



District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft
Hon. Benjamin L. Harrison
County Attorney
September 22, 2026**

Stella Kay Colegrove. Arraignment. (1)Reckless driving. (2)Poss cont sub, 1st degree, 1st off (Methamphetamine). Amend to second offense. Appoint PD. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). 9/29.

Rosco Egbert. Arraignment. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. Appoint PD. PNG. 9/29.

Cody Marshal Johnson. Other hearing. (1)Alcohol intoxication in a public place-1st & 2nd. (2)Disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. (3)Public intoxication controlled subs. Appoint PD. PNG. 9/29.

Terry Knell. Other hearing. Amount due: \$2546.72. Agrees to 6 months rehab.

Terry L. Knell. Other hearing. Amount due: \$943.00. Agrees to 6 months rehab.

Terry L. Knell. Other hearing. Amount due: \$1198.00. Agrees to 6 months rehab.

Caeden Lambert. Other hearing. TBUT or DISP all others. Appoint PD. PNG. No drugs or alcohol. Amend bond \$2,500 cash or 6 month rehab. 11/3. 10/6 Revocation.

Kelly W. Lewis. Other hearing. Amount due: \$273.00. Serve out.

Brady Ober. Arraignment. (1)Burglary, 2nd degree. (2)TBUT or DISP all others \$1,000-<\$10,000. Appoint PD. PNG. Bond \$5,000 cash. No drugs or alcohol. 9/29.

Nathan Rickett. Other hearing. (1)Indecent exposure, 2nd degree. Pled Guilty (PG). 90 days C/D 2 yrs. (2)Harassing communications. PG. 90 days C/D 2 yrs. No violations.

Justin R. Royster. Other hearing. (1)Rear license not illuminated. Merge. (2A)Oper MV U/INFL ALC. .08 - 2nd. 6 months serve 30 credit for 29. \$500 fine. C/D 2 yrs. No further violations.

Melinda D. Thoroughman. Arraignment. Assault, 1st degree. PNG. Appoint PD. 9/29.

William Blankenship. Arraignment. Criminal littering.

PNG. 10/16.

Zachary Blankenship. Arraignment. Criminal littering. PNG. 10/6.

Willie S. Burns. Motion hour. Motion to dismiss.

Richard A. Corns. Arraignment. (1)No operators/moped license. (2)Failure to produce insurance card. 12/1.

Christopher A. Davis. Arraignment. Harassing communications. Appoint PD. PNG. 10/6.

William Ray Dickey. Arraignment. (1)Disregarding traffic control device, traffic light. PG. \$50. (2)Failure to yield in road work zone. PG. \$50.

Kathleen Elizabeth Gartin. Arraignment. (1)Speeding 5 MPH over limit. Drive Safe. (2)No/expired registration plates. SP. Dismiss. (3)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. SP. Dismiss.

Kelsie Dawn Hicks Goble. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Scotty Lee Griffith. Arraignment. Criminal trespassing-3rd degree. PG. \$100. Stay away from property.

Dakota Knisley. Status hearing. FTA. BW.

April Lightner. Arraignment. Theft of identity of another without consent. 9/29.

Shaina R. Lyons. Arraignment. Hindering prosecution or apprehension-2nd degree. 12/1.

Jack McEldowney. Arraignment. Local county ordinance. PNG. Reset.

Rodney Meighen. Arraignment. Local county ordinance. 11/3.

Donna Prince. Status hearing. (1)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. (2)No/expired registration plates. Drive Safe.

Garnetta L. Rickett. Arraignment. Local city ordinance. PNG. 10/27.

Marshall Jerry Seymour. Other hearing. Reset 9/29.

Joshua Odell Singleton. Arraignment. Criminal trespassing-3rd degree. PG. \$100. Stay away from property.

Tiffany D. Sparks. Arraign-

ment. Alcohol intoxication in a public place-1st & 2nd. SB90. 9/29.

Lorie Thurman. Diversion completion. Appoint PD. Refer to SB90.

Tabitha Travis. Arraignment. Criminal littering. PNG. 10/6.

Dena Rose Walters. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Pamela R. Whittaker. Arraignment. Criminal trespassing-3rd degree. PG. \$100 fine. Stay away from property.

Kelly J. Wright. Status hearing. (1A)Poss cont sub, 1st degree, 2nd offense-cocaine. (2)Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Completed SB90. Dismiss charges.

Aidan P. Andresen. Show cause. Amount due: \$1538.00. 3/23.

Jacob A. Bentley. Show cause. Amount due: \$1053.00. 3/23.

Nakala L. Bloomfield. Show cause. Amount due: \$643.00. FTA. BW. \$643.00 cash bond or report 13 days WF.

Craig Arthur Calkins. Show cause. Amount due: \$298.00. FTA. BW. \$298.00 cash bond or 6 days WF.

Lola Chen. Show cause. Amount due: \$445.00. 11/24.

Lola Chen. Show cause. Amount due: \$373.00. 11/24.

Erica Clark. Show cause. Amount due: \$325.00. Waive fines and cost.

Erica M. Clark. Show cause. Amount due: \$205.00. Waive fines and cost.

Charles W. Cooley. Show cause. Amount due: \$613.00. FTA. BW. Bond \$613.00.

Charles W. Cooley. Show cause. Amount due: \$668.00. FTA. BW. Bond \$668.00.

Wilma Cooley. Show cause. Amount due: \$150.00.

Shawn Michael Crabtree. Show cause. Amount due: \$622.00. Waive fines and cost.

Skyler David Dawson. Show cause. Amount due: \$349.00.

Stephanie E. Flinders. Show cause. Amount due: \$543.00. Serve out.

Eric E. Fraley. Show cause. Amount due: \$448.00. 10/27.

Anthony Gayheart. Show cause. Amount due: \$393.00. FTA. BW. \$393.00 bond.

Jeanette Hampton. Show cause. Amount due: \$293.00. 10/27.

Jennette A. Hampton. Show cause. Amount due: \$1550.00. 10/27.

Bradley R. Heater. Show cause. Amount due: \$263.00. Waive fines and cost.

Bradley R. Heater. Show cause. Amount due: \$173.00. Waive fines and cost.

Bradley Russell Heater. Show cause. Waive fines and cost.

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Bradley Russell Heater. Show cause. Amount due: \$273.00. Waive fines and cost.

Dylan J. Hill. Show cause. Amount due: \$100.00. Paid in full.

Dennis Jamison. Show cause. Amount due: \$153.00. Waive fines and cost.

Dennis Jamison III. Show cause. Amount due: \$138.00. Waive fines and cost.

Dennis A. Jamison. Show cause. Amount due: \$448.00. Waive fines and cost.

Dennis A. Jamison III. Show cause. Amount due: \$88.00. Waive fines and cost.

David Lee Markwell. Show cause. Amount due: \$843.00. FTA. BW. \$843.00 bond.

Jake Allen Moore. Show cause. Amount due: \$138.00. FTA.

Dennis A. Jamison III. Show cause. Amount due: \$88.00. Waive fines and cost.

David Lee Markwell. Show cause. Amount due: \$843.00. FTA. BW. \$843.00 bond.

Jake Allen Moore. Show cause. Amount due: \$138.00. FTA.

Joseph Arthur Rieder. Show cause. Amount due: \$298.00. Paid in full.

Anthony T. Robinson. Show cause. Amount due: \$518.50. Waive fines and cost.

Anthony Tanner Robinson. Show cause. Amount due: \$16.50. Waive fines and cost.

Anthony Tannor Robinson. Show cause. Amount due:

\$581.00. Waive fines and cost.

Ashley Romine. Show cause. Amount due: \$115.00.

Robin D. Thurman. Show cause. Amount due: \$347.00. FTA.

Jessica Bare. Pretrial conference. (1)No/expired registration plates. (2)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3)Failure of non-owner operator to maintain req insurance 1st. (4)Failure to produce insurance card. (5)No operators/moped license. Commonwealth motion to dismiss.

Jessica Dawn Bare. Pretrial conference. (1)Display of illegal/altered registration plate. (2)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. (4)No operators/moped license. (5)Careless driving. (6)Failure to produce insurance card. (7)Failure to notify address change to Dept of Transp. (8)Failure to or improper signal. (9)Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. Commonwealth motion to dismiss.

Amanda L. Bramel. Pretrial conference. OPER MV U/INFL ALC .08 1st. PG. 30 days serve 4. Balance C/D 2 yrs.

Ricky D. Flinders. Pretrial conference. (1)Criminal trespassing-3rd degree. (2)TBUT or DISP all others \$500-<\$1,000. 9/29.

Caleb S. Hackworth. Pretrial conference. (1)Public intoxication controlled subs. (2)Assault 4th degree minor injury. 10/6.

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Kodi Hackworth. Pretrial conference. TBUT or DISP all others. PG.

Destiny Hill. Pretrial conference. TBUT or DISP all others. 9/29.

Garry Holsinger. Pretrial conference. Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. 9/29.

Billy Horsley. Revocation hearing. FTA. BW.

Yasmine R. Lightner. Pretrial conference. (1)Oper MV

U/INFL ALC .08 1st. PG. 30 days serve 4. (2)Endangering the welfare of a minor.12 months serve 2 concurrent. (3)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. \$500. (4)No/expired registration plates. Merge.

Yasmine Rose Lightner. Show cause. Amount due: \$188.00. 3/23.

Michael Eugene Littleton. Pretrial conference. (1)Failure to wear seat belts. (2)Oper MV U/INFL subst - 1st. 9/29.

Betty Lore. Pretrial conference. Local county ordinance. Diversion 2 yrs.

Bretton Kyle McKinney. Pretrial conference. (1)Failure to produce insurance card. Merge. (2)License plate not legible. Merge. (3)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/sec 2nd or >.PG. \$500.

Malachi Muse. Preliminary hearing. (1)Burglary, 2nd degree. (2)Menacing. Waived PH.

Kodey Pollard. Motion hour. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. 10/20.

Brittany R. Remy. Motion hour. 10/6.

Samantha D. Rister. Pretrial conference. (1)Careless driving. PG. \$100. (2)Failure to produce insurance card. Merge. (3)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/sec 2nd or >. PG. \$500.

Samantha D. Rister. Show cause. Amount due: \$285.50. 3/23.

Ricky Dale Salyer. Status hearing. (1)Possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. Merge. (2)Oper MV U/INFL Alc .08 - 1st. PG. (3)Failure of non-owner operator to maintain req insurance, 1st. PG. \$500. (4)All terrain vehicles violations. PG. \$100.

Thomas Stanton. Revocation hearing. 11/24. OR bond.

All information contained in the “ Court News” is directly taken from the dockets of the Lewis County Circuit and District Court.

Because We’ve Always Done It

By Tommy Druen

Every August, a man in the small Scottish town of South Queensferry gets covered from head to toe in burrs. Yes, burrs—those prickly little nuisances that stick to your socks. Thousands of them. His neighbors weave flowers into the mass, press a decorated staff into each of his hands, and parade him through town for seven miles and nine hours.

He stops at pubs along the way. This is Scotland, after all. Since his face is completely covered, he drinks the free whiskey offered to him through a straw.

It has to be quite the sight: a man transformed into a walking garden, with flowers blooming from his burr-encrusted body, shuffling through the streets while people press coins into his costume. This has happened for at least 400 years. And it’s widely believed that bad luck will fall upon South Queensferry if they ever stop.

Yet nobody can tell you why the tradition of the Burryman ever began. Not historians, not the residents of South Queensferry, not even the Burryman himself.

The original reason is just gone. Vanished completely. Maybe it warded off evil spirits. Maybe it was for good luck with the fishing boats. Nobody knows, yet everybody keeps doing it anyway.

When I first read about the Burryman, I thought it was a fun bit of quirky trivia. Then I realized we’re not that different. Our families do this. Our workplaces do this. Our churches do this. We keep rules and rituals we’ve never once asked the reason for because, somewhere along the way,

asking started to feel disrespectful.

Somebody, once, made a decision because the situation demanded it. It solved a real problem. Then the years went by, the reason faded, and the rule just... stayed. Eventually, the only answer left is, “Because that’s how we’ve always done it.” And that might be the most dangerous sentence in the English language.

This doesn’t mean tradition is an enemy. Far from it. Family traditions hold us steady in a world that won’t slow down. Community traditions keep the stories that make a place what it is. The traditions handed down through faith carry wisdom. Traditions are real, and they matter.

But there’s a difference between honoring tradition and being held hostage by it. The moment we stop asking why is the moment tradition becomes a cage instead of a cathedral.

So it’s worth asking the occasional hard questions. Does this still solve the problem it was created for? If we were starting from nothing today, would we choose to do it this way?

Sometimes the answer is yes. Sometimes it’s no. And sometimes, if we’re honest, the answer is: nobody actually remembers. That answer shouldn’t put us on the defensive. It should make us curious about what got lost along the way.

Here’s the catch, though. Changing an old way requires something that keeping it doesn’t: risk. And most people, including me, will go to great lengths to avoid that. The familiar is comfortable precisely because it’s predictable. Changing means admitting you might get it wrong in front of everyone

who did it the old way before you. That’s not just uncomfortable. It’s lonely. It’s scary.

So we cling to the familiar the way a kid clutches a blanket in the dark. We do things the same way even when they’ve stopped working, just so things don’t get worse. Just to avoid the unknown.

Some traditions are great, while others aren’t. The problem is distinguishing between the two. Sometimes we’re preserving genuine wisdom. Sometimes we’re just trapped in someone else’s decision.

Some of what we’ve inherited is worth keeping. Some of it isn’t. The hard part is distinguishing between the two, trying to determine whether you’re preserving something wise or just carrying out someone else’s forgotten decision.

sion. Real honor means understanding why something started, not just that it did, and then deciding whether it still merits continuing.

The people of South Queensferry will probably never recover the meaning of the Burryman. That’s a loss, but a harmless one. Not every tradition is that innocent.

It’s not disrespectful to step back and ask: What are we actually preserving here? Why do we do it this way? And if the only answer is, “Because we’ve always done it,” if you’re defending something you can’t explain, maybe you’re not honoring anything at all. Maybe you’re just covered in burrs, waiting for someone to tell you it’s all right to take them off.

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
LEWIS CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 26-CI-00130

NEWREZ, LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT
MORTGAGE SERVICING
PLAINTIFF

AND

PHILLIP HESTER
DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on September 8, 2026, to raise the sum of \$153,420.57, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Lewis County Courthouse, 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, Kentucky, 41179, on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property: A tract of land located at, 484 Clarksburg Road, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 079-00-00-024.00. The land is more particularly described in the record of this action located in the office of the Lewis Circuit Court Clerk, where it can be reviewed upon request.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, said bidder shall post bond with surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner and pre-approved by the Master Commissioner at least by noon, two (2) business days before the sale date, as security for the unpaid purchase price, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale. The surety must be present at the sale and must own real estate in Kentucky, but may not be the successful bidder's spouse. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year; (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Lewis County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Lewis Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed.

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NOTICE

The Lewis County Board of Education is soliciting
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of the Lewis County Schools District Facility Plan (DFP) and
Kentucky Facilities Inventory & Classifications System (KFICS).
Interested firms shall submit a one-page "Letter of Interest" to the
Lewis County Board of Education
Attention: woody.underwood@lewis.kyschools.us
by 4:00 PM ET (3:00 PM CT) on Friday, October 23, 2026

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
LEWIS CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 25-CI-00069

TAX BRAKE KY, LLC
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