

Lewis County officials present monthly reports

By Dennis Brown

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

Sheriff Johnny Bivens filed his department's activities from October 14, 2024 through November 12, 2024.

- Citations 27
- Subpoenas Served 3
- Domestic Related Calls 24
- Civil Summons Served 33
- Arrests 14
- Cases Open For Investigation 6
- Accident Investigations 14
- Criminal Summons 5
- Prisoners Transp. to Secure Facility 0 miles
- Juveniles Transported 283 miles
- DVOs and EPOs 6
- Court Security Hours 641
- Auto Inspections 73
- Funeral Escorts 5
- Concealed Carry Permits 13
- Miscellaneous 22
- Taxes Collected:
 - Property \$2,969,884.38
 - Franchise 620,579.12
 - Total \$3,030,463.50

Stolen property recovered: SO-24-105 2010 Jayco Camper \$9,500.00

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 October:

- Sheriff 486
- Vanceburg PD 234
- EMS 155

- Coroner 7
- Air Evac 5
- Lewis County FD 40
- Garrison FD 11
- Vanceburg FD 18
- Black Oak FD 16
- Firebrick FD 3
- Lewis County 2 FD 7
- Tollesboro FD 44
- Camp Dix FD 6
- EMA 2
- Total Calls 1,034
- 911 Wrecker Log October:
 - Mullin's 1
 - McCann's 1
 - W KY 8 8
 - Ginn's 6
 - G&H 6
 - Thayer's 2
 - Clark's 2
 - Crawford's 0
 - Bradford's 0

Director of Lewis County Ambulance Service District, Michael Byble, gave his report.

Total Lewis County Dispatched calls for EMS: 155. Patients who opted to go POV: 3.

Total Lewis County Ambulance Dispatched calls: 129.

Total LCEMS Run Forms: 127. Transported Patients: 100. Hospitals: SOMC 61, UK-St. Claire 4, Meadowview 31, and Fleming County 4.

Average Response Time (all shifts): 13:00, 42% were below 8:20.

Runs By District: Vanceburg 50, Tollesboro 23, Black Oak 10, Lewis County 17, Camp Dix 7, and Garrison 20.

- In October:
 - Deployed the LUCAS III CPR Devices.
 - Trained on the LUCAS

- III CPR Device.
- Deployed 2 new suction units on the ambulances.
- Sent 1111 into Tire World to have maintenance completed.
- Road Supervisor David Goodwin submitted his road maintenance report for the month.

Goodwin said 905.99 tons of gravel and stone, and 97.15 tons of hot/cold patch had been hauled by the county.

- Roadways Mowed/Brush/Trees: Buck Lick, Toller Hollow, Firebrick Indian Run, Briery, Buck Lick, McCleese, Long Br., Cooper Fork, Hardy Fork, Lower Kinney, B Branch, Burnt Cabin, Rock Camp, Bogdens, Paint Lick, Black Lick, Sargent Br., Lower Kinney, Beechy, Bowman Spring, Thorp Ridge, Liles Ln., Fugate, Montieth Rd., Carrs Hill, Brackman, Wildwoods Sub., Quicks Run, Wolf Hollow, Fannin Ln., Manley Hollow, Jordan Ln., Poplar Flats, Shaw Hollow, May Hollow, Ribolt, Happy Hollow, Wilson Rd., Straight Fork, Lee Hollow, Goodwin Ln., E. Shaw, Pine, Valley, Hackworth, Nashtown, Spence, Blue Springs, Ghost Hollow, Charters, Harrison Hill, Fly Branch, Hazel, Straight Fork, Happy Hollow, Burtonville, Beechy, Greenlawn, Old Trace, Toller Br., Thorp Ridge, and North Licking River.

Roadways Repaired/Shoulder: Firebrick. Ditch Cleaned: Red Brush and Green Lawn. Signs Made/Repaired:

Smooth Rock, Miller, Garrison, Bentley Ln., and Evermans Dreamview.

Roadways Graveled/Repaired: Mulligan Hollow, May Hollow, Hardy Fork, Firebrick, Fugate, Browns Run, Rock Camp, Elk Lick, Scaffold Lick, Long Br., Raccoon, Mosby, Black Lick, Fuller, Fairgrounds, Swearingin, Sargent Br., Perry Br., May Hollow, Dummitt, Twin Br., and Quicks Run.

Pipe Replaced/Cleaned/Repaired: Raccoon, Firebrick, and Quicks Run.

Blacktop Cold/Hot Patching: Raccoon, Craycraft, River Road, Vances Creek, Smooth Rock, McDowells Creek Rd., Dry Hollow, Briery, Skidmore, Scaffold Lick, Stone Br., Ribolt-Epworth, May Hollow, Poplar Flats, Cabin Creek, Firebrick, Toller Hollow, and Paint Lick.

Bus Turns Repaired/School Needs: Vocational School, High School, Mosby Bus Turn, and McCray.

Animal Control Officer reported five animals picked up; eight dropped off; four owner surrenders; 16 rescued; one reclaimed (\$240); two adopted (\$40.00); one tag (\$5); \$140 Donations; one euthanized; two quarantined; and 114 calls received. Fourteen dogs remained at the shelter at the end of the month. Fleming County Fiscal Court was billed \$490.

Solid Waste Coordinator Roger Lewis gave his report:

- Performed all regular Coordinator duties.
- Sent out letters, received several phone calls and completed several site visits concerning complaints and nuisances.
- Still taking in recycle material.

We had the 3 Mile Laurel Creek Cleanup with 45 JROTC cadets along with several volunteers who picked up 32 tires and 30 bags of trash.

We are still picking up cardboard from most businesses in Vanceburg and in the county.

Kevin Burton's crew came and put up the chain link fence so our lot is completely fenced in.

Received several tires. Sealed the roof on the Solid Waste Office and on the storage trailer.

Pickers have picked 75 miles of roadway and have collected 679 bags of trash, 19 tires, and one mattress.

Roads that have been picked are Rt. 8, Rt. 59, Rt. 57, Rt. 1662, 1068, Old

Trace, Ronald Reagan, Rt. 10, Rt. 1306, Rt. 3311, Rt. 1237, and Rock Run.

Our pickers have finished for the year, their last day was October 31.

I have inspected the work the pickers have done and they have done a good job.

Emergency Management Director Dennis Brown gave his report.

The Lewis County Alert System continued to gain followers. It was activated five times in October to notify residents of a dense fog advisory, freeze warnings, a frost advisory, and a phishing alert.

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 countywide.

Pursuing grant for locator/tracker devices for residents who may wander (Alzheimer's/dementia).

Completed necessary paperwork with KYEM as required.

Participated in continuing education for EMA.

Participated in continuing training for Red Cross Volunteer position.

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

Attended Area 7 KYEM meeting/training in Morehead.

Participated in county-wide test of outdoor sirens. (10/3/24)

Preparing for hardware (CAD computers) refresh in the amount of \$32,527.67 for 911 Dispatch Center. Participated in online meeting with Geoconex with plans for implementation. (10/21/24)

Working with Kinetic/Windstream on project to switch PSAP from copper to fiber connection. (Fiber and term panel have been installed, switchover was delayed due to September 27 storm.)

Working with Spectrum for activation of internet/telephone system at EMS/911.

Completed 16 hours of training toward Certified Emergency Manager Program.

Participated in Tabletop Exercise in Greenup County (10/24/24).

Attended Tri-State EM meeting in Huntington, WV (10/16/24).

Participated in Great Shakeout Exercise (10/17/24).

Maintain EMS office hours Mon-Fri.

Assisted in preparation and promotion of Fall Forest Fire Hazard Season. (10/1/24)

Working with Tollesboro Fire to improve communication link between Dispatch and Tollesboro Fire's radio repeater and outdoor warning siren. (Siren tech also involved in project.)

Working with siren tech to replace Black Oak Outdoor Warning Siren with refurbished unit (scheduled for 11/7/24).

Attended GIS and CAD system trainings. (10/15 and 10/29/24)

Working with Christian Appalachian Project to restore Operation Sharing Program in the county (was discontinued during COVID).

Participated in Kentucky Qualification System - PIO certification training (10/16/24).

Working with local officials and health care officials toward Recovery Ready Community designation.

Participated in Broadband Improvement discussions with providers and local officials (10/11/24).

Planning LEPC/DES Tabletop Exercise for November.

Received notification of acceptance to attend Advanced Public Information Officer training (E0388) in January at National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. (All expenses reimbursed.)

Working on safety plan and organizational cooperation for planned event at 1806 Adventures ATV Park.

Telephone conference with Area Director Jason York to discuss training and reporting practices. Multiple telephone conferences concerning weather and damage assessments.

County treasurer Penny Lee reported the total of all county funds for the month of October had a beginning balance of \$3,508,037.55 and an ending balance of \$3,348,310.84. Receipts for the month totaled \$180,204.05 while disbursements totaled \$339,930.76.

The next regular meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court will be at 3:00 p.m. December 9, 2024.

An Encouraging Word

By Tom Cox



The Hunter

(I heard Tommy Oaks tell this story several years ago. I hope you enjoy it.)

My uncle Charlie was one of the best hunters around. He used to take only 3 bullets with him when he went into the woods. He said anything more than that was just extra weight to carry around.

I used to beg Uncle Charlie to take me hunting with him. He finally let me go with him when I was 12 years old. It was just before Christmas, and we were hunting for meat for our Christmas dinner. Uncle Charlie even let me carry the gun.

After a while, I saw a deer over to my left. Taking aim, I fired, but missed badly. With only 2 bullets left, we walked deeper into the woods.

Suddenly, I noticed a turkey up ahead. Once again, I aimed and fired. Once again, I did not even come close to my target. Knowing I had blown my chance, I handed the gun over to Uncle Charlie. But with only 1 bullet left, what hope did we have to provide some game for our

family meal?

We walked some more, and then Uncle Charlie stopped at the edge of a clearing. He had obviously spotted something. Peering around him to the left, I saw a big buck deer that had not yet seen us. Looking around him to the right, I saw an angry bear that had indeed seen us!

What would Uncle Charlie do with the one remaining bullet? Would he shoot the deer for the meat, or would he shoot the bear to protect us?

It turned out that he did neither. Instead, he took out his hunting knife and threw it with all of his might. But he didn't throw it at the deer. He didn't throw it at the bear either. He stuck the knife in a tree halfway between the deer and the bear. Then he raised his gun to shoot. But he didn't shoot the deer. He didn't shoot the bear either. Uncle Charlie shot the blade of the hunting knife! Half of the bullet went to the left and killed the deer! The other half went to the right and killed the bear!

And that's not all! The force of the bullet caused the knife to spin up into the

air, where it killed and dressed 2 turkeys that were roosting in the tree and 6 ducks that happened to be flying overhead! When it came back down to earth, the knife landed in a stream, where it killed and filleted 6 huge catfish and 4 nice bass!

It turned out to be the best Christmas dinner we ever had!

"We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty."—2 Peter 1:16.

You knew there had to be a point to the story, right?

For more inspirational writings by Tom Cox, go to www.jesustrek.wordpress.com.

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--- PUBLIC NOTICE ---

Notice is hereby given that James Carver, 406 Front St., Vanceburg, KY 41179 has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to build a garage, not attached to home, at current address. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov. Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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Lewis CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 19-CI-00086

JENNY LYNN O'BERRY PETITIONER
and
JAMES BRIAN O'BERRY RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of an Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on October 7, 2024, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Lewis County Courthouse, 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, Kentucky, 41179, on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at 6710 W KY 10, Tollesboro, Kentucky 41189 and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 004-00-00-012.04. 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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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
Lewis CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00047

MIDFIRST BANK PLAINTIFF
and
STEVEN M. COOPER, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on November 19, 2024, to raise the unpaid principal in the amount of \$52,548.78, 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, December 12, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at 460 Harrison Hollow Road, Vanceburg, Kentucky 41179 and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 049-00-00-009.11. 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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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
Lewis CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 23-CI-00065

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF
and
PENNY L. SCOTT a/k/a PENNY L. BARNES a/k/a PENNY SCOTT a/k/a PENNY SCOTT a/k/a PENNY HOLLINS, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on February 19, 2024, and the subsequent Order to Reschedule Master Commissioner's Sale entered on November 18, 2024, to raise the unpaid principal in the amount of \$54,711.35, 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, December 12, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at 8129 W KY 9, Vanceburg, Kentucky 41179 and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 049-00-00-012.02. 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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