

Cracker Barrel CEO steps down a year after logo debacle

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Cracker Barrel's CEO is stepping down nearly a year after an attempted rebrand of the chain led to a fierce customer backlash.

Cracker Barrel said Monday that CEO Julie Masino will step down next month but remain with the company until Oct. 9 in an advisory capacity.

David Deno will succeed Masino on Aug. 10 as CEO. Deno served as the CEO of Bloom-in' Brands, which owns Outback Steakhouse and other chains, from 2019 until he retired in 2024. He has also held executive

roles as Best Buy and Yum Brands, which is the parent company of KFC and Taco Bell.

Lebanon, Tennessee-based Cracker Barrel hired Masino, a longtime Taco Bell and Starbucks executive, in July 2023. She was chosen for her record as an innovator with the hope that she would attract new customers to Cracker Barrel, which operates nearly 660 restaurants in 43 states.

Masino introduced updated menu items, like Hashbrown Casserole Shepherd's Pie, to increase Cracker Barrel's dinnertime traffic. She also started remodeling the company's dark,

antique-filled restaurants, lightening the walls and installing more comfortable seating.

Then, last August, Cracker Barrel announced plans to ditch its longtime logo, which features an older, over-all-clad man leaning on a barrel as well as the words "Old Country Store." The company said it would continue to honor Uncle Herschel — the man in its logo, who represents the uncle of Cracker Barrel's founder — on its menu and on items sold in its stores. But the new logo would be simpler and easier to read on road signs and in phone apps.

KFC founder Colonel Sanders' personal items, former home up for auction

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SHELBYVILLE, Ky. — KFC founder Colonel Sanders' pressure cooker, black bow tie and dozens of other personal items are up for public auction Tuesday night, along with his former home and a dinner house Sanders opened after selling his iconic restaurant chain.

Harland Sanders, still known as the face of the worldwide chain originally known as Kentucky Fried Chicken, established the Shelbyville property as the first headquarters of his restaurant business in the late 1950s. He sold the property, which included his home and



Auctioneer Jonathan Klunk shows a black bow tie worn by KFC founder Harland Sanders on July 22 in Shelbyville, Ky.

the Claudia Sanders Dinner House, to Tommy and Cherry Settle in 1974, who have run the restaurant since then.

"Colonel Sanders was the original celebrity chef," said Bill Menish,

whose firm, The Menish Group, is conducting the auction. "The feedback has been worldwide, so we needed to have an auction that would cater to that worldwide audience."



President Donald Trump, Vice President JD Vance and other guests, attend the funeral of Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., Tuesday, at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington.

Graham eulogized as an 'American original' with global reach

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Lindsey Graham, the son of pool hall owners who rose to become one of his generation's more influential U.S. politicians at home and abroad, was eulogized Tuesday as "a true American original" during memorial services in Washington.

Graham's flag-draped casket arrived for a tribute at the U.S. Capitol, where the Republican served for more than 30 years as an indefatigable dealmaker who talked and laughed and badgered his colleagues into action. Later, President Donald Trump joined foreign leaders for a funeral at Washington National Cathedral, a testament to Graham's stature on the global stage.

Trump called Graham "a giant of the United States Senate, a true American original who left us much too soon."

In mostly prepared remarks, Trump described his onetime presidential rival turned ally as "the first person to make you laugh and one of the last people that you've really ever wanted to fight."

Trump told the story of how he had publicly disclosed Graham's cell phone number on the campaign trail, reciting the number in the cathedral, but said the senator had the last laugh because "Lindsey did not stop calling me for the next 10 years."

Among those gathered were Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu and Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy, leaders of two countries fighting separate wars, a nod to Graham's role as a foremost believer in the power of the U.S. and its military to intervene in the world's problems. Fox News' Sean Hannity, in his remarks, said Graham would have been moved that they both made the long journey

to attend.

Trump Cabinet officials, including Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, and current and former senators and lawmakers joined in the pews, as did Graham's sister, now-Sen. Darline Graham, who was appointed by the state's governor to fill the remainder of her brother's term.

It was the start of two days of services, with burial Wednesday in Graham's home state of South Carolina. Joint Base Charleston will be renamed in his honor, an Air Force official said. Graham died suddenly on July 11 at his home in Washington of a likely aortic tear, according to preliminary findings. He had just returned from a whirlwind trip to a NATO summit in Turkey, where he celebrated his birthday, and a visit to Ukraine. He was 71.



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LEGAL NOTICE OF BID

Notice is hereby given that the Graves County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for the Graves County/Mayfield EMS. Type III Remount Specifications and Requirements

Remount of an Excellence Type III ambulance module

The module has to be removed from its current E450 chassis, repaired, and remounted onto a 2026 or newer Ford E450 white in color with wheel simulators.

All exterior corrosion and damage are to be repaired to your company's specifications.

Replace HVAC system with new equivalent.

Replace Inverter.

New back up camera.

New ADP running boards.

New ADP rub rails.

New ADP corner guards.

New ADP front splash panels.

New ADP rear kick panel.

New rear bumper including grip strut flip step and ADP bumper caps.

New drip rails.

New stainless door sills at exterior compartments if existing on module.

New stainless door sill at rear entry door.

New rear door grabbers.

New entry and compartment door gaskets.

New fuel and/or Def housing.

New Captains chair with child safety seat, new upholstery for bench seat and CPR seat.

New hidden door switch.

New anti-theft secure idle.

New Whelen siren and speakers.

New Kussmaul auto eject.

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Bids will be accepted at the Office of Judge Executive Jesse Perry, 1102 Paris Road, Suite 2, Mayfield, Ky. 42066, until August 13, 2026, at 10 a.m. at that time the sealed bids will be opened and read.

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