

COMMUNITY

Michael Downs, Randy Buckner named to Bath County Agricultural Hall of Fame



Submitted by Michael Staton

This past Friday morning the Bath County Agricultural Hall of Fame held their annual ceremony to name individuals who have made outstanding contributions to farming in their community. Family, friends, and members of the county’s agriculture community gathered at the Bath County Ag Center for honor Michael Downs and Randy Buckner. The awards were presented by Bath County Farm Bureau President, Michael Staton.

MICHAEL DOWNS

This new member of the Bath County Agricultural Hall of Fame has dedicated a large majority of his life to serving the Bath County Agricultural community. I first met and got to know this individual when he and his family attended Extension’s Young Farm Family Management School. Along with full-time employment in a public job, this individual managed to operate a farm, raising tobacco, pumpkins, strawberries, grain, forages, and livestock. His family hosted 2 County Agricultural Field Days and conducted To-

bacco Research Trials and Corn Research Trials for the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. This individual has served on the Bath County Fair Board, Soil Conservation Board, County Extension Board and Council, the Agricultural Extension Foundation Board, as well as the Bath County Agricultural Development Council. Holding offices on the Extension Board as treasurer for countless years, the Eastern Kentucky Draft Horse Association hosting the United States Draft Horse and Mule Plowing Contest and the Bath County Produce Auction Board in which he was instrumental in the start and formation of. I know that I have only touched on a few things this person has been involved in, and he would be the first to say that none of which would have been possible without the love and support of his wife Joyce and their family. It is with great honor and privilege that we add Mike Downs name and picture to the Bath County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

RANDY BUCKNER

This new member of the Bath County Agricultural Hall of Fame has dedicated

years of service to the Bath County Agricultural community. He has farmed all his life raising Tobacco, Beef Cattle and Forages. He has worked with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service in conducting numerous Tobacco Black Shank Research Trials. He has served on the Southern States Board of Directors and on many Extension Agriculture Event Planning Committees. I feel that this person’s greatest contributions to Bath County Farmers and to the improvement of Bath County Agriculture in general have come from this person’s time as Secretary/Treasurer of the Bath County Cattlemen’s Association. He was in this role of Secretary/Treasurer when the Tobacco Buyout occurred and before CAIP Cost Share began. During this time groups like the Cattlemen’s Association designed the guidelines and administered the cost share dollars to County Farmers that applied. This individual took care of the mountains of paperwork and all the reporting required to administer these programs. Programs like Line Fencing, Hay Harvesting Equipment and Genetic Improvement.



Mike Downs, with Joyce Downs, and award presented by Gary Hamilton and Michael Staton

Thousands of dollars were invested in the improvement of Bath County Agriculture through these programs, and they would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of this individual. Also, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Bath County Cattlemen’s Association this individual managed the rental of the shared use equipment owned by the Association. Through this county farmers had the use of cattle head chutes, scales, corral panels and chain drags. Also, the Cattlemen’s Association promotes beef by cooking at events throughout each year. This individual gathered and organized the supplies needed for these events as well as cleaned coolers, utensils, and equipment after each of these events like Preston Court Days, May Day, Field Days, Relay for Life, and many others. This individual that I am talking about is Randy Buckner. And before we add his name to the Bath



Randy Buckner and family

County Agricultural Hall of Fame let me say that I think Randy would give some credit for his accomplishments to the support and love of his wife Darlene and his family. It is with great honor and privilege that we add Randy Buckner’s name and picture to the Bath County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

LEGAL NOTICE

Due to a rate increase from the Morehead Utility Plant Board, notice is hereby given that the Bath County Water District has filed an Application for a Purchased Water Adjustment with the Kentucky Public Service Commission for the purpose of adjusting its water rates. Customer rates will increase by \$1.46 per 1,000 gallons used. The proposed change will be effective for all services rendered on and July 15, 2025.

Monthly Rate:	Current	Proposed	% Increase
5/8 Inch x 3/4 Inch Meter:			
First 2,000 Gallons	\$17.94	\$20.86	16.28%
Next 3,000 Gallons	7.05	8.51	20.71%
Next 5,000 Gallons	5.57	7.03	26.21%
Next 10,000 Gallons	4.88	6.34	29.92%
Next 30,000 Gallons	4.66	6.12	31.33%
Next 50,000 Gallons	4.53	5.99	32.23%
1 Inch Meter:			
First 10,000 Gallons	\$66.94	\$81.54	21.81%
Next 10,000 Gallons	4.88	6.34	29.92%
Next 30,000 Gallons	4.66	6.12	31.33%
Over 50,000 Gallons	4.53	5.99	32.23%
2 Inch Meter:			
First 50,000 Gallons	\$255.50	\$328.50	28.57%
Over 50,000 Gallons	4.53	5.99	32.23%
Bulk Water Sales			
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$9.17	\$10.63	15.92%

The monthly bill for a customer using an average of 5,000 gallons per month will increase \$7.25 from \$39.09 to \$46.39 or 18.68%. 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 included in this notice. Kentucky Public Service Commission has this application on file for any person to examine at their office at 211 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or through the Commission's Website at <http://psc.ky.gov> Bath County Water District has available for inspection at its office the application submitted to the Public Service Commission. The office is located at 21 Church Street in Salt Lick, Kentucky, Bath County Water District.

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SEEKING THE CURRENT UNKNOWN TENANTS OF THE LOT'S DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DEED DESCRIPTION:

The following listed subdivided lots located on the below described parcel of real property: Lots number 4, 5, 6, 10, 1006, 1016, 1017, 3004, 1012, 18, 15, 16, 14, 12, 1 Lowe Road, as subdivided and indicated on the attached map in addition the Grantee is conveyed ownership of any property not subdivided and conveyed to Betty Bentley, a part of the following:

BEGINNING on the west right of way of Highway 3343 at fence line, a common corner with the Donald Peck property line; thence commencing a westerly direction with a fence line and with the Peck line and then Bobby Centers line to a corner at fence line and Centers property; thence commencing a northeasterly direction with the Centers line and then the Bulgar McKinney line to a fence line, a corner at the L.G. Murphy line; thence commencing a southeasterly direction with the Murphy line and fence line to a steel pin, a corner; thence commencing a southwesterly direction with a Woodline and Murphy line to a steel pin at a fence line; thence commencing a southeasterly direction with a fence line in wooden area to Highway 3343 West right of way, a corner; thence commencing a southerly direction with West right of way of Highway 3343 to a fence line at Donald Peck property line the beginning point. Being fifty acres more or less containing all property within the above mentioned boundary. Being a part of that property conveyed to James I. Bentley and Betty Sue Bentley, his wife, by deed dated October 30, 1995, of record in Deed Book 73 Page 629, Menifee County Records. This property was subsequently conveyed to James Irvin Bentley from Betty Sue Bentley by Quit Claim Deed dated March 13, 2018, filed April 13, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book D120, Page 491, records of the Menifee County Clerk's Office.

On June 24, 2025 I was appointed by the Menifee Circuit Court to serve as Warning Order Attorney for the above-named Defendant in a lawsuit styled TAMMY MICHELLE MULLINS, et al. VS. ANGELA TACKETT, et al. Menifee Circuit Court, Civil Action 25-CI-90075. This is a matter involving real property located in Menifee County.

If you are one of the above-named individuals, or if you have any knowledge as to the possible aliases and whereabouts of the above-named Defendants, please contact me.

If you are one of the above-named Defendants, you must file an answer or other response to Plaintiff's Complaint to avoid a default judgment. I will report my efforts to locate you to the Court no later than August 13, 2025.

RETIREMENT

ARE YOU RETIRING OR HAVE YOU RETIRED?

WANT TO ROLL OVER YOUR IRA OR 401K AND PAY NO TAXES OR DO YOU HAVE FUNDS THAT ARE NOT WORKING FOR YOU?

DO YOU NEED AN INCOME WITHOUT TOUCHING THE PRINCIPLE?

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FOR A PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT: CALL JIM AT 606-683-2104 CELL: 859-948-4376 EMAIL: gatesjimmie@yahoo.com

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