

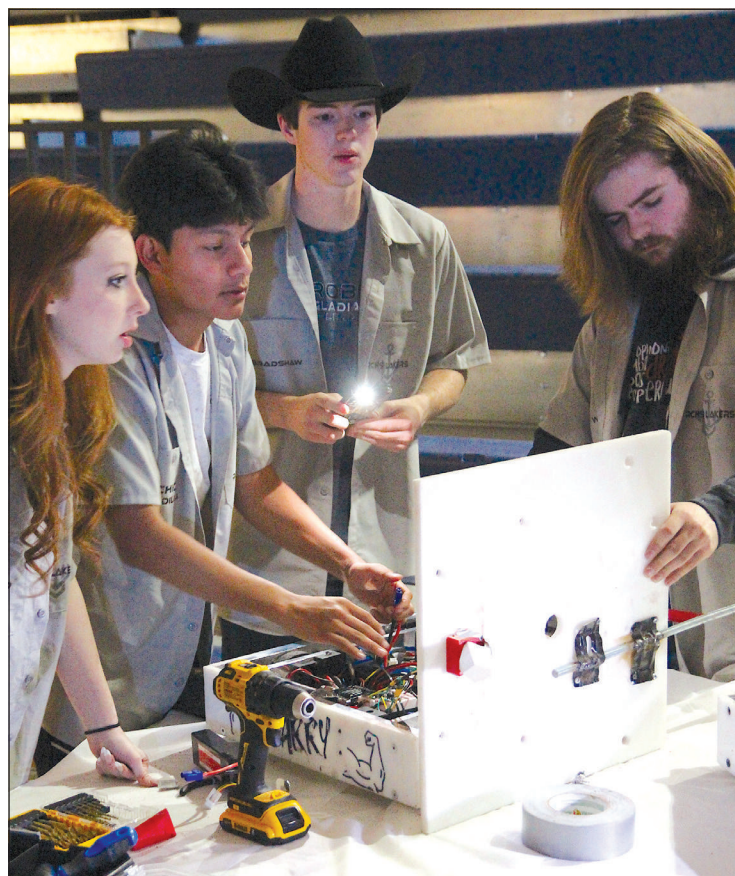
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The first, local, Robot Gladiator Melee event was held Saturday, March 23, at the Russell County High School (RCHS) Gym.

The event, hosted by RCHS and the Lake Cumberland Area Technology Center, was an opportunity for “battle bot” type engagement in an enclosed arena.

In what is called a “Fusion of STEM and Sports,” students combined a myriad of skills to construct remote-controlled “robot gladiators” and enter them into competition against other schools.

The event was considered a rousing success.

Jobless rate up locally

Staff Report

Latest statistics show Russell County with a 6.5 percent unemployment rate.

Kentucky Labor Force estimates released last week show the county with one of the highest rates in the ten-county Lake Cumberland region.

McCreary County tops the area list with a 7.3 percent unemployment rate, Wayne County follows with a 6.8 percent rate, and Clinton County reports a 6.7 percent rate.

(Both Clinton and parts

of Wayne were designated in 1993 as “Empowerment Zones”—economically distressed communities designated by government for aid).

Rounding out the list is neighboring Adair at 6.2, Pulaski, 5.9, Casey, 4.9, Cumberland, 4.8, and Green and Taylor at 4.7.

With a Civilian Work Force (CFL) of 6,469 in Russell County as of February 2024, an estimated 6,048 people are employed, the Kentucky Center for Statistics said.

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Hearing held here

Comer commits to help marinas

Staff Report

With tourist season approaching, First District Congressman James Comer held a “House Oversight Committee Hearing” last week in Jamestown to address concerns of marina owners.

Thursday, serving as House Committee on Oversight and Accountability Chairman, Comer conducted “A Burden to Business: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Assessment of Administrative Fees.”

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Congressman James Comer spoke at a hearing in Jamestown last week.

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