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PAC proposes entertainment venue in Grayson

Asks city and tourism for help with funding and zoning

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Paramount Arts Center, Inc. (PAC) has been in talks with the Grayson Tourism Commission concerning a proposed standing room only entertainment venue to be located in Grayson. Members of the PAC board were on hand at a special meeting of the tourism commission in April to work toward finalizing the proposal and answer questions from the commission. Commission Secretary

Deanna Miller called the meeting to order and told those in attendance that the purpose of the called meeting was to discuss the proposal with the City of Grayson. Due to conflicting schedules, only Grayson Council Member Sudy Walker was in attendance representing the city. “The commission is pretty much aware of what we are wanting to do,” Miller said. “But since the city has some things they would have to do before we can get started, including the building we are looking at being outside of the city limits, we wanted the city and the commission to be on the same page.” Miller pointed out that among other things the city would need

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Tourism Commission member Shadow Skaggs (left) speaks with Grayson Mayor Troy Combs (right) at a library event in this file photo. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

No one fights alone

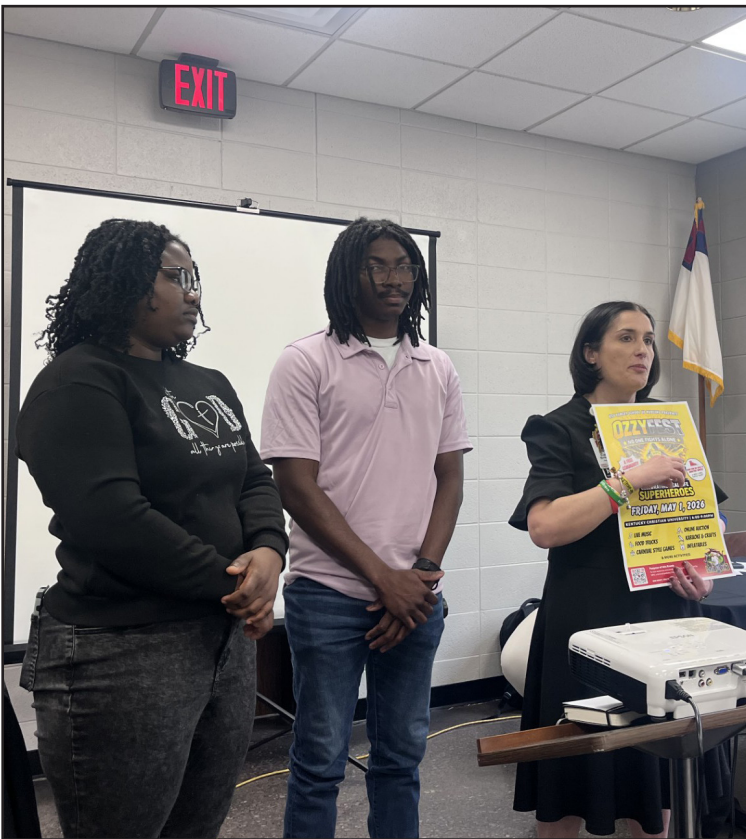
KCU hosts benefit for rare juvenile cancer

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Yancy School of Nursing at Kentucky Christian University will be hosting Ozzyfest on Friday, May 1, from 6 to 9 pm. The free event will include live music, carnival-style games, karaoke, inflatables, crafts, and other activities. There will also be food trucks at the outdoor event, and in case of inclement weather the event will be moved indoors at Lusby Hall. Dr. Carol Brickey of the Yancy School of Nursing said the event is designed to benefit chil-

dren who have been diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a rare type of brain tumor that starts in the brain stem. Because of the tumor location, it is inoperable and currently there is no treatment for the fast-growing cancer. “We started Ozzyfest three years ago,” Brickey said. “We wanted to bring awareness to this terminal pediatric brain cancer. Basically, it is a brain tumor that is on the brain stem. When children are diagnosed, they are usually given a prognosis of between six to nine months to live,” Brickey said. “There really isn’t any treatment for it, so it is a devastating diagnosis.” Brickey and the Yancy School of Nursing became directly involved with the devastation of

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Students Nandjie Fatton and Marc Celestin, and Dr. Carol Brickey, of the KCU Yancy School of Nursing. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Grayson discusses proposed venue

City council postpones decision for now

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Grayson City Council held a special meeting on Monday, April 27, to hear from Paramount Arts Center, Inc (PAC) about a proposed new entertainment venue in Grayson. PAC had previously presented the idea to the Grayson Tourism Commission, and provided the same information directly to the council on Monday. “The Tourism Commission passed their budget,” Mayor Troy Combs said. “And there is a contribution initiative in it.” Combs said that because this

was a special project, a special meeting of the city council was held so that the tourism commission and PAC could bring that before the council. PAC Inc. Executive Director Holly Canfield provided council with the same information she had provided to the tourism commission, including a market snapshot, and explained a little about her organization. “For over 50 years PAC Inc. operated as a nonprofit performing arts organization in Ashland and managed the Paramount Theater for 53 years,” Canfield said. “As of December 31, 2025, we are no longer over managing the Paramount, and we are looking for a new home.” That historic chapter closed when the City of Ashland passed management of the theater to an Iowa based for-profit man-

agement company in January. This move came after the city purchased the building for \$3 million in 2024 – over the objections of some PAC board members – and while the organization was struggling to bounce back from COVID-era financial losses. But while the performing arts non-profit may have lost their venue, they haven’t lost sight of their mission or their institutional knowledge and, as Canfield explained, they’d like to bring both to Grayson. “As a part of the discussion we had in the past, we talked a little bit about the opportunity to partner with Grayson Tourism and the City of Grayson,” Canfield told the council. Some information they gathered by monitoring ticket sales

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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. • Benjamin Stone, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for Drug Court, arrested and booked April 19. • Steven Medaris, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 19. • David McCanna, 56, of Sigel, PA, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of improper display of registration plates, improper registration plate, no or expired registration plates, no

or expired registration receipt, failure to maintain required insurance, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator’s license, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, arrested and booked April 19. • Scotty Justice, 33, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance, arrested and booked April 20. • Jeremy Stewart, 51, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on four counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 20. • Bradley Wagoner, 43, of Denton, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, failure to

notify DOT of address change, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked April 21. • Aaron Dickerson, Jr., 33, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of second degree assault, and first degree burglary, arrested and booked April 22. • David McCanna, 56, of Sigel, PA, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked April 22. • Eric Hannah, 27, of Hitchins, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 22. • Clyde Logan, 57, of Olive Hill, arrested by Warrill Hill PD, as a fugitive – warrant not required, arrested and booked April 22. • Braxton Arnold, 21, of Byhalla, MS, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of operating a

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This Week’s Obituaries

Donald Ray Frazier, 83

William "Bill" Ray Griffith, 94

Donald Ray Skaggs, 87

Rexton Allen Trout, infant

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LIFESTYLE



A Crowd-pleasing chicken queso fundido for Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo called, it wants more cheese. A creamy, cheesy dip with salsa verde and seasoned chicken? Why, yes. Yes, please. This is queso fundido's heartier, more satisfying cousin, loaded with tender chicken and layered flavor that goes way beyond your basic nacho cheese. It's perfect for Cinco de Mayo or any gathering that calls for something warm and utterly irresistible. Serve it with tortilla chips or crisp veggies for dipping. This recipe serves a crowd, but don't worry about making too much, because any leftovers are downright glorious spooned over baked potatoes or rice.

When I developed this recipe, I happened to have a house full of family. The only thing faster than making this amazing recipe was how quickly it disappeared. File this under "big hit."

There is an optional step, roasting poblano peppers. Roasting poblanos adds a deep, earthy flavor that really elevates this queso. It's easy! Here's how: Place them on a baking sheet directly under the broiler, turning as needed, until the skins are blistered and blackened on all sides. Remove from the oven and cover with foil tightly to steam for 5-10 minutes. Once cool enough to handle, peel off the skins, remove seeds for less heat, if desired, dice and set aside. To my taste, this step absolutely makes this dish, but if you choose to skip it, substitute with a 7-ounce can of diced mild green chili peppers. Now that you know how, you'll do it all the time.

POLLO QUESO FUNDIDO
Yield: 10+ appetizer servings
Total Time: 45 mins

2	poblano peppers, optional but highly recommended
2	pounds chicken breast
1/2	teaspoon salt
1/4	teaspoon black pepper

1	teaspoon cumin
1	teaspoon garlic powder
1	(16 ounce) bag of frozen onion and pepper blend
16	ounces salsa verde
2	tablespoons butter
1	yellow onion, diced
3	cloves garlic, minced
2	tablespoons flour
1	cup whole milk or half and half
8	ounces cream cheese, cubed
3 1/2	cups Cheddar and Monterey jack cheese blend, shredded, divided

Green onion, cilantro and tomato for garnish

Serve with tortilla chips, bell pepper and celery for dipping

Roast poblanos (if using) according to directions above. Peel, dice, set aside.

Bake the chicken: Preheat oven to 350 F and grease a 9"x13" baking dish with cooking spray or olive oil.

Cut chicken into big chunks and place in baking dish. Toss with salt, pepper, cumin and garlic powder. Add frozen peppers and onions, pour in salsa verde, cover with foil and bake 22-25 minutes until cooked through. While this bakes, make the queso.

Make the queso: Melt butter



A bubbling dish of chicken queso fundido, loaded with flavor and perfect for sharing. (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

in a large skillet. Cook diced onion until soft. Add garlic; cook briefly. Stir in flour and cook 1-2 minutes. Add milk, stirring until thickened. Add cream cheese and melt. Stir in 3 cups shredded cheese, one handful at a time, until melted. Mixture will be thick.

Combine: By now the chicken should be done. Shred the cooked chicken in the pan. Add the entire mixture -- the whole shebang! (chicken, veggies and salsa) -- to the queso. Stir in half the poblanos.

Finish (optional but worth it): Transfer to baking dish, top with remaining cheese and bake for 10 minutes, until bubbly. Broil briefly for a golden top if

desired.

Garnish and serve: Artistically top with remaining poblanos, green onion, cilantro and tomato. Serve hot with chips and veggies.

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

Your medicine cabinet

Here's something to think about! Organize your medicine cabinet. These small areas contain items that are essential to maintaining our health, but sometimes they get hidden behind other items making it difficult to see what you actually have.

If your medicine cabinet is full, take a look at what you really need to store there. Here are some hints to help you review what you keep inside and how to add more space.

First, remove all the shelves and give the cabinet a good cleaning.

Identify what you have and separate those items by their use and how often you use them.

Check the expiration dates to be sure everything is still usable and if not dispose of properly. Unused medicines can be

taken to the local police department for disposal.



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

Look for alternative locations for vitamins and pills that you take daily. I store mine in a decorative box along with my daily pill container. Not only is it convenient, it's a great reminder

for me to take them instead of putting them in my medicine cabinet out of sight and with too many other things.

Keep a first aid kit under your bathroom sink or in a drawer for emergencies. That way if you need to dress a wound you have water and soap at your disposal. I keep a separate tube of healing ointment in my cabinet because I would use that more often for small scrapes or insect bites.

I also store cold medicine, eye drops, pain relief pills, dental care items, a

thermometer, face cleanser, and styling gel in my medicine cabinet because these are things I use more often.

Once you have decided what to return to the cabinet, measure the tallest items and reset your shelves to the right height for storing. Keep like items together and the ones you use more often on the lower shelves.

You will find it eye-opening to discover what all you have in that space, and by looking for alternative locations for storage your medicine cabinet will be organized and clutter free. Check in every so often to be sure your arrangement proves workable, and if not simply move a few things around.

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

Joyful Noise

How to rest

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

Have you ever met yourself coming and going? Feeling overwhelmed trying to get everything done. Seemingly no matter how hard you try you feel exhausted even before you start. It is a never-ending cycle. Stress will begin to manifest in many ways through our mind, soul, spirit and body. This is not healthy and we can do something about it.

Matthew 11:28 reads: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." This verse is a direct invitation from Jesus to all who are weary, burdened, or struggling under the weight of sin, responsibilities, or life's hardships. The promise

is that He alone can provide true rest, both spiritually and emotionally, through His grace and salvation.

There is an invitation to the weary: Jesus calls those who are "laboring" and "heavy laden," referring to people burdened by sin, guilt, or life's difficulties, to come to Him for relief and comfort. The "rest" offered is not merely physical relaxation but spiritual peace, forgiveness, and renewal of the soul. Unlike earthly rulers or authorities, Jesus is approachable and willing to receive anyone who seeks Him, emphasizing His grace and mercy. The following verse (Matthew 11:29-30) expands on this by encouraging believers to "take my yoke upon you, and learn of me," highlighting that learning from Christ

and living according to His teachings brings lasting rest and lightens burdens.

This verse brings comfort and encouragement, reminding believers that no matter the weight of their struggles, turning to Jesus provides relief, guidance, and spiritual restoration. It reassures us of the personal and compassionate nature of Christ's invitation.

One of the enemy's greatest strategies is keeping you mentally restless. Because a restless mind rarely discerns clearly. Your greatest weapon against the enemy is not constant activity. It is rest rooted in trust. Rest is not weakness. Rest is evidence that you trust God to govern outcomes. Rest is a declaration: "I trust God enough to stop striving." Many of the enemy's devices lose their power when you refuse to live in a state of urgency. Rest allows you to see traps that anxiety

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Strength for Life

Spring energy

As temperatures warm and daylight stretches a little longer, April brings a natural shift in energy. Gardens are being prepared, yards are coming back to life, and many people feel ready to move more after the slower winter months. This seasonal transition makes spring an ideal time to reconnect with outdoor activity and rebuild consistent movement habits.

Fresh Air, Sunshine, and Daily Steps

Spending time outdoors offers benefits that go beyond physical activity. Fresh air, natural light, and movement can improve mood, energy levels, and overall well-being after a long winter.

Our community is fortunate to have excellent outdoor spaces that support walking, hiking, and trail running:

- Carter Caves State Park
- Grayson Lake
- Grayson City Walking Trail
- Ashland Central Park

Walking these trails counts toward daily step goals and weekly cardiovascular activity. Even short walks add up, and many people find it easier to stay consistent when

movement is paired with sunshine and scenery.

Getting Steps in the Spring

For heart health and general wellness, aiming for 7,000–10,000 steps per day is a realistic and effective target for many adults. Spring weather makes it easier to break steps into manageable sessions — a morning walk, an afternoon break outside, or an evening stroll after dinner.

Trail walks and light hikes also challenge balance, coordination, and muscular endurance, making them excellent forms of functional exercise.

Why Strength Training Matters

While outdoor movement increases naturally this time of year, strength training remains essential, especially as people prepare for summer activities like hiking, yard work, travel, and recreational sports.

A consistent strength routine helps:

- Reduce injury risk
 - Improve joint stability and balance
 - Support posture and mobility
 - Increase overall endurance for outdoor activity
- Two to three strength-training sessions

per week provide a solid foundation.

Build Now, Enjoy All Summer

Spring is an ideal time to establish a strength routine before summer schedules fill up. Building strength now allows outdoor activities to feel easier and more enjoyable later, rather than exhausting or uncomfortable, especially for those trying to keep up with children or grandchildren.

Hiring a certified and experienced trainer can provide structured options that complement your lifestyle, including outdoor bodyweight training, or gym routines.

A Season of Renewal

April is a reminder that movement doesn't have to be complicated or confined indoors. Gardening, walking trails, hiking, and consistent strength training all contribute to better health, energy, and enjoyment of the season.

As spring unfolds, use this time to reconnect with movement, soak up fresh air and sunshine, and build habits that support an active summer ahead.

About the Author

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Prevent vegetable diseases with these garden planning tips

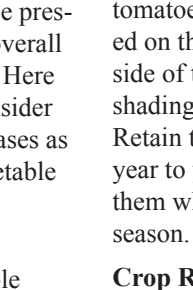
Warmer temperatures mean gardeners everywhere are ready to get plants in the ground. However, prior to planting, growers should develop a plan for this year's vegetable garden. A thoughtful approach to garden layout and preparation

can influence disease pressure as well as the overall success of the crop. Here are few areas to consider to get ahead of diseases as you make your vegetable garden plans.

Planting Site

The best vegetable garden sites are sunny with adequate moisture and fertile, well-drained soil. Avoid low spots, which can worsen soilborne diseases, and shady locations, which can worsen foliar diseases. Prior to planting, it is advisable to draw a planting map. This allows consideration into site

limitations and succession planting. Scale models of the garden space can be drawn on graph paper, made in Microsoft Excel or designed using one of many available apps. Choose perennial locations carefully to make tilling more convenient. Taller crops, such as sweet corn or



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Carter County
Extension Agent

tomatoes, should be planted on the north or west side of the garden to avoid shading shorter plants. Retain these maps from year to year, and refer to them when planning next season.

Crop Rotation

If the same garden site is used each year, avoid planting the same or closely related crops in the same place. A three-year rotation is recommended; however, even a year or two out of a certain plant family can be beneficial. Crop rotation prevents disease-causing pathogens from build-

ing up in soil. Multiple vegetable crops are closely related and prone to many of the same diseases. Closely related crops are listed together:

- Tomatoes, Peppers, Potatoes and Eggplant
- Cucumbers, Pumpkins, Squash, Watermelons and Muskmelons
- Peas, Broad Beans, Snap beans and Lima Beans
- Cabbage, Cauliflower, Kale, Collards, Brussels Sprouts, Broccoli, Kohlrabi, Turnips, Rutabaga, Chinese Cabbage and Mustard
- Lettuce, Endive and Salsify
- Chives, Garlic, Leeks, Onions and Shallots
- Beets, Swiss Chard and Spinach
- Carrots, Parsley, Celery, Celeriac and Parsnip

Compost Piles

Avoid composting diseased plants or produce, since home compost piles

See *VEGETABLE* on A-3

Arrests from A-1

motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, arrested and booked April 23.

- Payshenza Cline, 19, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault (dating violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked April 23.
- Corey Carver, 28, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of fourth degree assault (dating violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked April 23.
- Leshiara Powell, 34, of Evarts, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a probation violation for a technical violation, arrested and booked April 23.
- James Minix, 61, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, to Carter County District Court, charges unavailable, arrested and booked April 24.
- Donnie Spence, 47, of

PAC from A-1

to annex the area where the proposed building is located to facilitate the sale of alcohol at the venue because the City of Grayson permits the sale of alcohol, but Carter County does not. Tourism Commissioner Shadow Skaggs also voiced the opinion that the commission would like for the city to shoulder some of the expense of the proposed venue.

The Executive Director of PAC, Inc., Holly Canfield, said that at the last city council meeting Grayson Mayor Troy Combs had asked her to put together a one-page document that summarized the proposed project and PAC’s request.

“This is the part where a negotiation comes in,” Canfield told the commission. “We can talk about what your interests are and what tourism might be able to provide and what PAC, Inc., might be able to provide.”

Canfield provided the commission with a project overview, proposing a strategic partnership with the Grayson Tourism Commission to develop a “high-impact, multi-use arts and entertainment venue that will bring new energy and revenue to the community,” according to the PAC proposal. That

partnership would entail Grayson Tourism owning/leasing a building which it will in turn sublease to PAC Inc. PAC will program, operate, and manage the venue and share revenue through a three to four percent tax on food and beverage sales at the venue, naming rights income, and the addition of a \$2 facility fee applied to each ticket sold.

The proposal would require Grayson Tourism to gain long-term control of a suitable building and cover all renovations/improvements to said building, as well as ensure building code compliance, fire safety, and occupancy requirements. The proposal would also require Grayson Tourism to provide PAC with a \$0 lease for a 2-year term and a utilities subsidy for that term as well. The new venue would be included under the tourism insurance policy, and the City of Grayson would be required to provide in-kind staffing support for building maintenance as well.

The proposal also suggested Grayson Tourism include PAC in state and regional tourism marketing, co-branded advertising, and provide assistance to PAC for overnight tourism

Quincy, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a warrant as a fugitive from another state, a charge of failure to comply with sex offender registration, and three counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 25.

- Ronald Bland, 36, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on two counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked

April 25.

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.

would need to be done and challenges tourism would need to meet.

Tourism Commissioner Shadow Skaggs referenced the line item of \$200,000 in the tourism budget that had been earmarked for the proposed project should tourism vote to proceed. PAC, Inc. requested \$500,000 initially to begin the project, he said. Skaggs also referenced Grayson Mayor Troy Combs requesting \$80,000 for the Merchant Parking Lot.

“What he (Combs) said was to hold onto it and if there was a project that suited us, we will let you use that toward another project,” Skaggs said, addressing Grayson Council member Sudy Walker.

“Let’s say this is that project,” Skaggs said. “Now we are at \$280,000. So, we are now over halfway there. What we need to know is, could the city give us \$100,000 to \$150,000 for this? Knowing this could single-handedly change the city, I think.”

Skaggs mentioned that possibility, knowing that the city council as a body would need to consider and vote on any possibility of matching tourism funds.

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Ozzyfest from A-1

DIPG when her executive assistant’s grandson, Ozzy Brown, was diagnosed with the cancer about four years ago, Brickey said.

“After he passed away, the students wanted to do something for the family,” she said. “So, they started Ozzyfest, which is a celebration of Ozzy’s life and a fundraiser.”

Ozzyfest raises money for the Santiago Strong Foundation, an organization that helped Ozzy’s family travel to his treatments.

“Ozzyfest was originally planned to be a one-time event,” Brickey said. “Because we didn’t think we would ever be connected to another family that was dealing with DIPG. But right after Ozzy passed away, we were connected with Amiylla Nelson, a student at Prichard Elementary in Grayson. So, we reached out to that family

and asked if we could do anything for them.”

Brickey said that they started supporting them by bringing them meals and anything else they could do to help. She said the students at the nursing school also began sending cards to the family, and eventually they were connected with another child with the rare condition, Casen Gullett from Manchester, Ohio.

“So, we decided to do Ozzyfest again to benefit those families,” she said. “Amiylla passed away before the event, but her family was able to attend.”

Casen was able to attend that second Ozzyfest, Brickey said, but has since passed away. Brickey said she was happy to learn that Casen’s family will be coming to this year’s Ozzyfest.

“It has sort of continued,” she said of the event and its assistance to

families. “Since we started Ozzyfest we have connected with eighteen children, and all of them are in this area except for two that are in Oregon.”

Brickey also said there seems to be a concentration of the rare disease in the Corbin, Kentucky, area with seven children diagnosed with DIPG in the last three years.

Brickey said that Ozzyfest has grown beyond what it was originally intended to be, but that they are happy to help everyone they are able.

“So, we have a free event on KCU’s campus,” she said of the event. “It’s a time to show love to these families and let these kids come and play and have a good time while we are raising funds and awareness for research and so organizations such as Santiago Strong can keep assisting these families.”

Ozzyfest has grown to become a way to raise funds to help the families devastated by a DIPG diagnosis and to connect these families to a network of support in their grief.

“Our students from all over campus will be helping with the games,” Brickey said. “In fact, it is 100 percent planned by the nursing students, with faculty guidance.”

Brickey said that anyone wishing to offer their support can go to the Kentucky Christian University website www.kcu.edu/give and contribute a tax-deductible gift by accessing the drop down menu and selecting Ozzyfest. Those wishing to donate can also mail a check to Ozzyfest, payable to KCU, with Ozzyfest listed in the memo line.

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UPS plane aborts landing in Louisville after small plane crosses its runway in latest close call

By Josh Funk
AP Transportation Writer

A UPS cargo plane had to abort its landing in

Louisville last week when a small plane crossed the runway just as it approached.

The air traffic controller

yelled "Skylab 25, stop!" at the small plane before quickly ordering the UPS plane to pull up and perform a maneuver called a

go-around to avert another tragedy at Louisville's Muhammad Ali International Airport, which is a

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Vegetable from A-2

typically do not reach temperatures high enough to kill pathogens. Accelerate the rate of decomposition by turning compost piles at least once per month. Avoid adding fresh material to finished compost piles, as the new material will not break down in time for spring planting. Water should be added to very dry compost piles at turning to allow for more complete decomposition.

Keep Records

Whether using an app or a physical garden journal, keep track of disease and pest issues as they occur to help develop strategies to prevent or manage them. Also include details about cultivars and their performance, as well as weather patterns.

For more information on vegetable disease prevention, contact your local Carter County Extension office. Educational pro-

grams 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:

- Understanding Seed Packets & Beginning Gardening – April 29 @ Noon
- UK North Farm Forage Variety Trail Tour – May 1
- Little Sandy Beekeepers – May 5 @ 6:30 – Speaker: Dr. Amanda Skidmore, State Apiarist
- Hike & Learn – May 8 @ 1:00 @ Grayson Get-aways

CALENDAR

- **4/29: Understanding Seed Packets & Beginning Gardening @** 12 pm. | Carter County Extension Office
- **5/1: UK North Farm Forage Variety Trail Tour** | Call 474-6686 for more info.
- **5/1: Sit & Sew @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **5/4: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **5/4: Open Art Studio @** 10 a.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **5/4: Carter County Tourism @** 5:30 p.m. | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **5/5: Building Club @** 4 p.m. | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **5/5: Rattlesnake Ridge Water Distict Board meeting @** 4 p.m. | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **5/5: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @** 6:30 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office | Speaker: Dr. Amanda Skidmore, State Apiarist
- **5/7: Carter County Library Board @** 6 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **5/11: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **5/11: Open Art Studio @** 10 a.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **5/11: Game Night @** 5 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **5/11: Carter County Fiscal Court @** 6 p.m. | Carter County Courthouse

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



CITY OF GRAYSON

Throughout the months of March and April the Grayson Police Department will be conducting safety check points throughout roadways within the city limits, at pre-approved locations.

Rest from A-2

would rush you into. The enemy thrives in chaos. Rest brings clarity. And clarity exposes strategy. Many battles you think require effort require rest and discernment. If the enemy can keep you restless, he can keep you reckless. The enemy wins many battles simply by exhausting believers. Rest shuts down hundreds of unnecessary battles. Many battles will disappear when a person learns to rest. Sometimes the most spiritual thing you can do is refuse to live in constant urgency. The Bible teaches that true strength comes from God, not from human resources or willpower. It

UPS from A-3

major hub for UPS. The audio was posted online by www.LiveATC.net.

Just last November, a UPS plane crashed after an engine fell off as it was rolling down the runway to take off. The National Transportation Safety Board announced Thursday that it plans to hold two days of investigative hearings starting May 19 to learn more about why the crash that killed 14 people happened.

Fortunately, no one was hurt in this latest incident, which happened about 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, April 14.

Right after the cargo plane safely pulled up, the controller asked "Skylab 25, what are you doing?"

The pilot responded "Skylab 25, yeah, sorry about that."

The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating.

UPS said in a statement

emphasizes that believers should rely on God's strength rather than their own. We get our strength through prayer and the scriptures by faith receiving our rest from the Lord.

Amen! So be it!

JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests: Pastornaomi4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHopprayer. Services: 10am Sunday and Joyful Kids Class at 10:30am, 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm.

OBITUARY

Donald Ray Frazier 1942 – 2026



Donald Ray Frazier, age 83, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Monday, April 20, 2026, at UK King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

He was born Wednesday, August 19, 1942, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Edward "Ed" and Hazel Kiser Frazier.

Donald was a retired laborer from the brickyard, and was of Old Regular Baptist Faith. He enjoyed working as an auctioneer selling merchandise and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was proceeded in death by his loving wife of 58 years, Sharon Leadingham Frazier; one daughter, Paula Oney; two brothers, Kenny Frazier, Bud Frazier; one sister, Peggy Hignite and one grandchild, Michael Bawcum.

Donald is survived by three sons, Brian (Regina) Frazier of Grayson, Kentucky, Allen Frazier, Jamie (Renee) Frazier all of Grahns, Kentucky; one daughter, Rebecca (Ed) Kidd of Elliott County; 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren; one son-in-law, Jeff Oney of Raceland, Kentucky; one sister, Merline (Buck) Adams of Grahns, Kentucky; one brother-in-law, Oral Hignite of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Old Regular Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial followed in Frazier Family Cemetery on Aden Road in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026, and after 9 a.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Jamie Frazier, Allen Frazier, Brian Frazier, David Oney, Cody Frazier and Jason Chapman served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Donald Ray Frazier.

William "Bill" Ray Griffith 1931 – 2026



Family and friends of Bill Griffith are invited to a Celebration of Life and Memorial Service on Saturday, May 9th at 2:00 pm at the Willard Baptist Community Center. The Community Center is on Thompson Street behind the Baptist Church.

William (Bill) Ray Griffith, 94, formerly of Olive Hill, KY, died November 30, 2025 in Sunsites, AZ.

Bill was born May 12, 1931 to Obie H. and Celia Belle Stuart Griffith in Webbville, KY. He was the youngest of five children. Bill's wife of 56 years, Louise Glover Griffith, preceded him on June 13, 2022.

His sisters Martha Ellen Griffith Rucker and Oda Griffith Harrison and his brothers Obie E. Griffith and Roy H. Griffith also preceded him. Bill leaves behind multiple generations of nieces and nephews for whom he will always be known as "Uncle Bill".

Bill is survived by Louise's son Floyd Tom Carroll (Trisha) of Grayson, KY and their daughter Madison Kibbey (Matthew) of Carter City, KY. Madison and Matthew welcomed their son Cooper just a few days after Bill died.

His wife Anna treasures the memories of their time together. His cats Keely and Baby miss his hugs and the sound of his voice. Bill married Anna Nickell on March 25, 2023, and he moved to her home in Sunsites, a small village in Southeastern Arizona. He fulfilled his childhood dream of exploring the cowboy and Indian country that was popular in the movies during his school years.

Bill graduated as valedictorian from Webbville High School in 1949, the final year of classes

before the school burned. He attended Morehead University on a basketball scholarship.

In June of 1953, Bill became an apprentice in the Bricklayer's and Mason's International Union No. 7. Bill was a proud member of the union for more than 70 years.

An all-around athlete, Bill's interest in sports continued through his lifetime, both as a spectator and as a participant. Bill, a devoted fan of University of Kentucky basketball, proudly "bled blue". He was an award-winning golfer, and he enjoyed making custom golf clubs.

Bill was passionate about woodworking. He built kitchen cabinets and furniture, and Louise often worked with Bill in the workshop behind their home. Bill built an elaborate dollhouse for Madison, and Louise and Madison spent many happy hours together playing with Madison's dolls.

Bill received his commission as a Kentucky Colonel issued by former Kentucky Governor Bert Combs in 1963.

A true Renaissance Man, Bill's interests included literature, music, politics, sports, history, computers and genealogy. Throughout his life, he doted on his pets, including dogs, cats and other critters. He frequently quoted Mark Twain's "The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog".

Bill was one of a kind. He had strong opinions and high expectations for family and friends. Bill took to heart the message from the V Foundation and coach Jim Valvano. "Don't Give Up. Don't Ever Give Up!"

He revered Dr. Wilson Tang, MD, at the Cleveland Clinic and credited him for saving his life and for the twenty plus more years he had to enjoy time with friends and family.

Bill will be buried next to his beloved Louise at Bowen Chapel Cemetery, 21375 U.S. 60, Olive Hill, KY 41164.

You may honor Bill with donations to your favorite animal rescue organization or to the V Foundation-Victory Over Cancer. info@v.org

Retiring Kentucky AD Mitch Barnhart won't take new high-paying role at school

LEXINGTON (AP) — Retiring Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart won't take on a new high-paying role at the school after all, an announcement coming days after Gov. Andy Beshear questioned decision-making at the school that included Barnhart's move.

Barnhart and University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto issued statements Thursday confirming Barnhart wouldn't become the executive-in-residence for the UK Sport and Workforce Initiative. That job was set to pay Barnhart \$950,000 annually through August 2030, according to contract details.

"Mitch Barnhart came to me earlier this week to share his concern that the discussion surrounding his future role leading our sports workforce initiative has become a distraction from the work of our university," Capilouto said. "Mitch and his family care deeply about this institu-

tion and our state, and they want the focus to return to the work that matters most for our students and the Commonwealth."

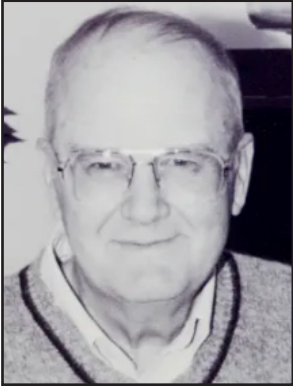
Barnhart will retire June 30 as AD, a role he had held since 2002 as the longest-serving athletic director in the Southeastern Conference. Capilouto said he will raise private funds — "not athletic funds, not funds that would go toward NIL opportunities or university funds," Capilouto said — to handle compensation for Barnhart's exit tied to his contract terms.

"Work has already begun on the Initiative but recently it has become apparent that now is not the right time and we would never stand in the way of what we deem best," Barnhart said.

On Tuesday, Beshear released a statement saying he is "losing confidence and growing increasingly concerned" about Barnhart's role and overall decision-making at UK.

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Donald Ray Skaggs 1939 – 2026



Donald Ray Skaggs, 87, of Webbville, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Saturday, February 18, 1939, a son of the late John and Monnie Ward Skaggs.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Marguerite Blair Skaggs; one sister, Sandra Rights; four half brothers, Nile, Woodrow, Homer and Hargis; and three half sisters,

Anna, Dixie and Peggy; best friend and nephew, Ronnie Bentley.

Don was a chemist. He managed several medical laboratories and co-founded a laboratory supply business until retirement.

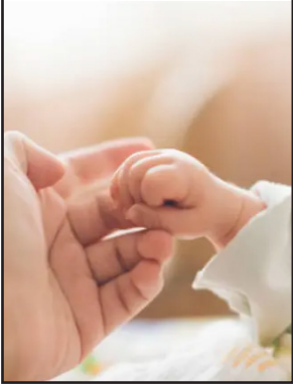
He was a member of Maranatha Bible Church in Webbville, Kentucky. He was an avid gardener and loved to watch UK football.

He is survived by two sons, Don (Arenja) Skaggs of Lexington, John (Marti) Skaggs of Webbville, Kentucky; one special nephew, Michael (Bouchra) Rights of Morocco; and many other family, friends and pets that will miss him.

There will be a private service to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Maranatha Bible Church.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Donald Ray Skaggs.

Rexton Allen Trout 2026 – 2026



Rexton Allen Trout, of Clearfield, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at UK King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

He was born April 15, 2026, in Boyd County, Kentucky, to Joseph Allen Trout and Shania Rene Ludwig.

Along with his parents, Rexton is survived by one brother, Joseph Michael Trout of Clearfield, Kentucky; one sister, Jacklynn Trout of Clearfield, Kentucky, and many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

There will be no service at this time per family's request.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Rexton Allen Trout.

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

Guest Editorial

The Supreme Court Got it Right . . . & Wrong

Kentucky Press Association

A recent ruling by the Kentucky Supreme Court has opened the door for your government to do business behind closed doors . . . so long as they do it with their personal cell phones.

In a move that sent shockwaves through open government advocacy groups, the state’s highest court voted 4-2 in ruling that the Open Door Law in Kentucky does not cover communication if it occurs on a personal cell phone or personal email.

That means, in its simplest terms, that your elected representatives can do the peoples’ business completely shielded from the public simply be calling each other on their own phones.

To be fair, the Supreme Court said that this is a legislative issue and not a judicial one. Justice Kelly Thomas was quoted as saying it is not the court’s job to legislate – and he went on to say that if the Legislature wants to make a law to stop government officials from doing business behind closed doors on personal cell phones or through emails then the Legislature could do so.

We agree.

However, the unintended consequence here might well be a flurry of activity taking place in a back room on a cell phone.

Think of it like this: Your teen-age daughter asks if it’s OK for her boyfriend to come over to study. You say sure. Once he arrives, she tells you they are going to go upstairs to her room. It doesn’t feel great but you say OK because she always leaves the door open. A little later though, you walk by and the door is closed.

It doesn’t matter what’s going on behind that closed door – it no longer feels good as all sorts of thoughts race through your mind.

That’s what this ruling does. It takes decades of good governance done in the bright sunshine and casts shade on it.

We understand the court not wanting to write legislation. So now we urge those legislators to take the ball the court tossed them and run with it . . . into the daylight.

Big problem, but a simple fix

By Jay Nolan
Nolan Group Media

Your right to know what your public officials are saying and doing was recently gutted by the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Overtuning a lower court decision, in a 4 to 2 ruling on Thursday, April 23rd the court determined that the Kentucky Open Records Act does not apply to individual officials of a public agency, if they are using their personal devices, such as cell phones, even for public business.

The four justices said the nearly 50-year-old Open Records Act only applies to agencies when they act “as a whole body.”

It is very easy for public officials, from our local magistrates and mayors to the governor himself, to use a personal cell phone. After this ruling, just by using their cell phone, any official can legally hide their communications about official public issues from us all. Obviously, that’s a big problem!

Writing in sharp dissent to the court’s ruling, Justice Shea Nickell accurately stated such a “categorical exclusion” could “eviscerate” open records laws. And noted it could encourage officials to use private devices specifically to hide public business. We agree.

Transparency and openness build trust. This Supreme Court ruling further erodes what little trust many of us have left in our government.

In its majority opinion, written by Justice Kelly Thompson, the court noted if this is to change, the state legislature must pass new laws.

So, let’s all encourage our legislators to please pass a law that says: Public business can’t be discussed on private devices and platforms, and if it is, it is subject to public disclosure. Proposed by the Society of Professional journalist, Bluegrass chapter, this is a simple fix to a big problem.

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There will be no real losers in Carter County’s May primary

By early evening on Tuesday, May 19, the votes will have been counted and the campaign signs will begin to disappear from roadsides and yards. Carter County’s May Primary 2026 will go into the history books.

As is always the case, only one candidate can win each contested race.

For those whose vote totals fall short of the mark, please hold your head up and be proud of the fact that you were able and willing to seek public office.

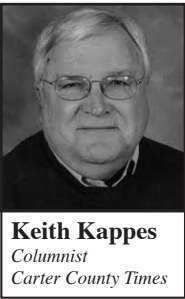
You, your family members and friends worked hard and you hopefully played by the rules.

Depending on your personal circumstances, you may yet get another opportunity to offer yourself to serve your community.

The old and new political history of our nation is filled with examples of office seekers who went down but rose again to be victorious.

President Abraham Lincoln lost two races for the U.S. Senate in Illinois before being elected twice as the 16th president of our great nation. President Trump won in 2016, lost in 2020 but won again in 2024.

Many candidates say they finish campaigns with



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

more friends than they started with and with a deeper appreciation of the political process.

To those candidates who finish on top, we urge you to be gracious in victory.

To those who will experience the disappointment of loss, I offer these immortal words of President Theodore Roosevelt:

“The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; . . .who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

NOTE – I proudly dedicate this commentary to the memory of my friend, former Carter County Clerk Mike Johnston, who died last month while serving his fifth term in office. He was a winner in every sense of the word.

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Conspiracies, opportunism, or incompetence?

Contrary to what you may believe, this column isn’t dedicated to hating Donald Trump. I do not like giving him the space on the page or in my brain. The problem is, his administration does stuff every week that warrants critical observation and the calling of truth to power. And yet again, we’re here.

Before someone sends an email saying that I’m not in touch with the working class or whatever, the current approval ratings are dismal, hovering below 39%, depending on who your propaganda source may be.

Folks were fooled once with the whole ear thing. We got the photo that gets slapped on cheap, made-in-China t-shirts and flags, and they use it as a rallying cry. Folks fell for it; but you don’t hear much about Thomas Crooks, the shooter, do you? Sure, they got him at the scene, but once they put a bullet in the kid’s head, we don’t have exactly a trove of information to parse.

And now we’ve got another “attempt,” and people believe this? Let me tell you, back in the day, I worked at the Chicago Board of Trade, a fresh-faced kid out of journalism school – I was working on the trading pit floor. This was 2003, and George W. Bush came to visit. And let me tell you, there was so much security, it took us an hour to get through the wands, the x-ray machines, and the windows were taken out for sniper perches. It was intense. And now, the Secret Service has dropped the ball three times?

You can’t help but think about it: a wildly unpopular war, tariffs that have done nothing but hurt the consumer, gas prices still high, the Epstein file nightmare (still an albatross around his neck), and now,



Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

his eyesore of a ballroom gets the push because these other Washington institutions are now unsafe?

And that’s the beat folks keep looking past. This isn’t about liking or hating one guy. It’s about a system that feels like it’s shattering in real time. When nearly two-thirds of Americans say they’re living paycheck to paycheck, when consumer prices are still up close to 20% over the last few years, and when even basic trust in government hovers around 20%, you’re not dealing with a fringe problem—you’re dealing with a baseline screwed-up condition.

I work constantly. Day job. Night job. Freelance. This computer never stops going. And you know what? I’m one missed paycheck from everything collapsing. I want you to know if you’re reading this, and you’re there too, you’re not alone in that predicament.

That pressure doesn’t go away. It warps how people see everything. Whether it’s real or not, it makes every headline feel like a setup, every crisis feel staged, every explanation feel incomplete. Not because everyone’s lost their minds, but because the ground underneath them feels like quicksand. And yet, here comes this thing to make us look away from our bank accounts, that the brass is unsafe? Hey MAGA, “do your own research” as you like to say. But the ballroom will get pushed through and you’ll still be shopping at the Dollar Store for Friday night’s dinner.

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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.

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

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

Deadlines

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

ECHS Band receives Distinguished rating from KMEA

GRAYSON – On Friday April 24, the East Carter High School Concert band participated in KMEA District 8 Large Ensemble Performance Assessment. For this event, the band prepares two selections and performs them for a panel of three judges. Elements that the judges are grading include tone quality, intonation, interpretation, technique, rhythm, balance, stage presence, and other factors. After performing for the judges, the band goes to another room and plays a piece of music they’ve never seen before. This sight-reading score is added to the previous three ratings, and an overall rating is awarded. Once again the Raider Band received a Distinguished rating from all four judges. This is the highest rating that can be attained. Selections performed this year were Excelsior! by James Curnow and An Irish Legend featuring a trumpet solo by Landon Newell. The judging panel this year included Dean Marotta, David Ratliff, Ben Walker, and Chris Whelan. The band will present their spring concert May 7, at the East Carter High School gym, at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.



(submitted photo)

Judge postpones OxyContin-maker Purdue Pharma's sentencing to let opioid victims attend in person

By Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press

A judge on Tuesday delayed the criminal sentencing of OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma in order to allow victims to attend the court proceeding in person. U.S. District Judge Madeline Cox Arleo originally planned to hand down the sentence Tuesday during a court hearing conducted only by videoconferencing. But she said she changed her mind after seeing some victims of the opioid crisis protesting outside her courthouse in Newark, New Jersey. She said they should be allowed to attend in person, too, and moved the hearing to next Tuesday. When it happens, Arleo is expected to order the company to forfeit \$225 million to the Justice Department, clearing the way for the company to finalize a settlement of nearly all of the thousands of lawsuits it faces over its role in the opioid crisis. The penalty was agreed to in a 2020 pact to resolve federal civil and criminal probes it was facing. If the judge signs off, other penalties will not be collected in return for Purdue settling the other lawsuits. After years of legal twists and turns, the settlement was approved by another judge last year and Purdue said it could still be effective May 1 if the sentence is given on the scheduled date. The set-

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CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Carter County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 4 through May 18, 2026. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January I, 2026, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2026 will be due about September 15, 2026.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference. More specific instructions regarding how conferences will be held this year are available online at www.carterpva.com and will be posted at the entrance to the PVA's office, located at: 300 W Main St, Suite 214, Grayson Kentucky (old courthouse).

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

1. Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of their property.
2. Taxpayer must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
3. This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
4. The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

/s/ Leslie Kiser-Roseberry
Property Valuation Administrator
Carter County

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 178.050 there will be a Public Hearing on May 18, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the Fiscal Courtroom for the removal of W.C. Gilbert Rd from County Road Maintenance.

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Barnhart from A-4

"My concerns include the creation of a new \$1 million job that has no defined duties," Beshear said in the statement, "and the announcement that the new dean of law was the only candidate not recommended by law school faculty."

AP college sports: <https://apnews.com/hub/college-sports>

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report				
Compared to last week feeder steers sold mostly steady to 5.00 lower. Feeder heifers were 2.00 to 5.00 lower with good demand for all classes. Yearling steers and heifers sold unevenly steady ranging from 4.00 lower to 4.00 higher with good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls were reported mostly steady to 2.00 lower with good demand.				
Week ending 4/25/26				
Courtesy of https://www.kyagr.com/				
Steers (M&L 1-2)		This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs		574.59	607.94	423.46
400-450 lbs		529.81	554.45	407.56
450-500 lbs		514.92	529.58	383.85
500-550 lbs		477.30	490.20	363.16
550-600 lbs		453.91	469.52	348.48
600-650 lbs		420.50	424.25	325.10
650-700 lbs		403.24	406.43	314.32
700-750 lbs		379.32	383.09	295.95
750-800 lbs		357.71	365.12	282.32
800-850 lbs		349.11	352.48	269.56
850-900 lbs		330.11	333.91	261.19
Heifers (M&L 1-2)				
300-350 lbs		535.54	536.05	372.78
350-400 lbs		520.46	512.01	379.12
400-450 lbs		480.53	479.23	353.95
450-500 lbs		455.39	459.60	343.31
500-550 lbs		424.56	425.35	322.01
550-600 lbs		394.82	403.14	312.09
600-650 lbs		369.46	375.08	287.15
650-700 lbs		351.24	363.14	277.52
700-750 lbs		334.15	341.30	256.61
750-800 lbs		329.76	332.57	248.58
Slaughter Cows				
Breakers	Average	150.00-183.00	166.00-235.00	150.00-174.50
	High	145.00-190.00	164.00-225.00	120.00-172.00
	Low	128.00-167.50	151.00-205.00	112.50-158.00
Slaughter Bulls				
Yield Grade 1&2	Average	187.00-220.00	205.50-249.00	150.00-199.00
	High			
Apr 26, 2026 Bowling Green, KY				
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 147				
Kids-Selection 1 54 lbs 500.00; 73 lbs 380.00. Selection 1-2 83 lbs 305.00.				
Selection 2 51 lbs 500.00 58. Selection 2-3 50-52 lbs 280.00-305.00; 65 lbs 285.00.				
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 937				
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 54 lbs 360.00; 65-66 lbs 360.00-365.00; 73-78 lbs 360.00-395.00; 89 lbs 350.00; 108 lbs 330.00. Woolled-Choice & Prime 1-2 53-59 lbs 377.50-385.00; 67 lbs 375.00; 75-76 lbs 350.00-365.00; 88 lbs 330.00; 105 lbs 355.00; 120 lbs 300.00.				
GRAINS		This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn		4.35-4.95	4.23-4.86	4.69-5.00
Soybeans		10.80-12.15	10.69-12.04	9.80-10.83
Red Winter Wheat		5.27-6.20	5.12-6.02	4.55-5.40

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Sherry's retirement reception will be held at the Interchange Branch in Grayson on Friday, May 1st, from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

The bank invites everyone to stop by for refreshments and to wish Sherry well on her retirement.

Commercial Bank of Grayson

Venue from A-1

over time, she said, was that the third largest group of purchasers (Ashland being first and Ironton Ohio residents being the second largest) were from Grayson. Canfield said this trend was consistent and had been so at least since 2018 when she became part of Paramount Inc.

“What this tells us is that Grayson likes our programming. And that folks in Grayson want to attend more events like the ones PAC Inc. puts together. Our interest is to be able to continue to do that in Grayson,” Canfield said. “And we want to have the

opportunity to partner with Grayson Tourism to improve economic development in the community and bring in more tourists.”

Canfield said she hoped to bring in both tourists that commute and those who choose to stay overnight in the Grayson area.

“If you look at the market snapshot, one of the things that makes Grayson so appealing is that it is a perfect route from Nashville, Tennessee as national touring artists are heading through to Cincinnati or Columbus, Ohio,” Canfield told the council. “It’s a natural extension.”

Canfield went on to explain the location they had tentatively chosen for the venue, a building located near Kee’s Farm Service on the outskirts of Grayson. Canfield said that it was an ideal location for the new venue, with a standing room only capacity (SRO) of 1,300. She said the nearest comparable venue was Manchester Music Hall in Lexington.

PAC had been in contact with the owner of the venue, Vernon Messer, but had waited to finalize whether there would be a purchase or lease of the venue until after the proj-

ect itself had been committed to by the Grayson City Council and the Grayson Tourism Commission. The initial cost of the proposed venue, which would include renovation, was set at \$500,000, with the costs borne by the Grayson Tourism Commission and possibly the City of Grayson.

The council received the information from PAC Inc. and from members of the Grayson Tourism Commission, but no decision

was made at the meeting.

“The City Council has to assess our needs and what we are capable of,” Combs said after the discussion. “I think we are in a strong financial position, but we need to do that. And I think that at this time, all we can do is take it into consideration.”

Combs said that the city council passes their budget (which includes the tourism commission’s budget) in June, and between now and then the city would

know what was possible concerning the proposal.

In other, related business the city council voted to open a new bank account specifically for the restaurant tax. The new account could be considered as a book keeping aid, which will help the city to better maintain records of the restaurant tax collected in the city.

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Opioid from A-6

tlement requires members of the Sackler family who own the company to pay up to \$7 billion to state, local and Native American tribal governments, some individual victims and others.

A sentence years in the making

Purdue pleaded guilty to three federal criminal charges in November 2020.

The Stamford, Connecticut-based company admitted that it did not have an effective program to keep its powerful prescription painkillers from being diverted to the black market, even though it told the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that it did.

It also admitted that it paid doctors through a speakers program to prescribe the drugs and paid an electronic medical records company to send doctors information on patients that encouraged more opioid prescriptions.

Although Purdue produced only a fraction of the opioid pills that flooded the market in the 2000s, advocates have long seen aggressive sales of OxyContin as one of the touchstones of the crisis. At a 1996 event to rally Purdue’s sales force, Richard Sackler, then a top Purdue executive and later president of the company, called for a “blizzard of prescriptions.”

While Purdue is expected to pay \$225 million, the government agreed in the plea deal not to collect \$5.3 billion in criminal forfeitures and fines and \$2.8 billion in civil liabilities. Instead, portions of that money are considered part of the broader settlement — and the federal government will receive a small slice of that.

Up to \$7 billion from Sackler family members

The broader settlement calls for members of the

Sackler family who own the company to contribute up to \$7 billion over 15 years. Most of the money is to go to government entities to use to fight the opioid crisis.

It’s among the largest in a series of settlements by drugmakers, wholesalers and pharmacies in recent years — and the only major one that includes payments for some individual victims or their survivors.

Together, the settlements are worth more than \$50 billion, and most of the money is to be used to address the overdose epidemic.

Under the Purdue deal, members of the Sackler family would be shielded from lawsuits over opioids from those who agree to the payments.

Purdue itself would cease to exist and be replaced by a new company, Knoa Pharma, which would operate for the public benefit and have a board appointed by the states.

The reorganization is considered one of the most complicated ever. By the end of last year, Purdue had paid law firms and other professionals working on all sides of the case more than \$1 billion, according to a court filing.

The sentencing doesn’t include the company’s owners

Members of the Sackler family have long been cast as villains in the opioid crisis, seeking to increase profits even as it became clear people were becoming addicted to OxyContin and overdosing.

But no members of the family were charged.

Family members received \$10.7 billion in payments from Purdue from 2008 to 2018 -- with nearly half of it used to pay taxes on behalf of Purdue. They have not been paid by the company

since 2018 — and the last of the family members left Purdue’s board in 2019.

Under the settlement, they would not object if their names are removed from museums and other institutions they’ve supported — something that’s already happening.

Some victims want people prosecuted

More than 54,000 people with personal injury claims against Purdue voted to accept the settlement, and 218 voted against it.

Still, some victims and their family members have been pushing back for years, asserting that the settlement and the guilty plea stop short of justice for victims of a crisis that has been linked to 900,000 deaths in the U.S. since 1999.

The sentencing will give them another chance to make that case.

Outside the courthouse Tuesday, Stacy Schwab said she was dependent on OxyContin 20 years ago, that opioids killed one family member, and that another is struggling with addiction and insurance doesn’t cover the treatment she needs. That makes Schwab furious at Sackler family members.

“My family just doesn’t have the money to pay for private treatment for her, while they’re sitting on billions of dollars,” Schwab said.

Like others, she said it’s good that the judge is giving victims a chance to be heard.

Meanwhile Tuesday, a lawyer filed a request that the federal government’s expected \$225 million be used for victims’ medical care.

Associated Press reporters Alanna Durkin Richer and Emily Wang contributed to this article.

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