



## From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

What a week in Lewis County sports as volleyball and high school and middle school football started their seasons. For once, the sun is shining in our little hometown, as all teams found early success.

Let's start with LCHS volleyball as they traveled to Brooksville on August 17 to take on Bracken County and lost 3-1 in sets, but played them tough in all sets, with the scores being 22-25, 25-18, 14-25, and 26-28 in the final set. Then, on August 19, the Lady Lions played host to Nicholas County and won the match 3-2 in sets. This win gives the Lady Lions a 1-1 record on the season as they go into a busy week of play.

On August 25, they play host to Fairview, and then on the 26th, they host Fleming County. These games are scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. in the LCMS gym. Come out and support the Lady Lions. Later in the week, on August 27, they travel to East Carter to play. They will wrap up the week playing in their first-ever 16th Region All "A" Classic at Raceland High School against Menifee County High School. This is a single-elimination tournament, and the winner will play at 3:00 p.m. later that day. Good luck to the Lady Lions and Coach Ryan Bentley.

Now we will look at how our Middle School football team fared in its first matchup against Fairview on the road in Westwood. Coach Cody Fite and his staff are excited about their teams this season and were looking forward to the matchup. However, Fairview is having a little trouble with its numbers and could only field a seventh-grade team. Be that as

it may, our seventh-grade team played well and came away with a 30-18 win.

The LCMS football teams will be at home this coming Thursday, August 27, at 5:30 p.m. We would love to see a good crowd on hand to support these young men as they learn the great game of football.

Let's now move on to the LCHS football Lions as they traveled to Olive Hill to play West Carter in the 4th Annual Beckham County Bowl. The Lions have had a couple of rough years, but they have gained experience and are led by a veteran group of seniors who love the game. A good crowd followed the team, and the night was loaded with exciting plays and hard-fought action as the Lions came out victorious with a 20-18 win.

I hope to have an article on the game in the paper if I hit the deadline. This win stops a 25-game losing streak and starts the Lions with a 1-0 record for the 2026 season. The Lions will be on the road this week in West Liberty to play Morgan County. It is only a little over an hour's drive, and we hope to see an even bigger crowd at the game. Congratulations to Coach Stamm and his staff, and good luck.

Now Some BT's Tidbits:

- Football will once again be having the "Yard Line Sale" as a fundraiser for the team. The gist is that you pay \$25, and you 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 and third quarters, you win some money. There are only 99 numbers, so get yours soon. Call me at (606) 541-0305 to get yours today.
- Remember that you can

reach out to me with comments and suggestions by email at [epb\\_billtom\\_stone@hotmail.com](mailto:epb_billtom_stone@hotmail.com) or by phone at (606) 541-0305. I look forward to hearing from you guys with information and ideas.

- I know that a lot of people keep up with our teams by utilizing the KHSAA/Riherds Scoreboard, and that feature is no longer available. However, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association has started a new partnership with ArbiterSports to help keep fans up to date. Just go to the KHSAA website and follow the Scoreboard. I'm still getting used to it, but it is better than nothing, and after we figure it out, it may be better.

Even though the season has started, it is not too late to get your young athlete involved. There are opportunities at all levels to get your child on a team. Get them off the screen and put them in the scene. I like that catchphrase because it has a lot of truth to it. Many feel they can watch life from the sidelines and be happy, but it is the ones who get involved who find true happiness.

Maybe have your child read "The Man in the Arena" and ask them what kind of person they want to be. I hope that we encourage our children to be in the arena.

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### 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.

## An Encouraging Word

By Tom Cox



### On the Desert Road

Acts chapter eight records the interesting account of Philip's encounter with a man from Ethiopia. Luke emphasizes the fact that this encounter took place on a desert road, a place where one would hardly expect anything significant to happen. However, God works in mysterious ways, and the Lord often leads us to places we might not otherwise travel to encounter people we might not otherwise meet and share with them the good news that they might not otherwise hear.

When Philip got to the desert road, he met an Ethiopian man who was an important official for the queen. He was returning home after having made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to worship. The Spirit told Philip to approach the chariot in which the man was riding. When he obediently did so, he heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked the man if he understood what he was reading. The man humbly admitted that he needed an interpreter and invited Philip to ride with him

and explain the Scripture to him.

God had obviously been preparing both of these men for this encounter because the man could not have been reading a more appropriate passage of Scripture. He was reading about a lamb who was being led to be slaughtered. Philip began with that text and told him the good news about Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world through His sacrificial death on the cross.

Philip not only told the man about the gospel, but he must also have told him how one must respond to the gospel because the man noticed some water along the way and asked why he couldn't be baptized there and then. Philip perceived that the man had adequately understood the gospel message enough to be baptized into Christ, so they stopped the chariot. Both men went into the water, and the man had his sins washed away in Christian baptism. The Ethiopian man went on his way rejoicing, and Philip was whisked away to his next God-given assignment.

So, what do we need to learn from this story? First, understand that we all have been called to be witnesses for Jesus, and we should obediently follow God's leading as He provides us with opportunities to do so. Second, we should know that some important conversations can occur in unlikely places—our own version of "the desert road," so to speak. Finally, we need to realize that the joy we spread to others and the satisfaction we feel ourselves are the natural outcomes of obeying God's command to share the gospel message.

If you feel like you are currently on some version of a desert road, don't despair! Be confident that God has a plan, and choose every day to be a willing participant in that plan, even if you don't fully understand how it will all turn out. Trust that God will use you to bless others and that you, in turn, will feel blessed to have been used by God in a very meaningful way.

For more inspirational writings by Tom Cox, go to [www.jesustrek.wordpress.com](http://www.jesustrek.wordpress.com).

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August 11, 2026

Dear Natural Gas Customer:

On or about August 18, 2026, Western Lewis Rectorville Water and Gas District ("District") expects to submit a rate adjustment request to the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC").

Pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076, please take notice of the following information about the proposed rate adjustment that is presented below:

The rates contained in this notice are proposed by the District, but the PSC, the state agency that regulates utility services in Kentucky, may order rates to be charged that differ from those found in this notice. The present rates and proposed rates to which the proposed rates will apply and the amount of change requested in both dollar amounts and percentage change to which the proposed rates will apply are set forth in Page 2 of this Notice. The amount of the average usage and the effect upon the average bill for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply are also set forth on Page 2 of this notice.

In preparing the submission, the District used the *small company cost of service method* defined by the PSC and figures from the calendar year 2025. In 2025, the total revenue for the District in Kentucky was \$258,630. Under the same conditions, the proposed rate changes would result in revenue of \$449,644. This is an overall increase of \$191,014 or 74%.

The date the proposed rates are expected to be filed with the PSC is August 18, 2026. The proposed effective date of the rates is for services rendered on and after October 1, 2026.

The application submitted by the District to the PSC may be examined at Western Lewis Rectorville Water and Gas District, located at 8044 KY 3161, Maysville, KY 41056. The application submitted by the District may also be examined at the PSC's office located at 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or through the commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding application may be submitted to the PSC through its Web site or by mail to: Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

You may submit a timely written request for intervention to the PSC, establishing the grounds for the request including your status and interest in the proceeding by mail to: Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. If the PSC does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the mailing of this notice, the PSC may take final action on the application.

Board of Commissioners  
Western Lewis Rectorville Water and Gas District

#### Present Rates & Proposed Rates - Dollar Change and Percentage Change (807 KAR 5:076 Section 5(4)(b), (c)).

|                         | Current Rates |        | Proposed Rates |        | Rate Increase from Current to Proposed |             |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------------------------------|-------------|
|                         |               |        |                |        | \$                                     | %           |
| Monthly customer charge | \$            | 10.00  | \$             | 20.00  | \$                                     | 10.00 100%  |
| Base Rate per mcf       | \$            | 1.5642 | \$             | 4.6924 | \$                                     | 3.1282 200% |

#### Average Usage & Effect on Average Bill (807 KAR 5:076 Section 5(4)(d)).

|                         | Average Monthly Usage (mcf) | Effect on Average Bill from Current Rates to Proposed Rates |            |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                         |                             | \$                                                          | %          |
| Monthly customer charge |                             | \$                                                          | 10.00 100% |
| Base Rate per mcf       | 6                           | \$                                                          | 18.77 200% |
|                         |                             | \$                                                          | 28.77      |

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