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Neither snow, nor rain...

Managing emergency response during severe weather

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Emergency response can be challenging under the best of circumstances. When you add the cold and flu season where a large number of area residents are already health compromised to a weather event our area does not typically experience, the challenges grow exponentially. Emergencies must be met, and those dedicated to meeting them are often required to work long hours when they might be

experiencing sickness themselves because emergencies do not clock out or take sick days.

"Getting to the people who need us is the main thing," emergency ambulance director Tim Woods said of the recent winter weather that has blanketed the region. "Carter County has done a great job clearing roads, but there has just been so much. We only have a big snow like this about every seven years."

"Everyone tries to plan for it," he continued. "But you just can't plan for this much snow."

Woods said that they have three of their four-wheel drive trucks on the road right now, and they have put a lot of their back-up vehicles on the road to mitigate any interruption in service to the county should one of their

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(Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Grayson manages emergency snowfall issues

Council discusses department responses and needs

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Snow and cold weather were on the minds of the mayor and council members when the City of Grayson held its regularly scheduled meeting last Tuesday. During that meeting the council voted to approve the minutes from the previous meetings, including the special called meeting in December. As part of its regular business the coun-

cil heard the reports from city departments. Mayor Troy Combs also pointed out for the benefit of new council members that one function of the council was to hear department reports and that council had the prerogative to require said reports be either brief or detailed, based upon informational needs and other factors.

Roger and Joanne Dunfee reported from emergency management, with Roger Dunfee informing the council that the recent extreme weather conditions have dominated their focus and efforts.

"We did set up a shelter at The First Church of Christ," Dunfee told the council. "That was in anticipation that we would have power outages, but fortunately we had none."

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Grayson Mayor Troy Combs (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

KSP plans traffic safety checkpoints

Staff Report
Carter County Times

Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 14 have announced plans to conduct traffic safety checkpoints within their coverage area in the coming weeks, including locations inside Carter County. These road checks, the KSP reported will check for issues including impaired drivers, proper child safety seat usage, and as an opportunity to inform the public about the use of seatbelts. The checkpoints, the KSP said, are targeting areas where the police "are experiencing a high ration of vehicular crashes resulting in injury and/or death compared to relatively low safety restraint

usage."

Locations inside Carter County where the KSP plan to focus efforts include:

- US 60 & Aden Road
- US 60 & KY 174
- US 60 & KY 182
- US 60 at Pleasant Valley – Near 1-64 Overpass
- US 60 at Carter Caves Road
- US 60 & KY 1947
- US 60 Intersection KY 1 near Grayson
- Grahn Road at Aden Road
- KY 7 & KY 986
- KY 7 at Grayson Lake Dam
- KY 7 & KY 1444 (Mayhew Flats)
- KY 7 & KY 773
- KY 773 & KY 1444
- KY 1 & KY 1496
- KY 1 & Huffs Run

- KY 1 at Davey Run Road
- KY 1 & KY 773 (Hitchins)
- KY 1 North at 1-64 Overpass
- Westbound Off Ramp KY 1 at Pactolus
- KY 174 at Soldier
- KY 174 & KY 1620 (Limestone Church)
- KY 17 4 & Lost Hills Road
- KY 2 near 1-64 Overpass
- KY 2 & KY 182
- KY 2 & KY 474 (Carter City)
- KY 182 & Aden Road
- KY 182 & KY 986
- KY 955 & KY 504
- KY 2078 & KY 2531 (Frogtown)
- KY 2078 & Garven Ridge Road
- KY 2531 at Clark Hill
- Grahn-Aden Road & Fultz/Four Mile Road

See KSP on A-3

Weekly arrests report

The following individuals were arrested and booked into the Carter County Detention Center over the past week. This list includes local arrests only. It does not include federal inmates being housed at or transported through the detention center.

- Jason Duncan, 47, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked January 13.
- Rebecca Underwood, 50, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and tampering with physical evidence, arrested and booked January 13.
- Roy Sparkman, 72, of Morehead, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of operating a mo-

tor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked January 14.

- Billy James, 39, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked January 15.
- Shawn King, 41, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked January 15.
- Deljuan Johnson, 22, of Madisonville, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of third degree assault – inmate assault on correctional employee, menacing, resisting arrest, and failure to appear, arrested and booked January 15.
- Meagan Whitley, 32, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked January 16.

- Amanda Kimmel, 36, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked January 16.
- Joseph Yates, 20, of Bardstown, arrested by Grayson PD, on two counts of probation violation (for felony offense), and a charge of giving false identifying information to an officer, arrested and booked January 16.
- Todd Tolliver, 31, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault – dating violence (no visible injury), arrested and booked January 17.
- Ronnie Littleton, 38, of Flatwoods, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition – automobile valued at more than \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000, arrested and booked January 17.
- Ashley Tolliver, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Cir-

See ARRESTS on A-3



This Week's Obituaries

Donald Edward "Donnie" Binion, 69
Nathaniel Ross Horn, 27

Stanley A. Mauk, 84

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LIFESTYLE



Curried cottage pie with sweet potato mash: A zesty twist on comfort food

Shepherd's pie is a beloved British classic -- easy, thrifty and downright comforting. Traditionally made with lamb, it's technically known as cottage pie when prepared with beef, but no matter what you call it, it's the ultimate midweek meal.

This version takes the humble classic to new heights with a flavorful twist, blending warm Indian spices, creamy coconut milk and hearty vegetables. Topped with a luscious sweet potato mash and broiled to golden perfection, it's a fresh, exciting spin on an old favorite.

CURRIED COTTAGE PIE
Yield: 6 servings

Total Time: 1 hour

- 1 recipe mashed sweet potatoes (recipe follows)
- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds ground beef, 85/15% fat
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 large carrots, peeled and chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced, or more to taste
- 1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger or 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- Olive oil, as needed
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 (15-ounce) can full-fat coconut milk, minus 1/4 cup for potatoes
- 3/4 cup frozen peas
- Handful fresh cilantro, roughly chopped (optional garnish)

SWEET POTATO MASH

- 5-6 sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup coconut milk
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Step 1: Peel and dice your

sweet potatoes, then place them in a large pot of water. Bring the water to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook for 10-15 minutes until they're fork-tender. Drain the water, then return the sweet potatoes to the pot. While the potatoes are cooking, feel free to move on to preparing the filling (step 3).

Step 2: Make the sweet potato mash

Add butter to the cooked sweet potatoes, then grab your trusty potato masher and get to work. Once they're mashed, stir in 1/4 cup coconut milk, cinnamon, salt and pepper. Stir until smooth, then set aside. Preheat your oven broiler to its highest setting so it's ready when you are.

Step 3: Brown the beef
In a 12-inch cast iron skillet or any oven-safe skillet, heat over medium-high. Add the ground beef and break it into crumbles as it cooks, about 7 minutes.

Step 4: Cook the veggies
Add onion, carrots, garlic and ginger to the beef. If the skillet looks a little dry, drizzle in a bit of oil. Season the mix with curry powder, cumin, salt and black pepper. Stir and cook for 8-10 minutes until the vegetables start to soften and the whole thing



Curry and sweet potatoes bring an exciting twist to a classic. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

smells amazing.

Step 5: Build the curry base
Stir in the tomato paste and flour, making sure both are fully incorporated. Then pour in coconut milk (minus 1/4 cup for sweet potatoes) and add the peas. Stir and bring everything to a gentle boil. Reduce to a simmer and let it bubble away for 10-12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Once the mixture has thickened, remove it from the heat.

Step 6: Add the sweet potato topping

Spoon the mashed sweet potatoes over the curry in the skillet, spreading it evenly. For a little flair, run a fork over the top to create ridges.

Step 7: Broil to perfection

Slide the skillet under the broiler and let the top turn golden and lightly crisp, about 8 minutes.

Garnish with a sprinkling of fresh cilantro, serve it up and watch everyone swoon over this delicious twist on comfort food! Enjoy!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website *Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous!* Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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Joyful Noise

Wisdom from time gone by

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

I love reading about the great men of God from times past. Many were God fearing preachers who spent a great deal of time in the Word of God and down upon their knees. Their sermons were anointed with great faith, power, and wisdom. When listening to or reading sermons by some of these great preachers in the past you can just picture them spending many hours with the Lord and that God had spoken into their hearts many wonderful truths.

One of my favorites is Charles H. Spurgeon. Charles Haddon Spurgeon (19th June 1834 – 31st Jan-

uary 1892) was an English Particular Baptist preacher. Spurgeon remains highly influential among Christians of various denominations, to some of whom he is known as the "Prince of Preachers." He was a strong figure in the Reformed Baptist tradition, defending the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith, and opposing the liberal and pragmatic theological tendencies in the Church of his day.

Charles H. Spurgeon had great wisdom that came right to the point many times in his sermons. I purchased a beautiful red Charles Spurgeon study bible. There are handwritten sermon notes in this Bible. I am blessed every time I read a quote from

sermons he gave over the many years of preaching the gospel.

Here are some quotes that get right to the point. We can glean from the wisdom of these great preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The following are a few quotes among hundreds of quotes taken from sermons by Charles H. Spurgeon.

"Family prayer, Bible reading, and teaching the children; these make your house a little paradise."

"Family worship is a delightful part of each day."

"If you say to kids, 'Be good boys and girls and God will love you,' you are telling lies."

"It is insane and insulting to trust our feelings

and not trust the Savior."

"Christ died that our sins might die and lives again that our souls may live."

"A sermon without Christ in it is like a loaf of bread without any flour in it."

"He who believes himself to be perfect cannot enjoy the blessing of forgiveness."

"Your old sins are buried, and they shall never have a resurrection."

"Meditation on Scrip-

ture puts the telescope to the eye and enables us to see Jesus."

"When Christ's hands were nailed, he set that door wide open. The devil cannot shut it."

"When my soul is full of Christ, I can defy the devil himself."

JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests: Pastornaomi-4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHopprayer. Services: 10am Sunday and 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm.

"The distinguishing mark of a Christian is his confidence in the love of Christ."

"When you do not feel like praying, you ought to pray all the more."

"Our hearts never produced one fruit until

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

There is no comparison available with last week as most markets were coming off their holiday break. Winter storms this week brought 6-12" of snow, freezing rain, and ice creating dangerous road conditions causing many stockyards to close and severely restricting cattle movement to those that were able to open.

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/>

Week ending 1/11/25

STATE AVERAGES	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	366.97	361.05	280.40
400-450 lbs	347.46	349.88	256.71
450-500 lbs	343.61	334.35	259.71
500-550 lbs	313.96	292.94	249.92
550-600 lbs	301.13	288.65	240.03
600-650 lbs	287.38	281.04	230.95
650-700 lbs	272.07	261.70	226.53
700-750 lbs	257.01	246.10	211.33
750-800 lbs	255.70	252.52	206.99
800-850 lbs	244.73	244.55	204.85
850-900 lbs	235.19	235.00	206.57
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	313.28	302.10	219.22
350-400 lbs	304.13	305.02	219.23
400-450 lbs	300.63	271.53	217.51
450-500 lbs	304.11	283.08	216.12
500-550 lbs	271.24	263.59	210.95
550-600 lbs	266.63	260.51	207.73
600-650 lbs	254.14	230.45	199.70
650-700 lbs	251.53	233.06	196.33
700-750 lbs	231.63	206.23	183.31
750-800 lbs	234.98	212.53	184.26

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	100.00-145.00	126.00-160.00	102.00-119.00
Boners	97.00-147.00	121.00-158.00	90.00-125.00
Lean	85.00-127.00	114.00-144.00	70.00-114.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	131.00-162.00	161.00-195.00	120.00-147.00

Jan 09, 2025

Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 48

Kids: Selection 1-2 70 lbs 295.00. **Selection 2** 66 lbs 252.50; 83 lbs 245.00; 115.00 lbs 185.00. **Selection 2-3** 46 lbs 260.00; 55 lbs 230.00; 62 lbs 255.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 577

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 55-59 lbs 332.50-335.00; 66-67 lbs 277.50-330.00; 74-75 lbs 297.50-302.50; 86-87 lbs 235.00-265.00; 115 lbs 215.00.

Choice 2 51-57 lbs 302.50-317.50; 68 lbs 297.50; 89 lbs 230.00; 127 lbs 195.00; 135 lbs 150.00. **Wooled-Choice and Prime 1-2** 75 lbs 320.00.

Week ending 1/11/25

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.48-4.91	4.36-4.82	4.02-4.66
Soybeans	9.13-10.54	9.21-10.40	11.69-12.82
Red Winter Wheat	4.71-5.55	4.64-5.49	5.33-6.39



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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Upcoming agriculture extension events: Opportunities for farmers

Local farmers have a lot to look forward to with the upcoming agriculture extension events. These events, organized by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, offer valuable

insights, hands-on learning experiences, and networking opportunities for those involved in agriculture. All meetings will be held at the Carter County Extension Office. Call 474-6686 to register for a session listed below.

The Little Sandy Beekeepers Association meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM with guest speakers and/or member discussion on timely topics. At the next meeting on February 4th members will be discussing catching swarms.

The Northeast Area Livestock Association, although a chapter of the KY Cattlemen's Association, is open to all local livestock producers. Upcoming meetings will

be held at 6:00 PM on January 28th, March 25th, and April 22nd. Representatives from the KY Department of Agriculture will be on hand to discuss electronic identification tags and issue premise identification numbers at the

January meeting. UK forage specialist, Dr. Chris Teutsch, will share tips for developing a plan to win the East KY Hay Contest during the March meeting.

Bull Value Assessment Program – During the first session on February 13th at 6:00 PM producers will be taught how to identify a reproductively, nutritionally, and genetically sound sire to fit their operation. The second session on February 27th will be a mock auction, where producers will be assigned a scenario and get to put the information they have learned to the test.

Increase your knowledge of best management practices necessary to ensure your sheep & goat products are being marketed at the highest quality during one

of the **Small Ruminant Quality Assurance Trainings** on either January 24th at 10:00 AM or February 4th at 6:00 PM. Training is open to all producers, but is required for sheep or goat reimbursement in the CAIP cost share small animal investment area.

The Beef Quality & Care Assurance Training Program's mission is to maximize consumer confidence in and acceptance of beef by focusing the producer's attention to daily production practices that influence the safety, wholesomeness and quality of beef and beef products through the use of science, research and education initiatives. Although, BQCA training is required for cattle reimbursement in the large animal CAIP investment area, training is open to all producers. Trainings will be held on January 21st at 6:00 PM and March 7th at 10:00 AM.

Private Pesticide Applicator Trainings are required for those individuals wishing to purchase and apply

See *EVENTS* on A-3

Arrests from A-1

cuit Court, for drug court, arrested and booked January 17.

- Todd Auer, 58, of Olive Hill, weekender, arrested and booked January 17.
- Melissa Pennington, 40, of Hitchens, weekender, arrested and booked January 17.
- Barry Hinton, 44, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of third degree terroristic threatening, arrested and booked January 18.
- Daniel Perez, 45, of Indianapolis, IN, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of failure

to notify department of transportation of address change, failure to produce an insurance card, reckless driving, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, endangering the welfare of a minor, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked January 19.

- Timothy Porter, 32, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked January 19.
- Stacey Wright, 41, address unavailable,

arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, intentionally evading payment of motor vehicle usage tax over \$250, failure to notify department of transportation of address change, and operating a motor vehicle with an expired operator's license, arrested and booked January 20.

- Ronnie Littleton, 38, homeless, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of theft by unlawful

taking or disposition of items valued at more than \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000, arrested and booked January 20.

All of the charges listed are arrest charges only, and do not indicate an indictment or a conviction for the charges in question. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Information is compiled from publicly available sources, but may not be comprehensive.

KSP from A-1

- KY 1661 & Fultz Road
- Fultz Road at Four Mile
- KY 3295 (Rattlesnake Ridge) At the Community Center
- KY 1654 & KY 207 (Norton Branch)
- EK Mine Road & Lost Creek Road
- Intersection of Stinson

- Road and Stinson Creek
- Eastbound Exit Ramp of I-64 at the Industrial Parkway
- Westbound Exit Ramp of I-64 at the Industrial Parkway
- US 60 & KY 3297 (Midland Trail)
- US 60 & KY 1626

- (Globe)
- US 60 & KY 986 (in Olive Hill)
- US 60 at Gregoryville Church
- US 60 at Wilson Creek
- Officers with KSP Post 14 will also be working locations in Boyd, Greenup, and Lawrence

Counties. For a full list of locations in these adjacent counties, you can visit the Kentucky State Police online at <https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/post14checkpoints>.

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An enduring dream

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

We think of dreams as personal things, of what we hope to do or to become. Sometimes we share those dreams with those closest

to us and we guard and protect them as we would a small child until they grow strong enough to survive. It is seldom that we share our dreams with strangers or, worse still, those with whom we might be at odds. Our dreams, whatever they might be, are precious to us and so we do not expose them to the insensitivity or malice of a world that all too often turns hateful and

violent. Flowers seldom grow in hard, frozen soil after all. But what if your dream, that precious desire or goal, was to somehow loosen that hardpacked earth and to thaw the frozen soil? What if for your dream to have any hope of survival it must be cast out upon a sea of malice and turbulent change so that it might

reach another unknown dreamer who could embrace it? Such was the nature of the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. He cast a dream of unconditional brotherly love into a maelstrom of hate, praying that the seeds might take root on some unknown shore. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American pastor, a man of God, and an activist for equal rights during arguably the most turbulent times the

See MLK JR on A-6

Grayson from A-1

Dunfee said that they were ready, with cots set up to accommodate 30 to 53 individuals if needed, and had left them set up for a week, but not having any power outages, they were taken down on Saturday, January 11.

"I think that says a lot," Dunfee told the council. "I believe the tree companies have done a great job keeping trees cut back from the power lines. They trimmed them back enough so that falling trees didn't affect the power lines."

But Dunfee also cautioned council to be on the lookout for more bad weather, and said that his department is doing everything to maintain a state of readiness.

Dunfee also thanked Councilman Dustin Burchett who helped with snow clearing using his own equipment and volunteering his time to ensure that city residents were safe during the storm and its aftermath. Burchett said that he was concerned that those county residents who were on medications would not be able to get out to get them and other necessities, and over the course of the storm he estimated clearing about 600 driveways.

Councilwoman Jennifer McGlone commented on Dunfee's report and

offered praise for the Emergency Management Department.

"It might seem like a little thing," McGlone said. "But I took particular notice of it this time when you would post on Facebook and tell people if they were opening a shelter to post it on your website."

McGlone said that she believed it was enormously helpful to the city and the region that people could access one sight and be able to see what emergency services were available in the area.

"I think Roger and Joanne are very humble themselves," mayor Combs added. "And they do a lot to praise the people that are out there working during emergencies. I think you have done an amazing job, and a great job keeping people informed."

Combs also agreed with Dunfee that those in charge of keeping city right-of-ways clear have done an amazing job this year.

The Grayson Fire Department reported 759 calls for the past year. This number went up from 707 calls the previous year, fire chief Greg Felty reported. Those numbers include 396 inside the city limits and 363 outside the city limits.

"My guys did an awe-

some job," Felty told the council. "They stayed busy and handled everything well. And they are still helping EMS when they can't get up driveways."

Felty said that the fire department uses their side-by-side vehicle or 4-wheel drive trucks for those emergencies.

The police department report included the need to hire a new officer to replace an officer who is retiring soon. Currently two of Grayson's police officers are on leave, with the remaining officers working diligently to fill the void.

"It has been a rough year," Police chief Tony Cantrell said.

Cantrell told council that due to his injuries, one officer might not be returning to work. He also made council aware that although the cruisers are currently in acceptable shape, the 2020-year cruisers are out of warranty and would most likely need to be replaced soon.

Mayor Combs presented an overview of the mayor/council governmental form and responsibilities to the council as well.

"When I first got on the city council there was a lot to learn," Combs told the council. "There was a lot I didn't know, and I thought it would have been beneficial to go over

this form of government. That's one reason why the training is so important," he continued. "And if we get training that is closer to home, I think we all should go. Even if we do know this information, it is helpful to have a review of it."

The review of the information, based upon Kentucky Statutes that are available to the public, highlighted the mayor's responsibilities and authority as well as those of the council. The mayor/council plan of government clearly defines the executive branch (mayor) and legislative body (council), echoing the three branches of US government, though the city itself does not have a judicial branch. Essentially, the mayor executes the city's laws and ordinances, and the council passes or rejects those laws.

Mayor Combs said that he encourages not only the council members but all residents of the city to learn more about how their local governments operate. The first step, he said, is to attend city council meetings which are always open to the public.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

Events from A-2

restricted use pesticides. This three-hour certification will be held on February 6th at 9:00 AM and March 10th at 5:30 PM.

For more information

about these and other programs contact your Carter County Cooperative Extension Service. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people

regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation,

gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

CALENDAR

- **1/22: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **1/24: Small Ruminant Quality Assurance Training @ 10 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Call 474-6686 to register
- **1/27: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **1/27: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **1/27: Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **1/28: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **1/31: Extension Council & District Board meeting @ 10 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **1/31: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **2/3: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **2/3: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **2/3: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **2/4: Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Board meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **2/4: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **2/6: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson

Have an event to add to the calendar?
Email info to advertise@cartercountytimes.com

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OLIVE HILL AUTO PARTS
670 E Tom T Hall Blvd, Olive Hill
606-286-8788



Pet of the Week

Tank is a male mixed-breed, around two years old. This boy is very friendly, and already walks well on a leash. His \$100 adoption fee includes rabies vaccination and being neutered. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet him or call 475-9771 for more information.

Shelter hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday by appointment.



CITY OF GRAYSON CODE ENFORCEMENT

If you are planning on building in the city limits of Grayson, a building permit is required and you must first apply for the permit and submit building plans.

This includes commercial, residential, etc. properties including any alterations to a current structure and the building of new structures.

Other projects that require a permit are improvements such as porches, decks, fences etc. Signs in the city also require an application and permit.

Any contractors operating in the city limits are required to obtain a business license and remit employee documentation.

Code Enforcement will also be targeting parking violations with special focus, but not limited to, handicap parking spots and Fire Lanes.

Please contact Grayson Code Enforcement Officer Joe Hammer with any questions or assistance in obtaining the proper permits between the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM Monday – Friday in person at 302 E. Main St. Phone (606) 474-6651. You can also contact by email at jhammer@graysonky.net

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Legislative update

FRANKFORT— As the 2025 Regular Session

of the Kentucky General Assembly recesses for a short break, we now look ahead to the work awaiting us when we return to Frankfort on Tuesday, February 4, for Part II of the session. I am pleased to share that I have been assigned to four key Senate Standing Committees: Agriculture, Appropriations and Revenue, Family Services, and Natural Resources. These committees will tackle a broad range of issues critical to the well-being of Kentuckians, including agriculture, fiscal policy, family services, and environmental sustainability.

I'd like to highlight some of the significant discussions from the 2024 Interim that are likely to come before us when we return for Part II of the 30-day session. These topics are vital to our communities and will require thoughtful consideration and collaboration as we continue shaping policies for the commonwealth.

The Agriculture Committee will address several key issues affecting Kentucky's agricultural community. One area of focus will be the impact of Proposition 12 on animal welfare standards, which has raised concerns about compliance costs for

Kentucky's producers. It is essential that we strike



Robin L. Webb
Senator
State of Kentucky

a balance that ensures animal welfare while supporting the competitiveness of our farmers.

Additionally, carbon markets and sustainability initiatives will remain central to our work. Kentucky has significant potential to contribute to state-level carbon credit trading systems through carbon-storing agriculture and forestry practices. The committee will also prioritize workforce development, with a particular emphasis on addressing labor shortages in rural areas. Expanding education and training programs, along with creating incentives for young people to pursue agricultural careers, will be key areas of focus. Local food systems, including initiatives like Kentucky Proud, will continue to be discussed as we strengthen farm-to-table connections and combat food insecurity across the commonwealth.

I am also excited to highlight a bipartisan bill I recently filed, which I am hopeful will be heard this session by the Agriculture Committee. Senate Bill (SB) 69 seeks to establish licensure and regulatory standards for Allied Animal Health Professionals (AAHPs) in Kentucky. This bill is a crucial step in modernizing animal care

and ensuring the professionalism and accountability of this growing field. It will not only protect consumers and safeguard animal welfare but will also support the growth of this essential profession, benefiting both urban and rural communities across Kentucky.

As a member of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, I will work on several critical fiscal issues. While this is not a budget year, House Bill 1, which proposes reducing the state income tax rate from 4% to 3.5%, will likely be a key topic. This reduction is part of an ongoing effort to eliminate the state income tax, but we must balance these tax cuts with the need for long-term fiscal sustainability.

We will also revisit Medicaid funding, education investments, and infrastructure projects. Discussions on the implementation of the Pass-Through Entity Tax (PTET) and the challenges of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts will continue, as these issues are crucial to maintaining a healthy state budget while meeting the needs of our communities.

In the Family Services Committee, I am particularly focused on issues impacting Kentucky's most vulnerable populations. One area of concern is the implementation of prevention services under the Family First Prevention Services Act. There is a strong need for prevention

programs that reduce the need for child welfare system involvement, but we must address staffing shortages and regional disparities to make these services more effective.

Another significant challenge is the "benefits cliff," which discourages many families from increasing their income due to the potential loss of essential benefits, such as childcare subsidies. Expanding access to affordable childcare and finding solutions to mitigate the benefits cliff will be a key priority.

In the Natural Resources Committee, I will continue to work on policies that shape Kentucky's energy and environmental future. One major issue is the Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems (WWATERS) program, which was established in 2024. This program provides funding to improve water and wastewater systems, and I will focus on ensuring that these funds are used effectively to strengthen Kentucky's infrastructure.

We will also explore Kentucky's growing energy demands, especially with the rise of electric vehicles and data centers and the impact of new federal regulations on carbon emissions. Diversifying Kentucky's energy sources, including exploring nuclear power and renewable energy options, will be a priority to ensure grid reliability and meet future demands. Additionally, I

look forward to promoting economic development through initiatives like expanding fishing tourism in eastern Kentucky, including the stocking of hybrid largemouth bass in Paintsville Lake.

In addition to my work on the Senate Standing Committees, I also serve on several important statutory committees that play a crucial role in shaping the policies and resources available to Kentuckians. These committees include:

- **2024-2026 Budget Preparation & Submission:** This committee is responsible for prescribing standard budget preparation instructions and formats to ensure the state's financial planning is effective and uniform across all departments.
- **Capital Projects and Bond Oversight:** A permanent subcommittee of the Legislative Research Commission, it oversees the expenditure of funds for capital projects, the issuance of bonds, and the acquisition of capital assets, including real property leases and related projects for local school districts.
- **Juvenile Justice Oversight Council:** This council reviews the state's juvenile justice system and provides recommendations to the General Assembly. It actively monitors the implementation of reforms, evaluates performance data, and works to improve public safety, hold youth accountable, and ensure better outcomes for children and families.

• **Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee:** This committee oversees the Agricultural Development Board's use of funds from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, focusing on the revitalization of tobacco farms, alternative crop research, and efforts to diversify Kentucky's agricultural industry.

These statutory committees will provide additional avenues to address important issues for our state and support the work we are doing in the Senate.

As we prepare for Part II of the 30-day legislative session beginning February 4, it is clear that the issues before us are critical to the future of Kentucky. From agriculture and energy to fiscal policy and family services, the work ahead will require collaboration, thoughtful discussion, and a commitment to improving the lives of Kentuckians.

If I can assist you, you can contact me at my new legislative email SD18@cm.kylegislature.gov or call the General Assembly Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. Kentuckians with hearing loss can use Kentucky Relay by dialing 711.

OBITUARY

Nathaniel Ross Horn

1997 – 2025



Robert Matthew Horn and one sister, Carolyn Rose Horn.

Nathaniel is survived by his grandmother, Pauline McCalvin of Grayson, Ky; two sisters, Melanie Horn of Sugar Grove, Ohio and Tabitha Horn of Virginia, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 12 noon, Monday, January 20, 2025, at Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 49 McCoy Road, Grayson Kentucky with Brother Kyle Burchett. Burial followed in Kitchen Cemetery in Willard.

Friends visited after 11 a.m., Monday, January 20, 2025, until the service hour at Grayson Funeral Home.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Nathaniel Ross Horn.

Nathaniel Ross Horn, age 27, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Friday, January 17, 2025, at King's Daughter Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

He was born January 27, 1997, in Franklin County, Ohio, a son of the late Robert Martin and Barbara Miller Horn.

Nathaniel enjoyed bowling and spending time with his Grandmother Pauline and Aunt Ruie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother,

Donald Edward "Donnie" Binion

1955 – 2025



Kinsley, Harper, Jurnee, Remington, Laykin and Milee; two brothers, Jimmie (Tia) Binion of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Brian Binion of Morehead, Kentucky; two sisters, Linda Binion of Morehead, Kentucky and Tammie Binion (Bill Parish), along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Monday, January 20, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother David Rayburn officiating. Burial followed in Bethel Cemetery.

Friends visited after 11:30 a.m., Monday, January 20, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Jeremy Knipp, Reece Knipp, Gary Webb, Dakota Knipp, Kevin Dillon and Dwayne Harris served as pallbearers.

Bill Parish, Rich Conn, Jimmie Binion and Jakob Conn served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Donald Edward "Donnie" Binion.

Stanley A. Mauk

1940 – 2025



Mauk; one son, Michael (Barbara) Myers of Stuart, Florida; three daughters, Kathy (John) Blasius of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Regina Abbott of Stuart, Florida, Debra (Mark) Andrews of Lake Villa, Illinois; 7 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Johnny Mauk of Ashland, Kentucky; two sisters, Bonnie (Arnie) Gentz of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, Eleanor Wilburn of Grahn, Kentucky along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky with Brother Johnny Mauk officiating. Burial followed in Olive Hill Memorial Park.

Friends visited after 11:30 a.m., Saturday, January 18, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Stanley A. Mauk.

Stanley is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Betty Salyers



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First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

AS WE SEE IT

TikTok and the degradation of due process

Over the weekend the internet went into a tizzy as the Chinese owned video site TikTok was shut down for users inside the United States. On Saturday the service was suspended, a day before the law banning it was set to go into effect. The app was also removed from the marketplace for both Android and iPhone users, and even those who attempted to use a VPN (virtual private network) to circumvent the ban by pretending they were logging in from a different country found they were unable to do so.

The shut down was short lived, however, as the site was back up and available the next day, based on promises from President Donald J. Trump that he would sign an executive order extending the deadline for another 90 days.

I don't have strong feelings about TikTok as an app. I've never used it, and whether it is banned or continues to remain active will have no direct effect on me. I do have some concerns for those folks who use the platform as a way to promote their business, or otherwise to earn or supplement their income. But those concerns are dwarfed by my concerns about the legal process, and what the president's executive order means for that process.

This ban, one of the few things in recent years to receive bipartisan support, was initially predicated on concerns about national security. What started as a ban on elected officials installing the app on official government devices – because of reportedly close ties between the app's Chinese based owner, ByteDance Ltd., and the government of that nation, and concerns the app could spy on the phone records of users – escalated into a nationwide ban unless the company chose to divest itself of its U.S. operations.

The criticism, which started ironically enough with President Trump, turned into a bipartisan bill signed into law by President Biden in 2020 to prohibit use of the app on devices that belong to the federal government. That ban was followed by DOJ and FBI investigations, which included allegations that the app spied on American journalists. Then, in January of 2023, Republican Senator Josh Hawley introduced a bill that would ban the app nationwide. Though that effort was stymied by Kentucky Senator, and perennial political gadfly, Rand Paul, in March of last year another attempt at banning the app was passed by both chambers of Congress, with broad bipartisan support. The Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act was then signed into law by President Biden in April, and set to go into effect on January 19.

Though ByteDance contested the law, it was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court who heard oral arguments on January 10 and on January 17 – days before the ban was set to go into effect – the court released their decision upholding the ban as constitutional.

That brings us back to this weekend when, the day after the Supreme Court released their decision, the company shutdown the app, a full day early. Then, turned it back on again on the day the ban was supposed to go into effect, based on President Trump's promised 90 day extension.

The president campaigned on promises to overturn the impending ban, despite his own initial support of the move and continued support by many within his own party, including his cabinet picks for the Federal Communication Commission.

But should a newly elected president be able to overturn a law duly enacted by Congress, signed into law by the president at the time, and upheld by the Supreme Court?

The Constitution is clear about the roles of the different branches of government. No one questions a sitting president's right to veto a law he disagrees with. They can also simply refuse to sign the law, what's known as a pocket veto, thereby limiting Congress's ability to pass it anyway, as they can by overriding the president's veto with a two-thirds majority vote.

These are established powers of the president. The president can also exercise power through executive orders, which have the effect of law. (And which have been the focus of discussions about the expansion of executive power in recent years.) But is it the right thing to do? When the rest of your party – and members of the opposition party – are both in rare agreement that action needs to be taken, and the Supreme Court upholds the legality of that action, is it just for the executive branch to just ignore all that and do as they please?

While I'm trying to remain optimistic about a second Trump term, and hope and pray that he is able to deliver on his prom-

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Ready or not, America; Donald J. Trump has returned as President No. 47

Completing what likely will become known as the most remarkable political comeback in American history, Donald J. Trump took the oath of office at noon Monday to become America's new president.

He was president No. 45 in his first term, and now is No. 47, following Joe Biden who was No. 46.

Unfortunately, the almost-new president ignored the opportunity to make an inspiring, perhaps unifying speech, to the entire country. Instead, he rambled through a long speech of the familiar promises, grievances and insults he used on the campaign trail.

Moved indoors to the Capitol Rotunda because of bitterly cold weather, the president had a live, hand-picked audience of about 600 who rewarded him with numerous standing ovations, almost on cue, like a cheering section.

Another 1,300 watched the proceedings in an overflow room in the Capitol. The ceremony was televised live around the world.

Trump's inauguration committee had issued more than 200,000 tickets to those who would have watched the traditional outdoor ceremony. He no doubt was disappointed by the smaller audience on his big day.

Trump was gracious in greeting outgoing President

and Mrs. Biden and other Democratic ex-presidents – Clinton and Obama – who preceded him in the Oval Office.

But there was no grace or unity in his speech which vilified the Biden Administration and most federal agencies. All of which was spoken with Biden sitting about six feet away.

They were accused of what Trump described as willfully incompetent handling of immigration, education, national defense, the economy, energy, foreign affairs, the environment, natural disasters, and inflation, among others.

President No. 47 boasted of the multitude of executive orders he would sign to keep his campaign promises to fix all of the ills of the United States and return us to preeminence as a world power.

Keeping those pledges could become a challenge with tiny Republican margins in both houses of Congress and numerous expected court challenges.

But I'm taking the high road by acknowledging that he is the president of all of us who love America. I hope – and pray – he will be responsive to the needs of all Americans. The future of our free country depends on it.

Keith Kappes can be reached at keithkappes@gmail.com



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

Neither party cares about you

Earlier, I watched Snoop Dogg rap at a cryptocurrency party thrown to celebrate Donald Trump. Rick Ross, the former jail guard who stole his personality from a notable drug kingpin, also performed with Nelly. I guess, every day, they really are hustling for a buck in whatever way it comes. It was sad to see what Snoop has become. It's no secret he'll slap his name on anything if it pays, but this was just one of those moments where the sideshow surrealism of the moment crashes with everything spinning around us. I wonder how Martha Stewart feels about it? At least we can still count on Ice-T holding it down.

With Trump reclaiming his throne, the vibe of the country feels off, like we're about to experience the downfall of America in real-time via a lousy reality show. The election of Trump wasn't because he's a great guy—he's a grifter who's clawed into the psyche of the people. He's the ultimate heel, and the country is his wrestling ring. Why not be entertained as capitalism continues to bury us one by one? He got the gig based on rage—not just working-class white people feeling left behind, but everyone without a three-car garage feeling out of step.

Misplaced Rage Makes Out with Bipartisan Hypocrisy

The problem with voting for Trump and against

Harris is misplaced rage. Neither party cares about working-class people. The Democrats do so by hand-wringing and offering PC platitudes. The right-wing just gives everything the middle finger that, like Snoop, doesn't stuff a dollar in their pocket. The right is just more honest about it. Both parties are kept close to the chest of corporate America.

The TikTok ban isn't about "keeping us safe." Facebook, Instagram, Google, Apple—they all have our information. TikTok isn't publicly traded, so there's no money to be made. But Meta? Congress has stocks in Meta. If TikTok gets banned, those people go to Instagram.

Wait, You're a Socialist?

When I tell people I'm a Socialist, the pearls used to get clutched a lot more often. These days, while I'm still not the most beloved guy in the room regarding political attitudes, people are willing to listen more than ever. But let's get a few things out of the way: I don't expect 60% of your paycheck. What I would like is, instead of our tax money going to endless wars that get a constant blank check, I'd rather see that money go to fixing America. Rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure—fixing our bridges, roads, and

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Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

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MLK Jr. from A-3

country had known since the Civil War. From 1955 until his assassination in 1968 King advocated civil rights for people of color in the United States. There were others who chose a path of violence to redress wrongs, but King maintained nonviolent resistance and nonviolent civil disobedience because his faith taught him that hatred cannot be cast out by hatred and violence is not the true answer to achieve enlightenment.

In his famous speech, I Have a Dream, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., King called for equality and denounced racism. He would repeat this message numerous times, each time with a passion for equality and justice, but with no hatred for those who

disagreed with him and the equal rights movement.

“I have decided to stick to Love,” King said. “Hate is too great a burden to bear.”

King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, and though his voice was silenced, his dream did not die. There are still those who echo his desire for equality and justice, who chose peace instead of violence, and who hope that people, regardless of race, can be better. The country celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr., Day on the third Monday in January each year. It is a Federal Holiday and is the only such holiday celebrated for a non-president.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

Congressman Rogers retains chairmanship on key committee

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. House Appropriations Committee Chairman Tom Cole (R-OK) announced Republican subcommittees for the 119th Congress on Wednesday. U.S. Hal Rogers (KY-05), Dean of the House, will continue serving as chairman of the subcommittee that funds Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (CJS). Rogers was also added to the subcommittee on Transportation and will remain a senior member on the Defense subcommittee.

“The CJS subcommittee not only funds the agencies in our purview, but we ensure they are held accountable for efficiency, effectiveness and rooting out waste,” said Chairman Rogers. “The 12 appropriations subcommittees hold the purse strings of our nation for discretionary funding, which now only makes up one-third of our spending. Our work is critical for our economic and military strength, and I applaud Chairman Cole for his steady and devout leadership for our nation.”

“The path to prosperity demands leadership. As we stand at the edge of historic opportunity in the 119th Congress, we have assembled a distinguished roster committed to delivering on the strong mandate of the American people,” said Chairman Cole. “With unique expertise and backgrounds, each member is a force multiplier for fiscal responsibility, effective governance, and policies that put our nation first. Opportunities and challenges surround us, and we won’t back down from fulfilling our Article I responsibilities. America’s best days lie ahead, and the Appropriations Committee is ready to turn vision into action.”

The CJS subcommittee provides funding for

several agencies, including the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Prisons (BOP), NASA, the National Weather Service and numerous other related agencies.

“We must continue to ensure the Drug Enforcement Agency has the tools necessary to take down dangerous cartels and find new avenues to stop deadly fentanyl from killing more Americans. In light of recent natural disasters across the country, we will work closely with the Department of Commerce and the agency’s numerous offices to address affected storm areas and to improve life-saving weather alerts. NASA will also remain a top priority, as we continue to empower space exploration and partnerships with the commercial aerospace industry. The EDA’s investments in rural America have helped spur much needed growth in recent years, and we’ll continue to make sure our communities have the resources they need for economic development,” said Chairman Rogers. “Finally, the days of weaponizing the DOJ must come to an end and this committee will be focused on accountability and justice.”

Chairman Rogers led the full Appropriations Committee 2011 through 2016 and has been a member of ten subcommittees throughout his service to our country, including his leadership roles as chair or ranking member of six subcommittees.

For more information about Congressman Rogers’ work in Washington and at home in Kentucky, visit halrogers.house.gov and follow him on social media



Congressman Hal Rogers (submitted photo)

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00270**

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-KS4 PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

JACK LESLIE; CAROL LESLIE; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, CARTER COUNTY; CURD, NEWTON & ASSOCIATES, INC.; KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY A/S/O ZEBEDEE ENIX DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on November 19, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **24th day of January, 2025 at or near the hour of 9:45 a.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 3.6876% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 2207 Hwy. 1662, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 235, Page 395, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 005-00-00-013.01.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 21-CI-00108**

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

DONALD KEITH CLAXON; SHARON CLAXON; APEX FUND SERVICES C/F CERES TAX RECEIVABLES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF DONALD KEITH CLAXON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF SHARON CLAXON; BERNICE CLAXON; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CARTER DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on December 3, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **24th day of January, 2025 at or near the hour of 9:35 a.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 2909 Huffs Run, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 172, Page 738, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)

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Upon requirements of Section 424.129 Kentucky Revised Statutes, the following fiduciary appointments have been filed with the Carter County District Court Clerk.

Final Settlement, Caroline Sue Cooper, Executrix in the estate of: Glen Franklin Newland. Attorneys for Estate, Hon Brandon Music, Hon. W. Jeffrey Scott, February 5th, 2025, at 10:30am having been set as date of hearing, no cause for exceptions, having been shown, the settlement will be confirmed at date of hearing.

140 LEGAL NOTICE

The annual return (Form 990-PF) of Commercial Bank Foundation, a private foundation, will be available for inspection after January 2, 2025, at the office of The Commercial Bank of Grayson, 208 E. Main Street, Grayson, KY during regular business hours by any citizen who requests inspection within 180 days after the publication of this notice.

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Jack W. Strother, Jr.
Mark D. Strother
Principal Managers
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Gov. Beshear announces \$6 million in infrastructure awards for Riverport and Railway Projects that support economic growth

Funding programs support 6 multimodal projects that improve current infrastructure

FRANKFORT — On January 17, Gov. Andy Beshear announced a \$6 million state investment to enhance Kentucky’s rail and riverports and increase economic opportunities, efficiency and connectivity for Kentucky industries.

Two riverport projects will receive \$1 million and four railroad projects will receive \$5 million.

“Kentucky’s economic winning streak requires continued investments in safe and efficient infrastructure that serve current and future businesses across all modes of transportation,” said Gov. Beshear. “These rail and riverport investments help us support the industries that boost our communities and economy and make sure they have the resources to thrive in Our New Kentucky Home.”

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

The Carter County School District keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The Carter County School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The Carter County School District may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request seven (7) years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Carter County School District may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student’s name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student’s ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

The Carter County School District has an ongoing “Child Find” system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district’s “Child Find” system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The Carter County School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Carter

County School District find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Carter County School District collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Carter County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call 606-474-6696, or send the information to:

**Director of Special Education
Carter County Schools
228 S. Carol Malone Blvd.
Grayson, Ky. 41143
Phone: 606-474-6696 ext.20211**

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of the Carter County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call 606-474-6696 or send the information to:

**Director of Special Education
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“Child Find” activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Carter County School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through “Child Find” is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District’s requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and “Child Find” activities. There are copies in the Principal’s office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these Policies and Procedures may be obtained by contacting:

**Director of Pupil Personnel
Carter County Schools
228 S. Carol Malone Blvd.,
Grayson, Kentucky 41143
Phone: 606-474-6696 ext. 20209**

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Carter County School District provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible.

If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel, the Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator at the address or phone number listed above for the Carter County Schools.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00347**

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

MELISSA R. KOUNS; ARNOLD LEE KOUNS; LEND-MARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; CHARLES WILLIAM COLEMIRE DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on December 3, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **24th day of January, 2025 at or near the hour of 9:40 a.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 3.6876% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 465 Paradise Hill, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 96, Page 520, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 04-50-12-005.00.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

Funding comes from two newly created grant sources established by the 2024 General Assembly and approved by Gov. Beshear. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is responsible for administering the funds.

Kentucky Industrial Access and Safety Improvement Awardees

The Kentucky Industrial Access and Safety Improvement (KIASI) grant designates \$7.5 million each fiscal year for railroad equipment, construction, reconstruction, improvement or rehabilitation of

rail facilities or engineering work associated with capital projects.

A total of \$5,086,877 was awarded to Logan Aluminum Inc., Norfolk Southern Railway, Owensboro Riverport Authority and Wieland North America Recycling LLC to deliver four improvement projects that expand rail and connections. Applicants provide a 50% match for the project.

Wieland North America Recycling received approximately \$1.8 million to construct a new industrial

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tunnels—shouldn't go to private equity in backroom deals. It should create jobs with good benefits and a future. Jobs, not bombs. You're already getting taxed; you should decide where that money goes.

My vote will always align with the benefit of the working class. I also believe in unions. Collective bargaining is your friend. A company will never care about you. You are there to do a job. The minute you leave, the role is backfilled. Why would you not want to protect yourself against predatory practices when they'd crucify you to keep the boardroom vampires happy?

Capitalism and the AI Machine Go Boom

Everyone should have a right to a place to live, food, and a sense of dignity. With the ever-encroaching role of AI, more and more people will be out of a gig. What happens when we can't find roles for people earning the paychecks

they used to? And as people think, "not my line of work," trust me, after working in tech for over a decade, there is a startup right now trying to find a way to streamline your job, even the blue-collar ones. There are self-controlled gas mowers and garage doors that your iPhone can control. I interviewed a Japanese company working on rethinking how we use warehouses entirely. Just because you fix pipes as a plumber doesn't mean someone isn't working on something you never dreamed of; just ask anyone who thought the mean lady down the street would always man the grocery checkout.

I don't have a problem with you making money. I have a problem with hoarding wealth and not paying your fair share against everyone else. See where I'm going with this? The reason they never want you to learn about Socialism is because it

goes against the fallacy of capitalism: you're closer to being homeless than you are to being a millionaire. Don't believe me? Think about that debt you're not telling everyone about. The amount of stuff you're scrambling to pay off every check should say something about where our money goes: insurance is too high, groceries are too high, and every little inch to make your life better, someone in the background wants it to be taken away from you. Just Google Walmart, Kroger, or Amazon's profits and then look up how Amazon workers couldn't even take a leak on the clock. Shoot, Google, Google.

The System's Grip and the American Psyche: A Bad Time

The unified system is against us. They made you hate Trump like a cartoon character for months during the election season. Now, the courts, the billionaires, and the

politicians are all in line. There is no fighting back; they are just assuming the position. Remember that thing I said about Meta and Congress? The heads of Google, Facebook, and Apple were all at the inauguration to appease the new overlord. Think about things like minimum wage, the fallacies of immigration, interest rates, and insurance, which are the biggest scams. We're all trapped in a system like a cat in a bag, trying to scratch our way out, but the top isn't close to opening.

Trump's Revenge Tour

The next four years will be a masterclass in grit. Trump isn't here to govern—he's here for revenge, and the people who've openly hated him are first on his list. Me? I'll be fine. I'm a straight white guy. But everyone else who doesn't fit that demographic? They've got targets on their backs,

whether they see them or not. Just because the target moves doesn't mean it's harder to hit—and some of these folks aim with elephant guns.

Have you seen his presidential photo? He looks furious, just trying to sit still long enough to look "presidential." The immigrant raids will start soon enough, but like his obsession with hating windmills, it'll all come down to money. Once the price tag for deportation becomes too steep, it'll quietly fade. Oil and gas, though? That cash flow won't stop, and the change we desperately need will keep taking a back seat to their bank accounts.

I know what I believe in won't matter to the guy who just likes to fish and secretly hates his wife while cheering for whatever college football team defines his identity. Just the same for the person who believes Hillary was a good choice. The system

will never care about you. It's not designed to. They keep getting rich, and the owners of this country keep your kids stupid via the school system they continually want defunded. The grifters will have their day; the Snoop moment is the beginning of the kiss-the-ring future. But, really, as long as people get paid, they'll let it happen and pretend to be outraged. Exploitation is their kink. As George Carlin mused years ago: "It's a big club, and you ain't in it."

They're monetizing the struggle.

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EMS from A-1

vehicles slide off the road and become disabled. The fleet also includes a new truck that was just delivered in December, which is also four-wheel drive. It is difficult to access a lot of county areas without four-wheel capacity, so those vehicles are essential to the response.

Still, Woods said, even four-wheel drive isn't effective on ice.

"The only thing that

really works on ice is tire chains," Woods said. "If we put chains on vehicles and drove around the hollers it would be great. But once you get out on the road, those things would beat you to death."

Other dangers would be the problems the added vibration would cause the patients, and at speeds over 35 miles per hour if chains break, they can cause serious damage to the vehicles

themselves.

"There are a lot of potential issues with chains, so I'm not a big fan of them."

There has been some discussion, Woods said, of perhaps installing studded snow tires on the inner tires with the outside wheel being a standard snow tire, at least if another weather event such as the recent one occurs.

"Someone mentioned

that as an option, and I would like to try it to see how effective it would be."

Regardless of the challenges they faced during the storm, Woods said that Carter County Ambulance was able to respond to every call that came in.

"And to the best of my knowledge we did not have to reach out to other counties for assistance," he said.

"It has been a lot of

long hours," Woods added. "And we've had a lot of sickness. The flu has been running rampant, and we are just trying to make it work. We get sick just like everyone else," he said.

"But we still have to show up. It's not like we can just close up shop. I have to keep a full staff regardless, because in thirty seconds we can have five different calls and use all five ambulances. People depend on

us, and we have to be there when they need us."

Woods said that regardless of the challenges, he is proud of how they have responded.

"I have some good people," Woods said. "And we work for good people."

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1985 was the last time an inauguration was indoors. Ronald and Nancy Reagan felt they had no choice

By Thomas Beaumont Associated Press

Ronald and Nancy Reagan were disappointed.

That's what White House press secretary Larry Speakes told reporters on Jan. 18, 1985, after the Republican president and first lady decided to hold his second inauguration indoors because of an unusually cold weather forecast.

"They really felt they had no choice," Speakes said two days before the ceremony, according to archived transcripts of press briefings housed at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in California.

President-elect Donald

Trump's decision to take the oath of office in the Capitol Rotunda on Monday, when below-freezing temperatures are again expected, recalls the last time cold weather prompted a similar decision.

The transcripts from 1985 shed light on the Reagans' considerations.

"There was high-level medical and military consultation and it was just a very serious problem for health and safety," Speakes said, according to transcripts provided Friday by the Reagan library. "We would have had probably some very serious problems for some of the participants."

Like what, reporters asked.

For a day when the temperature reached 7 degrees Fahrenheit (-14 Celsius) in Washington, "the medical people told them that exposed areas would freeze in less than five minutes, with wind-chill factors like this," Speakes said.

Speakes waved off concerns for Reagan's own health as a man taking office a second time at nearly 74 years old. (Trump turned 78 in June and will become the oldest person to start a presidential term. President Joe Biden, who will be in the audience while Trump takes the oath of office, is 82.)

Reagan's box on the west steps of the Capitol would have been heated, so "no, I don't think that

was ever voiced to the president," Speakes said.

It was the thousands of people participating in the parade, standing along the parade route and huddled on the National Mall who, Speakes said, concerned

the president and first lady more.

"The Reagans looked at it ... knowing parade participants might be out there for four hours, if not longer," he said. "So, it was just obvious, knowing

that — what the medical people told them — that they would have had severe frostbite, if not some conditions that could have been worse."

Funding from A-6

rail spur connecting the Norfolk Southern existing Class I rail line to Wieland's facility. Secondary track spurs will be installed at the facility for loading and unloading operations.

"This KIASI grant will enhance Kentucky's industrial rail infrastructure by establishing vital rail connectivity for our recycling facility in Shelbyville," said Marcel Christians, president, Wieland Recycling North America. "The project supports our sustainability goals by enabling supply chain decarbonization, leveraging rail's lower emissions in comparison to trucking. We thank Gov. Beshear and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for supporting critical infrastructure projects."

The Cabinet for

Economic Development collaborates with KYTC to select KIASI grant awardees.

Kentucky Public Riverport Construction and Maintenance Awardees

Kentucky Public Riverport Construction and Maintenance (KPRCM) funding invests \$7.5 million per fiscal year to improve riverport facilities and infrastructure for new construction, major replacement or repair projects. Two riverport projects totaling \$1 million were awarded to Greenup Boyd County Riverport Authority and West Kentucky Regional Riverport Authority.

Greenup Boyd County Riverport Authority received \$750,000 to replace aging equipment with a new material handler, skid

steer and backhoe to help offload and move goods more efficiently.

West Kentucky Regional Riverport Authority received \$250,000 to fund archaeological activities for a proposed 19-acre inland riverport in the Fort Jefferson area.

This is the second round of KPRCM grants to be announced since 2024, bringing the total of awards to \$6 million. In August 2024, the Governor announced a \$5 million investment for eight riverport projects.

These two investments come on the heels of a November 2024 Gov. Beshear announcement of \$7.5 million for 8 railway projects through the Kentucky Short Line Infrastructure Preservation (KSLIP) program.

TikTok from A-5

ise to improve the economy, lower inflation, and bring down soaring prices on everything from real estate to groceries, I think it's important to ask these kinds of questions.

You can love Donald J. Trump or hate him. The fact remains that he is

our president. But he's a president. Not a king. Not a monarch. A president. Elected by the American people. Answerable to them. And held in check by the balance of powers dictated in the United States Constitution.

So, can he just override

the legislative branch, do as he pleases, and unilaterally allow TikTok to continue operating despite the fact that the security concerns raised by Congress haven't yet been addressed?

I guess we'll just have to wait and see.

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