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Yummy for your tummy

Yummy Express opens new Grayson location

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Grayson's newest restaurant, Yummy Express, celebrated their grand opening and ribbon cutting yesterday. But the restaurant's owner and staff had a trial by fire last week with a soft opening that allowed them to test their pressure points and work out any kinks while offering the community a taste of what was to come.

While that soft opening was initially offered only to Chamber of Commerce members, owner Sam Zheng explained that once the information – and the phone number – got out, and the calls began coming in, that distinction quickly dissolved.

"I cannot just say, 'Hey, are you a member?' I'm not going to let people be disappointed," Zheng explained.

And while admission was also supposed to be by reservation only during the soft launch, Zheng said that once people saw cars in the parking lot, some of them assumed it was open and began coming in looking for a

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Yummy Express owner Sam Zheng, recently opened his third location, this one in Grayson. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Picking the mayor

Grayson mayoral candidates answer questions in WUGO forum

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The candidates for Mayor of the City of Grayson participated in a debate that was aired last week on WUGO GO Radio's YouTube channel. Grayson's current Mayor, Troy Combs, shared a stage with his opponent, fiscal court magistrate Derrick McKinney, and the two candidates answered questions and spoke of their plans for the city. The full debate can be watched via YouTube through the radio station's website.

Both candidates were able to give a brief introduction, and Mayor Combs began by thanking his host and everyone tuned in.

Combs said he graduated from East Carter in 2010 and served as Senior Class President. Combs also got his degree in government from Morehead State University and received a law degree from Chase College of Law. He also noted that he is the proud grandson of Robert "Doc" Webb and the proud son of State Senator Robin Webb. Combs said his family has always been involved in the City of Grayson and has had a presence on Main Street for 60 years.

Candidate Derrick Mckinney began by thanking everyone for

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Candidate Derrick McKinney (left) and Mayor Troy Combs (right) appear in the WUGO studio during a candidate forum. (screenshot, Carter County Times)

Recognizing cancer survivors

Relay for Life holds annual dinner and walk in Gregoryville

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Carter County Relay for Life is dedicated not only to honoring survivors, but also to making people aware of who is considered a survivor.

"I have had people tell me that they weren't a survivor because they still have cancer," Carter County Relay for Life Co-Chair Brenda Kiser said. "But I tell them they are a survivor right now."

Cancer is a terrible thing that touches the lives of far too many people, she said. That was one of the things they wanted to emphasize at their event on Saturday, October 24, at the Gregoryville Christian Church; because, she said, Relay for Life honors and supports those whose lives have been touched by it. Yes, they do raise money, she said, but this event is less about that and more about those for whom they do the fundraising.

"We fundraise all year and have our signs up," Kiser said. "So, the day of the event, the only fundraising we actually do is we set up and sell luminaries and sky lanterns. But we are there to celebrate the survivors, and in memory of and in honor of those who have passed."

The event began at 6 pm with a survivor's dinner, she said.

"The survivors, their caregivers, and their families are invited to attend," Kiser said. "We have a really nice dinner for them, we have a guest speaker, and we give out the survivor shirts and a small gift. And then after that we will go straight into our relay event. We started doing this because it allows our survivors to be a part of it," Kiser said of the event.

"What is a survivor?" Kiser asked. "I'm going to tell you a little bit about a survivor. A survivor could be someone that has went into remission and they beat cancer. Or it could be someone who is fighting cancer right now. A lot of people don't understand that, and we want to make sure that they do."

The Relay event itself follows the dinner, Kiser said.

"We will talk about many things," she said. "And we will have a reading of our 'In Honor Of' and 'In Memory Of' who have purchased luminaries. Right

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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.

- William Jones, 35, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce an insurance card, possession of drug paraphernalia, third degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), no operator's license, and prescription held in improper container, arrested and booked October 19.
- James Cox, 45, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, reckless driving, no registration plates, no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, and obstructed vision and/or windshield, arrested and booked October 20.
- Daniel Stevens, 26, of Webbville, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 22.
- Jessica Price, 27, of Kenova, WV, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 23.
- Ryan Miller, 28, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges including three counts of trafficking in narcotics (fentanyl), four counts of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (two grams or less of methamphetamine), and single counts each of failure to appear, probation violation (for a felony offense), and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked October 23.
- Jaymee Logsdon, 20, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 24.
- Derek Roark, 50, of Owingsville, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 24.
- Jesse Lester, 27, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sher-

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This Week's Obituaries

Brittany Rena Hamm, 35

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LIFESTYLE



Dinner is watching you this Halloween

Halloween dinner has a tricky job. It needs to be fun, ready when everyone is hungry, patient when the costumes take longer than expected and appealing to people who would rather be eating candy. I think I've found the answer: monster eyeball turkey meatballs.

You can make the meatballs ahead, reheat them in a sweet and smoky sauce, and keep them warm in a slow cooker while the evening unfolds. They're satisfying, rich in protein and willing to dress for almost any occasion. Serve them over fettuccine "worms," on hoagie rolls or as little party bites. The mozzarella-and-olive eyes supply the Halloween mischief; the meatballs do the practical work.

Sweet potato adds moisture and autumnal sweetness. The sauce keeps it a delightful secret from anyone who considers vegetables suspicious.

Dinner before the candy parade won't guarantee a meltdown-free night. But everyone gets something more substantial than a miniature candy bar. That's progress.

MONSTER EYEBALL TURKEY MEATBALLS

Yield: 60 meatballs
Total Time: 40 mins.

- *2 large eggs*
- *3/4 cup milk*
- *1 (6 ounce) box turkey stuffing mix*
- *2 pounds ground turkey*
- *2/3 cup cooked, cooled, mashed sweet potato*
- *1/4 cup onion, finely minced or grated*
- *1 tablespoon dried parsley*
- *1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated*
- *2 tablespoons maple syrup*
- *1/2 teaspoon garlic powder*
- *1/4 teaspoon pepper*

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl combine eggs and milk, then add the stuffing mix. Let this sit for about 5 minutes to allow the stuffing to absorb the milk mixture. Add turkey, sweet potato, onion, parsley, Parmesan, maple syrup, garlic and pepper. Mix gently with your hands until well combined. Use a spoon or scoop to measure heaping tablespoons of the mixture and roll into balls. Place on prepared baking sheet and bake for 18-20 minutes or until they reach 165 F in the center.

To make the eyeballs:

Make the eyeballs with thin rounds of mozzarella string cheese or small fresh mozzarella pearls (cut in half so they don't roll), topped with black olives sliced crosswise into rounds. Once the meatballs are hot, turn off the heat and place a mozzarella circle and an olive round on each meatball visible above the sauce. Let the cheese soften slightly, then serve before the eyeballs slide off into the fettuccine worms. (Add that to the "sentences I never thought I'd write" file.)

SWEET AND SMOKY TOMATO SAUCE

Yield: 4 1/2 cups
Total Time: 20 mins.

- *1 tablespoon olive oil*
- *2 cloves garlic, minced*
- *1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes*
- *1 teaspoon Italian seasoning*
- *1 cup barbecue sauce*

Warm the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook briefly, just until fragrant. Stir in the crushed tomatoes, Italian seasoning and barbecue sauce. Simmer gently for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Taste and add more barbecue sauce, a little at a time, if you'd like a sweeter, smokier sauce.

Add the cooked meatballs and warm them gently in the sauce. For a make-ahead dinner, reheat meatballs and sauce on the stovetop to 165 F. Transfer to a preheated slow cooker; keep at 140 F or above.

Halloween shortcut: Use fully cooked store-bought meatballs and your favorite jarred marinara. Combine about 3/4 cup barbecue sauce with a 24-ounce jar of marinara, taste and adjust. Heat the meatballs according to the package directions, then let the kids add mozzarella-and-olive eyeballs to the meatballs on their plates"



Turkey meatballs in sweet and smoky sauce stare out from a tangle of fettuccini "worms." (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

The trouble with books



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

Now, let me say first, that it's not the books that are trouble it's just how many we have. Books have a special place in our hearts. Some are old, some were gifts, and some contain information for how to live our lives. However, there comes a time when our shelves are full and adding more shelves isn't an option. So, what do we do to keep them in order and trim down the volume?

1. You can start by sorting them into stacks by their content. For instance; self-help, mystery, educational, and so on. Once they are sorted then it will be easier to select the ones that mean the most to you.

2. Just like with downsizing anything, if you can't make a quick decision, keep it. Be selective when making decisions about what goes and what stays. You will always have another chance to update in the future. Because you will add more.

3. If you have read the books you own, donating them to thrift stores or book stores is a great way of sharing with others. Think about giving them to friends tailoring them to their interests.

4. Before you donate, be sure there are no hidden letters or clippings inside for strangers to find. They don't need to know about your special moments in life.

5. Review your shelf space and decide where the best places are in your home to have them on display. Books are always wonderful for setting a tone for a room.

Books provide us with comfort. We don't want to take them for granted. We want to honor the work and the value they offer by representing our beliefs, our entertainment, and our desire for growth. Reducing won't remove what you have read. The words within those pages will stay with you forever.

It's as simple as that!

Send your questions and comments to me at info@confusionsolution.com

Joyful Noise

Be at peace

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell
for *Carter County Times*

John 14:27 – "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." This verse highlights the unique peace that comes from Christ, distinct from worldly calmness. Philippians 4:6-7 – "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." It emphasizes prayer as a pathway to divine peace. Isaiah 26:3 – "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Trust in God is central to experiencing perfect peace. Psalm 29:11 – "The Lord will give strength unto his people, the Lord will bless his people with peace." God's blessing brings both strength and peace. Romans 12:18 – "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." This verse encourages active pursuit of peace in relationships. Matthew 5:9 – "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Peacemaking is a mark of godly character. 2 Thessalonians

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Essential fall chores for a successful lawn and garden



Rebecca Konopka
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The work you complete in your lawn and garden this fall can pay off with healthier plants and fewer problems next spring. Cooler temperatures and warm soil make autumn an ideal time to repair turf, improve soil, protect plants and prepare growing spaces for the year ahead. Use this checklist to tackle the most important seasonal chores.

Soil testing. Start with sampling for a soil test in each distinct area, such as the lawn, vegetable garden or flower bed. Collect several small samples from across the area to a depth of about six inches, combine those soil samples in a clean plastic bucket and mix well. Submit about two cups to your local county Extension office for testing. Results will identify pH and nutrient needs so you can apply only the lime and fertilizer your soil requires. Fall applications also have time to begin working before spring growth.

Reseed bare spots in the lawn. Repair thin or bare areas after identifying the cause, which may include traffic, disease, spills, pet damage or shallow rocks. Loosen the surface, sow seed that matches the existing turf and press it firmly into the soil. Keep the seedbed evenly moist until grass is established. Follow soil test recommendations for fertilizer and avoid adding phosphorus unless the report calls for it.

Tidy up the garden. Clean vegetable and ornamental beds, but do not feel compelled to remove every sign of the growing season. Pull spent plants and weeds that may harbor pests or disease and all diseased plant matter. Compost only healthy material and discard infected debris. Leave some sturdy seed heads for birds and small patches of non-diseased leaves or stems where beneficial insects can overwinter. Prune dead or damaged branches but save routine pruning of most trees and shrubs for late winter or early spring.

Protect bare soil and plant for spring. In many Kentucky gardens, you can establish winter rye or winter wheat in October. These and other cover crops can reduce erosion, limit nutrient loss, improve soil structure and help suppress weeds. Fall is also a good time to establish many trees, shrubs and perennials. Plant spring-flowering bulbs from mid-October through Thanksgiving, with depth determined by species. Plant garlic cloves until early November, about two inches deep in a sunny, well-drained location.

Mulch and water landscape plants. Apply two to three inches of organic mulch around landscape plants to moderate soil temperature, conserve moisture and limit weeds. Keep mulch away from trunks and crowns. During dry weather, check the soil regularly and water newly planted trees, shrubs and perennials deeply enough to reach the root zone until

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, the feeder market showed stronger showing good to very good demand with mostly moderate supplies. Feeders steers sold 3.00 to 12.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Heifers were mostly 2.00 to 8.00 higher however, some heavier calves were reported 4.00 lower. Yearlings were mostly steady to 6.00 higher. Slaughter cattle sold mixed. Slaughter cows traded 4.00 lower to 4.00 higher depending on demand and supply. Slaughter bulls were mostly steady to weak with some instances up to 3.00 higher. Demand for all slaughter classes was mostly moderate. **Week ending 10/24/26**

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

Steers (M&L 1-2)	**This Week**	**Prior Week**	**Last Year**
350-400 lbs	501.35	487.24	457.38
400-450 lbs	454.31	453.35	428.93
450-500 lbs	440.86	434.58	423.76
500-550 lbs	397.68	398.57	400.39
550-600 lbs	382.21	377.53	392.64
600-650 lbs	364.10	356.25	358.86
650-700 lbs	345.15	344.96	359.87
700-750 lbs	336.36	336.62	344.96
750-800 lbs	335.37	332.26	338.30
800-850 lbs	329.29	326.94	341.83
850-900 lbs	320.26	313.56	337.51
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	426.88	419.50	396.59
350-400 lbs	408.79	402.77	394.45
400-450 lbs	386.43	383.09	382.55
450-500 lbs	370.89	366.49	373.95
500-550 lbs	347.44	347.81	358.84
550-600 lbs	335.41	331.02	344.49
600-650 lbs	320.78	318.42	333.58
650-700 lbs	316.57	310.99	320.59
700-750 lbs	302.12	300.25	330.33
750-800 lbs	299.90	306.86	300.60

Slaughter Cows	**Average**	**High**	**Low**
Breakers	115.00-143.00	129.00-162.00	106.00-130.00
Boners	113.00-143.00	128.00-172.50	100.00-132.00
Lean	90.00-131.00	120.00-165.00	50.00-125.00
Slaughter Bulls	**Average**	**High**	**Low**
Yield Grade 1&2	162.00-192.00	180.00-215.00	140.00-178.00

Oct 08, 2026 **Bowling Green, KY**

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 156

Kids-Selection 1 53 lbs 465.00; 75 lbs 322.50. **Selection 2** 51 lbs 385.00; 66 lbs 340.00; 85 lbs 265.00. **Selection 2-3** 45 lbs 350.00; 54 lbs 315.00; 80 lbs 285.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 523

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 55-56 lbs 405.00-420.00; 65-67 lbs 355.00-370.00; 75-76 lbs 307.50-325.00; 85-86 lbs 287.50-297.50; 112 lbs 247.50.
Choice 2 50-57 lbs 400.00-402.50; 67 lbs 355.00; 74 lbs 325.00; 88 lbs 292.50.
Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2 137 lbs 245.00.

GRAINS	**This Week**	**Prior Week**	**Last Year**
Corn	3.81-4.92	3.99-5.08	3.93-4.40
Soybeans	11.48-12.87	11.61-12.99	9.72-10.71
Red Winter Wheat	5.50-6.58	5.56-6.73	4.75-5.40

Arrests from A-1

iff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 25.

- Jessi Wilburn, 29, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of second degree trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 20 dosage units of an unspecified schedule III drug), and engaging in organized crime, arrested and booked October 26.

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.

Relay for Life from A-1

before dusk we will light the luminaries, and we will put those around the track where everyone is going to walk. And after that we will have our sky lanterns event," Kiser said. "Then we will end the night with fireworks."

Kiser said that so many people are impacted by cancer, but many people think it will never happen to them.

"Don't ever think that," she said. "I used to think that way, but then I got cancer."

Kiser said she also lost an uncle to brain cancer who was more of a father figure to her, and there have been several other family members who have been lost to cancer. She understands firsthand how hard the fight can be, for both the survivors and their families, and just wants to share some hope.

"We just want everyone to know why we are doing this," Kiser said. "And we want everyone to know what a survivor is. Every day that you beat cancer, you are a survivor."

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Yummy from A-1

seat. When they did, he said, his staff did their best to accommodate those folks as well.

While it was a bit more traffic than they expected for their soft launch, the response showed that the Grayson community is hungry for Asian food options – pun fully intended. This was something the community had been telling him for some time as well, Zheng said.

"I have a food truck, Hibachi Express, which normally I got here every Monday morning… which I've been doing for two years," Zheng explained. "So, every single time I come here, they'd always ask me, 'Hey, you need to come here to set up a location.' And we've been doing very good… Every Monday, it's a three hour lunch. It's always been busy."

So, he said, they began looking for a location, and then the building on Main Street opened up.

"We came in, and we checked it out – perfect size – that's what we want. Not too big, not too small, we'll be able to do everything, but we're not going to struggle."

And, when Zheng says everything, he means it. Yummy Express really does have a bit of almost everything; from Japanese to Thai and all the classic Chinese takeout favorites folks know and love.

I was surprised by how broad the menu really is. I came in with plans to have the tonkotsu ramen, my favorite from the South Point location. Once I had a look at the menu, though, the sushi caught my eye. Not just the ubiquitous (but no less delicious) sushi rolls with their array of ingredients and sauces, but simple, classic nigiri where the fish and rice are allowed to sing. My heart was set on an order each of tuna, smoked salmon, unagi, and tamago.

Then, Zheng and I began discussing the Thai options. Before I knew it, there was an order of Thai red curry and walnut shrimp sitting in front of me. And before I even thought to take a photograph, I was diving in. The curry was a joy. The base is coconut. You taste it. But it isn't overpowering. It just sits there underneath everything holding it all together as a subtle, pleasant heat builds. This isn't the nose-wiping, brow-sweating heat of some curries though. It's just enough to bring everything together, and so flavorful that after the chicken, bell peppers, and, my favorite, the baby corn were gone, I even ate the zucchini, one of my least favorite vegetables – just to have some more of the curry.

The walnut and coconut shrimp were, likewise, delicious. I was intrigued, but also had some trepidation. In the past, coconut shrimp I've had has been overly sweet. That's not the case with the coconut sauce Yummy Express uses, which has a wonderfully silky texture. It's the same sauce in both dishes, but on the coconut shrimp you get smaller, butterfly shrimp, while the walnut shrimp comes with larger prawns and includes candied walnuts for a pleasantly sweet contrast.

Before leaving, Zheng sent out an order of the yellowtail sushi as well. I tried one piece plain, one with a small swipe of wasabi and soy and, well, let's just say that Yummy Express can expect to see a lot of me bellied up to that sushi bar in the future.

You can find Yummy Express on Facebook and access their full menu, including online ordering, on the web at https://www.yummyexpressgrayson.com/.

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Work so good, it's scary

Grayson Gallery hosts Halloween Art Show and Costume Contest

By Dan Click
Grayson Gallery

The Grayson Gallery & Art Center is all decorated for the scary season and ready for their annual Halloween Art Show and Costume Contest. An opening reception for artists and the public is set for the monthly Final Friday event on October 30 from 6 – 9 p.m., serving as a kickoff to Explore Grayson's Octoberfest. While the gallery event is free to visitors, donations at the door and tips for the musicians are encouraged and very much appreciated.

Nearly 50 original pieces, which fit the Halloween theme and represent a multitude of mediums, will be on display from opening night through mid-November and by appointment. Prior to the Awards & Announcements portion of the evening, at around 7:30 p.m., visitors will be able to vote for their favorite piece for one of the four awards; People's Choice, which is awarded by popular vote. The other three winning pieces will be chosen as follows; The Pen Lady Award, GGAC Board Choice and the Brandon Click Art Memorial. Each of the winners will receive a blue ribbon, as well as a $50 prize.

Towards the end of the mid-evening break, three prizes – Most Original, Scariest, and Best of the Bad – will be handed out to the Costume Contest winners.

ln addition, a special display area will showcase the artwork-entries from local youth and winners of the Gibbs Hardware Art Contest, featuring their selected winners as follows: First Place - Oliver, 606 Bar & Grill/Casey's Lanes; Second Place - Collin, Johnny's Pizza and Third Place - Ellie, The Rustic Farm Truck. Note that these works are not eligible for the monthly GGAC awards.

Live music will be provided by the From the Hills band, back on the GGAC Stage for another evening of classic rock entertainment with musicians Bill Byerley, Jamie Cain, Andy Mayo, and Jason Webb.

Coming up in November, the GGAC will wrap up their year's monthly events with art on display open to all subjects and mediums. This show, "Colorful Friday's Evening with the Blues", will serve as a fundraiser for the Huntington Blues Society, featuring entertainment by the HBS Allstar Band. Donations will help the winner of their annual Blues Challenge attend and compete in the International Blues Competition in Memphis, TN next year.

Then, from December 1 – 5, the gallery will play host to Grayson Tourism's Festival of Trees event.

For more information about art shows, events, workshops, volunteer opportunities and more, contact director Dan Click: graysongallery@gmail.com. Also, look for the Grayson Gallery & Art Center, Inc.'s business page and others on Facebook.

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Lawn from A-2

the ground freezes. As temperatures fall, remember to drain hoses after each use.

Completing these fall tasks can help you begin spring with healthier soil, stronger plants and fewer landscape problems. For help with soil testing, turf repair, cover crops or plant selection, contact the Carter County Extension Service. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

Upcoming Events:

- Little Sandy Beekeepers – November 3 – Members will be making winter feeding cakes at 5:30. Businesses meeting will start at 6:30.
- East KY Hay Contest Awards – November 5 @ 6:00 (Fleming County Extension Office) – Call 474-6686 to register.
- Ag Advancement Council – November 9 @ 6:00 PM
- Extension District Board – November 10 @ 10:00 AM



CALENDAR

- **10/28: Olive Hill Book Club** @ 5:30 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **10/30: Final Friday** @ 6 p.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **10/30: Trick or Treat** @ 6 p.m. | Grayson
- **10/31: Octoberfest** | Main Street, Grayson
- **10/31: Trick or Treat** @ 6 p.m. | Olive Hill
- **11/2: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days** @ 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **11/2: Open Art Studio** @ 10 a.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **11/2: Carter County Tourism** @ 5:30 p.m. | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **11/3: Building Club** @ 4 p.m. | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **11/3: Rattlesnake Ridge Water Distict Board meeting** @ 4 p.m. | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **10/6: Little Sandy Beekeepers** @ 5:30 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office | Winter feed cakes @ 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **11/5: Carter County Library Board** @ 6 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **11/5: East KY Hay Contest Awards Program** @ 6 p.m. | Fleming Co. Extesnion Office | Please call 474-6686 to register
- **11/6: Sit & Sew** @ 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **11/9: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days** @ 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686

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Pet of the Week

Willow is a 29-pound female mixed-breed we believe to be around seven months old. Willow is very friendly, walks on a leash, and is good with other dogs. She's spayed, up to date on all vaccines, and has a free adoption to an approved home. 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 September and October the Grayson Police Department will be conducting safety check points throughout roadways within the city limits, at pre-approved locations.

Mayor from A-1

being part of the debate.

"I went to Hitchins Elementary," McKinney began. "I went to East Carter Middle School and graduated from East Carter High School. From there I went on and have been a lineman for 24 years. I'm a proud member of IBW, and I also own Casey's Lane and 606 Bar and Grill. And we built All Star Athletics last year."

"I was on City Council for a term." McKinney continued. "And I am currently a magistrate in Carter County for District 2. So, I do understand the government, and I am running for mayor because I want to see more in our little town. I think Grayson has great potential."

Combs won the "coin toss," so he fielded the first question. That question asked what three things over the next four years were of the highest priority for the City of Grayson and what he would like to see accomplished by the end of that term. Combs answered public safety first, with a focus on Carol Malone Boulevard. Combs said that he has a project currently in the works to be funded by state dollars.

Combs said his second priority would be job creation.

"I want to continue to create an environment where businesses want to set up," he said, and listed initiatives he has been involved with since his time on the city council.

The third priority, he said, would be to finish projects that have already been started. An example of this included projects at the Sports Park, with the mayor pointing out that there was already $400,000 in approved funds.

Candidate McKinney said the Sports Park was a top priority for him.

"We need to get that done. It has been going on for ten years now," he said. "And it seems to have gone stale. We've got the four baseball fields done and I feel like nothing has happened in the last several years. I know they have the grant, but there are just some things they need to work out on it."

"Our Sidewalks are a really big deal in town" McKinney said as another priority, and they need to get finished. "I talk to many seniors in town. They walk, and they trip. That's a big infrastructure problem to me. But I think we could get that done pretty easily."

"Another thing is housing. We've got to get more housing in Grayson where people can walk to work," McKinney said. "Gas prices are through the roof. But if we can get more housing, we have more workers in town."

McKinney reiterated his priorities as housing (emphasizing the need for affordability as well), sidewalks, and the Sports Park.

The next question the candidates were asked was if they have ever taken a strong side on an issue, knowing they were on the right side, then changed course or took the side they were against after they learned more information or facts?

"I'm sure I have," McKinney answered. "I think all of us have. I'm sure if I learned more information down the road that I didn't like, I'm sure I'd change my mind."

Combs responded with an example of the pervasive theme in government that you don't lower taxes because of inflation.

"We've been in inflation years, as long as I can remember, since I was on city council," he said.

Combs said he understood the concept, but he was for lowering taxes to help people.

"But you can only do that if it's sustainable," he said.

Another question posed to the candidates was since the role of mayor requires expertise in the areas of project management, fiscal discipline, public safety, and listening accessibility, professional experiences outside the offices of mayorship, how do you feel you have developed these skills?

Combs answered by saying his experience has been invaluable in his current work for an engineering company.

"I help municipalities with special projects," Combs answered. "My company specifically builds bridges and sells bridges, so I have learned about resources that are available to municipalities."

Combs said his experience has helped him become more aware of the resources, and this assisted him in submitting for funding for city projects. He also stated that he believed his job experience as mayor, and participating in all the available training, help him meet the needs of the city.

McKinney responded to the question by saying that he has been on many construction sites in his work career as a lineman and has been a business manager for his local.

"I own a business, so I deal with employees on a daily basis," he said. "So, I think I have what it takes there."

The candidates were asked what the City of Grayson could realistically do to attract new business and investment while also helping the locally owned businesses that are already here succeed.

"I believe Grayson needs to hire an economic developer," McKinney answered. "Someone that's working with our tourism director on a day-to-day basis. I feel like that would help a lot. We have three major state parks here around us. We need to market what we have, and we need to work with our local businesses."

McKinney said Grayson should work with these businesses to help them get grants and other funding and also focus on the historical aspects of the city.

"Obviously we want to grow in the right direction," Combs responded. "That's why stakeholder meetings are very important to me. We don't want to create an infrastructure that isn't going to benefit everyone."

Expanding the road system will encourage development, he said, and added that the city had applied for an economic opportunity zone with the state's cabinet for economic development.

The candidates were asked about attracting more grocery options into the city, and gave similar answers. Bot agreed that the city needed to make locating in the city attractive, but that was ultimately the decision of the independent business. Both candidates when asked about annexation were for it, but both also said that it should not be forced. Mayor Combs was in favor of holding town hall style meetings to make people aware of the benefits of coming into the city limits, while candidate McKinney said he preferred leg work, and going out into the community to speak on a one-on-one basis.

Both candidates agreed that transparency in how the tourism commission spends money collected from the restaurant tax was something that needed to be fostered. Candidate McKinney said that what he considered past mistakes such as the Blue Goose property should be avoided in the future. Mayor Combs said he has researched the tourism commission bylaws and has encouraged communication between the commission and the city council.

The question of whether a person who owns a business in the city limits (but does not live in the city) and pays city taxes should be able to vote in city elections was posed to both candidates. Combs responded by saying he wasn't sure. He did, however, point out that the state legislation decided that the answer would be that no, they would not be able to. He also pointed out that non city residents pay less in property taxes and that city residents pay a higher insurance tax. McKinney said that he believes that Grayson business owners should be able to vote; but he also acknowledged that state law prevented them from being able to do so.

In regard to the role downtown should play in the future of Grayson and what steps the city should take to support that role, McKinney said that he believed a great job was being done now, and credited Haley Bayes and the Main Street group with being proactive in supporting downtown. "She's got a really good board together right now," McKinney said. "And I think that's a really big deal. I think downtown has a great opportunity to take off with the right people watching over it."

"Downtown is a hub for economic development," Combs said. Its role is to be able to accommodate the needs of our town. And it also gives us a gathering place for events. Where would Grayson Memory Days be without Main Street?"

The candidates also answered questions about the need for shelters and humane population control of feral animals within the city limits, including animal welfare and adoption.

"One of the first things I did as mayor was add kennels to our street department," Combs said. "And we just brought back the spay and neuter program. Which is a catch and release program."

Combs said after talking to citizens the council realized this was a need in the community that should be filled.

"I'd like to partner with the county, if at all possible," McKinney responded.

He also said he wished there was a place in Grayson able to house dogs.

"But we need to be able to catch these (feral) cats as well," he said.

Mckinney said the city was overpopulated with cats and that large numbers are behind every gas station and restaurant.

What steps could be taken to address blighted properties, encourage owners to maintain their properties, and improve the overall look of the city, were other questions posed to both candidates. Mckinney said the city had several problems with blighted properties that included issues such as trailers with broken windows. Improvement to code enforcement would be an option to deal with the issue, he said.

"I think it can be done," he said. "But we need to push it to make sure it gets done,"

"Whenever you are dealing with landowners and property rights, it is a process," Combs responded. "And we want to work with our property owners. There are steps and avenues to address these issues. And we do always address them though it's not always quick."

They were also asked how their administration would respond to city employees that had supported their opponent.

"They would just continue to work," McKinney answered. "I don't have any issues. If they are doing their job, then they can keep doing it."

"I have city employees who support my opponent right now," Combs answered. "I have never taken any retaliatory action against them, and I don't intend to. In my eyes, the only way someone is going to lose their job is if they lost their job because they did something to not keep it."

When asked if they were elected what would be one thing people could point to a year from now, Mayor Combs answered that it would be the Grayson Autism Sensory Park at the Sports Park.

"And we are going to get the pickleball and basketball courts done," Combs said.

"I would push to get the Sports Park done in the first year," McKinney said. "And the housing. I want to be able to get something together and reach out to investors and developers."

McKinney thanked the listeners in his closing statement.

"I have always been a hard worker who has raised a family here, built business here, and I care about Grayson. I don't want to promise you the world. But I will promise you hard work, honesty, and dedication. I believe Grayson's best days can still be ahead of us, and I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and go to work. Just remember me on November 3. Thank You."

"I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as long as I have," Combs said in closing. "It has been an honor to serve the people of this town. And it has been an honor to get to know every single one of you during this election cycle. I have heard people's struggles, and I have taken pride in their accomplishments. And no matter what happens, I will always cherish that. I would like to finish what we have started, so please vote for Troy Combs in November."

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OBITUARY

Brittany Rena Hamm
1991 – 2026



Brittany Rena Hamm, age 35, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Monday, October 19, 2026, at her residence.

She was born Friday, March 1,1991, in Columbus, Ohio, a daughter of Joyce Hamm and the late Robert Affolter.

Brittany enjoyed camping, kayaking and going to Carter Caves and spending time with her family, especially her children.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her step-father, John Maxwell; one son, Brody Stephens of Olive Hill, Kentucky; two daughters, Harmony Stephens, Riley Howerton both of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one brother, Robert Affolter Jr. of Grayson, Kentucky; two sisters, Jessica Hamm of Grayson, Kentucky, Carrie Hamm of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, October 23, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother John Lambert officiating. Burial will follow in Garvin Ridge Cemetery in Olive Hill.

Friends visited after 10 a.m., Friday, October 23, 2026, until the service hour at the funeral home.

Brody Stephens, Jessica Hamm, Billy Hamm, Robert Affolter, Michael Affolter and Rodney Stephens served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Brittany Rena Hamm.

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Guest Editorial

The Talk We Also Need to Have With Our Husbands and Fathers

By Martha Fernandez, LCSW

This page has carried two columns lately about our boys and young men. Tommy Druen asked whether we are leaving our boys behind. Robert Dean wrote that we need to have a talk with our sons. Both are right, and I want to add one more conversation to the list: the one with the grown men in our lives.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the suicide rate among American men in 2023 was nearly four times the rate among women. Behind that number are husbands, fathers, brothers and the man who runs the shop down the road. Many of them never told anyone they were struggling.

Men who carry a family, a crew or a business tend to carry strain the way they carry everything else: quietly, and alone. A man whose customers and neighbors all know his truck does a kind of math before he asks for help. Who will see me walk in? What will people say? Will it cost me work?

In my years as a licensed clinical social worker, I have seen that same math in people from very different walks of life. A CEREVITY white paper, "The Confidentiality Premium: Why Successful People Pay Out of Pocket for Mental Health," describes the pattern plainly. When people feel their standing is at stake, they weigh what help might cost them, and they put it off, sometimes for years.

So what can a family do? Start by knowing what strain looks like in a man, because it often does not look like sadness. It can look like a shorter temper, more drinking, working later, sleeping poorly or not at all. It can look like pulling away from friends, church or the things he used to enjoy. Some signs call for action the same day: talk of being a burden, saying the family would be better off without him, or giving away things that matter to him.

You do not need perfect words. Pick a quiet moment. For many men, side by side works better than face to face: in the truck, on the porch, or while working on something together. Say what you have noticed and why it matters to you. "You haven't seemed like yourself lately, and I'm worried about you." Then listen, and resist the urge to fix it right away.

If you are worried about suicide, ask him directly: "Are you thinking about killing yourself?" It is one of the hardest questions a person can ask. Asking will not put the idea in his head. It tells him he can tell you the truth.

It also helps to know that getting help can be private. Anyone can call or text 988, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, any hour of the day, and veterans can press 1 to reach the Veterans Crisis Line. A family doctor is a good first stop, too. Many counselors now meet by phone or video, so nobody has to see his truck in a parking lot.

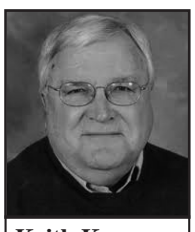
We are right to talk with our sons. But boys learn what a man is by watching the men around them. When a father admits he is struggling, gets help and gets better, he gives his son permission to do the same someday. That may be the most important talk of all.

If you or someone you love is in crisis, call or text 988 now.

Martha Fernandez, LCSW, is a licensed clinical social worker, co-founder of CEREVITY and author of Wired to Burn: A Therapist's Guide for High Achievers Running on Fumes (2026). She lives in Lakewood, California. Learn more at cerevity.com



My disgust with YouTube has been self-inflicted, I've learned to my dismay.



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

After too many years of wasting too much time watching too many of the trashy videos that YouTube puts on the Internet, today I am declaring meah culpa (my fault) and changing my web surfing habits.

I finally admit knowing that the nature of my previous viewing habits today was dictated by the crap I watched in the past. Rather than curse the videos each time I go there in boredom, I must admit that my morbid curiosity is not a virtue and I must put it aside.

Considering my time investment to date, I surely expect to be at least nominated for the clickbait hall of fame. I don't recall ever deciphering how to see the second half of one of those supposed morality plays where the bad guy gets his muscle-bound butt kicked by the skinny kid with a bad complexion.

Anyone who could sit for hours and watch folks pop pimples or dig inanimate objects out of a grossly infected foot needs to find a better way to spend their time. Amazingly, those unseen medical folks can get a gallon of dirt, ear wax and an assortment of insects out of a single human ear.

The content creators who provide the obnoxious videos of tattooed bikers beating up innocent senior citizens or crippled teenagers probably should spend more time with their therapists.

As a former soldier, I want to scream each time I see an officer initiate a salute to a sergeant or some other enlisted soldier. That should only occur if the enlisted soldier (or any other military person) is wearing the Medal of Honor.

The notion that a physical training instructor could punch someone, especially a woman, without provocation, is ludicrous. And I laugh out loud when someone wearing what appears to be an Army uniform uses the term "general" to address a Navy admiral. And much of the rank insignia those terrible actors wear looks like it came straight out of a bus station vending machine.

Men and women who belong to motorcycle clubs (or gangs) are the designated bad guys in many of the videos. I chuckle when I see worried looks appear on the faces of 10 riders at the same time when the good guys arrive.

I sometimes see disclaimers that the videos are fictional and not intended to injure or offend anyone. My response to that: Bullshit!

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And now, for a little distraction



Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

Every week, I write my column. I consider what's happening locally, nationally, but also in my life. And I mean, look around; there's plenty of hell a lot of us endure daily, in whatever form said slice of Hades decides to take. To combat the midterm noise (Please go vote) or the news of some awful event like a "totally random, we have no idea what you're talking about" Super El Niño potentially battering us this winter, I dug around. I found a few things that may give you a moment to breathe. And you know what? In a world where we pay $47 just to buy cleaning supplies when your mother-in-law comes over, a little positivity is needed, you know?

So, check these little tidbits out:

Scientists believe Van Gogh's The Starry Night wasn't entirely imagined. By reconstructing the skies over France in 1889, researchers found that the painting's moon, Venus, and stars closely match the morning of July 22. The discovery suggests Van Gogh transformed an actual celestial scene into art, although the theory remains disputed. Technology is wild. We're doing astronomical moon placement and GTA 6 still isn't out yet.

Move over, Little Free Library, a new neighborhood gangster is taking over: Cake Sheds.

Inspired in part by The Great British Baking Show, home bakers are selling cakes from tiny roadside stands, using honor-system payments across the UK. More than 300 are listed nationwide. Social media is fueling the trend, giving everyday bakers a way to earn money while bringing communities together. We need to find a way to do this on this side of the pond without crackheads stealing everything. Who doesn't like a cheap sweet treat? I know if I could stop for a homemade slice of pie on my way home for $3, my blood sugar would be off the charts.

Indonesia has halted a massive agricultural expansion project, potentially saving more than 4 million acres of rainforest, wetlands, and peatlands from destruction. After reaching its rice production goals three years early, the government says future farming will use previously developed land. Environmental groups are celebrating the decision, though questions remain about long-term protections and the extent of existing damage. More of this, please. The earth needs us to think like this, all the time.

Scientists at Stanford have discovered a way to reverse coral bleaching in record time. By placing dying coral in contact with healthy, genetically identical coral, researchers transferred beneficial algae

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Olive Hill Council discusses tax rates and sanitation

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Jeremy Rayburn of Olive Hill Tourism presented Olive Hill City Council with an update during their October meeting last Tuesday. Rayburn told the council that tourism had paid $2,000 for Christmas on The Hill Festival of Trees for advertising and promotion, and also $600 for the year to the Police Department to help clean the facilities. Rayburn reported that tourism had also spent approximately $33,000 toward the playground near the park, with $28,700 of that amount for the playset. Rayburn told the council that the merry-go-round cost came in at $10,000 but said that purchase would require a vote from the tourism commission.

Rayburn said tourism also gave back to the city for the replacement of four fiberglass light poles with steel poles. The cost for the poles, Rayburn said, was $13,388, and once those were installed, he said tourism would vote to replace more poles. Tourism also spent $10,000 on additional Christmas lights. Rayburn said that Main Street had already been started with Christmas lights, and the plan was to work on the Depot area this year. Tourism also paid Megan Smedley $1,500 for fifteen press releases.

Members of the code enforcement board were present at the council meeting and requested updated ordinances to clarify code enforcement's position. City attorney Derrik Willis told the board members that there were ordinances from 2017 and 2021 that would need to be supplemented for clarification.

In other business, the city conducted the second reading of the property tax ordinance, ordinance 2026-06. Residents of the city can expect property taxes in Olive Hill to remain the same as last year, which is .2260 per $100 of property value. The city also had the second reading of sanitation ordinance 2026-02 to determine rates of garbage pickup for residents and businesses within the city. It also establishes the need for uniform trash receptacles.

The sanitation ordinance will establish a new cost model for both residents and businesses. Residential customers inside the city limits will pay $20 per month, and residents outside the city limits will be paying $23 per month. Commercial customers without dumpsters will pay a flat rate inside city limits of $31 and a flat rate of $36 outside of the city limits.

Customers with dumpsters will be paying, for two cubic yards, inside city limits $60, while those with the same size dumpster outside of the city will be paying $66 per month. Customers with four cubic yard dumpsters inside the city limits will be paying $100 and outside of city limits will be paying $112. Customers with six cubic yard dumpsters inside the city limits will be paying $120 and those outside the city limits will be paying $134. Customers with eight cubic yard dumpsters inside the city limits will be paying $150 and outside city limits will be paying $165. Institutional customers will be paying $625 per month.

Additionally, the ordinance states that residential customers will be allowed a maximum of six, thirteen-gallon bags picked up per week. For residential customers, the fees will cover the use of one city provided trash receptacle. Customers will be able to use their own trash receptacles if those receptacles are suitable for pick-up and their use is not burdensome on city sanitation workers.

The city is not responsible for damage to customer owned receptacles, and incompatible receptacles may not be picked up. All lids for receptacles must be able to be closed to prevent the container from filling with water and rubbish spilling outside the receptacles. City sanitation workers will not be responsible for collecting any trash not inside of the receptacle in use. Additional trash receptacles may be requested from the city at a cost of $12 per month. The complete ordinance can be requested from the city.

The city also held the first reading of an ordinance to amend the tourism tax (2026-05). The ordinance only affects the tourism tax and does not affect other city taxes. The council and members of the tourism board discussed points but only minor changes to the new ordinance, and the second reading will be held at a subsequent meeting.

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Bill Number	Account Name	Unpaid Tax
2025-2	515 CRAIG ST	$7.60
2025-5	651 CRAIG ST	$31.21
2025-6	A JONES ENTERPRISES LLC	$31.00
2025-29	ARTHURS RACHEL	$161.01
2025-30	ASHER RALPH	$24.23
2025 -31	ASHER RALPH & ALICE	$71.06
2025-32	AUER TODD A & RHONDA J	$122.01
2025-56	BINION LARNA	$78.07
2025-59	BLANKENSHIP AUDREY	$7.60
2025-72	BOGGS EUNICE	$15.40
2025-82	BOND MICHAEL	$33.61
2025-89	BRAMMELL BRAD	$137.61
2025-90	BRANHAM JOHNNY	$12.80
2025-95	BROWN WILLIAM MACARTHUR	$43.28
2025 -100	BULLINS NATALIE	$79.17
2025 -136	CARROLL JOSH	$148.32
2025 -140	CARROLL VAUGHN	$18.00
2025 -148	CASSITY EARL	$51.80
2025 -155	CLINE BRENDA	$6.82
2025 -158	CLINE WADE & !RENE	$19.57
2025 -201	CRAIG WENDELL S	$33.61
2025-202	CRAIG WENDELL S	$43.49
2025-206	CROSS ISAAC F	$114.41
2025-218	DAY JAMES	$20.61
2025-226	DEHART NICHOLE	$18.00
2025-235	DOTSON ASHLEY NICOLE	$7.60
2025-242	DURHAM BETTY ESTATE	$36.20
2025-285	FINLEY PROPERTIES LLC	$52.53
2025-332	GEE DUSTIN	$12.80
2025-338	GILLIAM SHARI	$44.00
2025 -351	GRIFFEY MICHELE	$20.61
2025-393	HARVEY AUTUMN	$91.32
2025-396	HEDGE NICKLOUS & ALLISHA	$88.20
2025-426	HUMPHRIES CONNIE D & DOROTHY	$131.58
2025-487	KISER JOY	$15.40
2025-492	KISER RAYMA	$122.11
2025-495	KISER SPENCER	$549.37
2025-497	KITCHEN SAMMY ESTATE	$27.10
2025-529	LECLAIRE SAVANNAH RAY	$115.34
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2025-618	MULLINS GROUP LLC	$211.71
2025 -641	ONEAL PAUL JR	$64.81
2025-656	OOGLE LLC	$107.44
2025 -661	OWENS DONNY R & DONNA H	$101.20
2025-695	QUALLS OIL CO INC	$34.38
2025-696	QUALLS OIL CO INC	$127.57
2025-736	REYNOLDS CHARLES L	$11.51
2025-743	ROARK JERRY DALE	$351.23
2025-749	RODGERS JOHN	$31.00
2025-774	SAGRAVES SHANE A	$88.20
2025-775	SALYERS CARL	$17.74
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2025-778	SALYERS LILLIAN	$53.10
2025 - 781	SARTAINE WILLIAM TIMOTHY	$31.00
2025-807	SLONE BERT & SANDRA PARKIN	$6.30
2025 -812	SMITH ROY VERNON & CASSIE	$31.00
2025-824	STACY DONNA JEAN	$151.96
2025-877	STURGILL LONNIE & PHYLLIS	$239.01
2025-907	THOMPSON BOBBY & DEBRA	$152.94
2025-910	THOMPSON KATLYN	$15.27
2025-915	THOMPSON SHIRLEY	$122.01
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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Grayson will be holding a public auction on November 13, 2026, at noon, at the City impound lot located at 591 East 5th Street, Grayson, Kentucky.

Preview of the vehicles will be by appointment only, beginning 72 hours before the day of sale. Vehicles are sold "as is", without title (unless indicated), all sales are final. The City of Grayson reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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3FAHP0JG3CR157381	FORD	FUSION	2012
1GCJTBF98C8121913	CHEVY	COLORADO	2012
1G1ND52TXWY105369	CHEVY	MALIBU	1998
2G2WP522751126339	PONTIAC	GRAND PRIX	2005
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CITY OF OLIVE HILL
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-08 RELATING TO SANITATION, GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES, & TRASH RECEPTACLES

WHEREAS, the City Council of Olive Hill (hereafter "City Council") has determined that the City is in need of additional sanitation revenue in order to maintain adequate garbage collection;

WHEREAS, an increase in the expense in operating garbage collection has created a financial hardship upon the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain said sanitation service it is necessary to raise sufficient revenue for that purpose.

WHEREAS, the City finds that the use of uniform trash receptacles, aka trash cans, will improve the aesthetics of the City, benefit City employees by having the means of allowing the truck to automatically lift and empty said receptacles, and provide customers durable, high-quality receptacles that are less prone to damage from wear and tear and less likely to result in unsanitary conditions.

WHEREAS, the use of new durable trash receptacles will benefit customers by preventing the need to purchase trash receptacles outside of the City.

WHEREAS, the City will incur costs associated with purchasing uniform trash receptacles and it is necessary to recoup said expense for the benefit of the city.

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the City Council of Olive Hill that Ordinance 2023-05 is hereby amended as below:

FEES
Fees for sanitation services shall be at the following flat rates:

A. Residential Customers:

Inside City	Outside City
$20.00	$23.00

B. Commercial Customers without dumpsters:

1. There shall be a flat rate as follows:

Inside City	Outside City
$31.00	$36.00

Customers with dumpsters:

	In Town	Out of Town
2 Cubic Yard Dumpster	$60.00	$66.00
4 Cubic Yard Dumpster	$100.00	$112.00
6 Cubic Yard Dumpster	$120.00	$134.00
8 Cubic Yard Dumpster	$150.00	$165.00

C. Institutional Customers $625.00 per month

In addition to the foregoing, the following shall apply:

Residential customers shall be permitted a maximum of six (6), 13-gallon bags picked up per week.

For residential customers, the garbage pickup fee shall cover the use of one City provided trash receptacle.

Customers may use their own trash receptacles if they are suitable for pickup and the use thereof is not burdensome upon City Sanitation employees. The City is not responsible for damage to personal trash cans or receptacles. Sanitation employees may refuse to empty trash cans or receptacles that are incompatible with the garbage truck or are otherv.1ise burdensome to empty.

The lid of all trash cans and receptacles must close in order to prevent water from filling with water and to prevent trash and rubbish outside of the receptacles. Sanitation employees will not remove trash bags that are not placed inside the receptacles.

Customers may request additional trash receptacles from the City at the rate of Twelve Dollars ($12.00) per month.

Commercial customers without dumpsters shall be charged the commercial flat rate times the number of pickups required per week.

All customers, whether residential, commercial or institutional, shall use thirty (30) gallon garbage bags or less.

All customers, without dumpsters, shall place all garbage bags in proper container with a secure lid.

SECTION IV - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISONS
Notwithstanding the foregoing, monthly charges to commercial customers will be based upon the size of the dumpster times the number of visits per week. If a commercial customer desires fewer visits per week, then they must provide an attractive "holding" area that is satisfactory with the City in its sole discretion, to keep garbage from being strewn about.

All customers must be serviced no less than one (1) time per week.

The City retains the exclusive right to determine the number of pickups per week as it deems appropriate for any customer.

In the event a commercial customer desires a change in service it shall be the commercial customers responsibility to inform the utility office to the number of visits it requests per week. Any Ordinance in conflict or adverse to the provisions contained herein shall be rendered null and void upon the adoption of this Ordinance. Any provisions contained herein, which are contrary to Kentucky Revised Statutes, shall be null and void without affecting the remairung provisions contained herein.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and any Ordinance in conflict or adverse to the provisions contained herein shall be amended upon the adoption of this Ordinance. Any provisions contained herein, which are contrary to Kentucky Revised Statutes, shall be null and void without affecting the remairung provisions contained herein.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication.

Adopted and enacted this 20 day of October, 2026

/s/ Jerry Callihan, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Stephanie Thomas, Olive Hill City Clerk

First Reading: September 25, 2026
Second Reading: October 20, 2026
Publication Date: October 28, 2026

Council Member	Yea/Nay
Chris Bledsoe	Y
Shannon Leadingham	Absent
Shane Tackett	Y
Kirk Wilburn	Y
Tony Williams	Y
Eric Rayburn	Y

CITY OF OLIVE HILL
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF OLIVE HILL

WHEREAS, the City of Olive Hill has determined that it is necessary to set a tax rate sufficient to provide for the operation of the City; pursuant to KRS 182.027 and any and all other applicable laws; and

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the City of Olive Hill that the property tax rate shall and is hereby set at .2260 per hundred dollars.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication.

/s/ Jerry Callihan, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Thomas, Olive Hill City Clerk

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Distraction from A-5

that helped restore the dying coral's health within seven weeks. The laboratory breakthrough offers new hope for saving reefs devastated by warming oceans and climate change. Nemo's landlord finally has a plan.

A five-month-old, orphaned walrus named Annautaq is getting a second chance after rescuers discovered him stranded on an Alaskan beach, surrounded by scavenging birds. Weighing 220 pounds, the little guy was transported 4,000 miles to SeaWorld Orlando, where he's receiving around-the-clock care. Since he can't survive alone in the wild, he'll eventually join three other walruses. Get this little guy a sardine; he's had a rough couple of weeks.

You're welcome. Now go out into the world with a good attitude.

Contact us at or send submissions to news@cartercountytimes.com. Visit the author on Substack at What's Annoying Robert Dean Today?

Joyful Noise from A-2

3:16 – "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all." A prayer for continual peace from God. 1 Peter 3:11 – "Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it." Peace is linked to righteous living. Psalm 4:8 – "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety." Peace provides rest and security.

Themes of Peace in Scripture. Inner Peace – God's peace surpasses human understanding and calms the heart amidst trials (John 16:33, Philippians 4:7). Peace with Others – Believers are called to live peaceably, forgive, and pursue reconciliation (Romans 12:18, 1 Peter 3:11). Peace as a Blessing – Peace is both a gift from God and a fruit of righteous living (Psalm 29:11, Proverbs 12:20).

Read Psalm 91, God's protection, promising safety, deliverance, angelic guardianship, and long life to those who trust in Him. Here is a summary of Psalm 91. Verses 1–2: Assurance that those who dwell with God live under His protection. Verses 3–8: God delivers from danger, disease, and unseen threats; destruction will not touch the faithful. Verses 9–13: God commands His angels to guard believers; they will overcome deadly forces. Verses 14–16: God promises rescue, honor, answered prayer, long life, and salvation to those who love Him.

If you desire peace to a deeper level read these scriptures frequently and meditate upon them as the scripture says and you will find your spirit will be more at rest and peace in the days ahead.

Amen! So be it!

JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests: Pastornaomi-4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHoprayer. 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.

Fresh Ideas. A Commitment to Serve.

By Amy Greer, *Republican Candidate for Carter County Clerk*

Over the past several months, I have knocked on doors, met families, and listened to people throughout Carter County. I am grateful for every conversation and the opportunity to earn your trust.

As a former public school teacher, a legal assistant, and a longtime church worship leader, I understand the importance of preparation, accuracy, organization, and serving others. Those are qualities I will bring to the Carter County Clerk's Office if elected.

My priorities include dependable service in both Grayson and Olive Hill, exploring hours that better accommodate working families, and finding practical ways to make services more accessible and efficient. I am committed to working alongside our deputy clerks, learning every part of the office, and providing hands-on leadership.

I believe the Carter County Clerk's Office belongs to the people of Carter County. Your time matters, your concerns deserve to be heard, and your public officials should be accountable to you.

I would be honored to have your vote on November 3 and the opportunity to serve as your next Carter County Clerk.

Vote Amy Greer for Carter County Clerk.
Focused on the Future. Focused on YOU.



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November 18, 2026

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EVENT AGENDA

10:00 AM –10:10 AM	Welcome & Introductions
10:10 AM –10:40 AM	Money-Saving Programs — Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, Angela Zeek
10:40 AM – 11:20 AM	Facts about Guardianship — Kentucky Guardianship Association, Ned Sheehy
11:20 AM–12:00 PM	Fall Prevention — Bodyworx
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Free Lunch & Networking

Can't attend in person? Join us virtually through Microsoft Teams by scanning the QR code

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Thank you citizens of the 18th Senate District for once again having confidence in me.

I respectfully ask for your vote on Tuesday, November 3rd.

- Robin Webb



Paid for by Senator Robin L. Webb

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