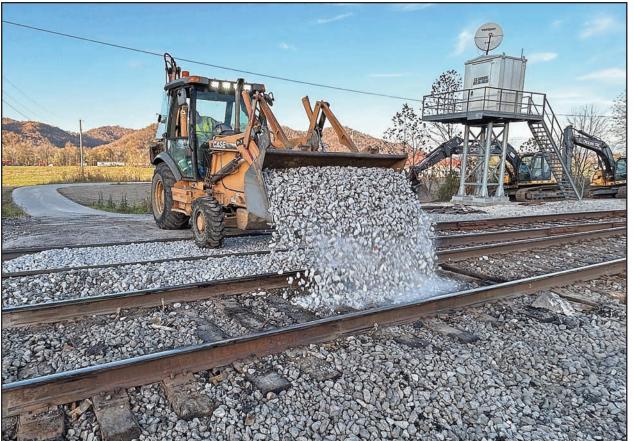


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**Dennis Brown/Lewis County Herald** 

A CSX worker places gravel for a temporary crossing for residents on Everman Lane at Garrison. company is in the area crease for water and Crews replaced most crossings in Lewis County resulting in temporary closures of those crossings as helping us clear the right-sewer customers followwork was being completed. Alternate routes were maintained and emergency plans were in place during the project.

## Magistrates hear broadband update, adopt roadway

By Dennis K. Brown

istrates approving the pany. adoption of about 650 roadway serves homes.

resident, addressed mag- struction is completed in istrates and said the road- each area. way serves 20 to 30 residents and added he completed, nearly all Road at a total cost of it be maintained in its curhave access to high-speed will reimburse \$80,000 rent condition.

The motion to adopt the "It's a pretty extensive application is approved. trate Johnny Osborne will have access to up to Rigdon to the Extension with setting a precedent. speeds.

"We're opening up the to the vote being taken.

million project to expand project. broadband in the county

of about \$17 million to- proved. ward the project and has

U'Sellis said comple- county are completed. feet of Lexi Lane off tion is expected within Hazel Road into the about two years but added the way," he said. county road system. The service will be available 10 to residents in each of "plenty of crews and maabout 30 areas of the terials available" for the Kevin Duff, a Lexi Lane county as soon as the conproject.

internet.

roadway passed unani- project," U'Sellis added, mously although Magis- stating that customers Mike Setters and Leoma stated some concerns one Gbps symmetrical District Board were ap-

county to adopt a lot of vide local officials with to apply for FEMA grant roads in," he stated prior the current address listing funding for an outdoor of the proposed project warning siren to be Court members heard area, stressing that the placed at the school camfrom a Spectrum repre- listing will likely change pus on Lions Lane. sentative who said a \$28 over the course of the

to include some 450 miles the project, which is just will be provided to Emerof fiber and provide ac- getting underway, in- gency Management by cess to about 3,700 volves submitting infor- the Lewis County Health homes is well underway. mation to utility pole Department through grant Spectrum/Charter ear- owners and then waiting funding. lier received a state grant for permits to be ap-

which is nearly complete, U'Sellis responding that amount of \$1,100.

according to Benjamin the target is by the end of Court members also our lines free of trees, but year shows that the rate of Lewis County Fiscal U'Sellis, Director of Gov- 2026, with service to res- heard from staff members with this company we inflation is slowing and Court met in regular ses- ernment Affairs for the idents being offered ear- Tammy Brown, Kristina hope to clean up the trees that the year-over-year sion last week with mag- communications com- lier as each of about 30 Holtzapfel, and Maudrie around homes and the rate will increase around project areas in the Hatcher of Fresh Start in highways."

He added there are

Approval was given to a bridge replacement proj-He added that once ect on Ribolt-Epworth was only requesting that homes in the county will about \$123,000. The state toward that project if the

> The reappointments of proved and court mem-He said he would pro- bers adopted a resolution

Members approved paying recurring expenses on U'Sellis said Phase II of a satellite phone which

Judge Executive George Sparks announced the Magistrate Mark Hors- county had received a been working on a "walk- ley asked about a dead- spay/neuter grant for the out and design phase" line for completion with animal shelter in the

## **End of long-running** project now in sight

By Dennis K. Brown

Vanceburg met in regular ing. session last week with Black Oak area.

final paperwork for the ARC grant." Black Oak Sewer plant Stone reported Premier Stone. "We hope to hear electric system. back by the end of the month."

for customers.

"The tree-trimming members. "Our linemen Index. have worked hard to keep

"We will activate along services they provide to said the preliminary appli- we will raise water and cation for the well project Please see page 8

has been submitted for The Electric Plant Appalachian Regional Board of the City of Commission (ARC) fund-

"We are now waiting for members hearing good the invitation for a formal news concerning a long- application," he said. "In running sewer plant con- addition, we will be apsolidation project for the plying for grant funds to cover the cost of the "We have completed the matching portion of the

permit renewal and it is in Power Maintenance is the final stages of ap- working with Larry proval," said Plant Board Spencer to schedule tests Superintendent Bill Tom on key components of the

"It will more than likely be the late fall, maybe Stone also gave some early December, and good news about steps to should cause little issues help limit power outages with service to our customers," Stone said.

Stone reported a rate inof-way for our electric ing a formula based on lines," he told board the Consumer Price

"The CPI for the current three percent for the cur-In new business, Stone rent year," he said. "If so,

## Precision shooters receive scholarships

**By Daniel Miller** 

the community.

the University's Rifle

Vanceburg explaining the

Mountaineers.

they'd give up a prom or with the team. a homecoming to make MSG James Stone, "I've MSG Stone.

got kids that scrape to-

Lewis County seniors a huge part of the Lewis team. Mya Burriss, Courtney County precision rifle and are eager to continue Kentucky state champitheir athletic and aca- onships, an Ohio state

Precision air rifle com-The Ledger Independent gether their nickles and petitions are scored out of The two time Kentucky dimes and quarters so a possible 600 points, State Champion Air Rifle they can put two or three with shooters taking Team from Lewis County gallons of gas in their cars twenty shots toward the High School's JROTC so they can make it to target from three different Precision Air Rifle Team practice. These kids work positions, prone, standing has been assigned a merit hard. Absolutely the hard- and kneeling. Lewis based four-year scholar- est working kids I've ever County has consistently ship from Schreiner Uni- seen, and that's coming scored in the high 580s, versity and will shoot for from an army guy." with Burriss, Carpenter, Burriss, Carpenter and and Skidmore helping Skidmore have each been lead the pack for their

The trio was preparing Carpenter, and Eden team throughout their for their first competition Skidmore each accepted high school careers, help- of their senior year last the scholarship to SU, inglead their team to two week at Camp Perry in Port Clinton, Ohio.

"We have to be up at demic careers with the championship, a seventh 2:30, we leave Lewis brigade JROTC champi- County at four in the "Great kids, hard work- onship, and several other morning, we drive to ers. They put in the effort. a c c o m p l i s h m e n t s Camp Perry and get there They're the kids that, throughout their time at about 10:00. We'll shoot until about two or "We've placed fifth in three, we'll get out and sure they're at a match." our region, which covers get something to eat and County about 27 states, and top we'll get here usually JROTC shooting coach, 10 in nationals," said about 8 p.m. It's a long Please see page 8

## Vanceburg tax rates unchanged

By Dennis K. Brown

cil met in a brief special Friday, also sets penalties expenditures as detersession last week with and interest for delin- mined by the City Counonly two items on the quent taxpayers as well as cil." agenda.

Members approved set- those who pay early. ting real estate tax rates second readings of both.

remain unchanged from 31. the previous several years property remains at 14 ruary 1, 2025. cents per \$100 of assessed value.

received its second read- fund and will be used for Vanceburg City Coun- ing prior to approval on the "payment of proper a two percent discount for

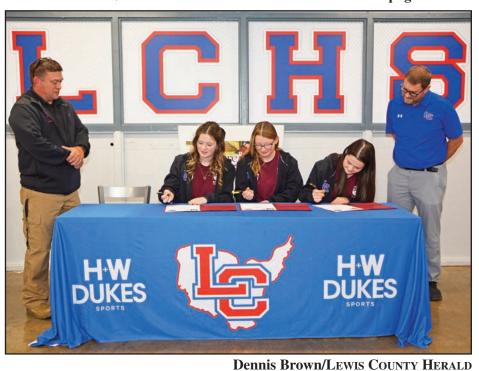
along with a budget mailed before the end of justs the city's budget by amendment after hearing this month with the dis- increasing the amount count applied to those budgeted to be received Property tax rates will who pay by December from State Fire Aid from

Face value of the tax at 13 cents per \$100 val- bill is due by January 31, council, which would uation while the rate on 2025, and become delinhave been November 4, personal and intangible quent if not paid by Feb- was canceled resulting in

monies collected will go tax bills to be mailed by The ordinance, which into the city's general December 1.

The budget amendment ordinance, also receiving The tax bills will be its second reading, ad-\$11,500 to \$15,000.

The regular meeting of the special meeting to set The ordinance states all the tax rates allowing for



Three JROTC Precision Air Rifle Team members sign letters of intent during a ceremony at Lewis County High School. Pictured (L-R) are MSG James Stone, Mya Burriss, Courtney Carpenter, Eden Skidmore, and LCHS Athletic Director Josh Hughes.

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