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(Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization). The opinion of the Court ends the recognition that the constitution affords any rights of protection for electing to terminate a pregnancy.

With this ruling, the authority is returned to the people and their elected representatives to decide regulations for abortion per state. It did not, however, make abortions illegal throughout the United States.

In fact, once the Court ruled to overturn Roe v. Wade, some states, including Kentucky, had trigger laws already enacted that would immediately make abortions illegal for doctors and others to perform unless it is medically necessary, with no other exceptions.

Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron pointed out in a press conference that the law, passed in 2019, forbids both physical procedures, as well as drug-induced abortions, or "the abortion pill," but specifically excludes the "morning after pill" and other contraceptives, with them remaining legal in the commonwealth.

Justice Samuel Alito said in the majority opinion, "It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives."

Alito opined that the constitution makes no reference to abortion and that no provisions exist within the constitution that implicitly protects any abortion rights.

While Roe v. Wade gave recognition that a woman was protected under the constitution to have the right to personal privacy in selecting to terminate her pregnancy, another Supreme Court ruling in 1992 (Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey) further established perceived abortion rights and prohibited laws across the nation that would impose burdens on access to abortion.

Alito also penned that abortion presents a profound

moral question.

"The Constitution does not prohibit the citizens of each State from regulating or prohibiting abortion," Alito said. "Roe and Casey arrogated that authority."

Justice Clarence Thomas concurred the opinion and penned, "Because the Court properly applies our substantive due process precedents to reject fabrication of a constitutional right to abortion, and because this case does not present the opportunity to reject substantive due process entirely, I join the Court's opinion."

Thomas further said re-consideration of the Supreme Court's substantive due process precedents should be reconsidered, specifically the Griswold and Obergefell cases, which protected the right to contraception and legalized same sex marriage, respectively. He opined that substantive due process conflicts with textual command, has been harmful to the nation "in many ways", and should be eliminated from the court's jurisprudence at the earliest opportunity.

The other justices in the majority have since gone on record saying they did not agree with Thomas' opinion with regard to same sex marriage or access to contraception.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh opined on the issue of abortion that the nine unelected members of the Supreme Court do not have the constitutional authority to override the democratic process and rule on abortion policy for all 330-million people in the nation.

"The Court's decision to overrule Roe and Casey is a serious jolt to the legal system - regardless of how you view those cases," Chief Justice John Roberts, who voted with the majority, opined.

The three liberal justices (Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan, and Sonia Sotomayor) issued a joint statement of dissent opining that the

Court reversed course for only one reason: the change of composition of the Court, referring to the fact that SCOTUS is a conservative majority.

"With sorrow - for this Court, but more, for many millions of American women who have today lost a fundamental constitutional protection - we dissent," they penned.

The Nation's Response

Abortion is very divisive issue for the United States, and protests have erupted across the nation with individuals voicing their opposition of the ruling, as well others erupting in celebratory cheer.

Some view the ruling as remedying a mistake that SCOTUS made when, in 1973, they made a law that circumvents both legislative and executive branches of the government.

In Phoenix, Arizona, police deployed tear gas after state lawmakers were forced to a secure room due to protesters descending outside the state's Senate building. The Republican Caucus of the State Senate in Arizona termed the protest an attempted "insurrection."

One protester in Washington D.C. scaled to the top of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge and refuses to come down until he can no longer maintain himself physically.

In contrast, supporters of the SCOTUS ruling have gathered to celebrate around the country in various places.

Locally, some individuals took to our news social media pages to share their thoughts publicly on the ruling.

"My thoughts are that it's disgusting that people cannot look past their religion and want to force it on everyone in the country despite being a country founded on religious freedom," Natalie Harvey wrote, emphasizing women deserve the choice to terminate their pregnancies should

conception be a result of rape or incest victims.

Glasgow native Dave Bunnell said that Friday was "one of the greatest days in American history, because the nation's greatest evil of the last five decades has been undone."

"We have worked and prayed hard for years in hopes this good day might come," Bunnell wrote. "There is something quite misguided in the hearts of anyone who grieves at the fact that more babies will be allowed to live."

Dee Anderson wrote, "My heart is full! Thousands of babies will now have life!"

Reshaping political battlegrounds

The recent ruling is anticipated to potentially reshape the battlegrounds for the 2022 November midterm elections and highlights the importance of casting votes now more than ever.

Kentucky is, in its majority, considered a pro-life state that doesn't support abortions that are not medically necessary.

On Nov. 8, 2022, Kentuckians will have the opportunity to vote on constitutional amendment #2, which is the "Kentucky No Right to Abortion in Constitutional Amendment."

Specifically, the ballot question will read:

"Are you in favor of amending the Constitution of Kentucky by creating a new Section of the Constitution to be numbered Section 26A to state as follows: To protect human life, nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion?"

A "yes" vote would mean that abortions are not considered protected under state law and that government funds are not required to pay for abortions. In contrast, a "no" vote, naturally, would oppose this stance.

Local Students Attend the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference



Kaleb Carter, Elijah Russell, Skylier Allen, and Cass Foley at the 2022 National Leadership Skills Conference in Atlanta

Four students from the Lake Cumberland Regional College and Workforce Center SkillsUSA club are in Atlanta, Georgia this week as delegates and competitors at the 2022 National Leadership and Skills Conference sponsored by SkillsUSA.

The local students who traveled to Atlanta were:

Kaleb Carter, Elijah Russell and Skylier Allen represented the Computerized Manufacturing and Machining program.

Cass Foley represented the Electrical Technology program.

During their stay, the students participated as voting delegates for their state, to elect their national officers, conduct the business of their organization, meet with business and industry representatives, and hear from government officials.

These students participated in the SkillsUSA Championships, held on Wednesday, June 22 and Thursday, June 23 where more than 6,500 students from all over the nation competing in 108 occupational and leadership skills areas.

SkillsUSA is a national organization that serves trade, industrial, technical and health occupations students in public high schools, career and technical centers, and two-year colleges. SkillsUSA has more than 352,047 student members annually, organized at more than 3,600 schools.

SkillsUSA receives

support from several entities. More than 1,100 business, industry, and labor sponsors actively support SkillsUSA at the national level and many more work directly with the state and local chapters.

The Lake Cumberland SkillsUSA Chapter would like to recognize the following businesses who gave of their time and money to make this trip possible for these students.

First National Bank – Gold level Sponsor

Bank of Jamestown – Silver level sponsor

Monticello Banking Company – Bronze level Sponsor

United Citizens Bank – Bronze level Sponsor

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We want to thank you for your continued support of Lake Cumberland Regional College and Workforce Center, its programs, and its students. The programs offered at Lake Cumberland Regional College and Workforce Center are Automotive Technology, Computerized Manufacturing and Machining, Construction Carpentry Technology, Electrical Technology, Industrial Maintenance Technology, Welding, and Health Sciences.

Trautman touted in national golf event



McKenzie Trautman

By Lisa Coffey
Times Journal

As if shooting a 68 and winning the Kentucky State 2A Championship this past season wasn't enough, Russell County High School (RCHS) golfer McKenzie Trautman will soon have another experience to add to her already impressive golf career.

Because of her outstanding play in the state tournament, she was invited to participate in the 2022 National High School Golf Invitational.

"Receiving an invitation to the National Invitational is quite an honor since only the best high school golf teams & individuals will receive invites based on their State Championship performance," McKenzie said. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity where I get to

showcase my skills on a national level and see how I stack up. I'm most excited about the chance to meet college coaches and to find out about their teams, practices and expectations."

For seven weeks, McKenzie and her family have been working on raising the money needed to cover her travel expenses.

The invitational is held historic Pinehurst, North Carolina - close to 500 miles from Russell County.

Since the invitational occurs during the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) June 25-July 9 "dead period" - a time when "school funds may not be expended in support of interscholastic athletics in any KHSAA-sanctioned sport" - no monies can come from the school to help

McKenzie.

Her family set up a GoFundMe page to help raise money, and thanks to Somerset Country Club and a fundraiser organized by Pro Shop Manager Taylor Hurt, McKenzie's trip to Pinehurst has been fully-funded.

McKenzie tee'd off on Monday with a good start and good weather.

Anyone wishing to follow McKenzie's progress can visit <https://www.highschoolgolf.org/2022-girls-national-invitational-field-informational-page/> and click on results.

McKenzie is the

daughter of Shawn and Joanna Trautman, and has been on the golf team since she was in the eighth grade.

She will be a Senior this upcoming school year.

RCHS Golf Coach Melinda Wright is proud of her Trautman's accomplishments.

"I'm so glad she will be able to showcase her skills and talent on a big stage," Wright said. "This is a wonderful opportunity for McKenzie, and also for Lady Laker Golf in that she can share about her experience with our younger girls as we gear up for the upcoming season."

ORDINANCE 2022-03

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES & RESOURCES & APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message have been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and, WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, KENTUCKY, SECTION I: That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 is hereby adopted as follows:

REVENUES & APPROPRIATIONS BY FUNDS	GENERAL	UTILITIES	MUNICIPAL AID	FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT	ALCOHOL	DRUG FORFEITURE	RS DEV CORP	CEMETERY	Water/Sewer Maintenance & Repairs
BALANCE FORWARD OF 6/30/22	\$ 1,961,086	\$ 470,410	\$ 52,338	\$ 134,923	\$ 121,132	\$ 14,254	\$ 73,001	\$ 32,605	\$ 386,914
ESTIMATED REVENUES									
TAXES (property, vehicle, payroll)	\$ 1,644,139								
LICENSES (Ins, Bus, Bldg, Alcohol)	\$ 894,936								
LGEA, KLEPPF, Grants, Arrest Fees	\$ 101,290	\$ 682,000	\$ 54,120	\$ 21,000					
FRANCHISE FEES	\$ 224,071								
Charges for Services (San)		\$ 4,082,254							
OTHER (PARK, RENT, MISC)	\$ 379,473				\$ 220,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 19,200	\$ 25,000	\$ 180,000
TOTAL REVENUES FY 2022-2023	\$ 3,243,909	\$ 4,764,254	\$ 54,120	\$ 21,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 19,200	\$ 25,000	\$ 180,000
Available Funds (carried)	\$ 1,961,086	\$ 470,410	\$ 52,338	\$ 134,923	\$ 121,132		\$ 73,001	\$ 32,605	\$ 386,914
TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE (BAL FORWARD + REVENUES)	\$ 5,204,995	\$ 5,234,664	\$ 106,458	\$ 155,923	\$ 341,132	\$ 19,254	\$ 92,201	\$ 57,605	\$ 566,914
APPROPRIATIONS									
General Government	\$ 1,549,700								
Police Department	\$ 1,346,753								
Fire Department	\$ 279,600								
Parks & Streets	\$ 999,231								
Water & Sewer		\$ 5,133,870							
Sanitation									
Departments Appropriations			\$ 106,458	\$ 155,923	\$ 285,400	\$ 19,254	\$ 92,201	\$ 57,605	\$ 566,914
Capital Outlay									
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 4,175,284	\$ 4,862,522	\$ 106,458	\$ 155,923	\$ 285,400	\$ 19,254	\$ 92,201	\$ 57,605	\$ 566,914
est fund bal 6/30/23	\$ 1,029,711	\$ 100,794	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

SECTION II: That this Ordinance shall be in effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

1st Reading May 12, 2022
2nd Reading June 27, 2022

CHRISTOPHER RAMSEY, CITY CLERK
EDDIE THOMAS, MAYOR

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