



# District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft  
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison  
County Attorney  
April 28, 2026**

Frank A. Graziano. Arraignment. (1)Speeding 26 MPH over/greater. (2)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. (3)OPER MV U/INFL ALC .08 1st. PNG. No drugs/alcohol. Testing. Set for 5/12.  
Paul W. McKinney Jr. Other hearing. Money due \$873. Serve out 18 days.  
Donnie D. Spence. Other hearing. Money due \$331. Reset.  
Donnie D. Spence. Other hearing. Money due \$1,529.13. Reset.  
Hunter Bonner. Arraignment. No operators license. Dismiss.  
Mike Dunn. Diversion completion. Dismiss.  
Aaron Evans. Diversion completion. Dismiss.  
Vicky Evans. Diversion completion. Dismiss.  
Kamron Michael McQuaid. Arraignment. Careless driving. FTA. Notify Frankfort.  
Kevin M. Nance. Arraignment. Operating on suspended/revoked opera-

tors license. \$150 fine.  
Brittany R. Remy. Other hearing. Money due \$298. Appoint PD. 6 days work farm. 6 months outpatient. Remain drug/alcohol free.  
Valerie Noel Rennier. Status hearing. Redocket.  
Todd Shumate. Arraignment. Local county ordinance. PNG. Set for 5/12.  
Ricky N. Wilson. Arraignment. OPER MV U/INFL ALC .08 1st. Amend. PG. 30 days serve 4. C/d 2 years. Remain drug and alcohol free. No further violations.  
Joshua Bray. Show cause. Money due \$4,788.  
Derek Bryan. Show cause. Money due \$698. 90 days C/D. 15 days work farm.  
William Carver. Show cause. Money due \$738. Set for 10/27.  
William Joseph Carver. Show cause. Money due \$218. Set for 10/27.  
William Joseph Carver. Show cause. Money due \$368. Set for 10/27.  
David Thomas Cooley. Show cause. Money due \$298. FTA. Issue BW.  
Ruth Ann Cushard. Show cause. Money due \$293.

FTA. Issue BW.  
Kenneth Bruce Flinders. Show cause. Money due \$518. Set for 10/27.  
Billy Fraley. Show cause. Money due \$273. FTA. Issue BW.  
Billy Joseph Fraley. Show cause. Money due \$273. FTA. Issue BW.  
Destiny Jane Gay. Show cause. Money due \$373. FTA. Issue BW.  
Stephanie Harmon. Show cause. Money due \$4,788. Set for 10/27.  
David Wayen Justice. Show cause. Money due \$923.  
Anne M. Kegley. Show cause. Money due \$873. 90 days inpatient. Set for 7/28.  
Richard Mason. Show cause. Waive cost.  
Jessica A. Paulus. Show cause. Money due \$648. Set for 10/27.  
Miranda Leeann Purcell. Show cause. Money due \$1,023. 2 days serve out or rehab. Reset for 5/5.  
Mitchell D. Royster. Show cause. Money due \$768. Serve out 35 days.  
Mitchell Dale Royster. Show cause. Money due \$218. Serve out 35 days.  
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Show cause. Money due \$793. Serve out 35 days.  
Kaidan Davis Shaw. Show cause. Money due \$273. FTA. Issue BW.  
Gregory S. Stanley III. Show cause. Money due \$123. FTA. Issue BW.  
Joshua Stevenson. Show cause. Money due \$243. FTA. Issue BW.  
Joshua Brian Stevenson. Show cause. Money due \$273. FTA. Issue BW.  
Eric Taylor. Show cause. Money due \$1,193.85. FTA. Issue BW.  
Eric R. Taylor. Show cause. Money due \$298. FTA. Issue BW.  
Eric R. Taylor. Show cause. Money due \$273. FTA. Issue BW.  
Eric R. Taylor. Preliminary hearing. TBUT All others \$500 or more. FTA. Issue BW.  
Eric Russell Taylor. Show cause. Money due \$3,699. FTA. Issue BW.  
Michael Anthony Taylor. Show cause. Money due \$157.50. Reset 30 days.  
Jeremy Wilson. Show cause. Money due \$553. Warrant.  
Jeremy Dean Wilson. Show cause. Money due

\$623. Warrant.  
Charles McCormack Armstrong. Show cause. Speeding 17 MPH over limit. Set for 6/2.  
Gerald Butler. Preliminary hearing. (1)Burglary, 3rd degree. (2)TBUT or DISP from building \$500<\$1,000. Indicted.  
Shawn Colegrove. Preliminary hearing. Receiving stolen property. Set for 8/4.  
Nicholas Drouillard. Preliminary hearing. (1)TBUT or DISP from building \$1,000<\$10,000. (2)Burglary, 2nd degree. Waived PH.  
Adam J. Eldridge. Preliminary hearing. TBUT or DISP AUTO \$1,000 <\$10,000. Court finds probable cause. Bound over to grand jury for further proceedings.  
Susan Lanthorn. To enter plea. (1)Unlawful transaction w/minor-3rd degree. (2)Failure to report child depend neglect or abuse 1st off. Merge. PG. 12 months. Serve 7. Balance CD 2 yrs. No further violations of the law. Remain drug/alcohol free. No contact.  
Christopher M. Meadows. (1)Criminal Trespass-

ing-3rd degree. (2)TBUT or DISP all others \$500<\$1,000. Reset for 6/2.  
Harold Potter. Pretrial conference. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. FTA. Issue BW.  
Harold D. Potter. Pretrial conference. (1)Speeding 26 MPH over /greater. (2)No operators/moped license. (3)Reckless driving. FTA. Issue BW.  
Taylor Morgan Powell. Pretrial conference. Speeding 5 MPH over limit. FTA.  
Justin R. Royster. Pretrial conference. (1)Rear license not illuminated. (2)OPER MV U/INFL ALC .08 - 2nd. Set for 5/12.  
Dustin E. Cottingham. Revocation hearing. Set for 7/21.  
Dustin E. Cottingham. Show cause. Money due \$643. Set for 7/21.  
Dustin Eugene Cottingham. Show cause. Money due \$293. Set for 7/21.

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

# Circuit Court News



**Hon. Brian C. McCloud  
Hon. Rhese McKenzie  
Commonwealth's  
Attorney  
May 1, 2026**

Commonwealth vs Betsy Danette Balian. Motion hour. (1)Perjury - 1st degree. (2)Perjury - 1st degree. Set for 6/5.  
Commonwealth vs Wendell D. Bonner. Pretrial conference. (1)Failure to comply w/sex offender registration. (2)Registered sex offender residence restrictions 1st. PG. 5 yrs.  
Commonwealth vs Colby Bowling. Pretrial conference. (1)Assault, 2nd degree. (2)Unlawful imprisonment - 1st degree. Set for 5/15.  
Commonwealth vs Steve Austin Butcher. Arraignment. Appoint PD. PNG. Set for 6/5.  
Commonwealth vs Elizabeth Butler. Arraignment. (1)Burglary, 3rd degree. (2)TBUT or DISP from building \$500 < \$1,000. PNG. Set for 7/17.  
Commonwealth vs Gerald Butler. Pretrial conference. (1)Burglary, 3rd degree. (2)TBUT or DISP from building \$500 < \$1,000. PNG. Set for 6/5.  
Commonwealth vs Delilah Clark. Arraignment. (1)Burglary, 2nd degree. (2)Criminal mischief, 1st degree. (3)Possession of burglary tools. Appoint PD.

Commonwealth vs Samuel B. Esham. Status hearing. Money due \$165.00. Reset for 5/15.  
Commonwealth vs Daniel Evans. Pretrial conference. (1)Assault, 2nd degree. (2)Unlawful imprisonment - 1st degree. Set for 5/15.  
Commonwealth vs Scotty Griffith. Pretrial conference. Failure to comply with sex offender registration 1st off. PG. 3 years.  
Commonwealth vs Kodi T. Hackworth. Status hearing. Probation violation (for felony offense). Convert diversion to supervised probation. Complete in house treatment through probation and parole.  
Commonwealth vs Billy Joe Lightner. Pretrial conference. (1)Incest - victim u/12 YO or serious physical injury. (2)Sexual abuse - 3rd degree. Trial set 12/7.  
Commonwealth vs Derek McDavid. Probation revocation hearing. Probation violation (for felony offense). Defendant stipulates to probation. All jail time to be served as contempt. Complete in house rehab through probation and parole.  
Commonwealth vs Paul McKinney. Arraignment. Sodomy, 1st degree, victim u/12 years of age. Appoint PD. PNG. Set for 6/5.  
Commonwealth vs Jessie

L. McQuaid. Show cause hearing. Set for 5/7.  
Commonwealth vs Brandi Peck. Arraignment. POSS CONT SUB, 1st degree, 1st offense. Appoint PD. PNG. Set for 6/5.  
Commonwealth vs Kyle J. Richter. Show cause. Money due \$4,225.94. Set for 5/7.  
Commonwealth vs James Roe. Arraignment. (1)Burglary, 2nd degree. (2)Criminal mischief, 1st degree. (3)Possession of burglary tools. Appoint PD. PNG. Set for 6/5.  
Commonwealth vs Michael C. Skidmore. Show

cause. Money due \$17,925.00. Set for 5/15.  
Commonwealth vs Donnie Spence. Arraignment. Failure to comply w/sex offender registration. Appoint PD. PNG. Set for 6/5.  
Commonwealth vs Donnie D. Spence. Show cause. Money due \$828.00. Set for 6/5.  
Commonwealth vs Jeremy D. Wilson. Show cause. Money due \$245.00. Set for 11/30.  
Commonwealth vs Shawn Zornes. Pretrial conference. Receiving stolen property \$1,000 < \$10,000. Set for 6/5.

**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 WALLE SALES AGENT, PHONE 606-262-0822  
STORY REALTY & AUCTION LLC**

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**THE LEWIS COUNTY HERALD**

**336 Lions Lane, Vanceburg, KY 41179**

## VOTE ED GAYHEART for District 3 Magistrate

My name is Ed Gayheart, and I am a lifelong resident of District 3 here in Garrison. I have spent over 30 years working in construction, and I've raised a large family here – four children, three stepchildren, and 14 grandchildren. This community is my home, and my family's future is right here.

I have also had the privilege of serving as a deputy sheriff under Jeff Cooper and Virgil Cole. Through that experience, I have seen firsthand how important it is for local government to protect and serve its people – not just in emergencies, but in everyday quality of life.

Two basic needs that every community deserves are safe roads and clean drinking water.

After 30 years in construction, I can tell you there's a right way and a wrong way to maintain infrastructure. Many of the roads in District 3 are in poor condition. Potholes, uneven surfaces, and deterioration don't just cause inconvenience – they damage vehicles, create safety hazards, and slow down emergency response times. Blacktopping these roads isn't a luxury; it's a necessity. It's an investment in safety, accessibility, and the long-term value of our community. Doing the job right the first time saves money down the road and shows respect for the people who travel these roads every day.

Clean drinking water is even more critical. Clean, safe water is not something any family should have to question. As a parent and grandparent, it is concerning to think that the water my family drinks might not meet the standard it should. Water quality affects health, especially for children and the elderly. It affects trust in our system, and it affects whether people feel secure living and raising families here.

These are not unreasonable requests. Roads and water are basic responsibilities of local government. They directly impact every resident, every day.

I'm not here to point out problems – I'm asking for action: a clear plan, a timeline, and communication with the community about how these issues are going to be addressed.

The people of District 3 work hard. They pay taxes. They raise families. They deserve infrastructure that reflects that effort. I respect the work you do, and I understand there are challenges and budgets to consider. But these are priorities that affect safety, health, and the future of this community.

I'm asking you to take these concerns seriously and move forward with solutions that will benefit everyone in District 3 – not just today, but for years to come.

### Lewis Co. Schools Local Planning Committee "Finding" Meeting

On behalf of the Lewis Co. School District Board of Education, the Lewis Co. School District Local Planning Committee will convene a meeting to consider a Finding to change the current District Facilities Plan.

The meeting will be held on May 11, 2026, at the Lewis County Board of Education at 5:30 p.m.

This meeting will be to discuss changes to the Lewis County Bus Garage only. Public Notice 18c

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS GARRISON-QUINCY WATER DISTRICT LEWIS COUNTY, KENTUCKY WTP UPGRADE AND TANK REPAIR APRIL 2026

General Notice  
Garrison-Quincy Water District is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Water Treatment Plant Upgrade and Tank Repair  
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Garrison-Quincy Water District office located at 284 Murphy Lane, Garrison Kentucky, until Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. If the bid is forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal must be enclosed in another envelope and mailed to the Garrison-Quincy Water District, P.O. Box 279, Garrison, KY 41141 allowing sufficient time for such mailing to reach this address prior to the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals.

- The Project includes the following Work:
- Contract I (Water Treatment Plant Upgrade) – Replace piping, pumps, chlorine feed equipment, furnish and install electrical equipment and other miscellaneous items.
  - Contract II (Water Storage Tank Repair) – Complete blast and repaint the interior and exterior of a 105,000 gallon ground water storage tank and other miscellaneous repairs.

Time allowed for completion: Contract I (WTP Upgrade) 30 consecutive calendar days.

Contract II (Water Storage Tank Repair) 45 calendar days.  
The Issuing Office for Bidding Documents is HMB Professional Engineer, LLC, 3 HMB Circle, Frankfort, KY 40601. Prospective bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the issuing office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. following place:

- HMB Professional Engineers, 3 HMB Circle, Frankfort, KY 40601
- Printed or electronic copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from LYNN IMAGING, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, upon payment as follows:
- Contract I (WTP) \$300 per set (Hard Copy); \$200 per copy (Electronic Copy).
  - Contract (Water Storage Tank Repair) \$250 per set (Hard Copy); \$200 per copy (Electronic Copy)
- Note: Additional shipping charges may apply. The phone number for LYNN IMAGING is (859)226-5850.

Instructions to Bidders.  
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Domestic Preference  
This project is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58, §§ 70901-70953. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States.

The following waivers apply to this Contract:  
BABAA De Minimis, Small Grants, and Minor Components

This Advertisement is issued by:  
Owner: Garrison-Quincy Water District  
By: Luke Bentley Title: Chairman Public Notice 16-19c