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The Lawrence County Courthouse presented a crystal display in front of the gazebo featuring several items that not only light up at night but glow during the day.

Everyone can enjoy them when they come out Saturday evening to watch the Louisa Christmas Parade that was rescheduled for Saturday, December 20 at 7 p.m., with all activities still set to go in the Louisa Main Street Park afterwards. BSN photo Roberta Cantrell

LAWRENCE COUNTY SENDS 11 CASES TO GRAND JURY

By **ROBERTA CANTRELL**
 BSN Editor

Lawrence County grand jury met for the last session of 2025 last Thursday, Dec. 11, handing down 13 indictments.

Those cases going on for further judicial review are:

•Robin Shepherd, 56, of Sitka, charged with possession of a controlled substance 1st degree and possession of drug paraphernalia when on Feb. 13, she was accused of unlawfully being in possession of methamphetamine and two glass smoking pipes.

•Shari Marcum, 59, of Louisa, was charged with possession of a controlled substance 1st degree (methamphetamine), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, possession/use of drug paraphernalia (glass pipe), failure to wear seatbelt and inadequate silencer (muffler), improper equipment all stemming from an occurrence on April 14.

•Eddie H. Kennedy, 70, of Webbville, was charged with possession of a controlled substance 1st degree, tampering with physical evidence, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession/use of drug paraphernalia, no registration plates, improper equipment when on Aug. 11, he/she is accused of unlawfully being in possession of methamphetamine, destroying, altering or removing physical evidence he believed would be used against him/her in court, and was in possession of a glass vile/tube while driving under the influence 2nd offense within 10 years.

•Paul A. Watts, 50, of Genoa, WV, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession/use of drug paraphernalia (2) syringes from an occurrence dated March 18.

•Brian Kevin Beckett, 58, of Dunlow, WV, was charged with burglary 3rd degree 2 counts and tampering with phys-

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LOUISA MAYOR PROPOSES TO JOIN FORCES WITH COUNTY ON FUTURE EMERGENCY CENTER

By **ROBERTA CANTRELL**
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Lawrence County Fiscal Court met in regular session Tuesday morning, Dec. 16 and were met with a proposal from Louisa Mayor Harold Slone.

The mayor who announced recently that the city received a grant of just over 3 million dollars to build a new facility to house Louisa Fire Station 1 and the Louisa Police Department, proposed that the county also allow the architects to add in an additional Lawrence County 911 facility within the structure.

The mayor explained to the fiscal court and LC Judge Executive Phil Carter how important it would be to have all emergency responders in the same facility that would be located in the empty lot just across the street from where the fire and police stations are presently located.

According to a resolution for the relocation of 911 to the new Louisa Emergency Communications Response Center it reads that it will provide enhanced redundancy, security, technology, space and operational capabilities that meet or exceed applicable state and federal stan-



dards for 911 and emergency communications operations and will promote efficient use of public resources.

Mayor Slone said the building would be state of the art, complete with safety features for the 911 employees, first responders and volunteers should there be a tornado or other weather-related incident.

With the new structure being built on property owned by the city and with

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