



District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison
County Attorney
March 31, 2026**

Adam J. Eldridge. Arraignment. TBUT OR DISP AUTO \$1,000 < \$10,000. Appoint PD. PNG. Set for 4/14.

Corey Escamilla. Arraignment. (1)OPER MV U/INFL ALC .08 - 1st. (2)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. PNG. \$1500 unsecured bond. Set for 4/21.

Hayden Hall. Arraignment. (1)Strangulation 1st degree. (2)Criminal mischief, 1st degree. (3)Assault, 4th degree dating violence (minor injury). (4)Sexual abuse, 1st degree. Appoint PD. PNG. Set for 4/14.

Ashley Munion. Other hearing. Money due \$25. Public intoxication controlled subs. Appoint PD. PNG. Bond \$7,500. Set for 4/21.

Michael Anthony Taylor. Other hearing. Money due \$330.50. 90 days serve 13. Balance C/D 2 yrs.

Michael Anthony Taylor. Other hearing. Money due \$298.00. 90 days serve 13. Balance C/D 2 yrs.

John Anderson. Arraignment. Criminal littering. Motion by CW to dismiss. Sustained.

Jaidence Justin David Cottingham. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Jera Ferguson. Arraignment. Local county ordinance. PG. \$250 fine. C/D 2 yrs. No further violations. Keep dogs confined to property.

Jordan Ferguson. Arraignment. Local county ordinance. PG. \$250 fine. C/D 2 yrs. No further violations. Keep dogs confined to property.

Ora Renee Graves. Arraignment. Criminal littering. Motion to dismiss.

Leslie B. Johnson. Arraignment. Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. Set for 4/14.

Tori K. Leonardi. Arraignment. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. PNG. Set for 4/14. No contact.

Paul Logan. Arraignment. Local county ordinance. PG. \$250 fine. C/D 2 yrs.

Taylor Morgan Powell. Diversion completion. Redocket.

Mariah Grace Cheyenne Sparks. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Jonathan Yates. Show cause hearing. Speeding 25 mph over limit. Dismiss.

Aidan P. Andresen. Show cause. Money due \$16 38.00. Set for 9/22.

Joanna M. Bloomfield. Show cause. Money due \$373.00. FTA. Issue BW.

Joanna M. Bloomfield. Show cause. Money due \$293.00. FTA. Issue BW.

Burford Dwayne Bolander. Show cause. Money due

\$553.00. Pay in full/jail. Set for 9/22.

Erica Clark. Show cause. Money due \$340.00. Set for 9/22.

Leah Cooley. Show cause. Money due \$233.00. 30 days. C/D. 5 days WF.

Misty Louise Cooley. Show cause. Money due \$653.00. FTA. Issue BW.

Wilma Cooley. Show cause. Money due \$333.00. Set for 9/22.

Justin Cottingham. Show cause. Money due \$293.00. FTA. Issue BW.

Justin David Cottingham. Show cause. Money due \$268.00. FTA. Issue BW.

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Skyler D. Dawson. Show cause. Money due \$110.00. Set for 9/22.

Skyler David Dawson. Show cause. Money due \$519.00. Set for 9/22.

Brittany N. Dennis. Show cause. Money due \$298.00. Dismiss. Uncollectible.

Roger D. Dyer Jr. Show cause. Money due \$298.00. FTA. Issue BW.

Adam Crit Hall. Show cause. Money due \$173.00. 180 days. C/D 2 yrs. 90 day impatient rehab.

Kimberly Jo Hall. Show cause. Money due \$304.69. Restitution paid. Cost waived.

Jeanette Hampton. Show cause. Money due \$318.00. Set for 9/22.

Jeanette A. Hampton.

Show cause. Money due \$1550.00. Set for 9/22.

Dennis Jamison. Show cause. Money due \$203.00. Set for 9/22.

Dennis Jamison III. Show cause. Money due \$188.00. Set for 9/22.

Dennis Jamison III. Show cause. Money due \$48.00. Set for 9/22.

Dennis A. Jamison. Show cause. Money due \$498.00. Set for 9/22.

Dennis A. Jamison III. Show cause. Money due \$138.00. Set for 9/22.

Dakota Knisley. Show cause. Money due \$613. 30 days jail. Probate 2 yrs. IOP. 13 days work farm.

Yasmine Rose Lightner. Show cause. Money due \$188.00. Reset 9/22.

Michael N. Pack. Show cause. Money due \$393.00. Declared indigent. Wave fines.

Samantha D. Rister. Show cause. Money due \$310.50. Set for 9/22.

Anthony T. Robinson. Show cause. Money due \$555.50. Set for 9/22.

Anthony Tanner Robinson. Show cause. Money due \$50.50. Set for 9/22.

Ashley Romine. Show cause. Money due \$970.50. Set for 9/22.

Ashley N. Romine. Show cause. Money due \$320.00. Set for 9/22.

James Alexander Smith. Show cause. Money due \$295.00. FTA. Issue BW.

Kearstin Ray Sparks.

Show cause. Money due \$343.00. Paid in full.

Donnie D. Spence. Show cause. Money due \$331.00. FTA. Issue BW.

Donnie D. Spence. Show cause. Money due \$1529.13. FTA. Issue BW.

Jonathan Upsteadt. Show cause. Money due \$448.00. FTA. Issue BW.

Willie S. Burns. Pretrial conference. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. Reset for 4/14.

Willie Scott Burns. Show cause. Money due \$248.00. Reset 4/14.

Willie Scott Burns. Show cause. Money due \$613.00. Reset for 4/14.

Kimberly Clark. Pretrial conference. (1)Failure to report child depend neglect or abuse 1st off. (2)Unlawful transaction w/minor-3rd degree. Set for 4/21.

Dustin E. Cottingham. Revocation hearing. Appoint PD. Set for 4/14.

Nicholas Drouillard. Preliminary hearing. (1)TBUT or DISP from building \$1,000 < \$10,000. (2)Burglary, 2nd degree. Waived hearing. Set for 4/28.

Grace Fields. Preliminary hearing. Criminal mischief - residential rental property - 1st degree. Amend to Criminal mischief 2nd. Set for 4/30.

Susan Lanthorn. Pretrial conference. (1)Unlawful transaction w/minor - 3rd degree. (2)Failure to report child depend neglect or

abuse 1st off. Set for 4/21.

Christopher M. Meadows. Pretrial conference. (1)Criminal trespassing-3rd degree. (2)TBUT OR DISP ALL OTHERS \$500 < \$1,000. Set for 4/21.

Tina Monteith. Pretrial conference. Unlawful transaction w/minor-3rd degree. Amend bond to OR to 6 month impatient rehab. Set for 4/21.

Tina Monteith. Preliminary hearing. (1)Unlawful transaction w/minor - 2nd degree. (2)Unlawful transaction w/minor - 2nd degree. Amend bond to OR to 6 month impatient rehab. Set for 4/21.

Harold Potter. Pretrial conference. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. Appoint PD. Set for 4/14.

Steven Reis. Preliminary hearing. Criminal mischief - residential rental property - 1st degree. Amend to criminal mischief 2nd.

Corey L. Swearingen. Pretrial conference. (1) Speeding 20 MPH over limit. (2)License to be in possession. (3)Poss of marijuana. PG. 45 days serve 2. C/D 2 yrs. No further violations of the law.

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

County Officials Present Monthly Reports

By Dennis Brown

Lewis County officials presented their monthly reports during the February meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court.

Sheriff Johnny Bivens filed his department activities from February 9, 2026 through March 9, 2026.

• Citations	8
• Subpoenas Served	12
• Domestic Related Calls	28
• Civil Summons Served	40
• Arrests	14
• Cases Open For Investigation	8
• Accident Investigations	12
• Criminal Summons	7
• Prisoners Transp. to Secure Facility	298 miles
• Juveniles Transported	225 miles
• DVOs and EPOs	8
• Court Security Hours	586.5 hours
• Prescription Deliveries	0
• Auto Inspections	59
• Funeral Escorts	8
• Concealed Carry Permits	28
• Miscellaneous	51
• Taxes Collected:	
Property	\$107,559.85
Franchise	\$3,296.41
Total	\$110,856.26
Stolen property recovered: SO-26-008 Trailer	\$3,500.00
Total recovered	\$3,500.00

911 Coordinator Pam Jordan submitted a monthly report for the Lewis County E-911 Dispatch Center. The center received the following calls for service in February:

• Sheriff	214
• Vanceburg PD	83
• EMS	145
• Coroner	1
• Air Evac	4
• Lewis County FD	17
• Garrison FD	15

• Vanceburg FD	10
• Black Oak FD	5
• Firebrick FD	3
• Lewis County 2 FD	5
• Tollesboro FD	25
• Camp Dix FD	6
• EMA	4
Total Calls	537

911 Wrecker Log February:
Mullin's 3
McCann's 3
W KY 8 2
Ginn's 4
G&H 6
Thayer's 3
Clark's 3
Crawford's 0
Bradford's 0
Director of Lewis County Ambulance Service District, Michael Byble, gave his report.

Total Dispatched EMS calls by Lewis County E-911: 145

Total Dispatched EMS calls to LCEMS: 142

Total ePCR populated by LCEMS: 145

Total Transported patients by LCEMS: 95

Total Patients who went POV: 0

Hospitals: SOMC 64, UK-St. Claire 4, UK-KDMC 0, Meadowview 26, Fleming County 0, to landing scene 0.

Average Response Time: 13:55, 34% were below 8:00 minutes.

Runs By District: Vanceburg 42, Tollesboro 33, Black Oak 12, Firebrick 5, Lewis County 20, Camp Dix 5, and Garrison 22, and out of county 0.

Road Supervisor David Goodwin submitted his road maintenance report for the month.

Goodwin said 1,082.30 tons of gravel and stone and 409 tons of salt had been hauled by the county.

Roadways Graveled/Repaired: Canaan Ch Rd., Stevens Ridge, Ieeler, Crooked Creek, Dummitt, Perry, Twin Br., Walnut

Grove, Thomas Ln., Nash Ln., Gerike, Deep Hole, Raccoon, Little Holly, Gilliam, Highfield Ln., Crooked Creek, St. Engle Rd. Fk., Wills, and Mud Lick.

Roadways Graded: Glen Hill, Toller Branch Rd., Paint Lick, Kilbreth, Rose MT., Burnt Cabin, and Beechy.

Bus Turn Repaired: Spy Run, Scaffold Lick, Dry Hollow, and 377.

Roadways Mowed/Brush/Trees: Lower Kinney, Holly, Toller Hl., Quicks Run, and Manley Hl.

Solid Waste Coordinator Roger Lewis gave his report:

- Performed all regular coordinator duties.

- Sent out letters, received several phone calls and completed several site visits concerning complaints and nuisances.

- Still taking in recycled material.

- Finished Annual Report for 2025 and got it sent in.

- We are still picking up cardboard from most of businesses in Vanceburg and in the county.

- Cleaned up dump on Black John Road.

Animal Control Officer reported 23 picked up; 3 dropped off; 32 rescued; 8 reclaimed (\$180); \$100 donation; 1 adoption (\$150), 7 E-911 calls; 89 office calls received. Fleming County Fiscal Court was billed \$2,190. Eighteen dogs remained at the shelter at the end of the month.

Emergency Management Director Dennis Brown gave his report. The Lewis County Alert System continued to gain followers. It was activated 10 times in February to notify residents of weather advisories, winter weather, extreme cold, snow emergencies, closings

and black ice. The alert system allows notifications to our residents through texts, email, voice (telephone), Twitter, and the Smart 911 App. Targeted alerts can notify small groups (specific county offices/groups/employees). Lewis County Alerts has more than 5,600 subscribers.

- Worked with Vanceburg Fire on the smoke alarm partnership with Red Cross to provide units to area residents. Will continue working with all departments making this program available countywide.

- Pursuing grant for locator/tracker devices for residents who may wander (Alzheimer's/dementia).

- Pursuing grant funding for water rescue kits/medic kits for first responders.

- Completed necessary paperwork with KYEM as required.

- Participated in continuing education for EMA.

- Participated in continuing training for Red Cross Volunteer position.

- Planning CERT/preparedness trainings for local school/student groups.

- Participated in countywide test of outdoor sirens. (February 5)

- Attended a PIO Zoom session on Crisis Management. (February 18)

- Attended a Zoom session for shadowing/training reimbursement. (February 23)

- Completed Crisis Communications Plan for City of Vanceburg.

- Meeting with Verizon to complete setup for dispatch to text for first responders.

- Attended Team Kentucky Update for Recovery Ready Community Certification.

- Assisted Red Cross with assistance to family following house fires.

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.

Public Notice 13,14c

It makes sense to list local, having your listing agent close to your property is a real positive.

With my office being located on Main St. in Vanceburg, I specialize in Lewis County Properties whether homes, acreages, or businesses.

Licensed Agent, Licensed Drone Operator, and I work with local Contractors.

I also partner locally with Auctions By Cooper, Stacy Cooper when auctioning Real Estate.

RICHARD WALJE SALES AGENT, PHONE 606-262-0822
STORY REALTY & AUCTION LLC

HUGE AUCTION

O.K. Warehouse Rt. 52 Ripley, Oh. 45167
Sun. April 12th 10:00

Over 10 Mowers- Kubota RTV- Loader- Skid Steer- Tractor- Guns- Coins- 9 Cars & Trucks- 2 Boats- Camper- & More Coming!!!

Special Interest Items- '19 Ford Edge Titanium- '17 Ford Flex Limited AWD- '16 Subaru Forester AWS (Rebuilt Title)- '04 Ford Thunderbird Hard & Soft Top- '04 Chevy 1500 4x4- '04 Ford Ranger 4x4- '03 Chevy S10 4x4- '05 Thomas Freightliner School Bus- 1948 Chevy Stylemaster (Tons of Updates & Extras)- '16 Layton Javelin 285BH Camper- '11 Tracker Guide V16 9.9 Merc- '97 Crownline 225 w/454- Cat 904B Loader- NH L185 Skidsteer w/Forks- NH TC30 4x4 w/Loader- JD MX5 Rotary Mower- Kubota RTV X900 Diesel- 2 Toro Multi Pro Sprayers- 5, Exmark Stand Behind Mowers- 2, Exmark Lazer Z Mowers- Badboy Mower- JD & Huskee Riding Mowers- 2 Home Made Utility Trailers- Box Grader- 14 Guns From Private Collection- Incl. Ruger- Remington- Weatherby & Others Call For List & Terms- Several Groups of Old Money Coins & Paper- Silver Dollars-Half Dollars- 1 oz Eagle Coin- Indian Head Pennies- Silver Quarters- Silver Eagles & More!!! Tables Full of Tools Incl- Snap On- Blue Point- Mac-Matco & Others- Sockets- Wrenches- Water Pumps- Air Comp- Cum A Long- Heand Tools- Shop Vac- 4400lb Tire Lift- DeWalt Power Tools- Roll Around Carts- Sunoco Cabinet- 4/0 Copper Wire- New Building Material- Kitchen Cabinet Sets- Tons of Flooring Incl. Vinyl Water Proof Insulation- Lumber- Skids of Trim Decorative Gates- Lots of Items Come & Look!!! All Sold As Is!

1st Time writing a Check Bring Bank Letter of Guarantee Announcements made day of Sale take precedence over any printed material. 4% if paying by CC- Items may be picked up Later- Absentee Bids Welcome

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