

ASHLAND — Community Hospice has scheduled a new one-day volunteer orientation training for Saturday, June 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The session will be held at the Community Hospice office located at 1480

Carter Avenue, Ashland.

Although volunteers are needed for a variety of duties, there is a particular need for those interested in providing short in-home caregiver breaks, emotional support and companionship visitation, nursing home visits, chaplains providing spiritual support, military vet-to-vet visits, and at our Care Center working with the hospitality cart. Volunteers determine when and how often they are available to assist - a few hours a week or just occasionally. All volunteers must complete the required training to be

Community Hospice currently has nearly 240 active volunteers in their nine-county service area -Boyd, Greenup, Carter, Lawrence, Elliott, Martin, and Johnson counties. If you are interested in becoming a Hospice volunteer or to reserve your space, contact Andrea Arnett, Director of Volunteer Services, at 606-329-1890 or 1-800-926-6184.

JOHNSON COUNTY - Johnson County Extension Homemakers "Maker's Market" with baked goods, handmade items and unique finds will be held from noon to 5 p.m., at the Mountain Homeplace Shelter, 745 KY Rt. 2275, Staffordsville, on Saturday, June 21 and July 5.

JOHNSON COUNTY — The W.R. Castle Fire-Rescue, 3832 N. US Highway 23, Wittensville, recently received the Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Grant from State Farm. They received five refurbished laptops to assist with training, recordkeeping and incident pre-planning. This generous donation was facilitated by the National Volunteer Fire Council. For information on how you can volunteer with the department, call 606-297-5151.

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KYTC District 12 thanks the public for their patience and cooperation throughout the emergency response and recovery process.

LAWRENCE COUNTY — The Cove, located at 606 Beach Road, Louisa, is now open for the summer. At Hardee's Restaurants turn onto RT 3, then turn on 1185, travel until you see a gravel road and a sign on your left that says Beach Road. Open Wednesday-Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

You must be 48" to get on the inflatables. Life jackets are provided and required at all times while on the inflatables.

There is some cabins and campgrounds, Lakeview Cabins located at the Cove, 606-865-2683 and the

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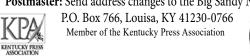


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# EDITORIAL.....

By ROBERTA CANTRELL BSN Editor

So many people are heading to the beaches, lakes, amusement parks etc.

the day those trips weren't taken once a year but more like once every two or three

The trips that were take once a year were trips to visit family.

Nowadays it's hard to even plan a family get-together because everyone is so busy doing other stuff.

In my days of growing up a family reunion once a year was a given, in fact, it was the big event of the summer and everyone planned around it.

would be full of RV's and ve- fast food chicken or \$5 piz-

The first day of Summer is hicles, people making trips to the airport to pick up family members who were flying in for the weekend.

All my aunts would be I can remember back in giggling and laughing while slicing and dicing in the kitchen while my mischievous uncles would be out telling tales around the huge smoker and bonfire.

> There would be horseshoes and all of us cousins playing tag, hide and seek and catching lightning bugs.

There would always be those who liked to sit on the porch or stand under a shade tree and sing. always neighbors

fun and visit everybody. The food, oh my gosh, no-My grandmother's yard body dared to show up with

came around to join in the



It was all home-cookin' and the vegetables straight from gardens.

Don't get me wrong, growing up we managed to get to Disney, the beach, Cedar Pointe, King's Island, Lake Erie etc., but lawd, I would've hated to have missed out on the yearly family gatherings that's where the BEST memories were made!

## 14 TRUE BILLS HANDED DOWN IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

By ROBERTA CANTRELL BSN Editor

The Lawrence County Grand Jury met in regular session and handed down 14 true bills for the month of June.

Among those indicted were Lowell J. Maynard, 36, of Louisa, was charged with two counts of 1st degree of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, 1st degree persistent felony, driving DUI suspended license, use/ possession of drug parapherna-

According to the indictment, on December 11, 2024, Maynard committed the offense of unlawfully being in possession of methamphetamine and Schedule I narcotic fentanyl. He also committed the offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence alcohol or other substances that impair a driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle with three prior convictions within a ten-year period. Maynard is charged with being a persistent felon and also charged with being in possession of a glass pipe and numerous unused plastic baggies.

•Jimmy D. Maynard, 45, currently in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, was charged with 1st degree bail jumping and 1st degree persistent felony offender when on May 19 he/she committed the offense of unlawfully having being released from custody by the court, with or without bail, upon condition that he/she will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a felony charge but failed to appear as ordered by the court namely

a trial date. •Calvin Workman, 58, of Fallsburg, was charged with 1st degree bail jumping when on March 13, he/she committed the offense of unlawfully having being released from custody by the court, with or without bail, upon condition that he/she will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a felony charge but failed to appear as ordered by the court namely a pre-trial conference.

•Wesley Triplett, 50, of Louisa, was charged with 1st degree bail jumping when he/she committed the offense of unlawfully having being released from custody by the court, with or without bail, upon condition that he/ she will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a felony charge but failed to appear as ordered by the court namely a change of plea hearing.

•Charles D. Jeffrey, 62, of Louisa, was charged with 1st degree bail jumping when he/she committed the offense of unlawfully having being released from custody by the court, with or without bail, upon condition that he/ she will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a felony charge but failed to appear as ordered by the court namely an arraignment hearing.

•Lucille Mills, 48, of Warfield, was charged with 1st degree bail jumping when he/she committed the offense of unlawfully having being released from custody by the court, with or without bail, upon condition that he/ she will subsequently appear at a specified time and place in connection with a felony charge but failed to appear as ordered by the court namely a pre-trial conference.

•Robert Chafin, 47, of Louisa, was charged with 2 counts of 1st degree trafficking in a controlled substance, persistent felony offender and use/possession of drug paraphernalia when on Aug. 30, 2022, he committed the offense of unlawfully trafficking in approximately 5.81 grams of methamphetamine and .14 grams fentanyl along with digital scales, altered pipes, straws, rolling papers and metal scoops.

•Brett Thomas, 35, of Louisa, was charged 1st degree trafficking in a controlled substance and persistent felony offender when on Jan. 10, 2024, he committed the offense of trafficking in < 2 grams methamphetamine.

•Jason Meadows AKA "Spoon", 41, of Wayne, WV, was charged with 1st degree trafficking in a controlled substance when on Jan. 10, 2024, he committed the offense of knowingly and unlawfully in possession of < 2 grams of methamphetamine with the intent of trafficking.

•Jonie Collinsworth, 48, of Louisa, was charged with 1st degree possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, operating a motor vehicle on suspended/ revoked license when on November 24, she committed the offense of being in possession of methamphetamine and in pos-

session of a glass pipe containing burnt residue while driving on revoked license.

•Angela Rice, 58, of Webbville, was charged with 1st degree possession of a controlled substance and failure to wear a seatbelt when on March 10, she committed the offense of unlawfully being in possession of methamphetamine.

•Tammy Marshall AKA Tammy Workman, 42, of Grayson, was charged with 1st degree possession of a controlled substance when on April 5, she was unlawfully in possession of methamphetamine and marijuana.

•Erica Webb, 44, of Wilmington, NC, was charged with 1st degree sexual abuse, 3rd degree sodomy when between the dates of Feb. 1, 2012 and Feb. 29, 2012, Webb committed the offense of sexual abuse in the 1st degree by being a person in a position of authority or position of special trust, as defined by KRS 532.045, subjecting a minor under the age of 18 to sexual contact, with whom she came in contact with said minor as a result of that position.

Also, on, about or from Aug. 1, 2012 through July 20, 2013, Webb committed the offense of sodomy in the 3rd degree by, being a person in a position of authority or position of special trust, as defined by KRS 532.045, engaging in deviate sexual intercourse with a minor under the age of 18 with whom she came into contact with said minor as a result of that position.

•Larry Horn Jr., 57, of Inez, was charged with 1st degree possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to wear seatbelt and obstructing a highway when on April 3, he committed the offense of unlawfully being in possession of methamphetamine and multiple syringes.

Horn was also driving under the influence with no seatbelt and committed the offense of unlawfully having no reason to do so, rendered a public passage

way impassable. (Editor's note: An indictment is not an indication of guilt but a determination by a grand jury that criminal charges warrant further judicial review.)

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ble attractions of our state, we look forward to welcoming many additional folks to our New Kentucky Home in the future."

'The tourism industry in Kentucky remains hard at work creating unparalleled experiences and lasting memories for travelers," said Tourism Commissioner Mike Mangeot. "We're thrilled that more visitors than ever are choosing to make Kentucky part of their travel plans. Every decision to explore our attractions, dine in our restaurants, stay in our hotels and shop in our communities is an investment in the people and places that make Kentucky a one-of-a-kind destination.'

Last year, the Governor announced that 2023 was the best year on record for tourism, with \$13.8 billion in economic impact and 95,222 jobs. This followed a record-breaking 2022 when he announced that tourism had generated more than \$12.9 billion in economic impact and secured 91,668 jobs in Kentucky that

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was set higher to help with the costs of getting a memorial stone/marker.

Donations can also be given directly to Wilson's Funeral Home.

Gunner was the son of Brittany (Horn) and Jason Stepp. He is survived by a brother, Conner Stepp; and a sister, Reagan Stepp, all of Catlettsburg.

Gunner's service will be 1 p.m., Friday, June 20, at Smokey Valley Enterprise Baptist Church, Louisa. Visitation will be after 5 p.m., June 19, at the church. Burial in Pack Cemetery, Louisa.