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Photo by Cecil Lawson

A multiple vehicle accident took place last Tuesday morning around 9 a.m. near the westbound lane of Interstate 64 near the 116-mile marker in Bath County. Kentucky State Police Post 8 Morehead public spokesman Trooper Zachary Haney did not have details of the accident available but noted that one driver was taken to the hospital with critical injuries, but whose status had later been upgraded to stable. Following the accident I-64 westbound traffic was diverted onto US 60 first at exit 121 and later at exit 123. This caused traffic congestion throughout most of the day on Tuesday through downtown Owingsville. According to LeAnn Norton, public spokesperson for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Kentucky State Police requested that I-64 have traffic diverted for about an hour on Monday morning between exit 121 at Owingsville and exit 113 in Mt. Sterling to continue with crash investigation. A family member of the accident victim said on Monday that the accident occurred when one vehicle hit another while traffic was stopped on I-64 for roadwork.

Sharpsburg planning City Clean Up Day



Photo by Cecil Lawson

Sharpsburg Mayor Dorothy Clemons signs a resolution for annual Fair Housing ordinance for the city while City Clerk reads the ordinance to City Commissioners this past Saturday.

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The City of Sharpsburg is planning a city-wide Clean-Up Day.

Sharpsburg City Commissioners shared plans at Saturday's regular March meeting.

Mayor Dorothy Clemons said she and commissioners discussed the matter at last month's meeting during a closed session. She said the last time a city had a clean up day, residents brought a lot of illegal items to be dumped, and trash was left outside of the dumpster on the city street.

She said the date for the Clean-Up will be determined at next month's Commission meeting, and it would be open for only residents who live in the Sharpsburg city limits. She said they will have someone oversee the dumpster during the day and will have volunteers on hand as well.

"If we are going to have to pay for it, it needs to be only city residents," said Commissioner LuAnn Oney.

Mayor Clemons informed commissioners that she had received a letter from the US Department of the Treasury noting that reports for the city's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds had not been filed for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024. She said that there had been \$1050.50 in the account, but it had been spent and no reports were filed during that time, and no receipts existed to show how the funds had been spent. Clemons said

the city will have to pay back the amount, and she would do that later in the day.

Mayor Clemons presented the past-due 2025 property taxes for the city, amounting to \$5491.66, which are published in this week's News-Outlook. Clemons said one property has been in the city limits for many years but was only added to the tax rolls in 2024. She said another property on which taxes are owed has been sold at a Master Commissioner's sale to Traditional Bank, and the back taxes will be paid on it.

Clemons also provided an update on the city's Transportation Alternatives Program grant project, which is creating new sidewalks connecting Main Street with Montgomery Street and the Community Center. She said the contractor, the Walker Company, submitted a change order regarding the sidewalk slope by the R. L. Brown office for \$7000. After consulting with the company and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, they decided to come up with another solution because additional funds are not in the project.

Council members had a lengthy discussion with Sgt. Bennie Buckler with the Bath County Sheriff's Office regarding enforcement of city ordinances.

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March Against Drugs This Friday

The Bath County School District will be holding its annual March Against Drug this Friday, March 13, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The March will go from Owingsville Elementary School to the old Courthouse on Main Street, and back to the Bath County High School, where a special program will be held for students. Main Street will be closed during the march for approximately 45 minutes.

Upcoming Local Easter Egg Hunts

Saturday, March 28
- Bethel/Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Department at the Bethel Fire Station, Open House and Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., free hot dogs, chips, and water, American Red Cross will be on hand
- Sharpsburg Egg Hunt at Sharpsburg City Park, 11 a.m., sponsored by Citizens Bank, Robert L. Brown Foundation, and Bath County Memorial Li-

brary, bring your baskets, meet the Easter Bunny, and enjoy the library's Big Blue Blocks!

- Preston Volunteer Fire Department and McClain Pallet Sales, 235 Blevins Valley Road, starting at 12:30 p.m. - Easter Egg hunt, prizes and candy, Easter Bunny, hot dogs and popcorn - different age groups

- City of Salt Lick and Powell Funeral Home, Easter Egg Hunt on Main Street, 1 p.m., bring your baskets and the whole family, includes a toddler area
- Owingsville and Olympian Springs Fire Departments and Owingsville/Bath County Chamber of Commerce, Owingsville Lions Club, starts at 3 p.m., Easter Egg Hunt, prizes,

hot dogs, different age groups

Saturday, April 4

- Dairy Queen Owingsville and Bath County Parks and Recreation, Easter Egg Hunt at the Bath County Sports Complex, Wells Road, 2 p.m., pictures with the Easter Bunny

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