



LAWRENCE COUNTY — The Lawrence County Board of Education will hold a public hearing at the Lawrence County High School Library located at 100 Bulldog Lane, Louisa, on Thursday, Aug. 28, at 6 p.m., to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 62.0 cents on real property and 62.0 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2025 was 58.9 cents on real property and 58.9 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$5,366,933.32. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 62.0 cents on real property and 62.0 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$5,105,696.04. Of this amount \$930,701.88 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2026 is 59.6 cents on real property and 59.6 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$4,908,056.19.

The revenue is not anticipated to be more than revenue from 2025.

LOUISA — Lawrence County High School Cheerleaders is doing a lunch fundraiser from the Scioto Ribber on Friday, Aug 29. Pickups can be at First Baptist Church of Louisa, starting at 11:30 a.m. All orders due on Monday 25 and it is pre-pay. Cash and checks (written to LC Pom Club) are accepted.

Two options: \$18 per dinner, #1 Petite Rib or #2 Chicken Breast, both with baked potato, slaw, roll and cookies, (butter, sour cream, bbq sauce included).

Contact Melissa Blankenship or Kiersten Pannell for more information.

FORT GAY, WV — Oak Grove Church on 3747 Paddle Creek Road, will have The Yates Family singing during services, Saturday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m.

Pastor Mack Ray Cyrus welcomes everyone to attend.

FORT GAY, WV — A free clothing and household giveaway will be held on Saturday, Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the New Covenant Fellowship, 1753 Fort Gay Road (US Route 37), near Robertson's Tire.

Services are held every Sunday, beginning with Sunday School at 11 a.m., and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Pastor Elmer Mullins and Assistant Pastor Jason Meddings welcome everyone to all services.

LAWRENCE COUNTY — The annual Septemberfest Pageant will be held on Monday, Sept. 1, at the Lawrence County Community Center, Bulldog Lane, Louisa, beginning at 4 p.m. Hosted by LC Youth Football League.

Entry fee is \$60, Most Photogenic is \$5 per photo; fan favorite is \$2 per entry/\$10 for 6 entries.

For information, contact Brianna Muncy or Samantha Endicott.

FRANKFORT — Unemployment rates fell in 73 counties, rose in 35 counties and stayed the same in 12 counties between July 2024-July 2025, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency within the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet.

Martin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 10.8%, it was followed by at Magoffin County, 9.6%.

JOHNSON COUNTY — First Responder Appreciation Day and Fun on the Farm will be held Saturday, Sept. 6, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Mountain Home Place Farm at 445 KY Route 2275, Staffordsville. Johnson County Fiscal court in partnership with the Johnson County Public Library and Paintsville Tourism will host the free event. Open to the public.

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By ROBERTA CANTRELL
BSN Editor

Well, we've been in our new location for about a month now and it's been really good, different, but good.

I'm not used to the hustle and bustle, so I've put my computer screen in front of me so the flow of traffic isn't a distraction because I could sit and watch it all day.

I can't wait to watch the snow falling this year through the big windows we now have. I can hear it now "city sidewalks, busy sidewalks.. silver bells..silver bells.. it's Christmas time in the city."

But, I'm getting ahead of everything, first we have Septemberfest coming up. Can you believe it?

It won't be long before the city sidewalks and streets will be overflowing with much more than daily traffic. In fact, there won't be room for traffic on some streets because, as we all know, several streets will have rides, food, crafts, games and other vendors not to mention a huge stage and people from here, there and everywhere spending their life savings.

I love the theme this year "Rivers and Rails" and it

seems the Septemberfest board has outdone themselves on making sure we have a great entertainment line-up as well.

I think if I could change two things, one would be bringing back the Sunday morning gospel music.

The second thing would be to have all, or at least more local vendors and when I say that I mean local churches, food trucks, fire departments, school groups and more civic groups etc. having games, food and such.

There used to be a church that sold fried apple pies and other baked goods.

I don't see them there anymore and one of the fire departments used to set up every year.

Instead of deep fried this and that, I'd like to see chicken dumplings, fried chicken, soup beans, chili and homemade food local people make and sell.

Don't get me wrong we still need cotton candy, fries, ice cream, funnel cakes and corn dogs, but it seems like we don't have the same appeal anymore than when more local people were the



vendors.

I guess I'm old-fashion because I'd much rather have Aunt Betty Sue's homemade fried pie that she's selling for a buck or two more than a five dollar oreo cookie dipped in pancake mix and deep fried.

I do love the crafts and walking around Main Street Park.

But the thing I love the most is knowing every year I'm gonna be running into people, even family, I haven't seen in a while.

Overall, it's a wonderful event and when you see someone wearing a board member shirt give them a thank you because shewie, there's a lot of planning, hard work and dedication that goes in to this and it's all volunteer.



SISTER ACT: FOUR SIBLINGS BAPTIZED TOGETHER AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN LOUISA

By JEFFREY ROBINSON
For Kentucky Today

LOUISA – Four sisters were baptized together at First Baptist Church in Louisa on Sunday, Aug. 10. Senior Pastor Chuck Price said he has baptized multiple family members, but this was a first for him.

"It was the first time I'd ever baptized four siblings or sisters at the same time" Price said.

Summer (12), Autumn (12), Miliagh (12) and Amzie (11) decided to get baptized together after attending Vacation Bible School this summer.

"They all four got saved in VBS this summer, not all in our church. Two of them got saved at my dad's church 15 miles down the road" Price said.

Price's father, Charlie, is the longtime pastor of Cherryville Baptist Church in Louisa.

Upon mentioning the prospect of baptism, Price sat down with the girls to hear their testimonies and provide more information, as is customary at FBC Louisa.

"All four of them came and said they want to get baptized, and we sit down and spent some time with them, go through the little book I give them, and they all decided to get baptized together," Price said.

While VBS positively impacted all four girls, FBC Louisa has experienced recent significant growth

in its kids' ministry, Worship Kids Style. The ministry is available three Sundays a month, and attendance peaked at 56 kids on Sunday.

"We have a blessed children's ministry and youth ministry at our church, we got a couple... him and his wife have been youth ministers here for almost 13 years" Price said.

The four sisters are members of a 10-child family that recently began attending FBC Louisa in late July.

"They got younger siblings and older siblings as well that have not been saved, so that's a very impactful thing" Price said about the massive influence the girls have on the rest of their family's walk with Christ.

Twins, Summer and Autumn were adopted four years to the date of their baptism.

"I said they got adopted into your family four years ago and adopted into the Lord's family (today)," Price said.

Price has a storied history of ministry spanning decades. He spent the last 12 years as the senior pastor at Louisa Baptist after spending many years as the youth pastor. Price also spent 10 years in Romania as a missionary with his wife, where his two sons were born.

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by another vehicle.

The impact caused the Trooper's vehicle to collide with a third vehicle (a van) that was involved in the traffic stop.

The van was out of South Carolina from Performance Medical Supply Inc.

As a result of the collision, four individuals were transported to the hospital for evaluation. All four individuals were later released. The Trooper sustained serious but non-life-threatening injuries due to the collision.

An accident reconstructionist was requested and has opened an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

Witnesses on the scene said that the trooper was in his vehicle when the SUV, a GMC Ter-

rain, left the road hitting the cruiser from behind knocking it into the van causing it (the cruiser) to go across a small yard toward the hillside next to the highway and come to a stop in the opposite direction it was heading.

Witnesses also said the SUV also spun around before ending up in the opposite direction as well.

The name of that driver was not released, however, police on the scene did say she was a resident from Floyd County.

The Kentucky State Police remind all motorists to remain alert, avoid distractions, and move over or slow down when approaching emergency or law enforcement vehicles stopped on the highway. This collision remains under investigation by the Kentucky State Police.

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