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Grayson considers leasing city vehicles

Discusses proposed changes to mobile home ordinance

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Jackson Walker and Connor Ward, representatives from Enterprise Rental, addressed the Grayson City Council at the regularly scheduled April meeting concerning the continuance of the city's rental agreement as well as the possibility of expanding said agreement. Currently Grayson has an agreement with Enterprise for their police department vehicles, and is considering going to a lease versus purchase

program for other city vehicles.

The value of a lease versus purchase of a vehicle, as presented by Enterprise, is that a schedule of maintenance is covered under the lease agreement, as well as a trade in agreement where the company will assist in the resell of each vehicle at the end of the lease term, ideally yielding more money for the city to apply against the new lease. Under a standard purchase of the vehicle, the city would only have factory warranties and any individual dealership warranties, and no assistance to resell the vehicle when needed.

Conventional wisdom might consider that by leasing, the city would always be making payments as opposed to an outright

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Enterprise Rental account executive Jackson Walker addresses the Grayson City Council (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Tourism hosts Easter egg hunt

Prizes awarded in each age group

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The popular Easter egg hunt returns to Grayson on Saturday, April 19, 11 am at Prichard Elementary. The egg hunt is hosted by Grayson Tourism, and Tourism Director Lana Axtell said that she expects an even better turnout than last year.

"There are at least 5,000 eggs," Axtell said. "There will be Grand Prize stuffed bunnies for the winners. There will be

eggs filled with candy, some eggs filled with little toys, and some eggs with dollar bills."

"The egg hunt is completely free. And we will run it just like we did last year so there isn't any chaos," Axtell said. "There will be separated sections with age groups. Kids only. No parents will be permitted on the field."

Axtell said that is the best way to make it fair for everyone involved, so that the excitement of the hunt and the thrill of earning prizes doesn't cause the chaos she mentioned. Tourism, she said, wants everyone to have a wonderful time on a level playing field – even if that field is filled with hidden treats.

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(File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Sports park manager gives final report

Harper announces plans to step down from role

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Sports park manager Grant Harper gave what would be his final official report to the Grayson tourism commission during their meeting last week.

"Things are going great at the park," Harper told the commission. "We've had four tournaments already, which is about a month ahead of schedule for what we have traditionally done. And because of all the rain,

we have hosted some random high school sports."

"We had Boyd County and Rowan County Softball," Harper said. "And we have East Carter and Elliot Baseball and Lewis and Bath Softball next week."

Harper said due to the situation, and as a show of support for local teams, the sports park did not charge those teams to use the park.

"It's good exposure with people coming from out of town, many of them seeing the park for the first time," he said.

"The tournaments have had a great turnout up to this point," Harper continued. "Our first two softball tournaments for the year were packed, and I get messages constantly about when are we having the next one. And there

was a good turnout for baseball even with the rain issues. Some of the teams came a good distance from around Louisville and Lexington."

He also told the commission that he would be stepping down from the position he's held since before the sports park opened.

"I have received and accepted a job offer," Harper told the commission. "The first thing I want to do is to thank the commission for being so easy to work for and with. The second thing I'll say is that this is a career and a family decision. It's what's best for me and my family, but I don't want to just walk off and never look back. I still want to be involved and help with the transition."

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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.

- Kenneth Wages, 42, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked April 6.
- Whitney Hayes, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to maintain required insurance, possession of marijuana, failure to produce an insurance card, failure to or improper signal, and no brake lights, arrested and booked April 6.
- Mark Jackson, 32, of Grayson, arresting agency unavailable,

for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked April 7.

- Kristin Moore, 41, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a probation violation (for felony offense), and for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, and failure to appear, arrested and booked April 7.
- Travis Gant, 33, of Columbus, OH, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place, arrested and booked April 7.
- Christopher Godfrey, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, and first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), arrested and booked April 9.
- Jesse Glover, 34, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of second degree

fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), owner permitting another to operate a motor vehicle without required insurance, no registration plates, and no registration receipt,

- Russell Brown, 28, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on charges of theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, no registration receipt, failure to maintain required insurance, failure to produce an insurance card, and following another vehicle too closely, arrested and booked April 9.
- William Gee, 40, of Grayson, arresting agency unavailable, for failure to appear, arrested and booked April 9.
- Michael Elder, 39, of Lexington, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on

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This Week's Obituaries

Sherry Eudeen Green, 82
David Fletcher Lee, 64

George Paul Rodgers, 74

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LIFESTYLE



Buona pasqua! Celebrating Easter with Italian Easter Pie

In Italian traditions, Easter marks the end of Lent with indulgent dishes like the Italian Easter Pie, or pizza rustica. This savory pie, like a deep-dish quiche, combines cured meats and cheeses wrapped in a buttery crust -- a true festive treat.

One of the joys of pizza rustica is its versatility. Traditionally made with prosciutto, mortadella and pancetta, you can create a more frugal version by swapping expensive deli meats for budget-friendly options like ham, salami, sausage and pepperoni.

This dish is a labor of love, but you can simplify it by omitting some extras. Start with a crust of flour, butter and egg,

then fill it with ricotta, cured meats, spinach and cheese. As it bakes, the savory aromas will fill your kitchen.

ITALIAN EASTER PIE

Yield: 6-8 servings
Total Time: 4 hours

- For the crust:**
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
 - 2 teaspoons kosher salt
 - 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
 - 12 tablespoons (11/2 sticks) cold butter, cubed
 - 1 large egg
 - 7 tablespoons ice water

- For the filling:**
- 1/2 pound (8 ounces) sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
 - 1 (15-ounce) container whole-milk ricotta cheese
 - 4 large eggs, divided
 - 1/8 teaspoon freshly-ground black pepper
 - 1/2 pound (8 ounces) low-moisture mozzarella cheese, cubed
 - 1/2 pound (8 ounces) ham, diced
 - 1/8 pound (2 ounces) pepperoni
 - 1/8 pound (2 ounces) salami
 - 1 cup (about 7 ounces) roasted red bell peppers
 - 1 (16 ounce) bag frozen chopped spinach, thawed

and squeezed dry
1 cup grated Parmesan and/or Romano cheese

To make the crust:

In a food processor fitted with the blade attachment, combine flour, salt and sugar. Add butter and pulse until it looks like coarse sand. Add the egg, pulsing and adding water, 1 tablespoon at a time, until a shaggy dough forms. Place the loose dough on a large piece of plastic wrap and bring the dough together (squish it!). Divide the dough into two pieces: two-thirds for the bottom crust and one-third for the top crust. Wrap and refrigerate for a minimum of 30 minutes. You can make the crusts up to a day in advance.

Prepare the Filling and Assemble the Pie

Preheat oven to 350 F. Roll out the dough for the bottom crust and fit into a 9-inch spring-form pan, then chill while you prepare the filling.

Brown the Italian sausage in a large skillet over medium-high heat, breaking it into crumbles until fully cooked and browned, about 5-7 minutes. Set aside to cool.

Meanwhile, whisk ricotta, 3 eggs and black pepper in a large mixing bowl. Add mozzarella,



This homemade Italian Easter Pie is the perfect way to celebrate with family and friends. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

ham, pepperoni and salami, stirring to combine. Place the ricotta mixture in the prepared bottom crust. Top the ricotta with the Italian sausage. Measure 1 cup of roasted red peppers, drain and pat dry with paper towels; layer over the sausage, top that with spinach and sprinkle the Parmesan evenly over the spinach.

Roll out the remaining dough, place over filling, seal and cut to vent. Brush with remaining beaten egg.

Bake until golden, about 1 hour. Let cool for 1 hour then remove the outer part of the spring-form pan. Now you can refrigerate and serve it cold or let it cool and serve at room temperature.

To save money, you can easily roast your own red peppers -- just head to the Divas On A Dime website for step-by-step instructions at DivasOnADime.com!

This Easter, embrace Italian hospitality with a slice of pizza rustica -- a dish that honors both family and food. Buona Pasqua a tutti!

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer Organizing art supplies

Hello everyone! This week's question is pretty specific, but the process can be applied to most storage related needs.

"I need to organize my small art studio. It measures 10' x 10' and I have an art desk and easel. What kind of storage and containers should I use to organize my art supplies, like brushes, paint tubes, pencils and pens, canvases and paper?"

This is a common problem when it comes to finding the most suitable containers even for home office supplies, school supplies, or even tools.

The first thing you want to do is determine the size of containers you

will need. For instance, if you are looking for storage for brushes or pens, you will have to decide how

you want them situated. Do you want them standing in an upright container or will they be more useful laying side by side? Consider the quantity of materials you have because you

may need more than one container per item and whether your supplies need to be in containers with lids or will they be better open and more accessible. Next, think about where you want your supplies situated in your room. Will they be placed on a shelf or is there space for you to keep them at hand on a desk or in a drawer?

When shopping for items that have a specific need, do some research to find out how others in your particular situation have addressed similar issues. Look at stores, online or in your town, that sell art supplies. This will give you a good idea of the variety that's available before you spend money on something that may not give you the most efficient use of space and accessibility.

Specialty shopping requires some thought and you may be looking at spending a little more. But once you decide on a type of container, shop around for alternatives that may save you money and provide the same result.

It's as simple as that! Send your questions and comments to me at info@confusionsolution.com



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University of Kentucky Extension Notes

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Periodical cicadas emerge across Kentucky this spring: How to protect your trees and shrubs

Kentucky will be the epicenter for the emergence of Brood XIV of 17-year periodical cicadas this spring. Periodical cicadas have appeared in Western Kentucky counties over the past few years, but the largest emergence area for 2025 will occur across most of Central and Eastern Kentucky.

While these time-keeping, red-eyed insects are not harmful to humans

or pets, their egg-laying habits could damage the branches of young trees and shrubs. Tree netting is the most effective, non-invasive way to protect your landscaping and fruit trees.

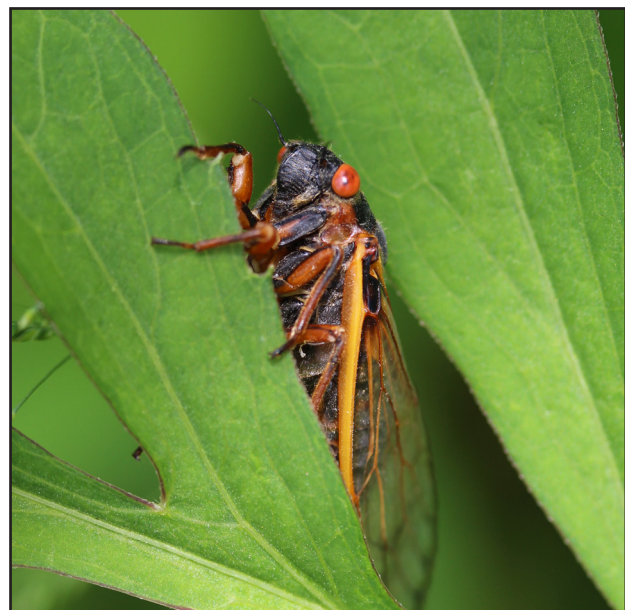
The 17-year periodical cicadas are expected to emerge from the soil to molt into their flying, adult form in late April to early May, when the soil warms to the mid-60s. Periodical cicadas

emerge much earlier than annual cicadas and in greater numbers.

Cicadas do not bite or sting, and the feeding habits of the adults do not damage plants. Some may find the abundance of molted shells and loud, near deafening singing a nuisance, while others will enjoy this pageantry of nature. The periodical cicadas' choral song, however, is a cue to protect landscaping and orchards.

Female cicadas will lay their eggs into the new, lower branches of several species after mating: apple, arborvitae, ash, beech, berry and grape vines, crab apple, cherry, dogwood, hickory, holly, maple, lilacs, magnolia, oak, peach, pear, rose bushes, spirea and willows are the most likely targets.

The cicada's ovipositor is long and sharp, and they will inject 200 to 600 eggs into the stem tissue. This "flagging" may cause the tender branches to snap. The fallen branch makes for a much shorter journey for the hatching nymphs from egg to soil but is not



Cicada (submitted photo)

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Joyful Noise Faithful in the storms

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for Carter County Times

Faithfulness is key, especially when life gets tough. Be faithful in every storm of life, in every decision. Trust God in every moment and soon you'll realize what He's doing behind the scenes.

Have you ever been in a serious thunderstorm, or maybe even a hurricane or tornado? I've never been in a tornado or a hurricane, but I have been through many serious thunder-

storms. When serious storms come up, we're looking for a safe place.

How would you react if you were in the middle of the sea when a violent storm arose? Mark 4:37 says: "And a furious storm of wind [of hurricane proportions] arose, and the waves kept beating into the boat, so that it was already becoming filled." The disciples and Jesus were crossing the Sea of Galilee when a violent storm began to rage. The disciples were frightened, fearful

and faithless in the midst of what they perceived to be a potentially deadly situation.

When trouble is headed your way always do what Jesus did. When the storms of life revolt against you seek to be at peace. When troubles come your way do you find yourself having sleepless nights? Maybe tossing and turning worrying about what may or may not happen. Don't you think Jesus knew there was a weather pattern forming

See JOYFUL NOISE on A-4

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Price trends could not be fully established this week as the state was still recovering from severe flooding and extremely muddy field conditions. Later in the week, as the conditions improved, markets were reporting trends from firm to 8.00 higher with exceptions to 12 higher for all commodities and classes. Demand was good to very good with active bidding.

Courtesy of https://www.kyagr.com/ Week ending 4/12/25

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	397.12	403.08	315.28
400-450 lbs	386.89	385.56	312.62
450-500 lbs	372.23	370.81	302.05
500-550 lbs	344.05	351.85	292.01
550-600 lbs	329.44	339.57	286.55
600-650 lbs	312.10	321.68	268.61
650-700 lbs	306.95	308.69	260.48
700-750 lbs	289.39	289.97	243.19
750-800 lbs	269.86	275.19	231.49
800-850 lbs	261.38	269.18	224.47
850-900 lbs	256.75	253.32	221.53
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	357.10	355.81	288.62
350-400 lbs	346.37	358.08	285.97
400-450 lbs	334.18	341.46	275.63
450-500 lbs	329.03	331.96	269.91
500-550 lbs	306.62	308.22	252.85
550-600 lbs	306.20	299.24	244.90
600-650 lbs	278.43	278.38	233.84
650-700 lbs	263.85	264.15	228.16
700-750 lbs	248.62	255.11	213.29
750-800 lbs	246.11	246.65	214.47

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	125.00-149.50	132.00-166.00	126.00-129.00
Boners	124.00-148.00	131.00-176.00	102.00-133.00
Lean	95.00-138.00	110.00-167.00	78.00-123.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	150.00-175.00	164.50-208.00	121.00-164.00

Apr 10, 2025 Bowling Green, KY
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 260
Kids: Selection 1 53 lbs 395.00; 71 lbs 345.00. **Selection 1-2** 52-54 lbs 350.00-375.00; 90 lbs 275.00. **Selection 2** 54 lbs 365.00; 65 lbs 340.00; 70 lbs 280.00.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 1,280
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 47 lbs 290.00; 54-56 lbs 270.00-275.00; 64-66 lbs 260.00-265.00; 75-76 lbs 262.50-325.00; 86-88 lbs 267.50-275.00; 95-97 lbs 260.00-310.00; 111 lbs 230.00; 125 lbs 195.00. **Woolled-Choice & Prime 1-2** 58 lbs 275.00; 74 lbs 270.00; 85 lbs 275.00.

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
GRAINS			
Corn	4.55-5.11	4.42-4.81	3.95-4.44
Soybeans	9.13-10.70	9.07-10.59	10.94-12.07
Red Winter Wheat	4.61-5.62	4.53-5.46	4.81-5.73

Arrests from A-1

a probation violation (for a technical violation), arrested and booked April 10.

- **Starr Adams, 33**, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault (child abuse), arrested and booked April 10.
- **James Hale, 34**, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, and two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked April 10.
- **Charles Bryant, 37**, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, reckless driving, failure to maintain required insurance, failure to produce an insurance card, and operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, arrested and booked April 11.
- **Jason Runyon, 43**, of Grayson, arrested by

Grayson PD, on charges of menacing, resisting arrest, and second degree criminal mischief, arrested and booked April 11.

- **Triston Runyon, 19**, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of first degree criminal mischief, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance, improper start from a parked position, and failure to appear, arrested and booked April 11.
- **Josh Hollingsworth, 47**, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekend, arrested and booked April 11.
- **William Parker, 34**, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, rear license not illuminated, inadequate silencer (muffler), driving on a DUI suspended license, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana, arrested and booked April

11.

- **Tanner Rossi, 22**, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place, resisting arrest, menacing, and obstructing an emergency responder, arrested and booked April 12.
- **Stephen Parker, 42**, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, and first degree fleeing or evading police (on foot), arrested and booked April 12.
- **Estevan Baca, 20**, of Albuquerque, NM, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and improperly on left side of road, arrested and booked April 12.
- **Christopher Brown, 37**, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle

under the influence of a controlled substance, rear license not illuminated, failure to wear seat belts, and failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, arrested and booked April 13.

- **Marlin Winburn, 25**, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, arrested and booked April 13.
- **Duilio Fuentes, 24**, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked April 14.

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.

Grayson from A-1

purchase agreement terminating at the end of each loan; and this rationale is accurate to a point. However, Grayson Police Chief Tony Cantrell agreed that most police cruisers need to be replaced by the end of a standard loan anyway and are out of warranty with increased maintenance issues.

The council also continued their discussion on the proposed changes to the ordinance which governs mobile homes in the city limits. The proposed change concerns the roof pitch of any new mobile homes being brought into the city, with the existing

ordinance stating that the roof pitch must be 4/12. Newer single wide mobile homes are manufactured with a 3/12 pitch, and in order to accommodate the 4/12 pitch ordinance must be redesigned at a significant cost to the consumer.

Single wide mobile homes are zoned for city Zone R3, and existing homes there will not be affected. The change accommodating the new roof pitch (3/12) would only apply to that zone. There was also discussion about changing other points of the zoning ordinance that covered how an existing mobile home could be

replaced.

Currently, if a mobile home is removed and the owner wishes to replace it, the replacement home was required to be the exact dimensions as the one removed. This could prove challenging in instances where a mobile home was built at a certain dimension decades previously, and those specific build dimensions are no longer offered by a manufacturer. The council decided that further research was needed on the subject of the mobile home ordinance, and no vote was taken at the meeting.

Another zoning discussion involved the need to address a building in severe disrepair that had become a hazard. Currently there is no clear deed of ownership, but there are heirs to the property, and city attorney Jason Greer told council he would look into the matter to determine if there was an attorney representing the estate. The city is not legally permitted to clean up the property, without first condemning the property, unless the owner of the property gives permission.

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on a tour of their facilities to show their updates and that they are making things better," she said.

Some of the things the hotels Axtell spoke with are interested in doing are things like offering discounts or free hotdogs to members of the traveling sports teams that frequent the Grayson Sports Park.

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Sports Park from A-1

Harper will be starting his new position at Grayson Rural Electric on April 28.

"But I'm still here, and you know where to find me," Harper said. "And I'll help out any way I can."

Grayson Tourism Director Lana Axtell reminded the tourism commission that the annual Easter Egg Hunt would be going on Saturday, April 19 at Prichard Elementary in Grayson and reported on the Spring Market which

had been held the week previous. The inflatables were cancelled due to inclement weather, Axtell said, and that money was not spent on the event.

"It went pretty well," Axtell said. "We had 53 kids show up for pictures with the Easter Bunny." The event generated a lot of interest in the community, and local businesses donated over \$150 toward the purchase of Easter eggs for the upcoming hunt. Axtell

said that she is still taking donations for eggs if any individual or business would like to contact her and contribute to the popular event.

Axtell also told the commission that she had been in communication with local hotels who had indicated that they would like to be more involved with the community.

"They are interested in doing things like open houses, and taking all of us (the tourism commission)

on a tour of their facilities to show their updates and that they are making things better," she said.

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Special Olympics track and field Meet held in Paintsville

PAINTSVILLE – The Special Olympics Kentucky Area 3&9 Track and Field Meet returned to Johnson Central High School in Paintsville on Saturday, April 12. The Area 3&9 Meet included nearly 200 athletes from Boyd, Breathitt, Carter,

Fleming, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Perry, Pike and Rowan Counties. The event got underway with Opening Ceremonies at 9:45 a.m. Competition began at 10:00.

This was the first of three weekends of the

Special Olympics Area Track and Field season, which concludes May 10 in Louisville.

The Area 3&9 Track and Field Meet is one of eight regional meets held statewide this year. In all, more than 1,000 athletes with intellectual disabili-

ties throughout the state are expected to participate in area track and field competitions this year.

Participants in the Area 3&9 Track and Field Meet are competing for the opportunity to advance

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Cicadas from A-2

beneficial for the growing tree. Once the eggs hatch, the nymphs will feed on root sap, and a heavy population of nymphs in the soil may also impact the tree's root system.

While using insecticides may be less costly, the safest and most effective way to prevent tree and shrub damage is by using cicada netting, which prevents females from laying their eggs. Netting is suggested for use on new and

smaller trees and should be installed when the cicadas begin to sing, about mid-May for most of the area. Trees that are established in the landscape—too tall to net for most people—will grow throughout the egg-laying period.

More information can be found at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment publication here: <https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/>

ef446. You can also contact your local Carter County Extension office for more information on protecting trees and shrubs from cicadas. 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 iden-

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

Upcoming Events:

- **Hike & Learn – April 21st @ 1:00 PM** - Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **Northeast Area Livestock Association – April 22nd @ 6:00 PM** – Topic: Are Worms Eating Your Profits?
- **Eden Shale Farm Tour – April 25th**

CALENDAR

- **4/17: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **4/17: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce @ 6 p.m.** | Giovanni's Pizza
- **4/18: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **4/19: Friends of the Library meeting @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **4/21: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **4/21: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **4/21: Hike & Learn @ 1 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **4/21: Carter County EMS Board Meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County EMS Station
- **4/21: Carter County Board of Education @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Board of Education office
- **4/22: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **4/22: Northeast Area Livestock Association @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: Are Worms Eating Your Profits?
- **4/23: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **4/25: Eden Shale Farm Tour** | Contact the Extension office more for more info
- **4/25: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center

Have an event to add to the calendar?
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Pet of the Week

Luna is a female mixed-breed, around six-months-old. She's very friendly, walks on a leash, and is good with other dogs. Luna's \$100 adoption fee includes rabies vaccination and being spayed. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her, or call 475-9771 for more information.

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

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Joyful Noise from A-2

about to churn into a dangerous storm?

We should follow His direction as found in Mark 4:38 which says: "But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?'" The disciples had done exactly as Jesus told them to do. They shoved off from the shore to cross over to the other side. The storm came about so quickly that the disciples were swamped.

How do we handle storms, the adversities, when one comes upon us suddenly? Matthew 6:34 offers some great advice: "Give your entire attention

to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes."

I love reading about the faith and spiritual exploits of Smith Wigglesworth. How do we handle the storms of life and attacks of the enemy? Listen to how Brother Wigglesworth handled one encounter with the devil.

"We were sleeping one night, when the manifestation of evil filled the room, and the spirit of fear gripped both of us. Polly was so frightened she could not open her eyes. I suddenly sat up, in the bed,

and saw the devil. I rubbed my eyes to be sure, it was him. I said, 'Oh! It's only you.' I then turned to Polly and told her to go back to sleep, it was nothing of consequence, and I laid my head back down. Suddenly an overwhelming sense of peace and love filled the room, and we had the most blessed sleep ever."

In the middle of the storms of life learn to let Jesus be your peace factor. If He did it for Smith Wigglesworth, He will do it for you.

Since Jesus knew the storm was coming do you really think He would have put the disciples, those closest to Him, in a position to drown and die? Of

course, not! In everything you face in life no matter how great the temptation or seemingly insurmountable the problem may be God always provides a way of escape. When you're facing the storms of life God is not in Heaven wringing His hands wondering what is going to happen to you next.

God is not weak! He never has been, and He never will be. It is not only His will, but He wants to show Himself mighty on our behalf. However, we must trust Him for it to be so. Romans 4:20 in the Amplified Bible says: "No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtfully question) concerning

the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God." Not only is God not weak He will show Himself strong on your behalf. God is not moved by the adversities we face and neither should we be.

Let me give you an absolute fact if you're doing what God has called you to do – fulfilling His vision for your life, being obedient to His divine direction – stuff is going to happen. Isaiah 41:10 "Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you." Even during your

personal storms God has a firm grip on you. When facing the storms of life, tell your circumstances and those in your boat to be still. Psalm 86:7 says: "In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me." God's got this! Amen! So be it!

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Congressman Rogers invites middle & high school students to enter the 2025 Congressional Art Competition

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers (KY-05) invites middle and high school artists in Southern and Eastern Kentucky to compete in the 2025 Congressional Art Competition to represent Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District on Capitol Hill. The winning artist from every congressional district is invited to Washington, DC for a Winner's Celebration in June 2025 to see their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building,

representing their home region.

The winning artist from Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District will receive two free airline tickets from Southwest Airlines to attend the national winner's reception on Capitol Hill the summer. Congressman Rogers' district offices will accept artwork entries from local high school students until Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

"The Congressional Art Competition gives our

talented student artists the opportunity to be featured on a national platform," said Congressman Rogers, Dean of the House. "The artwork is displayed for an entire year along one of the busiest routes to the Capitol Building for hundreds of thousands of visitors to see. It gives me great pride to see a piece of Eastern Kentucky here on Capitol Hill, especially when the artwork reflects our region."

To participate in the

competition, students must submit a photo of their original artwork, along with the required student release form, by emailing them to rogers.press@mail.house.gov.

Acceptable mediums include paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer-generated art and photographs. The artwork must be two-dimensional, cannot exceed 26" x 26" x 4" and cannot weigh more than 15 pounds. The winning artwork must be

framed by the artist within the required dimensions before being displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building.

Eligible students must attend middle or high school in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, which includes the following 33 counties: Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee,

Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe counties.

For more information, contact the Somerset office at 606-679-8346 or email rogers.press@mail.house.gov.

Last year, Lydia Engle, a student from Corbin High School won the competition for Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District with a creative portrait

See ART on A-6

OBITUARY

Sherry Eudeen Green 1943 – 2025



Sherry Eudeen Green, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2025, at the age of 82. Born on April 5, 1943, in Olive Hill, Kentucky, she was the cherished daughter of Vada (Eden) Clay.

A woman of deep faith and a heart full of love, Sherry dedicated her life to serving others. She worked faithfully alongside her husband, Phillip Green, in ministry, offering not only her time and talents, but also her unwavering support and radiant smile to all those she encountered.

Sherry was a gifted and creative soul—known for her ability to craft and create just about anything. Whether it was sewing, decorating, or imaginative projects, her hands were rarely still, and her creativity touched many lives. No matter the task or the day, Sherry's joyful spirit and warm smile never wavered.

Family was everything

to Sherry. She poured love into each role she held, whether as wife, mom, grandma, or great-grandma. Her memory will be cherished by her loving husband, Phillip Green; her children, Steve Green, Robert (Kristi) Green, Joel (Heather) Green, and Wesley Green; her grandchildren, Tyler, Alison, Jordanne, Lucas (Rachel), Levi, Nathan (Lynde), Nakisha, Destinee, Brian (Jayne), Breanna, and Becca; and her seven great-grandchildren.

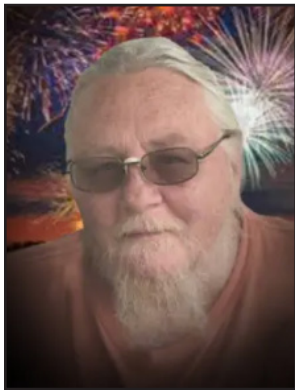
She was preceded in death by her mother, Vada (Eden) Clay; her brother, Bobby Clay; her infant sister, Catherine Clay; and her daughter-in-law, Shelia Green.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Sherry's life on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, with visitation beginning at 12:00 PM and a funeral service to follow at 1:00 PM at 98 South Diamond Street, Mansfield. A private graveside service will be held for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Sherry's name to the Alzheimer's Association, honoring her legacy of compassion and care. Wappner Funeral Directors-Mansfield is honored to serve the Green family.

Words of condolence may be expressed at www.wappner.com

David Fletcher Lee 1960 – 2025



David Fletcher Lee, age 64, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, Kentucky, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Friday, December 9, 1960, a son of the late Robert Gene and Dorothy Rae Ison Lee.

David had a passion for fireworks. He built an amazing display for family and friends every year making it bigger and better. He always called it his Christmas. He was an avid Evel Kinevel fan and read any article he could find. He even had his motorcycle refurbished to resemble one of Evel's jump bikes. David's profession was a Pipefitter. He would tell us that they were just paying him to play. Anyone that knew David would become great friends and he would give them the shirt off his back. He could take any

situation and weave it into a story that would entertain anyone who heard him tell it. Most of all besides Kim he adored every minute he could spend with his grandsons. He was up for many wild ideas they cooked up.

David is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Kimberly Ann Barker Lee; one son, Kyle David Lee (Angel Fox) of Lexington, Kentucky; one daughter, Kami Jo (Johnny) Nagle of Olive Hill, Kentucky; two grandchildren, Gabriel Nagle, Sagan Nagle; two brothers, Jamey (Teresa) Lee and Warren Packy (Paula) Duncan all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

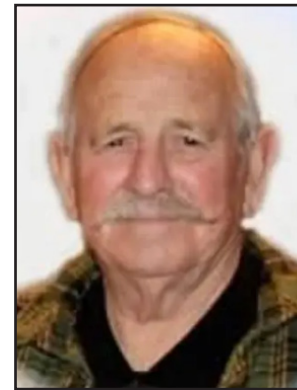
Funeral services were held at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Terry Dean officiating.

Friends visited after 5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 12, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

A special Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky, is honored to serve the family of David Fletcher Lee.

George Paul Rodgers 1950 – 2025



George Paul Rodgers, age 74, of Wallingford, Kentucky, passed away, Saturday, April 5, 2025, at his residence in Wallingford, Kentucky.

He was born November 17, 1950, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late John Wylie and Marie Watson Rodgers.

George enjoyed looking for antiques, collecting and trading guns, loafing at Kevin Bowling Auction House and spending time with his auction buddies.

In addition to his

parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, John "Bud" Rodgers, Johnny Watson; two nephews, John Phillip Rodgers, Chance Alexander Dean and one niece, Tanya Seilhan

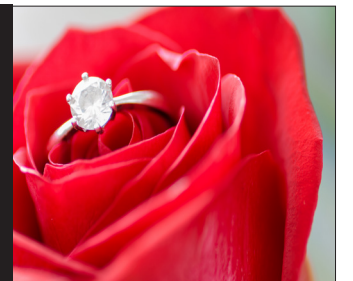
George is survived by three brothers, Richard (Sandra) Rodgers of Cattelburg, Kentucky, Joseph David Rodgers of Buchanan, Georgia, Russell Webster Rodgers of Olive Hill, Kentucky; two sisters, Rebecca Jane (Dean) Rodgers of Unicoi, Tennessee, and Margie Stinson of Newkirk, Oklahoma, several nieces and nephews, and other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

At the family's request there will be no services at this time. Burial will follow at a later date.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky, is honored to serve the family of George Paul Rodgers.

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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 WEE SEE IT

Lots of questions, very few answers

At this point, I'm confused by how folks can defend any broad tariffs, because if anything has become clear to me (and, let's just admit it, clarity is a rarity these days) it's that the impacts of any tariff is complex, our trade imbalances are nuanced, and that this is the furthest thing from a black and white issue that I could imagine.

And this isn't a conservative or liberal thing. Even the GOP is split on the impact of the tariffs. Senator Rand Paul, for instance, recently told radio host John Catsimatdis that he is in opposition of the Trump tariffs, "because trade has made us so rich, and really has made the world a better place."

Paul also pointed out the negative impact on Kentucky distilleries who produce bourbon and the state's auto manufacturers, the latter of which could see the costs of their raw materials rise while the former will see their overseas markets shrink.

"But," the Commonwealth Policy Center's Richard Nelson recently wrote in an op-ed, "not all Kentucky industries benefit from free trade."

For instance, Nelson noted, the U.S. imports more wool and sheep products than it exports, and he claims that a ten percent tariff on sheep imports from New Zealand and Australia could help U.S. producers — a cry echoed by the Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Association, which Nelson is also a member of. But while he decries the trade imbalance, Nelson also notes that U.S. sheep production has declined by 90 percent since the mid-20th century. Surely that decline in production can't all be blamed on imports from the Aussies and the Kiwis.

"Shouldn't American sheep farmers be able to sell abroad at the same rate (as foreign producers)?" Nelson asks in his op-ed, after pointing out that the U.S. imports twice as many sheep and lambs as they produce domestically.

And, sure, they should. But that's rather difficult if we aren't producing as many sheep as we did seven decades ago.

Nelson also points out that Argentina and the U.K. restrict beef imports, and quotes a National Cattlemen's Beef Association VP who "applauded the across the board tariffs."

But the tariffs won't necessarily benefit all of our agriculture producers — specifically those who grow soybeans and enjoyed good trade with China before these recent trade wars.

Because while the U.S. may import more lamb chops and mutton than domestic producers can currently provide, it exports massive amounts of soybeans.

"We export right about 50% of all soybeans produced in the U.S.," Caleb Ragland told NPR's Leila Fadel, "and China purchased 52% of U.S. (soybean) exports last year. So, if you see a soybean field, every fourth row of soybeans went to China last year."

Ragland, a farmer from Magnolia, Kentucky and president of the American Soybean Association, said it used to be even higher. At one time, one out of every three rows were slated for the Chinese market. But, after President Trump's trade war with China in his first term, Ragland said, American farmers, "lost about 9% of all U.S. production and exports to China."

China replaced those imports with soybeans from South America, he said, and they've invested heavily in infrastructure to get those soybeans to their markets now. It's lost market share, Ragland said, "and we're likely not to get that back."

"Our grave concern is we could permanently lose another big chunk of our export market that we are dependent on for our production."

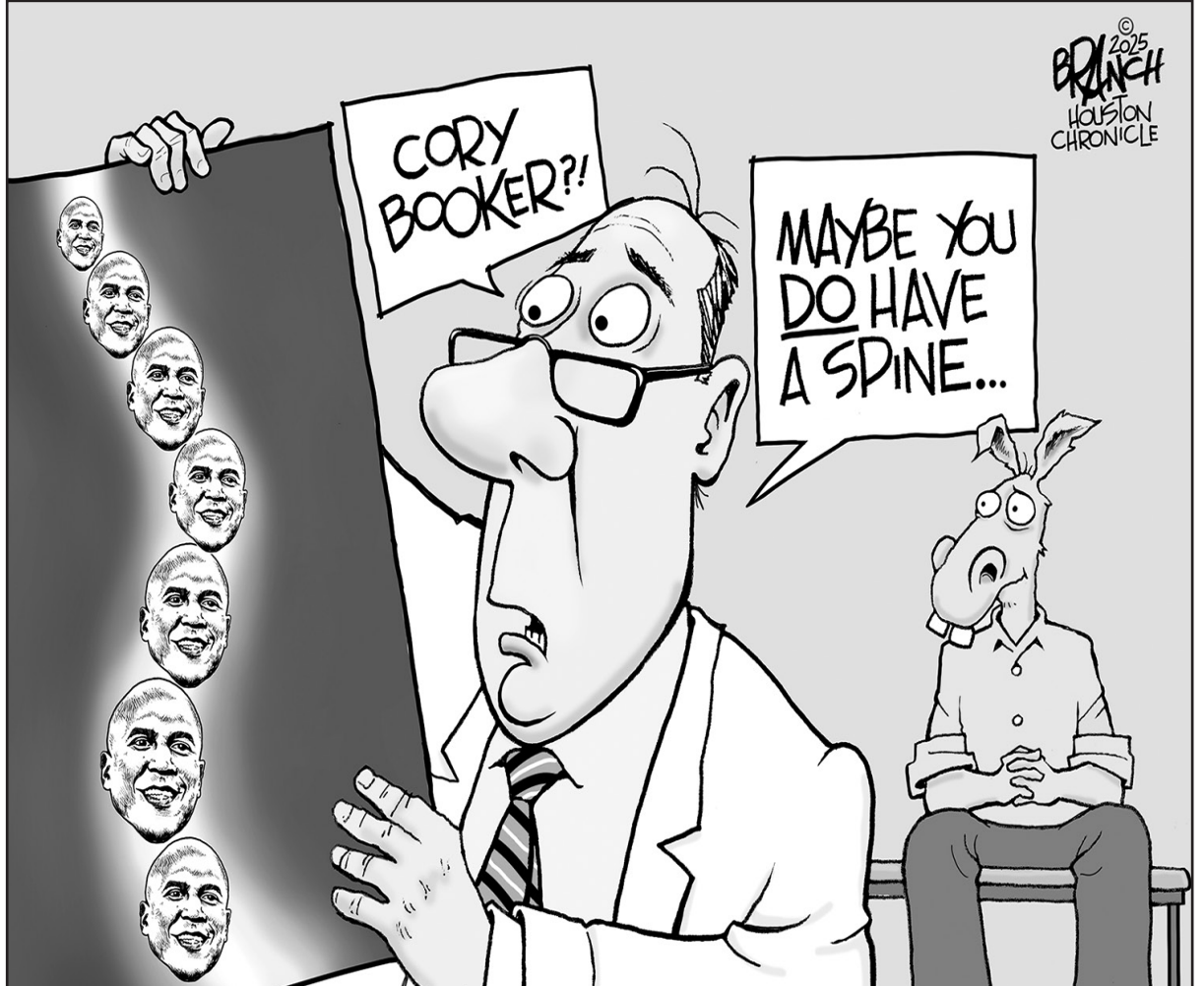
Ragland is very concerned. But, despite that, he still supports President Trump. He said his organization is "actively in discussions with the administration, and we need trade, and we need trade deals."

He said if those trade deals require short term tariffs, it's a risk they're willing to take.

"But we can't be in a tariff war for years on end," Ragland said, "because we'll die before then."

If we don't settle this, and sooner rather than later, small American businesses will suffer — if not from loss of trade from loss of access to raw materials. And American consumers will suffer. Not much may be clear about how to handle trade deficits, or even how to figure them. (How many soybean exports, for example, make up for imports of cheap plastic toys?)

But the suffering some folks are going to feel, and that some have felt already, are clear as crystal.



Pardon me for asking, but who is really concerned about the chaos?

We journalists have a reputation for asking impertinent, perhaps even rude, questions, so I'll apologize in advance for each of them today.

Pardon me for asking, but wasn't anyone listening when RFK, Jr., secretary of health and human services, recently promised that government scientists would determine the cause of autism by September? Decades of hard work and hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent without that answer.

Pardon me for asking, but if insider trading is against the law, why was President Trump bragging about the hundreds of millions gained by his billionaire pals when he suddenly and without warning, abruptly reversed another round of tariffs on imported goods?

Pardon me for asking, but what happened to all of those promises he made on the campaign trail that his administration would never tamper with Medicare and Medicaid?

Pardon me for asking, but are we really letting a rich man born and raised in South Africa, the country with the most racist past in the world, destroy the agencies and individuals promoting diversity in all aspects of American life?

Pardon me for asking, but why are so few of our

national political leaders not questioning the chaotic changes taking place in the federal government and in the national economies of this and other countries?

It worries me greatly that, as a nation, we have forgotten the tragic warning issued in 1933 by Martin Niemöller. He was a German clergyman, tortured and imprisoned by the Nazis, because he spoke out against the silence, indifference, and inaction by the German people which he said made them complicit in the Nazi takeover of the national government and its subsequent human rights abuses.

He wrote:

*First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist.
Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.*

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Carter County Times

Letter to the Editor: Withdrawal of funding

As a resident of Kentucky, I write with a heavy heart and a deep sense of responsibility. News that federal funding is being withdrawn from domestic violence and sexual assault programs, healthcare services, school meal programs, housing assistance, and support for veterans and children is not only distressing—it is morally unacceptable.

These are not luxuries; they are the basic assurances of a compassionate society. To eliminate them under the guise of fiscal prudence is to turn our backs on those who rely on these services for survival, healing, and dignity.

We must not forget that government exists to serve the people—all the people. Survivors deserve safety.

Children deserve nourishment. Veterans deserve care. And working families deserve more than just the barest chance to stay afloat.

I call on our elected representatives—particularly Congressman Hal Rogers—to oppose these cruel and shortsighted cuts. This is not a matter of party, but of principle. It is never the right time to abandon those most in need.

We are watching. And we still believe that leadership can mean something nobler than silence.

Sincerely,
Sandy Woodward
Ashland, KY

One man. One mistake. One heck of a cover-up

Before you read this, let's take our political opinions and set them aside. Go put them in that kitchen drawer—you know the one. The one with the scissors, rubber bands, a couple of AA batteries, and your kid's baseball cards from three years ago when he played third base for one season and was absolutely awful. (We won't tell anyone.) I'll wait.

Now that we're all friends again, let's talk about Kilmar Abrego Garcia.

Garcia is a Salvadoran national who's lived in Maryland since 2019. He came through the front door with paperwork, followed

the rules, and earned a court-issued "withholding of removal" status—basically a legal shield from deportation—because gangs back home threatened his life. He has never been charged or convicted of any crime in the U.S. or El Salvador. Cops in Maryland once stopped him because he was wearing a Chicago Bulls hoodie and a hat—someone said he looked like a gang member. But there was nothing to charge him with, and no court ever found him guilty of anything.



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Work Starts Next Week on Highway Improvements on AA Highway in Lewis County

Turn lanes at KY 989 will increase safety for the traveling public

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. (April 14, 2025) – Work begins Monday, April 21, on the addition of turn lanes at KY 989 on the Lewis County AA Highway (KY 9).

This project will provide right and left turning lanes onto KY 989 from KY 9 (AA Hwy). The turn lanes will provide space for turning vehicles to safely decelerate and then stop (if necessary) before completing their turning movement. This allows through traffic on the AA to continue moving without interruption and greatly reduces the chances of rear-end collisions for through traffic.

Contractors expect to begin work on Monday, April 21, weather permitting. Motorists should watch for equipment and workers, trucks entering/leaving the roadway, and periods of time with one lane utilizing flagger-controlled traffic.

Road work schedules are subject to change depending on weather conditions. Motorists are asked to heed all warning signs, slow down in work

zones, and remain aware of workers and construction equipment when traveling. For up-to-date traffic information, go to goky.ky.gov or use the WAZE app.

This state highway improvement project is projected to be done by the end of July and is being done by Rame Contracting, LLC under a \$695,225.17 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet contract.

Kentucky State Police Post 8 celebrates National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Honoring the Humble Heroes Behind the Headsets

MOREHEAD – Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 8 telecommunicators will be recognized alongside more than 200,000 emergency communication professionals in the country during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, observed this year from April 13-19.

These dedicated professionals are the first point of contact in emergencies, providing critical assistance to those in need. Their work ensures the safety of both the public and law enforcement officers, often under high-pressure situations.

“KSP telecommunica-

tors are truly the unseen lifeline in public safety,” said Captain John Dowdy, Commander of KSP Post 8. “They handle life-and-death situations with unwavering professionalism, compassion and resilience. Their ability to remain calm under pressure while helping those in crisis is remarkable.”

KSP telecommunicators are responsible for dispatching state police troopers, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officers, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation officers and other emergency responders. Their duties include coordinating emergency responses, notifying administrative channels, running vehicle and criminal background checks and providing crucial information to first responders while managing multiple calls and radio

traffic. Most importantly, they are the reassuring voice on the other end of the line when someone calls for help.

Across Kentucky, KSP employs approximately 217 telecommunicators at 16 posts. Last year alone, they answered over 1.2 million calls, leading to more than 406,000 requests for assistance. Post 8 Morehead, KY employs 9 telecommunicators who answered 62,979 calls for service, which covers Bath, Elliott, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Powell, Rowan, and Wolfe counties.

The Kentucky State Police Foundation is honoring the dedication of KSP’s telecommunicators by providing funding that each post can use to show appreciation through meals, treats or small gifts.

This initiative ensures that every post has the opportunity to recognize the vital role their radio room staff play in public safety. To learn more about the foundation, click here.

The public is encouraged to celebrate National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week alongside KSP telecommunicators. The agency is hosting a door-decorating contest for radio rooms at each post from April 14-18. Participating posts will submit photos of their decorated doors, which will be shared on KSP’s Facebook page. The public can show their support by liking their favorite designs. The winner will be announced on April 18 and the radio room receiving the most likes will win a prize.

Those interested in joining KSP as a telecom-

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CLERK’S NOTICE OF FIDUCIARIES ACCOUNTING

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 Peggy Hamm Bond, Administratrix, in the estate of: Ora Lee Hamm, Attorney for Estate, Hon Brandon Music, May 14th, 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.

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Art from A-4

of her favorite teacher. The Congressional Art Competition, sponsored by the Congressional Institute, was initiated by Congress in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of young people living in their districts. More than

10,000 works of student art have been displayed in the U.S. Capitol over the last four decades.

For more information about the Congressional Art Competition in Kentucky’s Fifth Congressional District, visit halogers.house.gov/congressional-art-competition.

Olympics from A-3

to the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games to be held June 6-8 at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

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For more information about the Area 3&9 Track and Field Meet or about the Special Olympics track and field program, contact Special Olympics Vice President of Field and Outreach Services Kim Satterwhite at 502-695-8222 or via e-mail at ksatterwhite@soky.org.

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ACTC celebrates dual credit week, highlighting regional impact and partnerships

ASHLAND – Ashland Community and Technical College (ACTC) is excited to celebrate Dual Credit Week from April 14-18, highlighting the significant impact of its dual credit program across the region.

The week-long observance emphasizes the growing importance of dual credit opportunities, which allow local high school students to earn college credits while still in high school.

Last fall, ACTC’s dual credit program served 767 students from 13 partner high schools across 8 local school districts. These students are enrolled in 116 college courses, accumu-

lating an impressive 3,600 credit hours.

This educational initiative has not only helped students prepare for future careers but has also saved families a total of \$340,200 in tuition costs.

“We are incredibly proud of the continued growth and success of our dual credit program,” said Dr. Larry Ferguson, ACTC President/CEO. “Dual Credit Week is a great opportunity to showcase the incredible opportunities available to high school students across the region. By partnering with local high schools, we’re able to give students access to a high-quality educa-

tion, helping them reduce the cost of college while gaining valuable skills and experiences.”

In celebration of Dual Credit Week, ACTC is spotlighting the diverse range of programs offered through its dual credit partnerships, including courses in welding, electrical technology, industrial maintenance, and more. These courses provide students with hands-on experience in high-demand career fields, ensuring they are well-prepared to either enter the workforce immediately after high school or continue their education.

“Our partnership with ACTC is invaluable,” said

Scott Johnson, guidance counselor at Lawrence County High School. “The opportunities they offer Lawrence County High School students to obtain college credits across a range of pathways are extremely helpful in making high school meaningful to students. We have well over 50 students each term learning welding, electrical, industrial maintenance, nursing, and a host of other dual credit college courses. Those experiences would not be available without our relationship with ACTC.”

Lawrence County Superintendent, Katie Webb, agreed with Johnson.

“Ashland Community and Technical College has been a fantastic partner to Lawrence County Schools. They’ve opened up so many doors for our students through things like dual credit courses, certification programs, and scholarships,” she said. “ACTC has helped so many LC students get a real head start on their futures. We truly appreciate the relationship and look forward to growing it even more.”

ACTC also offers general education courses, allowing students to complete required courses at a fraction of the cost, and then continue their

education at ACTC or a four-year university.

“For high school students who are not certain about attending college, dual credit is a wonderful opportunity to try college level work and gain confidence in meeting the challenge of it, said Vicki McGinnis, ACTC Dual Credit Coordinator. “Students should reach out to their guidance counselors to confirm the opportunities offered through ACTC at their high schools.”

For more information about dual credit opportunities at ACTC, visit <https://ashland.kctcs.edu/admissions/information-for/dual-credit.aspx>

East Carter High School’s Bill Billman awarded ACTC Pathfinder Award

ASHLAND. – Ashland Community and Technical College (ACTC) is proud to announce this year’s ACTC Pathfinder Award winner is Bill Billman, counselor at East Carter High School.

The Pathfinder Award celebrates local high school teachers or counselors who support ACTC, assists students with identifying post-secondary pathways, and provides mentorship to their students.

“My partnership with ACTC is so wonderful,” Billman said. “We have built a program that has gone far beyond what I could have imagined for East Carter students. It’s a true partnership that’s immeasurable. That’s truly my legacy...connecting students with ACTC and for them to connect students to their future.”

Billman was a commu-

nity and technical college student himself, and says he knows the benefits it can have for students and how it can launch their futures.

“Mr. Billman has been a promoter of ACTC for many years, and we appreciate the collaboration,” said Steve Woodburn, ACTC chief student affairs officer. “He has welcomed us to campus to assist students with each step of the enrollment funnel so they can feel confident in their choice to attend ACTC. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with Mr. Billman and feel he is extremely deserving of this award.”

Billman was one of many nominees for the award, but his recommendation from Olive Hill Elementary School counselor, Jussie Minor, showed just how valuable he is to his students and the impact he

has made.

“The greatest asset that Mr. Billman has is his willingness to find the best answers for students,” said Minor. “He believes in the importance of career and technical education. When students are not sure what they want to do, he will begin to question the student to learn more about what they are interested in to help narrow their focus to their interests.”

ACTC is grateful to have so many supportive educational partners and individuals who truly believe in the value of education.

Dr. Corey Gee, East Carter High School principal, says that Billman is an East Carter legend for everything he has done for the school and students.

“It’s awesome anytime that someone from East Carter gets recognition for something, and it’s



Bill Billman (submitted photo)

especially special that it’s Mr. Billman because of how much he does for our

students.”

Each of the 16 KCTCS college’s local winners

will be considered for a statewide Pathfinder of the Year award.

Cover-up from A-5

And yet in March 2025, ICE mistakenly deported him anyway. They called it an “administrative error.”

Let’s pause on that: a man who followed every rule is now locked up in a foreign country, because of a paperwork glitch.

Garcia now sits in El Salvador’s Terrorism Confinement Center (CE-COT), a prison described by former U.N. anti-torture official Miguel Sarre as a “concrete and steel pit” used to “dispose of people without formally applying the death penalty.” He’s

not being held for a crime. He’s being held because we sent him there and won’t go get him.

The Supreme Court—unanimously—ruled that the U.S. must facilitate his return. Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote, “The Government’s argument... implies that it could deport and incarcerate any person, including U.S. citizens, without legal consequence, so long as it does so before a court can intervene. That view refutes itself.”

And yet, Garcia is still there. Why?

Trump, whose administration deported him, says, “If the Supreme Court said bring somebody back, I would do that. I respect the Supreme Court.” But nothing’s happening. His team claims their hands are tied—that they can’t force El Salvador to release him. That it’s a foreign policy issue. That they’ve done what they can.

El Salvador’s President Nayib Bukele is playing the same game. He said, “How can I return him to the United States? I smuggle him into the United

States? Of course, I’m not going to do it.” Then he doubled down: “I don’t have the power to return him to the United States.”

Really? Two presidents. Two allied nations. One man wrongly imprisoned. And no one can pick up the phone and make this right?

This is more than incompetence, it’s a cover-up. There are two possible reasons Kilmar Abrego Garcia hasn’t been brought home:

1. He’d tell the world how inhumane that prison really is.

2. He’s already dead. For my dollar, it’s probably the latter.

If they can do this to someone who followed every rule, what’s stopping them from doing it to you? What if you’re a natural-born citizen and someone in power decides you’re a problem? The government has already argued—out loud—that it can disappear people if it moves fast enough. That’s not how democracy works. That’s how authoritarian regimes function.

We have three branches

of government. The president is not a king. The law is the law. The Supreme Court said bring him home. So, bring Kilmar Abrego Garcia home. If he tells the truth about that prison, so be it. That truth might be uncomfortable. It might be shameful. But covering it up is worse.

This isn’t even mafia tactics. This is corruption in plain sight.

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Egg Hunt from A-1

“The Easter Bunny will be there, and you can take pictures with him for free,” Axtell said.

And speaking of bunnies, the grand prize bunnies are won by finding the egg that contains a golden ticket in each age group.

“People will line up by 11 am for the hunt,” Axtell said. “And it is important to not be late to get in line.”

Last year’s event lasted about thirty minutes, she

said.

“So, you might want to make sure you’re in line by 10:45.”

The popular event is sponsored by Grayson Tourism, but local merchants are helping sponsor it as well. Tourism has accepted sponsorships from multiple businesses and community members, but donations are still open for the event. Any business or individual wishing to donate can contact Lana

Axtell.

Every event, of course, is a learning experience, and Axtell said they are considering adding something new post event.

“We are thinking about having an egg return this year,” she said. “So, if you have a bunch of plastic eggs and you’ve gotten your prizes out of them, don’t throw them in the garbage. We will have an egg return day for people to bring back their plastic

eggs, and that way we will have less eggs to buy next year.”

Axtell said she is in the process now of determining what sort of incentive they can offer for the returned eggs, possibly a sweet treat. Another possibility is to have an entry into a drawing for a free day at the Splash Pad or a similar reward. But Axtell said there will be an incentive to encourage the reuse of the eggs and discourage

the waste of simply throwing them away.

The Easter egg hunt is another way of giving the community a fun and free activity that will enrich their lives. Axtell said she sees tourism as a way to support the community both in good times and in bad times.

“Our next big event is in October,” Axtell said. “But in the meantime, we are involved in other things like the Tourism Facebook

auction to benefit Dustin Stewart. The auction is going on now and will end on April 18. Pickup will be on April 19.”

That auction includes a lot of items like desserts and gift cards from various locations.

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Taking in, removing, and funding county roads

Fiscal court discusses road maintenance and more

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Carter County Fiscal Court began its regularly scheduled April meeting with a moment of silence for the county’s emergency management director Adam Stapleton, who passed away recently. Judge executive Brandon Burton said he wanted to express his gratitude and appreciation for the show of support from all those who honored Stapleton’s passing.

The first order of business was for the court to vote to accept Mockingbird Lane into the county road system. A public hearing had been held previously, and the court voted unanimously in favor. The court also voted to set a hearing on May 19, for the removal of Gimlet Creek Road from the county sys-

tem. The last 1.3 miles of the road ends at the Elliot County line, and has not been maintained for over twenty years due to lack of residency on the road.

Brandon Howe from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet gave a yearly report and spoke to the court about rural and secondary roads. Howe was there to offer recommendations for the rural secondary program for the fiscal year.

“The allocation for this upcoming year is over 1.7 million dollars,” Howe told the court. “And there is \$191,000 left from last year, which brings us to a total of 1.9 million to use for this upcoming year.”

Howe broke down the numbers for the court, listing \$947,000 for maintenance and traffic operations, leaving a total of \$344,000 for county flex funds to resurface county roads. Howe said the Transportation Cabinet would be using \$621,000 for resurfacing state roads.

Part of the Cabinet’s resurfacing projects include Ky 1704 (Mills Branch) in its entirety, and patching

on KY 486. Ky 486 goes from Elliot County to Route 1, Howe said.

Projects begun last year by the Cabinet are slated to be finished this year, Howe said, adding that the completion date on certain projects had been listed as June of 2025.

“Leftover projects include 1959 and half of Three Pine,” Howe told the court. “And those will be coming up within the next month.”

The Court voted to accept the rural secondary recommendation.

The CEO of Olive Hill Trail Town, Jessie Oney, spoke to the court about the Firebrick Lake Project.

“We’re doing great things over at Firebrick Lake,” Oney told the court. “We’ve got some money coming in now. We just received \$30,000 from the State Tourism Commission, and we’ve been approved for the RTV Grant.”

Oney said the RTV Grant was for \$159,000 to be spent on the Firebrick Project.

“We also received



Carter County fiscal court. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

\$15,000 from the County Land Commissioner that could either be used in the city or on the lake.”

The project, Oney explained, includes a world class mountain bike trail, as well as numerous other trails such as bicycle, walking, and horseback.

“We’ve incorporated all of these trails so the families can come up and enjoy the city lake or the Firebrick City Park,” Oney said. “And we are going to have fishing piers that are handicap accessible.”

Oney said the connection for the county was the

Ranch Road access and the Prairie Branch access, as well as the Garvin Ridge access.

“It’s a loyalty community project we are all working on,” Oney told the court. “And we hope to get people into Olive Hill through that.”

Oney told the court that he was not there to request funds, but rather to let the court know what work Trail Town was doing.

“But if you want to donate a grader every once in a while to dress a trail, we’ll take that.”

In other action the court

voted to set the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 19, at 6 pm. The court also voted to hire Scott Preston as a part-time emergency dispatcher at a rate of \$15.50 per hour. Jason Gillum was appointed as Interim Emergency Management Director with commensurate salary change, and Joe Lambert was appointed as Deputy Emergency Management Director, also at commensurate salary.

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No state has axed its income tax on wages in 45 years. Now 2 Southern states are on a path to do so

By David A. Lieb
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About 45 years have passed since a U.S. state last eliminated its income tax on wages and salaries. But with recent actions in Mississippi and Kentucky, two states now are on a path to do so, if their economies keep growing.

The push to zero out the income tax is perhaps the most aggressive example of a tax-cutting trend that swept across states as they rebounded from the COVID-19 pandemic with surging revenues and historic surpluses.

But it comes during a time of greater uncertainty for states, as they wait to see whether President Donald Trump’s cost cutting and tariffs lead to a reduction in federal funding for states and a downturn in the overall economy.

Some fiscal analysts also warn the repeal of income taxes could leave states reliant on other levies, such as sales taxes, that disproportionately affect the poor.

Which governments

charge income tax?

The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution grants Congress the power to levy income taxes. It was ratified by states in 1913. Since then, most states have adopted their own income taxes.

Eight states currently charge no personal income tax: Alaska, Florida, New Hampshire, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming. A ninth state, Washington, charges no personal income tax on wages and salaries but does tax certain capital gains income over \$270,000.

When Alaska repealed its personal income tax in 1980, it did so because state coffers were overflowing with billions of dollars in oil money.

Though income tax eliminations have been proposed elsewhere, they have not been successful.

“It’s a lot easier to go without an individual income tax if you’ve never levied one,” said Katherine Loughhead, a senior analyst and research manager at the nonprofit Tax Foun-

dation. “But once you become dependent on that revenue, it is a lot more difficult to phase out or eliminate that tax.”

What is Mississippi doing?

Republican Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves recently signed a law gradually reducing the state’s income tax rate from 4% to 3% by 2030 and setting state revenue growth benchmarks that could trigger additional incremental cuts until the tax is eliminated. The law also reduces the sales tax on groceries and raises the gasoline tax.

If cash reserves are fully funded and revenue triggers are met each year, Mississippi’s income tax could be gone by 2040.

Supporters of an income tax repeal hope it will attract both businesses and residents, elevating the state’s economy to the likes of Florida, Tennessee and Texas. Their theory is that when people pay less in income taxes, they will have more money to spend, thus boosting sales tax collections.

The tax repeal “puts

us in a rare class of elite, competitive states,” Reeves said in a statement. He added, “Mississippi has the potential to be a magnet for opportunity, for investment, for talent — and for families looking to build a better life.”

Mississippi is among the most impoverished states and relies heavily on federal funding. Democratic lawmakers warned the state could face a financial crisis if cuts in federal funding come at the same time as state income tax reductions.

The income tax provides “a huge percentage of what the state brings in to fund things like schools and health care and services that everybody relies on,” said Neva Butkus, senior analyst at the nonprofit Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

What has Kentucky done?

A 2022 Kentucky law reduced the state’s income tax rate and set a series of revenue-based triggers that could gradually lower the tax to zero. But unlike in Mississippi, the triggers

aren’t automatic. Rather, the Kentucky General Assembly must approve each additional decrease in the tax rate.

That has led to a series of tax-cutting measures, including two new laws this year. One implements the next tax rate reduction from 4% to 3.5% starting in 2026. The second makes it easier to continue cutting the tax rate in the future by allowing smaller incremental reductions if revenue growth isn’t sufficient to trigger a 0.5 percentage point reduction.

Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear signed the legislation for next year’s tax cut but let the other measure passed by the Republican-led legislature become law without his signature. Beshear called it a “bait-and-switch” bill, contending lawmakers had assured the guardrails for income tax reductions would remain in place while pushing for the 2026 tax cut, then later in the session altered the triggers for future years.

What actions have other states taken?

New Hampshire and Tennessee already did not tax income from wages and salaries, but both states had taxed certain types of income.

In 2021, Tennessee ended an income tax on interest from bonds and stock dividends that had been levied since 1929.

New Hampshire halted its tax on interest and dividends at the start of this year.

Some other states also are pushing to repeal income taxes. The Oklahoma House passed legislation in March that would gradually cut the personal income tax rate to zero if revenue growth benchmarks are met. That bill now is in the Senate.

New Missouri Gov. Mike Kehoe, a Republican, also wants to phase out the income tax. The House and Senate have advanced legislation that would take an incremental step by exempting capital gains income from taxes.