

WEBINAR

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Jonathan Larson, extension assistant professor in the Department of Entomology. “Raising awareness through educational programs, like this webinar, helps people recognize symptoms, take preventive measures and manage the condition if they’ve already been diagnosed.”

Key features of the webinar include:

- Expert presentations: Larson and Department of Entomology assistant professor Hannah Tiffin will discuss tick prevalence in Kentucky, what to know about the lone star tick and science-based strategies to reduce tick bites.
- Diet and lifestyle management: Heather Norman-Burgdolf, associate extension professor in the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, will share practical advice on living with Alpha-Gal Syndrome, including how to read labels

carefully, eliminate hidden triggers in everyday products and adapt recipes to maintain a balanced, allergen-safe diet.

• Personal perspective: UK nutrition professional Heather Shaw, who lives with Alpha-Gal Syndrome, will provide her personal insights and firsthand experiences managing the condition.

• Interactive Q&A: The final 30 minutes of the 90-minute webinar will be devoted to questions and answers, giving participants a chance to have their concerns addressed in real time.

“Our goal is to provide practical information and support to individuals living with or concerned about red meat allergy,” Norman-Burgdolf said. “With Alpha-Gal Syndrome on the rise, it’s important to share evidence-based resources on tick bite prevention and strategies for a healthier, safer lifestyle.”

Statewide watch parties

In addition to online attendance, 26 Cooperative Extension Service county offices across Kentucky will host in-person watch parties. These sessions will include sampling of Alpha-Gal-safe recipes, distribution of educational materials and networking opportunities for community members. Space is limited for many of these local events, so interested participants should contact their county’s cooperative extension office directly to learn more or reserve a spot.

The webinar begins at 7:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, visit ukfcs.net/AgS. Once registered, participants will receive Zoom details via email. The session will be recorded and made available afterward on the extension’s primary social media channels so those who cannot attend live can watch at their convenience.

Outdoor siren test planned for Thursday

Herald Report

A test of outdoor warning sirens in Lewis County will take place this Thursday, May 1, at 10:00 a.m.

The monthly test will also promote public awareness of the four warning sirens located in Lewis County.

These sirens are located at Garrison, Tollesboro, Vanceburg, Black Oak, and Firebrick.

Each siren is capable of notifying the public in its area of a possible tornado or other imminent danger.

During the monthly test, the siren will sound for 60 seconds.

Sirens are not guaranteed to be heard indoors and are designed specifically to alert those outside to seek immediate shelter indoors.

The monthly tests are necessary to ensure the sirens are functioning properly and will operate if needed in an actual emergency situation.

In the event of poor weather conditions, such as rain or overcast weather on days of scheduled testing, the siren tests will be canceled or

rescheduled.

As a reminder, the county’s monthly tornado siren test will occur on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Judge Executive George Sparks said the sirens at Garrison, Black Oak, Tollesboro and Firebrick were purchased and installed through funding from Department of Homeland Security Grants.

Notice of the Filing of a Final Settlement

Pursuant to KRS 395.625, notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of April 2025, a final settlement was filed by Sheryl Bond, Executrix of the Estate of Larry Dale Evans, deceased.

A hearing will be held on said final settlement at 9:00 a.m. on June 3, 2025. Exceptions to said final settlement must be filed before said hearing.

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Officials have said they will continue to pursue grant funding with plans to locate the warning sirens in every community in the county.

Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Charles Jason Tolle, whose address was 146 Shea Lane, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Sara Tolle, whose address is 28 Cedar Hill Rd., Vanceburg, KY 41179, was appointed Administrator on April 22, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Sara Tolle, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Sara Tolle.

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INSPECTION PERIOD
FOR THE PROPERTY TAX
ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Lewis County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 5-May 19, 2025. Under the supervision of the Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2025, taxable value that will be used to calculate the 2025 property taxes on this property.

The tax roll is located in the office of the PVA in the county courthouse and may be inspected during the inspection hours below:

Inspection period office hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday – 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Friday – 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Saturday – 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his or her assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer’s opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the County Clerk’s office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Claims Commission.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

Kenny Ruckel

Lewis County Property Valuation Administrator

Improving efficiency of licensing system

By Allen Blair

Every day, Kentuckians rely on the services of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet – from maintaining the roads they travel to issuing the licenses that allow them to drive, operate businesses, and more. We hear the frustration when things don’t work as expected. And even though there are reasons for these challenges, we don’t make excuses.

That’s why we’re taking steps to reduce lines and improve wait times for customers at our Driver Licensing Regional Offices, and to improve efficiency through innovations that provide remote renewals so you can skip the line.

Let’s look at the history. In the past few years, federal and state laws have required us to implement sweeping updates to our licensing process. Just 36 months after lawmakers shifted driver licensing issuance from 120 circuit court clerks to the cabinet, we now issue over 1.1 million permits, driver’s licenses, CDLs, Real IDs, motorcycle licenses, and ID cards each year at 34 regional offices.

On top of assuming these responsibilities, with driver safety front of mind, new legislation required vision screening for all license or permit renewals beginning January 1.

That, along with the Real ID enforcement date of May 7, has resulted in higher demand for in-person appointments and walk-in visits, which is causing lines to grow.

And finally, new state-of-the-art online services have provided the ability to get your license at any office no matter where you live.

We have undergone a massive transformation, only made possible by the skill and dedication of hundreds of public servants in our licensing branch.

Despite these challenges, we’re making real progress.

We’ve rolled out system upgrades to reduce wait times, including a new line management system that allows electronic check-ins so customers can wait in their car. We’ve hired additional staff, increased online services to make everyday tasks more convenient and we streamlined the customer experience. We continue to look at future office expansion.

Now, we’re launching “Skip the Line” options for Kentuckians who simply need to renew their license or ID. Here are four ways we can help you bypass lines, and get back to your life faster:

- Visit your eye specialist, ask for a vision screening form, go online and upload it to renew at DLRenewal.Ky.gov.
- Visit any licensing office for a vision screening, receive a passcode, return home to renew online at DLRenewal.Ky.gov.
- Visit any licensing office for a vision screening, then ask for a renewal form to fill out there and receive a temporary license via email.
- Or renew by mail by printing the mail-in form at

Drive.ky.gov, filling it out, and attaching a completed vision form from an eye specialist.

These remote renewal options will help not only you but will also reduce waits for others who need in-person services to change an address, marital status or photo on a license, apply for a CDL, or upgrade to a REAL ID.

We continue to offer once-a-month Saturday hours and popup licensing events in counties without a regional office. And soon, we’ll offer email and text reminders for renewals, giving customers an extra tool to stay on top of their licensing needs before deadlines approach.

We know there’s still work to do. But we also know that with every improvement we make, whether cutting down processing times, adding remote renewal options or supporting our county partners, we’re building a more responsive, more efficient licensing system for the people of Kentucky.

Change is tough, and it always takes a little time. But, despite the challenges, we’re working hard to deliver results, and we’re not making excuses.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RIVER TOWN FAIR - The City of Vanceburg is excited to welcome everyone back for the 3rd Annual River Town Fair on Saturday, May 3! Festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. beside the old JC Video Lot with the unveiling of a new mural. During the celebration, we’ll proudly recognize six talented Lewis County artisans who have made a lasting impact on our community. Special guests will also be joining us for this meaningful moment. Mayor Dane Blankenship will give a warm welcome to all attendees as food trucks, vendor booths, and kids' activities open at 10:00 a.m.

DOUBLE FEATURE AT YEARS OF FARMING - We are excited to welcome a double feature award winning Kenny and Amanda Smith and The David Parmley Band to Years of Farming on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Double S Entertainment 150 Foster Street, Flemingsburg to close out our 2024/2025 series. This will be our 114th show! Tickets are \$20 available in advance or at the door. Children 12 and under accompanied by an adult are admitted free. Attendees will have the chance to win door prizes provided by our sponsors. Keep checking our website www.yearsoffarming.com for updates on our schedule. Tickets are available on our website or at the door. For more information contact Paula Hinton at 606-748-0798 or paulahinton2000@yahoo.com.

Auctions by Cooper

presents the Riley ABSOLUTE Real Estate Auction

Saturday, May 10th at 11:00 a.m.

located at 1154 Clarksburg Road, Vanceburg, KY 41179

consisting of a total of 114.5 acres to be sold at Absolute Auction in 3 parcels.

Parcel 1: 102 acres of prime Lewis County property with several barns, an early 1900s house and endless potential from a family farm with plenty of pasture and small crop possibilities. Recreational opportunities with some of the best deer and turkey habitat and populations the county has to offer to hiking and ATV trails or a blank canvas to create the country lifestyle of your dreams.

Parcel 2: Consisting of 12.5 flat acres with KY 8 road frontage the length of the property on one side and the beautiful and historic Salt Lick Creek frontage the length of the property on the other side currently being used as a hay field and past to raise KY burley tobacco for many years. With unlimited uses this parcel could continue to be used for agriculture purposes or would make an outstanding recreational camping site with the renowned fishing Salt Lick Creek has to offer. This could be a business or private opportunity that doesn’t arise often.

Parcel 3: Will be parcel 1 and 2 offered together. The highest bids will determine how they will be sold, either individual parcels or as a whole. This has been the Riley family farm since 1945 and now it could be yours for the next 80 years. This outstanding farm is approximately 1 mile from Vanceburg, just out of the city limits with Fleming-Mason electric and Vanceburg water, close to all the city has to offer - dining, grocery, doctors, gas stations, City Hall, and the Lewis County Courthouse. The Lewis County Middle and High School are in walking distance, 1/2 mile to St. Rt. 9 (AA Highway).

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Auctions by Cooper

presents another outstanding ABSOLUTE Real Estate Auction

Saturday, May 10th at 11:30 a.m. (following Riley Absolute real estate auction)

located at 991 Clarksburg Road, Vanceburg, KY 41179

We will be selling at Absolute auction this beautiful 2 acre property w/an amazing view of hundreds of acres of Lewis County hardwood forested hills in the front and stunning view overlooking large fields and a stream (Salt Lick Creek) in the rear with regular appearances of trophy deer, turkey, and small game galore. This property has Vanceburg water and Fleming-Mason electric. The property does have an older home and tobacco barn in need of repair/demo. It was surveyed in 2012, and is approximately 1 mile from Vanceburg, just outside the city limits, making it very accessible to all the city has to offer - dining, doctors, grocery, parks, City Hall, Lewis County Courthouse, schools, and more. Only 1/2 mile to St. Rt. 9 (AA Highway). This 2-acre parcel was originally part of the Riley farm that we will be selling at absolute auction at 11:00 a.m. the same morning but is not part of the estate.



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