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Caverna Board Approves 71.9 Cent Tax Rate



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Board members Allison Dennison, left, and Wayne Hatcher, right, discussed the district's tax rate.

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2026-27 school year following a lengthy public hearing and discussion.

The rate approved by the board is designed to generate

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During its September meeting, the Caverna Independent Board of Education approved a property tax rate of 71.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value for the

A Home Under A Wide Sky



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The Evans brothers Oliver, Luke, and Jaxon stand with Shin Nomura under a wide Kentucky sky.

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about Hart County was something many who live here rarely stop to notice: the sky.

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For Shin Nomura, one of the most memorable things

Horse Cave Declines Compensating Tax Rate

OPTS FOR SAME RATE AS LAST YEAR

By **Katrina England**
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The Horse Cave City Council met in regular session on September 14, with Council Members Velpha Hatchett, Larry Bunch, Jon Buckingham, Mandy Hatcher, and Allen Poynter in attendance, as well as Mayor Randall Curry.

BRADD representative Matt Pedigo gave an update on the grant for the Incline Elevator for Hidden River Cave, which included amendments to the application. The original grant for \$312,000 didn't cover

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Council Members voted unanimously to keep the property tax rate at 0.118, the same as last year, rather than adopting the higher compensating rate.

Sweet Blessings Carries Forward a Legacy Of Service



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Members of Rowletts Baptist Church and the community gathered last Saturday for a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating Sweet Blessings Clothes Closet, an outreach ministry named in memory of longtime Hart County resident and church deacon Kenneth Sweet.

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Kenneth Sweet spent years serving Rowletts Baptist Church and the Hart County community. Now, a new

ministry bearing his name will continue that service by helping neighbors in need.

Rowletts Baptist Church celebrated the new Sweet Blessings Clothes Closet with

a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, Sept. 19, marking the launch of a ministry that will provide free clothing, shoes, household necessities and other

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