

Lewis County officials present monthly reports

By Dennis K. Brown

Lewis County officials presented their monthly activity reports during the March meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court.

Sheriff Johnny Bivens filed his department's report for activities from February 12, 2024 through March 11, 2024.

- Citations 42
- Subpoenas Served 4
- Domestic Related Calls 15

- Civil Summons Served 13
- Arrests 21
- Cases Open For Investigation 9

- Accident Investigations 5
- Criminal Summons 2
- Prisoners Transp. to Secure Facility 69 miles
- Juveniles Transported 75 miles

- DVOs and EPOs 6
- Court Security Hours 419
- Prescription Deliveries 1
- Auto Inspections 51
- Funeral Escorts 6
- Concealed Carry Permits 17
- Miscellaneous 75

- Taxes Collected:
 - Property 90,039.27
 - Franchise 11,230.35
 - Total \$101,269.62

911 Coordinator Pam Jordan submitted a monthly report for the Lewis County E-911 Dispatch Center.

The center received the following calls for service in February:

- Sheriff 494
- Vanceburg PD 263
- EMS 163
- Coroner 8
- Air Evac 5
- Lewis County FD 19
- Garrison FD 17
- Vanceburg FD 17
- Black Oak FD 19
- Firebrick FD 3
- Lewis County 2 FD 7
- Tollesboro FD 46

- Camp Dix FD 9
- EMA 10

Total Calls 1,080
911 Wrecker Company February:

- Mullin's 0
- McCann's 3
- W KY 8 6
- Ginn's 0
- G&H 5
- Thayer's 2
- Clark's 1
- Crawford's 0
- Bradford's 0

Road Supervisor David Goodwin submitted his road maintenance report for the month.

Goodwin said 2,248.36 tons of gravel and stone, and 3 tons of hot/cold patch had been hauled by the county.

Roadways graveled/repared: Stevens Ridge, Throckmorton, Mulligan Rd., South Bane, Mud Lick, Willis Ln, Thurman, Garden, Bear, Lambert Br., Upper Twin, Lower Twin, Red Brush, Peyton Ln., Scaffold Lick, Thorp Ridge, North Fork, Bigden Hollow, Bogden, Sargent Br., Oak Ridge, Rock Camp, Burnt Cabin, Paint Lick, Long Br., Crooked Creek, Nolen, Raccoon, Silver Lick, Briery, Buck Lick, Hardy Fork, and Old Trace.

Roadways graded: Mud Lick, Garden Br., Bear Br., Twin Br., Lower Twin Br., McDowell, Black John, Hackworth, Red Fox, Thorp Ridge, North Fork, Sargent Br., Burnt Cabin, Paint Lick, Briery, Buck Lick, Hardy Fork, and McCleese.

Pipe replaced/cleaned/repared: Vances Creek, Meadowbrook, and Holly.

Blacktop cold/hot patching: Dam Rd., Christy Ln., Scaffold Lick Rd., Firebrick, Old Trace, Green Lawn, Vances Creek, Rock Creek, Sand Hill, and Crooked Creek.

Bus turns repaired: Echo Hill, Swearingen Br., and

Trace.

Roadways repaired/shoulder repaired: Crooked Creek. Creek crossing/low water slab/bridge maintenance:

Simmons and Ribolt-Epworth.

Roadways Ditched: Holly. Animal Control Officer reported seven animals picked up; 26 dropped off; 16 rescued; one tag sold; 195 calls received; and \$5 donation.

Fleming County Fiscal Court was billed \$840. Seventeen dogs remained at the shelter at the end of the month, with an additional six dogs remaining in foster.

Solid Waste Coordinator Roger Lewis gave his report:

- Performed all regular Coordinator duties.
- Sent out letters, received dozens of phone calls and completed several site visits concerning complaints and nuisances.
- Still taking in recycle material at the facility.
- We had the RD department haul a load of recycle for us.
- We are still picking up cardboard from most of businesses in Vanceburg.
- Received several tires.
- Put up two new signs that read Don't Be A Litter Bug, one at River Road in Black Oak and one on 1068 Laurel Road.

Emergency Management Director Dennis Brown gave his report.

The Lewis County Alert System continued to gain followers after two years of operation. It was activated 11 times in February to notify residents of Winter Weather Advisories, black ice, wind, courthouse delay, Level 2 Roads, slick roads, and an Ambulance Service District Board for a meeting reminder.

The alert system allows notifications to our residents through text, email, voice

(telephone), Twitter, and the Smart 911 App. Targeted alerts can notify small groups (specific county offices/groups/employees).

Worked with Vanceburg Fire on the smoke alarm partnership with Red Cross to provide units to area residents. Will continue working with all departments making this program available county-wide.

Pursuing grant for locator/tracker devices for residents who may wander (Alzheimers/Dementia).

Completed necessary paperwork with KYEM as required.

Participated in continuing education for EMA.

Participated in continuing training for Red Cross Volunteer position.

Worked with NWS Wilmington Office in monitoring weather and relaying vital weather information during severe weather threats. (Possible local Weather Spotter Class for 2024)

Planning CERT/preparedness trainings for local school/student groups.

Met with Ambulance Service District Board. (2/5/24)

Assisted with school bus/auto incident on Buck Lick Branch. (2/6/24)

Worked to get assistance for family. Home lost to fire on Old Trace Road. (2/18/24)

Worked with local and area officials on establishing Lewis County EMS.

Working with tech for preparation of service of Garrison Outdoor Warning Siren.

Worked with Kevin Wells, BTADD, concerning grant application for hardware refresh.

Attended Cyber Security

training at BTADD. (2/1/24)

Attended ICS 300/400 training at Morehead. (2/20-23/24)

Attended Tri-State Emergency Management Meeting in Huntington, WV. (2/13/24)

Attended Hazconnect Planning Module Workshop in Frankfort. (2/15/24)

Attended Comprehend Board Meeting. (2/26/24)

Attended NWS Briefing on hazardous weather threat. (2/27/24)

Met with Enbridge Pipeline official in local office. (2/12/24)

Maintaining EM office hours Mon-Fri.

Working with Tollesboro Fire to improve communication link between Dispatch and Tollesboro Fire's radio repeater and outdoor warning siren.

Conducted monthly outdoor siren test. (2/1/24)

Worked with local officials to compile and complete information for ambulance

CON application.

Attended online cyber threat conference by Sheriff Jones of Butler County, OH, SO. (2/7/24)

Responded to reported fuel spill local filling station. (2/3/24)

Assisted with double fatality response on AA Highway. (2/20/24)

Telephone conference with Area Director Jason York to discuss training and reporting practices.

County Treasurer Penny Lee reported the total of all county funds for the month of February had a beginning balance of \$3,157,711.45 and an ending balance of \$3,091,347.14. Receipts for the month totaled \$414,167.37 while disbursements totaled \$480,531.68.

The next regular meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court will be at 3:00 p.m. April 8, 2024, on the third floor of the Lewis County Courthouse in Vanceburg.

People's Self-Help Housing Offers Two Scholarships

By Anne Price

April is National Fair Housing Month. Fair Housing protects a person's basic right to choose where they want to live.

Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Act) prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expanded coverage to include disabled persons and families with children, and HUD 2012 regulations expanded coverage to sexual orientation or gender identity.

In recognition of Fair Housing Month, two \$500 scholarships are being offered by People's Self-Help Housing, Inc. to graduating Lewis County High School seniors or non-traditional students obtaining their GED through the MCTC Lewis County Adult Education Center. Applicants must intend to begin post-secondary

education in the Fall of 2024, demonstrate financial need, and be committed to serving our local community.

Applications are available at Lewis County High School and at People's Self-Help Housing's main office at 307 KY 59, Vanceburg, KY or it can be downloaded from the PSHH's website at www.pshhinc.org. (click on "Other Services")

Applications with attached letters of recommendation can be mailed to: People's Self-Help Housing, Inc., 307 KY 59, Vanceburg, KY 41179 and must be post-marked no later than April 19, 2024. Applications and letters can also be hand-delivered to People's Self-Help Housing's Main Office at 307 KY 59 in Vanceburg, no later than 3:30 p.m., on April 22, 2024.

People's Self-Help Housing ensures Equal Housing Opportunity when providing affordable home repairs, new homes, rental properties and rental assistance. Serving the housing needs of Lewis County residents since 1982.

Tollesboro Lions Club offers scholarships

By Craig Stanfield

The Tollesboro Lions Club will once again present scholarships to local high school graduates intending to further their education. Tollesboro Lions Club Scholarship applications need to be completed and turned in by April 19th, 2024 (NOTE: This is not a

postmarked date, this is a received by date). The Scholarship Application may be downloaded from the Tollesboro Lions Club website, www.tollesborolions.com (on the Home Page, under UPCOMING EVENTS listing this article). Applications may be mailed to the Tollesboro

Lions Club Secretary Phil Cropper as the chairman of the Scholarship Committee) at 1758 Burtonville Road, Tollesboro, KY 41189 (alternatively, the completed scholarship application may be delivered to other members of the Scholarship Committee, John Redmond or Denny Hornback prior to the April 19th, 5:00 p.m. deadline). The Scholarship Committee will review the scholarship applications and make recommendations to the Club for approval on their April 22nd meeting. The Club will give

three recipients \$500 (although number of recipients and the amount is subject to the Scholarship Committee purview/Tollesboro Lions Club review/approval). Last year, the Tollesboro Lions Club was blessed with an anonymous donation and an additional scholarship (in memory of 55 year member Larry Tucker) that permitted the Club to offer seven graduates \$500 each to further their educational pursuits, two from Mason County High School, five from Lewis County High School.

Caring for the Aging

Herald Report

As the state's population grows older, more and more Kentuckians will face the challenges of caring for an aging loved one.

In Caring for the Aging: A KET Forum, Dr. Wayne Tuckson, host of the weekly series Kentucky Health, and a panel of experts tackle the subject of caregiving and meeting the needs of our aging population. They will discuss options for providing in-home and out-of-home care, the skill levels required to render care at home, respite services and support for caregivers, as well as a host of other issues related to caregiving.

Caring for the Aging: A KET Forum KET Monday, April 1 • 8/7 pm KET2 Thursday, April 25 • 9/8 pm Stream at KET.org and the PBS App

The forum is part of a larger KET initiative called The Next Chapter, which will focus on aging issues and offer a curated collection of programs

and resources related to the challenges and rewards of navigating one's golden years. Over the next year, look for future KET Forums covering additional topics related to aging, such as access to healthcare, finances, the aging brain, Medicare and more as well as Kentucky Health, Kentucky Edition and other KET productions dedicated to this topic.

For more info, visit KET.org/NextChapter.

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Sandra Butler

COMMUNITY EVENTS
SPAGHETTI DINNER - Spaghetti Charity Event for Vanceburg Homeless Coalition Friday, April 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Vanceburg Christian Church, 38 Front St. Your choice of meat or vegetarian spaghetti, garden salad (lettuce, onion, tomatoes, dressing), roll or garlic bread. Dessert: brownie or cookie. Drink: Bottle water, Pepsi, or Diet Pepsi. Cost: \$10. Eat-in, pick-up, or deliver to local. Pre-order is preferred but not necessary. Contact Cassie Johnson 202-0029 or Connie Wright 584-1768.
VANCEBURG TRADE DAYS - The City of Vanceburg Trade Days will be held Saturday, April 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Trade Days will be set up in the Municipal Parking Lot behind H&R Block. Everyone is invited to set up and there is no set up fee. We ask that you keep to one parking spot per person. Please use the Main Street entrance to come into the lot, unload and move your vehicle to the street. Please bring your own table, tents, and chairs. Any local food trucks are encouraged to set up at no charge. We encourage everyone in the county to be involved. It will be a great day for garage/yard sales across the area!
TES SBDM MEETINGS - The Tollesboro Elementary School Site Based Decision Making Meeting will be held April 15, at 3:30 p.m. The meetings are held the third Monday of each month.
COVERED BRIDGE CHAPTER APRIL MEETING - The Covered Bridge Chapter, KPR, will meet Thursday, April 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the Double S Entertainment Center on Foster Street in Flemingsburg. Guest speakers will be G & M Tours. All members are urged to attend.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
On April 16, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or thereabout on the premises of Pinnacle Bank, Inc., 26 Second Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179, the following described item will be sold to the highest bidder for cash:
2014 Chevy Equinox, Vin # 2GNALBEK9E193546
The foregoing item can be inspected at or before the time of sale by contacting an Officer of Pinnacle Bank, Inc. at 606-796-3086.
This sale is being held to enforce the rights of Pinnacle Bank, Inc. as a secured party arising under a security agreement dated 09-30-2022, and executed by Melissa Bare.
Said sale is being held to satisfy the unpaid balance on said security agreement.
Debtor will be furnished a distribution sheet describing the proceeds of the sale.
Pinnacle Bank, Inc. reserves the right to bid and accept or reject any and all bids.
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Also in stock is ground cover, potting soil and our all time favorite Wolf Garten Hoe, possibly the sharpest hoe you will ever own.
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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
Lewis Circuit Court
Civil Action No. 23-CI-00172
MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP PLAINTIFF
v. UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVEISEES OF RUFFICE GORDON BROWN, et al. DEFENDANTS
AMENDED NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on March 15, 2024, to raise the sum of \$7,319.93, 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, April 18, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:
A tract of land located at 2198 Briary Road, Quincy, KY 41166 and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 130-00-00-020.00. 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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