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Local Tourism Director Named President of State Association

Janette Marson, executive director of the Lake Cumberland Tourist Commission, has been elected 2022 president of the Kentucky Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus (KACVB).

KACVB is a state association focusing on political advocacy, public awareness, and education for convention & visitor bureaus (tourism offices) across the state.

The organization's goal is to elevate the understanding of the tourism industry's economic and social contribution to society as well as to monitor and influence government policies and programs affecting members of the convention and visitor



Janette Marson

industry.

In addition, the organization encourages ongoing educational opportunities for members which enhance their

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Year in Review 2021 One for the Books



In Russell County, 2021 was filled with triumph, tragedies and tales - as reflected on front pages throughout the year.

By Wade Daffron
TJ Editor

The year 2021 is certainly "one for the books" in Russell County.

Perhaps the biggest and most heartbreaking stories of the year involved the loss of beloved, local legends.

H.M. Bottom, who served in various, official capacities for the county, and City of Russell Springs, passed away in October.

Larry "Flash" Wilson, perhaps the biggest Laker fan ever (With the exception of Russell County School Board Member Brenda Higginbotham) died in January.

Educator/Artist Debbie Russell left us in March.

Russell County went almost an entire year without a murder - until an incident in the final weeks led to a death, and an arrest.

The county continued the battle against COVID, and attempted to return to "normalcy" as much as possible.

Triumphs, tragedies, and tales abound in the year which was 2021...

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Perhaps the top story of 2021 was the passing of local legend H.M. Bottom. At Bottom's widely-attended funeral an American flag hung on a ladder truck cast an eagle-like shadow on the First Baptist Church of Russell Springs.



RCPL Director Lindsey Westerfield with an award naming the local library as one of the best buildings in the state.

RCPL One of Best Buildings in State

By Wade Daffron
TJ Editor

As director of the Russell County Public Library, Lindsey Westerfield thought she had one of the best facilities of its kind in the state.

Now, she has "proof."

Branscum Construction, of Russell Springs, was recently presented the "2021 Build Kentucky

Award" by the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Kentucky.

The honor, widely recognized throughout the construction industry for spotlighting projects exemplifying "high caliber of quality workmanship," was earned for the new, Russell County Public Library (RCPL).

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