

Assistant County Attorney Credits Her Start to MCTC

By Rachel Adkins

The education Kaitlin Stewart received at Maysville Community and Technical College

justice at MCTC, Stewart began working with the Lewis County Attorney's Office as an intern in 2021.



Kaitlin Stewart

helped launch her career in public service, leading her to become an assistant county attorney.

After completing an associate degree in criminal

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"My criminal justice degree gave me a head start because I came into law school already understanding how the criminal justice system functions.

I wasn't learning the basic structure from the beginning—I already understood the roles of law enforcement, prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, and corrections in depth," Stewart said.

Within the year, she was practicing with a limited license under the guidance of her boss. This continued until she became fully licensed as an attorney at law in 2024.

She continued, "That foundation allowed me to focus on developing the legal and courtroom skills necessary to be an effective prosecutor, while also giving me a better appreciation for fairness, ethics, and the impact our decisions have on the community."

Since entering her career, Stewart has worked on several cases that resonate with her. She noted one that involved horses.

"One that sticks out most was an animal abuse case involving horses. Our sheriff's department received a report concerning the horses. After investigation, it was found that at least one horse had perished due to lack of food and water, with mul-

iple other horses nearing the same fate," Stewart recalled.

With the support of her coworkers and the Kentucky Humane Society, Stewart was able to secure a safe place for the remaining horses to go.

"People won't remember whether you won every case or every trial. They'll remember your integrity, your work ethic, and how you treated others," she said. "MCTC was my biggest stepping stone in developing those qualities before starting my career as an attorney. From the professors I had to the advisors, each one knew specifically how to help my best interests and goals. I hope people see someone who stood up for those who needed a voice, treated others with respect, and never lost sight of the fact that behind every case file is a human being."

For more information on the criminal justice program at MCTC, go to <https://maysville.kctcs.edu>.

FIRE SAFETY CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE

The Vanceburg/Lewis County Volunteer Fire Department reminds you that practicing fire safety can save your life.

- Don't leave the kitchen when food is cooking.
- Be careful with candles, and never leave them burning when you leave home or go to sleep.
- Don't use space heaters as your primary source of heat, and keep them at least three feet away from furniture, curtains and other flammable materials.
- Put matches and lighters in a safe place and never let children play with fire.
- If you use wood heat, have your chimney cleaned and inspected regularly.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ROUGH RIDERS SADDLE CLUB - Will host a Fun Show on Saturday, August 1, at Jim Everman Park in Garrison. Sign-ups will begin at 4:00 p.m., with the show starting at 5:00 p.m. In the event of rain, the show will be held on August 8. For more information, contact Jim Riffe at 606-757-4276.

AREA MEETINGS

- VANCEBURG CITY COUNCIL** - Will meet the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m., at the Vanceburg City Building.
- FISCAL COURT** - Will meet the second Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Courthouse.
- SCHOOL BOARD** - Will meet the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at the board office on Lions Lane.
- THE ELECTRIC PLANT BOARD OF THE CITY OF VANCEBURG** - Will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., in the board meeting room.
- LEWIS COUNTY AMBULANCE TAX SERVICE DISTRICT** - Will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m., at 323 Clarksburg Rd.

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Camp Oyo Open House

Herald Report

The Camp Oyo Open House will be held on Saturday, September 12, at the camp. The gates will be open all day. An early morning flag-raising ceremony is planned, and alumni will be available throughout the day to provide tours.

The State of Ohio gave the Scouts more than 50 acres of land along Ohio 125 in West Portsmouth, Ohio. During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) built several cabins and a dining hall, which remains the largest

log cabin in Ohio.

Through the years, thousands of Scouts attended summer camp and participated in weekend events throughout the year. From 1948 to 1994, Mason, Fleming, Robertson, Bracken, and Lewis counties in Kentucky were part of the Scioto Area Council until Kentucky established Camp McKee in Mt. Sterling. Scouts from Lawrence and Scioto counties also attended Camp Oyo, along with Scouts from many surrounding Ohio counties.

Today, former staff

members volunteer as Camp Oyo Alumni, helping with improvements and continuing to operate the camp. All of the cabins built in the 1930s now have new metal roofs. The dam on Turkey Creek has been repaired and once again offers canoeing and one-person sailboats. The pool, built in 1938, is still in operation, and the dining hall can seat approximately 150 people.

John Wolfe, who worked as a radio reporter for 25 years, serves as the camp's Alumni President.



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The Lewis County Fiscal Court will retain a qualified engineering firm to provide planning and design activities with the Port Planning Project. The firm will also be required to provide engineering services with bidding and contracting, construction oversight, inspections, closeout, and other required services should the project move to implementation phases. Funding sources for this project may include, but are not limited to, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Program, Kentucky Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program, and other applicable state and federal funding opportunities.

The Fiscal Court will accept Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms interested in providing services for this project until **4:30 p.m. E.T. / 3:30 p.m. C.T. on August 14, 2026**. An RFQ packet containing project information and the criteria that will be used to select the engineering firm may be obtained at [HYPERLINK "http://www.btadd.com"](http://www.btadd.com) www.btadd.com or by contacting Kristie Dodge, Community Development Director, Buffalo Trace Area Development District, via email at [HYPERLINK "mailto:kdodge@btadd.com"](mailto:kdodge@btadd.com) kdodge@btadd.com.

Statements of Qualifications must be submitted to:

Buffalo Trace Area Development District
Attn: Kristie Dodge – Lewis Co Port Planning Project
P.O. Box 460
Maysville, KY 41056

Statements of Qualifications will be ranked based on the written materials submitted, in accordance with the criteria outlined in the RFQ packet. The Lewis County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

This solicitation for Statements of Qualifications is being conducted to fulfill state and federal funding agency procurement requirements. Respondents are advised that the following requirements may apply: (1) Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; (2) Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; (4) Executive Order 11246; and (5) Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities. All of these requirements may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation.

The Lewis County Fiscal Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms.

George Sparks
Lewis County Judge Executive

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LEWIS COUNTY SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT for

GARRISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONCRETE PROJECT

On behalf of the Lewis County School District Board of Education, Concrete Representatives are invited to submit a proposal for the **Garrison Elementary School Concrete Pad Project**. Proposal information can be found under District News on the district's website homepage at www.lewis.kyschools.us. Interested parties shall deliver a proposal no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (9:00 a.m. Central Time), Friday, July 31, 2026.

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Garrison Elementary School Concrete Project

251 Lions Lane

Vanceburg, KY 41179

IMPORTANT: There will be a pre-bid meeting on Friday, July 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (9:00 a.m. Central Time), at the Lewis County Board of Education building located at 251 Lions Lane, Vanceburg, KY 41179, to review the project specification.

Bids will be opened at **10:15 a.m. Eastern Time (9:15 a.m. Central Time)**, on Friday July 31, 2026. Proposals received after the above noted date and time will not be accepted. A company will be selected to undertake with project at the discrimination of the local board.

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The Garrison-Quincy KY-O-Heights Water District will retain a qualified engineering firm to provide planning, design, construction, and other required services for the Hydrant Replacement Project. Funding sources for this project may include, but are not limited to, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Program, the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program, and other applicable state and federal funding opportunities.

The District will accept Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms interested in providing services for this project until **4:30 p.m. E.T. / 3:30 p.m. C.T. on August 10, 2026**. An RFQ packet containing project information and the criteria that will be used to select the engineering firm may be obtained at [HYPERLINK "http://www.btadd.com"](http://www.btadd.com) www.btadd.com or by contacting Kristie Dodge, Community Development Director, Buffalo Trace Area Development District, via email at [HYPERLINK "mailto:kdodge@btadd.com"](mailto:kdodge@btadd.com) kdodge@btadd.com.

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Luke Bentley, Chairman
Garrison-Quincy KY-O-Heights Water District

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