

Community Calendar

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The Big Sandy News Community Calendar,
P.O. Box 766, Louisa, Ky. 41230 or by e-mail to:
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Thursday, May 1

The Lawrence County Beekeepers Association will meet at 6 p.m., at the Lawrence County Extension office, 249 Industrial Park Rd., Louisa. Refreshments served. Anyone interested in learning abouts bees is welcome to attend.

The Louisa Middle School/Lawrence County High School band concert will begin at 7 p.m., at Hilltop Methodist Church, 816 Pine Hill Road, Louisa. This is a reunion concert where former band directors will be honored for their service. Roy Webb, Danny Elam, Jeff Ware, Russ Davis and Jessica Crittenden-Helton are planning to attend. All alumni band members are also invited to attend.

The Louisa American Legion W.O. Johnson Post 89, will meet at 6 p.m., at the legion hall, 113 South Vinson Blvd., Louisa. All veterans welcome. For information, call 304-648-5968.

Martin County Health Department will have a Diabetes education program every Thursday at 4 p.m., class is also offered virtually. Contact Lakean Meade for information or to sign-up at 606-298-7752.

Front Porch Pickin' is held every Thursday at 7 p.m., at the US 23 Country Music Highway Museum, 120 Stave Branch Rd., Paintsville. For information, call 606-297-7823.

Friday, May 2

Borders Chapel 200th year anniversary gospel sing will begin at 6 p.m., 6612 Hwy. 581, Ulysses. Singing will be Borders Chapel Singers; Rick May-Louisa Community Fellowship; Thomas Lavender- Summit Nazarene; Terry V. Salyer- TVs Ministries-Salyersville; Roberta Endicott-Cantrell-Louisa; Oak St. FWB Duet- Flatwoods; and the Walking Miracles-Charley FWB Church. Everyone welcome to attend.

A 12-Steps with Jesus Recovery Program is held every Friday, beginning at 7 p.m., at New Life Outreach Church, 20 Cedar Heights Rd., Fort Gay, WV.

Sunday, May 4

Services will be held each week at 11 a.m., the Bartram Chapel Community Church, located south of Fort Gay (Tolsia Highway) turn at Paddle Creek exit onto old Mill Creek Road. Pastor Greg Caudill welcomes everyone.

Monday, May 5

The Lawrence County Transfer Station a/k/a county dump, 27 Poorhouse Road, Louisa, will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., for Lawrence County residents only. No non-residential or contractor solid waste accepted. Check in at the office at the LC Road Department at 27 Poorhouse Rd., before dumping.

Tuesday, May 6

The Louisa VFW Post 6103 will meet at 6 p.m., at the legion hall, 113 South Vinson Blvd., Louisa. All veterans are welcome. For information, call 606-483-1966.

A community church service hosted by Webb Chapel Community Church will be held at 6:30 p.m., today and Tuesday, May 20, at Friendship House Chapel, 174 Everman St., Grayson. Everyone welcome. Special singing and preaching.

The Lawrence County Health Department, 1080 Meadowbrook Lane, Louisa, will offer immunizations, by appointments, Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Call 606-638-4389.

Helping Hands Martin County, 46 Big Elk Road, Beauty, is open on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For information, call 606-534-3138.



BLUEGRASS BIBLE BEAT

LAWNS & HEARTS

Sling 'n Stone Ministry

Spring's a-comin', and y'all know what that means: mowers roaring at first light, fertilizer in every pickup, edges cut knife-sharp. Here in Appalachia, ensuring our lawns look nice, is a tradition. Folks diligent invest concern, care, time, energy, sweat, and money to keep those lawns looking pristine. Nothing wrong with that, either. However, do we invest similarly on something far more important: our own hearts? Do we watch our own hearts like we watch our laws? That is—do we water our hearts with the Word; do we quickly pull-out any weeds that start to sprout; and do we examine our own hearts daily to make sure our hearts look pleasing to the Lord?

God's Word directs we "keep our hearts with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of

Life," (Proverbs 4:23), and "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7). Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8). Clearly, the importance of our heart's condition cannot be overstated. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus explained that, in an unkept heart, the Word gets choked-off and produces nothing; "and some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked [the Word.]" (Matthew 13:7). Jesus elaborated, saying: "the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, chokes the Word, and it becomes unfruitful." (Mark 4:19). Note, Jesus spec-

ified that things "enter in." How does this happen?

This happens when we don't diligently keep our hearts; when we set our affections on earthly things—and not heavenly things. (Colossians 3:2). Remember, Jesus taught: "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." (Matthew 6:21). All this takes us back to our opening discussion about the near-religious devotion we in Appalachia give our lawns. Shouldn't we devote far more concern, focus, and energies toward keeping our hearts free from thorns' springing-up—thorns like cares of this world; riches' deceitfulness; and lusts for other things? Things like the lust of the flesh and the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). But how do we so keep, or attend to, our own hearts?

We "receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save our souls." (James 1:21). To "engraft" something, we must first cut-off something. If we will abide in Christ, the Father, will do the cutting-off, the pruning. (John 15:1-2). To abide in Christ requires diligent effort at hiding His Word in our hearts (Psalms 119:11); and not just being Bible-readers, but Bible-doers. (James 1:22). Peter wrote that "in obeying the truth," we "purify our souls." (1 Peter 1:22). That's how it's done. We must all decide daily what we value most: our lawns, which soon wither, or our hearts before Him, which He will judge. (Revelation 2:23).

Church Spotlight

Borders Chapel Church



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Borders Chapel Church, the oldest church in the Big Sandy Valley (established in 1826) will have it's 200th year anniversary celebration, with a gospel sing on Friday, May 2, beginning at 6 p.m.

The church is located at 6612 Hwy. 581, Ulysses. Singing will be Borders Chapel Singers, Louisa Community Fellowship Church with Rick May; Summit Nazarene Church with Thomas Lavender; Terry V. Salyer with TV's Ministries of Salyersville; Roberta Endicott Cantrell of Louisa; Oak Street Freewill Baptist Church Duet of Flatwoods; and the Walking Miracles from Charley Freewill Baptist Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend for an evening of singing, fellowship, food and fun, by pastors Rick May and Brandon Williams.

NOTE: If you would like to have your church featured in the "SPOTLIGHT" please e-mail information relating to services and location and a photo of the church to: brenda@thebigsandynews.com.



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CITY OF LOUISA, KENTUCKY
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Sealed Bids for the WTP Raw Water Submersible Pump Replacement as described in the form of proposal package will be received by City of Louisa, 215 North Main Cross Street, Louisa, KY 41230 until 2:00 p.m., (EST Local Time) Wednesday, May 14, 2025, and then opened and read aloud.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis as indicated in the bidder's proposal.

The Form of Proposal Package will be emailed to interested parties by sending an email request to Ryan Carr, P.E. at rcarr@kyengr.com. Questions or clarifications should be emailed to Ryan Carr, P.E. at rcarr@kyengr.com.

The City of Louisa reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids, for any reason. The right is reserved by the City of Louisa, in the exercise of its sole judgment to reject any or all Bids, and to re-advertise and award the Contract in the regular manner or to waive any informalities, irregularities, mistakes, errors, or omissions in any Bid received and to accept any Bid deemed to be responsive to this invitation and favorable to interests of the City of Louisa.

The sealed bid for this project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid for WTP Raw Water Submersible Pump Replacement for the City of Louisa, Kentucky. The bid may be mailed to: City of Louisa, 215 North Main Cross Street, Louisa, KY 41230 or hand delivered to City Hall, City of Louisa, 215 North Main Cross Street, Louisa, KY 41230, prior to the opening. If bidding by mail proposal package must be received by 2:00 p.m. on May 14, 2025. Postmark will not be accepted.

Harold Slone, Mayor
City of Louisa
Date: April 2025

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PAVEMENT MILLING & ASPHALT LAID IN PLACE

The City of Louisa, Kentucky is requesting sealed bids for pavement milling and asphalt laid in place in downtown Louisa, KY. All bidders must carry general liability insurance and workers compensation.

Bids should be broken down to show the cost of Milling and cost of Asphalt laid in place as separate line items and must be priced per ton (milling may be priced per square foot).

Submission Requirements:

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Asphalt Bid" to the City of Louisa at 215 N. Main Cross St., Louisa, KY 41230, no later than 4:00 p.m., on May 13, 2025. Bid opening will be at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m., on May 13, 2025.

Bids must include detailed pricing, warranty information, and estimated delivery timeline. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. (4/30)