

Lewis County officials present monthly reports

By Dennis K. Brown

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

Sheriff Johnny Bivens filed his department activities from February 10, 2025 through March 10, 2025.

- Citations 11
- Subpoenas Served 6
- Domestic Related Calls 15
- Civil Summons Served 33
- Arrests 8
- Cases Open For Investigation 3
- Accident Investigations 11
- Criminal Summons 3
- Prisoners Transp. to Secure Facility 0 miles
- Juveniles Transported 75 miles

- DVOs and EPOs 5
- Court Security Hours 627
- Prescription Deliveries 2
- Auto Inspections 55
- Funeral Escorts 6
- Concealed Carry Permits 8

• Miscellaneous 34

• Taxes Collected:

Property \$76,911.25

Franchise \$191,685.65

Total \$268,596.90

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 March:

- Sheriff 449
- Vanceburg PD 115
- EMS 152
- Coroner 4
- Air Evac 6
- Lewis County FD 34
- Garrison FD 24
- Vanceburg FD 31
- Black Oak FD 22
- Firebrick FD 23
- Lewis County 2 FD 13
- Tollesboro FD 40
- Camp Dix FD 8
- EMA 4

Total Calls 925

911 Wrecker Log February:

- Mullin's 1
- McCann's 1
- W KY 8 3
- Ginn's 1
- G&H 1
- Thayer's 4
- Clark's 5
- 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: 152

Patients who opted to go POV: 4

Total Lewis County Ambulance Dispatched calls: 122.

Total LCEMS Run Forms: 128.

Transported Patients: 95.

Hospitals: SOMC 72, UK-St. Claire 4, UK-KDMC 1, Meadowview 16, Fleming County 2.

Average Response Time (all shifts): 15:18, 34% were below 8:00 minutes.

Runs By District: Vanceburg 46, Tollesboro 18, Black Oak 12, Firebrick 2, Lewis County 21, Camp Dix 1, and Garrison 19, and out of county 0.

Road Supervisor David Goodwin submitted his road maintenance report for the month.

Goodwin said 1,481.09 tons of gravel and stone, and 203 tons of salt had been hauled by the county.

Roadways Graveled/Repaired: Mulligan Hollow, Dummitt Br., Golden Ridge Rd., Canaan Church Rd., Stamper Br. Rd., Stevens Ridge, Breeze Rd., May Hollow, Bowman Springs, McCleese Hollow, Dry Hollow, Perry Br., Stone Br., Black John, Crooked Creek, Garden Br., Carrs Hill, Quicks Run, Lower Twin, Old Rankin, Ribolt, Browns Run, Powder Lick, and Holly.

Bus Turns Repaired: Tollesboro School lot and High School Baseball Field.

Roadways Mowed/Brush/Trees/Debris/Mud: Ribolt-Epworth, Bear Br., McDowells Crk. Rd., Wilson, S.

Manor, Lower Kinney, Scaffold Lick, and Firebrick.

Creek Crossing Repair: Bear Br. and Swearingen Br. Roadways Repaired/Shoulder: Vances Creek.

Pipe Installed/Repaired/Clean: Thorp Ridge, Raccoon, Vance Creek, Firebrick Indian Run, Bear Br., and Swearingen Br. Rd.

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.
- Finished Annual Report with Morgan's help and got it sent in.

- We are still picking up cardboard from most businesses in Vanceburg and in the county.
- Received several tires.
- Went to Louisville on 25, 26, and 27 for the 2025 KY Solid Waste Recycling and Sustainability Conference.

Animal Control Officer reported one animal picked up; 38 dropped off; 21 rescued; one reclaimed (\$30.00); 10 adopted (\$200.00); six tags (\$30.00); two euthanized; \$110.00 donation; and 73 calls received. Twenty-one dogs remained at the shelter at the end of the month.

Emergency Management Director Dennis Brown gave his report.

The Lewis County Alert System continued to gain followers. It was activated 13 times in February to notify residents of snow emergencies, power interruptions, weather advisories, flooding, and closings. 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). Lewis County Alerts has more than 5,600 subscribers.

- 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).
- Pursuing grant funding for water rescue kits for first responders.
- 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.
- Participated in county-

wide test of outdoor sirens. (2/6/25)

- Preparing for hardware (CAD computers) refresh in the amount of \$32,527.67 for 911 Dispatch Center. Participated in admin training with Geoconex with plans for implementation. (Project has been delayed by Geoconex as result of supply chain failure. Now scheduled for March 10-14)
- Working with Kinetic/Windstream on project to switch PSAP from copper to fiber connection. (Fiber and term panel have been installed, switchover has been delayed due to Storms.) Working through possible issues with system router.
- Placed EOC on Standby Status during February 14-15 weather event.
- Attended PIO/social media training in Frankfort (2/4-5/25)
- Maintaining EM office hours Mon - Fri.
- Responded to home fire in Tollesboro. Red Cross assistance approved. (2/14/25)
- Responded to water rescue at Quicks Run (2/18/25)
- Conducted storm damage assessments. (2/15-16/25)
- Attended Cyber Security Workshop on AI (2/13/25)
- 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.)
- Conducted LEPC/DES meetings (2/20/25)
- Attended online CSEPP training session and discussion on management.
- 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.
- Participated in Broadband Improvement review discussions with providers and local officials to finalize county plan.
- Assisted during Winter Storm in several capacities. (1/5-10/25))
- Promoted Lewis County Alerts in newspaper, radio, and social media outlets to be better prepared for potential flooding.
- Received notification of Storm Ready Community certification. (2/6/25)
- Worked with AK and Windstream to restore telephone service multiple times.
- Assisted LCSO with traffic control and scene photography for various incidents.
- Deployed to State EOC in Frankfort to assist as Situation Unit Leader (2/23-3/1/25)
- 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 February had a beginning

balance of \$3,871,260.67 and

an ending balance of \$3,634,642.74. Receipts for the month totaled \$320,919.45 while disburse-

ments totaled \$557,537.38.

The next regular meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court will be at 3:00 p.m. April 14, 2025.

Tollesboro Lions Club to host Arbor Day Tree Giveaway to Celebrate (Ky) Arbor Day

By Craig Stanfield

The Tollesboro Lions Club has once again partnered with the Kentucky Division of Forestry and with Kentucky State University to provide trees to give-away to the public at large for Arbor Day. Tollesboro Lions Club President Craig Stanfield contacted Michael Carter (Forest Ranger of the KY Division of

tunistic planting times (although determined by date and climatic region, rather than by "moon signs" which many people prefer to plant in. According to the almanac, the waning moon is the best time to plant trees and seedlings. The closest waning moon to the date that the trees will be available is April 26th and 27th). Kentucky cele-

brates Arbor Day the first Friday in April, meaning that this year Arbor Day in Kentucky is April 4th.

Persons wishing to acquire trees may contact Craig Stanfield (Tollesboro Lions Club President) directly to place an order of trees and arrange for pickup by calling him at 606-301-3350 (Mason County number) or 606-798-2009 (Lewis County number).

The Tollesboro Lions Club participates in Arbor Day Tree Giveaways as tree planting is a project recommended by Lions Club International's "Initiative to Improve The Environment." While trees provide natural beauty to the areas in which they are planted, it is not just their inherent beauty that improves the environment. Oaks and Chestnuts produce nuts; Paw-Paws and Plum produce fruit, and the White Pine provides for cover, a wind-break, shade, and their pine needles provide for wildlife forage. The nuts and fruits from these trees provide important food sources for wildlife, most of which are also suited to human consumption. Most tree varieties will grow to become large trees, generally in excess of 40 feet in height, often exceeding 100 feet, and leaves scattered throughout the height provide for shady canopies in which many birds nest and as necessary to the survival of many other plants and animals. This shade also acts to cool the earth, providing an important defense against global warming. Also, once trees mature, they sometimes become homes for different wildlife. Oaks and Chestnuts are hardwood



Above, left: Michael Carter, Forest Ranger from the Kentucky Division of Forestry drops off trees at the office of Craig Stanfield Real Estate in 2022 for the Tollesboro Lions Club to giveaway for Arbor Day. Above center: Sheri Crabtree, MSc, Horticulture Research and Extension Associate Kentucky State University presents Paw-Paw trees in 2024 for last year's Tollesboro Lions Club Tree Giveaway Event at the Harold R. Benson Research & Demonstration Farm, Frankfort, KY.



Forestry), Suzy Knott of the Morgan County Nursery, and Sheri Crabtree (MSc, Horticulture Research and Extension Associate Academic Affairs) of Kentucky State University, all of whom were happy to support the Tollesboro Lions Club in their effort to provide trees for the Club to give away to the public to celebrate Arbor Day. This marks the fifth year that the Tollesboro Lions Club has offered free trees to the public in recognition of Arbor Day, having previously offered free trees in 2019, 2022, 2023 and 2024, with the number of trees given away increasing each year (in 2019, 100 trees were given away; in 2022, 200 trees were given away; in 2023, 214 trees were given away; and last year 312 trees were given away, but the trees were gone in a matter of hours!). This year's event is the largest yet, with 5 varieties offered (the most we have ever offered) and more than 600 trees offered free to the public (close to doubling what was given away last year!!! Trees offered this year include 100 seedlings each of) White Oak, Chinese Chestnut, Plum, and Paw-Paw (with an additional dozen or two of potted Paw-Paw trees) and (200) White Pine seedlings.

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wind-break, as well as providing for wood suited to a number of uses. Trees improve and benefit the environment in many ways (depending upon the variety, trees may be fruit and nut bearing for wildlife and human consumption; production of timber; provide homes for birds and wildlife; provide shady canopies that cool the Earth and the environment in which they are planted and a defense against global warming, etc.), however, the most important benefit trees add to the environment is their ability to clean air, taking in carbon dioxide from the air that we exhale and converting it through the process of photosynthesis to produce oxygen which we inhale. Lastly: The trees are free (which is GREAT!), but require planting. By agreeing to pick up and plant the trees, it will require you to "get outside" and do a little exercise (digging to plant the trees), an added benefit to your health (just don't over-do it!). Trees may be picked up at the office of Craig Stanfield Real Estate at the corner of KY 10 and KY 57 on Friday, April 4th; or at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 5th. Feel free to contact Craig Stanfield at 606-301-3350 or 606-798-2009 to reserve your selection of trees and to arrange pickup compliments of the Tollesboro Lions Club.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
Lewis CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 17-CI-00114

KENTUCKY PROPERTY TAX SERVICE PLAINTIFF
and
TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS I, LLC; BRIAN POPE; VONNIE POPE; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; APEX FUND SERVICES CUSTODIAN FOR CERES TAX RECEIVABLES, LLC; COUNTY OF LEWIS, KENTUCKY; TOWN SQUARE BANK F/K/A HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CABINET DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Summary Judgment, Default Judgment, and Order of Sale, entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on March 28, 2025, to raise the sum of \$8,824.87, 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, April 17, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at 184 Tin Can Alley, South Portsmouth, Kentucky 41174, and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 138-00-00-031.01. 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.

CLAYTON G. LYKINS, JR., MASTER COMMISSIONER
21 SECOND STREET, VANCEBURG, KY 41179
TELEPHONE: 606-796-2531

Wilma Gilliam Estate Real Estate and Equipment Auction

Saturday, April 19, 2025
10:00 a.m.
280 Beechy Hollow Road
Wallingford, KY 41093

REAL ESTATE - Approximately 46 acres of woodland located on Beechy Hollow Road, Lewis Co. This property has an abundance of timber, very secluded, great for hunting. It is located on a county-maintained road and has a nice barn, electricity, and water.

Equipment: 2 older tractors, 3-4 vehicles (no titles), log truck.

Inspection: For inspection prior to auction, please contact auctioneers Chuck Marshall, 606-782-0374 or Ronnie Lawson, 859-494-9305.

Terms: Buyer's Premium: 7% on Real Estate final bid.

Real Estate: 10% of purchase price (non-refundable) is due on the day of the auction for the purchase of the property. Balance due at closing in 30 days, on or before **May 19, 2025. 2025 property taxes will be prorated at closing.** **Note:** No financial contingencies. Property selling is subject to all recorded or unrecorded easements, restrictions and covenants.

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