



## From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

Well, our Little League Baseball season is officially over, with our last two teams being eliminated from the Kentucky District 6 Tournament. This time of year seems to fly by, and the memories are tucked away in the corners of your mind and heart as you watch the kids play the games of their youth. They are there to be called upon at a later date, a time when we need an uplifted spirit or just a memory to make us smile as we watch them grow into adults and see them with children of their own. Life goes by like a vapor or the twinkling of an eye; we need to cherish it and live in the moment. Now, let's get to the stories of our teams.

Little League Baseball for Kentucky District 6 wrapped up this past week, and the Lewis County Little League played some great games. We will start with the 8-10 Baseball Tournament, which was played in Grayson. The first game took place on June 28 against a strong Russell team. The Lewis County All-Stars came up a little short, sending them to the lower bracket to face a tough Ashland All-Star team on June 29. However, the young men came prepared to play and defeated Ashland in five innings. With the win, they advanced to play Stan Spence of South Shore on June 30. Once again, it was a win-or-go-home scenario, and, to tell you the truth, the boys were not ready to go home. In stifling heat, the Lewis County boys played a great game and defeated Stan Spence to continue into July. Now standing at 2-1 in tournament play, they faced a tough Morehead team. Morehead's pitching was difficult to hit, and the boys suffered a hard-fought defeat. Our 8-10 team played a great tournament, and we look forward to next year. Great season, young men!

Next up is our 8-and-under Lewis County All-Star Baseball team, which also played in Grayson at a beautiful baseball complex. Here in Lewis County, we have

been working on getting some new fields for our league, and we are getting closer every day, but seeing the complex in Grayson makes most of us a little envious.

Our first game was on June 28 against Fleming County. Our young men played a good game but fell to Fleming County. The loss sent the team to the lower bracket and matched them up with the Carter County All-Stars just a few hours later. Our boys were ready to play that second game, and when the final out was recorded, the Lewis County All-Stars stood victorious over Carter County and were fired up to play again the next day.

On June 29, Lewis County faced the Russell All-Stars but came up a little short against Russell. These young men played great, and everyone was proud of the effort they gave.

Now for some BT's Tidbits:

The football team had to postpone the "Gun-A-Palooza" dinner because many supporters were unable to attend due to various reasons. We are working on a new date and will update the community once it is set.

The Football Ring of Honor's inaugural class has been chosen and will be announced before the first football game of the season. We would like to thank the members of the selection committee. It should be noted that more than 70 names were discussed, and over 20 names made the final ballot for consideration. Some outstanding players were not selected for the inaugural class, but that only means we will have many more deserving classes in the future.

The football team will once again hold its "Yard Line Sale" as a fundraiser. Here's how it works: You pay \$25 and are assigned a random yard line on the field for the season. If the ball is on your assigned yard line at the end of the first or third quarter of a home game, you

win a cash prize. There are only 99 numbers available, so get yours soon.

To quote Coach Kidwell, a future athlete was born to Gage and Katelyn Kamer Yates. His name is Sawyer Michael Yates. Both sets of grandparents, Chris and Bobbi Jo Yates and Bill and George Ann Kamer, are over the top with excitement, and his big sister, Aurora, is already waiting to show him which strings to tug to capture all their hearts. Congratulations to the entire family!

Mark your calendar for Friday, July 31, for the Third Annual Meet the Lions Night. It is a great evening of fun and an opportunity to meet the young athletes who represent our community. The event will feature the Band of Pride, volleyball, golf, cheerleading, football, and many other programs. It's a wonderful way to show your support, grab a quick bite to eat, and enjoy a fun evening with your community.

I hope you had a great Fourth of July and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Our American experiment continues to work, even if it looks a little crazy sometimes. Happy 250th birthday, United States of America!

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ORDINANCE NO. 521.00 -2026

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES RELATED TO THE LEWIS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above caption and Ordinance is titled as set forth above and has been reviewed by the undersigned, who is an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

HON. R. STEPHEN MCGINNIS  
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ADOPTED ON THE 1st day of June, 2026 by the Common Council of the City of Vanceburg, Kentucky.

ATTEST:  
  
 TINA ROBERTS  
 CITY CLERK-TREASURER

Public Notice 27c

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**To the Officials of the Western Lewis-Recorville Water & Gas District,**

I would like to respectfully express a concern regarding how boil water advisories are communicated to the public. Many residents learn of a water advisory only through Facebook posts. While social media can be a useful tool, it should not be the primary—or only—method of notifying customers about matters that directly affect public health and safety.

Lewis County already utilizes an automated text and phone alert system for severe weather, storms, and

fog advisories. A boil water advisory is equally important and deserves the same level of notification. Every resident should have the opportunity to receive prompt and direct communication when there is a potential concern regarding the safety of their drinking water.

Not everyone uses Facebook, and many elderly residents or those without reliable internet access may never see these notices. Families need immediate information so they can take appropriate precautions for cooking, drinking, preparing infant formula, and caring for vulnerable family members.

I respectfully ask our local officials and water providers to consider implementing automated phone calls, text alerts, local radio announcements, and other direct communication methods whenever a boil water advisory is issued. Improving these notification systems would help ensure that no resident is left uninformed during a public health event.

Our community deserves timely, reliable, and accessible notification methods that place the health and well-being of all citizens first.

Respectfully,  
**Belita Adams**

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### FIRE SAFETY CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE

The Vanceburg/Lewis County Volunteer Fire Department reminds you that practicing fire safety can save your life.

- Don't leave the kitchen when food is cooking.
- Be careful with candles, and never leave them burning when you leave home or go to sleep.
- Don't use space heaters as your primary source of heat, and keep them at least three feet away from furniture, curtains and other flammable materials.
- Put matches and lighters in a safe place and never let children play with fire.
- If you use wood heat, have your chimney cleaned and inspected regularly.

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
 Court of Justice  
 LEWIS CIRCUIT COURT  
 Civil Action No. 26-CI-00012

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF  
 and AMBER POLLITT, 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, 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, July 9, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

Real Estate located at, 44 Elliott Lane, Tollesboro, KY 41189 and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 030-00-0-040.02. 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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 LEWIS CIRCUIT COURT  
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LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC PLAINTIFF  
 and JUSTIN R. ROYSTER, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

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