



District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft
Hon. Benjamin L.
Harrison
County Attorney
March 24, 2026**

Willie S. Burns. Other hearing. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. Set for 3/31.

Willie Scott Burns. Other hearing. Money due \$248. Set for 3/31.

Willie Scott Burns. Other hearing. Money due \$613. Set for 3/31.

Tina Montieth. Arraignment. Unlawful transaction with/minor-3rd degree. Appoint PD. PNG. \$3,500 cash bond. Set for 3/31.

Tina Montieth. Arraignment. (1)Unlawful transaction w/minor - 2nd degree. (2)Unlawful transaction w/minor - 2nd degree. Appoint PD. PNG. \$3,500 cash bond. Set for 3/31.

Nakala L. Bloomfield. Arraignment. (1)No/expired registration plates. (2)No operators/moped license. (3)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. Fine \$650.

Amber Nicole Chinn. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Michael A. Clark. Arraignment. (1)No/expired registration plates. (2)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/2nd. Showed proof. Dismiss.

Notice of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Daisy McCann, whose address was 2103 W KY 10, Tollesboro, KY 41189, and Carla J. Lykins, whose address is 2103 W KY 10, Tollesboro, KY 41189, was appointed Executrix on March 17, 2026.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to Carla J. Lykins, 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 Carla J. Lykins.

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Lewis Circuit & District
Courts**

Notice of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of James N. Hill, whose address was 277 W KY 10, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Dianne Hill, whose address is 277 W KY 10, Vanceburg, KY 41179, was appointed Administratrix on March 23, 2026.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to Dianne Hill, 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 Dianne Hill.

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Shawn Colegrove. Arraignment. Receiving stolen property. Appoint PD. PNG. Set for 4/21.

Arron Wesley Cooper. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Rayanne D. Dummitt. Arraignment. TBUT or DISP ALL OTHERS. Appoint PD. Set for 4/14.

Samuel Esham. Arraignment. Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. PG. 12 months C/D 2 yrs.

Dylan J. Hill. Arraignment. Careless driving. PG. Fine \$50.

Leslie B. Johnson. Arraignment. Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. Set for 3/31.

Burl E. Lawson. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Jannifer Roseline Lawson. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Joshua Mason. Arraignment. Operating vehicle with expired operators license. FTA.

Farrell R. Mustard. Show cause. 90 days serve 12. C/D 2 yrs.

Farrell R. Mustard. Arraignment. (1)No/expired registration plates. (2)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance. (3)License to be in possession. PNG. Set for 4/14.

Farrell R. Mustard II. Show cause. 90 days serve

Notice of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Donald Ray Veach, Jr., whose address was 16056 E KY 8, Quincy, KY 41166, and Russell A. Veach, whose address is 16040 E KY 8, Quincy, KY 41166, was appointed Administrator on March 17, 2026.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to Russell A. Veach, 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 Russell A. Veach.

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Notice of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Delbert Lee Hardeman, whose address was 8548 Laurel Creek Rd., Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Teresa Bradley, whose address is 8548 Laurel Creek Rd., Vanceburg, KY 41179, was appointed Administrator on March 23, 2026.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to Teresa Bradley, 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 Teresa Bradley.

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Charles David Osborne. Arraignment. (1)Improper equipment. (2)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. Set for 6/2.

Samantha D. Rister. Show cause. (1)Careless driving. (2)Failure to produce insurance card. (3)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/2nd. FTA. Issue BW.

Joshua Allen Smith. Arraignment. (1)Speeding 15mph over limit. (2)POSS of marijuana. PG. C/D 2 years.

Corey L. Swearingen. Arraignment. (1)Speeding 20mph over limit. (2)License to be in possession. (3)POSS of marijuana. PNG. Set for 4/21.

Lola Chen. Show cause. Money due \$470. Set for 9/22.

Lola Chen. Show cause. Money due \$388. Set for 9/22.

Shawn Michael Crabtree. Show cause. Money due \$628. Set for 9/22.

Stephanie E. Flinders. Show cause. Money due \$543. Set for 9/22.

Eric E. Fraley. Show cause. Money due \$948. Set for 9/22.

David A. Guerriero. Show cause. Paid in full.

Markel Lee Horsley Jr. Show Cause. Money due \$543. FTA. Issue BW.

Glenn R. Kidd. Show cause. Money due. \$573. FTA. Issue BW.

Jordan L. Knell. Show cause. Money due \$798. FTA. Issue BW.

Anthony Wayne Montgomery. Show cause. Money due \$418. Serve 8 days.

Brittany R. Remy. Show

cause. Money due. \$298. FTA. Issue BW.

Jordan S. Steele. Show cause. Money due \$633. FTA. Issue BW.

Robin D. Thurman. Show cause. Money due \$368. Set for 9/22.

Phylissa Sue Vanhorn. Proof of couples counseling. Will file motion.

Jacob A. Bentley. Pretrial conference. (1)Speeding 26mph over/greater. (2)Reckless driving. (3)Failure to produce insurance card. (4)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance. (5)OPER MV U/INFL ALC .08. (6)Possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. (7)Failure to wear seatbelts. PG. 6 months serve 14 C/D 2 yrs.

David Monty Blankenship. Preliminary hearing. (1)Strangulation 1st degree (domestic violence). (2)Assault 4th degree domestic violence. Court finds probable cause. Bound over to Grand Jury. Bond same.

Anthony Wayne Davis. Pretrial conference. (1)Failure to illuminate head lamps. (2)No tail lamps. (3)Rear license not illuminated. (4)No rear view mirror. (5)Reckless driving. (6)Failure to or improper signal. (7)OPER MV U/INFL ALC - 3rd. FTA. Issue BW.

Isai Garcia. Pretrial conference. Criminal mischief-2nd degree. PNG. Set for 5/19.

Isai I. Garcia. Pretrial conference. (1)Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. (2)Harassment - no physical contact. PNG. Set for 5/19.

Caeden Lambert. Pretrial conference. (1)Operating on suspended/revoked opera-

tors license. (2)License to be in possession. (3)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (4)Failure to produce insurance card. FTA. Issue BW.

David Lee Markwell. Pretrial conference. (1)Poss of marijuana. (2)OPER MV U/INFL CONT SUB - 1st. 90 days serve 2. 30 days serve 18.

Subrina McKinney. Pretrial conference. Failure to report child depend neglect or abuse 1st offense. Set for 4/21.

Harold Potter. Pretrial conference. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. Set for 3/31.

Jeremy Wilson. Other hearing. (1)Speeding 20mph over limit. (2)Improper passing. FTA. Issue BW.

Jeremy D. Wilson. Other hearing. Failure to wear seat belts. FTA. Issue BW.

Jeremy D. Wilson. Pretrial conference. (1)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. (2)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance. (3)Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. (4)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (5)Obstructed vision and/or windshield. (6)Improper registration plate. (7)No/expired registration plates. FTA. Issue BW.

Johnathan West. Preliminary hearing. (1)TRAFF in controlled substances 1st offense - (heroin). (2)TICS, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified). Waived PH.

Andrew Charles Lawhun. Show cause. Money due \$363. Serve 7 days.

Dylan Wayne Kirker. Status hearing. Commonwealth to file show cause motion.

Justin R. Royster. Ar-

raignment. (1)Rear license not illuminated. (2)OPER MV U/INFL ALC .08 - 1st. Appoint PD. PNG. Amend to DUI 2nd. Attend 30 day impatient alcohol program.

Jessica Bare. Other hearing. (1)No/expired registration plates. (2)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3)Failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. (4)Failure to produce insurance card. (5)No operators/moped license. Refer to cabinet. 180 C/D. Amend bond or 6 months impatient.

Jessica Dawn Bare. Other hearing. (1)Display of illegal/altered registration plate. (2)Np/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security. (4)No operators/moped license. (5)Careless driving. (6)Failure to produce insurance card. (7)Failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation. (8)Failure to or improper signal. (9)Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. 180 C/D. Amend bond or 6 months impatient.

Sherry Lynn Conn. Arraignment. (1)Failure to or improper signal. (2)Rear license not illuminated. (3)Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. (4)OPER MV U/INFL CONT SUB - 1st. Revoke bond. 6 months impatient. Pretrial testing.

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

The Purpose of Service Animals

Herald Report

Many Lewis Countians have noticed an increasing number of animals appearing in restaurants, grocery stores, and other businesses that traditionally prohibit pets. Often, these animals are described as "emotional support animals." However, under federal and Kentucky law, emotional support animals are not the same as service animals and do not receive the same legal protections. Understanding the difference helps protect both individuals with disabilities and the businesses that serve the public.

What Qualifies as a Service Animal

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a service animal is defined as a dog that is individually trained to perform specific tasks or work for a person with a disability. These tasks must be directly related to the individual's disability.

Examples of service animal tasks include:

- Guiding individuals who are blind or visually impaired
- Alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Detecting seizures or changes in blood sugar levels
- Retrieving objects for someone with mobility limitations
- Interrupting or assisting during psychiatric episodes

Service animals are considered working animals, not pets. Their specialized training allows them to assist their handler while remaining calm and controlled in public environments. How Are Emotional Sup-

port Animals Different?

Emotional support animals (ESAs) provide companionship and emotional comfort. While these animals may be beneficial to their owners, they are not trained to perform specific disability-related tasks. Because of this distinction, emotional support animals do not qualify as service animals under the ADA and generally do not have the right to accompany their owners into businesses or restaurants that prohibit pets.

Kentucky law specifically recognizes this distinction. In 2024, the Kentucky General Assembly clarified that the rights granted to assistance dogs do not extend to emotional support animals in public accommodations. Emotional support animals may still qualify for certain protections in housing situations, but those rules are different from the laws governing public establishments.

Service Animals Do Not Require Registration

One common misconception is that service animals must be licensed, registered, or carry certification papers. In reality, there is no official national registry or certification requirement for service animals. A service animal may be trained by a professional organization or by the individual handler. However, service animals must still comply with local dog licensing and vaccination requirements, just like any other dog.

What Businesses Are Legally Allowed to Ask

• Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?

• What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

When Businesses Can Ask an Animal to Leave

Even legitimate service animals must behave appropriately in public.

A business may require removal of a service animal if:

- The animal is not housebroken, or
- The animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it

If this happens, the business must still offer the individual the opportunity to receive services without the animal present.

Kentucky Law on Misrepresenting a Service Animal

In response to growing concerns about individuals falsely claiming pets as service animals, Kentucky strengthened its laws in 2024. Under KRS 258.335, it is unlawful to misrepresent a dog as an assistance dog to gain access or accommodations. This includes false claims made verbally, in writing, or through actions such as placing a vest, harness, or sign on a pet that falsely indicates it is a service animal. Violating this law carries financial penalties. Under KRS 258.991, a person who misrepresents a dog as a service animal may be fined up to \$1,000.

Kentucky law also addresses misrepresentation in housing situations. Under

KRS 383.085, knowingly making false statements or providing fraudulent documentation to claim an assistance animal for housing purposes can also result in a fine of up to \$1,000.

Why Misrepresentation Is a Serious Issue

Misrepresenting a pet as a service animal may seem harmless, but it creates real problems.

Untrained animals in businesses can:

- Disrupt customers
- Create sanitation concerns in food establishments
- Interfere with legitimate service animals performing critical tasks
- Pose safety risks to employees and the public

Service animals undergo extensive training to remain calm and focused while working. When untrained animals are brought into public establishments under false claims, it undermines the accommodations that individuals with disabilities depend on.

Respecting the Purpose of Service Animals

For many individuals with disabilities, service animals are essential tools that allow them to navigate daily life safely and independently. Protecting the integrity of service animal laws helps ensure that those who truly rely on these animals continue to receive the access and respect they deserve.

Understanding the difference between service animals and emotional support animals—and following the law—helps maintain safe, accessible spaces for everyone.

Invitation to Bid

The Lewis County Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for photography services.

Bid forms containing specifications may be obtained under "District News" or "Archived News" on the district's website at www.lewis.kyschools.us, or at the district board office located at 251 Lions Lane, Vanceburg, KY.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "PHOTOGRAPHY" on the front.

Bids must be received no later than 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at the Lewis County Board of Education, P.O. Box 159, 251 Lions Lane, Vanceburg, KY 41179.

Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on the same day.

Bids will be reviewed at the April 13, 2026, Board meeting, at which time they will be approved or denied.



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