



District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft
Hon. Benjamin L.
Harrison
County Attorney
August 5, 2025**

Rachael Erin Elliot. Arraignment. Fugitive from another state, warrant required. Pled Not Guilty (PNG).

Billy R. Teegarden Jr. Other Hearing. BW served for FTA 6-24-25 for motion to void Pretrial Diversion. Def got out of jail and was told about this court date. Void SB 90 Diversion. PNG. PTC 9-9. No drugs/alcohol. Bond. No contact. \$1,000 cash bond or alcohol treatment program in home, then report to jail if done.

Derek Bryant. Other Hearing. BW served for FTA 2-20-24 for sched, def was told in person to be here and def left rehab. Waive fines and costs.

Derek 5 Bryan. Other Hearing. (1) Improper registration plate. (2) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3) No/expired registration plates. (4) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (5) Operating vehicle with expired operators license. FTA eligible. Reset 10-28, 10:00.

Derek K. Bryan. Other Hearing. BW served for FTA

2-20-24 for sch def was told in person to be here. Waive fines and costs.

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Lola Chen. Arraignment. (1) Failure to or improper signal. FTA eligible. (2) Improperly on the left side of road. FTA eligible. (3) Careless driving. FTA eligible. To appear GCDC by 12:30. Show Cause, bond rev. PNG. PTC 8-26, 10:00.

Billy Ray Clark. Arraignment. (1) Speeding 17 mph over limit. FTA eligible. CADP. (2) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. SP, dismiss. (3) No expired registration plates. SP, dismiss. (4) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. CADP.

Kimberly Clark. Arraignment. (1) Failure to report child depend neglect or abuse, 1st offense. Enhanceable. (2) Unlawful transaction with minor, 3rd degree. 9-9. No contest. D/A free. PNG. Appoint PD.

Hunter Cooper. Arraignment. (1) Failure to wear seat belts. Divert 6 months. (2) License to be in possession. FTA eligible. Dismiss, SP. (3)

No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Dismiss, SP. (4) No/expired registration plates. Dismiss, SP.

Douglas R. Crider. Arraignment. Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, no visible injury. Enhanceable. PNG. Lawful contact, counseling, 2-3.

James D. Kalb II. Arraignment. No operators /moped license. FTA eligible. FTA. SC. NF.

Athena Kominos. Diversion Completion. Dismissed/Diverted.

Susan Lanthorn. Arraignment. (1) Unlawful transaction with minor, 3rd degree. (2) Failure to report child depend neglect or abuse, 1st offense. Enhanceable. No contest. D/A free. PNG. Not eligible for PD. 9-9.

Robert Victor Daniels. Pretrial Conference. (1) Failure to wear seat belts. FTA eligible. (2) Failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation. 11-18. 11-21, 9:00.

Robert Victor Daniels. Pretrial Conference. (1) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010)(1A) 1st. FTA eligible. (2) Obstructed vision and/or windshield. 11-18. 11-21, 9:00.

Garvis T. Howington. Pre-

trial Conference. Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. SB90. Reset 11-18.

Brittany Moore. Motion Hour. Hearing 11-18, 10:00.

Jeri N. Salter. Pretrial Conference. (1) Endangering the welfare of a minor. (2) Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. 12 months. Revoke bond and surety.

Joshua Stevenson. Preliminary Hearing. (1A) Public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol). (2) Criminal mischief, 1st degree. Amend to Criminal Trespass. FTA. BW.

Tina Monteith. Other Hearing. Hearing to see if pretrial Diversion is to be voided. Motion dismissed, sustained. 2 year diversion, no social media, no new violation, no contact with victim. 12-8, 9:00.

Inez Burns. Pretrial Conference. Unlawful transaction with minor, 3rd degree. No un-

excused absences, attend summer school.

Allison Gifford. Pretrial Conference. Unlawful transaction with minor, 3rd degree. Reset.

Delton Gifford. Pretrial Conference. Unlawful transaction with minor, 3rd degree. Reset.

Frances Phares. Pretrial Conference. Unlawful transaction with minor, 3rd degree. No unexcused absences. 10-7.

All information contained in the "Court News" is directly taken from the dockets of the Lewis County Circuit and District Court.

Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Earnest Dale Dennison, Sr., whose address was 2621 Trinity Station, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Joshua D. Dennison, whose address is 424 Grassy Knoll Rd., Flemingsburg, KY 41041, was appointed Executor on August 5, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Joshua D. Dennison, 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 Joshua D. Dennison.

**Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District
Courts**

Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of William C. Bertram, whose address was 151 Little Cabin Creek, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Leslee Anne Bertram, whose address is 1236 Indian Mound Rd., Lexington, KY 40502, was appointed Administratrix on August 5, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Leslee Anne Bertram, 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 Leslee Anne Bertram.

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Councilman's Corner

John Grabill

Hello once again to the citizens of Vanceburg. Another city council meeting has come and gone and I would like to bring you up to speed on our current situation with our city budget and spending. Let's first recap on our chain of events. Initially I asked for an operating report comparing the city's spending and revenue to the 24-25 budget in order to make an informed decision on passing a new budget for 25-26. This request was met with resistance and, at times, hostility. The budget was passed without getting the information to make an informed decision.

I continued to pursue this information and received it a few days later. In the report, there were 33 line items that were over spent by more than \$547,000. Also, the overall budget was over spent by more than \$192,000. This was all without a budget amendment through the city council. Now instead of admitting that was a problem, the mayor proposed a budget amendment to completely rewrite the 24-25 budget after the fiscal year had ended and after the new budget for 25-26 was passed (which was based on that previous year's budget). Instead of correcting the issues for the future and making sound budget decisions, they illegally went back to a closed year to rewrite the old budget to make it appear that there was no over-

spending without city council approval within that fiscal year.

When I pointed out that this was illegal per the KY League of Cities and that I had requested the KY Attorney General's opinion, I was informed by the city attorney the KY League of Cities is wrong on many occasions and he disagreed with them on this. He also said the the KY Attorney General was just a lawyer like him that had won a popularity contest. I proposed this amendment be tabled until we had legal clarity. City council proceeded to vote in this, possibly illegal, amendment any way. Then one council member proposed that they write an ordinance that they only need to amend the major categories and not the line items and the city attorney said he would have that prepared for the next meeting. Basically they do not care about what the Attorney General or the KY League of Cities says. They are going to do whatever they want.

When I called for trans-

parency and accountability, the legislative body and the executive branch of our city government decided they would simply hide the old spending errors and suggest lowering the standards of accountability by giving up responsibility for keeping the line item budget in the future. City council will no longer have the ability to make decisions on any line item amendment, making the line items completely useless and putting more of the spending decision at the hands of the mayor. This would, in essence, reward the mayor for a job poorly done and hamstringing the city council while letting them escape accountability. This is neither transparency nor accountability.

It would have been much simpler to just follow proper procedure as layed out by the KRS regulations...the law! Remember come election time that four city council members allowed the mayor to do the job they were elected to do. I am still awaiting the Attorney General's legal opinion.

Notice

The Lewis County Extension District Board's most recent audit and adopted budget can be viewed anytime on the Department for Local Government's Public Portal website. If you would like to view our most recent financial statement, please visit us at our home office located at 284 2nd Street, Vanceburg, KY, during our normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., closed for lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. This ad was paid for by Lewis County Extension District Board dollars.

[http://kydlgweb.ky.gov/PerKRS65A.080\(2\)](http://kydlgweb.ky.gov/PerKRS65A.080(2))

Public Notice 32c

Highly Qualified Teacher — Parent Notification:

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The educators in the Lewis County Schools are committed to providing a quality instructional program for your child. This letter is just one of the ways of keeping you informed of the educational commitment of our schools and our district.

Our district receives federal funds for Title I programs as a part of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Under NCLB, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s). If you request this information, the district will provide you with the following:

- Whether the teacher has met the state requirements for licensure and certification for the grade levels and subject matters in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- The college major and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- Whether your child is provided services by paraeducators, and if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to request this information, please contact Timothy Underwood by phone at 606-796-2811 or by email at Timothy.underwood@lewis.kyschools.us.

Please include your child's name, the name of the school your child attends, the names of your child's teacher(s) and an address or email address where the information may be sent. Thank you for your interest and involvement in your child's education.

Sincerely,

**Jeff Aulick, Superintendent
Lewis County Schools**

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Anti-Harassment Statement- Parent Notification:

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Lewis County School District does not tolerate acts of discrimination or harassment based on race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex, or disability.

Any individual who believes he or she has been subjected to harassment shall report the harassment to the district by contacting a member of the administrative team (i.e. Principal, Assistant Principal, counselor) at their school.

The District will conduct a prompt investigation. If students are found to have engaged in harassment, they will be promptly disciplined. Discipline could include, if warranted, suspension and/or expulsion. The Lewis County Board of Education policies relating to harassment can be found in the following 3 pages of this document.

The Lewis County School District encourages all students, parents, and staff to work together to prevent harassment of any kind.

Jeff Aulick, Superintendent

The Lewis County Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex or disability in employment, educational programs, or activities as set forth in Title IV, Title IX, and Sec. 504.

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Notification of PPRA Rights

Distribute this notice annually to students and parents.

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) affords parents and eligible students (those who are 18 or older or who are emancipated minors) certain rights regarding conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical examinations. These include the right to:

◆ **Consent before minor students are required to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation** that concerns one (1) or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
- Sex behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged relationships such as with lawyers, physicians, or ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parents; or
- Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

◆ **Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:**

- Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student (except for any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law); and
- Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others. **NOTE:** If the parent/eligible student has indicated no directory information is to be provided to third parties or if the marketing activity involves provision of Social Security numbers, consent form 09.14 AP.122 should be used.

◆ **Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:**

- Protected information surveys to be used with students;
- Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
- Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

The District shall annually provide parents and eligible students notice of these rights under law in the Student Handbook, the District *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline*, or other avenue designated by the Superintendent/Designee.

The District shall also notify parents and eligible students at least annually at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the activities listed above. A new or supplemental notice shall be given as necessary to provide the opportunity to consent or opt out under the standards set forth above. Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

**Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., SW
Washington, D. C. 20202-8520**

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