



From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

The weather has been perfect for baseball and softball. The evenings have been a little cool, but with dry fields, the teams have been playing ball. This past weekend, Little League kicked off its season, and the town was buzzing with excitement. So, let's dive into the action.

We will lead with our Lady Lions, as they kicked off the week playing at home on Tuesday against Bath County and won the game by a score of 7-3. Then, on Thursday, April 7, they hosted a tough Lady Vikings team from Rowan County and ended up on the short end of a hard-fought game, losing 4-1.

On Saturday, the Lady Lions hosted a showcase named after Babe Politt. The Babe Politt Showcase kicked off at noon on Saturday, April 11, with George Rogers Clark taking on our Lady Lions. Both teams played well, but in the end, the Lady Lions were defeated by GRC, 11-0. At 2:00, Lawrence County faced George Rogers Clark, with GRC winning again, 10-1. The Lady Lions returned to the field at 4:00 to take on Lawrence County. This was a tough game, but the Lady Lions fell by a score of 9-4.

Looking ahead, the Lady Lions have three games this week, including two district matchups. On Tuesday, April 14, they will travel to Russell for a district game. Then, on Thursday, April 16, they will be at home at 6:00 p.m. to face district foe Greenup County. They will finish the week on the road Saturday against Mason County. Two tough district games for the Lady Lions—we wish them good luck.

Our Baseball Lions also played a tough schedule this week, starting at home

against the Ashland Tomcats on Monday, April 6. Their previous matchup in March had not been pretty, as the Tomcats dominated, but this game felt different, with the Lions playing with confidence. The Lions still lost, but by a closer score of 7-3.

On Thursday, they faced a strong Rowan County squad and lost 10-4. They then hit the road to compete in the Hometown Pharmacy Invitational at Harrison County. The Lions played the host Harrison County Thorobreds at noon and were defeated 6-0.

This week, district play begins for the Lions, which in baseball means back-to-back games against a district opponent. The Lions open district play against Russell on April 13 at Russell, then return home the next night, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. to face the Devils again. They will wrap up the week on the road April 16 against the Rowan County Vikings.

The track team competed in the Eastern Kentucky Conference meet this past Friday in West Liberty and had a great showing. The Lewis County Lions brought home seven medals.

On the boys' side, Alex Russell finished first in the 400-meter and earned second-place finishes in both the 100-meter and 200-meter races. On the girls' side, eighth-grader Teegan Trombly captured first place in both the shot put and discus.

Olivia Price recorded third-place finishes in the triple jump and long jump, along with a fifth-place finish in the 100-meter and fourth place in the 200-meter. Other contributors included James Applegate (fourth in the 800-meter), Maci Evans (fourth in the 100-meter, sixth in the triple jump, and fourth in the

long jump), Kinsey Lewis (eighth in the shot put), and Sammy Lewis (fourth in the 300 hurdles).

The boys' 4x100 relay team—Sammy Lewis, George Dummitt, Preston Rhoden, and James Applegate—placed sixth. Layne Paguntalan also finished sixth in the discus. Overall, it was a great showing for the track team.

Lewis County Little League kicked off its season with a parade on April 10 and Opening Day games on April 11. It certainly lived up to expectations, as the crowds were strong and the kids played their hearts out. The weather was perfect, and everyone had a great time. A big thank-you goes out to everyone who volunteered to make the day such a success.

Just a reminder about upcoming football fundraisers in the next couple of weeks. First, tickets are now available for the Football Team Rib Dinner, which will be held May 2 at the Black Oak Volunteer Fire Department. The cost is \$15 per ticket, and tickets can be purchased from any LCHS football player or coach.

The second event is the Coach William Robison Memorial Golf Scramble, scheduled for May 9 at Kenton Station. The cost is \$60 per player. For more information or to sign up, contact Corky Prater, Bub Lee, Coach Stamm, or Joe Billman.

Both events are always well supported, and we hope to see a great crowd at each.

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Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



Lawmakers pass \$32 billion budget, \$11.6 billion for transportation services and infrastructure

Kentucky lawmakers approved a two-year, \$32.4 billion budget on Wednesday, April 1. The bill, HB 500, focuses on key priorities like K-12 public education, public safety, veterans' services, and maintaining university facilities.

The budget invests in the state's priorities - education, infrastructure, and public safety - while being careful with taxpayer dollars and keeping long-term financial stability in mind. It is built by focusing on needs first and avoiding unnecessary spending, the same way that many Kentucky families manage their own finances. To accomplish this, the measure directs state agencies and programs - including the legislature itself - to identify and address outdated and pandemic-era programs; duplicate programs, grants, and services; reduce administrative costs and consulting contracts; and ended programs that do not produce clear benefits. The budget also encourages finding more efficient ways to deliver services, including through families, businesses, and community organizations. To accomplish this, HB 500 reduces spending in several areas, including a 4% base cut to executive branch spending in the first year and an additional 3% cut in the second year. However, to ensure priority programs are protected, agencies will have flexibility to decide where those reductions make the most sense.

At the same time, the budget protects core services. Per-pupil SEEK funding, Family Resource and Youth Service Centers, Medicaid, juvenile justice, corrections, and veterans' programs are all exempt from the cuts. Certain education programs, including extended school services and Jobs for America's Graduates, are also protected.

In education, HB 500 provides \$369 million in new K-12 funding, includes a 2% annual SEEK increase (raising per-pupil funding from \$4,586 to \$4,626 in fiscal year 2027 and \$4,792 in fiscal year 2028), keeps transportation funding steady at \$398 million each year, and provides an additional \$134.8 million to fully fund teacher retirement at the level

actuaries believe is necessary to continue our efforts to stabilize the pension.

For public employees, the plan includes a 2% pay raise in each year of the budget, fully funds pensions and health insurance, and addresses pay compression in some agencies. The final version of HB 500 also fully funds the Kentucky Employee Health Plan at the recommended level. That includes a 14% cost increase in the first year and another 10% increase in the second year, both paid by taxpayers.

The budget also highlights major challenges facing our state. One particular area of concern is Medicaid, the taxpayer-paid health insurance program that covers medical costs for low-income individuals and families, including children, seniors, and people with disabilities. In this budget, Medicaid alone will cost about \$6 billion over the next two years - the second-largest expense after K-12 education. The budget adds waiver slots to expand access for vulnerable populations, and maintains key behavioral health services. We continue to focus on reforming the program to improve both the delivery of services and the cost, but it is a complicated issue that directly impacts all of us, with a third of the state receiving health care benefits through it and all taxpayers paying for it. This session we approved HB 2, which takes a huge step forward in tackling issues like oversight, ensuring recipients are eligible, and instituting federal community engagement and copay policies.

Overall, the budget includes targeted investments while maintaining a focus on financial responsibility. It increases funding for K-12 schools, including modest growth in SEEK funding, and fully supports teacher retirement and school employee health insurance. It also maintains steady funding for higher education, supports scholarships, and dual credit programs, and in-

vests in campus infrastructure.

In addition to HB 500, lawmakers approved several other budget bills, including nearly \$1 billion for the judicial branch (HB 504), \$182 million for the legislative branch (HB 503), a \$7 billion transportation budget (HB 501), a \$4.6 billion road plan (HB 502), and \$70 million for local road projects (HJR 76). We also approved a \$1.7 billion measure (HB 900) that makes one-time investments with excess funds in our budget reserve. While there was a desire to use these monies to create new programs and services, we chose to invest in communities to improve infrastructure (particularly with water and sewer lines), and improve the quality of life throughout the state.

Overall, this is a modest but strong budget that will serve the people of Kentucky well over the next two fiscal years. It continues to build a strong foundation on living within our means while planning for future needs. HB 500 now goes to the governor. Lawmakers will return to Frankfort on April 14 and 15 to consider any vetoes.

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.

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LEWIS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Will meet the third Saturday of each month at Noon at the Historical Society building on Market Street, Vanceburg.

GARDEN SEED DISTRIBUTION - Licking Valley Community Action will be taking applications for Garden Seed Vouchers on Friday, April 20, 2026, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 210 Front Street, Vanceburg. All applicants must bring the following: Social Security card(s), photo ID, verification of all household income, and verification of residence. Each person must complete their own application. This is a one-day-only event. A limited number of vouchers will be available. For more information, contact Judy Craycraft at (606) 796-3893. This project is funded in part under contract with the Cabinet, with funds from the Community Services Block Grant Act of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

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NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on November 24, 2025, to raise the sum of \$44,285.06, 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, April 30, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property: Real Estate located at, 4564, KY 344, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 072-00-00-008.00. 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. (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 in the record of the Lewis Circuit Clerk; (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.

CLAYTON G. LYKINS, JR.,
MASTER COMMISSIONER
P.O. Box 160, VANCEBURG, KY 41179
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Public Notice 15c

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY, BUDGET SHOWING INCOME TO THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124,142.45 AND A PAY OVER TO THE CITY UTILITY COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,798.45 AND THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,344.00.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED by the City Council of Vanceburg, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION 1: An Ordinance of the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky, amending the budget as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A" showing revenue in the amount of \$124,142.45 and a pay due pay over of said funds to the Vanceburg Utility Company, in the amount of \$19,798.45, and the proceeds of the sale of real estate owned by the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky, in the amount of \$104,344.00.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances in conflict herewith are specifically hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict only.

SECTION 3: That each section and each sentence of this ordinance is enacted separately and the invalidity and/or unconstitutionality of any one particular sentence and/or section shall not affect the validity and/or constitutionality of any other sentence and/or section.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

John Billman
JOHN BILLMAN, MAYOR
CITY OF VANCEBURG, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:
Tina Roberts
TINA ROBERTS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

FIRST READING: March 2nd, 2026
SECOND READING: April 1st, 2026
Patrick Flannery
PREPARED BY: STEPHEN MCGINNIS
CITY ATTORNEY, R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS

City of Vanceburg		
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget		
	General Fund	Hydro Fund
Resources Available:		
Balance Forward:	\$363,845.07	
Estimated Revenues:		
Property Taxes	\$42,000.00	\$45,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$335,000.00	\$604,227.15
Net Profit Taxes	\$37,500.00	
Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$13,500.00	
Bank Franchise Tax	\$31,620.00	
Public Service Tax	\$13,000.00	
Municipal Bond Aid (MBA)	\$53,380.28	
Interest Income	\$41,500.00	\$43,000.00
Pilot	\$8,700.00	
KLFFP	\$32,000.00	
Telecommunication Tax	\$5,200.00	
Occupational Licenses	\$4,500.00	
ABC Licenses	\$4,350.00	
Alcohol Sales Fee	\$65,000.00	
Restoration Account	\$158,905.64	\$168,499.94
ATV Registration Decals	\$1,200.00	
Surplus Property	\$13,000.00	
Base Court Revenue	\$6,300.00	
Arrest Fees	\$500.00	
Restitution	\$500.00	\$600.00
Insurance Premium Tax	\$188,000.00	
EPB Return on Equity	\$53,240.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$149,000.00	\$19,798.45
Peoples Self Help Housing	\$17,767.73	
Operating Transfers-In	\$902,000.00	
Omitted Tangible Property Tax	\$500.00	
Reimbursement/Advance Labor	\$2,500.00	
Insurance Claims Reimbursement	\$5,000.00	\$7,900.00
Property Liens	\$3,000.00	
Festival Donations	\$12,000.00	
Donations	\$100.00	
State Fire Aid	\$15,000.00	
IC-9	\$500.00	
Mineral Severance - LGAP	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Community Center Rental	\$4,500.00	
CyberSecurity Grant	\$2,344.16	
Opioid Funds	\$3,000.00	
Salt Lick Tank Rehab	\$538.94	
Veteran Business	\$5,000.00	
School Resource Officer	\$2,000.00	
Trailer Rental/Extra Pickups	\$4,500.00	
Electric Plant Bd. Well Project	\$178,200.00	
Zoning Permits	\$1,000.00	
Personal Protective Equipment Grant	\$7,000.00	
Total Estimated Revenues:	\$2,887,530.40	\$604,227.15
Total Resources Available:	\$3,221,384.47	\$604,227.15
Appropriations:		
General Government:	\$1,009,099.07	\$1,485,193.55
Police:	\$599,796.19	\$69,798.19
Street:	\$209,155.08	\$27,155.08
Community Development:	\$203,858.64	\$72,208.82
Fire:	\$6,650.00	\$72,653.00
Contingency:	\$8,859.46	\$9,532.76
Total Appropriations:	\$2,887,530.40	\$604,227.15
Excess Resources, Under/Over Approp.:	\$333,854.07	\$604,227.15

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