



ASHLAND — Community Hospice will host an observance for National Grief Awareness Day on Friday, Aug. 30, 2-4 p.m., at the Port of Ashland's waterfront boat ramp on 15th Street. This event is open to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and not just those served by hospice. Reservations not required.

Community Hospice will provide each guest with an eco-friendly balloon that includes a tag for writing a special message to your loved one. Each balloon represents the individual and collective grief of the community. The balloons will be available from 2-3:30 pm, with the balloon release planned for 4 p.m.

For information, contact the Community Hospice Bereavement Department at 606-327-2636 or 800-926-6184.

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ASHLAND — UK King's Daughters will host a Grief and Hope Symposium on Friday, Aug. 30, 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m., at King's Daughters Pavilion, 2000 Ashland Dr., Russell.

Guests will hear from pastoral, clinical and family professionals. The event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Aug. 27, via email to DG_PastoralCare@kdhs.us or call 606-408-1745.

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REGIONAL — Cocaine is again prominent in the world of drugs and steadily becoming more available. Finding pure Cocaine is next to impossible so dealers have been cutting drugs by adding Fentanyl to expand their supply and increase their profit. Fentanyl laced Cocaine can lead to a deadly cocktail. It is important to know what to look for if you suspect a loved one is using Cocaine that may be laced with Fentanyl.

If you or a loved one are struggling with addiction, reach out for help. Narconon helps people all over the US find treatment to end the web that traps those in addiction.

To learn what to look for visit: <https://www.narcononnewlifertreat.org/blog/cocaine-cut-with-fentanyl.html>. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-431-1754.

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LAWRENCE COUNTY — The Harvest Moon Gala, a farm-to-table fundraising dinner hosted by the Lawrence County FFA and 4-H programs, will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:45 p.m., at the Lawrence County Extension office, 249 Industrial Park Road, Louisa.

Tickets are on sale thru Friday, Sept. 20 (or until sell-out). \$75 single, \$100 couple, \$400 full table (seats 8). Buy tickets at the extension office. For information, call 606-673-9495.

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LAWRENCE COUNTY — All Lawrence County Alumni and Friends of the band are invited to join the current band on Friday, Oct. 4, for the LC Alumni event, "The Sound of the Big Sandy." Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The LC Bulldogs will be playing a home game against long-time rival Belfry High School, so it is a major game.

Check out Scott Smith's Facebook page for the QR Code or register by link: <https://forms.gle/Le15TrxR7UXPxye9>.

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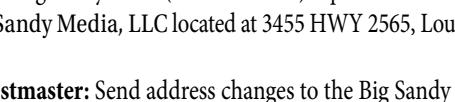
LAWRENCE COUNTY — The Lawrence County High School Construction class is selling a 10'x12' building as a fundraiser for the carpentry class.

Building specifications are: 3/4" floor, 1/2" wood siding, 72" steel double doors and 25-year shingle roof. Price is \$5,000.

Proceeds will replenish the carpentry funds for the upcoming school year. For information, call Mr. Bradshaw at 606-424-7560.

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EDITORIAL.....

By ROBERTA CANTRELL
BSN Editor

How many of you remember the local Louisa AM radio station WVKY? I remember when it was in a trailer that sat on the hill on old 23 going toward Paintsville..it may have been 2565 by then I'm not sure. Jim Bradley, Vernon Stanfill and Allen Kelly were just a few names that stand out the most to me because I was a lot younger most of that era.

Some of the things I do remember is the Swap Shop yodeler, and Dan Vanhorn greeting us every morning during that program.. heck I'd get on there and sell stuff I didn't even have just to hear my voice on the radio, that is, until my mom heard me one day.

I loved being able to request a song and not only would they play it they would say your name... there was something about hearing "this goes out to Roberta from Clifford" just before they started blaring out

Hunka Hunka Burnin' Love or Suspicious Minds by Elvis Presley.

How many remember Sid Diamond doing the ad for the Louisa Department Store at 109 Madison Street across from the IGA.

If I'm remembering right it seems like Jim Bradley would come downtown and spin the records for our street dances.

Whenever we heard a good song on WVKY we had to run straight to the Louisa Sundry Store and buy the 45 or wait a little longer to save enough to buy the whole album.

I'd never won anything in my life until I was the fifth caller and won two free meals at Long John Silvers.

(sigh) Just me, thinking back when Louisa was a simpler place.

I can just bet there are a lot of people who can tell ya stories about that radio station as it was a big part of



our little town.

For instance, here is a memory from Brenda Hardwick, who I consider a life-line here at the Big Sandy News office.

"DJ Jim Bradley used to do "Mystery" phone calls to people from the radio station for fun.

Ricky Skaggs was at the station doing some promo work and Jim had him call me at Tri-Rivers Advertiser, thinking I wouldn't recognize his voice. Ricky had just debut his Waitin' on the Sun to Shine album in 1981, and because I recognized him, he gave me a copy of the new album, still have it."

MEDICAL CANNABIS NOT PUT ON NOVEMBER BALLOT FOR CITY OF LOUISA

By ROBERTA CANTRELL
BSN Editor

The Louisa City Council met in regular session Tuesday with an agenda including a medical cannabis ordinance, tax rates and motor vehicle taxes.

After calling the meeting to order and approving old business the city council discussed adopting an ordinance to separate itself from the county on sales of medical marijuana if it is passed in the November election.

The Lawrence County Fiscal Court voted in the meeting last month to accept putting it on the November ballot while the city council at that time voted against it.

However, the city said they aren't sure they want to separate themselves from the county if the county votes yes to the sale of medical cannabis.

"We voted against putting it on the ballot before we knew what the county was gonna do," said Councilwoman Rose Lester.

Mayor Harold Slone said according to the state legislation although they deemed medical cannabis a necessity, they still have allowed each county and city in the state of Kentucky to decide for themselves, however, if they do nothing the state would allow the sales for those counties who did not act either way.

"I don't use it and I don't plan on using it," said Mayor Slone. "I'm not looking at it as revenue, I'm looking at it as it's beneficial."

Councilman Keith Chaffin said he doesn't think it's the medical part that is bad and if the people who want to use it for recreational use want to smoke it there are going to find a way to get it anyway.

The council voted to table the decision until after the election saying they will let the county speak before they decide.

The request for 2024 motor vehicle and watercraft property tax rates letter KRS 132.487 was set at 0.456 per \$100. of assessed value.

Setting property tax rates for 2024 was also a marked item on the agenda.

The council was given three choices one was to lower the rate from .240 (that was set last year) to .238, keep them the same or raise them to .247.

Mayor Harold Slone made the suggestion to keep them the same and so the council, in agreement, voted to do so.

City Councilman Joey McClanahan, along with Councilman Caleb Farley are heading the committee to do a time capsule for Louisa/Lawrence County.

McClanahan said the council approved start-up funding for to get the project going.

The city will bury the time capsule before the end of 2024 to coincide with the city's yearlong bicentennial celebration and will be offered to city and county residents.

The way the project will work according to the committee is manila envelopes with an official seal will be sold for \$20 with a suggestion of handwritten letters, as many as you can fit in them and addressed to your descendants and when the capsule is opened in 2074 they will receive what was written to them by you 50 years in the past.

The time capsule committee will also be forming a committee of current Lawrence County High School students to oversee the opening of the time capsule in 50 years.

As soon as materials are ready to be sold, they can be purchased or dropped off at the Lawrence County Public Library and there will be a spot at Septemberfest where they can be purchased. All money raised will go toward paying for the cost of materials, burial vault, labor for burying it and marking stone. Any proceeds exceeding those costs will go to city improvements.

Burial location and dates are still being determined.

"I was one year old when the City of Russell buried their time capsule which was opened just opened this past June after 50 years," said McClanahan. "I received four letters from my parents, grandparents and great grandparents and great grandmother and those letters were more precious than gold to me. I wanted to bring that joy to Louisa and Lawrence County families."

The committee will also be seeking help from Lawrence County Tourism and Louisa Rotary Club to promote the time capsule in the coming weeks. "Be watching Lawrence County Library and City of Louisa Facebook pages for when sales go live begins as well as Big Sandy News," said McClanahan.



SEEKING INFORMATION

A LOUISA WOMAN was arrested Wednesday, Aug. 14, when she was caught on video stealing from a local coffee shop. Joni Collinsworth was plainly seen carrying patio furniture, used for patrons, in video outside Deja Brew & Sweets in the Food City Plaza. She was charged with theft by unlawful taking and lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center. Louisa Patrolman Hunter James is handling the case. Submitted photo