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Hi fidelity manikins yield real world skills

Grant will help nursing students with pediatric and neonatal training

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

A recent grant from King's Daughters and Sons Foundation will allow KCU's Yancey School of Nursing to improve training in their already exemplary nursing program. That improvement comes in the form of two high-fidelity manikins purchased from Gaumard, a company that provides simulation-based healthcare workforce

training solutions. The manikins, a pediatric and newborn named Hal and Tory respectively, will allow nursing students to better respond to 'live' emergencies in the field.

The grant, combined with a previous grant, will also allow KCU to build a comprehensive simulated pediatric and neonatal intensive care unit. Dr. Carol Brickey, the Dean and Chief Nurse Administrator of the school said that the combination of the new construction and the manikins will provide staff and students with a very realistic critical care setting for children.

"The manikins we had before were what are called static manikins," Brickey explained. "They were basically a manikin in a bed



Faculty and Students with Pediatric Hal, pictured left to right: Lisa McDavid, YSN Faculty; Lacey Morris, Student; Ally Coriell, Student; Anna Crusier, Student. (Submitted photo)

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KCU announces new bowling team

Team will hold practices at Casey's Lanes

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

KCU Athletic Director David Manning said that KCU is excited about the creation of a new bowling team, a first for the school, which is expected to go rolling forward in the fall of the 2025 school year. The creation of the new team is the latest, but surely not the last, in KCU Athletics commitment to fostering new competitive opportunities

for their current and future student athletes, Manning said.

The head coach for the new program will be Tyler Kuykendall, a bowler with two decades of experience. Kuykendall is a former collegiate bowler who has experience coaching at both Fleming County and Montgomery County high schools. The new coach hopes to build a strong foundation for the new program that will carry it forward for years to come.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to help kids further their faith, education, and bowling careers," said Kuykendall. "I look forward to building a

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Derrick McKinney, of Casey's Lanes, and David Manning, of KCU, signed an agreement last week to use the local lanes for their team's practice. (Submitted photo)

Olive Hill approves new electric contract

Has further questions about West Carter Narcan program

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Olive Hill City Council opened their meeting by adopting a resolution accepting a new contract for purchasing electric power. The resolution set forth the terms for purchasing the city's electric power from the Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency (KYMEA). The KYMEA is, according to their website, "a joint public agency" formed a decade ago

when "ten municipal electric utilities entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement" to form the organization. Member cities include Frankfort, Berea, Paris, Owensboro, and Corbin, among others.

The resolution passed on a vote of three to one, with council members Kirk Wilburn, Eric Rayburn, and Shane Tackett voting aye, and councilman Tony Williams voting no. Councilman Chris Bledsoe was not present for the meeting, and councilwoman Shannon Leadingham arrived late, missing the vote on the KYMEA resolution.

Council also approved the second reading of an ordinance allowing remote participation in public meetings. In addition

to allowing councilmembers to appear and participate remotely, the ordinance sets the requirements for such participation – including clear audio connections.

Council also approved the drafting of a letter authorizing the mayor to open a bank account for the tourism tax fund, and held a discussion with the new engineer on the progress at the water plant. There was also a colorful interaction with an individual who offered Mayor Jerry Callihan the opportunity to step down before he ran against him in the next election. The individual accused Callihan of either misusing or misappropriating city funds,

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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.

- Josh Hollingsworth, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, and three counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked February 17.
- Kaitlynn Williams, 22, of Olive Hill, arrested by Rowan County Detention Center, serving a bench warrant for court, arrested February 14 and booked February 18.
- Eric Hall, 46, of Winchester, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of trafficking in a controlled substance (heroin), and being a persistent felony

- offender, arrested and booked February 18.
- Yolanda Fields, 50, of Grayson, arrested by Department of Corrections, on a parole violation, arrested and booked February 18.
- Roger Gumm, 50, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of disregarding a stop sign, failure to wear seat belts, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked February 18.
- Jason Ison, 30, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for flagrant non-support, arrested and booked February 18.
- Brianna Maynard, 32, of Louisville, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of menacing, public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), and theft of mail matter, arrested

- and booked February 19.
- Billy Eldridge, 47, of Catlettsburg, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of driving on a DUI suspended license, failure to maintain required insurance, no registration plates, and no registration receipt, arrested and booked February 19.
- Joyce Callihan, 42, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked February 19.
- Thomas Gilbert, 28, of Morehead, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance, and failure to appear, arrested and booked February 20.
- Jesse Wilson, 42, of Olive Hill, arresting agency unavailable, for failure to appear, arrested and booked February 22.
- Melissa Pennington, 40, of

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This Week's Obituaries

Donald Keith Barker, 69
Corrine Madden Daugherty Bauman, 92

Wesley Ryan Lawson, 39
Allen Arthur Stapleton, 77

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LIFESTYLE



Build-a-bowl: The easy, affordable way to eat well

Grain bowls -- also called Buddha bowls, nourish bowls or power bowls -- are the ultimate meal prep hack. They're quick, nutritious, endlessly customizable and make fantastic use of whatever ingredients you have on hand. Plus, they're frugal, filling and work for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

But to make grain bowls (and meals in general) easy and stress-free, a little planning goes a long way. If you've ever stared into the fridge at 5 p.m. wondering what's for dinner, meal planning is your new best friend. By preparing a big batch of grains, roasting some veggies and having proteins ready to go, you can mix and match ingredients all week.

How to Build the Perfect Grain Bowl

1. Start with Greens: A big handful of spinach, kale, arugula, romaine or mixed greens makes the perfect fresh foundation.
2. Add a Hearty Grain: Think quinoa, brown rice, farro, bulgur or barley -- any whole grain works! You'll want about 1/2 to 1 cup of cooked grains per serving.
3. Dress for Success: Toss your greens and grains with a simple vinaigrette, a squeeze of lemon or a spoonful of hummus, salsa or tahini before adding other toppings. Dressing first ensures every bite is packed with flavor.
4. Pick a Protein: Beans, lentils, shredded chicken, tuna, tofu, steak, shrimp or hard-boiled eggs make great protein choices.
5. Load Up on Veggies: Fresh, roasted or sauteed veggies all work beautifully. Think tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, roasted sweet potatoes, caramelized Brussels sprouts, you name it!
6. Add a Pop of Fruit: Apples, pears, citrus, berries or dried fruits like cranberries or golden raisins add a hint of sweetness.
7. Don't Forget the Healthy Fats:

Avocado, nuts, seeds or cheese add richness and satisfaction.

Quinoa is a powerhouse grain -- it's high in protein, cooks quickly and has a light, nutty flavor that works in all kinds of grain bowls.

Quinoa has a natural coating of saponins, which are bitter-tasting compounds that act as a defense mechanism against pests. Rinsing quinoa under cold water removes these saponins, eliminating bitterness and giving it a cleaner, milder flavor.

EASY QUINOA

- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 cups water or broth
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)

Here's the easiest way to cook it:

Rinse quinoa under cold water in a fine-mesh strainer. In a medium saucepan, bring water or broth to a boil. Add quinoa and salt, reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for 15 minutes.

Remove from heat and let sit, covered, for 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork, and it's ready to go!

SIMPLE VINAIGRETTE

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon vinegar (balsamic, red wine or apple cider)
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard



Grain bowls: The perfect balance of flavor, nutrition and convenience. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

- 1 teaspoon honey or maple syrup
- Salt & pepper to taste

A great dressing ties everything together, and making your own is less expensive and much tastier than store-bought! Try this foolproof formula:

Whisk all ingredients in a small bowl or shake in a jar. Taste and adjust seasoning. Drizzle over your grain bowl and enjoy!

Make Meal Planning Easier

Grain bowls are a great way to simplify meal planning. Cook a big batch of grains at the start of the week, prep a few proteins and chop your veggies in advance. Then, all you have to do is assemble and enjoy!

Want to make mealtimes easier? Visit my website (divasonadime.com) to grab my free Perpetual Pantry List and Mini Cookbook -- it's packed with smart strategies, essential staples and simple recipes to help you save time, money and stress in the kitchen.

Now, go mix and match those greens, grains and goodies! Enjoy!

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Joyful Noise

Little children make a difference (Part 1)

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell
for Carter County Times

A little girl stood at the door of Claredon Street Baptist Church in Boston, Massachusetts. When asked what she needed, she asked to become a member of the church.

"You're too young to join the church, why don't you go home and talk it over with your mother first."

But the little girl shook her head, "She does not know the Lord."

The deacons then brought her to their pastor, Adoniram Judson (A.J.) Gordon. He smiled and guided her into a small chair beside him.

"Now, my dear, what's your name?"

"Annie Graham, sir, and I go to your Sunday school."

"Ah, I see. And who is your teacher?"

"Miss B. She's very kind to me."

"And you want to join the church?"

"Yes, sir, she replied."

"How old are you, Annie?"

She said, "I'm 10."

"It's not common for us to admit someone so young. We've never done it before. Do you understand what it means to join a church?"

"Yes sir, I do, she said."

"What do you think it means?"

"It means I belong to Jesus, and I want to follow Him and be part of His family."

"And why do you want to join the church?"

"Because I love Jesus, and I want to do what He wants me to do."

"That's a beautiful answer, Annie. You've thought about this carefully, haven't you?"

"Yes, sir, I know it's important."

"You understand more than many adults do, my dear. Thank you for sharing that with me."

Annie slipped off the chair and stood close to Dr. Gordon's knee. She was looking up at him with her

huge eyes.

"You said last Sunday, sir, that the lambs should be in the fold."

"I did, my child. And it's certainly not for us to keep them out."

He placed his hand on her shoulder. "Go home now, Annie. I'll speak with your mother and make some arrangement." Annie then quietly left the room.

Dr. Gordon followed up with Annie's teacher and family. After confirming the reports from Miss B, Annie was baptized the very next week. For a while, he heard little of her, aside from occasional updates that she was doing well.

Then, about a year later, the news came. She suddenly passed away from an illness. Dr. Gordon was called to attend the funeral.

As Dr. Gordon approached the house, he was met by a large crowd of mourners that slowed his steps. While pausing, his eyes fell on a young boy sitting on the doorstep. Tears were streaming down

his face.

"Did you know Annie Graham?" he asked the preacher. "She came to see me two or three times a week. She was always bringing me something, like a book, or even an apple. It wasn't the Sunday teachers who led me to faith in Christ, it was Annie. She'd sit here and read the Bible to me." His voice broke as he added, "Now she is gone and there's no one left to help me. My

mom's dead, my dad's drunk, and the sunshine left with Annie."

Dr. Gordon rested his hand on the boy's shoulder, "I'll come and see you soon."

Then, with a heavy heart, he moved through the crowd and into the house. Inside, he found a woman drying her tears while a small child hid his face in her skirts, sobbing.

"Was Annie a relative of yours, he asked the

woman?" (Read Part 2 of the rest of the story next week)

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

There are no comparisons available for feeder cattle this week as most markets were closed due to heavy rains, snow, heavy mud, and severe flooding across the state. Markets that were able to open showed a stronger undertone for all classes with limited receipts. Slaughter cows were trending 4.00 to 8.00 higher and bulls 3.00 to 5.00 higher with limited comparable receipts. All classes of feeder and slaughter cattle sold with good to very good demand.

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

Week ending 2/22/25

STATE AVERAGES

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	325.71	342.57	318.24
400-450 lbs	298.87	334.07	304.38
450-500 lbs	299.78	320.95	296.07
500-550 lbs	288.13	307.90	280.96
550-600 lbs	281.85	300.42	273.37
600-650 lbs	261.72	280.84	253.07
650-700 lbs	260.74	267.63	247.94
700-750 lbs	245.69	259.02	237.07
750-800 lbs	245.55	253.98	225.96
800-850 lbs	240.04	251.81	223.50
850-900 lbs	220.00	237.56	215.93
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	294.55	306.00	269.81
350-400 lbs	293.36	305.71	276.51
400-450 lbs	287.66	288.15	271.83
450-500 lbs	281.92	284.53	263.99
500-550 lbs	260.10	272.85	248.35
550-600 lbs	254.42	262.00	238.00
600-650 lbs	236.95	252.09	224.88
650-700 lbs	235.10	245.18	220.45
700-750 lbs	234.88	236.42	208.91
750-800 lbs	213.64	225.82	206.88

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	125.00-158.00	130.00-169.00	123.00-128.00
Boners	119.00-153.00	130.00-178.50	110.00-141.00
Lean	100.00-136.00	132.00-159.00	90.00-127.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	140.00-170.00	162.00-199.50	143.00-152.00

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Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 88

Kids: Selection 1 54 lbs 420.00; 63-69 lbs 375.00-420.00. **Selection 1-2** 55 lbs 420.00; 65 lbs 380.00; 100 lbs 275.00. **Selection 2** 55 lbs 360.00; 68 lbs 325.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 820

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 53-57 lbs 345.00-375.00; 66-69 lbs 320.00; 74-78 lbs 307.50-315.50; 88 lbs 270.00; 90 lbs 250.00; 105 lbs 232.50; 125 lbs 210.00; 150 lbs 167.50. **Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2** 75 lbs 305.00; 93 lbs 255.00; 100 lbs 205.00; 110-115 lbs 180.00-205.00; 135 lbs 180.00; 162 lbs 165.00.

Week ending 2/22/25

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
GRAINS			
Corn	4.81-5.26	4.74-5.20	3.53-4.31
Soybeans	9.47-10.83	9.43-10.73	10.58-11.98
Red Winter Wheat	5.24-6.24	5.09-6.19	4.77-5.75



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It's tax season - be prepared with these tips

This is the time of year when we start thinking about filing our income taxes. Even though it's an annual event, it can cause anxiety for many. By preparing now, you can ease the process for yourself or your tax preparer.

Begin by gathering the necessary forms including your social security number and that of your spouse if filing jointly, plus the numbers of any dependents. In addition to W-2 forms, you want to include information about any taxable interest you earned from savings accounts, stocks, mutual funds and virtual currency transactions. You will need to gather other 1099 forms from any earned compensation, including unemployment compensation, pension distributions, annuity or retirement plans, or contract employment.

Additionally, have a copy of last year's federal and state tax returns accessible, and your bank account and routing number to receive any refunds by direct deposit. Depending on your circumstances, you may need to include Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, if anyone in your household enrolled in a Marketplace plan in 2024.

One of the largest deductions many people can claim is mortgage interest. If you have a mortgage, you should have a 1098 form from your lender specifying how much interest you paid in the last year. Mortgage interest and points may be tax deductible if you itemize. Learn more at <https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc505>.

If you expect a refund, different factors may impact when you receive your return. The IRS issues

most direct deposit refunds within 21 days, however, certain factors may affect refund timing. Returns that require additional review can take longer, as well as paper returns (i.e., a mailed check). Claims involving tax credits that need verification may delay processing times. Further, incomplete information, errors, or missing documentation, like W-2 and 1099 forms, may cause delays.

To receive your refund quickly, electronically file your taxes as early as possible and choose the direct deposit option.

If you owe the IRS money this year, you may want to consider changing your withholding status with your employer moving forward. This will allow the employer to withhold more money from your check throughout the

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Arrests from A-1

Hitchins, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked February 21.

- Todd Auer, 59, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked February 21.
- Mark Dinedal, 40, of Olive Hill, arresting agency unavailable, on a charge

of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked February 22.

- Anthony Light, 53, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled

substance, failure to wear seat belts, careless driving, no operator's license, and failure to appear, arrested and booked February 22.

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.

Electric from A-1

though no specific instances or examples were provided. He also declined Callihan's invitation to speak with the press about his concerns or any evidence of misused funds he might have. He then accused the local newspaper of being party to Callihan's corruption before taking his leave.

Before closing public comments council heard from West Carter High School student Brody McCleese, with the high school's Community Problem Solving Group.

McCleese was there to update the city on plans they have for creating Narcan distribution centers around the city. Council members expressed concerns about potential for liability, children getting into the containers and wasting the lifesaving drug, and the potential theft of solar panels intended to power climate control to keep the medicine at stable temperatures. Council asked McCleese to come back again with four potential locations

for the boxes, as well as alternates.

Chris Blankenship, who is the academic sponsor for the Community Problem Solving Group explained that the club is an off-shoot of the Academic Team, which he also sponsors. He said the group's current push for Narcan stations is informed by a theme that uses the acronym MYTHS, which stands for Make Your Time Here Safe. The students, Blankenship said, took that theme and decided to focus on overdose prevention

awareness.

As their final piece of business for the evening council approved the purchase of a pump for the water plant at a cost of \$41,000. Callihan told council it was both the low bid, and the recommendation of the new engineers on the water plant project.

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Manikins from A-1

that students can't really interact with. The new ones have a lot of technology integrated into them. They actually breathe and have body sounds like heartbeat. They open their eyes and respond, and cry real tears."

"And because of that, the child manikin can even communicate and talk to the students," she continued. "And they can do what they can do with a real person, like take their blood pressure, they can start IV's and be hooked up to a ventilator."

There is even a crash cart simulation where the manikins can be defibrillated, Brickey said.

"It just creates a realistic environment where our students can make clinical decisions better than they could with just a regular manikin."

Due to the technology involved, instructors can also better monitor the students' work, such as in the case of CPR.

"It gives the student

feedback and responds," Brickey said. "If they are not doing it correctly the (manikin) will continue to decompensate. If they are doing it correctly the child will recover. It just makes the whole environment more realistic to learn I think."

They new manikins also allow instructors to create custom scenarios, or situations the students might encounter in a real world setting, Brickey said.

"Then they will have to quickly assess what is going on and respond, and make a clinical decision based upon what they know. And it allows them to practice that in a safe space before they encounter that with a real patient."

Brickey said they call it a 'safe place to make mistakes' before an actual living person is involved.

"It helps them to think about what they would do in a real-world situation. And we use a lot for feedback to use in their evaluation of how they

communicate with each other, family members, and patients."

From an instructor's perspective it also allows them to determine what a student does not know and how to best teach them. And the instructor can get a clear picture of which areas a student excels at as well, Brickey said.

"In world healthcare, patients in the hospital are more sick than they have ever been," Brickey said. "So being able to put them (students) in a complex clinical situation in a learning environment where they feel safe is really going to prepare them."

One scenario where students interacting with the new manikins provides better training is when a patient decompensates.

"You may have a patient who has had some kind of procedure done," Brickey explained. "Their vital signs are normal, and their blood pressure is where we want it, their heart rate is where we

want it. Then suddenly they might be having more pain than what we would expect. Then the blood pressure is a little lower than what we would say is normal. So slowly they are developing symptoms of not recovering the way we want them to."

The manikins, she said, allows the instructor to create those symptoms and measure how quickly the student picks up on the cues – without a real patient ever being in danger. Or, more pointedly, before a real patient is in danger, so that the students will be prepared to react to those cues.

"The sooner you take action, the better the outcome for the patient," Brickey said. And better patient outcomes are always the goal in any healthcare.

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Cast iron and continuing education

Council discusses autism training and utilities

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Grayson City Council met for their rescheduled regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18. The regular meeting was initially scheduled for February 11, but could not be held on that date due to inclement weather.

The council heard from a representative

of the Commission on Special Needs and Aging, who made the council aware of available autism training for first responders. The two-hour training is approved by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services and Kentucky Fire Commission State Fire Rescue Training for two Continuing Education (CE)/Contact Hours and is designed to help first responders be better prepared to deal with the challenges of those with autism or on the autism spectrum.

The training explains autism, as well as the characteristics and the spectrum of how

these characteristics are expressed among individuals with autism. It also helps first responders to identify frequently used terms, interventions, and the common types and titles of caregivers. The training is also designed to help first responders learn how to interact with individuals with autism including communication strategies. Learning de-escalation strategies and identifying available autism resources is also a key part of the two-hour training.

The council also heard from the director of the utilities commission, Gerald Haney. Haney spoke to the council

about the downtown cast iron pipe removal and replacement that began last year.

"We have wanted to do this for a number of years, and we finally reached the point where we have bid the project," Haney said.

The three bids received were from Boca Enterprises in Hager Hill for \$1,450,199.87, BP Pipeline in Quincy for \$1,353,440, and from Opell Excavating in Ashland for \$1,233,615. Haney said the bids were accurate but required checking before being finalized.

The pipe Haney

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Tax from A-2

year, so you're not hit with a big payment next year.

For general information on filing taxes this year, visit <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-ready-to-file-your-taxes>.

If you have questions about whether certain tax laws apply to your

individual circumstances, consider using the IRS Interactive Tax Assistant tool at <https://www.irs.gov/help/ita>. This free online tool can help you determine if you need to file a tax return, your filing status, if you can claim a dependent, if your income

is taxable, tax credit eligibility, or if you can deduct certain expenses.

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CALENDAR

- **2/26: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **2/27: Bull Value Assessment Program @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Call 474-6686 to register
- **2/28: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **3/3: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **3/3: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/3: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **3/4: Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Board meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **3/4: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **3/6: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/7: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **3/10: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **3/10: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/10: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **3/10: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse

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Pet of the Week

Spartan is a male German shepherd, around three or four years old, looking for his forever home. 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.

"Buzzed" drivers and drunk drivers



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Legislative update

FRANKFORT— We have completed day 16 of the 30-day 2025 Regular Session, and the pace has been intense. All was foreshadowed by the recent weather impacts across Kentucky and particularly east Kentucky. Our area experienced hardship in water-related issues such as flooding, roads, slides, and more, but, overall, we were fortunate compared to our neighbors.

Relentless rains submerged entire communities, turning familiar landscapes into scenes of destruction. Lives were tragically lost, homes swept away, roads rendered impassable, and countless families displaced. For the first time, all 120 counties were under a flash flood and storm warning. Pike, Perry, and other counties sustained damages to the cities and rural areas. I visited Magoffin and Johnson counties, where there was flooding as well. Our people are the most resilient and, once again, they come together to share their time, energy, talents, and faith to get through this time. My mountain colleagues and I are unified in our resolve to address the needs of our region. Thanks to all the first responders and state agencies who have pitched in, and all the non-profits, businesses, and private individuals for the outpouring of support.

For over a year, I have been working on issues relating to natural disasters, including flooding, tornadoes, and fire. I was tasked with putting my technical education and background to work with international and national groups to look at best practices and technologies that states can implement to assess risk, study disasters, look at infrastructure resilience, and plan for mitigation and remediation when they strike. Additionally, we are exploring how to best steward government tax dollars, both federal and state, in dealing with federal, state, and local initiatives.

I have been interviewed by national news outlets and appeared in articles regarding impacts by Politico and Pew. I have been working for several months on the creation of the Disaster Prevention Resiliency Task Force to study the aforementioned issues, and this week, I filed Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 67 to do just that. I have received exceptional support from the west to the east and appreciate Sen. Robby Mills, of Henderson, coming on to co-sponsor.

A highlight of the week was Hunger Free Kentucky Day—which reminds us that there are many of all ages and backgrounds grappling with food insecurity. Our own advocate, Dan Blevins of Helping

Hands of Greenup County, braved the elements for his annual visit but had to cut his trip short and return to address our own flooding issues.

Hayley Poynter of Lewis County and Cade Carter of Carter County attended UK Pharmacy School Lobby Day. It was not Hayley's first venture to Frankfort, and I have watched Cade grow up from his soccer days at West Carter, where my son Troy coached him. I am very proud of them, and they represented their school and profession well!

A group dear to me is the Kentucky Optometrists. They were in town, and Dr. Randy Steel represented our area. I also heard some Doc Webb stories from the group!

After two years of collaborating with the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA) Board of Examiners, non-veterinary dental practitioners, horse owners, and other stakeholders, my Equine Dental and Chiropractic Senate Bill (SB) 69 passed committee and the Senate floor. It allows inclusion of these non-veterinary practitioners a path of licensure by inclusion in allied animal health disciplines. The measure will allow individuals who have been providing care in animal husbandry in these areas to have required education, training, and accountability. It will continue to strengthen the relationships between allied providers, veterinarians, and patients. This measure will also improve care affordability and access for our equine population, particularly in rural areas where there is a large animal veterinarian shortage.

A highly publicized bill passed the Senate this week SB 79, which updates Kentucky's state employment policies, including new employee classifications, layoff procedures, and payroll guidelines. A key amendment imposes strict telework restrictions, limiting remote work to emergencies or two days per month for certain employees. I agree that there has been some abuse and service voids with remote working on some levels, yet I opposed the measure because the amendment goes too far and there needs to be a balanced and rational approach to the problem. The bill overlooks the importance of worker efficiency, travel times, telework in supporting rural communities, rebuilding local tax bases, and encouraging broadband investments vital for regional economic development. The same must be balanced with proper operation of government offices, availability on phone and in person for contact in service, and

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Robin L. Webb
Senator
State of Kentucky

OBITUARY

Donald Keith Barker 1955 – 2025



Donald Keith Barker, age 69, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, February 22, 2025, at UK-St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead, Kentucky.

He was born April 17, 1955, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Clifford Jerry and Jane Burton Barker.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Phillip Barker, Allen Barker and Charles Barker.

He enjoyed riding horses, cooking, growing a garden and spending time with his family.

Keith is survived by one son, Timothy Keith Barker of Olive Hill, Kentucky; 4 grandchildren;

5 great-grandchildren; one brother Harlan (Shirlene) Barker of Olive Hill, Kentucky; three sisters, Delpha Barker, Phyllis (Gary) Easterling, Wanda (James) Bryant; special friend, Sabrina Zornes all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Thursday, February 27, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother David Bryant and Brother Mike Bryant officiating. Burial will follow in Barker Cemetery in Barker Flats in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends may visit after 12 noon, Thursday, February 27, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Frank Barker, Kevin Ray Barker, Clifton Barker, Delbert Barker, Brandon Easterling, Austin Barker and J.D. Barker will serve as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky, is honored to serve the family of Donald Keith Barker.

Wesley Ryan Lawson 1985 – 2025



Wesley Ryan Lawson, age 39, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at UK-St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead, Kentucky, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Friday, March 15, 1985, in Boyd

County, Kentucky, a son of Pam Thornsberry Lawson of Olive Hill, Kentucky and the late David Lawson.

Wesley loved old cars and Ford products. He enjoyed the outdoors, going to Carter Caves, walking and spending time with his family.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by one brother, David Brock Lawson of Danville, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

At the family's request there will be no service at this time.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Wesley Ryan Lawson.

Allen Arthur Stapleton 1947 – 2025



Allen Arthur Stapleton, age 77, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, February 15, 2025, at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky.

He was born April 25, 1947, in Olive Hill, Kentucky, a son of the late Estil and Garnet McDowell Stapleton.

Al loved Olive Hill and Carter County. His professional career began over 60 years ago with Olive Hill Fire and Rescue as a firefighter and later became Fire Chief. He also served as a member of Grayson and Carter City Fire Departments. Al was president of Carter County Firefighters Association, Eastern Kentucky Firefighters Association and Kentucky Firefighters Association. He served as Deputy Sheriff, under Sheriff Coleman Binion, Deputy Coroner and dispatcher for the Carter County Emergency Medical Service. Al was an Olive Hill City Councilman for 12 years, City Code Enforcement Officer and the director of Olive Hill Emergency Management.

Al was a member and current commander of Moore Armstrong Post 138 Sons of the American Legion. He was a Kentucky Colonel and Forestry Warden for Division of Forestry. Al was employed by Carter County School System for several years

and currently with Globe Funeral Chapel.

Al is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Bonnie S. Angel Stapleton; two sons, Jason Allen Stapleton of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Adam Joseph (Sarah) Stapleton of Grayson, Kentucky; one daughter, Amanda Lynn Stapleton-Tuhy of Olive Hill, Kentucky; 5 grandchildren, Anyah Brielle Tuhy, Gavynn McClain Tuhy, Pacey Tadd Stapleton, Dawson Allen Stapleton and Sebastian Allen Stapleton; one step-grandson, Nathan (Faith) Steele one brother, Jack (Victoria) Stapleton of Boca Raton, Florida; one sister JoAnn Stapleton Hall of Lexington, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Friday, February 21, 2025, at Three Pine Freewill Baptist Church, 146 Route 3298, Olive Hill, Kentucky with Larrel Alley, Brother Gary Sparks and Brother Harold Horton officiating. Burial followed in Jr. O.U.A.M. Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

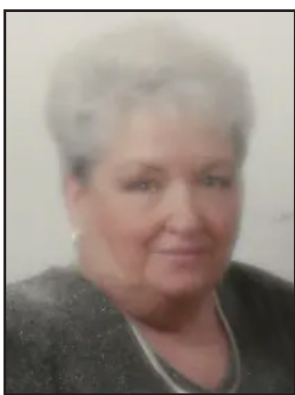
Friends visited from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., Thursday, February 20, 2025 and after 9 a.m., February 21, 2025, until the service hour at Three Pine Freewill Baptist Church.

Richard Cyrus, Chris Eden, Brent Dean, Larrel Alley, Billy Selvage and Eddie Rucker served as pallbearers.

Kentucky Firefighters Association, Olive Hill Fire Department and Olive Hill Sons of Olive Hill American Legion Post 138 served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky, is caring for all arrangements for Allen Arthur Stapleton.

Corrine Madden Daugherty Bauman 1932 – 2025



Corrine Madden Daugherty Bauman, age 92, of Milton, Tennessee, formerly of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at St. Thomas Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

She was born December 6, 1932, in Soldier, Kentucky, to the late Cliff and Laura Jones Madden.

Corrine enjoyed singing, going to sporting events, bowling, golfing, watching UK Basketball and spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, E.A. Daugherty; her second husband, Howard Bauman; one son, Jack Claywell; two grandchildren, Laura Claywell Parsons, Shawn Inman; one brother, Fred Madden and five sisters, Kay Madden,

Geraldine Bradley, Janet Tabor, Chole Jean Butler and Lois Vestle.

Corrine is survived by two sons, Jerry (Aleta) Daugherty of Milton, Tennessee, Art (Angela) Daugherty of Grayson, Kentucky; two daughters, Vicki (Toby) Hensley of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Debbie (David) Stephenson of Dayton, Ohio; 6 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Louise Gorman of Knightstown, Indiana, Sue Cross of New Castle, Indiana and Betty Joe Chase of Kissimmee, Florida, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Graveside services were held 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Patton Cemetery in Soldier, Kentucky with her son, Jerry Daugherty officiating. Burial followed in the Patton Cemetery in Soldier, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 1 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Corrine Madden Daugherty Bauman.



**Wednesday February 26
District Tournament
East Boys vs Morgan Co.**

**Thursday, February 27
District Championship Game**

View additional tournament coverage schedule at wgohwugo.com/sports

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OPINION

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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

This could be the end

This could be one of the last issues of the Carter County Times you get to hold in your hands. House Bill 368, a measure that would strip newspapers of their public notice advertising from local governments, could be voted on as early as today.

If House Bill 368 passes, we will no longer be able to afford to keep this paper in business. It will have that kind of impact on our already thin advertising budgets. And our rack sales and subscriptions alone – much as we love our readers and subscribers – don't generate enough revenue for us to keep the presses running.

Now, we can debate whether or not a newspaper should be so dependent on this particular revenue stream, and it's a conversation worth having – but it doesn't change the fact that the Carter County Times, and countless other small, independent newspapers do count on those advertising funds to keep our newspapers from slipping into the red.

But putting aside the loss of revenue for us, let's look at what would be lost for you if HB 368 passes.

For one, transparency. And not just the transparency you'd lose when the newspaper quit covering local government meetings. HB 368 would allow local governments to publish everything they are currently required to make part of the public record on their local websites alone. This means that you would need internet access to view these records and notices – which include everything from the wording of new ordinances to contracts for goods and services the city is required to put out for bid. It would require folks to navigate websites that are already poorly maintained – the Olive Hill and Grayson websites, for instance, both still include the names of council members who are not on council and don't include the names of all current council members.

It would also potentially allow cities and counties to go back in and make changes to bids, ordinances, or other content without maintaining a clear history of those changes. That is the benefit of print. Once it is set and printed, you cannot go back in and change the content to suit changing preferences or ideas. There is a physical record to hold elected officials to what they'd initially agreed to.

This is important, not because our local governments are necessarily corrupt, but because any large organization – like a city or a county – needs safeguards to protect from the development of corruption, or the appearance of it.

Another issue, as noted, is that it requires internet access. This puts public notices out of reach of the poor, who might read the local newspaper at the public library. It puts them out of the reach of the elderly and others who might not be as comfortable navigating the technology required to access these documents. And it puts them out of reach of those who live in the remote and rural areas of our county where we have trouble accessing steady and reliable internet connections.

But, if the loss of advertising revenue leads to the closure of this newspaper, readers will be losing so much more.

This newspaper provided coverage of public expenditures that enabled journalists associated with NBC to ask serious questions about the use of opioid funds for things like skating rinks. We did this without taking any editorial stance for or against the usage of these funds. We just told you how your elected officials voted.

We've provided coverage of the embezzlement of funds from the county tourism group, and efforts to recover those funds. We have every intention, if we can continue to publish, to continue providing coverage of that process as the former treasurer enters her expected change of plea.

We've gone to bat for citizens of the county and cities, to make sure their government is operating with transparency, so they know what they are voting on and when they are voting on it.

We've covered officer involved shootings in both Grayson and Olive Hill.

We've covered complaints against, and praise for, elected officials across the board and on both sides of the political aisle.

But if HB 368 passes, you will lose all of that.

We could continue to publish for a while without those revenues, but not for very long. Not without a significant increase in retail and other advertising to make up the difference. If we continued to publish, we'd risk running out of funds to print, and to reimburse our long time advertisers and subscribers for undelivered product – and that's something we're just not willing to do.

We're not here to get rich. We're not here to tell you what

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Carter County Times
Members of the Editorial Board
 Nicole Wells, publisher
 Jeremy Wells, editor Keith Kappes, columnist



Lessons in planned obsolescence

Today I learned that Microsoft hates the idea of its customers repairing hardware so much, they tied the disc drives to the motherboards in their Xbox360s. This means that if your disc drive goes bad (as mine did) and you get on eBay and purchase a working disc drive from someone (as I did), you can't just swap them out.

If you do, your Xbox thinks the game disc you insert is a DVD instead of a game disc. Whether this is by accident or design (and it's presumably the latter) the end result is it prevents self-repair to tie the disc drive to the motherboard. Or at least complicates it.

I learned this after spending a slightly frustrating afternoon breaking into my 360 slim, and replacing the drive so we could breathe some life back into it. Once I finished that, I was really disappointed that I couldn't fire up some of those old games.

A quick scroll through Reddit gave me an answer though, and I rushed to the garbage to grab the discarded components. My hope is that I can swap the control boards on the disc drives, and this will be enough for me to get everything working the way it should.

It is going to require some light soldering, but

shouldn't be too far outside my ability.

I'm trying to be Zen about it, and look at it as a learning experience. I mean, if I'm really being honest, I enjoy getting these things working almost as much as I enjoy playing with them after they are up and running again.

But it's also got me thinking about the rights of consumers to repair the items they own, and how difficult companies make it for us to do so. Whether it's a battery with chips that prevent the use of generics,

or components like disc drives that can't be easily swapped out, it almost seems like engineers design these things to be difficult to repair, without improving the performance or functionality of the machines in any way. It's just another way that corporate America squeezes us for a buck, encouraging us to just toss something out and replace it instead of repairing it.

Planned obsolescence at its finest.



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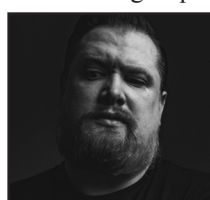
A correspondence from the Culture Wars

When I was a kid growing up on the south side of Chicago, information wasn't as available as it is today. We didn't pull a magic machine out of our pockets that could tell us anything we wanted to know. We relied on people who knew things, what adults could say to us, and what piece of information we might glean from the news on the television, or a headline splashed atop the newspaper. Public discourse taught lies, opinions, and half-truths—what others perceived as reality, not what's actually true.

Take Malcolm X, for example. I thought he was a black dude who hated white dudes. When in reality, he was someone who wanted equality for all people. The way he spoke against rampant racism, which had a cruel thumb in the eye of America, wasn't something to fear. But when you hear people giving their opinion on character, message, and the status quo from the barstool, you don't know any better. The letter "X" itself became a warning sign—Malcolm X was painted as a villain, someone to fear. But through his evolution, he marked the change of a man and his viewpoint: "I am not a racist... In the past I permitted myself to be used... to make sweeping indictments of all white people... Because of the spiritual enlightenment which I was blessed to receive as the result of my recent pilgrimage to the Holy City of Mecca, I no longer subscribe to sweeping indictments of any one race." And then someone killed him.

The same goes for The Black Panthers. I grew up

thinking they hated white people. They were a militant group of black dudes who wanted to kill white people.



Robert Dean
 Guest Columnist
 Carter County Times

That was the narrative of the media who feared them, who mislabeled the group that created a complimentary breakfast program for any child to eat before school, opened free healthcare clinics in poor neighborhoods, drove old people around, delivered their groceries, and also gave clothes to community members in need. As I became politically literate, I understood how deeply our perceptions are shaped—and how they

can be unlearned through education. The system wasn't scared of old people making it to their appointment; they were scared of the mobilization of armed, educated black folks who wanted better for their communities. Fred Hampton was murdered in his sleep at 21 years old by Chicago police and the FBI.

As I grew older, I sought out more books, documentaries, and newspapers, determined to unlearn the lies I'd been taught. This journey led me to New Orleans, a city rich in culture and history. When I moved there in my 20s, I made friends who opened my eyes to figures like Marcus Garvey, James Baldwin, jazz musicians, and the real shake, rattle, and roll of the Harlem Renaissance. You can always be "invited to the cookout" because those are some of the most welcoming functions I've ever been allowed to share space.

But as the wagon of idiocy continues to roll

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Policies

General

Advertisers should check their ad the first time it runs. The Times shall not be liable for any typographical errors or for failure to publish an ad or errors in publication except to the extent of the cost of the ad for the first insertion. Adjustment for errors is limited to the portion of the ad wherein the error occurred. The Times reserves the right to reject any advertisement and submitted editorial copy, and reserves the right to edit any copy submitted for publication. Corrections will be made at the discretion of the editor.

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The Times welcomes all letters to the editor.

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Letters must include a verifiable address, along with the phone number and signature of the writer. Letters submitted via e-mail need only include a phone number in lieu of a signature.

Letters, columns and cartoons do not necessarily reflect the views of the Times or EK Newsgroup, LLC.

General interest guest columns are welcome. For details email editor@cartercountytimes.com.

Deadlines

The deadline for news copy and letters to the editor is noon on Monday prior to publication. The deadline for display and classified advertising is 5 p.m. on Monday prior to publication.

Educating Kentucky children

Education remains the General Assembly's top priority this session. Last session, we provided our K-12 education system with historic investments included in HB 1 and HB 6 and provided schools with stronger strategies to improve student performance in mathematics through the Numeracy Counts Act (HB 162, 2024). This session, there has been no shortage of bills filed related to our education system ranging from efforts to help schools recover from the severe weather we have faced this winter to legislation addressing the administrative burdens our teachers face in the classroom.



Patrick Flannery
Representative
State of Kentucky

Several education-related measures have cleared committee and/or the full House this week, including:
Addressing the healthcare workforce shortage through scholarships: HB 305 aims to address the healthcare worker shortage in the commonwealth by extending healthcare training

scholarships funded by the Kentucky healthcare workforce investment fund, established in HB 200 from the 2023 Regular Session, to physician assistants, dietitians, and nutritionists. HB 305 passed the House of Representatives 92-0 and is on its way to the Senate for consideration.

Establishing college credit transfer pathways for high-demand degrees: HB 427 would establish college credit transfer pathways for high-demand degree pathways between KCTCS and 4-year institutions ensuring that college credits earned are applied to a student's degree. This legislation passed the House 93-0 and is on its way to the Senate for consideration.

Establishing performance standards for higher education educators: HB 424 would establish a performance and productivity evaluation for employees at public higher education institutions, administered at least every four years. This legislation would permit universities to remove employees who do not meet performance

or productivity standards.
Improving school safety: HB 14 continues the work the General Assembly has done to improve school safety. It would allow school districts to employ an enhanced security system that includes a wearable alert alarm system and direct the Center for School Safety to establish the Wearable Panic Alert Grant Program to support districts as they seek access to these devices.

Reducing red tape in education: HB 48 removes administrative burdens placed on teachers, schools, and school districts that do not improve their ability to educate students.

Promoting advanced coursework in schools: HB 190 would require school districts to establish an advanced coursework pathway policy with automatic enrollment for high potential students who are distinguished for grades 4-12.

Supporting school districts through severe weather: would allow school districts to shift their calendar model from 170 instructional days to 1,062 instructional hours. This would allow schools

to extend school days to offset lost instructional time due to school closures. Additionally, this legislation would allow the Commissioner of Education to grant up to five disaster relief days for alternative student instruction and waive up to five student attendance days to school districts that would be unable to achieve 1,062 instructional hours with an extended schedule by June 4, 2025. HB 421 passed the House 82-7 and will move on to the Senate for consideration.

Identifying and supporting low performing schools: HB 298 would require the Department of Education to annually review schools to determine CSI status. This would allow KDE to provide support to more school districts. Federal law requires CSI identification every three years.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Education from A-3

discussed is the oldest pipe in the City of Grayson and had been installed in 1931. And although it might look good from the outside, he explained, the inside of the pipe had become quite constricted over the years. This restriction can cause problems with firefighting in the city due to reduced water flow, as well as other issues, he said. The pipe will be replaced with the same size pipe only in plastic and will dramatically increase that flow.

"All the customers that are affected will remain on the old line until the new line is installed and tested, and then we will move them over slowly one at a time," Haney explained the process. "The old line will be cut, capped, and abandoned in place," he said. "It will also be drained, and there won't

be any pressure on the old lines after we put the mechanical caps in place."

The process does not involve the city sewer, only the water supply lines.

"As they go, we will be cutting a trench, and for every meter they will be cutting a smaller trench," Haney told the council. "That will be blacktopped as it goes. Then when this is done there will be a two-inch overlay over the full width of the street. It's a great thing for the water system and the city because we will be eliminating a lot of problems."

There have been fifteen leaks so far this year in the affected area, Haney said.

Haney said he will be in contact with the contractor and notify dispatch so residents will be informed of what road is going to be

closed and when.

"We also have a Grayson Utilities App that can be downloaded to your phone, and we will be posting that information there as well," he said.

"It's a five-month project, 150 days, and there will be some weather days I'm sure," Haney said. "And they won't be working at all beginning Thursday of Memorial Day weekend."

Haney said there is approximately \$650,000 in grant money left over from the Robert and Mary site, and an additional \$350,000 in revenue bonds from the Integrity Water Project. Those funds, combined with capital improvement funds, will pay for the project.

"I don't want to leave any of this undone," Haney said. "I want to do it all."

In other business

council discussed the lease agreement with Enterprise Rentals for police cars. In the agreement Enterprise will buy four five-year-old police cruisers the city already owns that are out of warranty, and that money will be credited toward the lease. The cars are fully equipped, minus the radios that will be repurposed from the current vehicles. The new cars are 2023 models but come with a full factory warranty.

The council voted to approve the lease using money from the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Fund until the current year budget, after which the expense will be picked up by the police department.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

Legislative from A-4

chain of accountability of performance. It passed the Senate 25-10, and I feel we haven't seen the bill in its final form.

Some of the other measures passing the Senate during the fourth week of the 2025 session include:

SB 2 prohibits state correctional facilities from using government funds to provide hormone treatments and gender-related healthcare to transgender inmates. I voted for this measure, and it passed the Senate 31-6.

SB 84 establishes a de novo standard for judicial review of state agency actions. It passed 28-6.

SB 18 updates insurance requirements for vehicle business licensees. This measure passed unanimously.

SB 24 expands the definition of insurance fraud to

include property and casualty misrepresentations. It passed 36-0.

SB 13 limits the number of Medicaid managed care organizations to three by 2026. This measure passed 36-0.

SB 77 adjusts the membership structure of Kentucky's Education Professional Standards Board. It passed 36-0.

SB 15 clarifies employment relationships within franchise businesses. This measure passed unanimously.

SB 103 directs Kentucky's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to prioritize in-state service providers and report annually on its activities. It passed unanimously.

SB 179 establishes the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority and creates a Nuclear

Energy Development Grant Program to support nuclear energy projects across Kentucky. I was a cosponsor of this bill, and it passed 36-0.

SCR 43 supports the Crisis Recovery Support Network for mental health recovery following crises. The resolution passed unanimously.

All the measures granted passage by the Senate will now go to the House to continue their journey through the legislative process.

For an in-depth review of the bills passed thus far, I encourage you to visit the legislative record online by visiting the Legislative Record at LEGISLATURE.KY.GOV. There, you can also review the progress of other legislation and delve into all the bills filed this session.

Moving forward to the latter portion of this 30-day session, I encourage you to stay engaged in the legislative process. With the

bill filing deadlines now passed in both the Senate and the House, the stage is set for the policies on the docket for this session. Over 1,100 bills have been filed in this short, 30-day session, and your advocacy remains crucial.

I encourage you to stay engaged in the legislative process—your voice matters. Whether you're advocating for your community, your profession, or an issue close to your heart, your input helps shape the decisions that impact us all. Please reach out to share your thoughts and perspectives. I can be contacted by email at SD18@cm.kylegislature.gov or through the General Assembly Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. Kentuckians with hearing loss can use Kentucky Relay by dialing 711.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 21-CI-00193**

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ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC DEFENDANT/
VS. CROSS-CLAIMANT
HAL DAVID SMITH; VICTORIA LEIGH SMITH; LIEN SOLUTIONS, LLC; AND COUNTY OF CARTER, KENTUCKY

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on February 4, 2025, 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 **12th day of March, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:10 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 6% 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: 202 Maple Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 100, Page 608, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-10-50-009.00.

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

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00423**

ROMA L. WEBB, JR. PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
LARRY DEAN LEMMONS; HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, AND BENEFICIARIES, IF ANY; LINDA ANN LANCASTER; HER UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, AND BENEFICIARIES, IF ANY; ROBERT D. LEMMONS; HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, AND BENEFICIARIES, IF ANY; BARBARA K. GIFFORD; HER UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, AND BENEFICIARIES, IF ANY; CHARLES NORMAN LEMMONS; HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, AND BENEFICIARIES, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT(S) OF THE PREMISES, IF ANY; AND CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on January 9, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **12th day of March, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:05 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 6% 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: 1056 Lost Hills, Olive Hill, KY. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 216, Page 644, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 014-00-00-019.00.

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

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00239**

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
GREGORY BLAKE HALL AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RHONDA CAMPBELL DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on September 17, 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 **12th day of March, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:00 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 2.875% 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: 664 Glancy Fork, Denton, KY 41132. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 449, Page 542, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 123-00-00-047.00.

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

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Pursuant to KRS 271B.14-070, this is a public notice that the shareholders of J. D. Trust, Inc., a Kentucky corporation with its principal office in Carter County, Kentucky, did adopt on December 31, 2024, a plan of liquidation for J. D. Trust, Inc. (the "Corporation"). Any individuals, corporations or other organizations which have a claim against the Corporation must submit a written claim, stating the amount of the claim, date it was incurred and basis of the claim, to James S. Womack at 253 Womstead Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. Unless a proceeding to enforce a claim against the Corporation is commenced within two (2) years after the date of this public notice, the claim will be forever barred.

PUBLIC NOTICE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FIVCO Area Development District (FIVCO ADD) and the Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (AAAIL) are requesting proposals for various programs in Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, and Lawrence counties.

The following programs are open for proposal submission:

- Homecare Services (In-Home Services)
- Title III C-1 Congregate Meals
- Title III C-2 Home Delivered Meals
- Title III-E Respite Services
- Title III-B Supportive Services
- Title III-B Legal Services
- Title VII Elder Abuse Prevention & Ombudsman
- State Health Insurance and Assistance Program (SHIP)

The complete Request for Proposals (RFP) package can be obtained by:

- Contacting Nicole Davis, Director of Social Services, at 606-929-1366
- Emailing Nicole at nicole@fivco.org
- Visiting our website at www.fivco.org

Proposal Deadline:
All proposals must be submitted by 12:00 PM (noon) on March 31, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE
The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (Sorghum halepense), Canada thistle (Cirsium arvense), Cutleaf Teasel (Dipsacus laciniatus) Nodding thistle (Carduus nutans), Common teasel (Dipsacus fullonum), Poison hemlock (Conium maculatum), Marehail (Conyza canadensis), Amur Honeysuckle (Lonicera maackii), Multiflora Rose (Rose multiflora) Japanese knotweed, (Polygonum cuspidatum), Spotted Knapweed (Centaurea stoebe) and Kudzu (Pueraria montana).

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages

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Grayson Gallery prepares for Final Friday

Art celebrating Peace and Love highlight February offerings

By Dan Click
for Carter County Times

The Grayson Gallery

& Art Center, Inc. will present their annual Peace & Love art show and sale during the monthly Final Fridays Art Walk, with an opening reception for participating artists and the public on February 28. Free to the public (with donations and tips for the musicians appreciated) doors will open at 6 p.m. Awards and announcements will take place at

approximately 7:30 p.m., during which four \$50 blue ribbon awards will be given for People's Choice (by popular vote); the Pen Lady Award; the Brandon Click Memorial Award; and the GGAC Board Choice Award.

Artists from across Eastern Kentucky and the Tri-State area submitted dozens of pieces this past week focused primarily on

this fun-loving theme with a wide range of mediums. Live music is provided by the Return Acoustic, who will delight the crowd with their throw-back tunes and classic rock as well as originals. Catering by Sheila Marie will provide refreshments.

Coming up in March will be Women in the Arts and a call for work will be emailed and shared on

social media during the first week of next month. Karen Combs, President of the Huntington Blues Society and her Appalachian Ladies Review will be the entertainment for this annual celebration of female artists during Women's History Month.

April's theme is always Celebrate the Earth at the GGAC, with works themed to recognize the importance of Earth Day awareness and the fragile environment. Music

for April's show will be from a newcomer to the gallery. The band Raised on Radio will entertain the artsy Earth Day crowd with their tight sounds of classic rock, well-known radio hits from the past and more.

Contact Dan Click, director via email: grayson-gallery@gmail.com look for them on Facebook and, for pre-recorded announcements call the GGAC Info Line: 606-474-7651

Clark talks economic development

Discusses strategies for avoiding lost opportunities

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Amanda Clark was the guest speaker at the Grayson Chamber of Commerce meeting on February 18 and shared some insights into economic growth. Clark, who is the Economic and Business Development Manager for Kentucky Power and serves on the Kentucky Association for Economic Development Executive Committee as well as being the Vice Chair of the Northeast Kentucky Economic Development Authority, offered a lot of pointed observations on economic growth and stability.

"So, my life is all things economic development," Clark told the chamber. "All day, every day. But it is fun, and I enjoy it."

"Kentucky Power sees itself as a leader in

economic development in Eastern Kentucky," Clark said. "And that's simply because we have the trained staff and the resources to handle that. We want to work in lockstep with our communities for their economic development priorities."

One way they can do that is by helping identify industrial sites.

"One of the major things on my list of things to do this year is to identify and bring to market new industrial properties. And as far as Carter County or Grayson goes, I know there is some interest in industrial properties at East Park," Clark said. "But I'd like to identify addition properties in Carter County and Grayson."

Clark said one of the challenges currently is the limitation of both available land as well as existing buildings.

"We get requests for buildings all of the time. But we simply can't meet that request because we don't have them. And we at Kentucky Power are trying to fix that," Clark said.

Clark continued by asking the chamber members pointed questions.

"Why do you think Kentucky Power would even be interested in economic development? And why do we put all of these resources out there for economic development?"

The first and most obvious answer from chamber members was the belief that Kentucky Power wanted more customers who would pay for their services.

"Sort of," Clark countered. "But what we know and what we have felt in Eastern Kentucky is that Kentucky Power and even your co-ops have fixed costs for providing electricity. And all the customers together pay for that fixed cost; so, what happens when the number of customers goes down? Everyone else's cost goes up," she said.

The fixed costs, Clark explained, never go away. There is still the cost for transmission lines, the company still has to maintain the distribution lines, and if there are less people

paying for that service then the cost per customer has to increase.

"For us," Clark said, "Our interest is essentially for you. We want to make sure that we stabilize that rate base and make sure that you are not subsidizing power for everyone else."

Clark said Kentucky Power has over 161,000 customers for their 20-county service area from Lewis County in the north to Perry County in the south, as well as Rowan County to the west.

"And what I have noticed in a lot of our counties is that the state maintains a website of all available industrial properties. Outside of East Park there are no other industrial properties available. And Carter County is not the only county that does not have industrial properties listed. About twelve of the twenty counties we serve also do not have industrial properties listed."

"If we don't have anything on the market, and if we don't have anything for me to market when I go

to trade shows or targeted recruitment trips – last year I was in Canada and South Korea – if I don't have product to show them, we lose," Clark said. "We're not even in the game."

Clark told the chamber that the inability to attract business due to lack of suitable property and buildings is why it is a big priority to Kentucky Power.

"So, I encourage you through the Chamber that if you are aware of possible industrial properties – and again we have the resources to say yes this is a viable industrial property and have the ability to score those properties."

Kentucky Power's resources, she said, can help property owners determine what would be the best fit of business to property.

"What we are seeing right now is that there is no middle ground," Clark said of the requests she has heard for industrial properties. "What we hear for projects is that they need a thirty to fifty thousand square foot building, or I need an eight hundred thousand square foot building. So, it's very difficult to build buildings on speculation."

The alternative to building on 'spec,' Clark said, is what some Kentucky counties are doing by listing all of their properties on a website so that a potential business can look at what is available then communicate what size building they need as well as other requirements.

"They have partnered with an engineering and construction company that can tell you how much it will cost to build on that site. And it seems to be working well for them."

Clark told the chamber that a good place to start is by working with Kentucky Power to identify potential industrial locations so that when the state requests information about what sites the county has available it will be ready to provide it. Other factors come into play in the 'scoring' of a potential site such as water supply, potential transportation access and other factors. By identifying all these factors and making that information readily available, Carter County and Grayson will be better able to avoid missed opportunities in the future.

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Culture from A-5

through town with its ass in front, pulling the weight of the country, just remember: before the false outrage of DEI initiatives, it was critical race theory; before that was common core, and before that, it was multicultural education. There is always a boogeyman. America's history is complicated. We steal the fun parts of identity from black culture but allow for none of the struggle because who needs that? At the very least, children should be taught to acknowledge that com-

plicated viewpoint without a rose-colored visage while John Wayne rides off into a perfect sunset. We have done things on this land that are heinous and are stamped into the people's DNA, no matter how fresh they are into the institution of American life.

Education matters. When people peddle faulty reasoning to oppose teaching about racism or sharing stories of struggle, it's garbage—plain and simple. It's a shield for those in power, deflecting anger and outrage away

from the systems that benefit them. Education is a weapon—sharp, unyielding, and essential—against stupidity, bias, and bigotry. Fight against these things; they will never serve you well, even if you think otherwise. As Chuck D said, 'Fight the Power.' Don't let them strip away your child's right to know the truth—no matter how ugly it is.

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The end from A-5

to think. We're here to provide you with factual information – and a variety of viewpoints on our opinion page – so that you can be informed and make up

your own mind.

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368, and the lack of transparency it would bring. Your right to know what your local government is doing depends on it.

Bowling from A-1

competitive and reputable bowling program at Kentucky Christian University."

The launch of the bowling program aligns with KCU's mission of fostering holistic student development by integrating faith, academics, and athletics. Athletic director David Manning emphasized the program's significance, stating, "The addition of bowling within the KCU athletic department provides us with a great opportunity to extend our mission to a wider audience."

Coach Kuykendall, along with his wife Taylor and daughter Evangeline, said they were eager to get the ball rolling and contribute to the growth of KCU's athletic department. The university also expressed their excitement to welcome student-athletes who share a passion for bowling and a commitment to both personal and spiritual growth.

Bowling is often characterized as the number one participation sport in the United States and enjoys good popularity among college students. That popularity continues to grow with more than 4,100 student-athletes competing in over 180 tournaments each year, and many colleges offer bowling scholarships to student athletes. Nearly 100 colleges and universities across the country offer bowling scholarships, and collegiate bowling is a steppingstone in many cases to professional competition.

Manning said that whether or not a student has professional ambitions, he encourages student athletes to participate in the new program. He also said he is looking forward to seeing what he knows will be a solid response to the implementation of the program and believes its potential for growth will be amazing.

The program is also building more bridges between the school and community, a stated goal of KCU President Terry Allcorn, with the announcement that the new bowling program will utilize Grayson bowling alley Casey's Lanes for their practice sessions.

Casey's Lanes owner and Carter County fiscal court magistrate Derrick McKinney said while his facility isn't large enough to bring tournaments to Grayson, he's excited to be part of helping the university grow their sports programs, "and bring new students to the college for the sport."

For more information about the KCU bowling program, recruitment opportunities, or upcoming events, you can visit the KCU Athletics Department online at kcuknights.com.

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