



Dennis Brown/LEWIS COUNTY HERALD

Officials joined first responders for the unveiling of the Camp Dix Fire Station/Community Center last week. The Camp Dix Volunteer Fire Department officially opened its new fire station and community center last week during a ceremony at the facility on KY 59.

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by district staff, including Lori Ginn-O'Keefe on attendance, Sara Smith on instruction, Quentin Allen on technology, Bill Allen on transportation and Woody Underwood on operations. A principal presentation was delivered by Stephanie Hensley, and an Elevate Gear Up grant presentation was provided by Amber Bryant, and Melinda McGlone.

The board approved minutes from March special meetings and took action on property matters related to the Lock 32 land surplus, including approval of revised documentation and a finalized sale agreement.

Board members approved the creation of a district-wide athletic director position, along with the associated job description and salary schedule.

Additional approvals included the surplus of a maintenance dump trailer, application for a COPS grant, a photography contract for the 2026-2027 school year, and insurance-related items. The

board also approved multiple planning documents, including the district professional development plan, technology plan, English learner plan, certified evaluation plan and the Non-Traditional Instruction continuation plan.

Agreements with outside organizations were approved, including partnerships with UMC Food Ministry and Gateway Community Service Organization, along with participation in the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services.

Staffing allocations for each school and district-wide positions were approved, as were several student field trips, including out-of-state trips to locations in Ohio.

The board approved requests for use of district property for Election Day voting, summer food distribution events and youth sports practices, along with school-wide fundraisers at Garrison Elementary and Lewis County High School.

In personnel matters,

the board accepted the retirement of Jacqueline Hall, a teacher at Garrison Elementary, effective July 1. The resignation of Heather Bond, principal at Central Elementary, was also approved, effective the same date.

Classified personnel actions included the hiring of Jesse Hinson as custodian at Tollesboro Elementary, Joni Price as FRYSC secretary serving multiple schools and Alexandria Laney as cook at the high school. Resignations included Candace Tackett and Joshua Musser, both cooks at the high school, Hailie Blevins, instructional assistant at Laurel Elementary, and Jesse Hinson as custodian. Jennifer Jamison was approved for transfer to head cook/baker at the high school.

The board entered executive session to discuss the sale of real property and pending litigation before returning to open session to approve the treasurer's report, payment of bills and adjourn the meeting.

**HUGHES**

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tributions have made a lasting impact on countless lives," Sparks said.

The presentation was made during the court's April 13 meeting, with officials expressing appreciation for Hughes' years of service and her continued commitment to

the community. "Lewis County is proud to recognize your service, honor your commitment, and express sincere appreciation for all that you have given," Sparks said in making the presentation.

Hughes' recognition reflects the vital role emer-

gency medical personnel play in our communities, where access to timely care can make the difference between life and death. Her career stands as an example of the dedication and sacrifice shown by first responders across the county.

**Fire destroys St. Paul home**

By Dennis K. Brown

Firefighters responded to an early morning structure fire Saturday on Whippoorwill Lane that destroyed a converted barn-style residence and spread into nearby brush before being contained.

According to an E-911 incident report, the call was received at 2:42 a.m. April 25, reporting a structure fire on Whippoorwill Lane.

The caller advised that the building, described as a barn that had been converted into a house, was fully involved and that no one was at home at the time.

Units from Garrison and

Firebrick fire departments were dispatched and responded to the scene.

Firefighters arriving on scene reported active flames and noted the fire had spread beyond the structure into a nearby hillside, igniting brush. Crews worked to contain the brush fire and prevent further spread.

The brush fire was reported contained within about 40 minutes of arrival, though crews remained on scene for several hours to address hot spots and ensure the fire was under control.

Fire units cleared the scene between approximately 4:45 a.m. and 5:00

a.m., though residual smoke and small hot spots were reported later in the morning. Firefighters advised that smoldering conditions were expected and were not spreading.

Later Saturday morning, the property owner requested further contact and indicated a desire for an investigation into the cause of the fire. According to the report, the caller stated a belief that the fire may have been intentionally set.

Officials advised the homeowner of the appropriate steps to request an investigation.

No injuries were reported in the incident.

**Lewis County Central Elementary School  
Special Called SBDM Meeting**  
When: Wednesday, April 29th, 2026  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Where: Lewis County Board of Education Conference Room

- I. Meeting called to Order.
- II. Closed Session Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (f) Interviews/Discussions which might lead to the appointment an individual employment.
- III. Return from closed session and report action(s) if any.
- IV. Set day, time, and location for next meeting.
- V. Meeting adjourned.

Public Notice 17c

**LEWIS COUNTY FOOTBALL  
COACH BILL ROBINSON  
MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026**  
8:00 AM Shotgun Start  
@ Kenton Station Golf Course  
\$10,000 "HOLE-IN-ONE" SPONSORED BY TRACE CREEK CONSTRUCTION  
PRIZES DURING THE ROUND FOR: LONGEST DRIVE, CLOSEST TO THE HOLE, ETC..!  
FOOD AND DRINKS!  
**ENTRY FEE-\$60 PER PLAYER**  
IF INTERESTED IN PLAYING OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
COACH STAMM (606) 541-5908| CORKY PRATER (606) 796-3266  
KODY WILLIS (606) 541-4447| JOE BILLMAN (606) 796-6306  
BUB LEE (606) 301-1048  
\*IF YOU CAN'T COME AND PLAY OR YOU JUST DONT PLAY, SUPPORT THE TEAM BY SPONSORING A HOLE AT \$25 PER HOLE\*  
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Golf cart

**COOL KIDS MINISTRIES**  
with Bro. Steve Harney  
MAY 01-03, 2026  
05/01 | 7PM  
05/02 | 7PM  
05/03 | 11AM  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY WILL BE A NIGHT OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!  
JOIN US FOR THE "MAGIC" SHOW  
LAUGHTER! MAGIC! PUPPETS! GOSPEL!  
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!  
- ABOUT STEVE  
Steve Harney is the founder of Cool Kids Ministries, Inc. He is also a gospel magician, ventriloquist, puppeteer, author, and more!  
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