

Grand Jury



The Lewis County Grand Jury has returned indictments against 10 individuals.

Damien Jacob Hebbeler, 20, of Garrison, was charged of murder, a Capital Offense. On or about August 9, 2023, Hebbeler allegedly, while acting alone or in complicity with another, unlawfully committed murder by shooting Kylie M. Weitz with a handgun causing her death.

Amber N. Frost, 34, of Portsmouth, Ohio, was charged with importing heroin, a class C felony; three counts trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, a class C felony; tampering with physical evidence, a class D felony; possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor; and persistent felony offender second degree. On or about August 8, 2023, Frost allegedly, while acting alone or in complicity with another, knowingly and unlawfully transported any quantity of heroin/fentanyl/carfentanil into the Commonwealth by any means with the intent to sell or distribute the same; possessed a controlled substance, with the intent to distribute, dispense, sell or transfer said controlled substance to another, to wit: (heroin, 2 grams or more, code 42377; cocaine, 4 grams or more, code 42368; methamphetamine, two grams or more, code 42365); destroyed, mutilated, concealed, removed and/or altered physical evidence, which she believed was about to be produced or used in an official proceeding, with the intent to impair its verity or availability; knowingly and unlawfully possessed item(s) intended for introducing into the human body a controlled substance; and by being more than twenty-one years of age and having been convicted of or completed service of a sentence of at least one previous felony within five years prior to the date of commission of the felony for which she now stands charged.

Johnny J. Adams Jr., 54, of Vanceburg, was charged with two counts of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class C felony, and a class D felony. On or about May 5, 2023, Adams allegedly, knowingly and unlawfully distributed, sold and/or transferred a controlled substance to a cooperating witness, to wit: (heroin, code 42378 and methamphetamine, less than two grams, code 42366).

Shawn J. Colegrove, 46, of Vanceburg, was charged with first degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class C felony. On or about May 7, 2023, Colegrove allegedly, while acting alone or in complicity with another, unlawfully distributed, sold and/or transferred a controlled substance to a cooperating witness, to wit: methamphetamine, two grams or more, code 42365.

Johnny H. Colegrove Jr., 50, of Vanceburg, was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, second offense, a class C felony. On or about May 6, 2023, Colegrove allegedly, while acting alone or in complicity with another, unlawfully distributed, sold and/or transferred a controlled substance to a cooperating witness, to wit: methamphetamine, two grams or more, code 42365.

Nicole Gillispie, 40, of Vanceburg, was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, a class C felony, and two counts of possession of controlled substance first degree, class D felony. On or about June 22, 2023, Gillispie allegedly, knowingly and unlawfully possessed a controlled substance, with the intent to distribute, dispense, sell or transfer said controlled substance to another, to wit: heroin, less than two grams, code 42378; and knowingly and unlawfully possessed heroin and hydrocodone, controlled substances.

Alexis Denise Hale, 31, of Columbus, Ohio, was charged with criminal attempt to commit murder, a class B felony; receiving stolen property with a value of \$10,000 or more, a class D felony; four counts of wanton endangerment first degree; three counts wanton endangerment first degree (police officer), a class D

felony; operating on suspended or revoked license, a class B felony; persistent felony offender, first degree. On or about July 5, 2023, Hale allegedly, while acting alone or in complicity with another, unlawfully attempted to strike the person of Dep. Jason Bryant with the vehicle she was operating; received a Ford van worth over \$1,000 or more owned by another, knowing it to have been stolen; attempted to strike other vehicles with the vehicle she was operating at high speeds, thereby creating a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to victims, police officers, Dep. Tony Carrington, Chief Bill Sword, and Dep. Matt Ross; operated or being in physical control of a motor vehicle while her license was suspended or revoked; and being twenty-one years of age and having been convicted of or completed service of a sentence for two or more felonies within five years prior to the date of commission of the felony for which she now stands charged.

Paula R. Burriss, 48, of Vanceburg, was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, a class C felony; possession of controlled substance first degree, a class D felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. On or about June 23, 2023, Burriss allegedly, knowingly and unlawfully possessed a controlled substance, with the intent to distribute, dispense, sell or transfer said controlled substance to another, to wit: opiates, 10 or more dosage units, code 42372; possessed heroin, a controlled substance, code 42201; and possessed item(s) intended for introducing into the human body a controlled substance.

Ted D. Wells, 61, of Vanceburg, was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, a class C felony. On or about April 17, 2023, Wells allegedly, knowingly and unlawfully distributed, sold and/or transferred a controlled substance to a cooperating witness, to wit: methamphetamine, two grams or more, code 42365.

Corey D. Bertram, 28, of Vanceburg, was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, a class B felony; and persistent felony offender first degree. On or about July 14, 2023, Bertram allegedly, knowingly and unlawfully distributed, sold and/or transferred a controlled substance to a cooperating witness, to wit: heroin, code 42378; and being more than twenty-one years of age and having been convicted of or completed service of a sentence for two or more felonies within five years prior to the date of commission of the felony for which he now stands charged.

Ted D. Wells, 61, Vance-

burg, was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, a class C felony; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating beverages, drugs or a combination of substances which impairs one's driving ability, second offense, an unclassified misdemeanor; driving on DUI suspended license while intoxicated, a class A misdemeanor; and possession of marijuana, a class A misdemeanor. On or about July 5, 2023, Wells allegedly, knowingly and unlawfully possessed a controlled substance, with the intent to distribute, dispense, sell or transfer said controlled substance to another, to wit: methamphetamine, two grams or more, code 42365; operated or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle in this state while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or a combination of substances which impairs one's driving abilities, code 03144; operated a motor vehicle while his license was suspended as a result of his conviction for violation of KRS 189A.010; and possessed marijuana in a quantity less than eight ounces, code 42331.

Corey D. Bertram, 28, of Vanceburg, was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, second offense, a class C felony; and persistent felony offender first degree. On or about May 5, 2023, Bertram allegedly, knowingly and unlawfully distributed, sold and/or transferred a controlled substance to a cooperating witness, to wit: methamphetamine, less than two grams, code 42366; and being more than twenty-one years of age and having been convicted of or completed service of a sentence for two or more felonies within five years priorate the date of commission of the felony for which he now stands charged.

Joshua L. Duncan, 36, of Tollesboro, was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, second offense, a class C felony. On or about April 26, 2023, Duncan allegedly, knowingly and unlawfully distributed, sold and/or transferred a controlled substance to a cooperating witness, to wit: methamphetamine, less than two grams, code 42366.

Joshua L. Duncan, 36, of Tollesboro was charged of trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, second offense, a class B felony. On or about April 23, 2023, Duncan allegedly, knowingly and unlawfully distributed, sold and/or transferred a controlled substance to a cooperating witness, to wit: methamphetamine, two grams or more, code 42365.

A Grand Jury indictment is a formal accusation of a crime and does not establish guilt.

LEWIS COUNTY TAXPAYER NOTICE

The 2023 Lewis County Property Tax Bills are due and payable at the Lewis County Sheriff's Office beginning Sunday, October 1, 2023. Payments can be made by mail, office visit, or online. If mailing in your payment, please include a copy of your tax bill or write the tax bill number on your check so payments can be processed without delay. If you require a paid receipt returned to you, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment. Visit our website taxes.lewiscountysheriff.org to make a payment online. Card payments are subject to a convenience fee.

If you do not receive a tax bill by October 15, 2023, please contact the Sheriff's office at 606-796-2912.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

2% Discount – October 1, 2023 through November 1, 2023
Face Amount – November 2, 2023 through December 31, 2023
5% Penalty – January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024
21% Penalty – February 1, 2024 through April 15, 2024

Note: The General Assembly passed House Bill 262, which transfers the responsibility of advertising and selling delinquent property tax bills from the Lewis County Sheriff to the Lewis County Clerk. Delinquent tax bills will be transferred to the Lewis County Clerk at the close of business on Monday, April 15, 2024. In addition to the penalties and fees that are applied by the Sheriff's Office, payments made in the County Clerk's Office are also subject to additional penalties and fees. Delinquent tax bills are subject to being sold to a Third Party in the summer of 2024.

Thank you
Johnny W. Bivens
Sheriff Lewis County

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Ruminations

By Al Owens

"The Duty of Man"

The word "Ecclesiastes" means "Preacher," and he is the son of the king. It was probably written by Solomon, for it is full of wisdom.

The book is about life and begins, "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labor which he taketh under the sun?" (Ecclesiastes 1:2-3)

According to Strong, "vanity" means "emptiness, something transitory and unsatisfactory." Brown-Driver-Briggs (Hebrew scholars) add the words "breath and vapor." All this amounts to "nothingness."

If you want a proper perspective on this life, then you need to read the Book of Ecclesiastes. The writer points out the frailty of human life, some of its inconsistencies and the oft repeated great errors made by humanity.

From the very first verse he heads toward the grand conclusion, not only of his book but also the concluding purpose of life. Most people miss that purpose.

To the wealthy he makes this

point, "Yea, I hated all my labor which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me. And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? Yet shall he have rule over all my labor wherein I have labored, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity." (Ecclesiastes 2:18-19) Truly, we came into this world with nothing, and we shall leave it the same way. Hence, Jesus asked the critical question, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" These are heart searching questions. As far as this world is concerned when any billionaire and I die we will be on the same financial footing. Death is the great leveler, and the Preacher emphasizes that everyone, like the beasts, goes back to the dust from whence we came.

So, "Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God

giveth him: for it is his portion." (Ecclesiastes 5:19)

He recalls attention to the great leveler, "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it." (Ecclesiastes 8:8)

To make a longer story short, what, then, is the purpose of life. The Preacher came to this conclusion at the end of his book, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) To "fear God" means "to revere or to hold Him in reverence; to stand in awe of Him."

The basic commandment is to repent of our sins and to take Christ as our Lord and Savior. By following Jesus' other commandments, we can have a good life here and a better life hereafter. This then is the whole duty of man.

Senator Webb to appear on KET Tonight

Herald Report

Senator Robin Webb, D-Grayson, will appear on KET's Kentucky Tonight on Monday, September 25, to discuss the economy and taxes. Senator Webb will join the Kentucky Tonight panel, hosted by Renee Shaw, that will include Senator Chris McDaniel, R-Ryland Heights,

chair of the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee; Jason Bailey, executive director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy; and Charles Aull, executive director at the Center for Policy and Research at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. The program will air at 8 p.m. (ET).

Notice of the Filing of a Final Settlement

Pursuant to KRS 395.625, notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of September 2023, a final settlement was filed by Douglas Applegate, Executor of the Estate of William T. Clark Jr., deceased.

A hearing will be held on said final settlement at 9:00 a.m. on October 31, 2023. Exceptions to said final settlement must be filed before said hearing.

**Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District
Courts**

Notice of the Filing of a Final Settlement

Pursuant to KRS 395.625, notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of September 2023, a final settlement was filed by Janie Craigmiles, Executrix of the Estate of John Craigmiles, deceased.

A hearing will be held on said final settlement at 9:00 a.m. on October 24, 2023. Exceptions to said final settlement must be filed before said hearing.

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ELECTRIC LINEMAN

Company: Electric Plant Board	Location: Vanceburg, KY 41179
Status: Full Time, Employee	Job Category: Utility
Industry: Electric Lineman	Relevant Work Experience: 2 to 5+ Years Preferred
Career Level: Experienced	

ELECTRIC LINEMAN

We are currently seeking a highly motivated Electric Lineman.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

- Pay Compensation Based on Qualifications and Experience.
- Health Insurance Coverage.
- Full Vacation, Holiday and Sick Days.

QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- Minimum of 2-5+ years experience as an Electric Lineman preferred.
- Must have working knowledge of standard equipment used in installation, operation and maintenance repair for all types of facilities associated with the Electric Transmission and Distribution System.
- Must react appropriately in emergency situations.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, demanding, productive team-oriented environment.
- Good communication and customer skills (must be professional and courteous).
- Communicate in a direct and respectful manner with internal resources.
- Must pass a drug test and agree to a background and credit check.
- Organized, self-motivated, with ability to work independently.
- Demonstrate the highest ethical and professional standards.
- Ability to multi-task and adjust to changing priorities.
- Must have experience in a fast paced environment.
- Be a team player with a positive "can-do" attitude.
- Must be honest and dependable.
- Technical and detail oriented.
- Work well under pressure.
- High school diploma or GED required.
- Must have valid Kentucky Driver's License. Commercial Driver's License preferred.

RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Perform regularly scheduled distribution system operation and maintenance activities.
- Maintain adequate operation and maintenance records.
- Read, test and repair meters.
- Repair all electric transmission and distribution facilities as needed.
- Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the electric line foreman.

TO APPLY:

To respond to this opportunity, please mail all resumes to the following address:

ELECTRIC PLANT BOARD
PO BOX 489
VANCEBURG, KY 41179

Applications must be received by our office no later than Friday, October 6, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.
(Standard Work Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

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