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## Building a Foundation of Hope



▲ PHOTO | WANDA SANDIDGE  
The Animal Haven will be built on five acres and designed with both animals and staff in mind. Pictured from left: Devon Avery, Steve Thompson, Beverly Flowers, Tony Roberts, Melissa Gerald, and Crystal Hughes.

BY **MARY BETH SALLEE**  
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Hart County's current animal shelter has learned to stretch

limited space and resources, but the numbers it faces each year make one thing

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## Girl Scouts Give Back



▲ Earlier this season, Hart County Girl Scout Troops #6283 and #1036 hosted a chili supper and food drive. Together, both troops raised over \$400, as well as enough donated food to fill the Community Action Center pantry and the Hope Center at Munfordville Elementary. The Hart County News-Herald is proud to recognize these outstanding girl scouts!

## Grant for Canine Search

BY **GARY GARNDER**  
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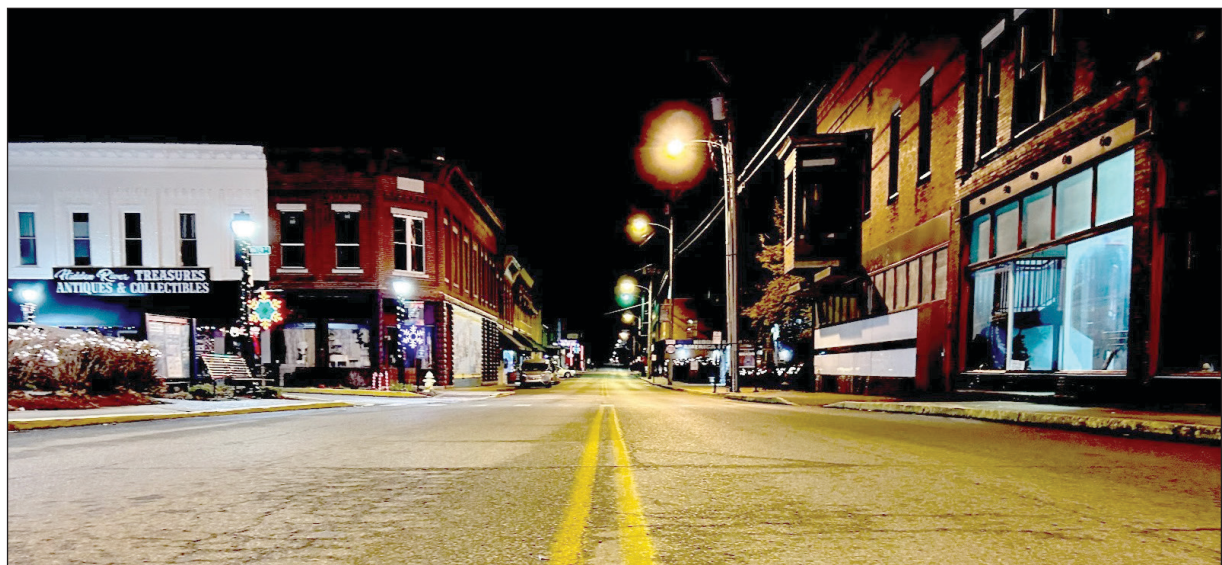
The Hart County Fiscal Court met last Tuesday in the courtroom. After Judge/Executive Joe Choate called the meeting to order, Brother Casey Carver,

pastor of Horse Cave Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

Citizen Harold Cottrell addressed the court about restoring one

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## Juvenile Curfew Discussed for Horse Cave



▲ PHOTO | KATRINA ENGLAND  
The City Council is in the process of creating a new ordinance regarding juvenile curfews within the city limits.

BY **KATRINA ENGLAND**  
FREELANCE WRITER

The Horse Cave City Council met for its regular meeting last week on December 8. The main topic of discussion focused on concerns about juveniles roaming the city late at night. Building upon plans mentioned from earlier in previous months, the Council read an ordinance proposing a new city

curfew for juveniles.

The issue was first raised in September after Council Member Hatcher relayed concerns about youth being out even later than the previously established 2017 ordinance allowed.

"There's been quite a few young teenagers running around all over the city," Hatcher had explained at the September meeting.

"They're hiding in businesses. They're playing hide and seek at all hours of the night."

Concerns included youth trespassing on properties, getting into vehicles, being in city parks after dusk closing hours, and being unsupervised in general.

Since that time, the

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▲ PHOTO | KATRINA ENGLAND  
John Duncan was introduced by Chief Heather Childress as Horse Cave's newest officer.

## Ford to Take Full Control of Glendale Battery Plant After Joint Venture Ends



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BY **JEFF JOBE**  
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Ford Motor Co. confirmed Thursday

that it will assume full ownership and control of the electric-vehicle battery manufacturing facility in Glendale

following the dissolution of its joint venture with South Korean battery maker SK On.

The Glendale plant, part of the

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