

Introducing Puzzles to Our Nursing Home: A Journey of Joy and Connection, One Piece at a Time

By Lisa Grabinski

Roger and Lisa, with our local Chamber of Commerce, were warmly welcomed by Bree Cooper on May 15, 2025, during a visit to introduce a selection of puzzles for their nursing home residents. The enthusiasm for the puzzles was contagious, and it was heartening to see everyone come to-

Moreover, completing a puzzle can bring back fond memories of family gatherings or quiet afternoons spent with loved ones, sparking conversations and laughter. It's not just about fitting pieces together; it's about strengthening bonds and sharing experiences. We envision this puzzle initiative as an activity to nurture

the right pieces to create a fulfilling and connected community! If you have any extra puzzles at home, please consider donating them to our nursing home. You can drop them off at the Chamber office located on 2nd Street in downtown Vanceburg, on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Additionally, your photo with the



Bree Cooper greeted us from the Vanceburg Hills, and from Chamber of Commerce, Lisa Grabinski and Roger Jahn.

gether to embrace this initiative. Bree shared that their residents enjoy puzzles. The vision is for puzzles to provide entertainment and foster deeper connections among the residents. The smiles and laughter that filled the room as we discussed the variety of puzzles underscored the joy that this simple activity can bring. We look forward to seeing the community come together, share stories, and create lasting memories through this engaging puzzle experience.

At our nursing home in Vanceburg, KY, we are committed to continually enriching the lives of our residents. Let's take this first initiative to introduce these puzzles as a design to inspire, challenge, and foster connections within our community. Puzzles can uniquely engage the mind, improve cognitive function, and provide a sense of accomplishment. Whether it's a beautiful landscape, a vibrant portrait, or a whimsical scene, each puzzle offers a world of discovery waiting to be explored. As residents work together in groups or individually, they stimulate their minds and create opportunities for social interaction and friendship.

community spirit and resilience among our residents. With each puzzle piece placed, we are building a tapestry of shared moments celebrating the joy of companionship and creativity. Join us as we embark on this exciting adventure. Let's make our nursing home in Vanceburg a vibrant place of engagement and joy. Together, we can find

puzzle may be featured in our local newspaper, highlighting your community spirit. Also, when you're in downtown Vanceburg, don't forget to visit Osman Pharmacy, Kangaroo Ridge, for a coffee and a treat, and our print shop for all your printing needs. Thank you for your community support!

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Hidden Progress Greenhouse

1196 Harn Road  
Flemingsburg, KY 41041  
10 miles from Tollesboro

• Ground Cover Potting Soil.

• Wolf Garten Hoe.

• Now stocking outdoor poly furniture and tomato stakes.

• Large variety of vegetable plants, annuals and perennials, hanging baskets, and floor planters.

Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mon.-Sat.  
Closed on all Christian holidays.

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Lewis County Schools  
Advertisement for Contracted Speech-Language Therapy Services

On behalf of the Lewis County Schools Board of Education, speech-language pathologists or entities that have available speech-language pathologists are invited to submit a proposal for speech-language therapy services within the district for the 2025 – 2026 school year. Our school district consists of 4 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 high school:

- Garrison Elementary
- Laurel Elementary
- Lewis County Central Elementary
- Tollesboro Elementary
- Lewis County Middle School
- Lewis County High School

Interested parties shall deliver a proposal on or before Thursday, June 19, 2025 by 4:00 PM EST to:

Lewis County Schools  
RFP: Speech-Language Therapy  
Attn: Dr. Mike Melton, Superintendent / Douglas Mobley, DoSE  
251 Lions Lane  
Vanceburg, KY 41179  
Phone: (606) 796-2811

Proposals received after the above-noted date and time will not be accepted. A representative or group of representatives will be selected to undertake the work at the discretion of the local board. The final selection of Speech-Language Therapist(s) will be made by the Lewis County Schools Board of Education.

Public Notice 20-22c

Auctions by Cooper

Presents the outstanding Wayne Howard Absolute Estate Auction  
Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

3268 Montgomery Road, Garrison, KY 41141

This is a very abbreviated list of a huge lifetime accumulation of equipment, tools, a complete woodworking shop and much more, most items are higher end brands and meticulously maintained.

**Equipment:** Kubota RTV900 diesel w/hyd dump bed 332 hrs., power steering, heat, ac, Daihatsu mini 4x4 pickup truck w/32,000 miles, 4 speed and foldable sides right hand drive, neat truck, Agri amfj 6ft. 3pt. roto tiller, Generac 8500 propane generator w/electric start. The most complete wood shop I've seen in years with many professional power tools like Powermatic, Delta, Woodmaster to name a few, huge selection of cordless and corded tools with names as Milwaukee, Dewalt, Hilti, Bosch, Porter Cable and more. Large assortment of Craftsman tools and tool-box, Antique anvil, Stihl chain saws, Echo weed eaters, Paslode framing nailers, several finish nailers, Powernail flooring nailer, hand tools of every kind shape and size, ladders, fasteners, nails, bolts, air compressors, bench grinders, vices, wood working clamps of all sizes and kinds. Folks, this will be one of the largest auctions we have had in some time, with multiples of most everything.

More complete list and pictures check us out on auctionzip.com or Auctions by Cooper Facebook page.

Food service by Denskins American Classics.

Stacy Cooper Auctioneer 606-375-0199

**Thomas Massie, executor for the estate of Wayne Howard**  
**Terms and Conditions:** Absolute auction with everything sold as is where is with no warranty of any kind, auction company will not be responsible for lost or stolen items everything must be removed and paid for auction day. CASH or GOOD CHECK only no credit cards. THIS IS A LIVE IN PERSON AUCTION NO INTERNET BIDDING. NO BUYERS PREMIUM. Off road parking at your own risk. Porta pot on site. Not responsible for accidents.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Mary Jo Hawks would like to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for the incredible support and generosity that has been shown for MJ. Your donations, T-shirts purchases, raffle drawings and participation in our quarter auction truly made the event a success! We were amazed by the community's willingness to contribute and help us reach our goals. The biggest thanks to Crystal Flannigan and Greta May for heading up our event! We are very thankful for the help of Marla Potter, April Ruark, Ray May, Cora May, Emma Hunt and Remi Gallenstein for helping assigning numbers, gathering quarters and running items. Thanks to Crystal Flannigan and Pat Dyer for running our food booth. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help!

Bob and Betty Parson, Oval and Lorna Osborne, Eva Bentley, LC Empower Drivers, Grace Baptist Church, Larry and Karen Mason, Steve and Glenda Himes, Brenda Hilger, Ben and Leslie Collier, Amy Kegley, Kaden Directional Drilling, Danny and Ann Cooley, Chris and Charlene Johnson, Shepherds House Ladies Group, Craycraft Lawn and Landscaping, Ginn Sealing and Paving, Heaven's Back Porch Grooming (Mike and Sandra Ginn), Tabor Shae Carver Photography, Dovetail Acres- Brent and Angie Harris, Howe Farm Supply, Eric Grayson, The Pawn Shop, Brenda Bear, Cathy Schintzius.

Tony and Lori Gaydos, Primary Plus, Angela Poston, Lora Fite, Crystal Harr, Teresa Parson, Sarah Paige Weddington, Kathy and Rusty Dillow, Hallee Ruckel, Misty and Kathy Ginn, Ginn Hardware, Tire World, Sweet Treats- Jamie Bryan, Color Me Crazy- Hannah Rae, Madelyn Gerike, Pat Dryer, Dane and Debbie Blankenship, Donald and Jamie Ginn, J&B Auto Services, D&A Tire, It's All About You- Sandra Yates, Halls Produce, Collins Country Market- John Collins, Garrison Floral, Amanda Owens, Kim Stanley, Stacy Stone, Amber Flannigan Photography, Dallas Stevenson, Melissa Canvas.

The ENFL ME tanning/beauty/health-

Megan Kegley, NAPA, Cierra Carpenter, Misty Holt, Portia McCane, Kelly and Joey McCann, Greg Howard, Annie Cooper, Bluegrass Blades- Shane Stafford, Jenny Applegate, Marla Potter, Vanessa Osborne, Farmhouse Kitchen, Riverbend Pub- Suesy Poe, Walker Auction- Bryon Walker, Teresa Parson, Beth Arnold, Steven Blankenship, Steve Heddleston, Kristy Greathouse Wilburn, Nicole Graf Freels, Ed and Sue Harris, SOMC of Vanceburg, SOMC of Ironton, SOMC Directors, Fredia Ginn, Anthony Silvey.

Chiggers- Brittney and Eric Silvey, Chris and Karrah Bryan, Dale Miller, Matt Lowe, Mike and Kristy Kennedy, Dave and Mary Howell, Southern Manor Baptist Church, Arthur Moore, Ashley White, Mike and Angie McDaniels, Dennis Prater, Shawna Duff, Colton Duff, Edna Markes, Steven and Nancy Arnold, Melissa Maddix, Steve and Melody Bivens, Marisa Sullivan, Marcia Thomas, Michelle Hampton, Amy Wright, Jack and Anita Gilbert, Canvas Salon- Jennifer Roberson, Teagan Cooper.

Tammy and Dennis Brown, The Lewis County Herald, Shawn and Ann Marie Scott, Brenda Tucker, JB Photography- Joanie Bloomfield, Momma Kate's Crafts- Katie Magnatta, Camp Dix Knives- Rick Evans, Richard Moore, Kenny and Kathy McCann, Nichole Cantu, Mary Jo Cantu, Todd and Lisa Sartin, Jennifer Edwards, The Little White Chapel Venue, The Travel Shoppe- Ann Erwin, Ashley Moore, Gary and Judy Curtis, John and Eugena O'Cull, Mimi's Sweet Treat- Amy Gilbert Kennedy.

1806 Adventures, Kendra and David Chappelow, Three Girls Grace Boutique- Taron Stone, The City of Vanceburg Employees, Valero, The Whistle Stop, Wayne and Brenda Shope, Arty's Pizza- Roger Jahn, Savor of the Day Food Truck- Cilina Underwood, Trent Underwood, Karen Fraley, Jeremy and Rachel Fraley, Carneuse, Bin City- Amanda Johnson, Prime Time Fun Inflatables- Carol and Ritchie Cunningham, Ray and Cora May, Garrison Shortstop.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2nd Reading of the Lewis County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 25-26 is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on Monday, June 09, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.  
Be it ordained by the Lewis County Fiscal Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Lewis County Fiscal Court on the 09 day of June, 2025, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on Monday, June 09, 2025.

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 25-26 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

GENERAL Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,190,550.05
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$168,072.42
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	\$189,045.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$25,600.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	\$500,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$1,048,239.53
Total GENERAL Fund		\$3,121,507.00

ROAD Fund		
6100	ROADS	\$3,152,385.01
7000	DEBT SERVICE	\$40,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$385,333.99
Total ROAD Fund		\$3,577,719.00

JAIL Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$566,582.84
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$43,492.80
Total JAIL Fund		\$610,075.64

LGEA Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$24,749.03
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	\$8,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$27,350.97
Total LGEA Fund		\$60,100.00

CDBG CAMP DIX VFD Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,000,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$100.10
Total CDBG CAMP DIX VFD Fund		\$1,000,100.10

ANIMAL SHELTER Fund		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	\$59,956.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$6,800.00
Total ANIMAL SHELTER Fund		\$66,756.00

E911 Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$362,900.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$69,500.00
Total E911 Fund		\$432,400.00

SPECIAL COUNTY CLERK Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$68,000.00
Total SPECIAL COUNTY CLERK Fund		\$68,000.00

SPECIAL FUNDS OPIOIDS Fund		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$388,000.00
Total SPECIAL FUNDS OPIOIDS Fund		\$388,000.00

GRANT FUND Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,883,000.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$9,500.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$3.00
Total GRANT FUND Fund		\$1,892,503.00

SPECIAL ESCROW Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$249,500.00
Total SPECIAL ESCROW Fund		\$249,500.00

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in a local newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

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