Who will be the guardians of our history?

BONNIE **STRASSELL**

They were storytellers and the guardians of our history.They imparted words of wisdom gleaned from a lifetime of experiences, and they permitted us to join them on a journey into the past.

They were our elderly friends, neighbors and family members, and if we fail to carry on their legacy, a piece of our history will forever vanish in the chasm of time.

Over the years, Owen County has lost many of these treasured members of our communities. Yet, their lives reflected that indefatigable character and grit of the people who forged our great nation

Through the eyes of the elderly we gain a deeper understanding of our history, and as their stories of long ago take on life and color, we embrace yesterday and gain insight into our past.

What is it like not not only to have experienced the history of Owen County for over one hundred years; but also to have recorded it in numerous historic and genealogical books? One just needs to remember Monterey resident, historian, author and Owen County Historical Society Charter Member Margaret Alice Murphy, who passed away several years ago at the age of 101.

Born in Monterey in 1918, Margaret was orphaned at age six, experienced the Depression, recalled traveling over dirt, rut-filled roads by horse and wagon, remembered the advent of the automobile and the tractor and shared stories of steamboats on the Kentucky River.

Doris and Sam Riley spent most of their lives recounting, recording and documenting history. Over the years, Doris wrote thousands of pages relating to the history of Owen County and the folks who made Owen their home.

For decades, Doris and Countian Glenna Clifton were involved with cemetery preservation and documented locations and names of many long-forgotten cemeteries in the county, many of which were located on family farms.

Sam Riley was a consummate storyteller, and once he began his recitation it was advisable to take a seat because his colorful descriptive stories were delightful.

Perhaps Sam acquired this unique gift at a young age when he would perch on the edge of the wooden porch of the general store in Wheatley and listen to the old-timers tell of the "White Indians" (most likely early Europeans) who built a great stone fort and tower on a high hill above Severn creek.

Other elderly countians may not have written books or published their memoirs, but the untold treasures of years ago still resound in the stories they daily shared with others.

There still remains history keepers in the county. Take for instance Elizabeth Prewitt whose family lived in New Liberty for generations.

Anyone with questions about the community, the old New Liberty Schools or who lived in which house needs only to engage this slender silver-haired resident who has an amazingly acute knowledge of the area and whose detailed stories created a picturesque landscape of this early Owen County town.

Or one might ask longtime Poplar Grove resident Tom Olds about the times years ago when he and his father would spend weeks before Memorial Day cleaning up the Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Tom and his dad confronted not only the tangle of vines and vigorous weeds that had flourished during the year, but they also had to outwit the overabundance of cunning black snakes that took offense to the encroachment on land which they considered theirs by "squatters' rights."

A few years ago one couldn't walk into Southern States without being entertained by the creative stories told by Gary Duvall. Gary's wit and humor embellished his stories of horses, home remedies, old Owen County trails, county folks, swimming holes and a cornucopia of unmatched tales.

The same is true of Owen County Historical Society Board Member Bobby Gibson, whose nonchalant manner of telling stories only added to their sometimes-hilarious endings.

There are many other countians whose memories of the past await an awakening of the curious.

Perhaps a question from a youngster will trigger a memory that will create a lifelong journey into the past; and as the cadence and color of our history is shared with the next generation, it will continue to weave indelible threads into the fabric of life.

We have rescheduled our annual River Day. It will be held on Saturday, August 15, from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. at the Historical Society Museum.

We are combining our Frontier Kids Day with River Day. Special frontier activities will be offered from 10 A.M.- noon where kids can learn how to light a fire with flint and steel and make a candle and punched tin ornament to take home; and frontier games will be offered throughout the day.

At noon Dave and Becky DeBruler will help us celebrate America's 250th birthday with patriotic tunes on banjo and guitar; and at 1:00 Owen County's favorite calliope player, Faye Shelton, will perform some of America's old-time music on the Historical Society's ruby-red calliope.

Folks will have a chance to win gift cards for Family Billiards;and kids can make their own cane fishing pole, play marbles, hopscotch and jump-rope; and participate in wooden water bucket and hoop and stick races.

Johnson's Country Hams food truck will be on hand offering Owen County favorite foods.

Also, don't miss our annual Artifact Day, August 22 from 10-2 at the Odd Fellows Hall.

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*Daniel Shepherd to Brenden Patrick Lewis trustee, deed, 1315 Caney Creek Road, Stamping Ground

*Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Wesley E. Davis, deed, lots 7 and 8, block F, Eagle Creek Subdivision

*Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to William J. Hammond, deed, 2070 Squiresville Road, .971 acres

*Alexandra Leigh Ballard to John Lewis Ballard, deed, 1.5 acres on Hwy. 127 South, in Monterey

*Jonathan Benjamin Miller to Bert Garland Garrison Jr., deed, lots 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the Own Air Park

*Lonnie Andrew Skerchock Co. trustee to Lonnie Andrew Skerchock, deed, 37.66 acres on Zebra Lane

*William A. Neal to Douglas A. Rosell, deed, lots 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, and northern half of lot 66, block C, Eagle Creek Subdivision

*William Lewis to Larry Michael Dews, deed, 2 parcels of land near New Columbus

*Victoria L. Rowland to James A. Stewart, deed, land on north side of Holbrook St.

*Candis J. Smith to Michael Allen Osborne, deed, lot 5, Tackett Farm Division, 2.0395 acres

*Timothy Downey to Katie N. Wurtsmith, deed, land on Kentucky Highway 355, .9 miles southeast of Gratz

*Bella Schoolcraft to Jaydan Patrick Brooks, deed, 3325 Greenup Rd.

*Gary R. Gaines to Gary Ray Gaines, deed, lot 250, class C, section 4, Hide-A-Way Hills Subdivision

*Ronnie D. Riddle to Carl D. Giles, deed, 201 Fort St., lot 30 and north half of lot 31 Highlawn Addition

*Donald Wayne Arthur to Zachary S. Morgan, deed, lot 30, block 1, unit 10, Timberwood Lakeshores

*Steven W. Aulbach to Steven W. Aulbach, deed, tract 1, 4.614 acres, Pete Towles Farm

*Steven W. Aulbach to Steven W. Aulbach, deed, tract 2, 4.202 acres, Pete Towles Farm

*Steven W. Aulbach to Steven W. Aulbach, deed, tract 3, 20.452 acres, Pete Towles Farm

*Teresa Fitzgerald to Chris Cammack, deed, 8175 Highway 355, tract 1, 1.84 acres

*James Hamilton to Joel K. Brenneman, deed, 1500 Stewart Ridge Rd., Sparta, 50.4813 acres

*Harold R. Wainscott Estate to Kevin W. Tuggle, deed, 2755 Hwy. 127 north, 2 parcels of land

*Kerry Skaggs to Gary Hunter, deed, 950 Dog Walk Rd., Corinth, 43.7784 acres

*Judy A. Wood to Lorey Hall, deed, 40 Fairway Lane, unit 11

ADCOCK FARMS RETIREMENT AUCTION ONLINE ONLY

AUCTION ENDS TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 @ 3:00PM ET (LOTS WILL HAVE STAGGERED CLOSING TIMES)

INSPECTION DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 12:00 - 2:00PM ET
PICKUP DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 10:00AM - 2:00PM
LOCATION: 6044 LITTLE MOUNT RD, TAYLORSVILLE, KY 40071

THIS IS AN ONLINE-ONLY AUCTION. SOME OF THE ITEMS AVAILABLE TO BID ON ARE BUT NOT LIMITED TO: 2015 FORD F-250 SUPER DUTY (GAS), CASE 75A TRACTOR W/ LOADER, CASE JX95 TRACTOR W/ LOADER, NEW HOLLAND BR7080 ROUND BALER, 2022 GOOSENECK CATTLE TRAILER, NEW HOLLAND PROCART 819 SPEED RAKE, NEW HOLLAND H6750 DISC MOWER, JOHN DEERE 7000 PLANTER, HAY FEEDERS, HAY WAGONS, ROUND BALES (5X5), KAYAKS, TOOLS, TOBACCO STICKS, AND MORE!

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO 805

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF OWENTON, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed said budget proposal and made necessary modifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY OF OWENTON AS FOLLOWS:

That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, is hereby amended as follows:

RESOURCES AVAILABLE:	GENERAL FUND	AMENDED BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUE:		
Admin:		
Property Taxes	298,000.00	
Licenses and Permits	25,000.00	
Intergovernmental Revenue	105,300.00	
Payroll Tax	290,000.00	
Other	10,000.00	
*Surplus Funds	0.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	728,300.00	
Transfers to Public Works, Fire & Police	-359,350.00	
NET REVENUE	**368,950.00**	
Public Works		
Transfer from Admin (in Admin Revenue)	127,000.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	**127,000.00**	
Fire Department		
Transfer from Admin (in Admin Revenue)	35,500.00	
Fire Aid	15,000.00	
Donations	800.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	**51,300.00**	
Police		
Transfer from Admin (in Admin Revenue)	196,850.00	
Payroll Tax	137,000.00	
KLEFPF	18,900.00	
Other	11,250.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	**364,000.00**	
Street Aid		
Revenue from State	37,000.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	**37,000.00**	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	**948,250.00**	
APPROPRIATIONS:		
Administrative	368,950.00	
Public Works	127,000.00	
Fire Department	51,300.00	
Police Department	364,000.00	
Street Aid	37,000.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	**948,250.00**	

Given First reading in regular session of the City Council on this 11th day of June 2026.
Given Second reading and adopted in special session of the City Council on this 23rd day of June 2026.
SIGNED: LEIGH HAWKINS
MAYOR

ATTEST:
ANNA KEMPER
CITY CLERK

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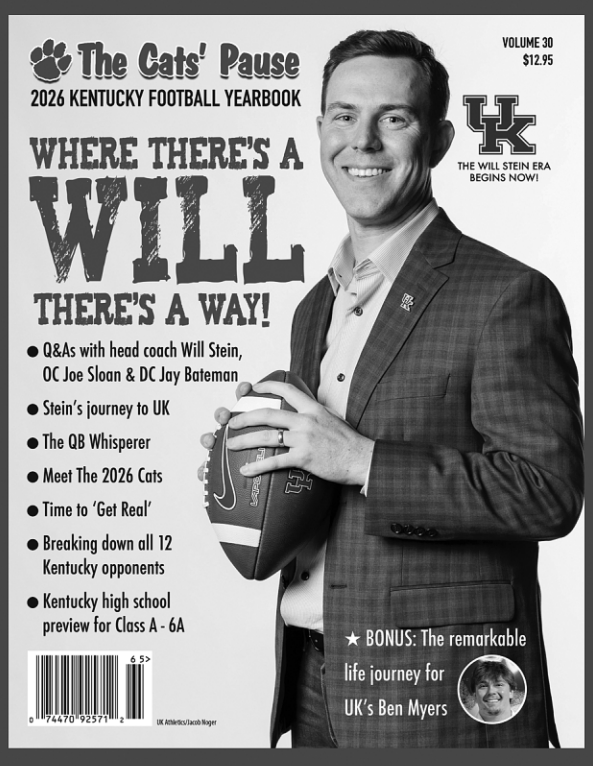

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