



From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

The weather has been a little dry, and our part of the state is experiencing moderate drought conditions. However, with no rain, softball and baseball games can be played, and our teams are taking advantage of the dry weather. Let's see how the teams have been faring.

The Lady Lions played three games this week, and the winning side of the ledger came out ahead. They started the week on Monday, on the road against Nicholas County, and their bats were on fire. They batted over .500 and scored 19 runs to defeat the Lady Jackets, 19-4, in four innings.

The Lady Lions then traveled to Grayson to play East Carter on April 21. The Lady Raiders appear to be the top team in the 62nd District, and our Lady Lions played them tough but came up short, losing 5-1. The team finished the week on Thursday, April 23, at Raceland in a very important district seeding game. The team is playing for the second seed, and this was a must-win game to keep those hopes alive. The Lady Lions battled to an 11-7 victory on the Lady Rams' home field.

The victory gives them a 1-2 mark in district play, with three more district games to play, two of which are this coming week. They will start the week by traveling to Olive Hill to take on the Lady Comets on Monday, April 27. They will then travel to Lloyd to play Greenup in a district game on Tuesday, April 28. The final game of the week will be another district matchup against Raceland, played at home on Thursday, April 30, with the game starting at 6:00 p.m. They are hoping for a big crowd to cheer the team on.

In baseball, the road seems to never get easier, as the Lions had another rough week; however, they showed signs that better days are

ahead. On Monday, April 20, they hosted the Greenup County Musketeers at Lewis County High for the first of back-to-back district games and lost 10-2. Then, on Tuesday, they traveled to Lloyd to play Greenup for a second time and lost 10-0.

On Thursday, April 23, they returned home to play Fairview and lost 16-6. They ended the week on Friday, April 24, hosting Fleming County. It was a night the team recognized Lions Clubs International and the two local clubs for all the support they give youth sports in our community. The boys played hard but lost 7-1.

This week, they have five games scheduled, and all but one are on the road. On Monday, April 27, they play Raceland on the road. Then, on Tuesday, April 28, they will return home to play Raceland again. These are both district games and will help determine the final seeding. The Lions will then travel to Bracken County on Wednesday, East Carter on Thursday, and Johnson Central on Friday. Come out Tuesday to cheer the Lions on.

The track team competed in the Alice Leigh Invitational at Russell on April 21, with the following athletes placing in the top 10 in their events: Alex Russell placed 2nd in the 100 meter, 2nd in the 200 meter, and 1st in the 400 meter; Josh Applegate placed 7th in the 800 meter; James Applegate placed 6th and Samuel Lewis placed 8th in the 110-meter hurdles; and Don Paguntalan placed 7th in the discus.

On the girls' side, Olivia Price placed 6th in both the long jump and triple jump, with Maci Evans placing 8th in the triple jump. Teegan Trombley placed 2nd in the discus and 3rd in the shot put, while Ajai Russell placed 8th in the shot put.

The track team then com-

peted on April 24 at the Bath County Conquer the Hill All-Comers Meet in Owingsville. The following athletes placed in the top 10: Alex Russell placed 2nd in the 100 meter and 1st in the 200 meter; George Dummitt placed 9th in the 1,600 meter; Samuel Lewis placed 7th in the 110-meter hurdles; Don Paguntalan placed 5th and Ethan Pruitt placed 9th in the discus; Alex Russell placed 7th and Arian Toller placed 9th in the shot put.

For the girls, Olivia Price placed 10th in the 100 meter and 9th in the 200 meter; Olivia Price placed 7th and Maci Evans placed 8th in the long jump; Maci Evans placed 5th and Olivia Price placed 6th in the triple jump; and Teegan Trombley placed 1st in the discus and 2nd in the shot put. The boys also finished 5th in the 4x100-meter relay.

Lewis County Little League is going strong, with teams playing in Vanceburg and Tollesboro. They are still looking for umpires to help call games. If you would like to help, please contact Nate Stone.

Also, just a reminder about the football fundraisers in the coming weeks. First, the team will be selling tickets for the Football Team Rib Dinner, which will take place on May 2 at the Black Oak Volunteer Fire Department. The cost is \$15 per ticket, and you can contact any LCHS football player or coach to purchase one.

The second event is the Coach William Robinson Memorial Golf Scramble, which will be played on May 9 at Kenton Station. The cost is \$60 per player. If you would like to participate, please contact Corky Prater, Bub Lee, Coach Stamm, or Joe Billman. This is always a great event. We hope to see a big crowd at both events.

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Lewis County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 4-May 18, 2026. Under the supervision of the Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2026, taxable value that will be used to calculate the 2026 property taxes on this property.

The tax roll is located in the office of the PVA in the county courthouse and may be inspected during the inspection hours below:

Inspection period office hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday – 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Saturday – 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his or her assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the County Clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Claims Commission.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

Kenny Ruckel
Lewis County Property Valuation Administrator

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I, Bobby Hall, Greenup

County Judge/Executive, proudly endorse George Sparks for Lewis County Judge/Executive. George

has always been a great neighbor and was a tremendous asset to Greenup County during the creation of our ambulance authority. The Lewis County Fiscal Court, Sheriff's Office, County Attorney, and court system have all been very cooperative and valuable partners to Greenup County.

George Sparks conveys honesty and transparency to the citizens of Lewis County. He is a stand-up individual with the heart of a true public servant who demonstrates his passion for the job every day. I am fortunate to call him a friend and colleague. Please join me in supporting his campaign for re-election as Lewis County Judge/Executive.

Bobby Hall
Greenup County Judge/Executive

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KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Eligible Investment Areas include:

Agricultural Diversification;
Ag Tech;
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Farm Infrastructure;
Fencing & On-Farm Water;
Forage & Grain Improvement;
Innovative Ag Systems;
On-Farm Energy;
Poultry & Other Fowl;
and Value-Added & Marketing.

This program is administered by the

Lewis County Conservation District
38W. KY 8 Suite D
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COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications are available for Lewis County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important farm investments.

The application period runs from
April 13 through May 4, 2026.

No applications will be accepted before April 13 or after 4:30 p.m. on May 4, 2026.

No informational meeting will be held for the 2026 CAIP program.

Applications are available at the **Lewis Conservation District**, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact **Angie Patton** at (606) 796-3866, Ext. 3, or email angela.patton@ky.nacdn.net or lcconservationdistrict@outlook.com.

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the **Kentucky Agricultural Development Board**.

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DERRICK BUTLER

— REPUBLICAN —

★ FOR MAGISTRATE ★

DISTRICT 4

BORN. RAISED. COMMITTED.
TO LEWIS COUNTY.

Humblly asking for your support in the 2026 Primary Election.



For those of you who may not know me, I am the son of Ricky Butler and the late Venus Butler. I have lived my entire life in District 4. I grew up on Laurel Creek Road, and at the age of 19 I married my high school sweetheart, Stephanie Adams of Salt Lick Road.



Today, Stephanie and I are raising our three daughters on our cattle farm at Clarksburg, where we have lived for the past 16 years. This community is not just where I live — it's where my family is rooted, where my daughters are growing up, and where I want to see a strong future for the next generation.



Alongside farming, I have made my living in the logging industry, working side-by-side with my father and my older brother. That work has taught me the value of hard work, teamwork, the responsibilities of business and budgeting wisely.



I have dedicated my life to working hard, supporting my family, and being part of this community. If elected, I promise to bring that same work ethic and common-sense approach to the courthouse.



My main priorities:

- ✓ Stand up against tax increases
- ✓ Eliminate wasteful spending
- ✓ Make sure every dollar is used wisely

The people of this county deserve transparency and accountability, and I will always support open and honest government.



I also believe leadership means showing up when it matters most.

I hold a Class A Commercial Driver's License, and if authorized and needed, I'm ready to step up and volunteer to assist our road department during emergencies. Whether that means operating equipment, hauling materials, plowing snow, or helping with recovery efforts, I'm willing to do my part.



My goal is simple:

To serve the people of Lewis County with honesty, accountability, and a commitment to making sure our county government works for the people.

I pledge to always be guided by my **Christian, Conservative, and common sense values in every decision I make.**

ROOTED IN OUR PAST. ★ WORKING FOR OUR PRESENT. ★ BUILDING OUR FUTURE.

VOTE DERRICK BUTLER

★ **MAY 19, 2026** ★

PAID FOR BY DERRICK BUTLER FOR MAGISTRATE