



Matt Brown

MATT BROWN JOINS ARCHWAY INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Punta Gorda, FL-Louisa – The ARCHway Institute is pleased to announce that Matt Brown, a nationally recognized leader in addiction recovery and behavioral health, has joined the organization’s leadership team. Brown, who has dedicated his career to transforming recovery services and improving access to quality care, brings a wealth of experience in leadership, patient engagement, and operational excellence.

As a person who suffered from substance use disorder and who is now in long term recovery, Brown has firsthand experience with the challenges and barriers individuals face in recovery. His journey from addiction to becoming a leader in the behavioral health space has been widely recognized, and his expertise in developing sustainable recovery programs makes him a valuable addition to ARCHway’s mission.

Dan Stuckey, Chairman of ARCHway’s Board of Directors said, “ARCHway is so excited to have Matt Brown join us as our new CEO. Matt is coming into a 13 year old nonprofit who under the leadership of our past CEO Emily Stuckey was able to more than double our impact of helping Families and Individuals start a journey of recovery from a drug and/or alcohol addiction. Emily has elected to move into the COO role as she would like to reduce her travel and spend more time with her newborn. ARCHway is at the doorstep of dramatically increasing our ability to serve and help more families and individuals through ARCHway Institute and the National Peer Recovery Alliance which is a division of ARCHway. We are incredibly confident in Matt leading us in this step change through his professional experience, lived experience and his interpersonal skills.”

In his new role, Brown will focus on strategic partnerships, program expansion, peer support services, peer development and training, and ensuring that individuals and families seeking recovery have the resources and support they need to succeed.

“I am honored to join ARCHway Institute and contribute to an organization that aligns so closely with my personal and professional mission,” said Brown. “ARCHway has a proven track record of breaking down barriers in recovery, and I look forward to working alongside this incredible team to further that impact.”

For more information about ARCHway Institute and its programs, visit theARCHwayinstitute.org or contact, Matt.Brown@thearchwayinstitute.org, or 606-615-2872.

LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

By SARAH GAUZE
Public Relations Coordinator, LC Schools

The Lawrence County Board of Education held its regular meeting at Blaine Elementary School gymnasium on March 17, at 6 p.m. Board members Jim See (Chairman), Maddlene Roberts (Vice-Chair), Barbara Robinson, Garnett Skaggs and Susie Rice were all present in person.

Mr. See called the meeting to order. Blaine Elementary School eighth-graders Kimberly Fugitt and Bella Griffith recited the LCS Mission Statement and the US Pledge of Allegiance.

The board approved the agenda. Mr. See announced that the board was happy to be holding the BOE meeting at Blaine Elementary School. A motion was made to approve the amendment to the agenda, adding several items.

In students and staff presentations and recognitions:

Mrs. Webb honored Mr. Halfhill, a retired teacher from Louisa Middle School. Ms. Sammons commented, “We appreciate all he did for the students at Louisa Middle School.”

We are celebrating our LC FFA Chapter! It has been declared FFA Week in Lawrence County Schools and Agriculture Education Week in KY for the week of March 17-21.

The group discussed the grant gifted to the LCHS agriculture department’s small engines class. The grant provided 72 Briggs & Stratton engines to use in the class. Miss Preslie Laney gave a fantastic speech, which she is perfecting for competition.

Mrs. Blackburn has been awarded the KEEP Foundation’s Seattle Slew \$5,000 grant!

The Blaine Elementary School Spotlight began with Ms. West’s discussion of the middle school HOSA group’s first year of participation in the State HOSA competition. BES also discussed the students’ involvement in the STLP competition in April. The STLP group focuses on simplifying school events by promoting extracurricular activities.

Additionally, BES third-grade teachers discussed their approaches to Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). In week one, the group focuses on assessments. In week two, they focus on quality instruction. In week three, they focus on data analysis. Finally, in week four, they implemented the PDSA cycle: Plan, Do, Study, Act.

In communications, Mrs. Webb gave the Superintendent’s update.

Dr. Norman and Sue Edwards are partnering with Ashland Community & Technical College to provide a scholarship endowment for LCHS Graduates. The scholarship will provide \$18,000 in scholarships for up to four LCHS students.

LC Schools is partnering with Three Rivers Medical Center to offer a Telehealth Option for students. Dr. Fitzpatrick will be providing the telehealth appointments.

Mrs. Courtney Kingsmore, LWES principal, has been selected for the 2025-2026 Leadership Institute for Schools Principals, with all costs funded by the KY Chamber Foundation. She will attend this program on March 27 and at various dates throughout the summer.

The LCHS Boys’ Basketball Team is the Region 15 Champion and will head to Rupp Arena



LAWRENCE COUNTY High School FFA Chapter celebrated FFA Week and Agriculture Education Week March 17-21. A group of students attended the March School Board meeting to give them an update of happening with the group. SUBMITTED PHOTO

on March 27. The LCHS Girls’ Basketball Team was runner-up in the regional competition.

In the Regional Governors Cup, Louisa Middle School had three students who advanced to the State Finals. Louisa East Elementary School is the Regional Runner-Up, the Regional Champion Future Problem-Solving Team, and the Language Arts and Math Regional Champions, and placed second in Quick Recall.

Louisa East’s 3rd-grade student, Miss Ellie Short, was recognized in Frankfort, on March 7, as the Area 8 KY Conservation Jim Claypool Art Contest Winner.

The LC Music Hall of Fame Induction of James Ellis and Rose Murray will take place during the Music in Our Schools Month Concert at LCHS on March 18 at 10 a.m., open to the public.

In public comments, Mrs. Brit Brendan addressed the board regarding the Summit House, a nonprofit organization. The group is education-based and addresses the needs, health, and well-being of the whole person. Ms. Brendan asked the board to contemplate working with the Summit House.

In Student Learning and Support Services: Mrs. Webb discussed the finances related to the National FFA Convention.

The board approved the Minutes of February 18, 2025, Regular meeting, the Claims and Orders of the Treasurer, and the Monthly Financial Report by Mrs. Brani Peters, LC Finance Officer.

Beginning Balance	\$6,372,727
Total Revenue for Feb	\$3,499,542
Expenditures for Feb	\$2,611,153
Fund 1 Cash Balance for Feb	\$2,538,627
Ending Balance for Feb	\$7,270,910

Balance sheets reflect the balance of each fund as of February 28, 2025.

In the Consent Agenda:
The Board approved the items on the Consent Agenda.

In Contracts and Services: Steered Straight Vaping Assembly Service agreement with LCHS FRYSC for \$7,500.

Varsity Yearbook Agreement with FES for \$882 and LMS for \$2,967.

Acceptance of the FY2025 KES Second Offer of Assistance for Education Technology for \$18,029, with an equal match from the district.

Mrs. Webb highlighted the generosity of the LC KY Farm Bureau in providing a charter bus for the LCHS boys’ basketball team to travel to Rupp Arena.

In Requests, Fundraisers: BES, FES, LMS, and LCHS

Out-of-State Trips: FES to Cincinnati Zoo for May 22; LCHS students tour Greenbrier Bunker, WV, May 14; LCHS Boys Basketball to Marshall University, WV, May 18; Donation Acceptance: 4-H Council, Farm to Table, \$4,651; Three Rivers Medical Center, LC Softball Scoreboard, \$10,000; Foothills Communications, LC Softball Scoreboard, \$750; Use of Facilities: LMS 2025 Eastern KY Fire School, May 2-4; LMS Conservation Essay & Poster Winners Banquet, April 17.

In construction/building & grounds project updates:

The LCHS Vocational Education Center received its Temporary Occupancy.

An invoice for \$1,563.99 was approved for RossTarrant’s monthly professional services for the LCHS Vocational Center Phase 1, including the New Carpentry Building and Greenhouse.

An invoice for Codell Construction Pay Application 16, covering the work performed on the LCHS Vocational Education Center Renovation and Expansion Phase 1, for \$42,712.22, has been approved.

An invoice for Codell Construction Application 7, covering work performed on the LMS Roof Replacement Project, was approved for \$235,469.65.

In Building and Grounds Maintenance/Safety & Security:

Approved the bid for the grass mowing services to Lawn Express for the 2025 season.

Lawn Express will also mow the grounds weekly and weed the flower beds. If the school provides the mulch, they will also provide the labor to add the mulch to the landscape areas.

In Other Action:
The Board approved the award of bids for

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PRESTONSBURG CITY POLICE has appointed two officers to patrol the streets. Ptl. D. Brad Caldwell with his wife, Haley and their two daughters has returned to Prestonsburg. Brad spent several years with PPD before exploring an opportunity in his original hometown in Boyd County; and Patrolman Nathan C. Todd also accepted a position on the police department. Nathan is a native of Inez and a graduate of the West Virginia State Police Academy where he began his career with the South Charleston Police Department. Nathan obtained his Kentucky Peace Officers Professional Standards Certification and transferred to the Boyd County Sheriff’s Office. Brad and Nathan are pictured being administered their oaths of office by Floyd District Judge Tyler Green.