

COMMUNITY

Bath County Property Transfers

March 24 – 28, 2025

Kissick & Jackson Developments, LLC, to Carlea Leach and Ryan Leach, property address, 1352 Hart Pike Road, \$280,000

James R. Mann and Melanie Mann to Caskey Cattle Company, Inc, by and through its President, Emmitt James Caskey, two tracts on Flat Creek Pike, three tracts on Old Owingsville Rd and Mt. Sterling Pike, two tracts on Hwy. 60, and tract on Flat Creek, \$1 and other considerations

Noris Marcario-Pacheco and Daniel Rodriguez, to Shannon Honeycutt, Lot 4A, Phase I of Meadowbrook Subdivision, on waters of Blue Bank Creek, \$200,000

Clifford Matthew Lewis and Lyndsey Lewis, to Haley Mays and Wayne A. Mays, property address, 71 Oberline Street, Owingsville, \$264,600

Debbie Gulley, as Executrix of the Estate of Elizabeth Manley, Gary Douglas Manley, Etta Karen Manley, Michael Shayne

Manley, Jonathan Sebastian and Erin Sebastian, and Jamilyn Kelly Taddeo and Antonio Taddeo, to Nicholas Gulley and Brandi Gulley, property address, 1146 Bethel Ridge Road, Sharpsburg, \$1 and other considerations

Scotty Blankenship and

Crystal Blankenship, to Urie Hochstetler and Leah Hochstetler, property addresses, 1956 Adams Road and 2016 Adams Road, \$1 and other considerations

David Wesley Walden and Tasha Walden to David Wesley Walden and Tasha Walden, tract on KY 36, no

monetary consideration

Christy Lee Farris and Kenneth Owen Farris to Paige Elizabeth Wagers, two tracts on Old Midland Trail, no monetary consideration

Paige Elizabeth Wagers and Adam Scott Odem to Christy Lee Farris, prop-

erty address, 714 Old Midland Trail, no monetary consideration

Leonard Mark Pozayt and Tracy Burner to Michael Devin Stewart and Riley Brooke Stewart, tract on KY 36 and Powers Branch Road, \$1 and other considrations

BATH COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED THIS SATURDAY

Bath County Search and Rescue will be holding a fundraiser event this Saturday, April 5, at the Owingsville Lions Club Park, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be a fish fry,

cruise in, bounce house, vendor fair, silent auction, and a dunking booth.

Keep up to date with the event page on Facebook, Fundraiser at Owingsville Lions Club Park.

From The Table

By Tim Bailey

Well, when I wrote this, the weather was fit for outside fun. But as all you readers know, KY weather can change not by the day, but by the minute. So this might seem a little out of place at the moment or not since you will get this in a couple of days.

When I get a little stuck on a topic for the week, I ask my highly skilled staff to help, and this is one that was brought up. It is about how some activities of our days as elementary students have changed.

We discussed several, but due to my attention span, I picked 3. Come to think about it, the attention span thing might explain my schooling problems.

So number 3 on our list the wooden/chain swing set. I can think of no lasting injuries from this, so I can't understand why they were taken out. Located mere feet from the school doors, it was a good take off point for daredevils to launch off on unsuspecting classmates. Several times this happened, most notably by the Staton boys, Dale and Woody. I never did this, just so you know. But I did get my first butt warming from Ms. Peggy Freeman. I really didn't know the rule, on my behalf. We were swinging the swing horizontal not parallel.

The next outlawed playground toy was the Jungle Jim. This steel structure stood high above the playground, looking like a skyscraper, and getting to the

top was a goal at each recess. For me being the first to the top was my goal every day we were let out of the building. I usually made up first but never got to the highest plateau. I can't remember who he was, but he would stand on the top row of bars, while I could only manage to sit there. I don't know if he ever got in trouble for that??? I do remember people getting knots and scrapes from steel web structure including myself.

Our last fun apparatus, and most fun one, was the merry-go-round. This was brought in toward the end of the school year, and like a new eating establishment, the first couple weeks one could not get on for the crowd. As the new wore off, only the strong survived. The most fun way to enjoy this spinning top was to have the big guys or girls in my case start pushing. I remember John Donathon, Mike Butcher and Wes Otis getting us going as fast as a rocket, I thought. If you were not locked in, grass stains were sure to happen.

With all these fun things going on, the playground most days would look like a battle ground. I don't know if the teachers back then had to have passed a safety course, but I know they had plenty of on the job training.

That said, this ended longer than planned, but stay safe out there. Take care of yourself, mother nature and of course, always be kind.



Representative David Hale

Lawmakers override Governor's vetoes to conclude the 2025 Regular Session

The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky gives the General Assembly the authority to create new laws. In a nod towards checks and balances, it grants the governor the power to veto or reject legislation he or she finds deficient or opposes. However, the legislative branch has the power to override the governor's veto with a constitutional majority, thereby sending the legislation to the secretary of state for his or her recording into law.

During the veto break, the Governor issued 29 vetoes. These include entire bills and resolutions, as well as line items of appropriations legislation. These measures were important pieces that will strengthen Kentucky, including legislation providing more oversight of state government and creating policies to improve how we address early education.

The checks and balance

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

es between our branches of government established in our constitution are essential to our system of government. The veto allows the General Assembly to reconsider legislation one final time to ensure we are creating a law that will benefit the people of Kentucky. It also allows the General Assembly to reaffirm our support for key government reforms and legislative measures that the governor disagrees with. The General Assembly must make laws that strengthen our economy, improve our education system, and modernize our government to protect Kentuckians from government overreach and inefficient and ineffective government policies.

Here are a few summaries of key pieces of legislation that had the Governor's veto overridden during the final days of the 2025 Regular Session:

Addressing Improper Sales Tax Collection - HB 2 provides Kentuckians improperly charged sales and use taxes on bullion transactions, such as gold and silver, an avenue to seek refunds and additional compensation for the illegal and undue burden.

Ending Discrimination in Public Colleges and Universities - HB 4 prohibits wasteful and discriminatory diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) practices on the campuses of Kentucky's public universities.

Limiting Government Overreach by Unelected Bureaucrats - HB 6 establishes limitations on the authority of unelected bureaucrats to promulgate administrative regulations.

Enhancing Accountability in Criminal Justice Institutions - HB 136 requires the annual report made to the legislature by the Department of Corrections to include additional data on persons released from a correctional institution, including time served, gang affiliation, drug test results, educational attainment, and recidivism.

Promoting Early Intervention to Ensure Long-term Academic Success - HB 240 utilizes a universal screener to assess student progress in kindergarten and first grade alongside grade-level assessments. Schools may retain kindergarten students who do not make adequate educational progress, but first-grade students must be held back if they do not make adequate progress or are unprepared for the second grade.

Improving local water and wastewater systems - HJR 30 authorizes the release of funds for the Kentucky Water or Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Fund. These funds were appropriated during the 2024 Regular Session to support local governments in improving their water and wastewater

infrastructure.

Approving county road projects - HJR 46 sets the priority county road projects, including them in the funding for the six-year road plan. This funding was appropriated during the 2024 Regular Session, and this resolution releases these funds for county and city roads needing improvement.

In the final hours of the session, House and Senate leadership received a letter from the Governor claiming that he will not implement a dozen or so laws passed this session. He claims they will cost too much, but many are actually cost-savings measures aimed at ending government overreach or requiring programs to work more effectively. His stance is not only disappointing, but unlawful and politically motivated. I am hopeful that the issue will be resolved without going through expensive and unnecessary legal challenges. However, as a duly-elected lawmaker, I stand by the legislature's authority to enact the policies that govern our Commonwealth.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at David.Hale@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Traditional Bank Names Sarah Jefferson Chief Experience Officer

Traditional Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Sarah Jefferson to Chief Experience Officer (CXO), a new position for the bank. Sarah most recently served as Cash Management Director. As CXO Sarah will continue to oversee cash management operations at the executive level with departmental leadership

provided by Whitney Davidson, who has been promoted to cash management director.

In her new role Jefferson will work to ensure a superior customer experience environment throughout the organization. Through inter-departmental observation, continuous customer feedback and strategic data analysis, she will help the bank understand existing service strengths. She will identify opportunities to enhance customer experience across all channels and achieve meaningful business results commensurate with the bank's people-first culture.

"It's extremely gratifying to work for a bank who embraces the need for constant improvement but also understands that better banking is about better relationships, and cannot



be achieved through one-size-fits-all solutions," Jefferson said. "I'm honored – and very excited – to take on this new role."

Jefferson began her banking career in Lexington in 2002, and has been with Traditional Bank since 2006. She has prioritized community service throughout her career currently serving in

board leadership roles for the Kentucky Nonprofit Network (KNN), Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCAK) and God's Pantry Food Bank. She is a 2023-2024 graduate of Leadership Lexington, where she worked with classmates to create a new volunteer resource called Bluegrass Corporate Cares Connection (BC3) which connects local employers with nonprofits in their area.

Traditional Bank CEO and board chair Andy Baker said, "A very strong business case for the CXO role emerged through multi-year strategic planning work with a focus on sustainable solutions for our future growth as an independent, community bank."

"Sarah's proven ability to consistently create exceptional customer experiences for clients, her commitment to employee development and the broad scope of her extensive banking knowledge create the perfect skill set for Traditional Bank's CXO. I am very enthusiastic about the value that Sarah brings to our customers and our organization in taking on this new role," said Baker.

Traditional Bank is an independent, community bank with 20 banking centers in eight Kentucky counties and approximately \$2.34 billion in assets. They have been awarded a five-star rating by Bauer Financial, the nation's leading independent bank rating firm. Follow them on Facebook at Facebook.com/TraditionalBank to learn more.

Please Support This Wonderful Bath County Ministry!

Camp Lyons Fish Fry!

Friday, April 4, 2025

4 – 7 p.m.

Eat-in --- Drive-by --- Carry-out!!!!

\$10 for a 1 piece meal
\$13 for a 2 piece meal

At the

Owingsville First Church of God

320 Slate Avenue
Owingsville, Ky.

All proceeds go to the Camp Lyons Ministries! The 275 acres Camp Lyons is the result of a vision the late Rev. Virgil & Mable Lyons had for a beautiful youth camp and retreat facility that would minister to young people and families, and today it's a wonderful success story! Located on the Mud Lick Road in Bath County, it drew over 5000 people to Bath County last year!

Sponsored by Participating Church of God Congregations!

Good Friday Fish Fry

Amity Lodge No. 40 F. & A.M. will have its "Good Friday" fish fry at the Lodge hall located at 102 E. Seventh Street in Millersburg, KY on April 18, 2025.

The "all you can eat meal " (dine in only) will be served from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, or until the fish is gone. The menu will consist of fish, baked beans, cole slaw and hush puppies. Cost this year will be \$10.00 including drink. Carry out will also be available. Thanks in advance.