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Studio by design

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Kevin Offill, of Rare Breed Tattoo Studio in Grayson, opened his first tattoo shop in 2000, but said that he had been fascinated with the process long before then. Offill said that he had always liked tattoos, and had gotten many himself before all the factors fell into place and he became an artist himself.

"Some of it was other people's attitudes, and part of it was that I was intrigued by the craft," he noted.

"There is the application part of it," Offill explained, referencing the various inks, needles, etc. that go along with the tattoo process. "But most of it is the artistry that appealed to

me."

When someone is looking into getting either their first tattoo or adding to existing tattoos, the experience of the artist is key, he said. You begin with native talent, then you learn and build upon your skillset in order to give the customer the best work possible, Offill said.

"You wouldn't hire someone who lays carpet to build your house," he said. "So, it is extremely important to find an artist with experience in what you would like done."

Offill has experience in a wide variety of tattoo styles, so he's able to help customers make their tattoos visions come to life in ink.

"I don't really specialize,

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Kevin Offill, of Rare Breed Tattoo Studio in Grayson. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Hayden Hall closes record-breaking chapter at West Carter

By Brayleigh Boggs
Carter County Times

For four years, Hayden Hall has been the heartbeat of West Carter football. The senior quarterback didn't just play the position; he lived it, stepping into the varsity spotlight as a freshman and never letting go. By the time his career ended, Hall had thrown for 4,690 yards and 47 touchdowns, averaging 139.9 passing yards per game from his sophomore through senior seasons. Those numbers tell the story of a player who was as consistent as he was explosive, a quarterback who could change the momentum of a game with a single throw.

Hall's name now sits in the West Carter record books, etched beside milestones that will be

hard to match. He set the school record for passing yards in a season with 1,965, broke the mark for passing touchdowns in a single game with five, and delivered a jaw-dropping 396 yards in one contest to claim the single-game passing record. Each of those achievements reflects not only his arm strength and field vision but also his ability to rise to the occasion when the lights were brightest.

Recognition followed his play. Hall earned All-EKC Second Team honors in 2023 before climbing to the First Team in both 2024 and 2025, a testament to his growth and dominance across his high school career. But for those who watched him week after

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Hayden Hall (Photo by Brayleigh Boggs, Carter County Times)

Celebrating the season

Hometown Holidays brings more cheer to Grayson

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Hometown Holidays in Grayson has already started, and Grayson Tourism Director Lana Axtell said that residents and visitors can expect this year's event to be bigger and better. The event, which kicked off on November 29, will run throughout the month of December and into the first week of January. The month-long celebration

will include special activities such as the Visit with Santa, the Hometown Holidays Train, a Visit with the Grinch, a Vendors Market at the Nazarene Church, a story time reading at the library, and food trucks on Pomeroy. And on Saturday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a parade on Main Street.

A list of times, dates, and activities can be found on tourism's social media accounts, including a new Instagram account.

Two popular draws this year are the skating rink and the Festival of Trees. The skating rink will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m., on Saturday from noon until 8 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 until 5 p.m.. The Festival of Trees

(admission free) is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 until 5 p.m. Axtell said the Festival of Trees especially has grown this year, with between 25 and 30 trees on display. The bidding on the trees is set to end on December 6, with the winners being notified on December 8.

Bringing Hometown Holidays to the streets of Grayson each year requires a lot of planning and work, Axtell said. She said she wants to thank each and every group and individual who volunteered to make Grayson brighter, including her husband who used vacation days to help set up the ice rink. Axtell also

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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.

- Debra Eden, 59, of Troy, Ohio, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of flagrant non-support, arrested and booked November 17.
- Charles Ison, 60, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County District Court, charges unavailable, arrested and booked November 18.
- Donald Marshall, 44, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of violating a Kentucky emergency protective order/domestic violence order,

- arrested and booked November 19.
- Kimberly Jackson, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible injury, arrested and booked November 19.
- Treena French, 53, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked November 20.
- Thomas Jenkins, 46, of Morehead, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, arrested and booked November 20.
- Racheal Tackett, 44, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County District Court, charges

- unavailable, arrested and booked November 20.
- Brandon Finley, 31, of Prestonsburg, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to maintain required insurance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, first degree assault, and first degree wanton endangerment, arrested and booked November 21.
- Maynard Howard, 55, of Isonville, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked November 21.
- Tracy Smith, 28, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked November 21.
- William Yeager, 65, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked November 21.
- Derek May, 34, of Grayson, ar-

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This Week's Obituaries

Tennyson Dale Boggs, 66
Jack Lynn Brown, 76
Rosalie Bond Conley, 85
Carrie Martha Gilbert, 65

Michael Edward Hargett, 59
Terry Martin Horsley, 68
Christina LaVonne Johnson, 39
Mary Lillian Madison, 77

Alberta Rose Moore, 74
Molly Marie Musgrave, 89
Lou Ella Porter Thompson, 79

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LIFESTYLE



Divas ON A DIME By Patti Diamond

Holiday biscotti: Beautiful, giftable and surprisingly simple

If the holiday season had a signature cookie, biscotti wouldn't be it. However, it would be this cookie's elegant cousin who shows up beautifully dressed, stays cheerful for weeks and never crumbles under pressure. These crisp Italian cookies are made for gifting, packing, mailing, dunking and showing off, all while looking like you spent far more effort than you did.

They're sturdy enough to ship across the country, pretty enough for a cookie plate and wonderfully adaptable. Once you have the simple base recipe, you can flavor them in many ways. Tuck a few into a basket with some

coffee or tea, a pretty tea towel and a thrifted mug, and you've got a gift that feels thoughtful and homemade without breaking the bank.

This year, I'm sharing my base biscotti recipe plus several festive variations, each one perfect for adding a little sparkle to your holiday baking.

HOLIDAY BISCOTTI
Yield: 20-24 servings
Total Time: 55 minutes + cooling

For the base dough:
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1-2 teaspoons extract (see flavor variations)
2 cups all-purpose flour, or half all-purpose + half whole wheat
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
Add-ins as per flavor variation

Heat oven to 350 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment. Beat butter and sugar until creamy. Add eggs and extract; mix well. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually add to wet mixture until combined. Stir in flavor add-ins, if using. Divide dough in half. Shape into two 8-inch logs and flatten to 3/4 inch thick. Wet hands help

if dough is sticky. Sprinkle with coarse sugar if desired.

Bake 20-25 minutes, until lightly golden and firm to the touch. Cool on the pan for 15 minutes.

Slice logs diagonally into 3/4-inch slices. Lay cut side up on the sheet and bake 12-16 minutes, until dry. Cool completely.

Flavor Variations

Classic Vanilla-Almond: 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla + 1/2 teaspoon almond extract. Add 3/4 cup sliced almonds.

Cherry-Almond (pictured): 1 teaspoon almond + 1 teaspoon vanilla. Add 1/2 cup dried cherries, 1/2 cup sliced almonds. Sprinkle tops with decorating sugar before baking.

Triple Chocolate: 1 teaspoon vanilla, reduce flour by 1/4 cup, add 1/4 cup cocoa powder. Stir in 1 cup mini chocolate chips + 1/2 cup nuts of choice. Dip in chocolate.

Cranberry-Orange-Pistachio: Add 1 teaspoon vanilla + 1 teaspoon orange extract Add-ins: 1/2 cup dried cranberries, 1/2 cup chopped pistachios and zest of an orange. Dip ends in white chocolate and sprinkle with more orange zest.

Dark Chocolate-Orange-Hazelnut (pictured): Add 1 teaspoon vanilla + 1 teaspoon orange extracts. Add-ins: 1/2



A little holiday sparkle in every crunchy, dunkable cookie. (Photo Credit: www.Jason-Coblentz.com)

cup chopped hazelnuts, 1/2 cup mini dark chocolate chips and zest of an orange. Dip the ends in dark chocolate and sprinkle with chopped hazelnuts.

Peppermint Mocha (pictured): Add 1 teaspoon vanilla + 1 teaspoon peppermint. Reduce flour by 1/4 cup and add 1/4 cup cocoa powder, 1 teaspoon espresso powder, 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips. Dip one side in chocolate and sprinkle with crushed candy canes.

Ginger Spice (pictured): Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Add-ins: 2 teaspoons ginger + 2 teaspoons cinnamon + 1/4 teaspoon cloves + 1/4 cup chopped candied ginger. Optional: Drizzle with glaze made from powdered sugar + maple syrup.

Whichever flavor you choose, biscotti are the kind of homemade gifts that feel thoughtful without demanding hours in the kitchen. Bake a batch, share with friends and enjoy a little holiday magic.

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

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

After the rush

With one rush down, there's more to go. Shopping seems to never end. Between September until after the new year, retail goes on a full-on sales campaign designed to accommodate your pocketbook as you prepare for the holidays.

There are discounts on decorations, gifts, food, and just about anything that will give you the opportunity to enjoy the festivities. It's amazing what we have available to buy at reduced prices and we take full advantage of it all. We make our lists, jump in our cars, try to find parking, then wade through the lines trying to find what we want only to wait in another line to make our

purchases. We also love to shop online. After all, there's no waiting in line, no parking spots to jostle for, we can just sit back, place our orders, and then wait for them to arrive, hopefully on time. For four months and a few days we are on a roll. Its part fun, part exciting, and need I say it, part frustrating. We have this great opportunity, in a short period of time, to shop and save but the only thing we miss is the feeling of peace through the rush. If we simply make a few adjustments and change when and how we shop, we can discover a sense of accomplishment and financial reward without the stress. It's the one thing we



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Confusion Solution

can control. Preparation is the key.

Sure, there will always be that last minute push for something we forgot or didn't plan on, but that isn't nearly as stressful as fighting to be the first in line just to save a few dollars. There will always be something new to buy throughout the year, and we will be perfectly willing to do so without waiting for the holiday shopping rush.

Maybe it's not just the savings. Maybe it's four months and a few days of just wanting something wonderful to take place at this time of year; and I agree. It is an amazing time and taking advantage of some ways to save money is a great option. Just think about planning to avoid a possible overwhelming experience.

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

Joyful Noise

The soul path

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell
for Carter County Times

Do you feel lost, out of sorts, confused, tired and weary? Have you gotten off the old beaten path?

John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." He said, "no one comes to the Father except through me." When Jesus said, "He is the way" that means Jesus is the sole path to God and to eternal life. Being washed in the

Blood of Jesus, following him and having a trusting relationship with him is the only way to be reconciled to God. Jesus is not just one option among many; Jesus is the only way, not just a way. Believing in Jesus is the path to knowing God and to those who follow him it will lead to a life with God. Let him be the "soul" path for your life.

The only way to know Jesus is to meet with him

every day. You meet with him in the scriptures.

The scriptures no longer feel distant as they start to breathe, start to speak, not just about history, but about your heart.

The word will come alive as you begin to see Jesus in every page. It is not about checking a box, about reading through the Bible but to let the Bible get through to you. Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the Word of God is living, it's active, sharper than any two-edged sword, it judges the thoughts and the intents, the attitudes of the

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

There are no comparisons available as most markets were closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Week ending 12/1/25

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

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	373.36	412.14	308.54
400-450 lbs	365.75	402.40	301.80
450-500 lbs	357.10	390.52	297.38
500-550 lbs	337.19	365.96	282.25
550-600 lbs	339.18	355.89	269.33
600-650 lbs	328.17	335.71	252.34
650-700 lbs	295.05	331.16	243.04
700-750 lbs	305.00	323.45	239.83
750-800 lbs	238.92	317.59	236.43
800-850 lbs	285.83	300.01	228.91
850-900 lbs	255.09	309.04	220.41
Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	328.24	377.12	254.68
350-400 lbs	326.10	375.30	262.43
400-450 lbs	330.90	363.81	253.44
450-500 lbs	314.18	346.74	247.03
500-550 lbs	309.29	333.68	244.24
550-600 lbs	306.44	325.90	240.31
600-650 lbs	288.07	307.88	225.90
650-700 lbs	275.29	305.56	223.27
700-750 lbs	248.29	282.91	213.99
750-800 lbs	253.72	280.26	209.64

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	140.00-165.00	152.00-175.00	142.00-144.00
Boners	131.00-165.00	150.00-185.00	120.00-146.00
Lean	112.00-142.00	125.00-159.00	97.00-132.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	172.00-196.00	190.00-216.00	156.00-176.00

Nov 17, 2025 Bowling Green, KY
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 177
Kids-Selection 1 55 lbs 355.00; 68 lbs 325.00. **Selection 1-2** 94 lbs 270.00.
Selection 2 54 lbs 340.00; 60 lbs 285.00; 76 lbs 307.50; 103-105 lbs 257.50-285.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 1,014
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 59 lbs 320.00; 60-68 lbs 282.50-300.00; 75-76 lbs 270.00-290.00; 88 lbs 232.50-275.00; 91 lbs 230.00; 110 lbs 202.50; 120 lbs 180.00; 144 lbs 165.00. **Choice 2** 53-57 lbs 302.50-317.50; 66-67 lbs 285.00-295.00; 76 lbs 272.50; 81 lbs 215.00; 100 lbs 190.00; 110 lbs 200.00; 175

(GRAINS)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.99-4.58	4.01-4.57	3.91-4.45
Soybeans	10.56-11.58	10.54-11.71	9.04-10.26
Red Winter Wheat	4.77-5.55	4.82-5.73	4.74-5.55

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Bottle-fed calves: a lifeline for farmers and a lesson in care

Farm life often comes with unexpected challenges, and one of the most common is raising an orphaned calf. Whether due to a cow's death, insufficient milk, or rejection of a twin, beef producers frequently find themselves bottle-feeding calves. There are some practical strategies to ensure these vulnerable animals thrive.

discussed at a recent Emergency Calf Care Workshop, where local farmers gathered to learn hands-on techniques for saving newborns. Dr. Phil Prater, DVM, demonstrated tube-feeding methods, showing producers how to safely deliver colostrum and milk replacer to calves

too weak to nurse. The training emphasized proper technique to avoid aspiration and gave farmers confidence that they could act quickly in emergencies to give vulnerable calves a fighting chance

For the first weeks, calves rely on milk replacers, ideally whey-based formulas designed for young cattle. Consistency is key: the replacer should



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Melodie Bush practices tube feeding a calf on a model calf during the Emergency Calf Care Workshop at the Morehead State University Farm. After practicing on the models, participants were able to feel proper tube feeder placements on live calves.

When a calf is born, it has virtually no immunity. Colostrum—the first milk produced by the mother—is critical, delivering antibodies and nutrients that protect against disease. Experts stress that calves should receive 1.5-2 quarts of colostrum within the first four hours of life. After 24 hours the calf is no longer able to absorb the antibodies from the colostrum. If the calf won't suckle, farmers must step in with tube-feeding, though this requires proper knowledge to avoid complications and possibly death.

That urgency was un-

Arrests from A-1

rested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce an insurance card, and no registration receipt, arrested and booked November 22.

- David Harlow, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of speeding 7 MPH over limit, reckless driving, no registration receipt, failure to wear seat belts, failure to or improper signal, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (with aggravating circumstances), and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, arrested and booked November 22.
- Alejandro Mancera, 31, of Pelion, SC, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to produce an insurance card, and license not in possession, arrested and booked November 23.
- Clayton Puckett, 56, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Jail, on charges of fourth degree assault (dating violence) with minor injury, second degree strangulation (domestic violence related), and second degree terroristic threatening, arrested and booked November 23.
- Larry Knipp, 58, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of public intoxication under the influence

of a controlled substance, first degree criminal trespass, improper registration plate, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and first degree promotion of contraband, arrested and booked November 23.

- Lonnie Henderson, 67, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked November 25.
- Anthony McQuaid, 33, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of third degree fleeing or evading police, and failure to appear, arrested and booked November 25.
- Layken Bradley, 30, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of receiving stolen property valued between \$1,000 and \$10,000, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and first degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl), arrested and booked November 25.
- Brandon Walker, 28, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), first degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl), failure to appear, and two counts of receiving stolen property valued between \$1,000 and \$10,000, arrested and booked November 25.
- John McKinley, 35, of Taylorsville, arrested by Grayson PD, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked November 25.
- Christopher Woods, 39, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, driving on a DUI suspended license, and first degree possession of a controlled substance (carfentanyl or fentanyl derivatives), arrested and booked November 26.
- John Parsons, 30, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked November 26.
- Joseph Parsons, 25, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on eight counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked November 26.
- Jason Colley, 53, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree wanton endangerment, and leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance, arrested and booked November 26.
- Mckayla Shaffer, 24, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault (dating violence) with no visible injury, arrested and booked November 27.
- Anthony Gray, 30, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault (dating violence) with no visible injury, arrested and booked November 27.
- Cooper Tussey, 22, of Grayson, arrested by

Grayson PD, on a charge of violating a Kentucky emergency protective order/domestic violence order, arrested and booked November 28.

- William Yeager, 65, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked November 28.
- Parish Hamm, 31, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked November 28.
- Skyler Conley, 31, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), arrested and booked December 1.
- Carla Elliott, 45, of Lexington, arrested by Fayette County Detention Center, on charges including two counts of failure to appear, three counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, and three counts of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked December 1.
- Ashley Himes, 36, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 1.

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.

Hall from A-1

week, the accolades were only part of the story. As captain of the Comets, Hall was the steady voice in the huddle, the leader who kept his teammates focused, and the competitor who refused to let his team back down. Teammates saw his efforts

in and out of practice not just to become a better player for himself but to benefit his whole team.

For the West Carter community, Hall's career was more than a stat sheet. Friday nights under the lights became a showcase of his talent

and determination, giving fans a reason to cheer and a quarterback they'll remember long after the scoreboard fades. His legacy is one of records, leadership, and relentless drive. As he looks forward to graduation, and taking his abilities to the next

level, Hayden Hall leaves behind a chapter of Comet football that will inspire the players who follow in his footsteps.

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Holidays from A-1

said the volunteers from Genysis were incredibly helpful with preparing the city for the events.

"We have a lot going on this week," Axtell said of the first full week of events. "We have Girls Night Out coming up on Friday, Saturday we have a Vendors Market, and on Sunday we have a 'Sweets and Eats' Market. And on December 21 -22, and possibly December 23 we are having the Polar Express and we will do

family movie night at the same building on 127 East Main."

All along Main Street there will be something – and likely multiple things – that will appeal to everyone. Whether it's a local business having a sale tailored to the event, one of the many vendors, or pop-up events, there is sure to be holiday food and fun.

"I think everyone is going to have fun," Axtell said. "And I think the Polar

Express is going to be an amazing event," she said.

That particular event is being run by the Octoberfest Queen and Court as a fundraiser to facilitate them traveling across the state to represent Grayson in different parades and events.

Her goal, ultimately, is to get people out and visiting Grayson, Axtell said. And she is confident this year's Hometown Holidays will do just that. The "soft" opening this past weekend

saw 56 skaters using the ice rink and 77 people viewed the Festival of Trees. This week's events and activities are sure to boost those and other numbers as Carter County and the surrounding areas get into the holiday spirit.

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Calves from A-2

be mixed with warm water and fed at a stable temperature. Alongside milk, introducing calf starter grain and hay accelerates rumen development—the process that transforms calves into mature ruminants capable of digesting forage.

By week six, calves fed grain show significantly better rumen development compared to those fed only milk. This early introduction of solid feed not only supports growth but also shortens the bottle-feeding

period, a major time commitment for farmers.

Calves are ready to be weaned once they consume 1-1.5% of their body weight in solid feed. For many, this milestone arrives between six and ten weeks of age. At this stage, nutrient-dense concentrates should be offered two to three times daily to meet the calf's high energy needs and ensure continued healthy development.

While bottle-feeding is labor-intensive, it is

also deeply rewarding. By following science-based practices—early colostrum feeding, balanced diets, and timely weaning—producers can turn a potential loss into a thriving animal.

For more information contact your local Carter County Extension Office. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin,

national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

Upcoming Events:

- Little Sandy Beekeepers – December 2nd @ 6:30 PM – Topic: Bee Brains
- Northeast Area Livestock Association – December 9th @ 6:00 PM – Topic: Marketing Farm Products

CALENDAR

- **12/4: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **12/5: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **12/5: Christmas on the Hill @ 6 p.m.** | Olive Hill Center for Arts & Heritage
- **12/6: Christmas on the Hill @ 6 p.m.** | Olive Hill Center for Arts & Heritage
- **12/6: Grayson Christmas Parade @ 5:30 p.m.** | Main St, Grayson
- **12/8: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **12/8: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **12/8: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **12/8: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **12/9: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Location TBD
- **12/9: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **12/9: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall
- **12/9: Northeast Area Livestock Association @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: Marketing Farm Products
- **12/10: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson

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Pet of the Week

Hoss is a three-year-old male Aussie mix. He is very friendly, and has been learning to walk on a leash. Hoss has a \$100 adoption fee which 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.

The drinks were cheap

The ride home wasn't

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OBITUARY

Alberta Rose McAninch Moore

1950 – 2025



Alberta Rose McAninch Moore, of Grayson, Ky, passed away Friday, November 21, 2025, at her home. She was 74.

She was born on December 21, 1950, in Stanford, KY. She was the daughter of the late Albert Rass McAninch and Geneva Morgan McAninch. Alberta was a member of the Oak Grove Church of Christ of Grayson, KY. In addition to being a homemaker, Alberta had experience working as a mining engineering technician, land surveying, and doing environmental services. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who loved being with family, enjoyed gardening, cooking, talking, shopping, and sewing. Alberta was a sister and an aunt that loved her nieces and nephews very much.

She is survived by her loving husband, Douglas D. Moore, who she wed on May 31, 1969; two sons, Marty (April) Moore and Robert Moore; eight grandchildren, Mollie (Brad) Moore-Settles, Magie (Greg) Mansour, Addie (Thomas) Loewen, Bradley (Emily) Moore, Gus Moore, Caitlyn

Moore, Josh Moore, and Brady Moore; seven great-grandchildren, Felix Mansour, Mattheo Loewen, Vera Mansour, Florian Loewen, Rocco Mansour, Macie Moore, and Willow Scott; a sister, Dixie McAninch; three nieces Gayle (Darrin) Hill, Kelly (George) Rodgers, Andrea Moore, and nephews Joey (Patty) McAninch, Jamie McAninch, Brandon Sturgill, and Matt (Jen) Moore. Other survivors include a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and many close friends and neighbors who adored and loved her dearly.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Jane Elizabeth McAninch.

The funeral service was held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at Watson Chapel Church, 929 Watson Chapel Rd, Liberty, KY 42539. Burial followed in the Church cemetery.

The family received visitors from 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. on Friday, November 28, 2025, at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home and from 11:00AM - 12:00 Noon on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at Watson Chapel Church.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Watson Chapel Cemetery Fund, c/o Joyce Sharp, 18 South KY 837, Bethelridge, KY 42516.

Arrangements under the care and direction of McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. Online guestbook and video tribute are available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

Rosalie Bond Conley

1940 – 2025



Rosalie Bond Conley, age 85, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, November 27, 2025, at UK-St Claire Medical Center in Morehead, Kentucky.

She was born March 8, 1940, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Leslie and Mae Cline Bond.

She enjoyed watching westerns, reading, staying home and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother Jack Adams and one sister, Sara

Jarrells.

Rosalie is survived by one son, Bruce (Sharon) Conley of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Elexis (Phillip) Gee of Olive Hill, Kentucky; 5 grandchildren, Kayla Bailey, Keith Gee, Sara Willoughby, Alana Conley, Allen Conley; 4 great-grandchildren, Pierce Bailey, Hunter Gee, Macy Willoughby, Tiffany Willoughby; one sister, Sheryl Wooten of Grayson, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Graveside services were held at 12 noon, Sunday, November 30, 2025, at Garvin Ridge Cemetery, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Mitchell Willoughby officiating. Burial followed in Garvin Ridge Cemetery.

Bruce Conley, Phillip Gee, Keith Gee, Devon Bailey, Jahn Jarrell and Roger Cline served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Rosalie Bond Conley.

Michael Edward Hargett

1966 – 2025

Michael Edward Hargett, age 59, of Morehead, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, November 23, 2025, at his residence.

He was born February 13, 1966, in Rowan County, Kentucky, a son of the late Allie Hargett Jr. and Barbara Fraley Hargett.

Michael enjoyed working on cars and loved to laugh, always joking and having a good time.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Susie Hargett.

Michael is survived by his son, Jacob Hargett of Campbellsville, Kentucky;

three brothers, Mitchell Hargett of Rowan County, Kentucky, Wayne Hargett of Soldier, Kentucky, James Russell Hargett of Rowan County, Kentucky; one sister, Angie Hargett of Somerset, Kentucky; Carl Charlet, the neighbor who was a brother, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

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

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Michael Edward Hargett.

Molly Marie Spence Musgrave

1936 – 2025



Molly Marie Spence Musgrave, age 89, of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born July 13, 1936, in Lewis County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Arvil and Maymie Fraley Spence.

Molly cherished every moment spent with her granddaughters, found joy in shopping trips and adventures with her beloved sisters, and found strength and comfort in her faith and church community.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Pamela Gaye Luttrell; her former husband and best friend, Norton Musgrave; two brothers, Carl Eugene

Spence, Marvin Lee Spence and one sister, Ruby Zornes.

Molly is survived by 2 granddaughters, Rachel (Kevin) Hamilton, Laura (John) Wisecarver; 3 great-grandchildren, Ella, Marlo, Tessa; four sisters, Betty Logan of Lexington, Kentucky, Pearl (Gerald) Miller of Nicholasville, Kentucky, Wilma Gaye (Jim) Johnson of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Judy (Gerry) Graham of Nicholasville, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral Services were held at 1 p.m., Sunday, November 23, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Bobby Burge officiating. Burial followed in Bethel Cemetery in Carter County, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 11:30 a.m. Sunday, November 23, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Molly's family and friends served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Molly Marie Spence Musgrave.

Tennyson Dale Boggs

1959 – 2025



Tennyson Dale Boggs, age 66, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, November 22, 2025, at his residence.

He was born February 20, 1959, in Morgan County, Kentucky, a son of the late Leonidas and Irene Horton Boggs.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Russell Lee Boggs, William Albert Boggs, Freddie Ray Boggs, Bill Horton; two sisters, Betty Edison and Anna Walker.

Tennyson is survived by his companion, Lois Sparks; one daughter, Kel-

lie Boggs; 2 grandchildren, Gavin Justice, Joselyn Logan; one great-grandson, Jameson Logan; two brothers, Robert (Evelyn) Boggs, Ishmel (Shirley) Boggs all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; four sisters, Bonnie Burchett of Morehead, Kentucky, Delma Nolen, Reva (Lynn) Whisman, Mary Layne all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

A Celebration of Life was held at 5 p.m., Saturday, November 29, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Jason Lewis officiating. Burial followed in Boggs Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 4 p.m. Saturday, November 29, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Tennyson Dale Boggs.

Terry Martin Horsley

1957 – 2025



Terry Martin Horsley, passed away at his residence in Olive Hill, Kentucky, Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the age of 68. Born July 25th, 1957, a son of the late Coy Hubert and Mary Lois Bond Horsley.

Terry is survived by one brother, Thomas (Mary) Horsley of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; one sister, Jacqueline (Byron) Hargett of Olive Hill, Kentucky; three nephews, Christopher Horsley, Kyle Horsley and Timothy Hargett; two nieces, Carrie Varney, Sarah Ayers; eight great-nieces and nephews, Lauren Horsley, Aiden Duff, Jamie Lee Horsley, Evelyn Hargett, Thomas Horsley, Maggie Varney, Alayna Hargett, Adalee Ayers; friends, Mickey Brown, Louie Keaton, Benny Carroll, Robbie Tackett....., along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Terry was a member of Three Pine Freewill Baptist Church, where he

loved attending services and singing Precious Memories. He served the Olive Hill community as a Barber for many years, taking great pride in his craft and in the friendships he formed within the Barbershop. He was a devoted sports fan, always cheering on the Kentucky Wildcats, Cincinnati Reds and the Dallas Cowboys. When he was able, Terry always took time to visit with others that were ill and often took flowers and gifts to those in mourning.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Tom Mattingly and Brother Gary Sparks officiating. Burial followed in Watson Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 11 a.m., Wednesday, November 19, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Allen Bond, Bennie Carroll, Rodney Ingles, Mark Bond, Micky Brown, Louie Keaton served as pallbearers.

Kevin Jordan, Tony James, Stan McGlone, Tim Collins, Robbie Tackett and James Pelfrey served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Terry Martin Horsley.

Carrie Martha Middleton Gilbert

1960 – 2025



Carrie Martha Middleton Gilbert, age 65, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, November 22, 2025, at her residence.

She was born November 20, 1960, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Harvey and Zelma Barker Middleton.

Carrie enjoyed playing Bingo, painting, working puzzles, traveling and spending time with her family and her Chapel House friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 47 years, Richard Gilbert; two brothers, Larry Middleton, Harvey Middleton Jr.; four sisters, Rosemary James, Kathy Gilbert, Ruby Helton and Barbara Gilbert.

Carrie is survived by one son, Charles Gilbert of Grahns, Kentucky; four daughters, Carrie McClain of Salt Lick, Alice Ashlock of Crestwood, Kentucky, Connie Erwin of Grahns, Kentucky, Paula Herron of Grayson, Kentucky; 15 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; one brother, Danny Middleton of Grayson, Kentucky; five sisters, Janet Puckett of Morehead, Kentucky, Debra Steagall of Lexington, Kentucky, Darlene Hall of Rush, Kentucky, Tonya Sagraves of Grayson, Kentucky, Alberta Howard of Flatwoods, Kentucky; along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

A Celebration of Life was held at 12 noon, Saturday, November 29, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Bobby Burge officiating.

Friends visited after 11 a.m. Saturday, November 29, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Carrie Marsha Middleton Gilbert.



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Jack Lynn Brown 1949 – 2025



Jack Lynn Brown, age 76, passed away at his home on November 25, 2025. Born on August 3, 1949, he was the son of the late Ray O. Brown and Frances Prichard Brown.

Jack Lynn Brown was a devoted husband to Vicki Greene for 31 years, a loving father to John Travis Brown, Jacquelynn Nichole Brown, Rebecca Francis and Jamie Oney, and a proud Papa of John Gabriel Brown, Jackson Cole Simmons, Joslyn Mae Simmons, Anna Reese Oney, Ava Francis Oney, and Kason Ray Brown.

Jack was also preceded in death by his beloved son, John Travis Brown; adored sister, Gretta Brown Duncan and brother-in-law, John Duncan.

He is survived by his loving wife, Vicki Greene; cherished daughters, Jacquelynn Brown and Rebecca (Jamie) Oney; and six grandchildren, John Gabriel Brown, Jackson Cole Simmons, Joslyn Mae Simmons, Anna Reese Oney, Ava Francis Oney, Kason Ray Brown, and a host of family, friends, and neighbors, all of whom he loved deeply and was immensely proud of that will sadly mourn his passing.

Jack served the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a Probation and Parole

Officer for 27 years. He spent many years continuing his father's legacy through Ray's Auto Sales of Sandy Hook. He had a lifelong love of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, cars, and trucks, and could often be found talking engines, telling stories, or offering some steady, thoughtful advice he was known for.

Jack also had a lifelong love for animals, always caring for pets and strays alike. His gentle nature showed in the way animals trusted him instantly. He cherished the peaceful days spent at his home in Florida, where he found comfort in warm weather, quiet mornings, fishing, and visiting with his Florida friends and neighbors.

A generous man with a strong work ethic, Jack believed in playing hard but working harder. He honored the Brown name in everything he did—through his honesty, his loyalty, and the pride he carried for his family heritage. He instilled a strong work ethic and a sense of integrity in his children, who will forever cherish the memories of his unwavering support and love for his family and traditions. Above all, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather whose presence, wisdom, and love will be forever missed.

Jack's request was to have no funeral services, but his daughters are asking for friends and family to honor their Father's memory by sharing memories of him. You can mail these to PO Box 121 Sandy Hook, KY 41171, or email to jackie.brown@elliott.kyschools.us and rebecca-oney@kycourts.net

Lou Ella "Ellie" Porter Thompson 1946 – 2025



Lou Ella "Ellie" Porter Thompson, age 79, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Friday, November 28, 2025, at her residence.

She was born January 11, 1946, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Paul and Arlene Goodan Porter.

She enjoyed cooking, gardening, traveling, going to yard sales and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, James Richard "Dicky" Thompson; two sons, P.R. Thompson, Scotty Thompson; two grandchildren, Brittany Renee Thompson, Scotty Ray Thompson Jr.; one great-granddaughter, Adley Rae Thompson; three brothers, Curt Porter, Junior Porter, Ray Porter; three sisters, Wanda Manning, Trish Stamper and Martha Thomas.

Ellie is survived by two sons, Dwayne (Andrea)

Thompson of Victoria, British Columbia, Bobby (Debbie) Thompson of Olive Hill, Kentucky; 9 grandchildren, Elise, Katie, Jared, Stephanie, P.J., Brenna, Chloe, Joe, Macie; 15 great-grandchildren, Lucas, Lainey, Tanner, Rowen, Wren, Lake, Lakyn, Scarlett, Lennon, Henry, Moxon, Hollyn, Lola, Cameron, Millie; one brother, John Paul Porter of Tulsa Oklahoma; two sisters, Bonnie Thompson, Sue (Terry) Dean all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, December 5, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother David Rayburn officiating. Burial will follow in Porter Cemetery #1 on Goodan Creek.

Friends may visit from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Thursday, December 4, 2025 and after 9 a.m., Friday, December 5, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel

Joey Thompson, Cody Carter, Cameron Carter, Donnie Waddell, Adam Marsh, Chris Porter and Shannon Craig will serve as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Lou Ella "Ellie" Porter Thompson.

Christina "Christy" LaVonne Johnson 1986 – 2025



Christina "Christy" LaVonne Johnson, 39, whose laughter, kindness, and faith were gifts to all who knew her, passed away after a brave battle with cancer on Thursday November 27, 2025. Christy was born on February 16, 1986 in Ashland, Kentucky, the beloved daughter of Charles E. Johnson and Tammy Hamilton Johnson. She faced the world with a tender spirit, extraordinary resilience, and walked closely with the Lord throughout her life.

Christy graduated from Scott County High School in 2005. She enriched her faith as a member of Trinity Assembly of God, in Georgetown, Kentucky. Christy extended her heart and faith through Special Touch Inc., a national ministry for persons with special needs. Christy was a shining example that all can have a relationship with our Lord and Savior, no matter what ability or disability may exist. An avid horse lover, Christy participated with Central Kentucky Riding for Hope at the Kentucky Horse Park for many years of her adult life.

Christy stepped into eternal peace, welcomed by those she had long missed, her brother, Tyler Joseph Johnson, uncle, Tony Allen Hamilton, maternal grandmother, Delores Dickerson Hamilton, and maternal grandfather, Woodrow Franklin Hamilton; all formally of Grayson, Kentucky.

Those who will forever

carry her memory on their hearts include her mother, Tammy Hamilton Johnson, father, Charles (Heather) Johnson, brother, Fisher (Destiny) Johnson, and beloved niece and nephew, Everlee and Harley Johnson, all of Georgetown, as well as her paternal grandparents, Charles and Phyllis Johnson, of Ashland, Kentucky. The number of people that were instrumental in Christy's life are too numerous to list; However, the family would like to recognize Ashley Haney Lea (Jimmy) of Mt. Sterling, KY and Courtney Hendricks Martin (Dillon) of Carlisle, KY; for their endless love, support, friendship, and dedication to Christy.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 7:00 pm on Friday, December 5, 2025 at Trinity Assembly of God in Georgetown, Pastor Carl Kelleher officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service beginning at 5:00 pm. Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at the Dickerson Family Cemetery in Carter County, Kentucky.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations are suggested to Special Touch Ministries, Inc., Attn: Kentucky Getaway, P.O. Box 25, Waupaca, WI 54981 or online at specialtouch.org. For many who knew Christy they know how much she enjoyed receiving all of her "Get Well Soon" cards, so to honor her love for receiving cards, we invite those attending her services to "Send Her One More Card" by bringing a card or writing a note that expresses how she brought light and joy to you or to share a special memory with her family. Friends and family may also share memories and leave messages of condolence on Christy's tribute wall at www.TuckerYocumWilson.com

Mary Lillian Madison 1948 – 2025



Mary Lillian Madison, age 77, of Ashland, Kentucky, passed away Monday, November 24, 2025, at Close to Home Assisted Living in Ironton, Ohio.

She was born Friday, March 27, 1948 in Carter County, Kentucky to the late Roy Melvin and Helen Dunbar Madison.

Mary was a member of First Baptist Church of

Grayson for over 20 years and loved serving the Lord.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one infant brother and two sisters.

Mary is survived by three sons, Robert Perry, Eugene Hall III, Raymond Tyson II; two daughters, Charlotte Arends, Trisha Tyson, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Graveside services were held 12 noon, Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at East Carter Memory Gardens in Grayson, Kentucky, with Brother Denver Prater officiating.

Grayson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Grayson, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Mary Lillian Madison

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heart."

The Word of God will cause you to search yourself, it will reveal hidden sins in your life. It will humble you to seek Jesus as the way, the truth and the life, not out of guilt, but because truth has pierced your heart.

The truth of Jesus found in the pages of the Bible stirred change among many kings, many businessmen, many common folks over centuries. It still carries the same holy weight right now not to condemn you but to call you higher – to surrender your heart – to get back on the plain path. Like being on the potter's wheel, let his way shift you, let it shape you, let it refine you. You weren't made to simply continue; you were made to be transformed from the inside out.

You are meeting with a living God. The Bible is not a cold document bound by history. It is a door into divine fellowship, a sacred space where the Spirit of God draws near. Every time you open the pages with a heart willing to listen, you are stepping into a conversation with the one who formed you!

Psalm 119:130 says, "the unfolding of your word gives light, it gives understanding to the simple." The word opens and

so does your spirit to know the way, the path of Jesus. Suddenly, what looks like black ink on white paper becomes the meeting place between heaven and your heart! Meet Jesus in the word each day. Your soul will begin to rise. The Bible says to draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Open his word with expectancy. When you open the Bible, you are not just reading about God, you are meeting with him, sitting with him, having a conversation with him. You bring your weakness and are met with his strength. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Right here and now in the pages of the word of God, get back on the old path. You will find his mercies are new every morning. Let his mercy rewrite your life every day!

Amen! So be it!
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AS WE SEE IT

When being thankful is hard

We've just taken a week off for Thanksgiving, and we should be gearing up for Christmas. This is the time of year when you're supposed to reflect on what you're grateful for and – particularly if you have children – look forward to more celebrations with the ones you love.

But this holiday season, it's pretty hard for our household to feel thankful or festive. On Sunday night we lost our dear little puppy, Oliver, after he was attacked by what we assume was a coyote or a large dog that wandered onto our property.

We live in a very remote area. It takes us more than a half an hour just to get to Grayson, and that's with good clear roads and pressing the speed limit a little bit. That's already a long drive when your beloved pet is in shock and losing blood. But if we could have contacted a vet in Grayson, I do believe Oliver would still be with us. Instead, the only available emergency vet was another 40 minutes away, in Ceredo, WV.

Of course, we made the drive in a much shorter time than that. But it was too little, too late. Oliver was still alive when we got there, and they took him back into surgery. But just before we got home, we received the call we were dreading. Oliver's heart had stopped during the procedure to repair his punctured abdomen, and two shots of medicine – including epinephrine injected directly into his heart – failed to get it beating again. Once the veterinarians ceased CPR and removed oxygen, our dear little angel was gone.

But, we still had things to do. We had a newspaper to finish.

Our kids had school, and our youngest didn't want to miss – even though we gave him the opportunity to stay home and grieve. As his mother noted, it was probably for the best, as it kept him occupied.

He slept fitfully. He woke up several times through the night, and would say to me, "I'm sad," before cuddling in close until he dozed back off.

But while he slept fitfully, I barely slept at all. From around 1 a.m. until after 3, I lie in bed praying a simple, desperate prayer.

"Please, dear Lord. Please let this be a mistake. Let his heart have started again. Let me show up Monday morning to pick up a sore, but sassy, Yorkshire terrier. Let the doctors have confused two dogs with the same name when they called. Please."

Over, and over, and over I recited variations on this plea, until dissolving into simple repetitions of the word, "please."

Please, dear Lord God. Please. Please, let it be wrong.

Let Oliver be alive, I prayed, and I will deliver a testimony like none before. Let Oliver be alive, and I will tell the story of a child's plaintive cries to a God who heard, and delivered.

Instead, I dug a hole on Monday afternoon, and after school – with his mother and I standing by his side – our boy said goodbye to the pup who had been his companion and playmate for the past two years. He cried. I cried. And I told him how proud I was of him.

He stayed there with me, despite the biting cold, until we'd completely filled in Oliver's grave. We marked it with a solid wooden stake, until we can fashion a headstone, but that's the next step. Our son, six-years-old going on sixty, wants to make it himself.

It's important to him that the grave be marked properly, and I'll do everything I can to help him grieve, process, and honor our little friend in the way he deserves.

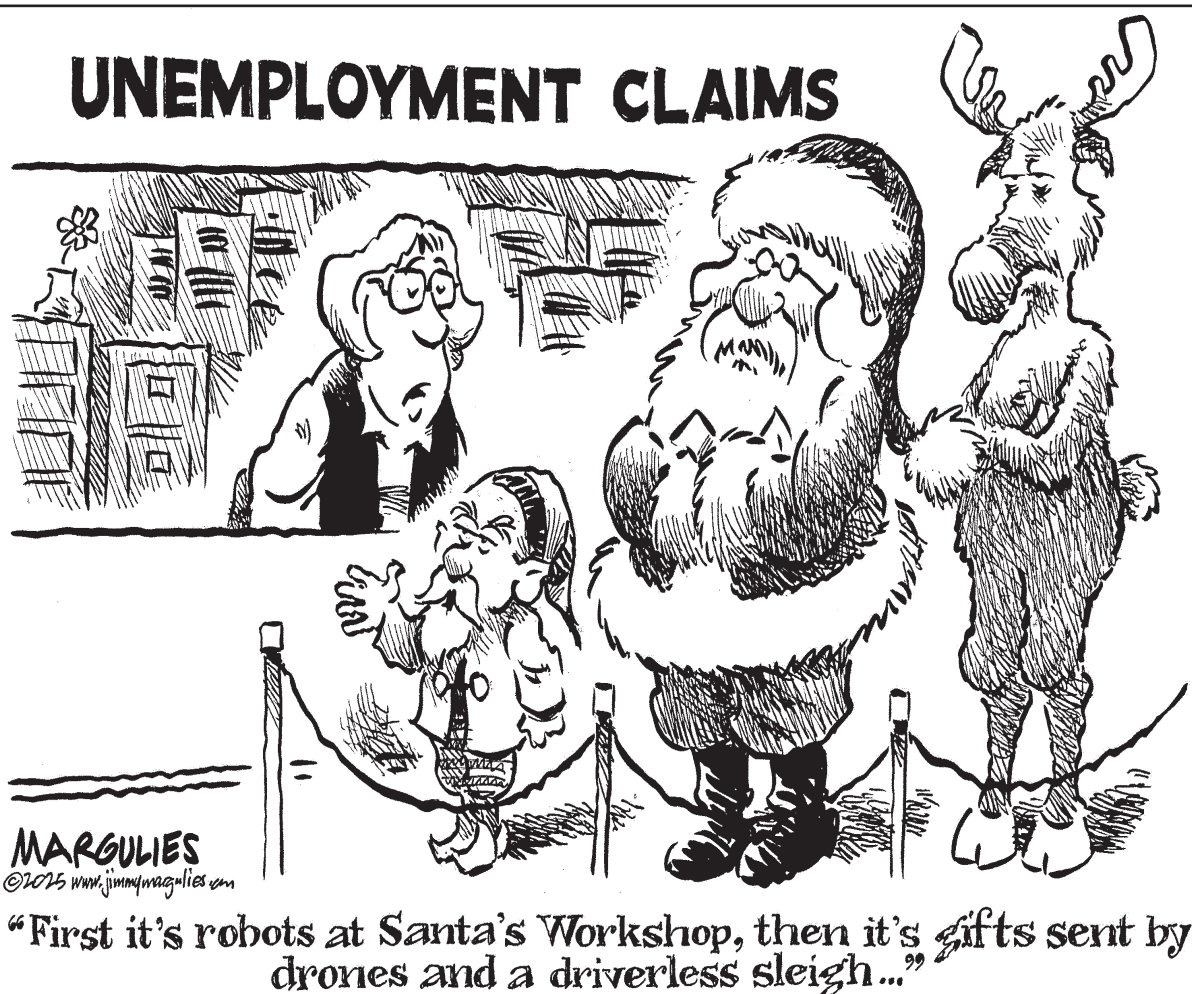
Because being thankful is hard, particularly in the face of loss. But I'm still thankful that we had Oliver and his oversized personality in our lives for the short time that we did. I'm thankful for the amazing, thoughtful, sensitive child we're raising. I'm thankful for a spouse who grieves beside me and with me. I'm thankful for friends and employees who stepped up so I could do what I needed for the good of my family.

I'm sad. I'm angry. I'm a little bit broken. But I'm trying to remember to be thankful too. Because that's the thing about love. Sometimes it's painful. Especially when it was real.

(Editor's note: We would like to express our sincere thanks to Doc and Cindy Gibson, with All Creatures Veterinary Care in Grayson. Even though they were out of town for the holidays, they took our calls and gave us all the assistance and emotional support they could from a distance. Your kindness is one of the tiny bright spots in our recent dark days, and we appreciate your care.)

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"First it's robots at Santa's Workshop, then it's gifts sent by drones and a driverless sleigh..."

Why are high school athletes going into the 'one and done' mess?

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association recently gave in to heavy pressure to follow college athletics into the swamp of "one and done" by changing its transfer rules.

Supposedly done primarily to protect athletes who lack opportunity to play at their current high schools, the changes also embrace the "transfer portal" culture which has kidnapped college sports.

Perhaps the most noticeable change would allow a varsity athlete to transfer without sitting out a year if they participated in less than 20% of their team's regular-season contests in the prior year.

I pause here to point out that a student-athlete who gets insufficient playing time at one school likely won't automatically find stardom at another. This rule change surely won't make anyone faster or stronger, but it might reduce the whining of parents who don't want their offspring to sit on the bench all or most of the season.

The official reason for this "minimal participation" exception is to create what amounts to a loophole for students who aren't seeing enough playing time to escape the existing transfer rule.

Graciously, the KHSAA claims the rule change

will prevent students who are struggling to earn a spot on a team from being penalized if and when they seek better opportunities (translated as more playing time) at another school.

To be fair, this transfer rule change does acknowledge the reality that parents are increasingly utilizing every legal means, including bona fide changes of address, to secure athletic eligibility at new schools.

By formalizing exceptions, the KHSAA says it hopes to manage the soaring number of transfer requests while maintaining some

"guard rails" against the formation of "super teams."

Let's not kid ourselves. We already have those powerhouse sports programs that win state championships virtually every year. However, the KHSAA wants us to believe that the rules are changing to reflect the modern emphasis on student choice.

Who knows, after the new central high school opens in Carter County, likely with the highest enrollment in the 16th Region, we might be paying high school athletes like they do in colleges and the professional leagues.

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Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

Shopping small pays big dividends

Jeff Bezos doesn't need your cash. The guy lives on a yacht so big it has a baby yacht inside it to run errands. Bezos's yacht is so massive it can't dock at most luxury marinas; it has to park near cargo ships and tankers like it's an overgrown cruise liner that wandered away from port. It's a billionaire's sail-powered skyscraper no harbor knows what to do with.

You know who doesn't have a yacht? The mom-and-pop restaurant in town that'd love to see you stop in for lunch when you're out buying gifts. The coffee shop that'd be thrilled if you grabbed two lattes and maybe a gift card as a stocking stuffer. This Christmas, think about looking on Etsy or walking into a real store instead of defaulting to Amazon. Studies show that for every \$100 spent at a small business, about \$48 stays local, while Amazon leaves behind about zero. Amazon drains a town's tax base; small businesses fund the schools, parks, and services communities actually rely on. And not for nothing—people work in these places, and if you haven't noticed, the economy isn't exactly humming.

Main Street matters more than Walmart. And just like Bezos, the fine folks in Bentonville have plenty of our money. When you shop at a small business, you help keep storefronts filled, sidewalks lit, and downtowns alive. In towns under 50,000 people, locally owned businesses generate two-thirds of the local economy. And when you tell the small business

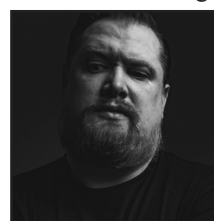
owner your kid's sick and you need to leave early, you won't get some corporate nonsense about "scheduling conflicts."

Look, for working parents, I get it: shopping on your phone is faster. I enjoy scrolling from the toilet myself. But these creeps already have too much of our money, time, and data. Meanwhile, the old lady running the used bookstore will remember your name, set aside the good stuff, and actually care if you come back. She's part of the community. Amazon isn't. Walmart has your shopping data. The waitress down at the diner, she knows you hate onions.

Shopping small should be about an address within the community, not just a shipping address. I know money is tight. Amazon and Walmart sell cheaper but what's more important: a lot of cheap things or a Christmas that's curated with a few fewer gifts but ones that you can feel good about five years from now? We've all got way too much crap, anyhow.

Shopping in person is one of the last social activities we haven't completely outsourced to our phones. We already stream movies at home, order food from apps, swipe through everything from dates to dog walkers. Don't let Christmas shopping join that list—go to the mall, go downtown, drop a few bucks in a local merchant's till. You may run into neighbors or meet someone who makes your heart beat a little

See **SHOPPING** on A-8



Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

Policies

General

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The Times welcomes all letters to the editor.

Letters should be limited to 300 words or less. Letters should focus on issues that affect the community as a whole, and not personal or business disputes.

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00383

SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. PLAINTIFF
VS.
ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC DEFENDANT/
CROSS-CLAIMANT
VS.
LARANNA L. MAY F/K/A LARANNA BATES DEFENDANTS
A/K/A LARANNA LYNN BATES

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on October 7, 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 **5th day of December, 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: 209 S. Hill Street, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 66, Page 322, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-10-46-011.00.

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-00432

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS PLAINTIFF
TRUSTEE FOR LB-RANCH SERIES V TRUST
VS.
DONALD B. FRAZIER A/K/A BRIAN FRAZIER; DEFENDANTS
BARBARA FRAZIER

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on October 14, 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 **5th day of December, 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 11.2488% 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: 68 Sparks Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 239, Page 451, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

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 RECORD DESTRUCTION

Physical Therapy Services, PA (PTS), an Early Intervention Resource Agency, will be destroying early intervention developmental therapy records for children who received services **prior to December 31, 2019.**

Parents or legal guardians who would like to obtain a copy of their child's records must submit a written request by December 15, 2025. After this date, records will be permanently destroyed on **December 31, 2025.**

Requests should be mailed to: Physical Therapy Services, PA
Attn: Early Intervention
1975 W. Elk Ave
Elizabethton, TN 37643

For more information, call 423-923-0898

PUBLIC (LEGAL) NOTICE CARTER COUNTY EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 324, Title III of the 1986 Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, 42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq., the following information is provided in compliance with the Community Right-to-Know requirements of the SARA Law, and the open meetings and open records provisions of KRS 61.800, 61.805, 61.810, 61.823, 61.826, 61.835. Members of the public may contact the **Carter County Emergency Planning Committee** by writing **Joseph Lambert**, Chairman of the **Carter County Emergency Planning Committee, (300 W. Main Street, Room 212, Grayson, KY 41143,** or contacted by telephone at **606-316-2232.** The **Carter County Emergency Planning Committee** conducts meetings at **Carter County Court House, 300 W Main St,** or at other locations, in accordance with the Kentucky Open Meetings Law. Members of the public may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.820. Records of the Planning Committee, including the county emergency response plan, material safety data sheets, and inventory forms, or any follow-up emergency notices as may subsequently be issued, are open for inspection, and members of the public who wish to review these records may do so **8am-4pm, Eastern Time, M-F, at 300 W Main St, Room 212, Grayson KY 41143** as required by the Kentucky Open Records Law. The local 24-hour telephone number for purposes of emergency notification, as required by SARA Law, is **606-316-2232. Published: December 3, 2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 11th @ 11:00 am at the Grayson Street Department we will be auctioning the following Street Department vehicles.

- 2010 Ford Ranger 4x4 Ext. Cab
- 2007 Ford Ranger
- 2007 F250 Crew Cab 4x4
- 2008 Chevy 1500 4x4

CITY OF OLIVE HILL
ORDINANCE 2025-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-07 AND SEWER RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SEWER SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF OLIVE HILL IN ORDER TO PROPERLY OPERATE THE SEWER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, an increase in the expenses associated with the operation of sewer service has created a hardship upon the City; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set the sewer rate to be charged for sewer service to customers in order to collect sufficient revenue to properly operate the sewer system in the City of Olive Hill;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Olive Hill as follows:

The rates of providing sewer service inside and outside the City of Olive Hill will be amended as follows:

Basic Sewer Charge:

1. Basic Sewer Charge Per User Per Month Inside City Limits shall be \$32.27 for 0-2000 Gallons used.
2. Basic Sewer Charge Per User Per Month Outside City Limits shall be \$37.80 for 0-2000 Gallons used.
3. Additional usage in excess of 2000 Gallons shall be prorated at \$12.75 per 1000 gallons used.

Tap-On Fees
Tap-On fees for Sewer Service provided by the City of Olive Hill will be as follows:

3/4 Inch Residential Tap on Fee	\$1250.00 Inside City Limits
3/4 Inch Residential Tap on Fee	\$1250.00 Outside City Limits

Any Tap 1 inch or greater will be billed at actual cost of materials plus labor.

A. The City will commence at a point on an existing sewer main, make a tap, furnish, and install 3/4 inch sewer line to the property boundary or 25 feet, whichever is less. Any sewer line over 3/4 inch will be laid to the property boundary or 20 feet, whichever is less.

If it is necessary to cross roads or go through rock, the extra expense will be borne by the customer. The City will furnish and set the meter, tile, and lid at or near the property boundary. The customer is responsible for the line from the meter to the building.

B. All sewer lines must be installed and connected to taps in accordance with previously adopted codes and state regulations and will be subject to inspection at any time.

Any ordinance in conflict or adverse to the provisions contained herein shall be rendered null and void upon the adoption of this ordinance. Any provision contained herein which is contrary to Kentucky Revised Statutes shall be null and void without affecting the remaining provisions contained herein.

City Ordinance 2024-07 is hereby amended upon the adoption of this Ordinance. Any provision contained herein which is found to be contrary to Kentucky Revised Statutes or other applicable law shall be null and void without affecting the remaining provisions contained herein.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted and enacted this 19 day of Nov., 2025

MAYOR:
/s/ Mayor, Jerry Callihan

ATTEST:
/s/ City Clerk, Steff Thomas

Shane: Y	Eric: Y	Tony: Y	Chris: Y	Kirk: Y	Shannon: —
1st Reading: 11/13/25	2nd Reading: 11/19/25	Publication: Sent 11/20/25	Publication Date: 12/3/25	5-0	

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00328

UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS PLAINTIFF
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE OF PRL TITLE TRUST II
VS.
NOTICE OF SALE DEFENDANTS
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES JEREMY WILLIAMS A/K/A JAMES J. WILLIAMS A/K/A JAMES WILLIAMS; MELISSA SUE BLEVINS A/K/A MELISSA BLEVINS A/K/A MELISSA SUE WILLIAMS A/K/A MELISSA S. WILLIAMS A/K/A MELISSA SUE SPARKS A/K/A MELISSA S. SPARKS, EXECUTOR/EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES JEREMY WILLIAMS; ALYSSA WILLIAMS A/K/A ALYSSA GRACE WILLIAMS; A MINOR CHILD; GE MONEY BANK; AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES JEREMY WILLIAMS A/K/A JAMES J. WILLIAMS A/K/A JAMES WILLIAMS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on October 17, 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 **5th day of December, 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 11.84% 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: 1242 State Highway 2078, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 62, Page 432, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 033-10-00-008.01.

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

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order in Case No. 2025-00257 scheduling a public comment meeting to be held on **December 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, at the Perry County Courthouse, 481 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Hazard, Kentucky 41701,** for the purpose of hearing public comments on Kentucky Power Company's application for adjustment of its electric rates and approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments in Case No. 2025-00257. An additional public meeting in Ashland will be held in January 2026, and will be noticed separately in advance of that meeting.

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

The Commercial Bank of Grayson will offer at Public Sale the following vehicles to satisfy the indebtedness due under the terms of a security agreement.

2010 CADILLAC ESCALADE, NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE 168,201, DON'T RUN, VIN #1GYUKJEF1A1R123585.

2011 GMC TERRAIN, MILEAGE 135,034, MOTOR BLOWN, VIN #2CT-FLREC9B6332705.

2019 BUICK ENCORE AWD, MILEAGE 106,312, VIN #KL-4CJESB5KB893323.

2018 CHEVY SILVERADO 4 WHEEL DRIVE, MILEAGE 143,744, VIN #3GCUKREC4JG428685.

2000 FORD F650 SUPER DUTY, NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE 236,000, VIN #3FDWF65SHXYMA05348.

Public Auction will be held on **Friday, December 12, 2025, at 3:00 PM** at **COMMERCIAL BANK, OLIVE HILL BRANCH, 155 TOM T. HALL BLVD., OLIVE HILL KY.**

Seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Announcements made the day of the sale will take precedence over any printed material.

Terms will be cash.

For more information, please contact Tina Knipp at (606)475-4150.

CITY OF OLIVE HILL
ORDINANCE 2025-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-05 AND CERTAIN WATER RATES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, an increase to the expense of operating utilities has created a hardship upon the City;

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary to revise certain water rates and/or charges to water customers in order to properly operate its utilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the foregoing it is desirable and necessary to amend the City's Ordinance setting forth rates and charges.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Olive Hill as follows:

I. A Schedule of Water Rates is attached:
A surcharge of One Dollar and Eleven Cents (\$1.11) will be billed per customer for Kentucky Infrastructure Authority debt service. This surcharge shall be removed upon payoff of the loan.

II. Deposits for Water Service will be as follows:
Consumers applying for water service from the City of Olive Hill shall place with the Utility Clerk a customer deposit to secure payment of their water bill. This deposit may not be transferred from one location to another and water service will not be connected until deposits are paid. Required deposits shall be as follows:

Residential	Landowner	\$50.00
	Renter/Tenant	\$100.00
Small Commercial		\$200.00
Large Commercial		\$500.00
Industrial		\$1,000.00

A. Definitions:

- Residential -Any single or multi family dwelling.
- Small Commercial -Any business activity where it is anticipated to use 50,000 gallons or less in any one-month period.
- Large Commercial -Any business activity utilizing a meter 1" or greater or is anticipated it will use in excess 50,000 gallons per month.
- Industrial -Any business activity which will engage on the manufacturing of goods.

B. A customer's deposit refund will be made when the customer requests a discontinuation of the service and all claims due to the city have been paid. Additionally, any residential customer who owns and resides in the residence may request a refund of their deposit if after two (2) years of continuous service, they possess a good payment record with the City. Any customer who owns his or her residence and has for two (2) years maintained a good payment record with the City will not be required to make additional customer deposits for other properties owned. All other customers must place additional deposits with the City regardless of prior deposits made. All other customer deposits shall not be refunded until all monies due to the City are paid in full.

C. Customer deposits shall be refunded plus the amount of interest accrued, less one (1 %) percent for administrative costs.

III. Tap-On Fees

A. Tap-On fees for Water Service provided by the City of Olive Hill will be as follows:

3/4 Inch Residential Tap on Fee	\$1,200 In Town
3/4 Inch Residential Tap on Fee	\$1,400 Out of Town

Any Tap 1 inch or greater will be billed at actual cost of materials plus labor.

B. The City will commence at a point on an existing water main, make a tap, furnish, and install 3/4 inch water line to the property boundary or 25 feet, whichever is less. Any water line over 3/4 inch will be laid to the property boundary or 20 feet, whichever is less.

If it is necessary to crossroads or go through rock, the extra expense will be borne by the customer. The City will furnish and set the meter, tile, and lid at or near the property boundary. The customer is responsible for the line from the meter to the building.

C. All water lines must be installed and connected to taps in accordance with previously adopted codes and state regulations and will be subject to inspection at any time.

IV. Disconnection of Services

A. If any utility bill is not paid in full on the dates due, (15th of each month) a ten (10%) percent penalty will be added after 10:00 a.m. the following workday and the account or accounts will be deemed delinquent. A cutoff list will be provided for the meter readers or other city workers for disconnection of utility service and delinquent utility accounts shall be disconnected beginning the 26th day of the month during which they become delinquent.

B. If all past utilities reconnects are not paid in full by the month following, disconnection of the account will be deemed final and all deposits held on the account will be applied. In order to initiate new water service, the customer will be required to place new deposits with the Utility Clerk and pay all back bills that the previous deposit did not cover.

C. There will be a Forty Five Dollar(\$45.00) disconnect fee if disconnection of service occurs.

V. Reconnection Fees

A. There will be a Forty Five Dollar (\$45 .00) reconnect fee if disconnection of service occurs.

B. If service requires a reconnect after the hours of normal business hours M-F 8am-4:30pm it will be subject to a service fee of Sixty Five Dollar (\$65.00).

VI. Meter Testing

In the event of a customer complaint that the City's metering equipment is not valid the customer shall place with the Utility Clerk a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) deposit and the City will have the meter tested at the expense of the City. If the meter is found to be functioning properly, there will be no refund of the deposits and all amounts and penalties shall be paid by the due dates. If the meter is found to be defective the City will replace it and refund customer's deposit. The customer is responsible for the payment of current bills during the time of testing and all penalties will accrue on scheduled dates.

VII. Returned Checks & Fees

Returned checks will be assessed a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25.00) returned check fee. After receiving two (2) returned checks the customer will be notified in writing or by phone that the Utility Department will not accept a personal check for utility payments. All returned checks that are not paid in full within two (2) weeks of the date of issue shall result in the customer's service being disconnected for non-payment.

VIII. Theft of Services

Any person or persons found attempting to bypass or tamper with any utility recording instrument will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and shall have all services disconnected until Utility Department approves reinstatement.

IX. Additional Information

A. All water metering devices shall be accessible to the meter reader. If the meter is concealed covered up, or has a structure built over it in such a way as to prevent proper reading or maintenance of meter then customer shall be in violation of concealment of metering device. It shall be the responsibility of the meter reader to notify customer by door hanger of letter of notification that such device should be made accessible by the next month's reading or the customer's service may be disconnected until such time that the City moves the meter or makes a new tap, with the cost being borne by the customer.

B. Under no circumstances shall the City Council, City Clerk, or Office of the Mayor interfere in the payment of these bills when due. Also, there shall be no guarantee of payment from Council Members, City Clerk, or Mayor unless full payment is made at the time by check, cash, or money order to the utility office. The utility department office shall enforce the ordinance and shall not deviate from this ordinance under any circumstance.

X. Amended Water Rates:
The water rates shall be adjusted as follows:

- 1. Inside City Limits:**
 - Base rate: **\$29.97** for the first **2,000 gallons**
 - Rate thereafter: **\$11.19** per **1,000 gallons**
- 2. Outside City Limits:**
 - Base rate: **\$47.01** for the first **2,000 gallons**
 - Rate thereafter:
 - **\$16.22** per **1,000 gallons** for usage up to **50,000 gallons.**
 - **\$11.75** per **1,000 gallons** for usage **exceeding 50,000 gallons.**

City Ordinance 2024-05 is hereby amended upon the adoption of this Ordinance. Any provision contained herein which is found to be contrary to Kentucky Revised Statutes or other applicable law shall be null and void without affecting the remaining provisions contained herein.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted and enacted this 19 day of Nov., 2025

MAYOR:
/s/ Mayor, Jerry Callihan

ATTEST:
/s/ City Clerk, Steff Thomas

Shane: Y	Eric: Y	Tony: Y	Chris: Y	Kirk: Y	Shannon: —
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Wishing you Peace & Love for the Holidays!



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Studio from A-1

because that is limiting," he said. "I prefer to work with all styles. I have my preferences like any artist, but I enjoy them all. If it is for fun or I get free rein, then it's usually in the black and grey realm," he admitted. "And more realism, if I can get by with it."

Black and grey, he said, lends itself well to what he considers realism.

"You can have realism with colors," he was quick to point out. "But it is usually more time intensive and costs more than black and gray."

Offill creates his own

designs, which is why he said he opened his shop as a studio.

"We don't really 'sell' anything except my work," he said. "You can bring references in for what you would like done. And then we can alter it to suit our style and your style."

This, he said, gives the customer the opportunity to focus on what aspects of a design they like as well as what aspects they might not have considered. In the end, he said, it is all about discovering what is ultimately desired.

As in any craft, there are unique challenges

when working with skin, Offill said.

"No two people's skin is exactly the same," he said. "Skin is its own organism, and you have to treat it that way. It has a motion to it, and spirals just like in a fingerprint. And it is growing and shedding constantly, so you have to allow for that."

Another issue, he said, was tattooing over scar tissue. In some cases, it works very well, and in other circumstances it can prove more challenging.

There are a lot of things to consider when determining whether or not

to get a tattoo, but Offill said the biggest hurdle is the customer determining what they would like. Once he helps the customer with that, then almost anything else can be worked around, he said. One factor many might consider is age, for instance, but Offill said that it really isn't an issue. Of course, most states require the customer to be over 18 years of age, he said, but people get tattoos into their fifties and beyond.

"When I first started in Morehead, there was a veteran who lived in assisted living," Offill said.

"He was between 88 and 91 and had been a pilot in WWII. He had been through a lot in his life, and at that time he would come about once a week for a tattoo."

Offill said the process helped the man and not only was he glad to provide the service, but he and the veteran also became friends.

Offill said that he is glad to speak to people about the process any time and help them plan what they want whether it is a new tattoo or a coverup. He also said that rather than viewing other tattoo

artists as competition, he thinks that more artists are a good thing because it gives customers more options.

"And everyone needs friends that share the same profession."

Rare Breed Tattoo Studio can be reached across a wide variety of social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

Spreading cheer

Local seniors donate to Shop With a Cop

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Chapel House in Grayson was the site of a donation to a popular effort to mitigate the challenges many people face during the holidays. Chapel House and Friendship House senior living centers were the groups which donated at the event, and Carter County Sheriff Jeff May was on hand to accept the donations. He offered his gratitude to the groups involved, and assured them that the donations were much needed during the Christmas season.

Each of the buildings at Chapel House has a club that takes on different projects throughout the year. They also operate a thrift store, with all the proceeds from the store going into the clubs for them to use in funding various projects. Then, at the end of the year, the clubs choose a charity to donate the money they have raised.

The thrift store does take donations, and is open to the public on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 to 2 as well. The public can feel free to come in and shop or donate during those hours, and the money will be distributed to each club. There is a Facebook page linked to the Christian Care communities where people can learn more about Chapel House.

"I know you have made a lot of kids happy," May told the groups who donated. "We had about 58 kids that we helped last year, and we are hoping to help close to 80 this year. We are blessed to be able to be with these kids."

Sheriff May said that you might expect kids today to be looking for an iPhone or other popular gadgets for Christmas, but that isn't the case.

"These kids today are still looking for the basics like underwear," he said. "They want things like socks, or dresses to wear to church. We see this all the time," he said of kids who need the basic necessities of life. "And it just tears your heart up. They are spending what money they have for themselves on

clothes for Christmas."

May said that when they take the kids shopping during the Shop With a Cop events, they let the kids pick out whatever they want for Christmas.

"This (the funds) is theirs – we are just there to move it around and make it happen. Usually there are between 20 and 30 of us law enforcement officers that will take them around shopping. And sometimes there is a family of four, and that's real fun," May said of the often-strained logistics.

Regardless of the intensity of the 'shopping experience' May insists that he and the other officers involved are blessed to be able to participate in spreading joy during the holiday season. And it is a way to show, he said, that law enforcement officers take the motto of 'to Protect and Serve' seriously. Hopefully, he said, it will help show young people who might have a bad home life that there is a better way.

"We might have been in some of these kid's homes in a domestic violence situation or other situations," May said. "And they might not like the police."



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



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

He has seen that a lot in his 23 years of being involved in the program. "They might think you are the bad guy, even

though you're not. But when we do something like this with them, then they start to open up and see things a little differently."

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Grant funds and holiday toys

Tourism discusses events and projects

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The Grayson Tourism Commission received a report at their November meeting from Rene Parsons, the executive director of Business Cultivation Foundation in Grayson. Parsons had been working closely with Tourism Director Lana Axtell on the America 250 Grant from the White House, an initiative meant to inspire American citizens for the 250 year anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Parsons said the grant was awarded and they were working on a project for that event.

"This is a project that will be watched during America's Birthday," Parsons told the commission.

"It will be Grayson specific and will be advertised from the White House down. We have decided on doing a Walking Tour through Grayson and seeing all the historical things here."

Parsons said Kentucky Christian University will also be involved, and Dr. Gerald Dyson's history class will make the upcoming program their class project.

"We have been talking to them a lot," Parsons said of the KCU class. "And they have been walking Grayson and learning about the history of Grayson."

After walking through Grayson and looking at architecture and other notable sights, the students have come up with three potential paths, she said. There is a three hour long path, a shorter path that focuses on the downtown area, and also an accessible path for those with disabilities.

"It has some really cool components," Parsons told the commission. "You

have a passport, it is quilt themed, and will have a geocache component that will pull in an international crowd."

Parsons also explained to the commission that part of the grant money received was for advertising, so she presented the commission with a check for \$1,000 for that.

Grayson Mayor Troy Combs spoke to the tourism commission about grants that had been applied for, but had fallen into 'limbo' due to lack of follow-through. The issue was thought to have been caused by lack of updated access to emails after the resignation of the previous sports park manager, Grant Harper.

Combs said that the Department for Local Government had made him aware that those funds could still be made available simply by reapplying. The grants were initially for inclusive playground equipment, a shade area, and a wheelchair accessible swing. Combs assured

the commission that he would work with whom-ever assumed those duties to make sure they got in contact with the proper people.

The current sports park manager, Bert Bayes, reported to the commission that the sports park had finished their 'season' in the second weekend of November.

"A gentleman from Louisa held a tournament, which I thought was an interesting idea," Bayes said. "The entry fee was to bring a toy for each individual that came in, and we didn't charge them anything for using the field."

Bayes said over 200 toys were collected that way to go to Project Merry Christmas in Carter County, and an equal amount went to Toys for Tots in Louisa.

Bayes said the sports park finished up the year with 34 events, and a conservative estimate of between 80,000 and 85,000 people coming into the park over a period of about

nine months. This yielded a rough estimate of around 3 million dollars infused into the community.

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Shopping from A-6

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