



Amy Johnson Dyer/LEWIS COUNTY HERALD

A male eastern bluebird helps his mate build their first nest of the year, they can build two to three nests per year.

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to Acumen to clear up any issues with the provider we choose.”

In new business, Stone said work is continuing on the electric system metering upgrades.

“Our AMI system upgrade is still being implemented,” he said. “We are around 90 percent complete but will take a couple more months and we hope that the new system will improve our response to outages and help with other efficiencies.”

“The new meters have been 100 percent tested before they are shipped to ensure their accuracy,” Stone told board members. “We continue to work with Vision Metering and our software

provider, Avenue Insights & Analytics, to integrate the two systems.”

Stone said there are still a few meter bases that have not been updated and the new meters can not be installed at those residences.

“Starting in July, if these meters are not upgraded, we will need to pass a \$25 manual reading fee,” Stone said. “This fee will be used over the next few years to help upgrade the meter bases that have not been upgraded.”

Board members approved the request to allow the project to be fully implemented.

Stone said the rehab of the Salt Lick Water Tank is underway with Huff-

man Tank and Tower Inc. performing the work.

“They will have 30 days to complete the work,”

Stone said. “This work is being paid for with the Cleaner Water grant that the city received on behalf of the Electric Plant Board from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.”

“After reviewing state contract pricing at various dealerships, we recommend that we purchase two F-150s from Dutch’s Chevy/Ford at the state contract price,” Stone said.

Board members approved the request. The vehicles should be delivered within three months.

Board members approved financial reports and the payment of bills before adjourning.

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had given those of us with a past a much brighter future,” said Sarah Young. “Thank you to everyone who makes the reentry program possible. You all give us a second chance to obtain a life that we may not have thought was attainable.”

Getting an Education

Another portion of the site is dedicated to supporting educational opportunities for every Kentuckian. Information on the site links Kentuckians to free GED classes and testing as well as job training and apprenticeships offered by the commonwealth.

Dr. John Gregory, who oversees the state’s Office of Adult Education, said: “We are committed to helping Kentuckians looking for a fresh start to move beyond their past and into a better future with ways to learn, train and earn. Also, at the same time, assisting employers in the commonwealth with their workforce needs through incentives and programs that reach the previously untapped talent pool of justice-involved and recovering populations. Our goal is to see all Kentuckians win and be well prepared by obtaining a GED, college degree, credentials or obtain skills through work and learn programs like apprenticeship so they can walk through doors of opportunities that lead to good-paying jobs.”

Benefits for Businesses

Gov. Beshear knows that job creation is a team sport, and it takes all of us working together to make sure opportunities reach every Kentuckian. The website provides information on programs that help businesses hire and retain more second-change employees, which include the Fair Chance Academy, Kentucky Transformational Employment program, Prison-to-Work Pipeline program and Jobs on Day One program.

The Governor was

joined by Barbara Aker, family pride director for More than a Bakery in Versailles. More than a Bakery was a graduate from the first class of the Fair Chance Academy, which is a partnership with the Kentucky Chamber.

“With the ongoing labor shortage, second-chance hiring opens up a new talent pool for companies,” Aker said. “By doing second-chance hiring, not only are we able to fill jobs and provide gainful employment to allow people to provide for their families, we are helping our communities in Kentucky.”

Recovery Resources

While the state has seen progress in its fight against addiction, the Governor knows more must be done to save lives and help those struggling. The new website connects Kentuckians to drug and mental health treatment and recovery resources. Kentuckians are also directed to the state’s leading addiction treatment website FindHelpNow.org/ky, which provides families information on treatment openings, recovery housing and a naloxone search.

Gov. Beshear’s administration has been committed to working with community partners to support job

growth and help Kentuckians overcome addiction. The hard work is paying off, as the Governor has announced more than 1,000 private-sector new-location and expansion projects totaling over \$30.5 billion in announced investments, creating more than 52,500 jobs.

This is the highest investment figure secured during the tenure of any governor – one term, or two – in the commonwealth’s history.

For the first time since 2018, Kentucky saw a 5% decline in overdose deaths in 2022 – and was one of only eight states to see a significant decline in overdose deaths last year.

The commonwealth is also leading the nation in per capita residential drug and alcohol beds and has recorded the three lowest recidivism rates in over a decade.

The Governor has long been proponent for second chances and on his third day in office he signed an executive order to automatically restore the voting rights to Kentuckians who have completed their sentences for nonviolent, non-sexual offenses and have paid their debt to society. Now 192,698 Kentuckians’ rights have been restored.

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cation including section 7 funds for Tollesboro Elementary School.

- Revised staffing allocation including section 7 funds for Lewis County Middle School.

- Revised staffing allocation including section 7 for district wide itinerant positions.

Members also approved several out-of-state and overnight field trips: Senior Trip Kings Island, Lewis County High School, Cincinnati Ohio, May 8, 2024 (out of state) (G. Hall); Students with Visual Impairment, Lewis County High School, Shawnee State University, Portsmouth Ohio, April 25, 2024, (out of state) (Traci Evans); 6th grade students, Lewis County Central Elementary, Clark Planetarium, Portsmouth Ohio, April 26, 2024, (out of state) (Yates, Thomas, Underwood); Cincinnati Zoo, Tollesboro Elementary, Cincinnati Ohio, April 25, 2024, (out of state) (C. Foreman).

Board members approved a school-wide fund-raiser with Cropper’s Greenhouse Flowers, PTO, Tollesboro Elementary, effective April 9, 2024, through April 22, 2024 (C. Foreman).

Superintendent Jamie Weddington presented the monthly personnel report:

- Classified Hires: Rachel Powell, Cook/Baker, Tollesboro Elementary, effective 03-12-2024; Johnna Duzan, Full Time Sub-Bus Driver, District Wide, effective 04-01-2024; Kyle Logan, Part-Time Custodian, Laurel Elementary, effective 04-03-2024.
- Classified Resigna-

tion: Stacey Edington, Custodian, Tollesboro Elementary, effective 03-28-2024.

- Certified Retirements: Patricia Riley, Teacher, Lewis County High School, effective July 1, 2024; Phebe Terena Kraft, Teacher, Garrison Elementary, effective September 1, 2024.

- Notice of Family Medical Leave of Absence: Granted employee Family Medical Leave of Absence at Garrison Elementary effective.

- Extra Duty Hires: Dacoda Campbell, Boys Basketball Coach, Tollesboro Elementary, effective 03-12-2024; Trayla Liles, 2nd Assistant Softball Coach, Lewis County High School, effective 03-20-2024; Tanner Underwood, Football Coach, Lewis County Middle

School, effective 03-25-2024.

- Extra Duty Resignations: Whitney Willis, Volleyball Coach, Lewis County High School, effective 03-19-2024; Kody Willis, Volleyball Coach, Lewis County High School, effective 03-19-2024.

The board approved a four-year contract with Dr. Michael Melton as Lewis County Schools Superintendent at a beginning salary of \$125,000 effective July 1, 2024.

The board went into closed session for the discussion of proposed or pending litigation, taking no action when returning to open session.

Members approved the financial reports and payment of bills before adjourning.

Now Hiring EMTs & Paramedics

The Lewis County Ambulance Service District is seeking applications for EMTs and paramedics.

Basic starting pay has been set at \$14/hr for EMTs; \$16/hr for advanced EMTs; and \$18/hr for paramedics with additional consideration based on years of experience.

Resumes may be dropped off at the Judge Executive's Office in the Lewis County Courthouse or emailed to LewisCountyEMS@lewiscountky.gov.

For additional information, please call Danny Palmer at 606-748-0773.

PUBLIC NOTICE 17

Kenny’s Famous Fish Fry

To Go or Dine In



2 Fish Fillets
Homemade Coleslaw
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French Fries
\$12

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Vanceburg (corner of AA and Hwy. 59 at the flashing yellow light).

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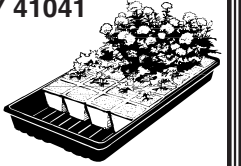
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Lewis County Football Rib Dinner Fundraiser

Date: May 4, 2024
Place: Black Oak Volunteer Fire Department
Time: 3:00 thru 6:30
Cost: \$15

Menu: Ribs or chicken
Green Beans
Baked Potato
Roll
Dessert
Water

Contact one of the coaches or players for more details and to purchase tickets. All profits go to LCHS football.

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