



August is Law Enforcement Officer Appreciation Month in Lewis County!

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Judge Executive Todd Ruckel reads a proclamation during a ceremony honoring local law enforcement personnel at the Lewis County Courthouse. The ceremony kicked off a show of appreciation for law enforcement personnel in the county.

Law enforcement honored at ceremony

Local effort to express appreciation will last through August

By Dennis K. Brown

An effort to honor local law enforcement officers kicked-off Wednesday with a brief ceremony at the Lewis County Courthouse.

"I've been working on a way to show our appreciation for those who help to protect us and enforce the law," said Lewis County Judge Executive Todd Ruckel.

The ceremony was the beginning of a month long show of appreciation for those involved in law

enforcement locally.

During the ceremony Ruckel officially proclaimed August as Law Enforcement Officer Appreciation Month in Lewis County.

"With all that is going on across the country and around the world, I felt we should come together to let our officers know that we appreciate them and support them," Ruckel said.

"They risk their lives each time they put on that uniform and that badge,"

he said.

"The members of our law enforcement agencies have pledged to safeguard the rights and freedoms of our citizens, as well as protect them," he said.

Representatives of the Lewis County Sheriff's Department, Vanceburg Police Department, and Kentucky State Police were on hand for the ceremony.

Ruckel also announced last week that special lighting has been installed at the entrance of the

courthouse that will be illuminated each night throughout August as a visual tribute to local officers.

"It will serve as a subtle reminder that our officers are working to enforce

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Quincy swimming hole vandalized

By Dennis K. Brown

A Quincy swimming hole that has attracted visitors as much for its scenic beauty as the ability to cool a person off on a hot day recently received some unwelcome attention by vandals with paint cans.

Sheriff Johnny Bivens says he was contacted last week after someone painted graffiti on a concrete culvert and large rocks around the popular swimming area.

The swimming hole, well known by locals as The Pretty Place, is located just north of a railroad culvert where Briary Creek passes beneath CSX Railroad tracks.

Bivens said the location has become more popular over the past couple of years and, thanks to social media, has attracted visitors from near and far.

Bivens said multiple videos and photos have been posted on social media internet sites and those posts have attracted people to the location who otherwise wouldn't have known about it.

"It appears the vandals who are causing the most problems here are not local," Bivens said while investigating the com-

Deadline approaches for nonparitsan candidates

By Dennis K. Brown

With just a week remaining before those running as nonpartisan candidates must file paperwork, none have done so, yet.

County Clerk Glenda Himes said the filing deadline for the November 8 General Election is August 9 by 4:00 p.m.

By press time no candidates had filed for the six seats on Vanceburg City Council or the four seats on Concord City Commission.

Himes added that two seats on the Lewis County Board of Education will also be up in this election.

She said voters in District Four, consisting of the Petersville, Laurel and Tannery precincts, and District Five, consisting of the Tollesboro and Burtonville precincts, will be choosing their representatives on the Lewis County Board of Education in the November 8 election.

Those positions are presently held by Michelle Skidmore and Bryan McRoberts, re-

spectively.

Current members of Vanceburg City Council are Karen Fraley, Chris McGlone, Shane Hull, Kathy McCann, Matt Jarrells and Tim Bowden.

The four members of Concord City Commission are presently Lynda Polley, Lovell Polley, Carol Campbell and Sheila Walker.

The positions in Vanceburg and Concord are all two-year terms and those officials were last elected in 2014. Vanceburg Mayor Matt Ginn and Concord Mayor Jerry Walker each have two more years before their terms will expire.

For the board of education, Himes said the four-year terms are staggered and two of the five positions will be up in this election. The remaining three members still have two more years before their terms end or they will have to run for re-election.

The fields for other elected offices with terms expiring this year were determined in the primary

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Trace Creek is construction manager for Central Elementary School Project

By Dennis K. Brown

A local company has been named by the Lewis County Board of Education to serve as the construction manager for the project to build a new facility that will house Central Elementary at Vanceburg.

Trace Creek Construction was chosen to serve as the project manager.

Meeting in a special session last Monday two board members excused themselves from the meeting when the time came to consider proposals from prospective construction managers for the estimated \$13 million to \$16 million project to build a new facility for Lewis County Central Elementary.

Board members Chuck Swearingen and Cindy Applegate exited the meeting room and were not present when Interim

Superintendent Donald Pace briefly reviewed proposals from the three submissions received.

"The records will show that they were not present while the discussion occurred regarding the construction managers," Pace said as the two members left the room.

Swearingen and Applegate have associations with Trace Creek Construction Company.

Proposals from Trace Creek Construction, Pack's Inc./The Walker Company, and Codell Construction Company were submitted to the district by July 11 and board members have had the opportunity to review the proposals.

"Mr. McRoberts and members of the board, I commend you," Pace said to Bryan McRoberts, Sara Willis and Michelle Skidmore after Swearingen

and Applegate made their exit.

"I think you got three of the best CM (construction management) firms, there are probably two others in the state that did not respond to the advertisement," he said.

"I'll give you a little background information, and I will state up front that I have worked with all three firms . . . and also have visited the facilities that the firms renovated," he said.

"The first one that I have is Codell Firm. This firm is housed in Winchester, Kentucky. They do work statewide and they have a very good reputation, as do the other two," Pace said.

"They are currently involved in doing a project in their home county, you can understand that, and they have done most of

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Chigger's celebrates three decades

By Dennis K. Brown

When Bill Tom and Barb Cooper opened Chigger's Dairy Bar in 1986 Ronald Reagan was president, a gallon of gas was 93 cents, and the sauce on Chigger's footers was the best around.

Today there is a Democrat in the White House, gasoline is more than double the price, and that sauce hasn't changed a bit.

Chigger's is celebrating 30 years of operation this



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Andrea Bloomfield
 month with the second and third generations operating the business and Barb still turning out the signature hot dog sauce, chili and cole slaw.
 "When we had our grand opening Bobby

Mackey performed, we had footer eating contests, and I was just beginning my senior year at Lewis County High School," said Andrea Bloomfield.

She and her husband, Eric Bloomfield, now own the establishment.

Chigger was the nickname of Bill Tom Cooper, after whom the business was named. Not for the pesky little critter that leaves small itchy bumps on you after an afternoon of picking blackberries.

Chigger Cooper died nearly two years ago but Andrea, the second generation, is still running the

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Dennis Brown/LEWIS COUNTY HERALD
Sheriff Johnny Bivens and Deputy Matt Ross investigate vandalism at a popular Quincy swimming hole. Bivens said he is working with property owners to determine a solution to problems at the location.



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