

COMMUNITY

City of Sharpsburg, Robert L. Brown Foundation, and Frontier Housing Partner to Help Family Purchase Home



A partnership between the City of Sharpsburg, the Robert L. Brown Foundation, and Frontier Housing has helped a local family purchase a newly renovated, energy-efficient home. “On behalf of the City of Sharpsburg, we are so happy to see a new homeowner in our community,” said Mayor Dorothy Clemons. “I am always excited to know that there is a family that has made their dream come true.” “I am looking forward to help from Frontier Housing and the Robert L. Brown Foundation for any further homes,” Mayor Clemons said. The Robert L. Brown Foundation is administered through the Blue Grass

Community Foundation. It is named for lifelong Sharpsburg resident Robert L. Brown who bequeathed a gift through his estate to improve the quality of life for the residents of his hometown. “The Robert L. Brown Foundation, which provided the initial loan to secure this home, is thrilled to have had the opportunity to partner with Frontier Housing on this project. We look forward to more partnership opportunities in the future,” said Director of the Robert L. Brown Foundation Alice Hilton. Frontier Housing purchased the home and property at 166 Back Street and completed extensive renovations to the house. Fron-

tier also identified a buyer, helping them access loans and grants to purchase the home. The family moved into the home earlier this month following a ribbon cutting with family, friends, and local officials. “Quality housing is critical to healthy communities, and we were proud to partner with the City of Sharpsburg and the Robert L. Brown Foundation to restore this house and help a family purchase it and make it their home,” Frontier Housing CEO Tom Manning-Beavin said. “We look forward to working with these partners to restore more homes in Sharpsburg.” Frontier Housing is based in Morehead and serves 22 counties.

WILLIAM HAROLD MARTIN



On April 23, 2025, William Harold Martin made his entrance into his final home, surrounded by his family. William Harold Martin was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky, on March 19, 1932, to Keller Johnson and Lillie Mae (Bishop) Martin. A short time after he was born, the family moved to Bath County, Kentucky, the place that remained “home” in his mind to the very end. The Martin family members were hard-working farmers, mainly raising corn and tobacco as sharecroppers. Though they were poor, they never lacked for love or basic necessities. Farming took priority over education. William Harold was proud to have completed the eighth grade before staying home to help on the farm. Though further education never became a major goal, he was well-read, focusing on presidential history, state history, and of course his beloved Cades Cove, Tennessee. The Martin family attended White Oak Church of God, where as a young teenager William Harold understood his need to be saved and gave his heart to the Lord. To those who know and love Harold Martin, there is no doubt that he was ready to meet his Lord. In the late 1950s William Harold met Wanda Dean Helphenstine, the love of his life, as she was singing at a revival held by her sister, Opal Helphenstine. William Harold and Wanda were married on January 9, 1959, during Wanda's senior year of high school. In the early years of their marriage, they lived in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, where William

Harold began working in the grocery store business, eventually working his way up to management positions. In the mid 1960s William Harold and Wanda moved to the central Florida town of Eustis, where he continued working in grocery store management for the A&P grocery store chain. In 1968 they were thrilled by the birth of Carla, a long-awaited blessing. They moved back to Kentucky for a short time in the early 1970s, but as time went on, they began to consider what the future would hold for Carla's education. In 1973 Harold and Wanda felt led to move to Hobe Sound, Florida, to put their now six-year-old daughter, Carla, in the first grade at Hobe Sound Bible Academy. Their son, Harold Dean, was born two years later in 1975. While living in Hobe Sound, Wanda worked for Hobe Sound Ministries. William Harold worked at Scotties, a lumber supply company, located in Stuart, Florida. Eventually, he left to work as a painter. He painted for several companies, most notably Brooker Painting of Jupiter, Florida. Over the next four decades he formed relationships with many customers, including Jupiter Island residents and others around the Hobe Sound community. Many of these relationships extended beyond just the job and became close friendships. He has provided faithfully for his family and has been a tremendous blessing to his children, friends and family. In his later years William Harold was pleased to be able to purchase a small home in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, where he spent many summers painting for friends and family in the area and always taking time to visit Bath County and his old home places. Also during his retirement years, he gave much of his time to Hobe Sound Ministries, painting in nearly every building on campus. He loved the ministries in Hobe Sound and was a faithful member of Hobe Sound Bible Church for fifty-two years, rarely missing a service if he

was in town. In addition William Harold spent many hours caring for his beloved granddaughter Kelly, with whom he shared a special connection. William Harold needed very little to be happy in life. He could often be found sitting on the front porch with a cup of coffee, a little cookie or sweet and a ready smile. He was a friend to everyone he met, and loved to make people laugh. His gentle teasing and friendly winks will be missed. Preceding William Harold's death were his parents, Keller and Lillie, as well as Wanda, his wife of sixty-three years. He is also predeceased by six siblings: Keller Jr., Willis, Mae, Pauline, Asa and Sam. William Harold is survived by his two children, Carla (Martin) Case of Hobe Sound and her husband Phil (Case); his son Harold Dean, also of Hobe Sound, and his wife Kayla (Laird); eight grandchildren: Danielle (Case) and husband Sean (Adams), Kelly Case, Philip Case, and Andrea Case, Ethan and wife Lauren (Hamilton) Martin, Collin and wife Kaley (Quesenberry) Martin, Landon Martin and Dylan Martin; and two great-grandchildren: Evan and Isabella Adams. He is also survived by his “adopted” grandchildren, Stephen and Paul Kuo, and Ruth Choi. Florida arrangements are under the direction of Treasure Coast Seawinds Funeral Home in Stuart, Florida. A viewing and funeral service will be held at Hobe Sound Bible Church on Tuesday, April 29. The viewing will be from noon until 2:00pm with the funeral service beginning at 2:00pm. His final resting place will be Fleming County Cemetery, located in Flemingsburg, Kentucky with a brief graveside service being held on Friday, May 2, at 11:00am. Boone-Nickell Funeral Home is caring for local arrangements. Friends may offer online condolences at [www.boonenickell-funeralhome.com](http://www.boonenickell-funeralhome.com)

BATH COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
CUSTOMER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Bath County Water District expects to file an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission on or about May 15, 2025, seeking approval of a proposed adjustment to its water rates. The proposed rates shall not become effective until the Public Service Commission has issued an order approving these rates.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES BATH COUNTY WATER DISTRICT							
				Rates		Difference	
				Current	Proposed	Dollars	Percent
5/8 x 3/4-Inch Meter							
First	2,000	gallons	\$ 17.94	Minimum Bill	\$ 24.17	\$ 6.23	34.753%
Next	3,000	gallons	0.00705	per gallon	0.00950	0.00245	34.753%
Next	5,000	gallons	0.00557	per gallon	0.00751	0.00194	34.753%
Next	10,000	gallons	0.00488	per gallon	0.00658	0.00170	34.753%
Next	30,000	gallons	0.00466	per gallon	0.00628	0.00162	34.753%
Over	50,000	gallons	0.00453	per gallon	0.00610	0.00157	34.753%
1 Inch Meter							
First	10,000	gallons	\$ 66.94	Minimum Bill	\$ 90.20	\$ 23.26	34.753%
Next	10,000	gallons	0.00488	per gallon	0.00658	0.00170	34.753%
Next	30,000	gallons	0.00466	per gallon	0.00628	0.00162	34.753%
All Over	50,000	gallons	0.00453	per gallon	0.00610	0.00157	34.753%
2 Inch Meter							
First	50,000	gallons	\$ 255.50	Minimum Bill	\$ 344.30	\$ 88.80	34.753%
All Over	50,000	gallons	0.00453	per gallon	0.00610	0.00157	34.753%
Wholesale:							
Sharpsburg Water District	\$ 0.00424	per gallon	\$ 0.00571	\$ 0.00147	34.753%		
City of Frenchburg	0.00377	per gallon	0.00508	0.00131	34.753%		
City of Owingsville:							
Monthly Debt Service Payment	\$4,906.70		\$6,611.95	\$ 1,705.25	34.753%		
Usage Charge	0.00339	per gallon	0.00457	0.00118	34.753%		
Bulk Sales							
	\$ 0.00917	per gallon	\$ 0.01236	\$ 0.00319	34.753%		
Leak Adjustment							
	\$ 0.00361	per gallon	\$ 0.00486	\$ 0.00125	34.753%		

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rates, the average monthly bill for each meter size will increase as follows:

Meter Size	Average Monthly Usage	Current Bill	New Bill	Difference	
				Dollars	Percent
5/8 x 3/4 Inch	3,952	\$ 31.70	\$ 42.72	\$ 11.02	34.753%
1 Inch	32,565	174.29	234.91	60.62	34.778%
2 Inch	212,361	991.00	1,334.70	343.70	34.682%

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Bath County Water District. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates shown in this notice. The District has requested that the Public Service Commission allow the proposed rates to go into effect for water service rendered on and after July 15, 2025. However, the Public Service Commission may determine that additional time is necessary to review the reasonableness of the rates. In that instance, the District has requested that the Public Service Commission authorize interim rates to become effective July 15, 2025, that are necessary for the District to pass through an increase to purchase water costs paid to the Morehead Utility Plant Board. The interim rates would remain in effect until the Public Service Commission rules on the District's final rates. Bath County Water District has available for inspection at its office the application which it submitted to the Public Service Commission. A person may examine this application at the District's office located at 21 Church Street, Salt Lick, Kentucky 40371. You may contact the office at 606-683-6363. A person may also examine the application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Public Service Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602. You may contact the Public Service Commission at 502-564-3940. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, KY, 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.

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