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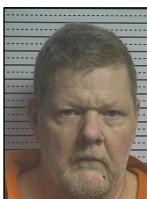
Harrodsburg man gets 15 years

Guilty plea resolves federal drug trafficking and firearms case

By Josely Labarrere
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HARRODSBURG, Ky. — A Harrodsburg man has been sentenced to 15 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to fentanyl trafficking and firearms charges stemming from a search of his residence. According to federal court

records, Mitchell Lee Hensley, 52, was sentenced Friday on charges of possession with intent to distribute controlled substances and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The case originated after investigators executed a search warrant at Hensley's home and recovered illegal drugs and multiple firearms.



Mitchell Lee Hensley

Court records state that authorities seized more than 100 grams of fentanyl, about 53 grams of metham-

phetamine and five firearms

during the search. As part of his plea agreement, Hensley admitted he possessed the controlled substances with the intent to distribute them. Hensley also acknowledged possessing the firearms in connection with his drug trafficking activities, according to court documents. Because of prior felony convictions,

federal law prohibited him from possessing firearms, resulting in the additional weapons charge. The investigation ultimately led to Hensley's guilty plea on the federal charges. U.S. District Court records show he was sentenced to 15 years in prison, bringing the case to a close.



CENTRE COLLEGE

From left, Centre College alumni Jack Perryman, Kate Leahey and Weston Brown have earned prestigious federal judicial clerkships, continuing the college's tradition of placing graduates in competitive positions within the federal court system.

Three Centre alumni earn prestigious federal clerkships

Graduates secure competitive positions with U.S. appellate courts

By Josely Labarrere
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DANVILLE, Ky. — Three recent Centre College graduates have secured highly competitive federal appellate clerkships, a distinction the college says places them among a select group of young attorneys beginning their legal careers in the federal court system. According to a Centre College news release, alumni Kate Leahey, Jack Perryman and Weston Brown have each earned clerkship appointments with federal judges, continuing a

tradition of Centre graduates serving in some of the nation's most sought-after legal positions. Federal appellate clerkships are considered among the most competitive opportunities available to law school graduates. Clerks work directly with federal appellate judges, assisting with legal research, reviewing briefs, analyzing case law and helping prepare judicial opinions before cases are decided. Pierre Bergeron, Centre's Pierce & Amelia Harrington Lively Professor of Government & Law and the college's pre-law

adviser, said the selection process is highly competitive. "To be considered for the clerkships, you have to have the highest achievement in law school, strong recommendations from your professors and excellent research and writing skills," Bergeron said in the release. "Federal appellate judges get hundreds and hundreds of applications for each of these positions. It's incredibly challenging and competitive to get a federal appellate clerkship."

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Danville seeks sidewalk bids

By Josely Labarrere
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DANVILLE, Ky. — Contractors interested in a planned sidewalk improvement project on Baughman Avenue have until later this month to submit bids to the City of Danville. The city, working in partnership with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, has opened the competitive bidding process for the Baughman Avenue Sidewalk Construction

project. Sealed bids will be accepted until 2 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Danville City Engineers Office, 445 W. Main St. Bid envelopes must be labeled "Baughman Ave Project." According to the bid advertisement, proposals received by the deadline will be opened publicly five minutes later, beginning at 2:05 p.m. Project drawings and

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Danville Author Hop scheduled for August 20th

Special to the Advocate-Messenger

DANVILLE, Ky. – The Danville Author Hop is coming to downtown Danville on Thursday, August 20th from 5pm to 8pm. The Author Hop, organized by the downtown Danville business community, will pair regional authors with business hosts for an evening of bookish exploration. Twenty authors have signed up to participate and will be paired with a dozen downtown hosts. Kate Snyder, owner of Plaid Elephant Books, is one of the

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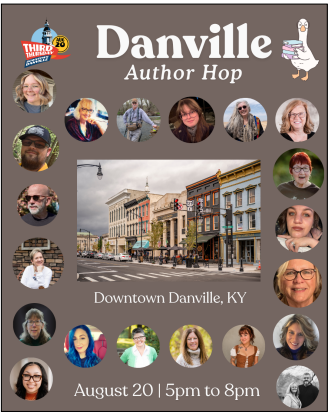


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More than 20 regional authors will participate in the inaugural Danville Author Hop on Aug. 20, visiting businesses throughout downtown as part of the city's Third Thursday celebration.

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