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Rockcastle County senior Bobbie Hopkins, center, was crowned Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl Queen during halftime of the Rockcastle County and West Jessamine football game last Friday night. Runners-up were Nicoline Joenborg, left and Kellan Coffey, right. The Rockets lost the annual bowl game 48-19.

Local band holds free concert to celebrate release of their second album

By: Doug Ponder

A local Christian rock band held a free CD release concert for their second album last Thursday night at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in Mt. Vernon.

7eventh Time Down's new album "Just Say Jesus" was released on Tuesday in stores and online. Fans who

attended the free CD release concert were able to purchase a CD before the album release date and have it autographed after the concert by band members: Mikey Howard (vocals and rhythm guitar), Eric VanZant (lead guitar), Cliff Williams (bass) and Austin Miller (drums).

The album contains ten songs, including the band's hit single "Just Say Jesus" which recently climbed into the top 20 on several different Christian music billboard charts.

7eventh Time Down vocalist and rhythm guitarist Mikey Howard said they are all excited to have finally become a mainstream Christian rock band after all their years of hard work. However, he said their main goal is not to only be a successful band but to more importantly spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"I think we would all be

Hunger Awareness March is Wednesday

The second annual Hunger Awareness March is next Wednesday on Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

The march is held annually to combat world hunger and it is held in conjunction with Hunger Action month

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lying if we said we didn't want to be the biggest and best band in Christian music," Howard said. "But that's not our focus. Our focus will always remain on Jesus and we will continue to share His love, His message and His cross with everyone we come in contact with."

Howard said that he, Eric VanZant and Austin Miller started their first band in 1996, while students at Rockcastle County Middle School and that Cliff Williams joined the band once he moved to Mt. Vernon while they were students at Rockcastle County High School. He said their band broke up in high school and they were all members of different bands before reuniting after graduating high school.

"We all kind of bounced around in different bands in high school but after we all graduated we got back together," Howard said. "Every one of us had decided that the music ministry is what God wanted us to do so we all sold pretty much everything we had and

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RCIDA discusses amended lease with SourceHOV

At Monday's meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, the board discussed an amended lease with SourceHOV.

The original lease, signed with SourceCorp in August of 2009, contained a clause specifying that the company must employ 235 workers for a period of three years and levied a penalty if that goal were not met. There was also a rent credit in another clause providing that the goal of 235 employees plus 50 were met and sustained for one year.

Currently, RCIDA says that the goal was not met and the penalty to the company is between \$50,000 and \$60,000. However, the collection process has been going on for almost two years at this point.

SourceHOV, which is a global company, has asked that these clauses be removed from the amended lease and the square foot charge raised to offset this

particular source of income to RCIDA. This is the only lease of its type in the company's global network and their accounting procedures are not set up to accommodate payment of the penalty.

At Monday's meeting, Executive Director Holly Hopkins was given the authority to negotiate the new monthly rental fee. The company currently pays \$12.19 per sq. ft. or \$25,395.83 per month. The entire amount is applied to the debt at Community Trust Bank for construction of the building.

RCIDA did agree to reimburse SourceHOV for \$60,000 in alterations/improvements to the building required by federal regulations. The reimbursement will take the form of a \$3,000 per month rent credit for 20 months and a start date of August 2015 for commencement of the rent credit was offered by

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Saturday's storms puts brief damper on Livingston Homecoming

By: Doug Ponder

A severe storm system rolled through Rockcastle County last Saturday putting a brief damper on the activities during Livingston Homecoming.

Livingston Mayor Jason Medley said the high winds and heavy rains caused some of the spectators and vendors to leave early Saturday afternoon. He said a lot of vendors also lost merchandise and had their tents blown away in the storm.

Medley said they were fortunate that they didn't have to cancel any of the events and only had to postpone one event for thirty minutes. He said a lot of people returned for the festivities and live music once they saw that the homecoming events were continuing as planned.

"We only had to postpone the live music for about thirty minutes while

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Brodhead man is renowned horse trainer

By: Kelsey Mattingly

On a small farm in Rockcastle County sits a riding barn and obstacle course where a Brodhead man, and former State Police officer, now full-time horse trainer, Gary Lane, says he is bringing in business and tourism to Rockcastle County that has benefited us in more ways than one.

With his success and experience at Windswept Stables, in the southwest area of the county, Lane said he has been able to attract horses and their riders from all over the world. He said that training horses and working with Calvary Officers in the State Police has allowed him to become a certified Natural Horsemanship Clinician, who works to train riders as well as their horses.

Whether he is inviting in newcomers and their horses to experience our abundance of beautiful farmland or traveling the world and expanding his business, Lane is one busy man who has proven that you can do whatever you are passionate about with a "little help from the Lord and a really good horse."

Having hosted clinics in states such as Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio, and several New England states, Lane said that Rockcastle County is by far the most beautiful place to train.

"I've trained horses in all the United States, including other countries. You will be hard pressed to find a prettier place than Rockcastle County," Lane said. "We just take it for granted because we see it every day. For example, the Red Hill Horse Camp is a beautiful place to experience Rockcastle County."

"Students that come to our county always have good

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