



From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

Football is here for real, as our young men put on their armor and faced a couple of opponents this past Saturday at the Lewis County High School football field. Their opponents were East Ridge High School, a school formed from the consolidation of Millard High, Elkhorn City, and Feds Creek High Schools in southern Pike County in 2002, and Green High School from just over the river in Franklin Furnace. There was a good turnout to watch the boys. Though there were many mistakes, Coach

and White Night, and Coach Bentley was pleased with the turnout and how the young ladies played. However, he was even more excited about the effort on Saturday, the 8th, as they traveled to Rowan County for their first scrimmage and first taste of real competition for the year. They went 5-1 in set play and played really well. They will open the season in a week, on August 17, at Bracken County. Then, on the 19th, they will play Nicholas County at the friendly location of the Lewis County

win some money. There are only 99 numbers, so get yours soon.

Remember that you can reach out to me with comments and suggestions by email at epb_billtom_stone@hotmail.com or by phone at (606) 541-0305. I look forward to hearing from you guys with information and ideas.

The football team is looking for local businesses, churches, and individuals who would like to sponsor a team meal before the game



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2011 Football Team-Front row (left to right): Chris Wampler, Dalton Cooper, Kristian Conway, Caleb Bolander, Jarrett Parker, Mike Mustard, Cody Lawhun, Nathaniel Lightner, Dalton Carver, Coby Zornes, Jon Everman, Wes Barnett, Tim Slone, Brandon Smith. **Second row:** Kamron Kraft, xxxxxxxxxx, Dereck Colley, Jakob Cooper, Chase Parker, xxxxxxxx, Michael Roe, Levi Clark, Bud Burriss, Cory Christy, Nick Thompson, Devon Richmond, Jarred Carver. **Third row:** xxxxxxxxxx, xxxxxxxxxx, xxxxxxxxxx, Jared Stapleton, Austin Egbert, Tyler Mustard, Jordan Hunt, Josh Gibson, Dalton Stamm, Mason Thurman, Zack McClurg, Dustin Shope, Ronald Toller, Jordan McCann. **Back:** Kody Zornes, Isaac Weddington. **Others on the roster not identified:** Jacob Cox, Gavin Grayson, Nick Ruark, Devon Saterfiled.



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2012 Football Team- Front row (left to right): Gage Yates, Andrew Garber, Derrick Miller, Zach Jamison, Levi Clark, Cody Armstrong, Jesse Burriss, Chase Parker, Mason Thurman, Darius Berry. **Second row:** Dustin Shope, Isaac Weddington, Gaven Grayson, Tyler Mustard, Jordan McCann, Wyatt Stapleton, Jesse Farley, Jared Stapleton, Andrew Swingler, Dalton Stamm. **Third row (left to right):** Tommy Parks, Cody LeMaster, Austin Evans, Jacob Cox, Jacob Cooper, Jordan Hunt, Kirkland Everman, Steven Bradford, Zach Heater, Hosh Thompson, Dillion Duran. **Back row (left to right):** Devon Richmond, Isaiah Stone, Nick Ruark, Cory Christy, Michael Iery, Zach McClurg, Kameron Kraft, Waylon McCane, Jared Carver, Bud Burriss.



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2013 Football Team-Front row (left to right): Jared Stapleton, Derek Colley, Jardan Hunt, Cody McQuithy, Jordan McCann, Kameron Kraft, Chase Parker, Gaven Grayson. **Second row:** Mason Thurman, Cody Zornes, Tyler Mustard, Isaac Weddington, Matthew Applegate, Christopher Caldwell, Dustin Shope. **Third row:** Austin Evans, Darius Berry, Kirk Evans, Zach McClurg, Austin Egbert, Jordan Davis, Urian Darling. **Fourth row:** Michael Shullick, Dalton Stamm, Waylon McCane, Caleb Ruark, Jakob Cooper, Kirkland Everman, Cody LeMaster. **Fifth row:** Tanner Underwood, Zane Frye-Scott, Michael Lumpkins, Timothy Caldwell, Alex Terry, Austin Plank, Brad Griffith. **Sixth row:** Tommy Parks, Michael Lery, Andrew Swingler, Kirkland Everman, Mason McRoberts, Landon Stone, Jesse Bolander, Ryan Swingler. **Seventh row:** Isaiah Esham, Jessie Burriss, Steven Bradford, Jacob Cooper, Taylor Skidmore. **Back row — Coaches:** Drew Truesdell, Randy Ratcliff, David Stafford, Head Coach Josh Hughes, Bill Melton.

Stamm was happy with the overall effort that the guys gave him. He will be breaking down film and working with the guys on execution this coming week.

He was very complimentary of the offensive line and its overall play. That line was made up of left tackle David Rister, left guard Brian Weber, center Matthew Kennedy, right guard Everett Kamer, and right tackle Granger Hampton. Others saw playing time on the line and will have significant playing time, as many of these guys will be going both ways. As for the playmakers, Coach Stamm pointed out the play of many on the team, including Jaidence Cottingham, Aaden Bloomfield, Braylan Puente, and Ryan Wolfe. The team also kicked the ball well with Tyson McCray. Overall, Coach Stamm is encouraged by his team. They will be traveling next week to Rowan County to play in the Eastern Kentucky Conference Grid-o-Rama. The tentative kickoff time is 8:00 p.m., as we play the host Rowan County Vikings.

Volleyball had a great Blue

Middle School court. Mark your calendar and get out to support the Lady Lions on the 19th.

As promised last week, we will talk a little about the 2010s. The decade started off as one of the best in our history, with Coach Hughes taking four teams to the playoffs in five years. We talked about the team of 2009 last week. However, in 2011, he captured the first district title since 1985 and only the fourth in school history. He would then make the playoffs in 2012 and 2013. The team has made the playoffs two other times, in 2021 under Coach Bryan Hoover and in 2022 under Gene Peterson. We wish the best of luck to Coach Dalton Stamm and the Lions this year. We hope to have a roster in next week's column.

Now some BT's Tidbits:

Football once again will be having the "Yard Line Sale" as a fundraiser for the team. The gist is that you pay \$25 and are given a random yard line on the field for the season. If the ball is on that yard line at the end of the first or third quarter, you

each Friday during the season. If you are interested, please let Bub Lee or Bill Tom Stone know as soon as possible.

If you know of someone whom you think would benefit from the lessons you learn in sports, it is not too late to encourage them to come out for the team.



Councilman's Comments

Richard Walje

Personal Observations: Lewis County Nuclear Ready Community Forum (August 6, 2026)

I attended the Lewis County Nuclear Ready Community event on August 6, 2026. I want to share my personal observations, fully understanding and accepting that others may view the event differently.

Upon parking and getting out of my vehicle, the first thing I noticed was a seemingly heavy police presence. Many of the officers are friends of mine, and this was apparently just their assignment for the night. After entering, we signed in and were given index cards to write down questions, which we could drop off as we exited if we chose to do so.

The orchestrated presentation began with Mr. Kevin Cornette of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District (BTADD), who introduced himself, the guest speakers, and the support staff. It was apparent to me that several attendees, like myself, had conducted considerable independent research on Small Modular Reactors (SMRs). To my current understanding, there are no commercial SMRs in operation in the United States and perhaps only one or two operating in Russia and China.

In my view, the event was structured to limit active public participation. I had hoped that after each speaker or video presentation, there would be an opportunity for public questions and potentially even challenges to the information presented. This format would have been far more beneficial for genuine public discourse. During the presentation, a poll was shared showing support for the initiative, which I believe cited a total of 275 participating county residents.

As the night progressed, a gentleman finally spoke up with what I believed to be a well-thought-out concern regarding small modular reactors. Mr. Cornette advised him not to interrupt. A few minutes later, a woman spoke up with another well-thought-out concern. She was also advised to let the presentation proceed, with the explanation that there would be time to ask questions afterward in the hallway, where information tables, refreshments, and cheese and crackers were set up. Mr. Cornette then warned that if another interruption occurred, it would be handled in a different manner.

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I would like to note the criteria required to apply for Kentucky's Nuclear Ready Community status. The process requires a resolution vote passed by both the county and the city—which has already taken place—and a minimum of two public forums, of which this event was considered the first. While a community can host more, two forums meet the minimum application requirement.

Furthermore, before the final application is officially submitted by the County Judge-Executive, an approved site for development must be identified. In my view, only after an approved site is selected will we have the critical information necessary for truly informed decision-making. I personally suspect that detailed site

drawings already exist and that certain individuals are well aware of them.

Mr. Cornette has informed me that the local resolutions passed so far are not the final resolutions needed and do not meet the statutory requirements for the official application submission, and that more detailed resolutions will come later. I believe this to be inaccurate. However, I truly hope his statement is correct. If the initial resolutions had failed to pass, the issue would have gone to a full county ballot initiative. This would have given all Lewis County residents the opportunity to vote on a matter of this magnitude, which I think would have been the most appropriate path forward.

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NOTICE

The FY 2027 adopted budget, FY 2026 financial statements, and most recent audit or attestation reports for entities listed may be examined at 201 Government Street, Suite 300, Maysville.

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Public Notice 32c

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A locally owned bank is seeking an experienced Loan Officer for all types of loans. The ideal candidate should have a degree from a four-year college or university, or two to four years of related lending experience and/or training, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

The Loan Officer will be responsible for originating and processing loan applications, guiding clients through the loan process, and providing exceptional customer service. The successful candidate must be able to evaluate financial documents, coordinate with underwriters, and ensure compliance with regulatory and bank requirements.

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Vanceburg, KY 41179
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LEWIS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 50TH CLASS REUNION

Dear LCHS Teachers (1972–1976),

On behalf of the Class of 1976, we hope you're doing well. We would like to personally invite you to be our honored guest at our 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, September 19, 2026. The reunion will be held at Lewis County High School from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. As our guest, there will be no charge for you to attend.

The teachers who guided, encouraged, and inspired us played such an important role in our lives, and we would be honored if you could celebrate this special occasion with us. It would mean so much to have the opportunity to see you again, catch up, and thank you for the lasting impact you made on our lives.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Gaila Collier Brown through Facebook Messenger or by email at browngaila5@gmail.com, or Teresa McGlone Perry through Facebook Messenger or by email at tperry1131@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Warm regards,
The Class of 1976 Reunion Committee

LEWIS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 50TH CLASS REUNION

The Class of 1976 is in the final planning stages of our 50th Class Reunion celebration. The event will be held at **Lewis County High School on Saturday, September 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The cost is **\$25 per person**. We truly hope everyone can join us, and we don't want the cost to keep anyone from attending. If paying the fee is a hardship, please reach out to us privately. Our biggest goal is to celebrate together and make sure every classmate feels welcome.

Visit the **Class of '76 Facebook page** for updates.

Send checks payable to:
Kim Bentley/Class of '76
127 Maple Street
South Shore, KY 41175

Private message Kim on Facebook for alternative methods of payment.

Email: kypurebred@gmail.com

The deadline to register and pay for the reunion is September 1, 2026.

Warm regards,
The Class Reunion Committee

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LEWIS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Will meet the third Saturday of each month at Noon at the Historical Society building on Market Street, Vanceburg.

LEWIS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE - There will be a District Board Meeting of the Lewis County Extension Office on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the extension office community room.