

County Officials Present Monthly Reports

By Dennis Brown

Lewis County officials presented their monthly reports during the July meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court.

Sheriff Johnny Bivens filed his department activities from June 8, 2026 through July 13, 2026

- Citations 16
- Subpoenas Served 7
- Domestic Related Calls 46
- Civil Summons Served 39
- Arrests 15
- Cases Open For Investigation 3
- Accident Investigations 10
- Criminal Summons 12
- Prisoners Transp. to Secure Facility 0 miles
- Juveniles Transported 0 miles
- DVOs and EPOs 5
- Court Security Hours 612.5
- Prescription Deliveries 0
- Auto Inspections 97
- Funeral Escorts 10
- Concealed Carry Permits 16
- Miscellaneous 63
- Taxes Collected: Property \$0.00 Franchise \$0.00 Total \$0.00 Stolen property recovered: 0
- Total recovered \$0.00

911 Coordinator Pam Jordan submitted a monthly report for the Lewis County E-911 Dispatch Center.

The center received the following calls for service in June:

- Sheriff 391
- Vanceburg PD 77
- EMS 175
- Coroner 2
- Air Evac 0
- Lewis County FD 13
- Garrison FD 18
- Vanceburg FD 15
- Black Oak FD 18
- Firebrick FD 6
- Lewis County 2 FD 1
- Tollesboro FD 13
- Camp Dix FD 5
- EMA 1
- Total Calls 735
- 911 Wrecker Log June: Mullin's 4 McCann's 3 W KY 8 1 Ginn's 2 G&H 0 Thayer's 0 Clark's 3 Crawford's 0 Bradford's 0
- Director of Lewis County Ambulance Service District, Michael Byble, gave his report.
- Total Dispatched EMS calls by Lewis County E-911: 180
- Total Dispatched EMS calls to LCEMS: 175
- Total ePCR populated by LCEMS: 184
- Total Transported patients by LCEMS: 128
- Total Patients who went POV: 0
- Hospitals: SOMC 90, UK-St. Claire 8, UK-KDMC 1, Meadowview 27, Fleming County 1, to landing scene 0.
- Average Response Time: 16:05, 25% were below 8:00 minutes.
- Runs By District: Vanceburg 52, Tollesboro 27, Black Oak 22, Firebrick 2, Lewis County 22, Camp Dix 8, and Garrison 43, and out of county 0.
- Lewis County Jailer, Bryon Walker's Transport Overview (Q2 Total):
 - Total Transports: 139
 - Total Mileage: 9,145
 - Total Inmates Transported: 290
 - Total Females: 58
 - Total Males: 232
 - Bonds: 4
- Road Supervisor David Goodwin submitted his road maintenance report for the month.
- Goodwin said 194.22 tons of gravel and stone and 97.16 tons of hot patch had been hauled by the county.
- Roadways Mowed/Brush/Trees: Hazel, Fly Branch, Ben Willim, Holly, Esham Fork, Red Oak, McCarthy Bend, Buck Lick, Paint Lick, Burnt Cabin, Rose Mt., Glen Springs, Lower Kinney, Liles Ln., Fugate, Toller, Beechy, Bowman, N. Fork, Swearingen, Charters area, Harrison Hollow, Spence, Brackman (T), Hackworth, Goodwin, Firebrick, Scaffold Lick, Rock Camp, Elk Lick, Burnt Cabin, Silver Lick, Black Lick, Bee Branch, Esham Cemetery Rd., Water Birch, Rock Creek, Vance Creek, Old County Rd., Quincy area, Black John, KY Heights, Red Fox, Bill Chain, Ieleer Br., State Fork Rd., Long Br., Briery, Mud Lick, Tar Camp, Fitch Fork, Wilson Bottom, W. Bentley, Bentleyville, Greenbriar, Smooth Rock, Dry Hollow, Old Spy Run, Skidmore Ln., Lambert Branch, Stone Branch, Birchwood, Maddy, Brandy Ln., Lewis Ln., Little Trace, Spy Run, Payton, Garden Branch, Thurman, Rock Run, Mc-Cleese, Hardy Fork, Cooper Fork, Howe Ln., Fingerboard, Alum Rock, Brook Ln., Green Lawn, Formans Ln., Evans Ln. (B), Straight Fork, Firebrick (T), Briery (T), Bradford, River Rd., Meadowbrook (ST), An-

drew Mason (ST), Rock Run (ST), Lower Kinney (ST), Quicks Run (ST), Thorp Ridge (ST), Old Rankin (ST), Hazel (ST), Maple St., Real Tree, Industrial Park, Fannin Ln., Sparks Ln., Union Hill, Echo Hill, Laurel Area, Old Trace, Gilliam Rd., Rayburn Ln., Golden Ridge, Stamper Branch, KLG, Perry Branch, Dyer Branch, Richmond Rd., Maple Ln., Raccoon, Twin, Spencer, Dummitt, Spring Branch, and Carl Branch. T (Tree), ST (Storm Debris).

Pipe Installed/Repaired/Cleaned: Blue Springs, Old Rankin, Liles Ln., and Lower Twin.

Roadways Graveled/Repaired: Old Rankin, Thurman Ln., Osborne, Glen Springs, Scaffold Lick, Upper Twin, and Lower Twin.

Roadways Ditched: Rock Run.

Creek Crossing Repair: Swearingen Branch and Upper Twin.

Blacktop/Gravel Patching: Hicks Ln., Crooked Creek, Dye Ln., and Evans.

Bus Turns Repaired/School: High School (Grad).

Solid Waste Coordinator Roger Lewis gave his report:

- Performed all regular coordinator duties.
- Sent out letters, received several phone calls and completed several site visits concerning complaints and nuisances.
- Hauled three loads of tires to Porters to finish out our 2025-26 Waste Tire Grant and sent in Final Report to Jenny Carr.
- We are still picking up cardboard from most businesses in Vanceburg and in the county and still taking recycle material.
- We had County Wide Cleanup Week June 1st through 6th. We had 5-30' roll off dumpsters hauled to the landfill and took in several appliances.
- Hauled one load of scrap iron to Lancasters on June 8. We have a couple more to haul.
- Pickers have picked 101 miles of road and have collected 983 bags of trash and 8 tires. I have inspected the work the pickers have done and they're doing a good job.
- Roads that have been picked are Rt. 8, Rt. 59, Rt. 1662, Holly Road, Rt. 1068, Rt. 3020, Poplar Flat, Rt. 3311, Rt. 1306, Rt. 3037, Old Trace Rd., Raccoon Branch, Rock Run, Lower Kinney, Rt. 1021, Rt. 57, Rt. 984, and McDowell Creek Rd.

Animal Control Officer

Missy Kennard reported 28 picked up; 9 dropped off; 23 rescued; 0 reclaimed; \$10 donation; 0 adoptions (\$0); one tag \$5.00; 4 E-911 calls; 135 office calls received. Cash total: \$0.00; Check: \$15.00; Total: \$15.00. Fleming County Fiscal Court was billed \$1,800.00. Twenty-seven dogs remained at the shelter at the end of the month.

Emergency Management Director Dennis Brown gave his report. The Lewis County Alert System continued to gain followers. It was activated nine times in June to notify residents of weather advisories, a tornado watch, extreme heat warnings, flood advisories, and dense fog. The alert system allows notifications to our residents through text, email, voice (telephone), Twitter, and the Smart 911 App. Targeted alerts can notify small groups (specific county offices/groups/employees). Lewis County Alerts has more than 5,600 subscribers.

- Worked with Vanceburg Fire on the smoke alarm partnership with Red Cross to provide units to area residents. Will continue working with all departments making this program available county-wide.
- Pursuing grant for locator/tracker devices for residents who may wander (Alzheimer's/dementia). In discussion to join an adjacent county on this project.
- Pursuing grant funding for water rescue kits/medic kits for first responders.
- Completed necessary paperwork with KYEM as required.
- Participated in continuing education for EMA.
- Participated in continuing training for Red Cross Volunteer position.
- Planning CERT/preparedness trainings for local school/student groups.
- Participated in county-wide test of outdoor sirens. (June 4)
- Attended a PIO Zoom

session on hazardous materials for PIOs. (June 24)

- Attended Next Generation 911 Meetings. (June 3 & 5)
- Attended Safe Room Grant Meeting. (June 9)
- Working on Verizon EMAG messaging for first responders.
- Attended Kentucky Power Training in Ashland. (June 11)
- Assisted Red Cross with assistance to families following house fires.
- Completed L-0952 ICS All-Hazards PIO Course in Frankfort. (June 1-5)
- Maintaining EM office hours Mon. - Fri.
- Working to complete required Access Control List for CJIS.
- Working with Comprehend officials for more thorough implementation of 988 services in Lewis County.
- Attended Regional Mitigation Meeting BTADD. (June 9)
- Reviewing RAVE and other mass notification programs prior to contract renewal on 10/1.
- Working with other counties in the region with communications plans for mutual aid.
- Working with Tollesboro Fire to improve communication link between Dispatch and Tollesboro Fire's radio repeater and outdoor warning siren. (Siren tech also involved in project)

- Working with Christian Appalachian Project to restore Operation Sharing Program in the county.
- Participated in Kentucky Qualification System – PIO certification training.
- Participated in Broadband Improvement review discussions with providers and local officials to finalize county plan.
- Preparing for conversion to NG911 for enhanced dispatch capabilities.
- Created newspaper, radio, and social media PSA distribution for heat, ticks, and preparedness.
- Working with AK and Windstream to restore 911 telephone service multiple times.
- Assisted LCSO with traffic control and scene photography for various incidents.
- Telephone conference with Area Director Jason York to discuss training and reporting practices.

County Treasurer Penny Lee reported the total of all county funds for the month of June had a beginning balance of \$2,675,651.53 and an ending balance of \$2,494,097.62. Receipts for the month totaled \$146,659.46 while disbursements totaled \$328,213.37. The next regular meeting of Lewis County Fiscal Court will be at 3:00 p.m. August 10, 2026.

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Public Hearing Notice

To all interested citizens of Lewis County, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Department of Local Government (DLG) is accepting application material under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The County of Lewis County Fiscal Court, located in Lewis County, intends to apply for assistance on behalf of the Garrison Quincy KY-O Heights Water District for replacement of the main water distribution line from the Garrison to Quincy area. This project will replace aged asbestos clay line in the Garrison area, up through Route 8 towards Quincy, with increased sized PVC line to ensure reliability and increase capacity.

The County of Lewis County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Fiscal Court Room, located on the third floor of the Old Courthouse at 514 Second Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low- and moderate-income persons in developing proposals.

The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at Buffalo Trace Area Development District, 301 Government Street, Suite 300, Maysville, KY 41056 Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; or the Lewis County Judge Executives Office, 514 Second Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179, Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken. Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG funded activities. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds. A summary of other important program requirements.

Comments on Application

A copy of the CDBG application material will be on file at the Lewis County Judge Executive Office, 514 Second Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and the Buffalo Trace Area Development District, 201 Government Street, Suite 300, Maysville, KY 41056, for citizens' review and comment during regular business hours from August 11, 2026, through August 27, 2026. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of George Sparks, County Judge Executive of Lewis County, 514 Second Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179, until the close of business on August 27, 2026.

Non-Discrimination Clause

The County of Lewis County Fiscal Court does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability. The county provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation, including auxiliary aids and services, to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs and activities. Any persons requiring special needs assistance or services for non-English speaking residents should contact Kristie Dodge at (606) 564-6894 at least five days prior to the meeting. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1/800-648-6057.

NOTE: Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Contacts

Department for the Blind	1/877/KYBLIND	HYPERLINK
"https://kcc.ky.gov/Office-for-the-Blind/Pages/default.aspx"	https://kcc.ky.gov/Office-for-the-Blind/Pages/default.aspx	
American Printing House	1/800/223-1839	HYPERLINK
http://www.aph.org	www.aph.org	
Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	1/800/372-2907	HYPER-
LINK	http://www.kcdhh.org	www.kcdhh.org
For Interpreter Directory	http://oop.ky.gov/Public_Dir.aspx	
State Relay TDD Number	1/800/648-6057	

The Alum City Garage

By Brenda S. Bear

Dane and Debbie Blankenship are excited to announce the grand opening of their third business in downtown Vanceburg on Friday, July 31, 2026.

Alum City Garage is located at 128 Front Street in the former Harmany House building. Rich in local history, the building was originally constructed in 1916 by the Schofield family as a Model T showroom.

A lifelong collector, Dane has assembled an impressive collection of oil and gas memorabilia, antiques, vintage Coca-Cola coolers, bicycles, jars, metal art, and countless other unique treasures. Whether you're a collector, a history enthusiast, or simply enjoy browsing one-of-a-kind items, there's something for everyone to discover.

Alum City Garage will be open Fridays and Saturdays

from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Blankenship's recently opened Vanceburg Mercantile in July and are also the owners of Valley Motors on Fairlane Drive, continuing their investment in the Vanceburg community.

Be sure to stop by, explore this incredible showroom, and help welcome another outstanding locally owned business to downtown Vanceburg!



Dane and Debbie Blankenship.