

Area Obituary

Mrs. Polley

Hazel Mae Elliott Polley, 92, of Vanceburg, passed away Thursday, August 27, 2026, at Portsmouth Health and Rehabilitation in Portsmouth, Ohio.

She was born October 3, 1933, in Lewis County, a daughter of the late Otha Robert and Mildred Ginn Elliott.

Survivors include a daughter, Pamela (Hershel) Collier of Russell; five sisters, Maxine Anderson, Othea Elliott, Willetta Smith, Lillian Persinger, and Naomi Moore, all of In-

diana; one brother, George Elliott of Indiana; two grandchildren, Bethany Collier and Daniel (Sarah) Collier; seven great-grandchildren, Noah (Bella) Collier, Elijah Collier, Isaiah Collier, Raegan Peters, Avery Collier, Ellie Collier, and Kensi Peters; and one great-great-grandson, Ryan Collier. Many other family members and friends will sadly miss her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 72 years, Ronald Roscoe Polley; two sisters, Jean Lanthorn and Jennifer McNeeley; three brothers, Charles Elliott, Roy Elliott, and Doug Elliott; and one great-grandchild, Kristin Collier.

Services will be at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at Dickerson Funeral Home, 110 West Second Street in Vanceburg, with Pastor Bob Hunt officiating. Burial will follow in Lewis County Memory Gardens at Black Oak.

Friends may visit after 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at Dickerson Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Daniel Collier, Noah Collier, Elijah Collier, Bethany Collier, Isaiah Collier, and Crit Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Southern Ohio Medical Center Hospice in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent at www.globefamilyfc.com.



Jordan Family Reunion - August 23, 2026

By Barb Jordan Kerns

The descendants of Albert Dallas and Elizabeth Jordan held their yearly reunion at the Black Oak Fire Department. It was so good to see our two eldest cousins, Belva Louise Cooper and Ralph Jordan, as they both have had health problems over the past year.

We missed and remembered those no longer with us, but I am sure they were looking down with love to see us get together for food and reminiscing.

Those present were Kermit Jordan, Ralph and Violet Jordan, Bryan and Shirley Lewis, David Jordan, Barb Jordan Kerns and Tommy Kerns, Jordan and Leah Cooper, Belva Louise Cooper, Richard Cooper, Norma Jordan Lewis, Natalie Murphy, Kay Roe Murphy, Alma Murphy, Tim and Debbie Jordan, Shawn Jordan, Steve and Deana Jordan Applegate, Phyllis McGlone Williams, Brandon and Emily Hughes, Luke Hughes, Sophia Hughes, Paul Roe, Sharon Jordan Lewis, Josh and Kimberly Hughes, and Andy and Donna Jordan Bentley.

We are truly blessed. We hope to see more family next year.

Lewis County Farm Bureau Held Its Annual Meeting and Scholarship Presentation

Herald Report

Lewis County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting and scholarship presentation on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at Ruggles Campground in Tollesboro. There were around 100 members and guests present. John Roe gave the invocation before the picnic-style meal.

President Jennifer Meadows called the meeting back to order after the meal and shared a handout listing the various activities and events sponsored by Lewis County Farm Bureau. These include scholarships, FFA Camp and National Convention, Kids Bucks, Tollesboro Fair sponsorship, Project Merry Christmas, and Philip Konopka Field Day, just to name a few.

Dwight Malone made a motion to dismiss with the reading of the secretary's and treasurer's reports. The

motion was seconded by Paul Bruce Swearingen and passed.

President Jennifer Meadows introduced Shane Wiseman, First Vice President of Kentucky Farm Bureau; Alex Barnett, Kentucky Farm Bureau Board Member; Randall Woods, Resolutions Committee; and District 9 Area Program Director Mike Tobin.

She then presented scholarships to Natalie Mitchell, Brody Lykins, Drew Ginn, Kala Switzer, Briley Thomas, and Keiara Polley. Also receiving a scholarship but unable to attend was Jerra Lucas.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Legacy Farm Award to Joe Bentley of Bentley Bros. Farm. Joe is a third-generation farm owner, and he and his family raise goats that

have worldwide recognition. This was the first Legacy Farm Award sponsored by Lewis County Farm Bureau.

Agency Manager Chris Elam presented the slate of officers and directors recommended by the nominating committee. They are:

Officers: President, Jennifer Meadows; Vice President, Phillip Stamm; Secretary-Treasurer, Kristi Arthurs.

Directors: Karen Roe, Dwight Malone, Frankie Arthurs, Rex Elam, Luther Walker Jr., Jim Meadows, Tim Lykins, Paul Bruce Swearingen, and Kathy Dilow.

Crystal Dyer made a motion to accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded by Linda Breeze and passed.

Tickets for prizes were drawn, and the meeting was adjourned.



LEWIS COUNTY HERALD
Lewis County Farm Bureau sponsored Kid's Bucks at the Farmers Market for kids to purchase fresh vegetables and fruit. Lewis County Extension provided fun games and nutrition facts!

An Encouraging Word

By Tom Cox



Giant Slayers

One of the most familiar stories in the Old Testament is the one about David and Goliath, found in 1 Samuel 17. From this story, we can learn several principles about how we should live our lives for God.

First, we see David's spiritual awareness. He realized that Goliath was not just threatening an ordinary army; he was defying the "armies of the living God" (v. 26), and because of that, someone must oppose Goliath.

Second, we notice that David was willing to get involved himself. He was not content to remain on the sidelines. He said, "...Your servant will go and fight him" (v. 32).

When some questioned young David's ability to engage the giant in battle, David recited to them his experience. He had killed lions and bears while defending his father's sheep. This Philistine warrior would simply be the next foe to be destroyed (vv. 34-36).

David was also quick to give God the credit for rescuing him from past dangers and spoke with certainty that the Lord would deliver him again when he went up against Goliath (v. 37).

David finally convinced King Saul to allow him to fight Goliath, and Saul dressed him in a suit of armor. However, David was not accustomed to wearing armor. It didn't feel right, so he took it off. Instead, he chose to go with his strength—a sling and some stones (vv. 38-40).

The rest, as they say, is history. David boldly went on the offensive, giving God the credit for the victory that would soon be his. The giant was killed, and God's people

were greatly encouraged by the bravery of a shepherd boy whose heart was fully devoted to God (vv. 40-53).

What can we learn from this story? Well, we know that some will continue to stand up against God. We need to be spiritually aware of this. No Christian can avoid the battle. We must be willing to engage in the fight. Remembering how the Lord has helped us in past successes will help us have the courage to do what is right. Don't go out "in Saul's armor." What works for someone else might not work for you. Instead, use your strengths as you go out into spiritual battle for the Lord. Be brave as you face evil. Give God the credit for all your victories. And never underestimate the positive influence you can have on others as you bravely stand up against evil.

Be the best giant slayer God has called you to be!

For more inspirational writings by Tom Cox, go to jesustrek.wordpress.com.

Church Notices

Revival

Bivens Chapel Revival
September 14th - 19th
Bro. Jason Johnson
Preaching.

Special singing each night.

Sam and Rylee Wiehle will be singing Thursday 17th.

Services start at 7:00 P.M. each night.

Bro. Ronnie Conley and congregation invite everyone to join us.

Revival

Evans Chapel Church at
1620 Town Branch Road.
September 14-19, 2026.
7:00 p.m. nightly.

JR Hampton preaching.
Special singing nightly.

Homecoming

Petersville Church of God
Homecoming
Monday, September 7,
2026

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Pot Luck, Fellowship,
Music, Games, Inflatables
Located at: 12688 KY
344, Wallingford, KY 41053
Phono: 606-798-5152

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABATE A NUISANCE

A determination has been made that Rachael Ousley and Bethany Bivens have committed a violation of Lewis County Ordinance No. 96-09, failing to abate a nuisance. Said nuisance exists on 9014 E KY 8, Garrison, Kentucky 41141 (PVA Map #: 124-30-16-001.00). There remains on said property rubbish, garbage, overgrown grass, overgrown weeds, and building debris. Said condition constitutes a nuisance as defined by Ordinance No. 96-09. Should this nuisance not be abated within 30 days, Lewis County, Kentucky will proceed to abate the said nuisance. This determination of a nuisance is final unless contested under Section IV of Ordinance No. 96-09.

It is estimated that the cost of labor and materials necessary to abate the nuisance is \$5,000.00. The cost of abatement will constitute a lien against the property in favor of Lewis County, Kentucky.

After Lewis County, Kentucky has abated the nuisance, the Lewis County Judge/Executive will send a bill for the cost of abatement, including an administrative cost, to the property owners, Rachael Ousley and Bethany Bivens and if the bill is not paid 30 days after mailing of the bill, that notice of lien claimed for the cost of abatement will be placed against the property.

Maintaining a nuisance is a criminal violation with penalties of a fine not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00 for each offense, with each day constituting a separate offense.

BENJAMIN L. HARRISON
LEWIS COUNTY ATTORNEY

Public Notice 34,35c



August 11, 2026

Dear Natural Gas Customer:

On or about August 18, 2026, Western Lewis Reectorville 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 Reectorville 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 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 Reectorville 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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