

Sports Corner

By Gary Kidwell



As the high school spring sports are winding down and teams are getting ready to close out their regular seasons and start district play we are looking back this week at the 2021 Lewis County girls' softball team. This team was the first one to ever earn a regional softball title for LCHS.

The history making victory took place at the Fleming County softball field on Tuesday, June 8, at 9:20 p.m. It started a week of celebration in all of Lewis County.

The Lady Lions won over

solutely. These girls have talent, great work ethic, and I knew they were capable. I probably learned more softball from them than they learned from me."

The Lions, who were 21-8, had to fight off a determined Ashland team to the end of the game. They had lost to the Kittens 11-7 earlier in the year.

Ashland's coach said give pitcher, Emily Cole, credit. She threw until midnight on Monday night, threw 800 pitches and threw a heck of a game on Tuesday. Cole said she threw a changeup

to Jeremy and they have three children, Lucy, Josie, and William. They now reside in Lexington. Tiffany is the daughter of Ed and Teresa Bryant of Black Oak and granddaughter of Leanne Bryant and the late Dewey Bryant of Vanceburg and Ben and Pam Chaney of Concord.

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It was nice to talk to Kelsey Rizzo this past week. Kelsey was a standout pitcher for the Lewis County Lady Lions softball team at LCHS. Kelsey is now a physical therapist at



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The 2021 Lewis County softball team rushes pitcher Emily Cole after defeating Ashland for the 16th Region Championship in Flemingsburg.

Rowan County, Boyd County, and finally Ashland Paul Blazer with a score of 6-4. Emily Cole, the Lions' pitcher and Tourney MVP threw 316 pitches in less than 26 hours. After the game Emily said, "This is indescribable. This is great for our community, so it really means a lot to us. We're always the underdog in every sport...I thought this was our year to do it."

Second baseman, Kayla Sullivan and right fielder, Sarah Paige Weddington hit the ball well. Kayla had a double and scored twice and Sarah Paige was 2 for 3 with two runs.

Coaching the team was Joe Hampton, who was better known for his coaching in basketball at Lewis County. Hampton said, "I chased a regional championship for 21 years as an assistant and head coach in basketball. Did I ever think we could do it when we started the season? Ab-

to strike out the final batter. This season was definitely one fans will always remember throughout the years. Emily Cole is now a pitcher for the Marshall University softball team in Huntington, WV. Kelsi Tackett, Kayla Sullivan, and Sarah Paige Weddington were All-16th Region with Emily Cole being MVP of the tourney.

Kidwell's Keynotes

It was good to see Tiffany Bryant Hunter over the Easter holiday. Tiffany was a fine basketball player for the Lewis County Lady Lions during her high school years. She is married

Vanceburg Hills. She is the daughter of Denise Dunaway of Black Oak and Tony Rizzo of Vanceburg. Her grandparents are Sue Dunaway and the late Mick Dunaway, and Helen Rizzo of Vanceburg.

Sportstumper: Who was the coach after Joe Hampton of the LCHS Lady Lions' softball team?

Answer: Chad Case.

Until next week this is the Old Righthander leaving you with this thought, "Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there."

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Military banners have returned

By Brenda S. Bear

We are proud to share that our military tribute banners have returned to the streets of downtown Vanceburg. Since last year, the program has seen significant growth. As of April 8, we now display 284 banners honoring veterans from across Lewis County who have served in all

branches of the United States Armed Forces. This meaningful tribute stands as a testament to our enduring respect and appreciation for the men and women who have selflessly served our nation. The project was initiated in 2022 by veteran Howard McCann, whose dedication and countless hours of re-

search into the lives and service of these veterans—and their families—have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Howard and his wife, Barb, for their tireless efforts and commitment. It is our hope that this tribute continues for many years to come.

MCTC announces candidacy with ACEN

By Rachel Adkins

Maysville Community and Technical College is excited to announce its application for candidacy with Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) has been granted for the practical and associate degree nursing programs.

The practical nursing programs are offered at the Maysville and Rowan campuses.

The associate degree

nursing programs are offered at the Maysville, Licking Valley, and Montgomery campuses.

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Vanceburg Lions Club

By Bill Tom Stone



The Vanceburg Lions Club held its meeting on April 17, at the Vanceburg Methodist Church fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. President Lion Roger Brown called the meeting to order with Lion Sam Holder leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Lion Chris McGlone giving the prayer. The president then invited the members to enjoy a time of dining and fellowship.

Once the meal was finished, the nominating committee presented their list of officers for the club to review. After some discussion and minor changes, a motion was made and seconded to close nominations, to accept the slate of officers as presented, and that the officers be elected by acclamation. The officers are as listed for 2025-2026: President, David Lucas.

Club Administrator, Roger Brown.

1st Vice President, Austin Rucker.

2nd Vice President, Sam Holder.

3rd Vice President, Bret Wampler.

Secretary, Austin Evans.

Treasurer, Bill Tom Stone.

1-year Director, Austin Evans.

1-year Director, Gage Yates.

2-year Director, Jim Willis.

2-year Director, Mike Edington.

Membership, Nate Stone.

Club LCIF Coordinator, Kenny Ruckel.

Club Services Chairperson, Bryan Wright.

Club Marketing Communications Chairperson, Dennis Brown.

Lion Tamer, Kody Willis.

Tail Twister, Cary Cagle.

President Brown then

asked the Constitution and By-Law committee to give any additional updates on the document's progress and any details they would like to reveal. Lion Austin Rucker reported that the draft document had been sent to the members of the club by e-mail. Overall, the members have shown great support for the new document. Lion Rucker gave a summary of the highlights of the changes. Lion Bill Tom Stone moved that we adopt the new document and that it should take effect on July 1, 2025. Lion Jim Willis seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Lion Sam Holder gave an update on the EV Holder Jr. Golf Scramble and said that we would be starting to pass the word soon, so people can schedule the event. Lion Bill Tom Stone said that he would be working with Lion David Lucas on getting the sponsor-

ship letters out for the softball tournament in the next few weeks.

President Brown then called Lion Bill Tom Stone forward to present him with an award from Lions Club International for sponsoring five new members over the past year. Lion Brown presented Lion Stone with a pin, and the club recognized the achievement with a round of applause.

The president next brought up that the Zone meeting will be held in Orangeburg on April 21, at 6:30 p.m. He encouraged our members to do their best to go to the meeting.

The club then voted to continue to support the Kentucky Eye Foundation through the normal channels. The foundation is still one of our main charities.

There being no more business to come before the club, we adjourned.

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