



From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

This past week, I took some time to drive around the county and admire the beautiful handiwork of our God. The fall foliage is wonderful this year, and you can't help but enjoy the beauty. But it is also a reminder that another season is coming to an end and that our old friend, winter, is just around the corner. Before we close out the fall sports season, we still have a few more games to play. Let's look at this past week and what lies ahead in the next few weeks.

The Lady Lions played on October 19 at LCMS against the Greenup Lady Musketeers at 6:00 in the first round of the 63rd District Volleyball Tournament. They fell to Greenup in three straight sets. This was still a great year for the Lady Lions and Coach Bentley.

In the second game, Russell took on Raceland. Russell won 3-0 to advance to the title game. The District Championship was held on Tuesday at 7:00 at Lewis County Middle School. Russell upset Greenup 3-2 to win the 63rd District title. Both teams will advance to the 16th Region Tournament.

This past Friday night, the Lewis County football Lions traveled up to Covington to play the Holmes High School Bulldogs on a perfect night for high school football. Turnovers played a big role in the game, as the Lions turned the ball over three times, each time killing drives. The game was a back-and-forth affair in the first half, with the Lions leading 14-13 after Braylon Puente scored on an 11-yard scamper and Alex Russell returned a punt 65 yards to pay dirt. Tyson McCray added the extra points. Then, with around five minutes left, the Bulldogs hit a 26-yard field goal to go up 16-14. However, with only one second left in the half, it looked like Tyson McCray had put the Lions back on top with an 18-yard field goal, but it was wiped off the board because of a defen-

sive infraction that happened before the play. The Lions declined the penalty and tried the kick again, but it came up just a little short the second time.

In the second half, the Bulldogs scored twice to go up 28-14. But the Lions were not going to go quietly into the night without a fight. With a little over five minutes left in the game, Braylon Puente scored on a 2-yard plunge, and Aaden Bloomfield added the 2-point conversion to pull within 28-22. The defense held, and the Lions took over again with a little over two minutes left in the game. After a pass interference call moved the ball out to the Lions' 47-yard line, the Bulldogs intercepted a long pass intended for Alex Russell, ending any hopes of a comeback. The loss gives the Lions a 4-5 record on the season.

The Lions will play this Friday, October 30, at the Lewis County High School field against Fairview on Senior Night. This is a big game for the team as they try for a .500 season. I hope everyone in our community comes out to support them. If you can't make it to the game, don't forget to tune in to 104.9 WKKS to listen to the play-by-play with Seth and Shane Wallingford.

I also want to point out that the Lions will be playing in the playoffs this year and will travel to Bourbon County on November 6. We will have more details in the paper next week.

The middle school football team wrapped up its regular season this past Thursday night at Lewis County against Nicholas County. The 8th grade won 34-26 and clinched its place in the playoffs. The 8th-grade team finished the regular season 6-3 and will travel to play Mason County in Maysville on Thursday, October 29, with kickoff slated for 7:30. Congratulations to the young Lions and their coaches. Good luck!

Now, some BT's Tidbits:

Remember that you can

reach out to me with comments and suggestions by email

epb_billtom_stone@hotmail.com or by phone at (606) 541-0305. I look forward to hearing from you guys with information and ideas.

A group of diehard Lions football fans met up with an old Lion in Alexandria and had dinner before the game. That old Lion was Paul Robinson, who played under Coach Corky Prater and was a member of the 1985 District Championship team. (By the way, they did not bring any to yours truly.)

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 they continue to make it more user-friendly each week. Give it a shot and see what you think about it. Can't wait until the other sports come online.

The Lionbackers are having their fall "Big Raffle" to help support the football team. Contact one of the Lionbackers to get your ticket, and thanks for supporting LCHS football. The drawing will be held at halftime of Friday's game.

Basketball practice has begun, and both Coach Holder and Coach Wampler are looking for young people who want to contribute to their programs. Contact them, and they will help you.

I know that I go on with a lot of nonsense every now and then, but I do believe that sports, particularly football, teach life lessons that we don't learn in the classroom. It by no means replaces the classroom but is just an extension of the educational process for a young person. Only by working together can we learn to understand each other, and this is the first step toward learning to live together. Encourage young people to get involved.

Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



How can parents protect children from cyber threats

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, making it an important time to discuss one of the most pressing challenges facing Kentucky families: protecting children online.

Today's children are growing up in a world more connected than ever. Social media, messaging apps, and online games offer opportunities for learning and social interaction, but they also expose young users to cyberbullying, online predators, exploitation, and other digital crimes. Parents and communities must understand these risks and take practical steps to help children navigate the digital world safely.

Cyberbullying can follow children home, exposing them to hurtful messages, rumors, and embarrassing photos around the clock. Online predators may use social media, chat apps, and gaming platforms to build trust with minors before manipulating them into sharing personal information or explicit images. Sextortion, a form of blackmail involving real or artificially created sexual images, is another serious threat.

These dangers are not always obvious. Popular platforms such as Roblox and Snapchat can provide entertainment and opportunities to connect, but their communication features may also expose children to inappropriate content or interactions with strangers. So-called "vault apps" can disguise photos, videos, and messages, making it important for parents to understand what is installed on their children's devices.

Parents do not have to be technology experts to make a difference. Start by keeping communication open so children feel comfortable reporting uncomfortable interactions without fear of punishment. Establish age-appropriate

boundaries for screen time and app use, review privacy settings and friend lists, use parental controls, and teach children never to share personal information or sensitive images with people they meet online. Most importantly, remind them that they can block and report suspicious accounts and turn to a trusted adult for help.

Schools and communities can reinforce these lessons through digital citizenship education, anti-bullying programs, and access to mental health resources. Children need to know that asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness.

Protecting children online also requires accountability from the companies whose platforms they use. Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman deserves recognition for his leadership in securing the historic, proposed \$17.1 billion multistate settlement with Meta, which includes \$358 million for Kentucky and new safeguards intended to make Facebook and Instagram safer for young users. The agreement represents a significant effort to hold a major technology company accountable and strengthen protections for children and families.

The General Assembly has also taken action. House Bill 227, which sought to establish protections for minors against

addictive social media features and predatory data collection, passed the House in March with an overwhelming bipartisan vote. Unfortunately, the bill did not pass the Senate before the 2026 Regular Session adjourned. Protecting children online remains an important issue that deserves continued attention.

Technology is here to stay, and keeping children safe does not mean shielding them from every digital opportunity. It means teaching them to recognize danger, setting appropriate boundaries, and holding those who exploit young users accountable. For generations, we have taught children not to talk to strangers or get into a car with someone they do not know. We must apply those same lessons online while remembering that threats can sometimes come from people a child already knows.

Together, parents, educators, law enforcement, and policymakers can help ensure that technology serves our children rather than puts them at risk.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Court of Justice LEWIS CIRCUIT COURT Civil Action No. 26-CI-00017	
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC	PLAINTIFF
AND	
JUSTIN R. ROYSTER, ET AL.	DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE	
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on June 9, 2026, and a subsequent Order to Reschedule Sale entered September 24, 2026, to raise the sum of \$66,256.53, 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, November 12, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property: Real Estate located at, 181 Shawnee Drive, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 099-90-01-036.00. 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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Public Notice 43-45c	

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES AND QUESTION WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN LEWIS COUNTY FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

STRAIGHT PARTY ☐ Republican Party ☐ Democratic Party ☐ Kentucky Party ☐ Libertarian Party
UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One) ☐ Andy BARR Republican Party ☐ Charles BOOKER Democratic Party ☐ Christopher CAMPBELL Kentucky Party ☐ Write-in
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS 4th Congressional District (Vote for One) ☐ Ed GALLREIN Republican Party ☐ Melissa Claire STRANGE Democratic Party ☐ Jeremy TODD Libertarian Party ☐ Write-in
STATE SENATOR 18th Senatorial District (Vote for One) ☐ Robin L. WEBB Republican Party ☐ Write-in
STATE REPRESENTATIVE 96th Representative District (Vote for One) ☐ Patrick FLANNERY Republican Party ☐ Pamela LEWIS Democratic Party ☐ Write-in
PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR (Vote for One) ☐ Kenneth D. RUCKEL Republican Party ☐ Write-in
COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE (Vote for One) ☐ George SPARKS Republican Party ☐ Write-in
COUNTY ATTORNEY (Vote for One) ☐ Benjamin L. HARRISON Republican Party ☐ Write-in
COUNTY CLERK (Vote for One) ☐ Leslie A. COLLIER Republican Party ☐ Write-in
SHERIFF (Vote for One) ☐ Johnny W. BIVENS Republican Party ☐ Write-in
ALL PRECINCTS

JAILER (Vote for One) ☐ Bryon Keith WALKER Republican Party ☐ Write-in	CORONER (Vote for One) ☐ Tony GAYDOS Republican Party ☐ Write-in
COUNTY SURVEYOR (Vote for One) ☐ Michael D. RUGGLES Republican Party ☐ Write-in	ALL PRECINCTS
MAGISTRATE 1st Magisterial District (Vote for One) ☐ Johnny Dean OSBORNE Republican Party ☐ Write-in	CONSTABLE 1st Magisterial District (Vote for One) ☐ David LANCASTER Republican Party ☐ Write-in
PRECINCT #1	MAGISTRATE 2nd Magisterial District (Vote for One) ☐ Paul Bruce SWEARINGEN Republican Party ☐ Write-in
CONSTABLE 2nd Magisterial District (Vote for One) ☐ Write-in	PRECINCT #2
MAGISTRATE 3rd Magisterial District (Vote for One) ☐ Kathy E. DILLOW Republican Party ☐ Write-in	CONSTABLE 3rd Magisterial District (Vote for One) ☐ Harold "Hammer" COOPER Republican Party ☐ Write-in
PRECINCT #3	

MAGISTRATE 4th Magisterial District (Vote for One) ☐ Mark A. HORSLEY Republican Party ☐ Write-in	CONSTABLE 4th Magisterial District (Vote for One) ☐ Write-in
PRECINCT #4	NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT DISTRICT JUDGE 20th Judicial District (Vote for One) ☐ Paul E. CRAFT ☐ Write-in
ALL PRECINCTS	NONPARTISAN "SCHOOL CANDIDATES" MEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION 1st Educational District (Vote for One) ☐ Kayvilla BLEVINS ☐ Write-in
PART OF PRECINCT #1, PRECINCT #2, AND PRECINCT #4	MEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION 2nd Educational District (Vote for One) ☐ Lucinda APPEGATE ☐ Write-in
PART OF PRECINCT #2	MEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION 3rd Educational District (Vote for One) ☐ Chad EVANS ☐ Write-in
PART OF PRECINCT #3	

NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT MAYOR City of Concord (Vote for One) ☐ Jerry WALKER ☐ Write-in	CITY COMMISSIONERS City of Concord (Vote for up to Four) ☐ Austin GORMAN ☐ Sheila WALKER ☐ Lynda POLLEY ☐ Write-in
PART OF PRECINCT #1	MAYOR City of Vanceburg (Vote for One) ☐ John R. GRABILL ☐ Dustin W. CASEMAN ☐ Richard D. WAJJE ☐ Kody WILLIS ☐ Write-in
CITY COUNCIL City of Vanceburg (Vote for up to Six) ☐ Jacob Rodney SARTIN ☐ Jeana BILLMAN ☐ Roger JAHN ☐ Angie PATTON ☐ Carrie "Suesy" HOBBS ☐ Nichole J. CANTU ☐ Jared LEWIS ☐ Joni PUGH ☐ George HUGHES ☐ Tanner UNDERWOOD ☐ Bradlee RUGGLES ☐ Write-in	PART OF PRECINCT #2 AND PRECINCT #4

I, LESLIE COLLIER, COUNTY CLERK OF LEWIS COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE FACES ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS AS THEY WILL APPEAR IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN LEWIS COUNTY, KENTUCKY FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

LESLIE COLLIER, CLERK
LEWIS COUNTY, KY

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1

Are you in favor of limiting a Governor's ability to grant pardons or commute sentences by prohibiting him or her from granting pardons or commuting sentences during the time period beginning 60 days prior to the general election at which the Governor is elected, and ending when the Governor is sworn in for that term by amending the Constitution of Kentucky as stated below?

It is proposed that Section 77 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Governor shall have power to:
- Remit fines and forfeitures; and
 - Commute sentences and grant reprieves and pardons, except:
- In case of impeachment; or
 - For the period beginning sixty days prior to the date of the gubernatorial election and ending the fifth Tuesday succeeding the election.
- (2) The Governor shall file with each application therefor a statement of the reasons for his or her decision thereon, which application and statement shall always be open to public inspection.
- (3) In cases of treason, the Governor shall have power to grant reprieves until the end of the next session of the General Assembly, in which the power of pardoning shall be vested; but he or she shall have no power to remit the fees of the Clerk, Sheriff, or Commonwealth's Attorney in penal or criminal cases.

☐	YES
☐	NO

ALL PRECINCTS