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Bonnieville Lights Stay On

By **Gary Gardner**
Guest Contributor

At least for the next 41 months, the city streetlights of Bonnieville will remain on because of a lease agreement between Kentucky Utilities and the City of Bonnieville. The Hart County Fiscal Court agreed to use the funds from the city to honor the contract with KU for the duration of the contract. After 41 months, the bill will have to be paid for by the residents to keep the streetlights burning.



▲ PHOTO | GARY GARDNER
Newly elected 24th District State Representative Ryan Bivens attended the Hart County Fiscal Court meeting last week.

with the support of the magistrates informed State Representative Bivens the #1 priority for the court will be trying to get state money to help run the jail. Sheriff Jeff Wilson informed the court that 87% of

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Judge Choate welcomed newly elected 24th District State Representative Ryan Bivens to the meeting. All departments gave reports including Jailer Israel Bergerson stating there was a total of 115 in the county jail. Judge Choate along

Hart Co. Board Names Interim Superintendent

By **Katrina England**
News-Herald Reporter

The Hart County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 16, 2025. Board Members in attendance were Tina Rutledge, Andrea Robertson, Tyler Holthouser, Wesley Hodges, and Leslie Jeffries, as well as Superintendent Nathan Smith and Student Representative Emma Sanders.



▲ In his last board meeting as acting Superintendent, Nathan Smith was congratulated on his imminent retirement.

After going into closed session, the Board announced that upon Nathan Smith's retirement, and the Acting (Interim) Superintendent will be Patrick Waddell, formerly of the Edmonson County School District.

Recognitions
Allen Poynter recognized Legrande School for having the highest attendance percentage for the month.

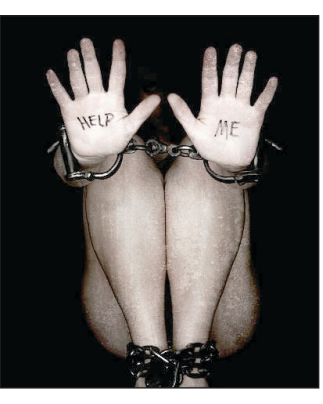
Communications
Before opening the floor for Public Comments, Board Chairperson Tyler Holthouser
Shannon Childress, County President of KEA, addressed

the Board regarding the Budget Committee.
"It has been brought to my attention that the budget committee doesn't seem to
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Human Trafficking Prevention Month

By **Damon Stone**
Staff Writer

For over a decade, January has been designated as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, which seeks to shed light on the crime, and to educate people on how to prevent, and respond to the crime.



Human trafficking is a crime that does not distinguish between gender, race, or background, and affects millions from across the globe, according to the Drug Enforcement Agency.

chief of police, said. "If you hear of some type of something going on, report it to your local (law enforcement) officials to let us investigate it."

Those who are trafficked could be prevented from speaking out due to language barriers, fear or distrust of

"We don't see a lot of it here locally, but if you see something, say something," Darren Tabor, the Scottsville

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Horse Cave City Council

Splash Pad Discussions



▲ **Chris Summers, President of the Kiwanis Club of Caverna, addressed the Council regarding the desire to coordinate projects for splash pads in both Horse Cave and Cave City.**

By Katrina England
News-Herald Reporter
The City Council of Horse Cave met in regular session on Monday, January 13, at the Horse Cave City Hall.

Buckingham, Vickie Rogers, Mandy Hatcher, and Randy Russell.

Cave City.
The Kiwanis Club of Caverna was chartered in 2018 as part of Kiwanis International.

In attendance were Council Members Velpha Hatchett, Larry Bunch, John

Special Guest
Chris Summers, President of the Kiwanis Club of Caverna, addressed the Council regarding the desire to coordinate projects for splash pads in both Horse Cave and

"Our mission is very simple," said Summers. "We do service projects that benefit the youth of the communities
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