

Underdogs

By Freddie Stamm

In this world there have been times I must admit that I’ve felt like an underdog, concerning the financial (economy) situation for me, and my health. Recently I had a scheduled primary care wellness appointment. This was with the blood-work and fasting after mid-night, and really that is what prompted me to write this, because of getting up early. I’ve often wondered how I would react if I was told that I had cancer. What would I do? Also, really since August of last year I feel like I’ve been financially (economically) challenged and stressed.

Before I go on any further I want us to keep in mind Romans 8:36 and 37: “we are more than conquerors.” We who are Christians win in the end! We have read the last chapter of The Book, the last page, and we win!

In I Samuel 17, David vs. Goliath, David was an obvious underdog at the time in the valley of E-Lah. “So David prevailed over the Philistine” (I Samuel 17:50). Job said in 13:15 “Thou he slay me, yet will I trust in him.” Psalm 37:25 says “not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” Psalm 55:22, “He shall sustain thee.” Fortunately for me, I guess because of my health issues, I don’t eat very much really.

I have to admit at times that I have some of those “pity parties” I hear some other people talking about!

I pretty much do all of my work myself. I am so very blessed and thankful for my “posse,” my close friends. But one lives in Florida and some live in Ohio, but there are some here locally. Somehow it makes me think of John 4:44 and also Matthew 13:57. Blessings in Christ.

Vanceburg Lions Club

By Bill Tom Stone



The Vanceburg Lions Club held its meeting on June 5, at the Vanceburg Methodist Church fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. Vice President Lion Sam Holder called the meeting to order with Lion Austin Evans leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Lion Bill Tom Stone giving the prayer. The Lion Holder then invited the members to enjoy a time of dining and fellowship.

Lion Holder then asked if anyone had an update on the Softball Tournament for Diabetics Relief. Lion Bill Tom Stone said that he had talked to Chairman David Lucas, and he had stated that the numbers for the tournament were coming around and that the sponsorship letters had been mailed. Some general discussion about members working in various areas of the event was discussed, and everyone is excited for another great day again this year.

Lion Holder then recognized Lion Kenny Ruckel, who reported that he had lined up the item that the club will be selling for the next few weeks. We will draw a winner at the 4th of July festival. He had the tickets available for the member to take at the meeting and asked everyone to spread the word. The more we can sell before the festival, the easier the weekend will go. Lion Sam Holder reported that the club had received a request from the city to help with the fireworks again this year. Lion Wyatt Yates made the motion, and it was seconded by Bryan Wright. The motion passed.

Lion Sam Holder gave a little update on the EV Holder Jr. Golf Scramble

and said that we would be starting to pass the word soon, so people can schedule the event. He also talked a little about having a list of rules and guidelines on each cart this year to help with any questions about the scramble.

The members gave updates on Lion Roger Brown and Lion Austin Rucker’s son, Bennett. All the Lions are keeping these members in our prayers and thoughts.

There being no more business to come before the club, we adjourned.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BEGINNING AGAIN GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 239 KY 59, Vanceburg.

VANCEBURG JULY JUBILEE - Friday, July 4, food booths open at 4:00 p.m. Music throughout the evening. Parade starts at 7:00 p.m. at Central Elementary. Events on Saturday, July 5, start at 6:30 a.m. with registration for Fishing Tournament. Other events include the LC Shooting Sports Gun Run, Baby Show, Cutie Pie Show, Journey’s Jumpys, Music, Booths and Food Trucks, Dog Show, Cruise In, and Firework Show.

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Tollesboro Lions Club

By Craig Stanfield



The June 9, meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club was a busy and productive event. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Craig Stanfield, who asked Secretary Phil Cropper to offer Prayer, after which Lion Charles Kendall led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group then broke for dinner. There were 24 in attendance.

Before dinner began, a member mentioned that a truck was parked on the newly laid blacktop over what had previously been the tennis court and which was in the process of being converted into a Pickle-Ball Court, and that said truck was in the process of an oil change with oil having been spilled on the newly installed blacktop. This was a serious problem as the blacktop had just been installed and was to undergo a 30 day drying period, at the end of which the court was to be sealed with special coatings to permit the court to be striped to provide for Pickle-ball, at a significant cost (the sealing materials are water-based and would not adhere properly to the oil that had been permitted to run-off onto the blacktop by the offending vehicle). No one was present at the pickup at that time. The Lewis County Sheriff’s Office was called so that a report could be made. However, immediately as the dinner was to begin, a non-member reported to the Club that persons were now at the truck and that perhaps they were planning to leave. Therefore two members of the Club left the meeting (and their meals) to potentially hold the offending parties at bay until Sheriff’s office personnel arrived. Upon arrival, it was determined that the offenders were teenagers who just didn’t know better, admitted their mistake, upon which a parent showed up and - after listening to the Club members reasoning as to the severity of the matter - insisted that the boys would clean up the mess, including degreasing, scrubbing, and whatever else it would take to remove the oil from the newly blacktopped site; therefore the Club members permitted the boys to leave

the facilities without further incident and the Club members returned to the meeting (and dinner!).

Upon return, the business meeting began with Secretary Phil Cropper providing the minutes from the last meeting, after which Treasurer Steven Pedersen provided the financial report. It was reported by the Treasurer that the Club had borrowed money (as disclosed and arranged for at previous meetings) so as to make significant improvements to the Fairgrounds before this year’s Fair. These improvements consisted primarily of significant paving (blacktopping) including the main entrance on KY 10, the basketball court, the tennis court, the main entrance on Fairgrounds Road, and additional paving in areas where necessitated by widening entrances last year and as needed to parts of the Walking Track. It was further announced that some additional paving would be installed along Fairgrounds Road in the upcoming weeks. Other improvements to be made are striping the basketball court and the completion of the conversion of the Tennis Court to a Pickle-Ball Court, as well as additional electrical and lighting improvements. Additional improvements made that same day included repair to a fence outside the women’s restroom facilities; improvements to the announcer’s booth/concession stand located between the tug-pull and speed-pull tracks; as well as a required raising of the main entrance gates along the KY 10 entrance necessitated by the new pavement which raised the elevation to where the gates could not shut properly. Also, a new cooler was needed for the main concession booth.

Lion Pedersen reported that he had attended a meeting of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation earlier in the day, where Governor Beshear formally signed a proclamation in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of Helen Keller’s challenge to Lions to become “Knights of the Blind,” creating the mission of sight preservation (the 100th Anniversary of her appearance at the Lions Club National Con-

vention is July 30, 2025), a mission that is the central core of Lions Club’s throughout the world to the present day.

Under Old Business, it was asked if arrangements had been made to present scholarship monies to recipients at the next meeting, July 23. Contact would be made this week with the six Scholarship recipients and their families, inviting them to attend the next meeting of the Tollesboro Lions Club so that the recipients could receive their scholarship monies (President Stanfield stated that it was his fault that the scholarships were not mentioned on Awards Day; he had reported the recipients to the newspapers, but had neglected to specifically inform school personnel). Once the number of scholarship recipients and their families who would attend the next meeting could be confirmed, it would be reported to Skeeter and Sonia Shaw so that adequate dinners would be prepared for the next meeting.

Members were reminded that Elite Sponsors had been sent invoices and that a list of those who had not responded would be provided at the next meeting for personal contact if necessary.

The Wi-Fi was still not operable, but someone was coming tomorrow to hopefully determine what was needed to restore service.

President Stanfield mentioned upcoming events: This Saturday the Club would host the Grand Master’s Picnic, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at the main pavilion (Craig Stanfield is the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky IOOF). Later Satur-

day evening, a fund-raiser for the Treasured Paws would take place on the Fairgrounds, primarily at the Pageant Hall, but to be scattered along the Fairgrounds, incorporating a Gospel group, face-painting, bouncy houses, food vendors, and a live auction. June 21st - at the Tollesboro High School - St. Mary’s Lodge F & AM, would be hosting their 3rd Annual Cruis’n For Kids Car Show.

President Stanfield reported on the status of Veterans Memorials being created. To date, 18 have been ordered. President Stanfield reported that there were a number of persons important enough that they had Wikipedia information online adequate enough that memorials could be/were created for the Club to consider purchasing, to honor persons who served from the immediate area (plus that the Club should consider purchasing one for Glenn Cole for his many years and contributions to the Club, a past Citizen of the Year as well as a Melvin Jones Fellow and for whom he had the information required for a memorial). Craig suggested that the Club purchase memorials to honor: Mason County’s Brigadier General Charles Young (who led a very successful and distinguished career in the US military); Fleming County’s Iwo Jima Flag-Raiser/KIA Franklin R. Sousley; Lewis County’s own Distinguished Flying Cross recipient/KIA Benjamin Thomas Pugh; Mason County’s General of Three Armies/KIA Albert Sidney Johnston (it should be noted that while his inclusion is the most controversial of those considered due to his

position as a Confederate General at the time of his death, he was born in Mason County, KY, was the second highest ranking officer in the Confederacy – higher than Robert E. Lee - was the highest ranking Union or Confederate officer killed in the entire Civil War - and he was a very capable and respected General of the Army of the Republic of Texas, the US Army before joining the Confederacy and he was NOT a slave-owner, all leading credence to his inclusion); and Mason County’s Major General of the Army/Lt. Commander of the Navy William “Bull” Nelson (killed while on duty although not in action, killed – murdered - by a fellow Union General). A motion was made to approve all six, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Under New Business, President Stanfield reported that – as his position as the chair of the Planning Commission – he had been contacted to see if the Club would consider placement of a cell phone tower on the Fairgrounds. Craig mentioned some tentative terms and indicated that the person who made the inquiry was flying in this week and wanted to meet with Craig to discuss. Craig asked the Club for permission to at least discuss placement on the grounds (location, logistics, etc.); a motion was made and approved for consideration to bring back to the Club at a future (next?) meeting.

Next it was brought up that there are three new picnic tables on the grounds to be assembled. A motion was made to purchase six new tables for the Clubhouse,

seconded, and approved. It was also mentioned that the Club had been approved for a Crumb Rubber grant for some outside-use tables.

Next, it was mentioned that a new gutter needed to be placed on the Clubhouse with Snowbirds so that ice sliding off the roof would not cause damage to the new guttering once it was placed on the building. It was also noted that the gates at the entrance outside the Clubhouse needed some attention/repair.

Next, Lion Eric Bloomfield spoke on behalf of the Peoples Bank requesting that the Peoples Bank of Kentucky be given permission to place a sign along the Fairgrounds perimeter fence. As the Peoples Bank is a Diamond Elite Sponsor, a motion was made to permit the sign placement without additional cost; motion was approved.

Next, Seth Wallingford representing Lewis County baseball/sports, inquired to confirm that the ball team could once again collect trash during the fair, clean tables and bathrooms, etc. The ball team would also assist with the Veterans/Emergency personnel dinner, and that the ballgame schedule would include a Lions Club Day next year. He also asked permission to once again have a dunking booth on the Fairgrounds during the Fair (to which, member Alan Henderson offered the use – for free! - of a dunking booth that he owned!). A motion was made to approve, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, passed, and the meeting adjourned.

OPEN MEETING

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, an open meeting is being held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Vanceburg City Building in Lewis County sponsored by Vanceburg City Council. The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss the recreation project in Vanceburg. Anyone with a significant supporting or opposing view is invited to voice that opinion at the meeting or in writing to:

Land and Water Conservation Fund Program
Department of Local Government
1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 340
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Public Notice 24c

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
Lewis CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00182

BUFFALO TRACE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLAINTIFF
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES OF DEFENDANTS
ZALA ELLIOTT et al.

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on May 2, 2025, to raise the sum of \$6,880.85, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Lewis County Courthouse, 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, Kentucky, 41179, on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at 228 Chestnut Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179 and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 080-70-00-026.00. The land is more particularly described in the record of this action located in the office of the Lewis Circuit Court Clerk, where it can be reviewed upon request.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, said bidder shall post bond with surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner and pre-approved by the Master Commissioner at least by noon, two (2) business days before the sale date, as security for the unpaid purchase price, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale. The surety must be present at the sale and must own real estate in Kentucky, but may not be the successful bidder’s spouse. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant’s right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Lewis County Clerk’s Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Lewis Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner’s Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
Lewis CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00206

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP PLAINTIFF
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES OF DEFENDANTS
TRACY ANN OLIVER et al.

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on May 6, 2025, to raise the sum of \$9,517.91, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Lewis County Courthouse, 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, Kentucky, 41179, on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at 11201 KY 57, Tollesboro, KY 41189 and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 020-20-01-014.00. The land is more particularly described in the record of this action located in the office of the Lewis Circuit Court Clerk, where it can be reviewed upon request.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, said bidder shall post bond with surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner and pre-approved by the Master Commissioner at least by noon, two (2) business days before the sale date, as security for the unpaid purchase price, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale. The surety must be present at the sale and must own real estate in Kentucky, but may not be the successful bidder’s spouse. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant’s right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Lewis County Clerk’s Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Lewis Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner’s Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed.

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