

**BIG SANDY** Briefs

**FORT GAY, WV** — John Boyz BBQ will have a sale on Saturday, April 25, at the Community Trust Bank, beginning at 11 a.m. (to sell-out). At least 10% of the sale will go to Joshia Peterman to help with his competition archery fees and expenses.

Food available for sale will be: Smoked pulled pork (plain or BBQ), ribs, loaded hog taters, smoked bologna and smoke chicken quarters.

**REGIONAL** — Kentucky households can apply for LIHEAP Spring Subsidy now thru May 22, to help offset cooling costs as the temperatures rise.

Eligible households with income up to 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines may qualify for assistance with their electric bills. This program provides a one-time electric benefit, paid directly to the household's electric vendor. No disconnect notice, past-due bill, or eviction notice is required to apply.

Assistance received during previous LIHEAP components does not affect eligibility. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, or until funds are depleted.

Contact your local Community Action Agency to apply. To find your local outreach office, visit [capky.org/network](http://capky.org/network) or call 800-456-3452.

**LOUISA** — Lawrence County High School and Louisa Middle School HOSA are joining forces to host a Health Fair on Saturday, May 2, at the LCHS Football Parking Lot from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Events Include: a 5K Run/Walk, bake sale, food vendors,

A Cruise-In, silent auction, clothing vendors and others. The 5K will be open to start at any time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This will be donation only, untimed, each participant will be given a completer medal.

The Cruise-In will be a \$10 entry fee per car or motorcycle. Trophies will be given for 1st-3rd place.

The silent auction will begin at 10:00am and will end promptly at 2:00pm.

If you are a local business and would be interested in setting up a table, please contact Katie Adams or Myram Brady at [katie.adams@lawrence.kyschools.us](mailto:katie.adams@lawrence.kyschools.us) or [myram.brady@lawrence.kyschools.us](mailto:myram.brady@lawrence.kyschools.us)

**REGIONAL** — Since launching in May 2016, BISSELL Pet Foundation has supported nearly 400,000 adoptions—and counting, and to celebrate, Spring National #EmptyTheShelters event is back May 1-17, bringing reduced-fee adoptions to a shelter near you.

You can adopt a spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped pet for \$70 or less at 335+ participating organizations in 39 states.

Our shelters are in crisis, and pets need you now more than ever. Let's make this our biggest event yet.

Find a participating shelter near you: <https://www.bissellpetfoundation.org/.../empty-the-shelters/>.

**REGIONAL** —The cost of living keeps going up, which can be hard if you're an older adult living on a fixed income. Benefits can help ease the burden, and the Medicare SHIP Program is trained to guide you. Located within Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, Medicare SHIP provides free and unbiased help with benefit programs such as Medicare. We have partnered with the National Council on Aging to help Kentucky's older adults to apply for benefits that can lower the high costs of food, medicine, utilities, and other monthly expenses. It's time to Boost Your Budget! Give Medicare SHIP a call for a benefits screening at 1-866-516-3051. You can also visit our Benefits Check Up website at [www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org).

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**EDITORIAL.....**

By **ROBERTA CANTRELL**  
BSN Editor

Back in my early high school days I was what was known as a Candy Stripper.

A Candy Stripper was a girl who had to be a certain age, I believe 14 or older who volunteered at hospitals. The name Candy Stripper was probably and more than likely because the uniforms were white with red stripes.

I'm not sure if there is such a thing now but back then Candy Strippers would fill water pitchers for patients, read to them, take up their food trays when they finished eating and just be helpful.

I believe when I worked at our hospital it was called Humana Hospital by then and no longer Louisa Community.

Many days I would grab my Candy Stripper uniform from my locker and walk down Bulldog

Lane from school to the hospital. My mom was a nurse there and so I could get a lot of hours in and earn pins to wear on my uniform.

Now being a little more adventurous I found out soon enough the routine of working on 2nd floor which was half Med-Surgery and the other half OB/GYN and nursery was too boring and repetitious for me.

I wanted to be where the action was down in the emergency room.

That's where I met Sherry Stone, you all know her mostly as Pigman. She was the ER ward clerk. Her hair was so long and she wore it in braids a lot.

I thought she was the coolest person and then when I grew up and had Shelby, she visited my hospital room and let me know she had a Shelby too.



But anyway, working in the ER, I seen a lot of stuff. I'm talking stuff that saved my mom a lot of money by not sending me to nursing school because I knew from the experience of being a Candy Stripper and going from watching Dr. Ali put over 40 stitches in a man's head to a teen that swallowed a green snake on a dare that I was canceling any future plans of going into the medical field.

Choose your future wisely...



BILLY MARCUM addresses Louisa City Council after getting a citation from Louisa Code Enforcement for what he calls a car lot that others claim is a junk yard.

**“WHAT YOU SEE AS JUNK I SEE AS MONEY”**  
**CAR LOT IN LOUISA ADDRESSED AT LOUISA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

By **ROBERTA CANTRELL**  
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The Louisa City Council met in regular session Tuesday evening, March 14.

During the meeting the council appointed Kate Cecil as a new member on the LC Tourism Committee.

The council also approved a controlled burn of a house near the city's new sewer site for fire department training.

A meeting will be scheduled to go over some numbers on the new budget for the upcoming fiscal year and the council is looking to review pricing for the 2026 Louisa Swimming Pool season.

Council woman Rose Lester said she does not want to see the price increase if she has to give her council salary to make up the difference because going to the pool is the only thing some of the kids have and it shouldn't be a hardship.

Lester also brought up the ongoing golf cart issue.

"I'm already getting calls about kids on golf carts," Lester said.

Lester is referring to kids she said could not be of legal driving age and look to be around 10-11 years old. Last year the council adopted an ordinance stating in order to be on public streets golf carts can only be operated if they are street legal with a city sticker and operators must have a valid driver's license. They are also prohibited even if they are street legal on state roads as the main street in Louisa (Madison Street) is considered state road.

Lester suggested writing letters to the parents when the kids are seen because the child's safety comes first and maybe the parents aren't even aware because they are at work.

Another issue brought up at the meeting was a lot full of cars located behind D&J's Tobacco that is run by Billy Marcum, but owned by James Marcum.

According to Teddy Newsome who is over City Code Enforcement, he has given Marcum two warnings before issuing him a \$100 fine. Billy Marcum came to the meeting stating his cars are not junk, but that they are cars for sale.

Some of the complaints from citizens state that it looks like a junk yard as Billy is known for owning junk yards and he allows weeds to grow up around the vehicles.

They complain that it is an eyesore and the location of the lot full of cars is on Madison Street where people driving the main street through town will see it.

Marcum fired back saying all his cars were not junk that what others see as junk he sees as money.

He expressed to the council that he felt like he was picked out of several others in the city who also have places that were even more unsightly than his on the same street.

Citizen and former city council member Jeff Kinser agreed on that point stating at the intersection of Madison and Main what used to be a gas station is also an eyesore and the city has never cited or even said anything to the Clevengers who own that property with old trucks parked there and weeds all around it.

Both the Council and Billy came to an agreement that they would revisit the issue when Billy obtained his business license to sell cars and until then he has to clean it up.

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Tackett of Creeks Don't Rise Coalition who presented the resolution said "this is not a regulation but a resolution, we deserve to see what's behind the scenes as Ky Power has re-opened the case to get more money."

The resolution that was signed states that The LC Fiscal Court supports the ongoing management audit of Kentucky Power ordered by Kentucky Public Service Commission and encourages a thorough, independent and objective review of the company's management practices and operations.

It also urges that the Commission to consider the KPSC to suspend, reconsider or otherwise revisit the recently approved rate increase for Kentucky Power until the order management audit for the company has been completed and its findings are made available to the public.

The resolution states that the fiscal court encourages the Commission to make the results of the audit publicly available and to take any actions necessary to protect ratepayers and promote responsible utility management.

The KPSC has ordered a focused management audit of KY Power pursuant to KRS 278.255 as part of its regulatory oversight responsibilities and KPSC is charged under Kentucky law with ensuring that utilities provide safe, adequate and reliable service at fair, just and reasonable rates for citizens of the Commonwealth.

"When customers are having to let groceries, medicine, other bills and etc. go unpaid just to pay their electric bills while those higher up in the electric company are making around \$300,000 salaries a year something is wrong," said Tackett.