Williams is running unopposed in his bid for another four-year term. The General Election is Tuesday, August 2, and officials take the oath of office Friday, August 30.
 "I am looking forward to the things we can accomplish



T.R. Williams

Higher Education Center, our Substance Abuse Coalition, Drug Recovery Court, and Faith-Based Coalition - and I didn't want to leave others with the task of moving them forward.
 "I believe we have the right relationships in place to take Lawrence County to a new level of opportunity."
 Williams is a Lawrence County native and a graduate of Loretto High School. He is married to Connie Payne Williams; they have two daughters and six grandchildren.
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Suspect dies in officer-involved shooting Friday

By Sandi Mashburn
 Authorities report that the suspect in an armed robbery attempt at a Lawrenceburg pharmacy Friday evening, later perished in an officer involved shooting.
 Law enforcement officers were reportedly dispatched at around 5:30 p.m. on reports that a man, armed with a large knife, attempted to rob Rite Aid pharmacy, located at 2101 North Locust Avenue.
 The suspect, later identified as thirty-three year old Randy Thomas Groom of Lawrenceburg, fled from the premises. He was later cornered by police officers in the vicinity of Murphy USA, located directly in front of Walmart on North Locust.
 During the ensuing confrontation, Groom was shot by a police officer. He was transported to Southern Tennessee Regional Health Systems Lawrenceburg where he was pronounced dead.
 Authorities indicate that no one else was injured in the incident. As is protocol in an officer involved shooting, the investigation is being handled by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.



ROTARY CLUB'S NEW PRESIDENT - Donna Pack (right), is the Lawrenceburg Rotary Club's newly installed president for 2018-19. Pack received the gavel from outgoing president Jane Jennings last Friday and is also the Rotary Club's 4th female president. - HoJo photo

Kanew comes to Lawrence County



Jason and Nicole Kanew with daughter, Kaia
 7th District Congressional hopeful is in the amazing race of his life
By Emily Weathers Kennedy; Special to the Advocate

On Memorial Day in Loretto, a gracious man came up to me after our service to shake my hand. "I'm Justin Kanew," he said, "I'm running for Congress in this district." I had read his name, but he pronounced it like *canoe*, our choice of boats on Shoal Creek. After talking with him, I understood that he was visiting all 19 counties in our district in 19 days. Later, my husband and I were watching a television series called *Enlightened*, and I remarked to him that an actor on the show must be Justin's double. Later, when I saw the credits, yep, there he was—Justin Kanew! I
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In today's fyi...
 Thanks in part to a grant from the State Historical Commission; the statue of David Crockett on our square will get a facelift for its 100th birthday. Read all about it on page B-1.

New seeks constable post



Submitted by the candidate
 Hello, I am Chuck New.
 I am seeking constable in Lawrence County's Southern District. It would be an honor to serve the people of the Southern District and Lawrence County. I would greatly appreciate your vote on August 2. Thank you and God Bless.
Chuck New