









Mrs. Leah's RSES Star Student, Breanna Pike

Ada Marcum-Lawson Sworn In **As New Councilmember**



Ada Marcum-Lawson was officially sworn into office last Wednesday as the newest member of the Jamestown City Council. Lawson, left, was administered the oath of office by Jamestown City Attorney H. K. Cooper, right. Lawson was nominated last week to fill the council seat of new Jamestown Mayor Regena Hinton. Hinton, who had been erving as a council member, was chosen to replace exiting Mayor Nick Shearer - who recently accepted a leaders role with the Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency (LCCAA).

Hidden Treasures with Love DEADLY DESIRES

1-Sam-15-3-Now go and spite Amalek and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not, but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep. Saul rejected the instruction to utterly destroy all. Brought back Agag and the livestock of Amalek.

Samuel spoke these words to Saul, <u>1-Sam-15-23-For rebellion is as the sin of witch craft, and</u> stubbornness is as iniquity, and idolatry, because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being King.

1-Sam-16-1-And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill thine horn with oil and go, I will send thee to Jesse, the Bethlehemite, for I have provided me a King among his sons.

Samuel's obedience is a shadow of few today! Saul's insubordination is a reflection of most church people today. Talking the talk, unable to walk to the walk!

Mt-4-4-It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Key word-EVERY. Definition-every refers to all the individual members of a set with no exceptions! So easy a fifth grader could understand. Broken pieces is a reflection of Saul's life after rejecting the instruction given to him by God!

The exceedingly high heights of heaven belongs to a few with great ambition to crucify their own desires

and obey every commandment of the New Testament, K.I.V. Holy Bible! Mt-7-14-Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there will find

Mt-22-14-For many are called, but few are chosen. Most are as Saul, rejecting the command, 2-Tim-2-

16-But shun profane and vain babblings.

No exception to the rule, no excuses excepted, the life of Samuel should be as a beacon of hope. Key verse, *In-8-11-Go and sin no more!* So easy a child could understand the title of this Treasure,

Deadly Desires, by Brother Mike Willen, With More Love Than You Know!

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STAR OBITUARIES

Harold W. Weiand

Harold W. Weiand, 73, Russell Springs, passed away Thursday, January 27, 2022, at his residence. Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 30, 2022, at Wilson Funeral Home with Bro. Jeffery Hoover officiating. Interment was in Russell Springs Cemetery.

Junior Grant Luttrell

Junior Grant Luttrell, 83, Russell Springs, passed away Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at Fair Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Jamestown. Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 27, 2022, at Bernard Funeral Home. Burial was in Wilkerson Cemetery.

Lilla Scott

Lilla Scott, 99, Jamestown, passed away Thursday, January 27, 2022 at her residence. Funeral services were held 1:00 pm Sunday, January 29, 2022 at H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel with Bro. Larry Johnson officiating. Interment was in the Russell County Memorial Gardens.

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Financial Focus

CONSIDER THESE TYPES OF TAX-SMART CONTRIBUTIONS

This year's tax-filing deadline of April 18 is not that far off, but you still have time to make some moves that could favorably affect your tax returns. So, you may want to consider making some tax-smart contributions.

You have until the April 18 filing deadline to contribute to an IRA, or to open one for the 2021 tax year. When you invest in a traditional IRA, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis and your contributions may be tax deductible, depending on your income level. And as a result of recent legislation, you can now fund a traditional IRA past age 70½, as long as you have earned income.

If you invest in a Roth IRA, your contributions aren't tax deductible, but your earnings can grow tax free if you don't take withdrawals until you're at least 591/2 and you've had your account for five years. For the 2021 tax year, you can put up to \$6,000 in an IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. (If you're a high earner, the amount you can contribute to a Roth IRA may be reduced or eliminated, while contributions to a traditional IRA may not be tax deductible.)

If you were eligible to contribute to a health savings account (HSA) last year, you can also contribute to that for the 2021 tax year, up to the April 18 deadline. An HSA has triple tax advantages: Your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, so they can reduce your taxable income for the year; your earnings grow tax-free; and your withdrawals are tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified medical expenses. For the 2021 tax year, you can contribute up to \$3,600 to an HSA as an individual, or \$7,200 for a family. And if you are 55 or older, you can contribute an extra \$1,000 to your HSA. The contribution limits do include the amount your employer puts in, so, for example, if your employer has already kicked in \$1,000, you can only contribute \$2,600 to your individual HSA or \$6,200 for your family. (Again, you can add \$1,000 more if you are 55 or older.)

And, as you know, one of the big advantages of an HSA is that it is not subject to "use it or lose it" rules – you can roll over your savings from year to year. As such, an HSA can be a valuable account for helping you build resources for retirement, when your health care costs will undoubtedly go up.

In looking beyond the 2021 tax year, you may want to consider other ways to make tax-smart contributions. For example, in addition to contributing to your IRA and HSA, you may have access to a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. In 2022, you can put in up to \$20,500 to your 401(k), or \$27,000 if you're 50 or older. And, if your employer allows it, you can exceed these limits by making after-tax contributions. Also, if you need to save for education, you might want to consider a 529 educations savings plan, which offers some tax advantages.

To learn more about how your contributions, in various forms, can affect your taxes, consult with your tax advisor. The more you know, the better your decisions.

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