

EYE EXAMS

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lagging behind the 72.4% figure in top-performing states, according to Vision Center’s website about eye health and vision. Prioritizing regular eye

exams throughout a child’s academic years can help them see correctly to succeed in school, sports and life.

“Regular vision exams can catch eye problems in

the early stages and prevent vision loss or blindness,” Cora McNabb, executive director of the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, which includes the Divi-

sion of Blind Services, said in the release. “It can prevent eye strain from incorrect prescriptions and detect eye diseases such as diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma in their early stages.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Kentucky has one of the 10 highest rates of visual acuity loss or blindness in the United States.

An annual eye exam can help adults improve their work performance and overall health, according to the release.

Further, the release notes that in the digital age, many workers experience eye strain, headaches, dry eyes and worsening vision because of prolonged screen use. Optometrists can also detect early onset signs of diabetes, high blood pressure and high

cholesterol during an eye exam.

National Eye Exam Month is also a good time to remind Kentuckians that vision screenings are now required for anyone getting a new or renewed Kentucky driver’s license. This new requirement aims to enhance highway safety by ensuring all drivers maintain good vision throughout their years behind the wheel.

AULICK

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Aulick said. “I look forward to working with our board, educators, staff, and families to build on the district’s strengths and serve every student, every day.”

Aulick holds degrees from Kentucky Christian College and Northern Kentucky University, and earned his superintendent certification from Xavier University.

Throughout his career, he has been praised for his hands-on leadership style, often stepping in to drive buses, substitute teach, assist with maintenance, and support student health services. His leadership motto has long been grounded in service and accessibility.

While at Bracken

County, Aulick received multiple recognitions including Educator of the Year by the Bracken County Chamber of Commerce, and he played a key role in supporting statewide student leadership organizations such as FBLA, FFA, and FCCLA.

Aulick’s leadership philosophy — “Every Student, Every Day” — helped guide academic achievement efforts and fostered a district-wide culture of support and high expectations.

He became acquainted with the Lewis County School District when he served as a mentor for Belinda Forman during her first year as superintendent here.

“I was very impressed with the faculty and staff, very impressed with the board, they definitely put students first,” he said. “They really put an interest in educating kids and whatever their interests may be.”

Board members in Bracken County and others across the region have commended Aulick not only for his administrative leadership, but also for his dedication to students, families, and faculty.

Aulick succeeds Dr. Michael Melton, who accepted a position in Bath County.

The superintendent may be reached by email at jeff.aulick@lewis.ky schools.us.

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rative T-shirt.

• A silent auction will run all day, with a live auction beginning at 6:00 p.m.

• The band Seventurn will perform live at 7:00 p.m.

• Other attractions include food trucks, a poker run, and prize drawings.

A highlight of the evening will be the giveaway of a four-wheeler donated by Big Blue Outdoors of Flemingsburg. Additional area businesses have provided sponsorships and donations to support both the auctions and the scholarships.

Voices of Support

The initiative has drawn praise from educators across the region.

• *Jeremy L. Ruckel, Principal, Lewis County CTC:*

“Lewis County Career and Technical Center is an investment in our students and our entire county. It opens doors that will allow young men and women to break cycles of poverty in Eastern Kentucky. It gives them confidence to dream bigger, the tools to succeed, and the courage to lead change.”

• *Gary Cornett, Superintendent of Owsley County Schools:*

“The Owsley County School District is excited

for our students to be eligible for vocational scholarships that are provided by ‘Trails for the Trades.’ Many of our students go on to trade schools and have successful careers. These scholarships will allow them to further their education and ease the financial burden that is associated with higher education.”

• *Courtney Bartley, Principal, Boyd County CTC:*

“This vocational center is instrumental to our workforce and to students as individuals. We teach academic, employability, and technical skills so that all students can leave enrolled, enlisted, or employed. From mechanics and welders to nurses, doctors, and engineers, CTE can be the start.”

• *Traysea Moresea, Superintendent, Greenup County Schools:*

“Scholarships for students pursuing post-secondary programs in Career and Technical Education are an investment in our students’ futures, their families’ stability, and the strength of our community workforce. We are beyond grateful for the support we receive from our community partner Trace Creek Construction.”

• *Kelly Moore, Principal, Carter County CTC:*

“A scholarship for any student can be life changing. Scholarships for tech students are important because they legitimize our work in technical and vocational education and give students an alternative to attending four-year colleges.”

Community Backing

“Trails for the Trades” is supported by numerous gold, silver, and bronze sponsors including Ribolt Fabrication, PrimaryPlus, WillScot, Advance Wall Systems, Big Blue Outdoors, Briery Creek RV Park, Dixie Roofing, Atlas Metal Products, and many other businesses and individuals.

The event will serve as both a tribute to James Ellis Carver and a rallying point for the future of vocational education in Eastern Kentucky.

“Grab your helmet and join us Labor Day Weekend at 1806 Adventure Park for ‘Trails for the Trades.’ Together we can build futures and strengthen the trades workforce of tomorrow,” Howard adds.

Event at a Glance

• Date: Saturday, Au-

gust 30, (Labor Day Weekend).

• Location: 1806 Adventure Park, 1979 Briery Creek Road, Vanceburg.

• Entry Fee: \$40 (includes dinner, T-shirt, food truck access).

• Activities: Food trucks, dinner, poker run, silent & live auctions, live band, four-wheeler giveaway.

• Proceeds: Scholarships for vocational/technical students in five counties.

Follow the QR code for ride details or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1171741444950566&set=gm.24329895543289573&id=vanity=24157654680513661>.

Contact [cswearingen@tracecreek.net](mailto:cswearingen@tracecreek.net) for more information.

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With over 30 years of experience, Trace Creek specializes in construction management, design build and general contracting.

Trace Creek’s operating philosophy of “your job is our reputation” influences all aspects of their work, and their innovative construction approach is based upon careful planning and execution of projects that perfectly meet their client’s needs and budgets.

Trails for the Trades 8.30.25

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Lewis County Waste Tire Collection Days

Sept. 11, 12 & 13, 2025

Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Location: Lewis County Solid Waste Department  
199 County Drive, Vanceburg, KY

Tires Not Accepted:

- Foam filled tires
- Calcium filled tires
- Off road construction tires (OTR)
- Rubber tracks
- Solid tires with/without press on rims
- Any tire with a bead greater than 1 3/4 inches

\* Tires will be accepted on or off the rim (truck, light truck, passenger, implement, lawn tractor, bicycle, motorcycle, golf cart, etc. Please bring someone with you to help unload tires. We are understaffed.

Tires will NOT be accepted from Retailers, Scrap Dealers, Salvage Yards, or Recycle Businesses.

Lewis County, in partnership with the KY Division of Waste Management, is sponsoring this event. Please take advantage of this opportunity to properly dispose of any unwanted tires. Any Kentucky resident is eligible to participate in this program, with the exception of tire retailers, scrap/salvage yards, or recycle facilities.

For questions or clarification, please contact  
Solid Waste Coordinator Roger Lewis  
at 606-796-0624 or 606-541-7870.

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BURN BAN

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EXECUTIVE ORDER  
DECLARATION OF  
LOCAL BURN BAN

WHEREAS, there exists an extreme danger of forest fires in Lewis County, Kentucky because of current and predicted weather conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, I, George Sparks, Lewis County Judge/Executive, hereby prohibit all outdoor burning in Lewis County, Kentucky beginning immediately. All law enforcement personnel in Lewis County, Kentucky shall enforce this Executive Order. Any person who violates this burn ban shall be subject to the penalties provided under KRS 39A.990 and/or other penalties as provided under state law.

This burn ban shall be in effect until this Executive Order is rescinded by public notice.

Be it therefore ordered this the 24th day of August, 2025.

Signed  
- George Sparks

LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2025

NOTES	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
*SEPTEMBER 2ND: STOP IN ANYTIME FOR HELP WITH CAREER NAVIGATION, DIGITAL LITERACY, COLLEGE AND CAREER PREP, GED INFORMATION, AND EMPLOYMENT AND RE-ENTRY SERVICES	1 *LIBRARY CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY*	2 TENCO: TARGETED SERVICES ORIENTATION 11:30AM-1:30PM	3	4	5 STORY HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM	6
	8	9 HELEN'S BOOK CLUB 6:00PM	10	11 HOMECOMING CORSAGE MAKING 3-7PM	12 STORY HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM	13
*SEPTEMBER 11TH: FAUX FLOWERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS TO MAKE THEIR OWN CORAGES AND BOUTONNIERES FOR HOMECOMING! (FREE)	15	16 LEGO CLUB 3-5PM	17	18 DADDY DAUGHTER HAIR STYLING 5:30-7:00PM	19 STORY HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM	20
	22 *SEPTEMBER 18TH: KASEY MULKEY WILL BE AT THE LIBRARY DEMONSTRATING HAIRSTYLES FOR FATHERS AND THEIR LITTLE GIRLS! RSVP PREFERRED	23	24	25 FINANCIAL LITERACY 5-7PM	26 STORY HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM	27
*SEPTEMBER 25TH: ERIC BLOOMFIELD OF PEOPLE'S BANK OF KENTUCKY WILL BE SHOWCASING FREE FINANCIAL ADVICE WITH A QUESTION AND ANSWER SEGMENT	29 BOOK BOX PICKUP	30 BOOK BOX PICKUP				

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