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er world, but if we all took the time to think about dropping bombs or blowing up schools, we might remember these are people, not shouting characters in a dramatic movie. Everyone has a story to

tell, and you should take the time to listen.

Sometimes the easiest way to hear it is to sit down and eat.

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the U.S. or work in a Trump-dominated state like Kentucky?

On Feb. 24, for instance, it did not matter if ICE was or was not targeting Anderson County. Maybe they were just driving through. No matter. The flurry of fear that pervaded the county, where I live, simply on the assumption that ICE was in town, was overwhelming. One Hispanic friend (a U.S. citizen) told me how family and friends spent days monitoring social media while calling and texting each other to warn against driving on main roads, going to the grocery store or gas stations, and with pleas to stay out of sight.

If our own citizens are afraid of ICE, what makes GOP lawmakers think immigrant doctors would even want to come to Kentucky? Would those doctors feel safe here? Would their children?

Instead of asking AI, how about we go old school and consider these wise words from Trappist monk Thomas Merton, who lived at the Abbey of Gethsemani near Bardstown from 1941 until his death in 1968. “Each individual in the mass is insulated by thick layers of insensibility. He does not care, he does not hear,

he does not think. He does not act, he is pushed. He does not talk, he produces conventional sounds when stimulated by the appropriate noises. He does not think, he secretes clichés.”

Our GOP lawmakers are huddled in the mass. Anti-immigration rhetoric has become so loud, so clichéd, so entrenched in the halls of Frankfort — our lawmakers so insulated by thick layers of insensibility — it is like they have lost the power to think rationally.

Year after year of cruel, ignorant bills filed by Republicans in our state legislature, aimed at dehumanizing everyone from the LGBTQ community to women seeking private health care to Black and brown Kentuckians to immigrants, was bound to have dire consequences.

Today — and for at least the next decade, according to Sen. Meredith — those consequences will be manifest in a critical physician shortage, which affects all of us.

Those darn chickens. They always come home to roost.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00432**

EQUITY PRIME MORTGAGE LLC PLAINTIFF
VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**

DAVID SUTTLES III; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF DAVID SUTTLES III; WHITNEY GRIFFITH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF WHITNEY GRIFFITH DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on February 10, 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 **27th day of March, 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 6% 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: 39 Seagraves Lane, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 498, Page 392, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 094-20-00-011.00.

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

CLERK'S NOTICE OF FIDUCIARIES ACCOUNTING

Upon requirements of Section 424.129 Kentucky Revised Statutes, the following fiduciary appointments have been filed with the Carter County District Court Clerk.

Final Settlement Gloria Jean James, Executrix, in the estate of: Jack C. McNally. Attorney for Estate, Hon Brandon Music, April 8th, 2026, at 10:30am having been set as date of hearing, no cause for exceptions, having been shown, the settlement will be confirmed at date of hearing.

HELP WANTED: METER READER/FIELD WORKER

Rattlesnake Ridge Water District is seeking a reliable, motivated person to read meters and do work in the field to join our team. This is a full-time, steady, entry-level position working outdoors.

- Schedule:** M-F, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM (occasional call-outs)
- Pay:** \$15.00/hr + Benefits
- Requirements:** Must be 18+ years old, have a valid driver's license, and pass a background check.
- Duties:** Accurately reading utility meters, field inspections, and customer service.

Call 606-474-7570 or drop off a resume to the office located @ 5302 S St Hwy 7 Grayson Ky 41143.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Olive Hill Housing Authority is now accepting applications for a position in the Maintenance Department. Applications can be obtained at the Housing Authority Office at 501 Tygart Street, Olive Hill, KY. Contact 606 286-4721 for additional information.

FOR SALE

Downsizing sale. Mostly furniture. March 6 & 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 404 East 3rd St, Grayson

Advertisement for Bids

Project:
New Carter County High School/CTC Phase Grayson, KY

Owner:
Carter County Board of Education
228 South Carol Malone Boulevard
Grayson, KY 41143

Project Description:
The New Carter County High School/CTC Phase 3 will be for a new two story 86,479 SF high school for grades 8-12 which also includes a storm shelter. The building will be load bearing masonry structure with metal joist roof structure. The project contains PVC roofing, masonry veneer, metal wall panels, aluminum window systems, and new site elements. Major systems include Mechanical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, Electrical, and Voice/Data.

Bid Date:
The Carter County Board of Education will receive bids for the New Carter County High School/CTC Phase 3 on **Thursday, March 26, 2026 by 2:00 PM ET.** Bid opening will be held at the Carter County Board of Education located at 228 South Carol Malone Boulevard, Grayson, KY 41143. All bids received prior to the closing time will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late bids shall not be acknowledged and will be returned unopened to the contractor. The bids shall be guaranteed for a period of sixty days and no bid may be withdrawn prior to the sixty-day period.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 11:00 AM ET** at the Carter County Board of Education located at 228 South Carol Malone Boulevard, Grayson, KY 41143. Attendance at the Pre-Bid is highly recommended but not mandatory. A thorough investigation of the site and existing structures is strongly encouraged for all bidders. Upon arrival, all persons must sign-in at the main office. The existing property is located at 5783 W US HWY 60, Olive Hill, KY 41164.

Bid Guarantee:
A 5% bid bond or certified check equal to 5% of the bid, including all alternates, is required to be submitted with the official form of proposal.

A 100% performance and payment bond shall be provided for the full base bid amount plus any accepted bid alternate(s), upon receipt of a Notice of Award.

METHOD OF BIDDING:
Bids will be received from Individual Trade Package Contractors on a Lump Sum Bid Basis for the Individual Trade Bid Package as described herein. All phases of the work described and outlined within the Individual Trade Bid Packages will be completed by the successful Individual Trade Bid Package Contractor. Bids shall be submitted in the manner herein described and on the official proposal form included with the general conditions and specifications and shall be subject to all the conditions as set forth and described in the Bid Documents. Davis-Bacon Wage Rates DO apply.

METHOD OF AWARD:
Award shall be issued on the lowest responsive bid by a responsible bidder meeting all requirements of this solicitation and as required by the specifications.

PROJECT CONTACTS:
The following shall be the official contact list for the project. All communication and clarification concerning the bidding documents shall be forwarded through the contacts listed below. All correspondence and questions shall be copied to the Construction Managers and the Architects office by email:

Construction Manager: Trace Creek Construction, Inc.
Travis Curry, Senior Project Manager
Office: (606) 796-3867
Cell: (606) 202-0413
Email: tc Curry@tracecreek.net

Architect: Ross Tarrant Architects, Inc.
Beth Bauer, AIA, LEED AP
Office: (859) 254-4018
Email: bbauer@rosstarrant.com

Bidding Documents:
Bidding Documents will be on file and available for review at the following locations:

- Owner: 228 South Carol Malone Boulevard, Grayson, KY 41143
- Architect: 101 Old Lafayette Avenue, Lexington, KY 40502
- CM: 127 Market Street Vanceburg Kentucky 41179
- Lynn Imaging: 328 E. Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40508 will be in charge of plan distribution. Plan purchase charges will be listed on the Lynn Imaging distribution website, <https://www.lynnimaging.com/> Documents will be available for pickup/delivery after receipt of the specified payment by Lynn Imaging.
- Builders Exchange of Tennessee: 300 Clark Street, Knoxville, TN 37921
- The Blue Book Building & Construction Network: 800 E. Main Street, Jefferson Valley, NY 10535
- Construct Connect: 3825 Edwards Road, Suite 800, Cincinnati, OH 45209
- Builder's Exchange, Inc.: 7250 Poe Avenue, Dayton, OH 45414
- Builders Exchange: 2300 Meadow Drive, Louisville, KY 40218
- Dodge Construction Central: 300 American Metro Blvd. Suite 185, Hamilton, NJ 08619
- AGC of Western Kentucky: 2201 McCracken Blvd, Paducah, KY 42001-9655

BID WITHDRAWAL:
No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Clerical errors and omissions in the computation of the lump sum bid shall not be cause for withdrawal of bid without forfeiture of bid bond. Bids may be withdrawn in person only, prior to the closing date for receipt of bids.

Individual Trade Bid Packages Listing:
The following Individual Bid Packages will be accepted:
 BID PACKAGE 02 General Trades
 BID PACKAGE 03 Masonry
 BID PACKAGE 04 Structural Steel
 BID PACKAGE 05 Roofing
 BID PACKAGE 06 Storefronts, Curtain Walls & Windows
 BID PACKAGE 07 Gypsum Board & Ceilings
 BID PACKAGE 08 Resilient Flooring
 BID PACKAGE 09 Terrazzo Flooring
 BID PACKAGE 10 Resinous Epoxy Flooring
 BID PACKAGE 11 Painting
 BID PACKAGE 12 Food Service
 BID PACKAGE 13 Elevator
 BID PACKAGE 14 Fire Suppression
 BID PACKAGE 15 HVAC & Plumbing
 BID PACKAGE 16 Electrical
 BID PACKAGE 17 Testing, Balancing Lubrications & Adjustments (TAB)
 BID PACKAGE 18 Commissioning of Mechanical
 BID PACKAGE 19 Casework
 BID PACKAGE 20 Asphalt Paving
 BID PACKAGE 21 Combination Bid

The Carter County Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Carter County Board of Education in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Kentucky Department of Education.

Kentucky Christian University to host Mission Minded Leadership Conference on April 15

GRAYSON — Kentucky Christian University will host the Mission Minded Leadership Conference on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at the KCU Chapel. The one-day conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is designed to encourage, equip, and challenge leaders from across the region.

The conference will bring together leaders from business, education, athletics, ministry, and community organizations who share a desire to grow in their ability to lead with purpose and make a meaningful impact in their communities.

“Leadership is not just about a title,” said conference organizers. “It is about influence and the difference we make where we are planted. The Mission Minded Leadership Conference is designed to help leaders step away from their daily responsibilities, refocus on what truly matters, and return to their organizations energized and better equipped to lead.”

Rooted in a Christ-centered worldview, the conference reflects Kentucky Christian University’s commitment to developing leaders of character, integrity, and purpose. While grounded in Christian values, the conference is open to anyone seeking practical leadership insights that can be applied immediately in real-world settings.



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Attendees will hear from an outstanding lineup of nationally recognized speakers and leadership experts who bring extensive real-world experience.

Featured speakers include:

- Todd Maynard, Dean of the School of Business & Leadership at Kentucky Christian University
- Amy P. Kelly, best-selling author, speaker, and Vice President of Consulting for Jon Gordon’s Positive Training Company – “Difficult Conversations Don’t Have to be Difficult”
- John Eades, CEO of LearnLoft and host of The Optimistic Outlook Podcast – “The Leadership Lens: How People Like You Choose Leadership”
- Julie Ward Nee, speaker, author, and Vice President of Training for Jon Gor-

don’s Positive Training Company – “The Energy Bus: The Ten Rules to Fuel Your Work Life and Team with Positive Energy”

- Rennie Curran, former NFL linebacker, leadership speaker, and author – “Lead To Win: From High Performer to High-Performing Leader”
- Tami Matheny, mental toughness coach, author, and Jon Gordon Certified Trainer – “This is Good: The Power of Perspective in Mission-Minded Leadership”
- Thomas R. Williams, speaker, author, and leadership consultant – “The Relentless Pursuit of Excellence”

The conference will include morning and afternoon speaker sessions, networking opportunities, and a midday break for lunch.

Organizers emphasize that the shared conversations and connections often prove just as valuable as the presentations themselves.

“Leadership matters,” organizers noted. “When leaders grow, organizations grow. When organizations grow, communities become stronger. Kentucky Christian University is honored to invest in leaders who want to make a positive difference.”

The event will take place in the KCU Chapel, which seats up to 600 attendees. Registration is \$35 per person.

Those interested in attending can learn more and register online at: www.kcu.edu/mission-minded-leadership-conference

Committee approves measure aimed at lowering electricity costs for Eastern Kentucky consumers

FRANKFORT – The Eastern Kentucky Energy Savings Act, legislation focused on lowering costs for consumers while also

strengthening the reliability of the power grid cleared the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee on Thursday,

March 5. The bill, HB 535, passed on a strong bipartisan vote and is sponsored by Representative Patrick Flannery of Olive Hill, and

State Representative Derek Lewis of London.

Simply put, the measure would authorize

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