

COMMUNITY/OBITUARIES

Bath District Court News

BATH
Hon. William W. Roberts
3/18/2025
Blevins, Paul Eugene, ARR.
1. No/expired registration plates, dism proof 2. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt, dism proof 3. No ins 1st, 12 month diversion, NVL, keep current ins 4. Failure to wear seat belts, dism w/warning.
Brooks, Jessica Rei, ARR.
1. Speeding 7MPH over limit 2. Failure to wear seat belts 3. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt, dism proof 4. No/expired registration plates, dism proof 5. Failure to produce insurance card. CFA 4/1/25 @ 9am.
Crouch, Emily Jean, REV. 1. Speed 22MPH over (limited access). Rev 5/20/25 @b9am to complete TSP.
Dobbs, Brian Scott, ARR. 1. Speed 5MPH over (limited access). FTA, ISS DN.
Hamilton, Dustin Trace, ARR. 1. No/expired registration plates, dism proof 2. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt, dism proof 3. Failure to produce insurance card, dism proof.
Hunt, Luis D, INS REV. 1. Failure to wear seat belts, dis

2. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt, dis 3. No/expired registration plates, dis 4. Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st 5. License to be in possession, dis 6. Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, dis. Rev 9/2/25 @ 9am.
Kimbrel, Christopher Kyle, ARR. 1. Poss of marijuana. Rev 5/20/25 @ 9am.
Mihayo, Mwiza M, ARR. 1. Speeding 26MPH over. FTA, ISS DN.
Plank, Joseph Brooks, ARR. 1. Oper mv u/infl subst-1st, GP 2. Failure to notify address change to dept of transp, GP 3. Drug paraphernalia-buy/po

sess, GP.
Pollitt, Brianna Paige, ARR. 1. Speeding 8MPH over limit. Order entered, dism-completed TSP.
Snapp, James, CFA. 1. Speeding 15MPH over limit 2. License to be in possession, dis 3. Failure to produce insurance card, dism proof. Rev 5/27/25 @ 9am, to complete TSP.
White, Kenny Jerome, REV. 1. Speed 10MPH over (limited access). FTA, ISS DN.

Work continues on Bath County Judicial Center

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While construction of the new Bath County Judicial Center is otherwise going smoothly, a delay in receiving an important electrical part may cause delays.

Kenny Davis, with Codell Construction, reported during the Project Development Boards' regular meeting on Monday that everything was going well with the project. He said the construction trailer has been moved from the Main Street location so that they could begin work on the entrance to the judicial center's parking lot. If weather conditions hold up, he said paving could get started in the next six weeks.

Davis said that contractors were installing FRP (fiber reinforced plastic) siding on the cornice and gable ends, and metal roof installation got under this week and should be completed in the next month.

He said work on the first floor is nearing completion, except for the ceiling grid, and workers are now focusing on woodwork on the second floor.

Davis said the main problem affecting the entire project is the delay in delivery of the building's switch gear, which works like a breaker box and control power distribution throughout the building. He said the manufacturer in North Carolina is behind on delivery and is now saying it will not be available until May. This delay has been ongoing since last November. In the meantime, the building is running on temporary power.

Board members Circuit Judge David Barber and County Circuit Clerk Claudette Faudere said they have both visited inside the building and praised the quality work.

Architect Darrell Douglas, with Sherman Carter Barnhart, had board members proofread the building's dedication plaque, and Corkey Mohamedano, Capital Projects Coordinator for the Administrative Office of the Courts, asked the board to be thinking about network controls in the building, including internet service, elevator controls, fire alarms, lighting controls, and the like, as well as hiring a maintenance supervisor the building.

The property address for the new judicial center will be 65 Water Street,

and they briefly discussed having the AOC consultant work with the Hartley's, who own the pawn store next to the center, about a property line dispute.

Project Background
The Kentucky General Assembly approved \$9.3 million for a new judicial center in Bath County during its 2018 session as part of the Administrative Office of the Court's (AOC) facility construction budget.

The local Project Development Board overseeing the project began holding regular monthly meetings in February 2019.

Board members include Chairman, former County Judge/Executive Bobby Rogers, and current County Judge/Executive Forrest "Frosty" McKenzie; District Judge Don Blair; former Circuit Judge William Lane and current Chief Circuit Judge David Barber; Circuit Court Clerk Claudette Faudere; local Bar Association representative, attorney Leslie Smith; and citizen member,

Steve Calvert. Bath County Attorney Kim Price serves in a non-voting capacity, and representatives from the AOC's Facilities Department also work closely with board members each month.

The new 20,000 square foot justice center is being constructed on properties located on Water Street and Main Street in Owingsville. Properties purchased for the project include portions of properties belonging to Betty Bailey, Steve Bashford, Harold Bashford, David Jackson, and the Denton family.

Board members selected Codell Construction to serve as the project's construction manager; Sherman Carter Barnhart as architects; and Compass Municipal Advisors as the project's fiscal agent.

The Kentucky General Assembly approved additional project funding during its 2022 session for judicial center projects, due to inflation and labor and materials shortages.

Construction was expected to begin in September 2022, but bid packages came in much higher than expected, and the project was put on hold until the 2023 General Assembly. Board members agreed to move forward with the project in May 2023. Construction began in August 2023, and an official groundbreaking was held in October.

The estimated cost of the project is now \$19.5 million. It is expected to be completed this summer.



Photo by Cecil Lawson
Contractors recently removed the construction trailer from East Main Street and began excavation work on a parking lot for the new Bath County Judicial Center.

VELVA LOU SHEPHERD CARTY



Velva Lou Shepherd Carty age 82 of Frenchburg, KY passed away Sunday, March 9, 2025 at her residence after an extended illness. She was born February 20, 1943 in Gun Lock, KY (Magoffin County KY) to George Shepherd and Versie Bailey Shepherd. Married the love of her life Charles D Carty on October 5, 1957 who passed away August 8, 2021.

Surviving is three daughters, Anita & Kenny Wayne Patrick, Rita Carty & Mike Helton, Charlene & Steve Bayko. One son, Vester & Tammie Carty. Eight grandchildren: Jennifer & Jake Thompson, Carla & Brad Dehart, Marla &

Jesse Morris, Brandon & Amanda Carty, Derrick & Tiffany Carty, Darren & Chelsey Carty, Travis & Kayla Bayko, Steven & Chelsea Bayko. Twelve great-grandchildren. One sister Dosie Baldrige. Several nieces, nephews who survived.

She was preceded in death by her parents George & Versie Bailey Shepherd, husband, Charles D Carty, infant son Richard Carty, sister, Imogene Shepherd.

Funeral services will be 1:00pm, Friday, March 14, 2025 at Meniffee Home For Funerals with Bro. Jimmy Daulton officiating. Burial in the Lovely & Amburgey Cemetery, Jeffersonville, KY. Visitation, 11:30am Friday at Meniffee home For Funerals, Frenchburg, KY. Randy Halsey Funeral Director.

Active Pallbearers: Darren Carty, Brandon Carty, Travis Bayko, Steven Bayko, Brad Dehart, Jesse Morris. Honorary pallbearers: Derrick Carty, Kenny Wayne Patrick, Mike Helton, Steve Bayko, Jake Thompson.

MARY ELLEN SMITH



Mary Ellen Smith, 72, of 1757 South Highway 211, Salt Lick, KY, passed away Wednesday March 12, 2025 at UK-St. Claire Regional Medical Center, Morehead, KY.

Born July 26, 1952 at Grove Hill, Alabama, she was a daughter of the late William Jefferson McIntyre and the late Mary Marjorie Culpepper McIntyre. She was an employee of Walmart.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Smith, a daughter: Geneane Smith of Salt Lick, KY, a son: William Smith of Preston, KY, a sister: Patricia Wright of Grant, MI and 6 grandchildren.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held Saturday March 22, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Powell Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM until service time.

Online memorial and guestbook available at www.powellfhsaltlick.com.

BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) FUNDS

A public hearing will be held by Meniffee County at the Courthouse on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 9 a.m. for the purpose of obtaining citizens' comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds.

All interested persons in Meniffee County are invited to the hearing to submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments, should call the office of the county judge executive at 606-768-3482 by Monday March 24, 2025 so the arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

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