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Welcome to Vandalia!

Renaissance
and Fantasy
Faire coming to
Carter County

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

October will see Carter County play host to its first renaissance fair. The event will take place at the Shrine Park in Olive Hill, Kentucky, and will feature all things medieval – historic and fantastic. The Vandalia Renaissance & Fantasy Faire will feature a medieval village, performers, and historic trade demonstrations along with

everything faire patrons have come to expect. This includes armored combat and jousts, an artisan market, and of course food.

“Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to be added to our contact list of volunteers,” Faire organizer Joe Suttles posted on his Facebook page while calling out to everyone in the region who enjoys all things medieval. Suttles said he can also be emailed at vandaliarenfaire@gmail.com.

“There are a lot of things you can learn on our website,” Suttles said. “And we are still taking applications for vendors and traditional trade skill demonstrators.”

Among the skilled volunteers Suttles said they need are a candle dipper and wool spinner, and potentially a butter churner. Vandalia is also still taking sponsors for the October event, and tickets are currently on sale. They’ll also be at other local events to answer questions about, and spread awareness of, the Kingdom of Vandalia.

“We will be set up at the Carter County Fair from Tuesday, August 11 through Saturday August 15,” Suttles said. “We will be there in costume from 5 to 10 pm, and there will be photo op props like a pillory stocks, thrones, and paper crowns.”

Another thing Suttles said

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Individuals involved with planning the faire participate in the Memory Days parade. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

If you bring it, they will come

Ink & Ivy mobile
bookstore brings
the experience
to you

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Brittany Ludwig said she has always loved books, even in the era when so much literature is delivered electronically. While Ludwig has nothing against electronic readers such as Kindle, and in fact enjoys using them herself, she said there is nothing quite like holding a printed book in your hand.

“Everyone has their preferences,” Ludwig said. “And

some people like both electronic and paper books. I even know people who will buy a digital copy of a book, then buy the hard copy as well to collect and display.”

The true challenge, she said, isn’t how an individual prefers the story to be delivered, but rather are they able to get to where the books are sold. It isn’t always easy to get into a town with a book seller. The solution, she said, was for Ludwig and Lisa Stevens to start a mobile bookstore and save Grayson area readers the trip. The idea took shape and the Ink & Ivy Mobile bookstore set up for the first time in June this year in downtown Grayson.

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Brittany Ludwig and Ashley Stevens of the Ink & Ivy mobile bookstore (Submitted photos)

The stroke of a brush

The Lovely Brush
by Ashley host Rt
60 pop-up sale

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Art has become more than Ashley McGlone’s hobby; it’s grown into a business she loves to share with the community. McGlone’s The Lovely Brush by Ashley is located on the Grayson side of Star Hill in Carter County complete with pink flags and yard cards.

“I’ll be putting out balloons this week,” McGlone said. “So, if people drive by, they will definitely be able to find me.”

The Lovely Brush by Ashley

will be hosting a pop-up event this weekend to coincide with the Route 60 Yard Sale, and it will be the first event she has done.

“I started the Lovely Brush at the beginning of this year,” McGlone said. “I was inspired by my two-year-old son. When we were having his second birthday party, I saw that the hand painted banners were getting super popular. And I thought that I could do that. So, I did my first banner, and I fell in love with it.”

McGlone said after the first banner was made, she decided to do more. The banners she made were of different materials, both paper and fabric. And from those early efforts she progressed to other types of paintings and just fell in love with the whole process.

“I started face painting,” McGlone said. “During my face painting journey, I have met so many people. And I have had so much support from individuals and other businesses.”

McGlone said she has worked for churches, at birthday parties, and made banners for parades and for the local business Silver Spur Ink, all of whom supported her greatly, she said.

The support she received made McGlone realize that she wanted to give back to everyone who had given her that support. It was at that point where she began thinking of doing the popup style event, she said.

“I wanted to give back,” she said. “And I realized that even though I didn’t have a lot, I did

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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.

- Nicholas Herron, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked July 27.
- Jason Brown, 46, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked July 27.
- Diana Layne, 53, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked July 28.
- Ryan Bromwell, 41, of Olive

Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of no or expired registration plates, careless driving, first degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), second degree fleeing or evading police (on foot), first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), no or expired registration receipt, failure to maintain required insurance, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle on a revoked operator’s license, and second degree criminal mischief, arrested and booked July 28.

- Rodney Clevenger, 49, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a probation violation for a technical violation, arrested and booked July 28.
- Jacqueline McClurg, 43, of

Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of violating a Kentucky Emergency Protection Order/Domestic Violence Order, and four counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked July 28.

- Charles Callihan, 58, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked July 29.
- Charles Bond, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree promotion of contraband, and first degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), arrested and booked July 29.
- Crystal Williams, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fines, or fees, arrested and booked July

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This Week’s Obituaries

Jeffrey Lee Hamilton, 69
Ida "Faye" James Littleton, 87

Walker Lee Wolf, 4 mo.

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LIFESTYLE



The easiest elegant dessert you'll make all summer

The first time I saw panna cotta, I wasn't entirely sure what I was looking at.

There on the plate was this perfectly smooth, glossy little dessert. It wasn't pudding. It wasn't custard. It certainly didn't look like gelatin. Then I took a bite.

If Jell-O and vanilla ice cream had a love child, this would be it. And I would eat it.

Panna cotta is one of those desserts that looks far more sophisticated than it is. The name is Italian for "cooked cream," which is a wonderfully straightforward description of something that tastes so luxurious.

At its simplest, panna cotta is cream, sugar and gelatin, usually flavored with vanilla. Unlike traditional custard, there are no

eggs to temper and no water bath to deal with. Gelatin does the structural work, setting the cream just enough that it holds its shape while remaining soft, silky and impossibly creamy.

And in the middle of summer, that's exactly the sort of dessert we want.

Panna cotta is made ahead and served thoroughly chilled, so there's no last-minute cooking when the kitchen already feels like the surface of Mercury. Make it in individual ramekins, glasses or little jars, refrigerate until set, then dress it up just before serving.

Fresh berries are lovely, but don't stop there. Top it with a fruit compote, drizzle with chocolate or caramel, scatter shaved chocolate across the top or add peaches, mango, pineapple or passion fruit. A little citrus adds brightness to all that glorious cream.

Best of all, panna cotta has that rare culinary superpower: It makes people think you've done considerably more work than you actually have. And that's divine.

PANNA COTTA

Yield: 4 to 6 Servings

Total Time: 4 hours 20 mins.

1 1/2 cups cold whole milk

1 envelope (1/4 ounce) unflavored gelatin

1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream

1/3 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest, optional

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla bean paste with seeds (or 2 teaspoons vanilla extract)

For serving: Fresh peaches, berries, cherries and/or mint leaves, optional

Bloom the gelatin: Pour the cold milk into a medium saucepan. Sprinkle the gelatin evenly over the surface, then whisk to combine. Let stand 5 minutes. The gelatin will swell and the milk may look curdled. Don't panic; it's supposed to look like that.

Place the saucepan over medium-low heat and whisk gently until the gelatin has completely dissolved and the mixture looks like milk again. (milk = no lumps.)

Do not allow the mixture to simmer or boil; excessive heat can weaken gelatin's setting power.

Add the cream, sugar, lemon zest and salt. Warm gently, stirring, until the sugar has completely dissolved. Do not boil.

Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla bean paste or extract. Let stand 10 minutes to allow the flavors to mingle.



This silky Italian dessert looks like you fussed. Panna cotta is happy to keep your secret. (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

Pour the mixture into a large bowl or measuring pitcher, preferably clear if using vanilla bean paste. Refrigerate, uncovered, for about 1 hour, stirring well after 30 and 45 minutes and scraping down the sides. This allows the mixture to thicken slightly so all those lovely vanilla seeds stay suspended instead of staging a mass migration to the bottom.

After about 1 hour, the panna cotta should have the consistency of heavy cream, and the vanilla seeds should remain suspended after stirring.

Divide evenly among serving glasses or ramekins. Refrigerate at least 4 hours, or preferably overnight, until set.

Top with fresh fruit and mint,

if desired.

Serve it after dinner on the patio, perhaps with a glass of prosecco, and for a few glorious minutes you can pretend you're spending a summer evening in Italy.

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

Small things

Paperclips, buttons, the earring you can't find the mate to, loose keys, and other small things we stumble upon in our homes often end up in a very special drawer we call the 'Junk Drawer.' We all have one because some things just don't have another place to be or it's much easier to put them in that drawer. Now, this place can get quite out-of-control and way too full, so it's a good idea to take a look inside to see what's

there and hopefully reduce the clutter.



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

Because, when it's time to check it out, oh, what a surprise! Not only are all the things we remember putting there still there, but so much more. So, now what? First, dump the contents onto a towel covered table or counter. Then start separating every item into piles of like things. Next, look for things that can be stored in other locations. For instance; there may be a container of paperclips on a desk or maybe you found

the match to that missing earring.

A junk drawer is a necessity, and some things live better in that space. Twist ties and rubber bands can be placed in small baggies and stored there. Cords can be bound to save space or use drawer organizers for all those loose batteries, hair ties, and change. Whatever your junk drawer contains will need to be checked on every now and again, and when you do you may find something you forgot you even had. Exploring your junk drawer can be an eye opener. So, dump and enjoy the experience.

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

Joyful Noise

God waits!

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell
for Carter County Times

“God waits to be wanted. The man who would truly know God must give time to Him.” – A.W. Tozer

What comes into our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us. The true Christian ideal is not to be happy but to be holy. The Holy Spirit never enters a person and lets them live

like the world. You can be sure of that. The Lord Jesus Christ is enough. I don't want a watered-down Christianity. If you do not worship God seven days a week, you do not worship Him on one day a week. To desire revival and at the same time to neglect prayer and devotion is to wish one way and walk another.

People who are crucified with Christ have three distinct marks. They can

never turn back. They no longer have plans of their own. Modern religion focuses upon filling churches with people. The true gospel emphasizes filling people with God.

The enemy doesn't have to destroy your future if he can distract you from your present. He will convince you to compare your life, chase someone else's calling, or keep waiting for a better opportunity while the one God has already placed in front of you goes unnoticed. But purpose isn't found someday – it grows in the

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Extension Notes

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Growing seed and opportunity: UK launches Appalachian Seed Entrepreneurship Project with \$1.7M ARC grant

LEXINGTON — The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has awarded the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) a \$1.7 million grant to strengthen local food systems and expand seed-based entrepreneurship across Eastern Kentucky. The three-year project, "Strengthening Local Food Systems Through Production of Appalachian Seed Crops," launched in early May and will run through April 2029.

The project, administered through the Department of Horticulture at Martin-Gatton CAFE, supports prospective or existing commercial seed producers. The goal is to help them improve production practices, increase profitability, enter new markets and preserve culturally significant Appalachian seed stocks, such as “grandma’s greasy beans,” which reflect generations of family seed saving and community exchange in Appalachia.

“Production of heritage

seed crops is more than an agricultural practice — it's a living link to the history, identity and resilience of Appalachian communities,” said Cindy Finneseth, Extension specialist for community horticulture and project lead. “Many families have lost irreplaceable heirloom seeds, such as during recent Eastern Kentucky floods. This project helps restore that heritage while creating new entrepreneurial opportunities.”

In addition to helping seed producers start or grow their businesses, the project aims to generate and retain jobs across the Appalachian region and

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Rebecca Konopka
Carter County
Extension Agent



Grow Appalachia's Steph Hamborsky, right, shows a Seed Farming and Entrepreneurship Workshop participant how a tabletop seed cleaner works at the University of Kentucky Robinson Center. Photo by Rhonda Linkous.

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report			
Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold 4.00 to 8.00 lower with instances to sharply lower. Yearling steers and heifers were trending firm with limited comparable receipts. Demand was mostly moderate throughout the week with best interest for long weaned and pre-conditioned packages and groups which were in good demand. Reporters cite the unseasonably warm temperatures and high humidity as contributing to the weaker overall demand for feeder calves. Slaughter cows and bulls were unevenly steady with reports ranging from 2.00 lower to 2.00 higher showing good demand for all slaughter classes.			
Courtesy of https://www.kyagr.com/		Week ending 8/1/26	
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	514.89	503.77	413.27
400-450 lbs	465.49	485.84	406.42
450-500 lbs	457.11	466.30	391.82
500-550 lbs	415.12	425.18	368.69
550-600 lbs	397.00	412.10	370.70
600-650 lbs	386.07	402.70	356.30
650-700 lbs	366.21	378.24	335.90
700-750 lbs	360.62	355.39	326.77
750-800 lbs	340.01	345.26	323.04
800-850 lbs	319.79	324.02	316.90
850-900 lbs	309.74	313.28	306.15
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	428.84	442.61	375.29
350-400 lbs	420.68	444.33	381.48
400-450 lbs	405.79	428.56	366.79
450-500 lbs	391.54	412.48	356.24
500-550 lbs	371.73	387.71	339.97
550-600 lbs	352.14	377.22	336.38
600-650 lbs	341.10	348.22	323.49
650-700 lbs	328.90	333.33	309.11
700-750 lbs	320.64	308.62	287.13
750-800 lbs	310.02	308.01	281.79
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	Average 163.50-189.00	High 173.00-208.00	Low 150.00-175.00
Boners	140.00-191.00	174.00-218.00	135.00-179.00
Lean	115.00-183.00	160.00-192.50	100.00-167.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	Average 193.00-230.00	High 220.00-253.00	Low 170.00-212.00
Jul 23, 2026 Bowling Green, KY			
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 250			
Kids-Selection 1 54 lbs 352.50; 66 lbs 340.00; 93 lbs 340.00.			
Selection 2 53 lbs 320.00; 66 lbs 290.00; 83 lbs 275.00; 105 lbs 360.00.			
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 617			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 53-55 lbs 325.00-335.00; 67-68 lbs 300.00-310.00; 75-77 lbs 295.00-300.00; 89 lbs 270.00; 90 lbs 275.00; 107 lbs 205.00.			
Choice 2 50-57 lbs 315.00-325.00; 66 lbs 300.00; 76 lbs 270.00; 85 lbs 235.00.			
Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2 54 lbs 280.00; 71-77 lbs 277.50-280.00; 96 lbs 220.00			
GRAINS			
Corn	This Week 4.12-4.90	Prior Week 4.21-4.97	Last Year 3.88-4.44
Soybeans	10.97-12.51	11.34-12.94	9.12-9.83
Red Winter Wheat	5.54-6.47	5.93-6.91	4.19-5.03

Arrests from A-1

29.

- Kayla Lewis, 37, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked July 29.
- Devin Adkins, 30, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, and on charges of receiving stolen property valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, and theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, arrested and booked July 29.
- Misty Griffith, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, third degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), controlled substance prescription not in original container, and no operator’s license, arrested and booked July 29.
- Shane Caudill, 43, of Rush, arrested by Carter Circuit Court Family Division, on a charge of contempt of court, arrested and booked July 30.
- Drew Zirkle, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of failure to pay support, arrested and booked July 30.
- Jessica George, 44, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked July 30.
- Danielle Sparks, 39, of Sandy Hook, arresting agency unavailable, on a charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition/ shoplifting, arrested and booked July 30.
- Gerald Porter, 43, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, on charges of failure to produce an insurance card, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, and first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), arrested and booked July 31.
- Joseph Dye, 31, of Danville, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle,

arrested and booked July 31.

- Rodney Gilbert, 55, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked July 31.
- Everett Hicks, 68, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of first degree criminal mischief, arrested and booked July 31.
- Dalton Whitt, 27, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of contempt of court, arrested and booked July 31.
- Charles Kouns, 55, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked July 31.
- David Harlow, 48, of Grayson, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked July 31.
- Clint Caudill, 35, of Hitchins, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked July 31.
- William Adams, 49, of Paintsville, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked August 1.
- Lonnie Cole, Jr., 25, of Morehead, arrested by

Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked August 1.

- Zachary McMasters, 21, of Charleston, WV, arrested by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place, and non-approved, insufficient, or no personal floatation device, arrested and booked August 1.
- Jackson Stewart, 20, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of reckless driving, arrested and booked August 2.
- Rodney Stephens, 48, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked August 2.

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.

Vandalia from A-1

he is excited about for the Renaissance Faire is the fact that Dallas Black of Morehead will be the Theatre Director for the Faire, and is partnering with Debbie Harmon of Olive Hill to bring "Commedia Dell’Arte" traditional Italian Renaissance improv theater to the weekend. Along with this, there will be some interactive characters who will also be roaming the faire.

“A recent addition I am particularly excited about, is Dr. Roma Prindle who just retired as the lead Professor of Voice at MSU,” Suttles said. “She has scouted us a young, beautiful, and most of all highly talented soprano, Alura Schaum who will

be thrilling us all with a few dramatic opera performances.”

“The faire opens that Friday (October 9) at 9 am,” Suttles said. “And we will be expecting waves of children on school field trips. The entire faire is all age friendly, but particularly the first five hours. Gates will close at 6pm for the general public, after dark entertainment begins at 7pm both Friday and Saturday. Both nights entertainment involve fire and glow in the dark arts and attractions. After dark is VIP ticket holders only.”

“On Sunday (October 11) the gates are open from 10 am until 8 pm, and the last three hours (5-8pm) will be the Vandalia Royal Homecoming Ball,”

Suttles added. “Tickets for the Royal Homecoming Ball are separate at that time, or free with a regular day or weekend pass.”

“We will be encouraging attendees to wear Medieval or Renaissance or Fantasy outfits,” he said. “But we also encourage the ladies to wear their Prom/ Homecoming gowns for an unforgettable night bringing all of Carter County together to dance and make merry, in celebrating our history and togetherness.”

Suttles encourages everyone to check out all the information available at VandaliaRenFaire.com. The website and the Facebook page are regularly updated with

what will be available at the Faire, and also lists what types of volunteers are needed. Suttles said everyone wishing to volunteer is welcome, as are those wanting to set up shop as vendors.

Blacksmithing, weaving, leatherworking, and candle making are always popular, Suttles said. Other vendors and makers needed are those who are involved in block printing, broom making, falconry, spinning, and glass blowing. Flute making and calligraphy are always a welcome addition as well, he said, and anything with a medieval or historic flavor.

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Seed from A-2

support outreach activities — increasing awareness and demand for locally produced seed.

Project partners include Grow Appalachia at Berea College, Community Farm Alliance, Kentucky Horticulture Council, Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, and Organic Association of Kentucky.

Practical, commercial seed training

As part of the project’s launch, the UK Cooperative Extension Service and Berea’s Grow Appalachia hosted the Seed Farming and Entrepreneurship Workshop on July 9 at the UK Robinson Center in Jackson, Kentucky.

The free, interactive workshop was designed for farmers, growers and technical service providers interested in exploring seed farming as an additional enterprise.

Finneseth led sessions on the basics of seed entrepreneurship, including regulations, business con-

siderations and required equipment.

Participants then rotated through skill-building stations focused on seed processing and cleaning, seedborne disease prevention and field production.

“Thursday’s workshop was a perfect blend of lecture and hands-on demonstrations, with lots of questions and engagement from participants,” said Steph Hamborsky of Grow Appalachia. “We hope this opportunity and others in the future will inspire more farmers and technical service providers to consider seed farming as a viable operation to add to their enterprise. With all of the disease and pest pressures facing our region, it’s so important for us to increase the availability of regionally adapted seeds while also creating other potential revenue streams for our farmers.”

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Upcoming Events:

- The Olive Hill Farmer’s

Market is located in the Save-a-Lot parking lot and is open on Wednesdays & Saturdays from 8:00 AM until sell out. The Grayson Farmer’s Market is open on Saturdays at 9:00 AM and Tuesdays at 2:00 PM until sell out and is located in the shed behind the Extension Office. A pop-up market will be held at the Chapel & Friendship House on August 6th at 4:00 PM.

- Extension Council & District Board Meetings – August 11 @ 10:00 AM
- Carter County Fair – Exhibits can be dropped off at the fair trailer on August 11th from 12:30-2:00.
- The Extension Office is currently offering free hay testing through the East KY Hay Contest. If you are interested, please call 474-6686 to schedule your appointment. Participants will receive a free nutrient analysis of their hay.

CALENDAR

- **8/5: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @** 8 a.m. | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **8/6: Carter County Library Board @** 6 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/7: Sit & Sew @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **8/8: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @** 8 a.m. | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **8/8: Grayson Farmer's Market @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Office Market Shed
- **8/10: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **8/10: Open Art Studio @** 10 a.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **8/10: Game Night @** 5 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **8/10: Carter County Fiscal Court @** 6 p.m. | Carter County Courthouse
- **8/11: Extension Council & District Board Meetings @** 10 a.m. | Carter County Extension Office
- **8/11: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce @** 12 p.m. | TBD
- **8/11: Carter County Fair Exhibit Dropoff @** 12:30 p.m. | Fair Trailer
- **8/11 Grayson Farmer's Market @** 2 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office Market Shed
- **8/11: Building Club @** 4 p.m. | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **8/11: Grayson City Council @** 5:30 p.m. | Grayson City Hall

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Pet of the Week

Nova is a female mixed breed, around four years old. This good girl walks on a leash, knows her basic commands, and gets along well with other dogs. Nova’s \$100 adoption fee includes rabies vaccination and being spayed. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her or call 475-9771 for more information.

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

CITY OF GRAYSON

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

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Joyful Noise

ground beneath your feet today. The conversation you are about to have, the person standing in front of you, the work in your hands, and the opportunity in this moment may be the very assignment God has entrusted to you. Stop waiting for a different season to become faithful.

Before you ever achieved anything God

chose you. Before you ever proved anything, He called you. Your identity is not built on outcomes, applause, or progress. It is anchored in who He says you are. You are loved without condition. You are called with intention. You are equipped for this moment. You don't have to have everything figured out. You just take the next

step in obedience. Even in the silence, He is working. Even in the waiting, He is preparing. Even in the pressure, He is forming something in you that could not be built any other way. You are going to make it. God is faithful.

Sometimes you are so focused on where you're going that you forget where you are. The life

you are rushing through is the life you once prayed for. The opportunities, the growth, the strength, the relationships, and the doors God has already opened were once the very things you were asking Him for. Don't become so consumed with tomorrow that you miss the gift of today. Slow down, thank God for what is in front of you, and

give this moment your full attention. One day you will look back and realize these were the days you had been praying would come. Your miracle and breakthrough are here. (Credit: Benjamin Lundquist)

Amen! So be it!

JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339.

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Sale

have land. And I could give that to them to use."

The pop-up style event will host local vendors during the Route 60 Yard Sale, McGlone said.

"I have had some changes in vendors, but there will be three trucks set up there, and currently I have 11 of the 13 vendor spots filled," she said. "But

I do have those two spots which I am going to try to fill before this weekend."

Of the three trucks coming to the popup event, two will be food trucks and one will be the Ink & Ivy mobile bookstore.

The event will run August 7 through 9, from 9am until 9pm. Featured vendors will include Pour

Boys Lemonade, Maw and Paw's Grub Hut, JJ's Quesadilla Carriage, Ink & Ivy Bookstore, Sweet Magnolia, and of course McGlone's own Lovely Brush by Ashley. Other vendors scheduled for the event include Shelby's Stiches, Day's Seasonings, Buzzy Bee Sublimation & Design, Root & Rever-

ence Apothecary, and the Party Palette. Rainy Daze Handmade and Peanut's Balloons and Yard Cards will also be there, along with Sassy Sweet Cotton Candy & Treats and Get Linx's with Keeli. Filbilly Houseplants and More will be on hand, as will the Merchandise Tent for the Olive Hill Bigfoot Festi-

val. There will also be a cheerleading fundraiser at the popup event.

McGlone said she hopes everyone will turn out this weekend to support local vendors, and said if you can't make it, you are welcome to message her on Facebook.

"People message me all the time asking about

banners and things," McGlone said. "Last week I got a real cool project to paint on a camping bucket. So, I'm open to anything people want painted."

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

Putting the bluegrass in the Bluegrass Wind Ensemble

East alumnus plays banjo on Sousa classic Stars and Stripes Forever

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

During their recent Independence Day concert, the Bluegrass Wind Ensemble (BWE) performed what might have been a first – an arrangement of the John Philip Sousa classic "Stars and Stripes Forever" featuring banjo,

and brought to life by the director and an alumnus of the East Carter band.

ECBS band director Logan Skidmore explained that he helped arrange the piece for the instrument, including devising an alternate tuning for the banjo that would fit with

the tune, after discussions with BWE founder John Johnson. But when it came time to play the piece, he realized his limitations.

"I just wasn't fast enough," the multi-instrumentalist stated matter-of-factly, humbly noting that he simply didn't

have enough experience with banjo to pull it off.

So, he turned to someone who did, friend and former student Cameron Stamper. While the banjo wasn't part of his high school music education – Stamper was a brass player – it has been an important

part of his life since.

"I have been very purposeful in keeping music in my life after high school, even if the process looks a little different these days," Stamper said. "I ended up trading the tuba for the banjo; brass didn't match the coffee table I had at the time."

He said it's an activity

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OBITUARY

Ida "Faye" James Littleton
1938 – 2026



Ida "Faye" James Littleton, age 87, of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, formerly of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Carolyn's House Hospice of Central of Pennsylvania.

She was born Friday, November 25, 1938, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late William Dennis and Dora Easterling James.

Faye was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member of Country and Town Baptist Church in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. She was a proud member of the VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary, where she valued fellowship and service to her community.

Faye's greatest pride and joy were her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She cherished every moment spent with them, and her love, kindness, and gentle spirit will remain in their hearts forever.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Philip Paul Littleton;

three brothers, Freddy James, William Michael James, Raymond "Beanie" James; two sisters, Joann Brinegar and Gayle Cline.

Faye is survived by two sons, Fred (Terri) Littleton of Prosper, Texas, William (Karen) Littleton of Burlington, Kentucky; two daughters, Paula (Tony) Russell of Jeffersonville, Kentucky, Joni (Bill) Ward of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania; six grandchildren, Christopher (Lydia) Littleton, Daniel (Elizabeth) Littleton, Andrew Russell (Daniel Burton), Sean Littleton, Zachary (Olivia) Littleton, Shanon Ward (Mason) Cornman; six great-grandchildren, Sonja, Simen, Gwendolyn, Amelia, Mallory and James. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her, but her family finds comfort in knowing she is at peace in the presence of her Savior.

Funeral services were held 12 noon, Saturday, August 1, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Joe Cline officiating. Burial followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Olive Hill.

Friends visited after 9:30 a.m., Saturday, August 1, 2026, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Ida Faye James Littleton.

Walker Lee Wolf
2026 – 2026



Walker Lee Wolf, age 4 months, of Russell, Kentucky, was carried home by angels, Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

He was born Friday, March 27, 2026, in Boyd County, Kentucky, a son of Dustin and Vanessa Oliver Wolf.

Walker enjoyed playing with his toys and his big brother.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Thomas Bias; maternal grandmother, Ammie Gilbert and paternal great-grandfather, Vernon Gilbert.

In addition to his

parents, he is survived by one brother, Sutton Wolf of Russell, Kentucky; paternal grandmother, Shawna Wilburn; maternal grandfather, Johnny Oliver; paternal step-grandfather, Travis Harmon; paternal, great-grandmothers, Candy Evans and Maudie Holbrook Gilbert, along with several aunts and uncles, who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Monday, August 3, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Ken Gowin officiating. Burial followed in McKinney Cemetery on Route 3298 on Mt. Top Road in Grahn, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 10 a.m., Monday, August 3, 2026, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Dustin Wolf and Travis Harmon served as pallbearers.

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

Jeffrey Lee Hamilton
1957 – 2026



Jeffrey Lee Hamilton, age 69, of Morehead, Kentucky, passed away Monday, July 27, 2026, at his residence.

He was born Thursday, May 30, 1957, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Robert Bruce Hamilton and Dessie Glover Hamilton Parker.

Jeff dedicated over 30 years as Business Office Manager to Morehead Clinic/St. Claire until his retirement. He was an avid Kentucky Wildcats basketball fan and enjoyed riding motorcycles. Jeff was active in his church and loved his family and friends.

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

Jeff is survived by

one son, Chris (Glenna) Hamilton of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Chelsa (Samantha) Hamilton of Olive Hill, Kentucky; two grandchildren, Cheyenne Hamilton, Colton Hamilton; five brothers, Robert (Lorene) Hamilton of New Castle, Indiana, Roger (Nancy) Hamilton, Terry Hamilton all of Knightstown, Indiana, Timothy (Rosie) Hamilton of Clearfield, Kentucky; five sisters, Martha (George) Richmond of Greenfield, Indiana, Joyce Hamilton (Greg McRoberts), Jennifer (Barry) Riley, all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Sandy (David) Lavine of Wichita Falls, Texas, Sheila (Gary) Davis of Olive Hill, Kentucky; special friends, Michael Bowden, Shelly Rogers MD, Arlene Rogers; very special neighbor, Jeanie Fraley, along with many other relatives, dear friends and his church family that will sadly miss him.

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

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

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OPINION

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

Guest Editorial

Kentucky can lead on data centers without leaving communities behind

If done right, communities will see a massive economic windfall

By Senate President Robert Stivers,
Republican—Manchester

(Editor’s note: Views expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of the Carter County Times or its staff.)

Mention data centers and you're likely concerned about increasing electric bills, water consumption, noise, and whether these facilities truly benefit the communities where they're built.

Those are legitimate questions and the same ones I would ask if a major project were proposed in my own community. Kentuckians deserve honest answers whenever a significant economic development opportunity comes to their hometown.

The good news is that today's data centers, and Kentucky's approach to attracting them, look very different from the dramatic, worst-case scenarios often highlighted in the national press.

The concern I hear most often is, will local families and businesses end up paying for the infrastructure needed to support these facilities?

The answer should always be no. Kentucky supports a full-cost allocation approach, sometimes referred to as a tariff. If a developer requires new transmission lines, substations or additional generating capacity to serve its facility, those costs should be paid by the developer, not existing ratepayers.

Private investment should not become a public expense. If a company benefits from a project, it should pay the costs associated with bringing that project online, not Kentucky families and small businesses. If a company creates the demand, the company should pay the bill.

Another common concern is water usage. Many people envision enormous amounts of water being consumed every day. Modern facilities, however, increasingly rely on closed-loop cooling systems that are filled initially and then reused. Water is only replenished periodically, often every several months, and can be scheduled during off-peak demand periods. That is a very different picture from the one many people imagine.

Noise is another issue frequently raised. It's important not to confuse artificial intelligence data centers with cryptocurrency mining operations. They are fundamentally different. Modern data centers operate quietly, often generating less noise than the rooftop heating and cooling equipment found on a typical grocery store or commercial building. They are designed as modern, well-maintained facilities that fit comfortably within industrial and commercial settings.

None of this means every proposed project is appropriate for every location. Local officials and residents should continue asking questions, demanding transparency, and making sure any project is a good fit before the first shovel touches the dirt.

Recently, the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission released a report showing Kentucky is well-positioned to compete for these investments while protecting existing ratepayers and maintaining a reliable electric grid.

The economic impact begins long before the facility opens. Construction alone creates hundreds of skilled jobs over multiple years, generating work for Kentucky contractors, electricians, equipment operators, suppliers, restaurants, hotels and countless local businesses that support those workers.

A typical large-scale data center creates more than 100 permanent, well-paying jobs, many with salaries exceeding \$100,000 annually. Beyond engineers and technical professionals, these facilities require highly trained, around-the-clock security personnel, creating excellent second-career opportunities for veterans and retired law enforcement officers.

Then there is the long-term benefit to local governments. Once operational, these facilities significantly increase local property tax revenues. In communities across the country, school districts have seen property tax receipts increase by 25 to 40 percent following major data center investments. Those revenues don't just support education. They strengthen funding for fire departments, libraries, health departments, soil conservation districts, and city and county governments, all without

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"THE BILL."

Will our embrace of data centers end tragically like our coal romance?

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," so wrote the philosopher George Santayana in his 1905 book, *The Life of Reason*.

With the announcements of new data center projects in Paducah, Carrollton, Lexington and Portsmouth, Ohio, I am more alarmed by the similarities between this potential scenario and what happened to us when coal was king.

My AI research tells me the economic trajectory of coal in Appalachia is one of America's most defining examples of a single-resource "boom and bust" economy. For over a century, this region's fortune was tied to volatile national energy demands, technological shifts, and global commodity markets.

When demand surged, money flowed into mountain hollows, company towns grew overnight, and employment peaked. When demand fell or mechanization took over, whole communities faced rapid economic contraction, leaving behind deep structural poverty and environmental scars.

Industrialization, railroad expansions, and steel production launched the first major boom in the 1880s and into the 1920s as “coal camps” spread throughout Eastern Kentucky, West Virginia, southwestern Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

By 1923, coal employment in this part of America exceeded 700,000 workers. Today, there are fewer than 28,000 miners in Appalachia and only about

1,000 in Alabama.

The 1930s to the 1960s saw the rise of competing energy sources like oil and natural gas and the widespread use of mechanical continuous mining equipment which drastically reduced manpower needs while exceeding production quotas.

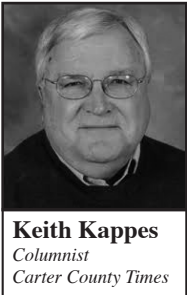
Massive job losses sparked large-scale out migration as displaced workers moved to industrial cities like Detroit, Chicago, and Cleveland. We know many never came back.

The energy crisis created by the 1973 OPEC oil embargo sent coal prices through the roof and that led to rapid hiring, high wage growth, and new mining operations across Central Appalachia. But the 1990 Clean Air Act favored lower-sulfur coal from Wyoming's Powder River Basin, cheap domestic natural gas from hydraulic fracking, and the rise of renewable energy from solar and wind.

Most of the coal was owned by companies from out of state. Local economies suffered as employment dropped. Tax revenues fell as properties were abandoned. And too many of those communities remain economically distressed today.

How can we avoid the same “boom or bust” outcome from these billions of dollars of new, high tech investments? We need those answers sooner than later.

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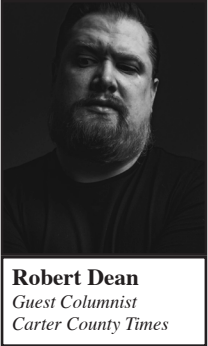


Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

Taking all your time

All my bills are paid. I have \$200 for the next two weeks. Every chance I get, I will be writing to make money. I have a very good full-time job as a writer. My debts are the usual suspects: credit card stuff from COVID, a car note, engagement ring, and life. My biggest expenses are my two kids, and they're not babies; they're 10 and 13 and eat a lot. Vices? I buy used books and drink a lot of coffee. I quit the bottle two years ago. And yet, I go to therapy to help solve the anxiety that comes from the crushing weight of finances. I have nightmares about going bald or my teeth falling out, about becoming homeless. These happen when payday looms.

I left a family party with the kids. Some people can't pull a burger off the grill without it becoming a coal-encrusted artifact. We opted for Burger King. Two Whoppers, one Double, and a large fry were nearly 28 dollars. I'm currently in Chicago, my hometown, visiting, and to fill my SUV it's nearly sixty dollars at \$4 a gallon. My electricity in my house this month was \$50. How is any of this sustainable? Groceries are up 33%, and relief is nowhere in sight. I do everything adulthood asks of me. And yet,



Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

when disaster strikes, I wind up taking out predatory loans. To date, I've taken three to fix my car. We had money saved for vacation, and guess who's radiator broke? This guy. It was \$1900. The problem isn't that

Burger King costs too much. The problem is that every routine expense feels like a serial killer popping out of a closet. A tank of gas, a utility bill, dinner for three—none of these should qualify as financial emergencies. But when there's no margin left, ordinary life begins to feel like a series of small hurricanes that wreck my mental health. My oldest loves to have a late-night coffee and donut at the diner; I love spending time with them because we're at that weird teenage phase where we speak two languages, and

now I can't because I gotta hustle.

The cruelest part isn't that I can't afford a donut. I can afford the donut. What I can't afford is to stop working long enough to eat it with him. Every quiet hour becomes a calculation. Could I pitch something? Finish an assignment? Pick up another check? My kid is becoming a teenager while I'm trying to monetize the time we have left together. If I spend \$40 on some coffees, a grilled cheese, or two desserts, I have to make that money back. That's what frustrates me into

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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.

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CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2017

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE GRAYSON TOURISM AND CONVENTION COMMISSION AMENDNING ORDINANCE, 05-2017

Section 1: There is hereby created the City of Grayson Tourist and Convention Commission.

Section 2: The membership of the Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, or as may otherwise from time to time be required by law. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor from a list of candidates and otherwise in the manner required under KRS 91A.360(1). The Mayor is permitted, with the expressed approval of the City Council, to appoint himself or herself to the Commission as an at-large member unless otherwise prohibited by State Law. As a member, the Mayor may not serve as chair or any other office of the Commission. The Commission shall be organized as is required from time to time by law, and initially shall be structured as is presently provided under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky set forth in KRS 91A.360(4).

Section 3: The Commission shall have all the power and authority that are provided under the law, including but not limited to, those set forth in KRS 91A.390.

Section 4

A. A Commissioner may be removed from office by the Mayor or the City Council as provided by KRS 65.007.

B. (1) Unless otherwise provided by state law, an appointed member of the Commission may be removed by the mayor after a hearing with notice as required by KRS Chapter 424 for inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance or conflict of interest. The hearing shall be initiated and chaired by the Mayor, who shall prepare a written statement setting forth the reasons for removal. The commissioner to be removed shall be notified of his/her proposed removal and the reasons therefore by registered mail sent to his/her last known address at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. The person to be removed may employ counsel to represent him/her. A record of the hearing shall be made by the Mayor.

(2) A member removed pursuant to this division (B) may appeal, within ten (10) days of the rendering of the decision to the Carter Circuit Court. The scope of the appeal shall be limited to whether the Mayor abused his/her discretion in removing the member.

Section 5: In order to fund the Commission, there is hereby enacted a transient room tax as provided in Chapter 62.

This ordinance becomes effective upon its, adoption, approval, and publication as provided by law.

First reading, approval and adoption this 29th day of July, 2027.
Second reading, approval and adoption this 31st day of July, 2027.

/s/ Troy P. Combs III, Mayor, City of Grayson
/s/ Dawnita May, City Clerk, City of Grayson

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bluesky Telecom, mailing address 507 Holcomb St, Grayson, KY, 41143, hereby declares intentions to apply for a Liquor License By the Drink Spirits Only license no later than 7/28/26. The business to be licensed will be located at 512 W Main St, Grayson, KY 41143, doing business as Bob Smith Cigar Lounge. The principal officers and directors are as follows: CEO, Larry Doucet of 507 Holcomb St, Grayson, KY 41143. Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

NOTICE

I am trying to locate Clarence W. Fryback, who had been the owner on an '84 Ford F-150, VIN # 1FTEF15Y2ELA92033, Indiana title. I'm attempting to receive a title, and Fryback was the last listed owner according to the Carter County Clerk's office. Mr. Fryback, or anyone with information about how to contact him, is asked to please contact Robin Carroll at (606)315-9539 as soon as possible.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bluesky Telecom, mailing address 507 Holcomb St, Grayson, KY, 41143, hereby declares intentions to apply for a Cigar and Pipe Tobacco Product License no later than 7/28/26. The business to be licensed will be located at 512 W Main St, Grayson, KY 41143, doing business as Bob Smith Cigar Lounge. The principal officers and directors are as follows: CEO, Larry Doucet of 507 Holcomb St, Grayson, KY 41143. Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

NOTICE
CARTER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Carter County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for the demolition of the old county jail located on the courthouse property. Sealed bids will be accepted until August 10, 2026, at 4pm at the Judge Executives' office located at 300 West Main Street Room 227 Grayson KY 41143.

Brandon Burton
Judge Executive

ORDINANCE 05-2026

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GRAYSON, KENTUCKY FOR FISCAL YEAR OF 2026 THROUGH 2027.

ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the city council, and

WHEREAS, The Grayson City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications for the operation of city government for the Fiscal Year ending 2027, and

WHEREAS revenues are estimated to be sufficient for the anticipated expenditures of city government during the fiscal year ending 2027 creating a balanced spending plan, NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GRAYSON CITY COUNCIL:

The annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 31, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, is hereby adopted as follows:

	General Fund	Tourism	Enterprise Fund (Utility)	LGEA Fund	MRAP Fund
Administrative Revenue	\$2,940,000.00				
Police Dept Revenue	\$117,000.00				
Street Dept Revenue	\$200,000.00				
Fire Dept Revenue	\$897,000.00				
Intergovernmental Rev.	-----	R: \$1,052,800.00	\$6,651,000.00		Street
	-----	H: \$72,900.00			
Emergency Mgmt	-----				
Parks and Rec Revenue	\$3,000.00				
ABC Revenue	\$283,000.00				
Opioid Abatement	\$139,425.00				
Carry Forward	\$591,470.00				
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$5,031,470.00</u>	\$1,125,700.00	\$6,651,000.00		Street
With Opioid	\$5,170,895.00				
APPROPRIATIONS:					
General Government	\$860,000.00				
Police	\$1,650,000.00				
Fire	\$1,550,000.00				
Streets	\$700,000.00				
Enterprises		\$1,125,700.00	\$6,651,000.00		
Parks and Rec	\$58,000.00				
Emergency Management	\$58,000.00				
ABC	\$30,000.00				
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY FUND	\$4,906,000.00	\$1,125,700.00	\$6,651,000.00		
Estimated funds balance	\$125,470.00				

This Ordinance shall be effective upon second reading and publication.

ATTEST:

Given my signature, I hereby affirm that this is a true and accurate record of legislative action.

/s/ Troy P. Combs III, Mayor
/s/ Dawnita May, CKMC, City Clerk
Date of publication: August 5, 2026

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00316

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF SALE

AMANDA J. WITHROW; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on March 20, 2026, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **12th day of August, 2026 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 3.25% 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: 89 Damron Mayo Road, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 459, Page 724, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 120-10-00-078.00.

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. 26-CI-00142

AMERISAVE MORTGAGE CORPORATION

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF SALE

EDWARD A. CABELL

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on June 17, 2026, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **12th day of August, 2026 at or near the hour of 10:20 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 7.8750% 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: 711 Circle Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 237, Page 238, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-40-03-008.00.

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. 25-CI-00121

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF SALE

JOHN T. THORNHILL AND AMANDA J. THORNHILL

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 30, 2026, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **12th day of August, 2026 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 5.1250% 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: 85 Church Camp Road, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 483, Page 630, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 096-10-00-020.05.

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

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Grayson will be accepting sealed bids for laid asphalt & black top Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Bid specs can be picked up at the City of Grayson at 302 East Main Street, First Floor, between 8:30AM and 4:00PM Monday - Friday.

Bids will be opened publicly at the Regular Meeting of the Grayson City Council on August 11th, 2026, at 5:30PM. All bids must be turned into the Grayson City Administrative Office located at 302 E Main St., no later than 4:30PM on Tuesday August 11th, 2026.

All Bids must be on forms provided by the City and marked "Sealed Bids" with the item listed that the sealed bid pertains to. One Bid per sealed bid envelope will be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Bretz at 606-474-6651 ext. 112. The City of Grayson reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Troy Combs,
Mayor of Grayson, KY.

INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF GRAYSON, KENTUCKY
ASPHALT BID WORKSHEET
FISCAL YEAR: 2026-2027

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ASPHALT BID CRITERIA

1. All bidders must be Pre-Qualified with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet. The contractor shall be pre-qualified to perform both Asphalt Paving Option A and Option B types of work. A current copy of the bidders' Certificate of Eligibility must be included with their bid.

2. All bids must include a bid bond or certificate check in the amount of not less than 5% of their total bid. Upon award of this contract amounts to the City of Grayson.

3. Contractors shall carry the necessary insurance as required by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Certificates of Insurance will be required prior to beginning the work.

4. All materials and workmanship shall be accomplished with strict adherence to the current edition of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet-Department of Highway's Standard Specification for Road and Bridge Construction.

5. All work will be subject to the direction and approval of the City of Grayson and their duly appointed representative.

6. Hot mix production plants and their plant labs shall be certified by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and approved for the production and testing of Super Pave Asphalt paving mixes. Quality Assurance testing shall be performed in accordance with Kentucky DOT specifications with the test results provided daily to the City of Grayson.

7. Paving equipment shall conform to KYTC specifications, Asphalt Pavers shall additionally be capable for laying a width of twenty (20) feet to eliminate centerline joints on smaller roadways. Asphalt roller shall be a minimum of ten (10) tons.

8. Payment for Items of work performed shall be based upon load tickets of materials delivered to the project site and collected by the owner's designated representative on the project.

9. All Bids and Prices will be accepted from July 31st 2026 – August 11th 2026

ASPHALT CATEGORIES

A. Price per ton on blacktop if picked up at plant site. Kentucky Class 1-20 wearing topcoat, F.O.B. plant site. Kentucky Class, 1 base coat, F.O.B. plant site.

B. Price per ton for the delivery and laying down of blacktop anywhere in the City of Grayson. This will include tack oil and traffic control. The contractor who gets the bid must post a performance bond in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00)

C. All equipment, materials, labor, and trucking shall meet the specifications of the Kentucky Department of Highways, Section 400. Contractors and manufacturers must be certified by the Kentucky DOH.

Plant Price (F.O.B.):

KY Class 1-20 Surface (Wearing Topcoat).....\$ _____ per ton.
(*Class 2 Asphalt Surface 0.38D PG 64-22)

KY Class I Binder \$ _____ per ton.
(*Class 2 Asphalt Binder 0.50D PG64-22)

KY Class I Base \$ _____ per ton.
(*Class 2 Asphalt Base 0.75D PG64-22)

*Current Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Hot Mix Asphalt Designations. All prices are current with 2015 KYTC HotMix Pick up Master Agreement, MA# 605150000655

I.B. Delivered and Laid in Place Price:
Includes tack oil and traffic control anywhere in the City of Grayson
\$ _____ per ton.

I.C. Delivered and Laid Patching Price:
Includes tack oil and traffic control anywhere in the City of Grayson.
\$ _____ per ton.

I.D. Delivered Only Price: \$ _____ per ton.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00391

MIDFIRST BANK

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF SALE

JULIE JARRELL PORTER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE (IF ANY) OF JULIE JARRELL PORTER; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 19, 2026, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 12th day of August, 2026 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 7.5% 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: 645 Mason Circle, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 375, Page 291, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 033-10-03-006.00.

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. 25-CI-00310

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF SALE

CORDELL WAGONER; COURTNEY WAGONER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CORDELL WAGONER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF COURTNEY WAGONER

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on June 17, 2026, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **12th day of August, 2026 at or near the hour of 10:15 a.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 3.125% 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: 184 Dogwood Lane, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 460, Page 800, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 113-00-00-041.00.

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

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

NOTICE

The Carter County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax rate levy of 46.9 cents on real and personal property.

The general fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 47 cents on real and personal property and produced \$5,266,145.79. The proposed general fund tax rate of 46.9 on real and personal property is expected to produce \$6,148,544.15. Of this amount, \$984,397.35 is from new and personal property. The compensating rate for 2027 is 44.9 on real and personal property and is expected to generate \$5,886,346.10.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$882,398 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: cost of collections, \$34,590; building fund, \$74,210; instruction, \$603,408, transportation, \$85,095; maintenance, \$85,095.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017. The general assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

The Carter County Detention Center is accepting bids for a roof replacement. We are seeking quotes to:

- Clean and prep the existing roof membrane for roof replacement.
- Remove the existing roof membrane from all roof walls, curbs, and roof penetrations.
- Install a fully adhered rubber system, or comparable metal gauge standing seam roof system, in accordance with standard specification details.
- Installation bids should include flashing of all roof penetrations in a watertight manner, fabrication and installation of gravel stop and drip edges at all required locations, and removal of project debris from site.

Bids may be sent to Carter County Detention Center, 13 Cross Bar Road, Grayson, KY 41143, or contact the office by phone at (606)475-1646, ext. 123.

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Data Centers

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Time

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tears.

Remember the DOGE dividend—the promised reward for that “government efficiency” they were bringing us? No checks were ever authorized. But Amazon recently reported receiving roughly \$600 million in tariff refunds. Corporations receive relief

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Bookstore

from A-1

The mobile bookstore is set up in a box truck, Ludwig said.

“Just picture a white FedEx Truck,” she explained. “It is plain white and has our logo on the side.”

Inside are shelves and a display area where customers are able to look through the available titles.

“Lisa and I are both moms and as small business owners that have our own families, we understand that times are hard for everyone,” Ludwig said. “And making a 30 minute or more drive to a bookstore can be overwhelming. With us being a mobile bookstore, we hope to eliminate that burden by bringing the bookstore to you.”

In the interest of convenience, Ink & Ivy also takes orders through

their website which can be accessed through their Facebook Page. Customers can opt to have their purchases shipped, or arrange for “in store” pickup when the mobile bookstore sets up. Ink & Ivy posts their weekly schedule each Sunday so customers can keep track of where they plan to be each week. They also do pop-up events, markets, and festivals in addition to setting up the truck throughout the community.

Ludwig said they sell mostly new books, but they do have a used section and take donations. She said anyone wishing to discuss that aspect of the mobile book store should send a message on Facebook or reach out through email. Typical genres that are available in new and used books include Dark

Romance, Fantasy, Drama, Thriller, Children’s, Young Adult, Sci-Fi, Romance and virtually any and every interest readers might have. They also sell the popular Blind Date with a Book and Blind Date with a Kindle, and carry accessories, specialty tumblers, and more.

“We have something for everyone. If there is a book that someone is wanting, we can get it!” Ludwig said. “We want to bring more to the community and get more people interested in reading again.”

Their Facebook is Ink & Ivy Bookstore, and the website is <https://ink-and-ivy-bookstore.square.site/> The are also able to accept a wide variety of payment methods, including cash.

On August 7-8 Ink & Ivy will be set up On US

60 with Ashley McGlone of The Lovely Brush with Ashley for an event coinciding with the Route 60 Yard Sale.

“We will be set up on Friday and Saturday for sure, and possibly

Sunday,” Ludwig said.

The mobile bookstore, which can accommodate between 500 and 600 books on their shelves, is looking forward to serving the community and offering something else for

shoppers to peruse during the popular event, Ludwig said.

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Bluegrass

from A-4

that helps keep him focused and in the present.

“Playing music is one of those rare activities where you really have to put all of your mental and physical focus into it,” he explained. “You can’t wander off or think about whatever is eating at you while you practice. You are totally in the present, and your whole purpose in that given moment is to create something.”

And, Stamper added, “What’s really nice is that sometimes you can make something others enjoy, and help them have a little escape too. My grandfather always sat on the porch and played his banjo for the family when I was a kid, and I can remember being totally awestruck by it. It’s nice to give other people that experience from time to time.”

And that’s exactly what Stamper did with the Bluegrass Wind Ensemble.

“It was a hoot!” he said. “Being surrounded by such talent is so special. I was not a BWE regular, and yet everyone made me feel like I’ve been playing with them for years. There really is something almost primordial about playing live with a group.”

And taking on such a unique arrangement, he said, was also fantastic, describing it as “a trip.”

“Logan... approached me at the start of the summer looking for a banjo player. To play Sousa. I had never heard of such an idea, nor had any of

my friends or family. I couldn’t refuse. If you haven’t seen it, I picked along with the harp and piccolo parts. Logan did a great job of integrating the banjo and actually arranging it like a bluegrass part; for instance, during the first couple of pages, the banjo part would pinch and softly roll, like an actual bluegrass backup arrangement.”

“Actually, performing the part was equally insane,” he continued. “Throughout middle and high school, I was usually situated in the back of the band with the rest of the low brass. Needless to say, I was shocked when I found out I’d be playing in front of the entire band, unshielded by the trumpets and woodwinds like I was used to.”

But, Skidmore noted, Stamper more than rose to the occasion, turning in a stellar performance.

Stamper and Skidmore were joined by fellow East Carter High School alumni and students including Sarah Gollihue, Allyson Robinson, and Landon Newell.

BWE founder Johnson said he was glad to finally bring Bluegrass arrangements and instrumentation to the ensemble.

“For the past 20 years or so I am sure people have attended our concerts with the hope of getting some outstanding Bluegrass music,” he said. “This year we finally did it! Adding Cameron in

on the Stars and Stripes Forever was a fantastic moment.”

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