Greenup County wins Region 8 cheer title

STAFF REPORT

LLOYD Greenup County High School hosted the KHSAA Regions 7 and 8 cheer competition on Saturday.

In Region 8, Greenup County won the All-Girls Small Division, scoring 89.80 points. Pikeville, Shelby Valley and Boyd County were second, third and fourth.

East Ridge won All-Girls Medium. Pike County Central was the All-Girls Large champion. Johnson Central earned first in All-Girls Super.

Ashland Blazer placed first in co-ed.

Betsy Layne finished first in Game Day Large. Ashland was third.

Fleming County was the top finisher in Game Day Small. Russell placed third and Raceland fourth. Russell qualified for State.

According to the Greenup County Varsity Cheer Facebook page, "We are so proud to have hosted the biggest event ever held at GCHS, and we couldn't have done it without an amazing community coming together."

"This event was a true reflection of what makes our school and community so special," the statement continued. "It took a village, and our village showed up in a big way."



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Greenup County's cheerleaders are pictured as a team. The squad won the Region 8 All-Girls Small Division title.

Grayson's Hometown Holidays

COMING TO DOWNTOWN

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THE WRITE TOUCH STUDIO

GRAYSON A day filled with Christmas traditions, family activities and community fellowship will return to downtown Grayson on Saturday, Dec. 5, as Grayson's Hometown Holidays brings a winter wonderland experience to Carter County.

The annual celebration, which serves as a tribute to the late Debra Meenach-Combs, has become an opportunity for residents and visitors to come together during the Christmas season.

Meenach-Combs originally proposed adding Hometown Holidays to the community's annual Christmas Parade. The festival's continued presence reflects the importance of community celebrations in Grayson.

This year's celebration will feature several returning favorites alongside new attractions.

New additions include igloos at the ice rink and a Polar Express warming station, while Christmas train rides and Christmas carolers will return after several years away.

"I'm super excited about the Polar Express warming station," said Rachel Burton, Grayson Tourism Director. "It is an immaculate trolley that a community member has graciously allowed us to decorate for the month of December. We plan to deck it out and paint on the windows and truly make it an experience."

Organizers are also incorporating a sensory station and diaper-changing station into this year's festivities, expanding accommodations for families and visitors with different needs.

Making the celebration accessible and enjoyable for the entire community has been an important consideration for Burton, who accepted her position as tourism director last month.



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The Grayson Hometown Holidays ice rink is pictured.

"Having a family-friendly event is a huge priority for me, especially since I have a 2-year-old daughter," Burton said. "When planning events, I always keep her in mind."

The Dec. 5 schedule begins at 9 a.m. with an opportunity to decorate donuts with Buddy the Elf at Prichard Elementary School. Other morning activities include the Festival of Trees and a Christmas tree craft at Grayson Art Gallery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and story time, cookie decorating, and more at the Carter County Public Library beginning at 11 a.m.

Afternoon activities will fill downtown Grayson, including ice skating on Main Street, food trucks and vendors, pictures with Santa, family crafts, reindeer games, free Christmas train rides and s'mores stations.

A Christmas dance performance outside Dance With Hope Studio and Christmas caroling at Main Street Veterans Park will lead into the evening's Christmas Parade, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and hosted by the Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce.

Parade registration information will be announced through the Chamber's website and Facebook page.

Burton says the Chamber is overseeing parade arrangements. Santa is confirmed to make an appearance.

Behind the day's activities is a network of community organizations, volunteers, businesses, and sponsors working together to bring the celebration to life.

Local businesses also have opportunities to participate through vendor registration, which remains open through Friday, Nov. 20. Burton welcomes additional activities and community contributions that could be incorporated into the day's schedule.

A tiered sponsorship program offers another way for businesses to support the celebration with opportunities designed to make participation accessible to small businesses.

Sponsorship opportunities include:

• $100 – Sponsor an Igloo: The sponsoring business will be recognized with a yard sign displayed outside the igloo displays.

• $75 – Sponsor the Ice Rink: The business logo will appear on a skate helper.

• $50 – Sponsor the Polar Express: The business logo will be displayed at the Polar Express warming station at the ice rink on Main Street.

Businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring the event can contact Grayson Tourism at graysonkytourism@gmail.com.

Updates, schedule changes, vendor registration, and additional event information will be shared through Grayson Tourism's Facebook page "Explore Grayson Ky."

Boyd among 12 counties drawn for additional inquiry

STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT Attorney General Russell Coleman announced Monday continued efforts to protect the integrity of Kentucky's elections. In accordance with state law, General Coleman randomly selected 12 counties to undergo additional inquiry following the 2026 General Election.

Watch the Attorney General's briefing at youtube.com/watch?v=qQU7_dSxZ2I.

The inquiries will be conducted by the Attorney General's Department of Criminal Investigations to determine if any irregularities took place during the general election.

The 12 counties selected are: Boyd, Cumberland, Grant, Graves, Hopkins, Johnson, LaRue, Lee, Logan, McLean, Nicholas, and Russell.

"From east to west, our Office is committed to ensuring Kentucky's elections remain free, fair, and secure," said Attorney General Coleman. "Along with our election officials and law enforcement partners, we are working hard so Kentuckians can have full confidence in our elections."

After completing independent investigations of the 12 selected counties, the Attorney General's Department of Criminal Investigations and Special Prosecutions Unit will present their findings to a grand jury in each of those counties.

In addition to the post-election inquiries, the Office of the Attorney General monitors election law violations via the Election Fraud Hotline. The Office reviews tips submitted to the hotline, and any complaints that contain allegations of election fraud are referred to the Attorney General's Department of Criminal Investigations.

If you suspect election fraud, report the incident to the Attorney General's Election Fraud Hotline by calling (800) 328-VOTE or online.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Pathways Inc. will be accepting sealed bids for the following vehicle types. Two (2) 2026 or current-year model ranging from 12-16 Seat Passenger Vans. One (1) 12-16 Seat Passenger Van with hydraulic rear entry wheelchair lift (retaining 10 seats in rear). One (1) Mini Van with a rear load wheelchair ramp. Parties interested in submitting a bid should email jarmstead@pathways-ky.org requesting a bid package. An intention to bid must be emailed to the above address no later than November 24, 2026. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 PM EST on **Wednesday, December 16, 2026**

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