



From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

Spring break cut into the number of games that our high school teams played, but they were able to get a few in this past week and look to have a full schedule this week.

First, let's look at the Lady Lions as they traveled to Pigeon Forge to play against some tough competition and hone their skills. They started the week on Tuesday, March 31, playing Clinton-Massie from Clarksville, OH, and lost by a score of 13-2. Coach Lucas was happier the next day as they took on a team out of Camillus, NY, and played much better but came out on the short end of the stick with a 4-3 score. Then, on Thursday, Lewis County took on Station Camp of Gallatin, TN, and won by a score of 7-5.

The Lady Lions will be playing four games this week, starting on Tuesday at home against Bath County with a 6:00 start time. Then, on Thursday, April 7, they're at home to take on the Lady Vikings of Rowan County, with the first pitch scheduled for 6:00. On Saturday, the Lady Lions will host a showcase named after one of their most dedicated fans—one who devoted countless hours of work and support to the team and is still missed today—Mr. Babe Pollitt.

The Babe Pollitt Showcase will kick off at noon on Saturday, April 11, with George Rogers Clark coming to town to play our Lady Lions. Then at 2:00, Lawrence County will take on George Rogers Clark. Our Lady Lions will

be back on the field at 4:00 to take on Lawrence County. We wish Lewis County luck as they compete against two tough teams.

As for the Baseball Lions, they were able to get in three games this past week. On April 2, they played Powell County at home at 6:00 and lost by a score of 9-5. Then, on Saturday, April 4, they hosted the Lewis County Triangle, playing Martin County at 1:00 and Estill County at 5:00. In the early game, the Lions won a hard-fought contest by a score of 10-8, and in the late game, they lost 11-9.

Coach Wallingford is happy with the progress his team has shown so far this season and is looking forward to the upcoming week. Speaking of the upcoming week, the Lions will be at home to take on the Ashland Tomcats on Monday, April 6, at 6:00. On Thursday, they are scheduled to face Rowan County at home at 6:00, and on Friday, their homestand wraps up against Augusta at 6:00. They will then hit the road to play in the Hometown Pharmacy Invitational at Harrison County. They will play the host Harrison County Thoroughbreds at noon and then face Breathitt County at 2:15. We hope that good luck shines on the Lions this week as they take on some tough competition.

Now, as you read this paper, we are in one of the most exciting weeks of the year for Lewis County Little League, as the season will kick off with a parade on

April 10 and Opening Day games on April 11. If you have not experienced this weekend, please come out and see why Little League is one of the best organizations you can be part of. Come, bring a chair if you'd like, or sit in the stands and let the years roll back as you're returned to more carefree days and experience the true love of the game and youthful joy. Even the most cynical people can see that if we let kids be kids, we can all enjoy the game as it was meant to be.

I know that it isn't football season—though to some of us, it is always football season—but the team is having a few fundraisers they wanted to mention. First, they will be selling tickets for the Football Team Rib Dinner, which will take place on May 2 at the Black Oak Volunteer Fire Department. The cost is \$15 per ticket, and you can contact any LCHS football player or coach to purchase one.

The second event is the Coach William Robinson Memorial Golf Scramble, which will be played on May 9 at Kenton Station. The cost is \$60 per player, and if you would like to participate, please contact Corky Prater, Bub Lee, Coach Stamm, or Joe Billman. This is always a great event. We hope to see a big crowd at both events.

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Multi-vehicle crash claims Vanceburg woman, three juveniles seriously injured

By Dennis K. Brown

A Vanceburg woman has died and multiple others were injured in a serious multi-vehicle crash Saturday evening, March 28, on KY 59 south of Vanceburg.

According to Kentucky State Police, the collision occurred around 8:05 p.m. on KY 59 about 7.5 miles south of Vanceburg in the McCartney Bend area.

Preliminary investigation by KSP indicates a Chevrolet Cruze operated by Abigail Young was traveling southbound when it collided with a northbound Kia Forte driven by Tyson McCray.

Following the initial impact, the Kia continued northbound and struck a silver Dodge Ram operated by Andy Adkins, according to a KSP spokesman.

A passenger in the Kia, Paulette Denise Evans, 63, of Vanceburg, was pro-

nounced dead at the scene by the Lewis County Coroner.

Two juvenile passengers were airlifted from the scene to the University of Kentucky Medical Center and Cabell Huntington Hospital trauma units and were listed in stable condition. A third juvenile was taken by EMS to St. Claire-UK in Morehead and later airlifted to UK Medical Center in Lexington, and was also listed as stable.

Sheriff Johnny Bivens said the call was received shortly after 8:00 p.m., initially reporting a multi-vehicle accident with unknown injuries and at least one vehicle blocking the roadway.

As additional information was received, dispatchers learned children were involved and that injuries appeared to be severe, prompting a large-scale emergency re-

sponse.

Lewis County EMS units, which were initially tied up on other calls, coordinated with surrounding agencies for assistance. Portsmouth EMS responded, and additional resources were requested from neighboring counties.

Fire departments from Vanceburg, Black Oak, Camp Dix and Lewis County Station 2 responded to the scene, along with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky State Police and the Lewis County Coroner's Office.

The roadway was closed for an extended period while Kentucky State Police conducted a reconstruction investigation.

KSP Post 8 in Morehead is investigating the collision. Trooper Jordan Barnett is leading the investigation, which remains ongoing.

Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



Legislation evolves into new laws for Commonwealth

With five days remaining in the 2026 Regular Session, several bills have made their way through the process to become law, while others await the governor's consideration. Kentucky governors have ten days, not including Sundays and holidays, to consider each bill or resolution. And, they have three options when presented with legislation. He or she can sign it into law, veto it, or allow it to become law without signing it. Legislation that deals with state revenue can be line-item vetoed, but otherwise the veto extends to the entire bill. If the legislature is still in session, vetoes are returned to the House and Senate and they may choose to override. Constitutional amendments are not subject to a governor's veto and go directly to the Secretary of State for filing.

So far this session, five bills have become law. Of them, two were vetoed by the governor. Here are summaries of those measures:

HB 1 would opt Kentucky into the Education Freedom Tax Credit, established under the federal House Resolution 1 (HR 1), and give Kentucky families access to privately-funded scholarships for primary and secondary education. Vetoed. Overridden.

HB 314 would replace the board and remove the executive director of the Kentucky Communications Network Authority, which runs the state's high-speed fiber optic cable network, Kentucky-Wired. Vetoed. Overridden.

SB 11 would establish a residential safe room rebate program, offering homeowners up to \$5,000 (50% of costs) for safe rooms that meet standards and are open during emergencies.

SB 145 would modernize Kentucky's catering laws, strengthens accountability with the licensing process and reinforces enforcement tools related to tobacco, nicotine and vapor products.

SB 172 would allow utilities, with approval from the Public Service Commission, to spread higher fuel costs associated with sudden, short-term spikes, over a longer period when billing ratepayers.

Plenty of other bills are on the governor's desk waiting for action. They include:

HB 189 would prohibit a person from sitting, kneeling, reclining, standing, or remaining physically stationary in any portion of a state-maintained right-of-way that is not designated for pedestrian use, with a few exceptions. Violators would be fined between \$20 and \$100 for each offense as outlined in Kentucky law.

HB 312 allow Kentuckians ages 18 to 20 to obtain a provisional concealed carry license after meeting the same background check, training, and firearm proficiency requirements as the standard permit.

HB 657 would grant licensure boards overseeing speech language pathology and audiology, psychology, occupational therapy, social work, and licensed professional counselors the authority to meet interstate compact background check requirements.

SB 2 would cap pay increases for superintendents and school administrators to no more than those awarded to classroom teachers, and tie a district's SEEK eligibility to this limit.

SB 5 would grant local school districts more flexibility to purchase Kentucky-grown food for student meals without being subject to specific state procurement and bidding requirements.

SB 40 would shift public library board trustee appointments to local library boards and county officials, setting two appointment methods based on whether a county has adopted an alternative process, with all appointees subject to fiscal court approval.

SB 46 would allow Kentucky school districts to use smaller passenger vans for student transportation while requiring appropriate driver qualifications, training, and drug testing to ensure safety.

SB 65 would nullify regulations found deficient by the legislature between March 28, 2025 and April 15, 2026.

SB 69 would establish the Autism Spectrum Disorder Trust Fund and create a framework to accept donations and award funding to support children, adults, families, and caregivers impacted by autism.

SB 155 would establish a clear, structured framework to respond quickly and effectively to animal health emergencies, including disease outbreaks or other serious

threats to livestock, poultry, and domesticated animals across the Commonwealth.

SB 158 would establish regulatory standards for optional financial products offered when a consumer leases a vehicle or uses one as collateral, including debt cancellation agreements and value protection plans, helping consumers manage financial risks from excessive wear, use, or damage.

SB 183 would extend the same disclosure and accountability measures required of proxy advisors of publicly traded companies located in the Commonwealth to all that do business in Kentucky.

SB 199 would amend Kentucky law to establish that an EPA-approved label for any registered pesticide product constitutes the full extent of a manufacturer's duty to warn users of potential risks, including cancer or other health hazards, thereby aligning Kentucky's pesticide labeling standards with federal law and providing clarity for manufacturers, retailers, and consumers operating in the Commonwealth.

Once a bill becomes law, regulations are written to the legislature's intent. Those regulations are returned to the legislature for review. According to the Kentucky Constitution, legislation, unless it is a general appropriations bill, or contains an emergency or special effective date, will take effect 90 days after the legislature adjourns.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

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