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Year in Review  
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Blaine Wilson and Dalton Win, who won the State Junior Chefs Championship last August at the Kentucky State Fair, competed at the Southeastern Regional Competition in Nashville and placed second.

The Owingsville/Bath County Chamber of Commerce hosted its first After Hours event at Thompson Trucking in Sharpsburg.

Late Sharpsburg Mayor Deborah Cole addressed issues with the Sharpsburg Water District during the City Commission's regular May meeting and alleged that the previous administration misappropriated funds.

Kentucky State Police arrested long-time 4-H Agent Terence Clemons and charged him with four counts of prohibited use of electronic communication to procure a minor after allegedly sending inappropriate photos of himself to a minor.

During a special-called meeting, Board of Education members undid the previous month's salary schedule changes and voted to approve a 5 percent raise for certified staff and a \$1 an hour raise for classified staff.

The Bath County Wildcats Baseball Team honored the Class of 1974 Team, the first team to go the State Semi-Finals and get 29 wins, the most of any team.

The 71st May Day Parade and Festival was held Saturday, May 11.

Salt Lick hosted the first ever Spice and Sounds Festival on Main Street, on May 18, organized by Lawrence Conn and featured musical performers all day and food vendors.

Mary Vanlandingham, of Owingsville, succumbed to her injuries following a two vehicle accident at the Miller Plaza.

The Bath County High School Class of 2024 held their graduation on Saturday, May 18.

Kevin Ray Moore, of Stepstone Road, Mt. Sterling ,was sentenced to 50 years by a Bath County Jury for three counts of drug trafficking, one count of convicted felon in possession of a handgun, and begin a persistent felony offender.

A Bath County jury also recommended a 20 year sentenced for Paul Jones, of Morehead, on one count of drug trafficking, and one count of being a persistent felony offender.

The Bath County Ministerial Association concluded its Year of the Open Church with a ceremony at the old courthouse on the National Day of Prayer.

The Bath County Softball Ladycats clinch their second 61st District Championship in a row with a 3-0 win over Rowan County.

**June**

A new draft agreement between the Sharpsburg Water District and the City of Sharpsburg was approved, and commissioners issued an official apology to the Water District and former Mayor Dorothy Clemons.

The Bath County High School Track Cats com-



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peted at the State AA Track Tournament.

The 22nd Annual Ben and Bryan Memorial Ride was held at the Owingsville First Church of God.

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Myke Copher was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Salt Lick City Council following the resignation of Martha Gulley, who served for over 30 years.

Don Kincaid, a local businessman and close friend of Ronald McDonald, who served as Owingsville Mayor from 2003 to 2010, passed away on June 18.

A masked thief who quickly broke into the Sharpsburg Food Mart and stole money from an ATM machine on June 20 remains at large.

Local first responders were dispatched to a reported gun shot wound victim on June 25 on Main Street in Sharpsburg. The victim, Sharpsburg Mayor Deborah Cole, was declared deceased at St. Joseph Hospital in Mt. Sterling.

Beef cattle producer Randy Warner was inducted into the Bath County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Bath County Fiscal Court members agreed to rescind an application for a \$245,000 Land & Water Conservation grant for the new little league baseball field project after receiving \$2 million from the Kentucky General Assembly.

Bath County Treasurer Julie Cline reported a \$92,000 bill for incarcerated prisoners for the month of May. Over 40 drug arrests had been made since January.

Long-time Bath County 911 Dispatch Director Nick Jones passed away on June 12.

Jayce Smith, BCHS pitcher, was named 3rd Team All-State and signed to play baseball for Midway University.

Steve Butcher was appointed to the Owingsville City Council following the resignation of Norman Crouch, who moved outside of the city limits.

**August**

A Bath County Grand Jury issued a five-count indictment against former 4-H Agent Terence Clemons for sodomy and four counts of use of an electronic device to induce a minor to engage in sexual activity.

Shany Otis, of Salt Lick, was arrested following a stabbing incident in the Salt Lick Valero parking lot.

Owingsville Mayor Gary Hunt announced that the city had been approved for a historical marker for the history of the Minihan saddle, which was produced in the late 1800s and early 1900s in Owingsville.

Bath County last living World War II veteran, Frank Hart, Jr., passed away on August 5.

The Bath County His-



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tory Museum hosted Dr. Kurt Ghode and Dr. Jamie Day, both of Transylvania University, with the last known remaining sample of the infamous 1876 "meat shower" in Olympian Springs, on August 10.

The City of Owingsville hosted three ribbon cutting ceremonies for Robert Becker, Prudential Life Insurance, and Your Insurance Lady/Sassia Hollenberg; Riah's Corner Café; and the Bean Bag, all located in the Miller Plaza.

Marie Staton, 104, of Polksville, passed away on August 14.

Mural artist Dani Green, of Richmond, completed a historical mural on the side of The Store in Preston, featuring the late Roscoe Cassidy, the Preston Railroad Depot, and Mike Cassidy's son Travis, a US Marine Corps veteran.

Mike and Renee Cassidy, owners of The Store in Preston, hosted the 1st annual Rube Blevins Memorial Horseshow Tournament on August 17.

Johnthan Ruiz, architect for Ross Tarrant Associates, presented an estimated \$36 million price tag for a new middle school during the August Board of Education meeting. He also presented a more traditional concept rendering of the new school for the board.

Sherrie Willoughby, owner of Sherrie's Pizza House, was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the county for her tireless volunteer efforts to support youth sports, community services, and support for the needy during the COVID pandemic.

Friendship Fusion in Salt Lick and the Robert L. Brown Foundation in Sharpsburg provided numerous summer programs for youth in those communities. The City of Salt Lick also hosted its summer Salt Lickin' and Park Pickin' at the city park for musical entertainment, organized by Shelli Fraley.

The Owingsville Police Department launched the P3 Tips crime app to allow residents to anonymously provide crime tips to law enforcement.

Beginning-of-the-school-year traffic led to a confrontation between Owingsville homeowner Tim Lyons, parents, and school officials. The city of Owingsville agreed to provide yellow lines and signs to direct waiting parents and to allow Lyons to be able to leave his driveway onto Sherman Court.

Williams S. Roland, of Salt Lick, was arrested and charged with drug trafficking behind Town

& Country Food Mart in Owingsville following an anonymous tip.

**September**

Local law enforcement officers arrested Heather Cameron, Joseph Hunt, Darrell W. Everman, and Amber Hanshell, all of Owingsville, on drug-related charges following a tip about drug activity at a residence on Gudgeff Street.

Vearl Pennington, 85, of Frankfort, and School Board member and Owingsville Main Street Renaissance Manager, passed away on Sept. 2.

Salt Lick City Council selected Sustainable Streams at the engineering firm to study the feasibility of "green sinks" to address flooding in the town.

The 4th annual Veterans Day of Valor and Honor was held at the Bath County Ag Center on Sept. 4.

The Store in Preston hosted its 2nd annual Downhome Gospel Singing on Sept. 12.

The Bath County Search and Rescue Squad began operating again and held their first training.

Plans for a new Bath County Little League Baseball Complex were presented at the September Owingsville City Council meeting by Park and Recreation Director Kenny Williams. Council members also approved a 23.3 cent property tax rate, the lowest rate in years, and discussed the school traffic situation with Supt. Steven Evans.

Dozens of school districts across the state and country, including Bath and Rowan Counties, faced non-credible social media threats of violence after the start of the school year.

Isabella Hughes was named 2024 Bath County High School Homecoming Queen.

Braydon Roberts, Wildcat Archery Team, was one of four Kentuckians chosen to compete in the 4-H National Championship in June 2025 in Nebraska.

A young black bear was spotted in various locations around Owingsville on Sept. 17 and was later struck and killed at the Owingsville I-64 exits.

Bath County High School celebrated the creation of its own JAG Program (Jobs for Americas Graduates).

BCMS 8th grader Addy Metz joined the 1000 point club on Sept. 24, joining her father, Zak Metz, who scored 1000 career points and was a 2009 graduate of BCHS.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints gifted a 2023 Ford Transit cargo van to Christian Social Services Center, Inc.

The 3rd annual Salt Lick Hometown Festival and People Bank Cruisin' for a Cause Car, Truck, and Bike Show took place September 28.

Board of Education

members voted 4-1 to approve a property tax rate of 64.1 cents, including a nickel equivalent tax for the third time in three years. Opponents of the nickel tax vowed to circulate a petition to have the tax rate put on the ballot again.

Remnants of Hurricane Helene hit Eastern Kentucky on September 27, causing widespread wind damage and power outages, leaving over 100,000 people in the region without power for days.

**October**

The family of Clyde Perry Ingram and others were on hand for the placement of a military service marker for him for his service in the US Marine Corps from 1948-50. Perry passed away in 1979. Danny "Greasy" Belcher assisted with getting the marker.

Troy Lee Caldwell, of Morehead, tow truck driver for Jerry's Towing in Morehead, was struck and killed on I-64 near the 126 mile marker while loading a vehicle onto his rollback. The driver of tractor trailer, Shodmon Yuldashev, of Brooklyn, New York, was charged with tampering with physical evidence, for allegedly shutting off his electronic log device after Det. Matt Martin arrived, which showed he was watching YouTube videos while driving.

Owingsville Police Officer Jacob Purvis graduated from the Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond after 18 weeks of training.

The late Rub Blevins was honored posthumously by being inducted into the Kentucky Horseshow Pitching Hall of Fame.

The Brian Thompson family of Bethel lost their home to a fire in Bethel on Oct. 2.

The City of Sharpsburg continued to struggle with completing financial audits and filing annual financial reporting forms.

Members of the Olympian Spring and Owingsville Fire Departments gathered donated good to make two trips to eastern Tennessee and North Carolina to deliver relief supplies to Hurricane Helene victims.

Preston Court Days kicked off in Preston with a likely record crowd this year due to dry, seasonable weather.

The Bath County Football Hall of Fame inducted Aaron Meadows, Class of 2009; David Miller, Class of 1988; and Sammy Parks, Jr., Class of 1989.

Owingsville Trade Days hosted the annual Downtown Creep Around in Owingsville on October 26.

**November**

The Minihan Saddle

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Notice

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ESTABLISHING AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ADMINISTRATOR, ESTABLISHING LICENSE FEES, PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES BY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSEES, AND SETTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION was given a first reading on December 13, 2024. A second reading will be held on January 10, 2024.

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Notice

In accordance with KRS 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, this is to advise that the financial records and supporting documents of the Bath County Water District may be examined by the public at 21 Church Street, Salt Lick, Kentucky 40371, during regular business hours.

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NOTICE

The Gateway Community Action Agency Bi-Monthly Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at the Clark Energy Building, located at 8 Bible Camp Ln., Flemingsburg, KY 40322, Menifee County. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.

The Bi-Monthly Board agenda may be viewed on the Gateway website, under the events tab.

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Public Notice

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Menifee County budget for fiscal year 2025, to include unanticipated receipts for the following funds: General, and to include expenditure increases for the following funds: General, which totals \$13,167.37 will be held on Friday, January 10, 2024 at 8 am at the Menifee County Courthouse. A copy of the ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the county judge/executive during normal business hours.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that David B. King, 1509 Big Pond Road, Trenton, KY, 42286, has filed and applied with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to build a concrete bridge with 8' by 12' opening for water to go through, then used approximately, 30 loads of dirt to build up drive up to road level.

Location: Bath County, traveling east on Highway 36, leaving Sharpsburg, KY, approximately 6 miles. Right after Banta Road, on a small stream running to Flat Creek.

Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to DOWFloodplain@ky.gov

Address: Kentucky Division of Water Floodplain Management Section 300 Bower Road, Frankfort, KY 40601 Call with questions, 502-564-3410

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