

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

JAMES "JIM" LEE THOMPSON



James "Jim" Lee Thompson, 62, of Owingsville, Kentucky passed away Saturday, July 18, 2026 at his home surrounded by his beloved family. He was born on April 26, 1964 in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky to the late James Alfred Thompson and Emma Louise McGlothlin Thompson. James was a dedicated Plant Coordinator for American Highway Fence. He found great joy in wood-working, hunting and fishing, and was happiest when surrounded by his family. His love for the outdoors and the time he spent with those closest to him will be fondly remembered. Survivors include his beloved wife, Sonya Kim Thompson, one son, James Andrew Thompson and one daughter, Jessica Dominix. Four grandchildren, Gibson Shrout, Sophia Mae Dominix, Jamie Lee Dominix and Maddox Thompson. Survivors also include his sister, Ramona Mead-

ows (Gene), one niece, Var-larie Ostrom (Blaine) and two great nieces, Courtney Wright (Ryan) and Kelsey Ostrom. Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Friday, July 24, 2026, in the chapel of the Michael R. Gray Funeral Home in Owingsville with Dr. Sean Bailey officiating. Burial will follow at the Thompson Family Cemetery by their home. Visitation at the Michael R. Gray Funeral Home in Owingsville will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2026 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Pallbearers include, Brior Reynolds, Zachery Jewell, Jacob Purvis, Josh Wells, Blake Holland, Greg Logan, Wes Blevins, Courtney and Ryan Wright, and Claude Jarvis. Honorary pallbearers include, Robert Reynolds and Betty, John Perkins, Gene Meadows, Nancy Crouch and Kathy Toy. In Lieu of Flowers contributions are suggested to the Michael R. Gray Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses. The Michael R. Gray Funeral Home at 89 Slate Avenue in Owingsville is caring for all the arrangements for Jim Thompson. To view the online memorial and sign the guest book, please visit www.mrgfh.com.

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Notice is hereby given that Billy Townsend, owner of The Rustic Red Restaurant LLC, doing business as Bigfoot's Bar and Grill, located at 8 Montana Lane, Salt Lick, Kentucky, has applied for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages. The following types of licenses are being requested: NQ2 Retail Drink License (Liquor by the Drink), Sampling License, and Special Sunday Retail Drink License. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of these licenses by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of this legal publication.

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Fiscal Court starts new fiscal year strong

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The Bath County Fiscal Court held its regular July meeting on July 9 at the Courthouse Annex and wrapped up its agenda in about 45 minutes. County Treasurer Julie Cline presented the county's 4th quarter financial settlement, which recounts the previous quarter's receipts and expenses, and the county's schedule of debts. Cline said some budgeted expenses for this past fiscal year were down. She noted that the Jail Fund used only 80 percent of its budgeted funds; the Road Fund, 88 percent; 911, 94 percent; and Waste Management, 97 percent. During her discussion

of the June bills, she noted that Rumpke's rates have gone up, while jail expenses are down. She also said there will be two years of state audits to complete. Court members voted to approve publication of the financial pages of the county's audit, when completed, in lieu of the annual financial settlement, which is dozens of pages long. They also voted to accept the 2025 Sheriff's Office local tax settlement. County Sheriff Jessie Stewart delivered his activity report for the month of June: 11 accidents, 5 arrests, 63 calls responded to, 7 citations issued, 29 civil summonses served, 4 criminal summonses served, 3 warrants served, and 1 traffic stop. Stewarts noted that this was all carried out with on himself and Sgt. Bennie Buckler on



Photo by Cecil Lawson
County Judge/Executive Frosty McKenzie accepts a check from County Attorney Kim Price on July 9 for \$1079 in jail recoupment fees collected this quarter from defendants who have been arrested. Price also noted that her received a federal reimbursement for her child support office in the amount of \$10,265. The total jail recoupment fees collected from the 2025-26 fiscal year was \$15,500, and federal reimbursements for the same period totaled over \$18,000.

the force at the moment. Court members also: - held a first reading of an ordinance to set the speed limit on county roads to 35 miles per hour. This was previously set in 2017, but the ordinance was not recorded at the County Clerk's office. - approved the hiring of 2 part-time dispatchers to work as needed at 911 Dispatch - Peyton Simpson and Lucas Bussell. The pay rate is \$12.81 an hour. They also voted to approve the hiring of Steve Becraft as 911 Dispatch Director, following the recent resignation of Justin Welch - approved amending the minutes from the Feb. 12, 2026 meeting to include a 1st reading of a budget amendment - approved a memorandum of understanding with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to receive up to \$768,000 in Local Assistance Road Program funds (formerly discretionary funds), with the understanding that the county is responsible for 17.5 percent of the amount - approved opening an account at Peoples Bank to be used for grant funding to move 911 Dispatch to the Courthouse Annex - approved the payment of two late bills, one for the Bath Vet Clinic for the

spay/neuter vouchers, \$150. It was noted that there were 3 vouchers left to be used, which provides \$75 to have dogs spayed or neutered for local residents. The other bill was for \$1638 for the new Little League Baseball Complex, insurance on structures and bleachers through KACO - approved an additional \$3000 to be used for spay/neuter vouchers in the county - were asked by Sally O'Boyle if the Fiscal Court used Flock cameras and had an ordinance regulating data centers. County Attorney Kim Price said that while the county could potentially regulate data centers, it could not completely ban them. - Tourism Director Brent Frizzell noted that local America 250 Celebrations, including the Great American Cookout, the Ringing of the Bells, and Rock the Cove, all went well despite the heat, as well as services at Old Springfield Church and a tour of its historic cemetery. He said the local Liberty Tree Dedication Ceremony has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 25, at the Lions Club Park at 11 a.m.



Inas Meadows, age 70, of Sharpsburg, passed away on July 15, at St. Joseph Hospital in Mount Sterling, Kentucky. She was born on February 17, 1956 in Mount Sterling, Kentucky to the late Kenneth "Radio" Stewart and Mary Louise Carl. Inas retired from Donatech Manufacturing after 25 years. She enjoyed gospel music and loved to watch Pastor Lowell Rice's videos on Facebook. Bird watching and gardening were two of her favorite things to do. She enjoyed reading Mother Earth and Farmers Almanac. Inas was a simple lady who loved her family and her grandchildren. She was a loving mother and

wife that loved spending time with her family more than anything. Her kind heart and loving spirit will be missed by those she leaves behind. She is survived by her husband, Lowell T. Meadows; one daughter, Camberly Stewart Jewell; two sisters, Libby McIntosh and Virginia Williams; four grandchildren, Brian Colby Stewart, Chelsea Ray Bryant, Cody Thomas Stewart and Alexis Lyray Meadows; twelve great grandchildren; one special nephew, Chris Stewart; a special friend, Marcella Rogers. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Ashley Lynn Meadows; two brothers, David Stewart and Darrell Stewart; one sister, Frances Goldie; one grandson, Charles Kenneth Stewart; one nephew, Michael Andrew Stewart. A memorial service will be held on Monday, July 20 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Richardson Funeral Home. Richardson Funeral Home is caring for all arrangements for Inas Meadows.

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It is noted that portions of these records may be needed by the student or parent/guardian for future services or benefits. A record of the student's name, his or her grades, classes attended, grade level completed, and year will be kept permanently. The student (eighteen or older) or parent/guardian may obtain a copy of these records by contacting Melanie Blair, Director of Special Education, at 606-674-6314 no later than 10/15/26.

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