



## From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

This week was jammed with activities: the primary election (a sport all its own), both baseball and softball district games, and the state track meet. As for the election, I'm sure it has been covered elsewhere in this paper, and I wish all the winners good luck. It always reminds me of the old joke about the dog chasing the car: what are you going to do with it once you catch it? As for the athletic events, we had some good games, but the results were tough. Let's look at the week.

First, on Monday, May 18, our Lewis County Lions took on the number one-seeded Raceland Rams at Russell High School. The night was perfect for a game, with temperatures in the eighties at first pitch and sunny skies. The Lions played well but ended up losing to the Rams by a score of 8-1. This gave the Lions an 8-25 record on the season, but the truth is they played a tough schedule. Let's look at the batting averages of all the players who had at least 30 plate appearances: Braxton Egbert, Sr. - .412; Cameron Farris, Sr. - .284; Parker Jordan, Jr. - .295; Bryson Helphenstine, Jr. - .244; Zane Smyke, Jr. - .267; Woodrow Carson Underwood, So. - .206; Jameison Switzer, Fr. - .186; Braylon Puente, Fr. - .207; Cayden Stevenson, Jr. - .172; Asher Webb, So. - .111.

The Lions will be returning most of their pitching staff and seven of their starters. Coach Wallingford said that he will miss the seniors but is looking forward to a great season next year with so many returning players. The key to next season will be the development of the pitching staff. We wish Coach Wallingford good luck in the offseason and encourage more young men to come out for this great game of baseball.

On Tuesday, May 19, the Lady Lions traveled to Russell to take on the Raceland Lady Rams in the 2 vs. 3 seed matchup. Lewis County had split with the Rams during the regular season and felt good about their chances going into the game. Though the Lady Lions played hard and made some good rallies, they could not get the key hit or force a big mistake from their opponent. In the end, they finished on the short end of a 7-4 decision. Lewis

County ended the season with a 13-16 record and one of the better RPIs in the region.

I thought I would recap the batting averages for all the Lady Lions who had at least 30 plate appearances this year: Myla Clark, 8th - .429; Klya Noble, Sr. - .432; Grace Switzer, Sr. - .355; Sophie Egbert, Fr. - .326; Jerra Lucas, Sr. - .420; Kayson Crawford, Jr. - .325; Teegan Trombley, 8th - .323; Lisa Kamer, Jr. - .211; Elizabeth Wilburn, Fr. - .300; Colleen Kennedy, So. - .200. The Lady Lions will be returning only one of their three starting pitchers next year in eighth-grader Myla Clark. Coach Lucas is proud of his team and is looking forward to what these young ladies returning next year can accomplish.

Now, as we are going to press a little early this week because of the Memorial Day holiday, we will not have the results of the State Class 2A Track Meet. Coach Wes Bloomfield is excited for Alex Russell, who once again qualified for state competition, this time in three events. Going into Friday's competition, Alex has the 10th-best time in the 100-meter at 11.14, the 6th-best time in the 200-meter at 22.48, and the 5th-best time in the 400-meter at 50.86. This young man has been working hard, and we cheer for him as he represents Lewis County at the state meet. We will give you the results next week.

The Lewis County Little League is wrapping up this coming week and will be having its local end-of-year tournament. The tournament will run from May 28 through May 31. The seeding has not been finalized as of press time, but check out the Lewis County Little League Facebook page for posted game times and schedules. Shortly after the tournament, the Lewis County Little League All-Star teams will be announced. We wish all the players good luck and hope they make some great memories.

Football is still encouraging young men to come out and check out the team. There is nothing quite like football when it comes to bringing together all kinds of athletes. Some are big, some are thin, some are fast, and some are not as fast, but in

this game, they form a machine that works as a unit to accomplish a goal and, in the process, become a family. I know this is true because I lived it and still consider those guys I played with family. But don't just take my word for it. Have your child come out, and they will discover it for themselves. Contact Coach Stamm, and he will welcome you with open arms.

Now, in closing, I will ask you a question: what would you like to see in the column? I've tried to keep it as local as I can, but we can expand our reach a little. More history of teams and individuals who played at LCHS or Tollesboro? More or fewer details on games? We want to make this informative, but not cumbersome to read. I had a friend once tell me I write like they did in the thirties, and he did not mean that as a compliment, but that's me. Anyway, any suggestions are welcome.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The second reading of Ordinance 26-03 Lewis County Comprehensive Plan will be held on June 8, 2026, at the third-floor courtroom of the Lewis County Courthouse at 3:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/ Executive during normal business hours.

*Penny Lee*  
Penny Lee, Treasurer  
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# Lewis County Schools Announces Tyran Ellis as New Principal of Central

## Herald Report

Lewis County Schools is excited to announce that Tyran Ellis is stepping into the role of Principal at Central Elementary School.



**Tyran Ellis**

Most throughout the district already know Mr. Ellis as a dedicated and familiar face within Lewis County

Schools. Over the years, he has poured his energy into students and families through his work as the district Music Teacher, Band Instructor, and High School Marching Band Director. Under his leadership, the Lewis County "Band of Pride" consistently reached incredible milestones, regularly advancing through the KMEA state quarterfinals and semifinals.

Whether teaching in the classroom or directing on the field, Mr. Ellis has always focused on student success, building strong relationships, and encouraging students to do their absolute best. He now brings that same passion, energy, and commitment to Central Elementary as he prepares to work alongside elementary

staff and families to help the district's youngest students thrive.

School officials say they are thrilled to have Mr. Ellis step into the leadership role at Central Elementary. His deep roots in the community, ability to connect with students, and dedication to Lewis County Schools make him a perfect fit to lead the school into its next chapter.

Community members are encouraged to join in congratulating Mr. Ellis on his new role. Plans are also underway for a meet-and-greet event next week at Central Elementary, with additional information to be shared once finalized.

Lewis County Schools says it is looking forward to a fantastic school year ahead.



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**From:** LEVI CLARK, SUPERINTENDENT OF UTILITIES  
**Re:** NOTICE OF SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGES THE FOR ENTIRE ELECTRIC PLANT BOARD OF THE CITY OF VANCEBURG ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS

THERE WILL BE A SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE FOR ALL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF THE ELECTRIC PLANT BOARD OF THE CITY OF VANCEBURG AT APPROXIMATELY 11PM THE EVENING OF TUESDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026. THIS IS SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE, AND IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR LESS THAN 2 HOURS.

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### Lewis County Schools Advertisement for Contracted Physical Therapy Services

On behalf of the Lewis County Schools Board of Education, physical therapists or entities that have available physical therapists are invited to submit a proposal for physical therapy services within the district for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Our school district consists of 4 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 high school:

- Garrison Elementary
- Laurel Elementary
- Lewis County Central Elementary
- Tollesboro Elementary
- Lewis County Middle School
- Lewis County High School

Historically, our past need and contract for Physical Therapy in Lewis County Schools indicated the need for physical therapy services 1 day per school calendar week.

**Interested parties shall deliver a proposal on or before Thursday, June 1st, 2026 by 4:00 PM EST to:**

Lewis County Schools  
RFP: Physical Therapy  
Attn: Jeff Aulick, Superintendent / Traci Evans, DoSE  
251 Lions Lane  
Vanceburg, KY 41179  
Phone: (606) 796-2811

Proposals received after the above noted date and time will not be accepted. A representative or group of representatives will be selected to undertake the work at the discretion of the local board. The final selection of Physical Therapist(s) will be made by the Lewis County Schools Board of Education. The RFP can be found on the district website: [www.lewis.kyschools.us](http://www.lewis.kyschools.us) or a copy can be requested by calling the phone number above.

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### NOTIFICATION OF DESTRUCTION OF STUDENT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS LEWIS COUNTY SCHOOLS

May 12, 2026

In accordance with the state and federal regulations implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), this is to inform you of our intent to destroy personally identifiable information related to special education services maintained in Lewis County School District special education records.

If you wish to maintain this information for your personal records, you need to notify us upon receipt of this notice; otherwise, the information will be destroyed on June 4, 2026.

Please be advised that the records may be needed by the student or the parent(s) for social security benefits or other purposes.

Records to be destroyed are as follows:  
Individual Education Plan (IEP)  
Evaluation Reports  
Test Protocols  
Notifications of Meetings  
Notices of Action  
Review of Existing Data Summaries  
All other personally identifiable information within the Special Education file\*

The reason for destruction of the above listed items is because they are no longer needed to provide educational services, as it has been more than three (3) years since this individual has received special education services from the Lewis County School District.

The district may maintain a permanent record, without time limitation, of a student's name, address and phone number, his/her grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

The school is required to maintain records for a minimum of three (3) years from the date the child no longer received special education and related services.

Copies of records in the future will be offered to graduating students and will be maintained for three (3) years.

You may contact Traci Evans at the Lewis County Board of Education office at 606-796-2811 or at PO Box 159/251 Lions Lane, Vanceburg, KY 41179, for further information.

Sincerely,  
Traci Evans  
Director of Special Education  
Lewis County Schools

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