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All proceeds will go to help maintain the cat sanctuary and help the feral cat population in the community. For information, call 606-673-4509.

GRAYSON — The Lawrence County Animal Care and Control, JJ’s Grub Hut and American Legion Post 342 are teaming up for the Animal Shelter Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 13, 8904 South State Highway 1, Grayson.

There will be a car show, registration from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., with trophies at 2 p.m., entry is \$25. There will also be raffles, inflatables and face painting. Live music begins at 2 p.m., with Dalton Poore, Brandy York, The Chuck Robertson Project and Strange Brue Band.

All proceeds go to the Lawrence County Animal Shelter, 23 Poorhouse Road, Louisa.

Scheduled to be at event is Karen’s Sweet Treats, Last Stop Café, Dragon Fire Grill, Maw and Paw’s Grub Hut and JJ’s Grub Hut.

To donate directly: PayPal LCHSHELTER-FUNDRAISER@GMAIL.COM. For more information, call Jess at 585-749-5476.

JOHNSON COUNTY — Dance at the Recreation Center in Paintsville every Friday and Saturday night, 7 p.m. \$10 per person/or \$30 monthly pass. Kids under 12 is free with a paying adult. Live local country musicians. Free dance instructor with a huge dance floor.

Check out Paintsville Recreation Center Facebook page for more information or contact: danceattherec@gmail.com.

JOHNSON COUNTY — Mark McKenzie, Johnson County Judge/Executive, has issued the following executive order now in effect.

“Due to current dry and predicted weather conditions, and the extreme danger of forest fires in Johnson County, all outdoor burning in Johnson County is prohibited under the authority of KRS 149.401. This prohibition is in effect until further notice. I urge all Johnson County citizens to comply with the order so that we can preserve Johnson County’s timber resources.”

LOUISA — The Lawrence County Courthouse in downtown, Lawrence County Public Library and Louisa City Hall will be closed on Friday, Sept. 5, due to the Septemberfest Festival. Offices will re-open on Monday, Sept. 8, at their usual times.

NEW THREAT LEADS TO A NEW CHARGE FOR LOUISA MAN

By ROBERTA CANTRELL
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A Louisa man was arrested with an added charge after threatening his uncle in front of police.

According to a report by the Lawrence County Sheriff’s Office, Deputy Tyler Laney was serving a warrant for Gary Asher 39, third-degree terroristic threatening and second-degree disorderly conduct stemming from an incident that occurred on Aug. 20, when he was in a disagreement with a family member that lived next door to him and they share a water supply. Asher pays the water bill that runs the pump to get water to both homes so because he was in the disagreement with the other family member Asher turned off the water to the family member’s home knowing they would come to his home to try and get it back on after they were told they were not allowed to be on Asher’s property, according to the police report.

At that time the uncle Lavern Brandt did tell police he did not go on Asher’s property but did intend to sneak over there and turn the water back on but was caught by Asher.

Both Asher and Brandt stated that Brandt picked up a wagon wheel as if he were going to hit Asher with it and photos did show Brandt entered Asher’s property and at that time Brandt was charged with third-degree criminal trespassing.

When Deputy Laney attempted to serve the war-



Gary Asher

rant last Thursday, Asher became angry and told the deputy that he hated his uncle so badly that when he got out of jail he planned to get “juiced up and severely hurt him.”

He was then given another charge of third degree terroristic threatening and lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.

KENTUCKY POWER ADDS NEW SURCHARGE TO MONTHLY BILLS

FRANKFORT — A new surcharge will appear on Kentucky Power customers’ monthly bills. The surcharge will appear as the “Securitized Surcharge.”

Kentucky Power received approval from the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), in Case number 2023-00159, to utilize the securitization process to finance certain costs, which the PSC estimates is projected to save customers an estimated \$90 million over 20 years.

This approval allows Kentucky Power to issue bonds to recover previously incurred costs, such as the Big Sandy plant retirement costs, deferred major storm costs, and under-recovered purchased power rider costs secured by a non-bypassable charge on customer bills, according to the PSC.

Senate Bill 192, passed in 2023, enabled the PSC to approve qualifying utilities, such as Kentucky Power, to use securitization.

The PSC said Kentucky Power customers will see a 6.37% increase on their utility bills.

A spokesperson for Kentucky Power said in

a statement, “The cost savings provided by securitization means the rate impact is approximately \$14 for residential customers using 1300 kWh.”

Without securitization, the PSC said that the increase would jump to 13.13%.

“Customers would have seen a substantially higher charge for these expenses - and would have already been paying it for the past year or more - if not for the securitization process,” said PSC Chair Angie Hatton. “While seeing a new charge on a utility bill is never something customers want, this process has resulted in both an overall reduced monthly amount for individual customers and approximately \$90 million in total customer savings.”

The surcharge will remain on customers’ bills for the next 20 years, according to Kentucky Power.

Around 162,000 customers in 20 eastern Kentucky counties will be affected. Records regarding this case are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The Case No. is 2023-000159.

JAIL LISTING

Big Sandy Regional Detention Center Jail Listings for Lawrence, Johnson and Martin counties from August 25 to August 31.

Lawrence County

•David Lee Bowen, 47, of Louisa, is charged with drug paraphernalia buy/possess, 1st degree possession of methamphetamine.
•Desirae Lynn Boyssel, 36, of Louisa, is charged with disorderly conduct 2nd degree, criminal possession of a forged instrument.
•Austin J. Harczinski, 20, of Louisa, is charged with serving bench warrant for

court.
•Douglas Alan Jones, 48, of Louisa, is charged with failure to appear, all-terrain vehicle violations, operating on a suspended/revoked license, theft of identity of another without consent, fugitive (warrant not required).
•Jessica N. Parsons, 36, of Genoa, WV, is charged with failure to appear, TBUT or DISP shoplifting.
•Keith Anthony Penix Jr., 34, of Paintsville, is charged with contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order.
•Michael Dale Ramsey, 41, of Louisa, is charged with drug paraphernalia buy/possess, trafficking in

controlled substance 1st offence (heroin).
•Shon Alan Robinson, of Inez, is charged with fugitive (warrant not required).
•Amy G. Slone, 42, of Blaine, is charged with failure to appear, 1st degree possession of methamphetamine.
•Joey Lee Thomas, 38, of Louisa, is charged with rear license not illuminated, one headlight, operating motor vehicle under the influence.
•Ronnie Ward, 50, of Lenore, WV, is charged with serving bench warrant for court.
•Trina Lynn Workman, 48, of Louisa, is charged with non-payment of court costs, fees or fines.

Johnson County

•Bryan Trenton Fralley, 43, of Lowmansville, is charged with failure to appear, TBUT or DISP shoplifting, fraudulent use of a credit card.
•Jessica Marlene Penticuff-Decker, 45, of East Point, is charged with 3rd degree terroristic threatening.
•Jamie Blake Stroud, 26, of Whitehouse, is charged with contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order.
•Caleb Michael Tackett, 44, of Paintsville, is charged with inadequate silencer (muffler), improper equipment, rear license not illuminated, obstructed vision/windshield,

excessive windshield tinting, failure to wear seatbelts, failure to produce insurance card, operating motor vehicle under the influence, drug paraphernalia buy/possess.
•Ronald Justin Wright, 37, South Haven MS, is charged with disregarding stop sign, possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle, operating motor vehicle under the influence.

Martin County

•Brittany Danielle Gilmore, 35, of Inez, is charged with failure to appear, 1st degree bail jumping.
•Rose Ellen Johnson, 54, of Inez, is charged

with serving bench warrant for court.
•Melissa Lynn Jude, 49, of Tomahawk, is charged with serving bench warrant for court.
•Scottie Elden McKenzie, 53, of Wittensville, is charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, drug paraphernalia buy/possess, 1st degree possession of controlled substance (drug unspecified) 1st degree possession of methamphetamine, trafficking in marijuana.
•Thomas McKade Osborne, 23, of Union, SC, is charged with public intoxication (excludes alcohol), 1st degree possession of methamphetamine.

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