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## MONROE COUNTY



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## Fountain Run FD gets new truck

Special to the Citizen

Thanks in part to a grant, The Fountain Run Fire Department will be welcoming a new 2005 Freight-liner with a 2000 gallon water capacity in 2020.

The truck will cost the \$138,081 dollars. A good portion of that will be paid by the grant, \$18,000 will be paid by the Monroe Fiscal Court and volunteers are working to raise the remainder of the money necessary for the purchase.

## KSP Collects 236 Tons of Food for Kentucky Families

The 10th Annual Kentucky State Police "Cram the Cruiser" food drive is in the books and raised over 236 tons (473,235 pounds) of food to help Kentucky families.

"Due to the generous giving spirit of individuals, businesses, schools and civic organizations throughout the state, we are able to assist Kentucky families who may be financially strapped this holiday season," said KSP Spokesman Sergeant Josh Lawson. "I am heartened by the incredible acts of charitable service and generosity by our fellow

citizens who make the success of this project possible."

KSP initiated the Cram the Cruiser program in 2010 to assist needy families in its local post and region areas. Since then, the agency has contributed nearly two million pounds of food to shelters, food banks and churches throughout the Commonwealth.

"Helping those in need is the core of what being a member of the KSP family really is - service to others," Lawson added.

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## 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

JENNIFER MOONSONG, Central Division-General Manager, Jobe Publishing, Inc.

### The Death of Leah Carter



2019 began tragically in Monroe County, with the discovery of the body of Leah Carter on January 5, 2019 around 10:30 in the morning.

Nearly a week long search for young and beautiful 19-year-old Carter ensued on New Year's Eve when her car was swept away in flood waters.

Civilian volunteers searching the area of East Fork Creek and Barren River and located the body of Leah Carter, 5 miles from Lyons Bridge where her car was carried away by flash flood waters.

"Leah was just the absolute sweetest child in school,

sweetest person you could ever be around," said volunteer Lori Brown.

The search began New Year's Eve on the bridge where Leah called 911.

*Her obituary follows:*  
Gamaliel - Leah Elizabeth Carter, 19, of Gamaliel passed away December 31, 2018 due to an accident. She was born January 22, 1999 in Bowling Green, KY to Laura Wallace McCarty and the late Kelly Carter. She is survived by her mother and step-father: Laura and Gary McCarty of Gamaliel. Funeral services will be

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### Mark's burns



The end of 2019 was also tragic for the community as Mark's Hometown Foods burned to the ground. The grocery store, which was in the old Save-A-Lot building, had become a hometown staple for those shopping locally for groceries.

### 2020 centennial planning



In 2019, with much anticipation, the people of Monroe County started preparing for a spectacular celebration of 200 years for the county, founded in 1820.

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## Remembering MCHS sports in 2019

**Thomas Wampler**  
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Every year there is one thing that the fans of Monroe County High School athletics can expect to see. The teams that take to the courts, fields and diamonds will compete with gusto. MCHS has a proud heritage that is carried on year-after-year by the players and coaches that comprise all the teams including the cheerlead-

ers and the marching band.

Second-year Falcon Band Director, Kelsi Kerney, had her staff and the band members working hard this summer to get them ready for competitive marching, something the band had not done for several years.

Kerney said before she was hired that the ad-

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MCHS Band director, Kelsey Kerney, and the 2019 MCHS Marching Band put on a jaw-dropping performance at the first home Falcon football game this year. Jobe File Photo

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