A Way of Outliving the Silence

By Tommy Druen

We often complain about the aches and pains of getting older, but there are a few quiet perks. One unexpected advantage I've discovered is that it's considerably easier to see my favorite bands in concert. For one thing, getting tickets is no longer a frantic scramble or a constant busy signal. More importantly, I can actually afford to sit where I can see the band without squinting. And there is nothing wrong with a reserved seat, as a sweaty mosh pit would probably leave me in traction.

Recently, I joined fellow members of my generation at a Better Than Ezra show. The band sounded every bit as sharp as they did when I first heard them back in 1995. They also understood their crowd, mixing in a few shrewdly chosen covers with their own hits. When they struck the opening chords of Sublime's "What I Got," something remarkable happened. Within seconds, the entire crowd erupted in unison, singing every lyric back toward the stage with an absolutely joyful fervor.

Even while singing along, my mind recalled the tragic history behind that song. For nearly a decade, Sublime had been little more than a scruffy California trio clawing for any foothold they could find. Frontman and guitarist Brad Nowell and his bandmates played rowdy backyard parties, slept in battered vans, scraped together pocket change for studio time, and handed out homemade cassette tapes. They spent years pouring their souls into their music during a time when practically nobody was paying the slightest bit of attention.

Then came 1996. In May, just two months before the band's major-label debut arrived in stores, Nowell died of a drug overdose in a motel room. He was only 28 years old. When the self-titled album finally hit the shelves, it became a nationwide sensation. "What I Got" soared straight to No. 1 on the alternative chart, while tracks like "Santeria" and "Wrong Way" became ubiquitous anthems on rock stations. Sublime became one of the definitive sounds of the decade, yet Nowell was not there to witness it. He had paid every ounce of his dues but never heard the thunderous applause that followed. It was over before it had begun.

It is a poignant reminder of an enduring truth: The person who plants the sapling rarely gets to enjoy the cooling shade of the full-grown tree. History is filled with creators whose genius only resonated long after they had left the room. Vincent van Gogh died believing himself to be a failure. Herman Melville published Moby-Dick in 1851, but it was not a commercial success. By the time he died in 1891, only a few thousand copies had been sold. Today, it is routinely regarded as one of the greatest American novels ever written. Gregor Mendel published his groundbreaking work on hybrid plants in 1866, but it attracted little attention during his lifetime. His work was essentially forgotten until scientists rediscovered it around the turn of the century, and today he is known as the father of modern genetics.

The list could go on. Sometimes recognition comes years later, sometimes generations later, and sometimes it never comes at all. In every case, the person who did the work may never know what it eventually meant to the rest of the world.

The lesson here is not that hard work is futile, but that applause makes for a terrible compass. If an endeavor is worth undertaking, its real value comes from the honest act of doing, not from whether the world throws a parade. A fresh blackberry pie does not taste one bit sweeter because a blue ribbon gets pinned to the tin at the county fair, and a well-tended flowerbed is not a waste of effort just because the neighbors drove past without turning their heads. And I dare say nobody is framing a meticulously crafted spreadsheet.

We cannot control whether other people notice our labor or appreciate our craftsmanship. If we spend our lives measuring our worth by the fickle opinions of strangers, we have surrendered our independence and handed them the ruler. Far better to do the work simply because it matters to your own heart.

Dr. Jonas Salk once said, "The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more." I like that. It's great to set goals for ourselves, and it's even better to achieve them, but we need to remember that they are our goals. They are personal.

Brad Nowell never got to stand beneath arena lights and hear a massive crowd sing his creations back to him. But nearly 30 years later, a rapidly graying group of strangers was still lifting their voices to lyrics written in obscurity. The recognition may arrive late, or it may never show up at all. But when you put something genuine into the world, it has a way of outliving the silence.

Circuit Court

Hon. Brian C. McCloud
Hon. Rhese McKenzie
Commonwealth's Attorney
November 6, 2026

Matthew Bevis. Motion hour. Shock probation in felony convictions. Motion to withdraw.

Trina Leann Chinn. Revocation hearing. Probation violation (for felony offense). Appoint PD. 1/15.

Stella Kay Colegrove. Arraignment. (1)Reckless driving. (2)Poss cont sub, 1st degree, 1st offense. Appoint PD. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). 12/18.

Dustin Cottingham. Motion hour. Amount due: $5654.00. 11/20.

Jason Cushard. Pretrial conference. (1)Burglary, 1st degree. (2)Burglary, 2nd degree. (3) Burglary, 3rd degree. (4)Driving on DUI suspended license-1st offense. 1/15.

Adam Hall. Arraignment. Flagrant non support. Appoint PD. PNG. ROR. 12/4.

Ervin Howard. Arraignment. (1)Poss cont sub, 1st degree, 1st offense. (2)Drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. 12/4.

Ervin Howard. Arraignment. Criminal mischief, 1st degree. 12/4.

Dyrk Hurst. Arraignment. (1)Proc or prom use of minor by electronic means. (2)Proc or prom use of minor by electronic means. Appoint PD. PNG. 12/4.

Dylan Kennedy. Arraignment. Flagrant non support. Appoint PD. PNG. 12/4.

Jonathon Kinney. Arraignment. Flagrant non support. FTA. Issue summons. 12/4.

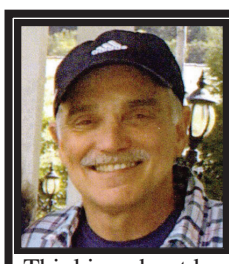
James Knell. Arraignment. (1)TBUT or DISP all others $1,000<$10,000. (2)Criminal trespassing-3rd degree. Appoint PD. PNG. ROR. 12/4.

Danny McGowan. Pretrial conference. (1)Burglary, 1st degree. (2)Burglary, 2nd degree. (3)Burglary, 3rd degree. 11/20.

James Riffe III. Arraignment. Flagrant non support. Appoint PD. PNG.

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Jeremy Wilson. Pretrial conference. (1)Poss cont sub, 1st degree, 1st offense. Pled Guilty (PG). 1 year. (2)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. PG. 90.



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District Court

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November 3, 2026

Justin Cottingham. Other hearing. Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. Appoint PD. OR. 11/17.

Justin Cottingham. Arraignment. (1)Failure to wear seat belts. (2)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3)No/expired registration plates. (4)Improper registration plates. (5)Failure to produce insurance card. (6)Failure of non-owner operator to maintain req insurance, 1st. (7)License to be in possession. (8)No operators/moped license. Appoint PD. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). 11/17.

Ethan Fritz. Arraignment. Fugitive-warrant not required. Appoint PD.

Ethan Fritz. Arraignment. (1)Criminal trespassing-3rd degree - 1st off. Pled Guilty (PG). $50. (2)Public intoxication controlled subs. PG. $100.

Dylan Kennedy. Other hearing. Amount due: $273.00. Serve out.

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James Knell. Other hearing. (1)TBUT or DISP all others $1,000<$10,000. (2)Criminal trespassing-3rd degree. CW Dismiss.

James H. Riffe. Other hearing. Amount due: $1410.00. 11/10.

James H. Riffe. Other hearing. Amount due: $228.00. 11/10.

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James H. Riffe. Arraignment. (1)Criminal trespassing-2nd degree - 1st offense. (2)Burglary, 3rd degree. (3)Criminal mischief, 1st degree. Appoint PD. PNG. 11/10.

James H. Riffe III. Other hearing. Amount due: $400.00. 11/10.

Celestia Diane Bevins. Arraignment. (1)Failure to wear seat belts. (2)Failure to produce insurance card. FTA. NF.

Charles E. Hall. Show cause. (1)No/expired registration plates. (2)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (3)Failure of non-owner operator to maintain req insurance, 1st. (4)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. (5)Failure to wear seat belts. OR. FTA. BW.

Charles E. Hall. Show cause hearing. (1)Escaping contents, shifting, spilling loads. (2)Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. (3)No operators/moped license. (4)No/expired registration plates. FTA. BW. OR.

Charles Eugene Hall. Show cause hearing. (1)No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (2)No/ expired registration plates. (3)Improper registration plate. (4)Failure to produce insurance card. (5)Failure of non-owner operator to maintain req insurance, 1st. (6)Failure to wear seat belts. (7)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. (8)Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. FTA. BW. OR.

Alexander Hamilton. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Tiffeny D. Sparks. Status hearing. Alcohol intoxication in a public place-1st & 2nd. 1/5.

Saberina F. Steve. Arraignment. Speeding 26 MPH over/greater. PG. $100.

John Parker Stone. Show cause. Passing loading/unloading school/church bus-1st off. PG. $200.

James T. Wheaton. Motion hour. Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. Sustained.

James Tyler Wheaton. Motion hour. Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. Sustained.

Nathaniel W. Zornes. Arraignment. (1)Failure to wear seat belts. (2)No operators/moped license. PNG. 12/8.

Christopher A. Davis. Pretrial conference. Harassing communications. 11/17.

Caleb S. Hackworth. Pretrial conference. (1) Public intoxication controlled subs. (2)Assault 4th degree minor injury. 11/17.

Caleb S. Hackworth. Pretrial conference. TBUT or DISP all others. 11/17.

Ricky L. Madden. Preliminary hearing. Theft by deception-include cold checks $1,000 < $10,000. Waived.

Notice of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Robert Parson, whose address was 3074 Briary Road, Quincy, KY 41166, and Aimee Parson, whose address is 3074 Briary Road, Quincy, KY 41166, was appointed Administratrix on November 3, 2026.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Aimee Parson, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Aimee Parson.

Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District Courts

Notice of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Dolores A. Brown, whose address was P.O. Box 47, Quincy, KY 41166, and Joanna Yates, whose address is 48 Oakland Park, Vanceburg, KY 41179, was appointed Executrix on October 27, 2026.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Joanna Yates, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Joanna Yates.

Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District Courts

11/10.

Charles David Osborne. Pretrial conference. (1)Improper equipment. Merge. (2)Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. $150.

Frances Phares. Pretrial conference. Unlawful transaction with/minor-3rd degree. 12 months. C/D 2 years. No further violations.

Justin Stewart Pollitt. Pretrial conference. Abatement of nuisances. PG. 90 days. C/D 2 yrs. No further violations. Clean up within 30 days.

Tommy R. Potter Jr. Pretrial conference. (1)Assault 4th degree no visible injury. (2)Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. 11/17.

Jacob Spencer. Pretrial conference. Criminal mischief-2nd degree. 12 months C/D 2 yrs. No further violations. 12/8.

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Notice of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Douglas Eugene Applegate, whose address was 234 Second St., Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Michael W. Applegate, Kendall Applegate, and Steven D. Applegate, whose addresses are 51 Gail Ave., Vanceburg, KY 41179, 391 Tygart Bend Rd., South Shore, KY 41175, P.O. Box 183, Vanceburg, KY 41179, were appointed Co-Executors on October 27, 2026.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Michael W. Applegate, Kendall Applegate, and Steven D. Applegate, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Michael W. Applegate, Kendall Applegate, and Steven D. Applegate.

Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District Courts

Notice of Appointment

AdmAdministration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Sharon Kay Cooper, whose address was 2691 Trace Rd., Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Scotty Martin Cooper, whose address is 437 Ruggles Campground, Tollesboro, KY 41189, was appointed Administrator on October 27, 2026.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Scotty Martin Cooper, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Scotty Martin Cooper.i

Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District Courts

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

TAX BRAKE KY, LLC — PLAINTIFF

AND

JOSEPH RAY RISTER, II, ET AL — DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED 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 $8,293.81, 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:

A tract of land located at, 2789 Briary Road, Quincy, KY 41166, and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 136-00-00-003.16. 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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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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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 RESCHEDULED 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, November 12, 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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