ECHS Band receives Distinguished rating from KMEA

GRAYSON – On Friday April 24, the East Carter High School Concert band participated in KMEA District 8 Large Ensemble Performance Assessment. For this event, the band prepares two selections and performs them for a panel of three judges. Elements that the judges are grading include tone quality, intonation, interpretation, technique, rhythm, balance, stage presence, and other factors. After performing for the judges, the band goes to another room and plays a piece of music they've never seen before. This sight-reading score is added to the previous three ratings, and an overall rating is awarded. Once again the Raider Band received a Distinguished rating from all four judges. This is the highest rating that can be attained. Selections performed this year were Excelsior! by James Curnow and An Irish Legend featuring a trumpet solo by Landon Newell.

The judging panel this year included Dean Marotta, David Ratliff, Ben Walker, and Chris Whelan.

The band will present their spring concert May 7, at the East Carter High School gym, at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

(submitted photo)

Judge postpones OxyContin-maker Purdue Pharma's sentencing to let opioid victims attend in person

By Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press

A judge on Tuesday delayed the criminal sentencing of OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma in order to allow victims to attend the court proceeding in person.

U.S. District Judge Madeline Cox Arleo originally planned to hand down the sentence Tuesday during a court hearing conducted only by videoconferencing. But she said she changed her mind after seeing some victims of the opioid crisis protesting outside her courthouse in Newark, New Jersey. She said they should be allowed to attend in person, too, and moved the hearing to next Tuesday.

When it happens, Arleo is expected to order the company to forfeit $225 million to the Justice Department, clearing the way for the company to finalize a settlement of nearly all of the thousands of lawsuits it faces over its role in the opioid crisis.

The penalty was agreed to in a 2020 pact to resolve federal civil and criminal probes it was facing. If the judge signs off, other penalties will not be collected in return for Purdue settling the other lawsuits.

After years of legal twists and turns, the settlement was approved by another judge last year and Purdue said it could still be effective May 1 if the sentence is given on the scheduled date. The set-

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week feeder steers sold mostly steady to 5.00 lower. Feeder heifers were 2.00 to 5.00 lower with good demand for all classes. Yearling steers and heifers sold unevenly steady ranging from 4.00 lower to 4.00 higher with good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls were reported mostly steady to 2.00 lower with good demand.

Week ending 4/25/26

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

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	574.59	607.94	423.46
400-450 lbs	529.81	554.45	407.56
450-500 lbs	514.92	529.58	383.85
500-550 lbs	477.30	490.20	363.16
550-600 lbs	453.91	469.52	348.48
600-650 lbs	420.50	424.25	325.10
650-700 lbs	403.24	406.43	314.32
700-750 lbs	379.32	383.09	295.95
750-800 lbs	357.71	365.12	282.32
800-850 lbs	349.11	352.48	269.56
850-900 lbs	330.11	333.91	261.19
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	535.54	536.05	372.78
350-400 lbs	520.46	512.01	379.12
400-450 lbs	480.53	479.23	353.95
450-500 lbs	455.39	459.60	343.31
500-550 lbs	424.56	425.35	322.01
550-600 lbs	394.82	403.14	312.09
600-650 lbs	369.46	375.08	287.15
650-700 lbs	351.24	363.14	277.52
700-750 lbs	334.15	341.30	256.61
750-800 lbs	329.76	332.57	248.58

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	150.00-183.00	166.00-235.00	150.00-174.50
Boners	145.00-190.00	164.00-225.00	120.00-172.00
Lean	128.00-167.50	151.00-205.00	112.50-158.00
Slaughter Bulls	**Average**	**High**	**Low**
Yield Grade 1&2	187.00-220.00	205.50-249.00	150.00-199.00

Apr 26, 2026 **Bowling Green, KY**

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 147

Kids-Selection 1 54 lbs 500.00; 73 lbs 380.00. **Selection 1-2** 83 lbs 305.00. **Selection 2** 51 lbs 500.00 58. **Selection 2-3** 50-52 lbs 280.00-305.00; 65 lbs 285.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 937

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 54 lbs 360.00; 65-66 lbs 360.00-365.00; 73-78 lbs 360.00-395.00; 89 lbs 350.00; 108 lbs 330.00. **Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2** 53-59 lbs 377.50-385.00; 67 lbs 375.00; 75-76 lbs 350.00-365.00; 88 lbs 330.00; 105 lbs 355.00; 120 lbs 300.00.

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.35-4.95	4.23-4.86	4.69-5.00
Soybeans	10.80-12.15	10.69-12.04	9.80-10.83
Red Winter Wheat	5.27-6.20	5.12-6.02	4.55-5.40

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

INSPECTION PERIOD
FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Carter County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 4 through May 18, 2026. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January I, 2026, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2026 will be due about September 15, 2026.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference. More specific instructions regarding how conferences will be held this year are available online at www.carterpva.com and will be posted at the entrance to the PVA's office, located at: 300 W Main St. Suite 214. Grayson Kentucky (old courthouse).

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

1. Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of their property.
2. Taxpayer must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
3. This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
4. The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

/s/ Leslie Kiser-Roseberry
Property Valuation Administrator
Carter County

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 178.050 there will be a Public Hearing on May 18, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the Fiscal Courtroom for the removal of W.C. Gilbert Rd from County Road Maintenance.

FOR RENT

3 Bedroom house, 2 bathrooms, 2 car garage. $650 per month, $650 damage deposit. No pets inside. Call 606-474-5707. Leave message. Will accept HUD

Barnhart from A-4

"My concerns include the creation of a new $1 million job that has no defined duties," Beshear said in the statement, "and the announcement that the new dean of law was the only candidate not recommended by law school faculty."

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AP college sports: https://apnews.com/hub/college-sports

Commercial Bank of Grayson

SHERRY EASTERLING IS RETIRING!

HONORING 40+ YEARS

Sherry's retirement reception will be held at the Interchange Branch in Grayson on Friday, May 1st, from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

The bank invites everyone to stop by for refreshments and to wish Sherry well on her retirement.

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