

# Thanks to Horse Show sponsors

By Jim Riffe

On behalf of the Rough Riders Saddle Club, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to each and every sponsor who supported our 2025 horse show season.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to continue offering a fun, family-friendly environment for local riders and spectators. Your support helps us maintain our facilities, host events, and promote the tradition of horsemanship here in Lewis County.

Our 2025 Show Season Sponsors include:

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  - Leslie Collier, Lewis Co. Clerk
  - Kenny Ruckel, Lewis Co. PVA
  - Woody Underwood, Lewis Co. Magistrate
- A special thank you also goes to the Garrison Volunteer Fire Department for keeping the dust down and ensuring safety throughout the season.
- We are proud to be part of such a supportive and community-minded county. Thank you all for making this year's shows a success—we couldn't do it without you!

## VOLUNTEER

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last-minute schedule changes or reminders. Private messaging is now considered unauthorized and could lead to removal from volunteer activities.

- Keep Communications Transparent.

Always copy a staff member or parent when allowed.

Avoid one-on-one mes-

sages whenever possible, even on approved platforms, unless necessary and documented.

- Communicate Through Parents When Appropriate.

For younger students or non-urgent matters, reach out to parents instead of students.

- When in Doubt, Don't Send It

If you're unsure whether

a message or method is allowed, ask school personnel before sending.

- Violations Can Have Consequences

Volunteers who violate SB 181 may be banned from further involvement with students.

Questions? Contact the Lewis County Board of Education for guidance on approved tools and best practices.

## LIONS FAIR

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rides. Events include the Dairy Show, Boys 3-on-3 Basketball, Garden Tractor Pull, Youth Sheep Show, Car and Truck Drag Racing, and the always-adorable Toddler Show (3-4 years) and Little Miss & Mr. (couples 5-7 years).

Thursday, July 24, will feature Special Needs

Day, with a free lunch provided by the Lions Club and activities from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. That evening includes the Steer Show, Tuff Truck competition, the Lions Queen Pageant (ages 16-21), and the Beef Show.

The final weekend features heavy-hitting action with the Pro Pulling League, Demolition

Derby, Mechanical Bull Challenge, Mud Sling, Cow Bingo, and more.

Admission is \$10 Monday-Thursday, \$15 Friday and Saturday, and children 3 and under are admitted free. Bracelets for rides on Farm Bureau Night are available for children 3 and under at \$6. Parking is free throughout the fair.

## MEASLES

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had measles.

Results from the most recent school immunizations survey, for the 2024-2025 school year, show

only 86.9 percent of Kentucky kindergarteners are fully vaccinated against measles, less than the national average of 93 percent.

For more information about measles, visit the Kentucky Department for Public Health measles website or the CDC measles website.



## Judge Executive's Report

By George Sparks

### June 2025 County Judge Executive Monthly Report

June was a busy month as we wrapped up Fiscal Year 2024-2025. I also stayed busy with many meetings and events that I will outline for you here.

I was able to discuss the 319-watershed management grant with Buffalo Trace Area Development District (BTADD) and the Department of Energy. If we are awarded this grant, it will allow us to partner with citizens and agencies in the community to provide educational meetings, gain information about water quality, learn where sediment comes from, and perform microbial studies on Kinniconick Creek in Lewis County.

Next was the UK Lewis County Extension District Board meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mike Setters and prayers were offered for the meal prepared by the staff. The past minutes and financial reports were presented and approved. Some other topics discussed were filling a board position and getting a new internet service provider. We also discussed overtime at 4-H Camp and mileage for some of the members who traveled from out of town for the meeting. The board set upcoming meetings for the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and determined that the bookkeeper will present the financial reports at the meetings. The new budget was approved before the meeting was adjourned.

I presided over the June Fiscal Court meeting. The meeting was opened with prayer by the pastor of The Bridge Church, Ben Collier, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Personal Policy and Administrative Code was approved with no new changes from last year. The second reading of Ordinance #25-02 and the new budget were approved. The second reading of Ordinance #25-03 street-legal special purpose vehicles was completed. The Sheriff's Department's tax settlement was approved. Health insurance renewal for Lewis County Fiscal Court was discussed and approved. Fiscal Court also approved the road to county transfer for cost allocation. Fiscal Court approved Renee McCane to serve on the library board until 6/29/29 and Alex Halsey to serve until 6/30/27. Adriann Cooper was approved to fill a vacancy on the library board until 6/30/27. We discussed and approved the purchase of a Case 520G wheel loader for the road department.

District 1 Magistrate Johnny Osborne and I attended the Kentucky County Judges and Magistrates Association Summer Conference. We attended the County Coal and Mineral Coalition meeting and the Area Development Council meetings. We also attended trainings in these areas: Red Cross, Sheriffs' Association, Agriculture and Economic Development, Army Corps, and State and Federal Grants. We heard from Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, Rep. John Brandon, Senator Brandon Storm, and an Emergency Management panel.

Commissioner Bobbie Jo Lewis for the State Road Program spoke. Sam Howard of Trace Creek Construction presented information on building trends for local governments. David Pike spoke about planning and zoning. Closing remarks were given by KCJEA's Todd Ruckel and JC Young from KMCA.

Up next on the agenda were the BTADD monthly executive and full board of directors meetings. I chaired these meetings. During the executive meeting, the director's timesheet and travel were approved. Director Kevin Cornette gave a personnel update followed by policy and procedure updates. The full board meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The past minutes were approved. The committee reports were given and approved. The financial report, FY26 Local Dues, FY26 Recurring Expenses, and Budget Modification was presented by Stephen Culp and approved. We received training in equality, diversity, and inclusion. Angie Cain and Jerry Ravenscraft from the Governor's office gave updates. This was followed by Megan Bankemper with Senator McConnell's office and James Stephens with Senator Paul's office, who both gave updates to the board. Staff reports were presented, and Executive Director Kevin Cornette gave an update. I thanked Director Cornette and the staff for doing some incredible work in our region, and I thanked the board for their commitment and service before we adjourned.

The Lewis County Board of Health meeting was held at the health department. The meeting was opened with prayer by Chairperson Joe Bentley. The past meeting minutes and financial report were both approved. The taxing district and the health department's new budgets were both approved. Public Health Director Anita Bertram gave the board an update on all programs before the meeting was adjourned.

Additionally, Lewis County E-911 has applied for two grants through BTADD for upgrades to their equipment. Both grants are through The Department of Homeland Security.

I attended the Regional Prevention Center ASAP's quarterly Board of Directors meeting. Chairperson David Green called the meeting to order. The past meeting minutes and financial reports were approved. Mason County Sheriff's Department brought their new K-9 Dog Sgt. Tibs to introduce him and thank the board for the grant to purchase him. Sgt. is already doing great work for the community. Other discussions were held about the BT-ASAP FY 24-25 grant, the Supporting Awareness campaign, and review of membership. Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned.

I went to Flemingsburg for the Licking Valley Community Action Program monthly meeting. I called the meeting to order, followed by prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The past minutes and financial report were approved.

Executive Director Kenny Walters presented the program reports.

On June 25, I presided over a Special Called Fiscal Court meeting. The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting had a short agenda. The court reviewed and approved Resolution #25-10 Highway Contingency Funding (FD39) Program Agreement. The court also approved all invoices and transfers before adjourning.

Toward the end of the month, I was able to attend the Buffalo Trace Water Management Council meeting. I called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Rebekah Keating, Infrastructure Planner, was introduced and welcomed by everyone. We asked everyone to introduce themselves. I welcomed our guests Russell Neal, Debbie Landram, and Bobby Aldridge from KIA. Russell Neal gave everyone an overview of KIA the different sources of funding, grants, and loans they have to offer. One new project was approved by the board for Garrison Water. There were several project amendments: three with the City of Augusta, one with the City of Mt. Olivet, and one with Augusta-Brooksville, and one project withdrawal from the City of Flemingsburg.

We are working with Primary Plus, Meadowview Regional Medical Center, TENCO and Buffalo Trace Workforce Development on setting up a dual-purpose health fair and career fair. We plan to hold this event in October of 2025. We have a great team working together on the details. We will share more as the plans are confirmed.

To round out the month, Rodney Hitch with Kentucky Touchtone Energy visited my office. Mr. Hitch is the company's economic development director and works with a total of 96 Kentucky counties. We talked about Lewis County, economic development, community development, and industrial development. I gave him a tour around the area and showed him some sites and some projects we are currently working on. I gained a lot from the conversations we shared and I appreciated the time he took to come visit Lewis County. Thank you, Rodney!



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## LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 LAST DAY TO TURN IN SUMMER READING SHEETS!	2	3 SUMMER READING PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED!	4 *LIBRARY CLOSED*	5 SCAVENGER HUNT DOWNTOWN
6 *LIBRARY CLOSED*	7 SCAVENGER HUNT PRIZES HANDED OUT	8 HELEN'S BOOK CLUB 6:00PM	9	10	11 STORY HOUR 10:30AM	12
13 *LIBRARY CLOSED*	14	15	16	17 DRIED FLOWER BOOKMARKS (ALL DAY)	18 STORY HOUR 10:30AM	19
20 *LIBRARY CLOSED*	21	22 LEGO CLUB 3-5PM	23	24	25 STORY HOUR 10:30AM	26
27 *LIBRARY CLOSED*	28 BOOK BOX PICKUP	29 BOOK BOX PICKUP	30	31		