COMMUNITY

1st Annual Menifee Howl-O-Ween Pet Contest next Saturday

Move over ghosts and goblins; the real stars of spooky season in Menifee County are walking on four legs. Menifee County Tourism has officially announced its first-ever Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest, bringing a brand new wave of family-friendly, furry fun to the heart of Frenchburg.

Scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, the festival will transform Veterans Memorial Park on Back Street into a lively runway for the area's most creative pets. The event is free to enter and open to the public, promising an afternoon of laughs, community spirit, and highly competitive pet fashion.

Spooky Styles & Pawsome Prizes

Whether it is a beagle dressed as a taco or a feline masquerading as a witch, the contest is inviting pets of all kinds to showcase their finest Halloween attire. Organizers are offering an array of prizes across three distinct judging categories:

Pet/Owner Themed Costume (for the ultimate matching duos)

Cutest Costume

Spookiest Costume

To dial up the fun, the afternoon will feature a grand Pet Parade directly around Veterans Memorial Park, allowing spectators to cheer on every participant. Owners can also capture memories at a free photo booth designed specifically to handle dolled-up pets.

Party for a Cause

While the event is completely free for families to attend, it doubles as a vital fundraiser for local animals. The Menifee County Animal Shelter will be on-site selling food and refreshments, with 100% of the proceeds going directly toward supporting the shelter's homeless animals and ongoing operations.

Local businesses and community members are also pitching in by donating pet items to build ultimate winners' gift baskets. Additional vendors will be set up throughout the park, creating a vibrant autumn market atmosphere.

Know Before You Go

To ensure a safe and fun environment for all two-legged and four-legged attendees, organizers have established a few ground rules:

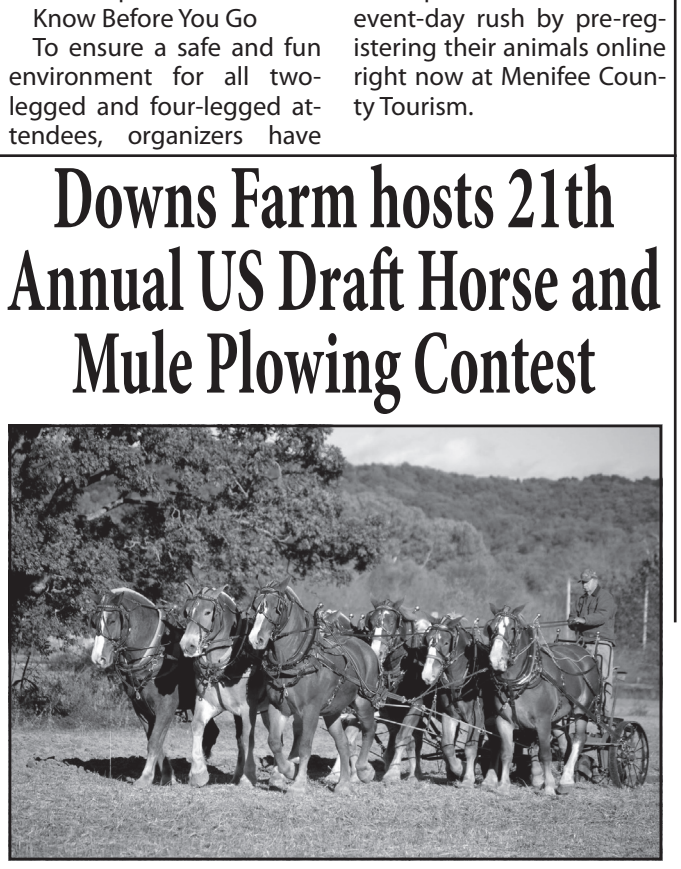
All pets must be fully vaccinated.

Animals must remain securely on a leash or inside a carrier at all times.

Pets should be friendly and comfortable around crowds and other animals.

Pet parents can beat the event-day rush by pre-registering their animals online right now at Menifee County Tourism.

Downs Farm hosts 21th Annual US Draft Horse and Mule Plowing Contest



For the 11th year in a row, competitors from several states will return to enjoy the beauty and downhome hospitality at the Mike and Joyce Downs Farm for the US Draft Horse and Mule Plowing Contest on Saturday, October 24, starting at 8 a.m.

Competitors will use antique plows drawn by these gentle giants to cut rows that are measured by straightness, depth, and consistency.

Classes will include Walking Plow, 2 Horse and 3 Horse Sulky Plow, Gang Plow (4 or more horses and 2+ bottom plow), and Antique Plow, Novice, and Open.

The public is welcome watch the competition and honor the late Mike Downs and his legacy. The Downs family has hosted the competition on their farm since 2016.

Contact Joyce Downs at 606-768-3330 for more information.

Check your smoke detectors

It is that time of year again.....time to check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Smoke alarms should be changed every 10 years. Bethel/Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Department has free smoke alarms and a limited supply of carbon monoxide detectors. If you are in need of smoke alarms or carbon monoxide detectors and live in the Bethel/Sharpsburg fire district, please contact Ike France at 859-473-0968. And please, check your chimneys and flues before using.

The fall burn ban is currently in effect and runs through December 15th. No outside burning is allowed between 6:00am and 6:00pm. If you have any questions about the burn ban in the Bethel/Sharpsburg fire district, please call Ike France at 859-473-0968.

The Bethel/Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Department is participating in the Yellow Dot program. The Yellow Dot Program helps first responders quickly find your vital medical information during an emergency or car crash when you cannot speak. Please contact Ike France at 859-473-0968 for a kit and further information.

Kentucky VOTE
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BATH COUNTY CLERK
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Menifee Boo Around Town is now Hometown Halloween

On Saturday, October 31 this year, the City of Frenchburg will host Hometown Halloween from 5 to 7 p.m.

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Bring the kiddos and enjoy candy from local businesses and community residents!

COSTUME CONTEST!

Show off your best Halloween look for a chance to win some great prizes!

BEST TRUNK/COSTUME/THEME CONTEST!

For our candy distributors—decorate your trunk and get creative!

PUMPKIN DISPLAY!

Bring your carved pumpkin, show off your talent, and add it to our community pumpkin display! Pumpkins will be on display throughout the week leading up to the event.

THE PARK IS GETTING AN EERIE MAKEOVER!

Take a stroll along the walking path and check out the park's spookier side! The trail will be open the week before Halloween for those looking for a more mature trick-or-treat experience.

7-FOOT SINGING PUMPKIN!

Come see our giant singing pumpkin in the park—you may even hear a song or two and want to sing along!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY & FREE!

Bring your family, invite your friends, wear your costumes, and let's make Frenchburg's Hometown Halloween a new tradition our community can enjoy year after year!

Candy, community & spooky fun await!

We can't wait to see you there!

Ordinance No. 5-2026

TITLE: An Ordinance of the City of Owingsville, Kentucky, Amending the City of Owingsville Code of Ordinance §35.79 Gross Restauramt Tax.

SUMMARY: The City of Owingsville, Kentucky, has enacted an Ordinance amending the restaurant tax from 2.0% to 3.0% of gross restaurant sales.

The above-referenced summary is a true and accurate summary of the City of Owingsville Ordinance No. 5-2026 in accordance with KRS 83A.060. The complete text of this Ordinance is available for viewing at the Office of the Mayor at 19 Goodpaster Avenue, Owingsville, Kentucky.

Earl Rogers III
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City of Owingsville, Kentucky

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Public Meeting
Bath County Fiscal Court
Recreational Trails Program
Bath County Trails Improvement Project

The Bath County Fiscal Court is hosting a public meeting on their proposed Bath County Trails Improvements Project. The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss trailhead improvements and trail restoration in Bath County. To provide a forum for discussion, the Bath County Fiscal Court will be hosting an open meeting on:

Date: October 26, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM EDT/10:00 AM CDT
Location: Bath County Fiscal Court Room
Address: 19 E. Main Street, Owingsville, KY 40360

The public is invited to review and voice their opinion on the proposed activities and potential impacts of the project. Anyone wishing to support or oppose the proposed project can submit written comments to P.O. Box 39 Owingsville, KY 40360 by October 26, 2026.

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Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Member Nomination Meeting

A meeting to nominate candidates for the 8th District representative on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission will be held at the Montgomery County Extension Office, 106 East Locust Street, Mount Sterling, on Nov. 17, 2026. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The commission provides oversight of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and guides development of the state's regulations on hunting, fishing, boating and related matters. It is a voluntary position.

The 8th District includes Bath, Bourbon, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Rowan and Wolfe counties.

Resident hunters or anglers of the district who qualify and attend the meeting may vote or be nominated for the position.

Potential nominees must submit an affidavit of qualifications to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. An application for nomination and qualification documentation must be received in the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's Office at least 15 days prior to the meeting (Nov. 2, 2026). The department will determine if the candidate meets the appropriate qualifications.

Nominees must have held a Kentucky fishing and hunting or trapping license for at least the previous five consecutive license years prior to the current license year; be a current resident of the district; be well informed on wildlife conservation and restoration; and be an experienced hunter, angler, trapper or biologist.

License exemptions do not apply for potential commission members. Nominees cannot be a convicted felon.

If more than five candidates are nominated at the meeting, candidates will be selected by vote to reduce the list of nominees to five for consideration by the governor.

Sportsmen or sportswomen wishing to vote at the meeting must be a current resident of the district and have purchased a hunting or fishing license for at least the previous two consecutive license years prior to the current license year. Voters will also need to have their Fish and Wildlife Customer ID number readily available to affix on the ballot.

Additional information is available online at fw.ky.gov, or by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549. Phones are staffed weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern), closed for holidays.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL FUND

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Actual Amounts, (Budgetary) Basis)	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Miscellaneous	30,000	32,268	39,527	7,259
Total Receipts	30,000	32,268	39,527	7,259
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	14,470	22,645	22,018	627
Administration	16,139	10,232	882	9,350
Total Disbursements	30,609	32,877	22,900	9,977
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(609)	(609)	16,627	17,236
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers to Other Funds	(6,891)	(6,891)	(18,547)	(11,656)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(6,891)	(6,891)	(18,547)	(11,656)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(7,500)	(7,500)	(1,920)	5,580
Fund Balance – Beginning	7,500	7,500	7,221	(279)
Fund Balance -Ending	0	0	5,301	5,301

LATC FUND

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Actual Amounts, (Budgetary) Basis)	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Interest	7,800	7,800	6,006	(1,794)
Total Receipts	7,800	7,800	6,006	(1,794)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Administration	172,830	172,830		172,830
Total Disbursements	172,830	172,830		172,830
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(165,030)	(165,030)	6,006	171,036
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfer to Other Funds			(100)	(100)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			(100)	(100)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(165,030)	(165,030)	5,906	170,936
Fund Balance – Beginning	165,030	165,030	165,030	
Fund Balance -Ending	0	0	170,936	170,936

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Actual Amounts, (Budgetary) Basis)	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
DISBURSEMENTS				
Administration	155	155		155
Total Disbursements	155	155		155
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(155)	(155)		155
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers To Other Funds	(25)	(25)	(25)	
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(25)	(25)	(25)	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(180)	(180)	(25)	155
Fund Balance – Beginning	180	180	179	(1)
Fund Balance -Ending	0	0	154	154

WATER GENERATOR PROJECT FUND

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Actual Amounts, (Budgetary) Basis)	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Miscellaneous		11,500	11,500	
Total Receipts		11,500	11,500	
DISBURSEMENTS				
Administration		11,500	11,500	
Total Disbursements		11,500	11,500	
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Net Change in Fund Balance				
Fund Balance – Beginning				
Fund Balance -Ending	0	0	0	0

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Actual Amounts, (Budgetary) Basis)	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Miscellaneous	16,008	43,778	48,824	5,046
Total Receipts	16,008	43,778	48,824	5,046
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	37,440	41,940	40,731	1,209
General Health and Sanitation		5,000	5,000	
Administration	27,568	108,003		108,003
Total Disbursements	65,008	154,943	45,731	109,212
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(49,000)	(111,165)	3,093	114,258
Net Change in Fund Balance	(49,000)	(111,165)	3,093	114,258
Fund Balance – Beginning	49,000	111,165	111,165	
Fund Balance -Ending	0	0	114,258	114,258

CLERK STORAGE FEED FUND

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Budgeted Amounts Final	Actual Amounts, (Budgetary) Basis)	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Miscellaneous	20,250	20,250	17,360	(2,890)
Total Receipts	20,250	20,250	17,360	(2,890)
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	7,500	7,500	4,052	3,448
Administration	41,000	41,000		41,100
Total Disbursements	48,500	48,500	4,052	44,448
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(28,250)	(28,250)	13,308	41,558
Net Change in Fund Balance	(28,250)	(28,250)	13,308	41,558
Fund Balance – Beginning	28,250	28,250	28,032	(218)
Fund Balance -Ending	0	0	41,340	41,340

A copy of the complete audit report of Bath County Fiscal Court for the year ending June 30, 2025, including financial statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Bath Count courthouse and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Any citizen may obtain from the Bath County courthouse a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for their personal use.

Citizens requesting a personal copy of Bath County's audit report will be charged for duplication costs at a rate that shall not exceed twenty-five ($0.25) per page.

Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220, when a financial statement is required by KRS 424.220, are available to the public at no cost at the Bath Couty courthouse located at 19 E. Main Street, Owingsville, Ky 40360.

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