

One hurt in crash involving school bus

By Dennis K. Brown

Deputy Jason Bryant is investigating a motor vehicle incident involving a school bus Thursday afternoon on KY 8 near the Black Oak Industrial Park.

Bryant said a school bus with 29 students on board was stopped in the east-bound lane to let a student off and a vehicle had stopped behind the bus.

He said in a chain reac-

tion event, a second vehicle struck the first stopped vehicle in the rear causing it to strike the school bus.

Bryant said the driver of the stopped vehicle was injured and transported to Southern Ohio Medical Center by Portsmouth Ambulance.

No other injuries were reported and students were transferred to an-

other bus to continue their ride home.

The roadway was closed briefly to allow for the scene to be investigated and cleared. The incident happened shortly after 3:00 p.m.

Also responding with deputies to the incident were members of Black Oak Fire and Rescue.

The incident remains under investigation by Deputy Jason Bryant.

FISCAL COURT

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ready upgraded and will allow expansion to provide communications capabilities for the new Lewis County EMS.

A hearing was held on a nuisance ordinance violation appeal with fiscal court denying the request.

County Attorney Benjamin Harrison said the nuisance exists on property adjacent to KY 57 south of Tollesboro where several vehicles have been placed to be utilized for spare parts for a Tollesboro business.

Judge Executive George Sparks said he had received numerous calls of complaints about the vehicles being located on the privately owned prop-

erty.

The matter is expected to be appealed to district court.

Matters concerning Buck Lick Branch Road and a decision on a provider for internet and telephone service for county facilities were tabled.

Lewis County Ambulance Board Chair Danny Palmer updated magistrates on progress being made with the establishment of Lewis County EMS.

Palmer said Michael Byble had been named as director of the agency and applicants for EMTs and paramedics are being sought.

He said ambulances and

other vehicles and equipment had been donated to the agency and work is underway to prepare the vehicles for a required state inspection. Palmer added that a temporary station location at Vanceburg has been determined with plans to have an auxiliary location at Tollesboro in the works.

Palmer credited the work of many in getting fledgling agency prepared for service in a fast and efficient manner.

He added that an emergency license has been granted to Lewis County EMS by the state.

Magistrates approved payment of bills and fund transfers before adjourning.

DISPATCHERS

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motor vehicle collisions, fires, and other urgent situations.

Brown said all of the information concerning each incident is entered into a local computer database. The Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system also keeps a log of all times associated with each incident and includes information about each responder and other details associated with the incident.

"I'm proud of our dispatchers," Brown says. "They are professional and calm when events can dictate otherwise. They are the true first responders."

"I am especially appreciative of the efforts of each of our dispatchers during the transition time between Portsmouth Ambulance and the implementation of Lewis County EMS," Brown said.

"Being a dispatcher is a stressful occupation on any day," he said. "While we are transitioning to a county owned and operated ambulance service, that stress is multiplied as

the task of securing an available ambulance from our mutual aid providers becomes more difficult."

Brown said the local dispatch center handles more than 1,000 calls each month and dispatches police, medical, fire, and other emergency response agencies to more than 800 incidents or medical emergency calls each month.

Assuring rapid response by police, fire, and medical personnel in the midst of emergencies, the personnel who take 911 calls and send assistance are often overlooked for the critical role they play in coordinating first response and lifesaving efforts.

Telecommunicators Week began in California in 1981 and quickly grew to become a national

SUPERINTENDENT

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started," Skidmore said.

Superintendent Jamie Weddington is retiring effective at the end of June. He was named superintendent of Lewis County Schools in September 2016.

week of recognition. In 1991 Congress officially designated the second week of each April as a time to remember the critical role that dispatchers play in keeping us all safe.

DIRECTOR

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Xavier and Violet. He is originally from South Charleston, West Virginia.

"I enjoy spending time with family, taking family trips, studying history, and watching old TV shows like Dragnet, Emergency, and Get Smart," he said.

Byble is beginning the process of interviewing for EMTs and paramedics for Lewis County EMS.

Applications for those positions are being accepted now.

DINING

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If you have attended Dining to Make a Difference in the past, you know there are always incredible auction items to bid on, and this year will be no different. There are some wonderful things that have been donated by this community and there will be something for everyone on the auction. Once again, the auction will be online, so people from anywhere can bid on these items.

Maybe there will be some fun bidding wars. The online auction is underway, so visit the event site to view all of the packages and follow your favorites. There is also a great bourbon raffle with some hard-to-find bourbons.

One of the highlights of Dining to Make a Difference every year, is having the honor to recognize someone for going above and beyond for our agency and the survivors

that we serve.

This year, the Ion Center is thrilled to announce Dr. Randall and Bedouin Dennison as our 2024 Icon Award Recipients.

Christy Burch, Ion Center CEO, says, "we have had the unwavering support of Dr. Dennison and Bedouin for many years and are overwhelmed with gratitude for all they've done for our agency. There is no way to appropriately thank them for their support, but we hope that recognizing them with this award can be a small token of our heartfelt thanks. They do so much for our agency and the community, and we truly can't thank them enough!"

Visit the Dining to Make a Difference site at <https://onecau.se/dining24> to see all the fun things this event has to offer, and make a contribution.

You can purchase your

event tickets and bourbon raffle tickets now.

About the Ion Center for Violence Prevention

The Ion Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that supports survivors of all identities who have experienced power-based personal violence (sexual and/or intimate partner violence) and works to engage individuals and communities to prevent violence. Services are provided confidentially and at no cost to our clients, supported either in part or as a whole by state funding. The Ion Center offers free 24/7 responsive services and survivor-centered advocacy programs. To learn more visit www.ioncenter.org.



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