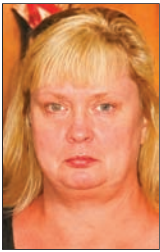


Area Obituary

Mrs. Cooper

Deborah Ann Hughes Cooper, 69, of Tollesboro, passed away Thursday, August 13, 2026, at the Uni-



versity of Cincinnati Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born August 31, 1956, in Lewis County, a daughter of the late Meredith and Mary Clark Hughes.

Deborah was an ordained minister who enjoyed attending Black Oak Church of God. She loved traveling, shopping, talking with folks, spending time on her phone, and, most of all, being with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her loving husband of 53 years, Harold Wayne Cooper; three sons, Wayne (Angela) Cooper, Joey Cooper, and Steve Cooper, all of Tollesboro; two sisters, Kathy (Mike) Applegate of Black Oak and Connie (Carson) Hall of Garrison; two brothers, Rick (Lynn) Hughes of Tollesboro and Tim



Hughes of Waverly, Ohio; three grandchildren, Tabita Cooper, Ashley Polley, and Jordan Cooper; and four great-grandchildren, Samuel, Alec, Kelly, and Luke. Many other family members and friends will sadly miss her.

Services will be Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at Tollesboro Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 11918 KY 57 at Tollesboro, with Bro. Tony Corns officiating. Burial will follow in Lewis County Memory Gardens at Black Oak.

Friends may visit after 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent at globefamilyfc.com.

The Lewis County Cattlemen's Association will meet on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rip's Farm Center.



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The Lewis County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 51 cents on real property and 51.5 cents on personal property for the 2027 tax year.

The General Fund tax levied in 2026 was 51.2 cents on real property and 51.2 cents on personal property was expected to produce revenue of \$3,039,101, of which \$2,682,223 was collected. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 51 cents on real property and 51.5 cents on personal property is expected to produce revenue of \$3,121,990. At current collection percentages, we anticipate revenue of \$2,755,156. Of this amount, \$721,962 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 50.7 cents on real property and 51.2 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$3,103,663.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$82,889 above 2026 expected revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$3,315, building fund, \$30,912; instruction, \$48,662.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

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REUNION NOTICE
JORDAN FAMILY REUNION – The Jordan family reunion will be on August 23, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Black Oak Volunteer Fire Department, 41 Industrial Park Rd., Vanceburg, KY 41179. Eating will begin at 1:00. Friends and family are welcome.

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A meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.
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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 July 21, 2026, to raise the sum of \$11,185.86, 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, August 27, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at, Black John, Lewis County, Kentucky and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 130-00-00-047.00. 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.

CLAYTON G. LYKINS, JR.,
MASTER COMMISSIONER
P.O. Box 160, VANCEBURG, KY 41179
TELEPHONE: 606/796-2531

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Animal Control Officer

Lewis County Fiscal Court
Vanceburg, KY

- **Salary:** \$27,000 per year
- **Full-Time**

Lewis County Fiscal Court is accepting applications for a full-time Animal Control Officer at the Lewis County Animal Shelter. The pay for this position is \$27,000 per year, based on experience, plus a generous benefits package that includes a vehicle, gas card, health insurance, and retirement.

Please apply at the Lewis County Judge/Executive's Office, 112 Second St., Room 201, Vanceburg, KY 41179.

In Kentucky, an Animal Control Officer (ACO) is employed, contracted, or appointed by the county Fiscal Court and has peace officer status within that county to enforce state and local laws pertaining to animals. ACOs have certain obligations under state law, and we recommend educating yourself on these responsibilities prior to applying for a position as an ACO. You can learn more by visiting the Kentucky laws page of the Kentucky Animal Care & Control Association.

Lewis County Animal Control Officer Job Description

Job Summary

This is a dedicated position involving knowledge of public service, law enforcement, and animal shelter operations. An employee in this class is responsible for the enforcement of state and local animal control laws within the jurisdiction of unincorporated Lewis County and the city.

Animal Control Officers provide quality services, protection, and compassion to citizens and animals and assist in the general operation of the Animal Shelter. Duties are performed under general supervision.

Major Essential Duties

- Maintain records of impounded or destroyed animals as to type, breed, sex, date of disposition, and location of pickup.
- Maintain reports as required by the Lewis County Health Department for quarantined animals.
- Document, investigate, and follow up on incoming calls and complaints; follow up on verbal and written warnings; issue citations; and testify in court as needed.
- Investigate cases of animal abuse.
- Patrol streets with a good knowledge of county roads and streets.
- Be skilled in the use of devices used for capturing stray and wild animals, such as restraint poles, dip nets, and humane traps.
- Operate a Lewis County vehicle and maintain the vehicle for cleanliness, ensure it is well-equipped, and ensure it is properly serviced.
- Operate and dispatch radio and telephone communication systems.
- Maintain thorough knowledge of the occupational hazards and corresponding safety precautions necessary for the safe performance of assigned duties.
- Maintain thorough knowledge of animal control ordinances.
- Assist the public in choosing a pet for adoption and accurately completing adoption documentation.
- Be available on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Minor Essential Duties

- Possess knowledge and ability in the feeding and care of impounded animals, including the ability to administer vaccines and deworming medications.
- Accept animals brought into the department by citizens and follow departmental procedures for this process.
- Assist in coordinating and planning the daily activities of the county office, including the upkeep of financial records, purchase orders, and the procurement process.
- Work with volunteers and animal rescue groups as necessary.
- May be required to provide on-the-job training to new Animal Control Officers.
- Perform any other animal care and control duties as directed by the Director.

Supervisory Responsibilities

Responsibilities may include the following, in accordance with organizational policies and applicable laws for all positions of county government under the direction of the Judge/Executive's Office:

- Supervise Animal Control Officer trainees within Animal Control, which may include the following:
 - Assist in training and skills development.
 - Evaluate progress.

Relationships

The Animal Control Officer performs duties within the Animal Care & Control Department.

Qualifications

Education and/or Experience

- Graduation from a standard high school or the equivalent.
- Knowledge of animal behavior patterns and disease symptoms.
- Knowledge of caring for and feeding animals.

Language Skills

- Ability to read, analyze, and interpret policies, procedures, professional publications, and governmental regulations.
- Possess strong oral, written, and listening skills.
- Ability to handle sensitive issues.

Mathematical Skills

- Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers and decimals.

Reasoning Skills

- Define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions.
- Interpret a variety of technical and instructional information.
- Make decisions that serve the County's best interests and follow the mission and objectives of the department.

Certificates, Licenses, and Registrations

- Successful completion of the Lewis County Animal Control Officer training program within the time period dictated by the program.
- Successful completion of NACA Level I and II Animal Control Officer courses within a time period designated by the Director of Animal Care and Control.
- Possession of, or ability to promptly obtain, a proper Commonwealth of Kentucky motor vehicle operator's license for the type of equipment operated.

Other Knowledge and/or Skills

- Knowledge of the occupational hazards and corresponding safety precautions necessary for the safe performance of assigned duties.
- Ability to work under general supervision.
- Ability to exercise good judgment.
- Knowledge of kennel management and sanitary principles and procedures.
- Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
- Ability to act independently within established guidelines.
- Ability to maintain accurate medical records.
- Ability to restrain animals.
- Must meet minimum requirements to be a sworn peace officer.

Physical Demands

The physical demands described represent those required to successfully perform the essential job functions. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Work Environment

The work environments described in the preceding paragraphs represent those encountered while performing the essential job functions. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- The noise level is usually moderate to high.
- Exposure to danger from moving traffic.
- Exposure to aggressive and sick animals.
- Exposure to zoonotic diseases and parasites.
- Temperature levels will vary from extreme cold to extreme heat.
- Moisture levels will vary from extremely dry conditions to rain, snow, and ice and may require immersion in water.

Comments

Must display the following:

- Positive communication.
- Willingness to solve problems.
- Commitment to serving the County's best interests.
- Adherence to the applicable provisions of the Department Rules and Regulations, the Personnel Policy Manual, the Lewis County Administrative Code, the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and any other procedures, rules, regulations, and policies set forth by appropriate authorities.
- Must be a resident of Lewis County for emergency response purposes.
- Must have personal integrity and remain free of felony convictions.
- Must maintain confidentiality when required.
- Must be available on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Must be 21 years of age or older.
- Must be bondable.

Lewis County Fiscal Court

Address:
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Vanceburg, KY 41179

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