

COMMUNITY

Chief Deputy Rob Conn: A Commitment to Service and Compassion

Last week, Fleming County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy, Robb Conn, received an inaugural award from a statewide organization devoted to mental health treatment and awareness. NAMI KY- the Kentucky Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness- gave Deputy Conn the organization's first award to an officer for a response to a mental health crisis.

The nomination, made by Fleming County Sheriff Tim Smith and Commonwealth's Attorney, Johnathan Gay, read as follows:

"Bringing over 30 years of law enforcement experience, Chief Deputy Conn is known for his dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to public safety. One recent episode stands out as a testament to Chief Deputy Conn's dedication to going the extra mile for those suffering from mental health crises.

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Despite the immediate danger and the risk to his own safety, Chief Deputy Conn took control of the situation with remarkable composure. Exercising patience, restraint, and compassion, he successfully de-escalated the crisis, ultimately convincing the gentleman to surrender peacefully.

This incident underscores both the dangers law enforcement officers face when responding to mental health emergencies and the critical importance of their ability to act with empathy and professionalism. Chief Deputy Conn's actions exemplify the courage, dedication, and compassion required to serve and protect the community."

The Executive Director of NAMI KY, Jaydan Norris, said: "Deputy Rob Conn displayed remarkable compassion handling a sensitive situation with tact and care. He addressed a mental health crisis appropriately, with bravery and skill, all while maintaining public safety. On behalf of NAMI KY, we were happy to award him NAMI KY's

inaugural "Outstanding Crisis Intervention Officer Award: A Commitment to Service and Compassion".

On Wednesday, February 26, in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building, Chief Deputy Rob Conn was presented with the OUTSTANDING CIT OFFICER AWARD in recognition of his commitment to service and compassion for the mental health community.

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March 4, 1965

99.5 Percent of Farmers Favor Burley Controls

The Burley Tobacco Referendum for the 1965, 1966 and 1967 crops is completed. Throughout the State of Kentucky about 99/5 percent of the voters were in favor of continuing the present program of controls and price support. Local farmers turned out in a record large number it is believed. The results in Fleming County showed 2943 ballots cast out if an estimated 3500 eligible voters. This is a turnout of about 84 percent. There were 2907 "yes" votes, 27 "no" votes, and 9 that were declared ineligible. This shows a vote of about 99.1 percent in favor of the program. The county ASC Committee is very appreciative of all who worked toward getting voters out. Many different groups worked hard to help get voters interested and out to the polls.

Other News...  
Water Rates Hearing to Reopen March 10.  
Woodrow Lee Runs for High Sheriff.  
Colgan Picks Panther to Win Dist. Tourney.  
Marvin Mitchell is Salesman of the Month.

Talk of the Town...  
Sandra McKee Becomes Bride of William R. Cooper.  
Jean Grannis and Lowell Sorrell Marriage Told.  
Anna Fay Mawk and

Paul Cropper Engaged.  
Amy Jo born February 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse James.

Ads of the Week...  
Bexel Vitamin and Mineral Capsules \$8.65/ Aitkin Drug.  
New Green Cabbage .5cents lb/Jerry Shopworth.  
Minnesota Paint \$5.75 per gal/Orem Pain and Wallpaper.  
Russell Stover Chocolates \$1.60/Dunbar Drugs.

March 6, 1975

Plane Downed at Hillsboro  
A four passenger, single engine plane, a Cessna 172, was forced down near Hillsboro when its engine ceased to function at approximately 2pm Saturday. The two pilots, Tom Willis of Ironton, Ohio and J.L. Garthee of Greenup, Kentucky were scared but unhurt. The first person on the scene to assist the victims were Jewell Call and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Manning, their sons, Barry, 9 and Troy, 7. The two men, one of whom had 100 miles of flying experience and the other 4,000 miles, made an emergency landing near E.R. Stephens' Hillsboro farm and close to the Robert Saunders residence. The pilots had taken off from Mt. Sterling and were enroute to an airport at Russell, Kentucky, near Greenup and across the river from Ironton. They became frightened when the plane's engine began knocking, but managed a crash landing without

suffering any greater harm than being considerably "shaken up."

Other News...  
Marine Corps Remembers PFC Franklin Soulesley.  
Marvin Carroll and Dr. Emery Clark Named Bank Directors.  
Harold James Acting Mayor.  
Buys Piano for Extended Care.

Talk of the Town...  
Jerri B. Woodard and Dean Hester Engaged Told.  
Cindy Ravenscraft and Ray Vice Wedding Planned.  
Bernice James and Gilbert Elliott Jr. Wedding Told.  
Panthers End Season with 10/04 Season.

Ads of the Week...  
Loveseat \$239/Campbell Home Furnishings.  
Iced Pound Cake .99cents/IGA.  
Orange Juice .79cents/Lakewood Food Town.  
Ground Beef .50cents lb/Palmer's.

March 3, 2005

Local Chapter to Observe World Day of Prayer.  
Local chapter to observe World Day of Prayer. This year's World Day of Prayer theme "Let Our Light Shine," encourages women and men to respond to Jesus challenge in the Sermon on the Mount. We are asked to share the talents which we have received as well as the special gifts of grace and light received in Christian baptism.

tism. Our light, after all, only reflects the great lights which came into the world and identified Himself as that light, Jesus Christ. Come and enjoy the reflection and celebration. The World Day of Prayer service, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held at 7:30pm on March 4 in the Fellowship Hall of Flemingsburg Christian Church. Invite your friends, families and communities of faith to join the women of 170 countries in prayer and song and to support women's worldwide ministries toward peace and justice.

Other News...  
Police Arrest Suspect In School Bomb Threats.  
County is Not in Compliance with Federal Voting Regulations.  
Fire Tax Proposal Meeting Set for March 8.  
Ted Ramey Appointed to State Board.

Talk of the Town...  
FCHS Lifesmart Team Heads to Frankfort.  
2005 Winter Series Bluegrass State Games Begin.  
Ronald McDonald House Unveils Renovation Project.

Ads of the Week...  
2004 Cavaliers \$1780/Cheap's.  
2 large Pizzas \$14.99/Mama Joe's Pizza.  
\$24.95 Internet/Fleming Mason Energy.  
Poured Walls/Free Estimates.

Fleming County High School Graduating Seniors

Congratulations for your forthcoming graduation and all our communities in Fleming County are proud of your accomplishment.

You all are so fortunate to live in an area that the local citizens reward your success with an endless array of scholarships and awards to assist you on your path to continue your road to secure a strong future where it be in a trade or college.

With this opportunity comes a real responsibility of walking the walk and finding out what opportunities Exist. I would encourage u to talk to our school counselors, your teachers, your church , and anybody you or your family do business with.

There are so many civic groups such as the Lions, Rotary and Lodges who give scholarships and awards but you gotta jump through loop and do your FASTA and then apply and fill out the paperwork.

We are indeed blessed with Bobby and the Hinton family and the successful role they have played in our own local welding school.

Our family provides two \$10,000 scholarships for each year u maintain a 3.0 or better and graduate in four years at WKU a school that took Dolores and I in and we recognize Western's impact on our lives.

There are multiple other scholarships in our communities such as Community Trust and Peoples Bank.

You will have a community open house at the bowling alley shortly on March 11th. to meet many of us who are involved. All of us involved in this process wish you success and encourage you to seek assistance in this process.

Coming out of the swamps and bayous of Miss and La I was only second person in our family to graduate from high school and first one to graduate from college and know what it's like to deal with financial limitations.

Any of you who need help or advise feel free to email me at glennwomack@windstream.net and I will help. Or write. I wish u continued success as you go to get that independent place in life to stand alone.



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filed in the month of February, 2025. All creditors must file their claims within six

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