

Back from A-5

The guy working a double at the plant doesn't care which political team gave the green light to the predators signing his paycheck or who cut his overtime to save a buck. The woman choosing between insulin and rent isn't watching Fox or MSNBC — she's watching her bank account.

The left had their chances and blew them. The right had theirs and handed the bill to the same

people they claimed to be fighting for. The working class keeps getting passed around like it's someone else's problem, and come election time, both parties will claim they looked out for us. Neither did. Don't worry about guys in drag. Worry about how we're getting screwed by the devils you know.

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Show from A-3

Arts Director, this year's production, subtitled "Songs from Stage & Screen," features a lively variety of selections from Broadway, film, television, and even video games.

The show includes mostly familiar music, performed in a mix of vocal, instrumental, and dance numbers.

She added that board member Elaine Brunelle, a professional violinist with an extensive career performing with major orchestras and headliner artists, will also be featured in the production.

Tickets for the dinner and show are currently available for \$25 per person for a limited time. After June 12, ticket prices will increase to \$28. All dinner tickets must be ordered by June 19.

Guests who wish to attend only the performance may do so at no cost, as show-only admission is free.

When asked who the event is for, Harman emphasized its broad appeal.

"It is a wonderful event for most anyone," she said. "If you have visitors, bring 'em. I think they'll be amazed at the talent."

Harman also spoke about the spirit of the production and the impact

on attendees, saying, "I truly hope the community and beyond will come out to see this show. The talent will surprise you and you'll leave feeling uplifted."

She added, "We have such dedicated artists who want nothing more than to do something for their community, and they give their all. And they are truly talented."

This event is one of many annual events held by the Olive Hill Center for Arts and Heritage. Others include "Vantine's on the Hill," the "Tea Party on the Hill," "Festival of Trees," and "Christmas on the Hill."

"People say 'there's nothing to do here,' yet often opportunities like this get missed," Harman said. "I love my town and want it to have the best we can offer. This is our little corner of such a contribution."

Tickets for "On with the Show!" are available now at <https://ohcae.ludus.com/200430880> or by calling 304-972-2440.

The Olive Hill Center for Arts & Heritage is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11am to 4pm and is located at 120 Comet Drive, Olive Hill.

At one Kentucky bar, young Republicans wrestle with their disappointment in Trump and their party

By Jesse Bedayn
Associated Press

COVINGTON (AP) — On a recent evening in northern Kentucky, over a dozen young Republicans gathered with beers and brightly colored cocktails at a bar called dEcORa, its neon interior as eccentric as its capitalization, ribbing each other and picking apart the presidential administration they welcomed with high hopes last year.

By now, their enthusiasm for Donald Trump had curdled into frustration.

"I absolutely do not regret voting for Trump in 2024," said Nathaniel Showalter, 34, who sat in front of a concrete pillar covered in spray paint. "I can't wait for him to get out of office."

What poured out that night under the bar's low lights was a sense that the Republican establishment — which they initially applauded Trump for disrupting, but which some now see him sustaining — had forsaken them.

That festering feeling has widened a generational gap between younger and older conservatives as the party slowly begins to consider a future without Trump in charge.

The crew at the bar see Trump's war with Iran as a betrayal of his campaign promises. They are living in an economy that appears as shaky as it was before his inauguration. And they mourn the assassination of Charlie Kirk, the 31-year-old conservative activist they viewed as their lone

spokesperson with influence in the White House.

The defeat of Republican Rep. Thomas Massie — who had earned a younger and anti-establishment following while feuding with Trump — in Tuesday's primary cost them one of their strongest allies in Congress.

"There seems to be a concerted effort to keep the next generation out on the right," said TJ Roberts, the group's lanky leader. A 28-year-old state representative, he was the only one at the bar wearing a suit. "There's this sense of entitlement among the establishment on the right. 'Well, I'm better than the alternative.' Well, sure, but a stomach flu is preferable to stomach cancer. I'd rather have neither."

Roberts convenes the group every month to talk politics, this time with The Associated Press, and he feared that young people like those gathered at dEcORa were "going to live a shorter, less prosperous life than your parents."

"We have to make sure that young Republicans have a voice in Washington, D.C.," he said.

"It's why we need a change in leadership"

The boisterous group, all men in their 20s and 30s, crowded around a low table painted with kaleidoscope art. They made ribald jokes and debated each other, sometimes slipping into impressions of Trump or conspiracy theorist Alex Jones.

Although views of Trump's presidency aren't uniform — some like his

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 20-CI-00210**

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
ELLA CAUDILL; JOHN CAUDILL; AND COMMON- WEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CARTER DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on April 11, 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 **24th day of June, 2026 at or near the hour of 10:00 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 12% 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: 16 Haney Lane, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 228, Page 688, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 060-00-00-005.07.

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

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00347**

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
MELISSA R. KOUNS; ARNOLD LEE KOUNS; LEND- MARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; CHARLES WILLIAM COLEMIRE DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on April 11, 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 **24th day of June, 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 3.75% 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: 465 Paradise Hill, Grayson, KY 41143

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-50-12-005.00.

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CARTER COUNTY FISCAL COURT**

Carter County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for the 2026/2027 fiscal year for materials and services listed below. Sealed bids will be accepted until June 24, 2026, at 4 PM.

Fuel	bulk-gasoline, diesel, propane
Oil	various weights
Fluids/Lubricants	
Asphalt	pick up and delivered/laid
Paving	emulsion and chip seal oil
Pipe	various sizes
Limestone	various sizes both pick up and delivered
Hauling	
Heavy Equipment	rate per hour including fuel and operator

A detailed list and bid packet are available at the Judge Executive's office, 300 West Main Street, Room 227, Grayson, KY 41143. All bids will be opened and awarded, June 25, 2024, at 4pm during a Carter County Fiscal Court Special meeting.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CARTER COUNTY FISCAL COURT**

Carter County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for a new bridge on Lemaster Cemetery Rd. Sealed bids will be accepted until Thursday, June 24, 2026, at 4pm at the Judge Executives' office located at 300 West Main Street Room 227 Grayson KY 41143. For specifications on bridge, please contact Jason Carroll at 606-316-8096.

Brandon Burton
Judge Executive

REQUEST FOR BIDS –FIRE CHIEF VEHICLE - DUE BY June 18th, 2026, AT 2:00 P.M.

The City of Grayson will accept bids in any format for the purchase of (1) Durango PPV for use by the City of Grayson Fire Department. The bid must be received in person, by mail, or by email by June 18th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the City Clerk's office 302 East Main Street, Grayson, Kentucky, 41143, or by email at dmay@graysonky.net. Bids must be in accordance with the specifications below. Contact City Administrator Joe Hammer at jhammer@graysonky.net or at 606-474-6651 if you have any questions. The City of Grayson reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities and to negotiate with the apparent qualified best bidder to such extent as may be in the City's best interest. The below listed minimum qualifications shall be met:

Vehicle Basic Specifications:
Vehicle Year: 2025-2026
Vehicle Make: Dodge Durango PPV
Vehicle Color: White

Vehicle shall be equipped with the following: V8 Engine • Automatic Transmission • Pursuit Package: Bid packages shall include a delivery timeline as below; preference may be given based upon the delivery timeframe • Vehicle delivery time.

second term more than others — they were all animated by anger over the war with Iran.

To many in this group, Operation Epic Fury is not just "a complete betrayal of his promises," as Michael Gartman, 32, put it. It's evidence that their voices have been drowned out by the political establishment, defense contractors and megadonors who they see

See **REPUBLICANS** on A-8

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00488**

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
RICKY DANIEL VARNEY; SKYLA VARNEY; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CARTER DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 5, 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 **24th day of June, 2026 at or near the hour of 10:15 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: 693 Long Fork Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 534, Page 275, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 029-00-00-003.001.

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

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00395**

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES OF BOBBY RANSHAW; DAWN RANSHAW; THE UNKNOWN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBY RANSHAW; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF, IF ANY, OF DAWN RANSHAW; KENNETH CLAY RANSHAW DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 14, 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 **24th day of June, 2026 at or near the hour of 10:10 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: 1413 Tick Ridge Fork, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 220, Page 22, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 035-00-00-032.01.

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Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

Be it ordained by the Carter County Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2027 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purpose indicated.

GENERAL Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,221,980.20
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	40,000.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	126,100.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	2,500.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	27,000.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	204,277.25
9000	ADMINISTRATION	1,803,109.44
Total GENERAL Fund		4,424,966.89

ROAD Fund		
6100	ROADS	3,907,896.70
7000	DEBT SERVICE	778,984.47
9000	ADMINISTRATION	393,700.00
Total ROAD Fund		5,080,581.17

JAIL Fund		
5100	PROECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,531,244.70
7000	DEBT SERVICE	30,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	1,306,505.30
Total JAIL Fund		3,867,750.00

LGEA Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	40,000.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	394,174.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	196,500.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	5,000.00
6100	ROADS	20,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	400,750.00
Total LGEA Fund		1,056,424.00

CDBG Fund		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	200,000.00
Total CDBG Fund		200,000.00

FORESTRY FUND Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	22,200.00
Total FORESTRY FUND Fund		22,200.00

CLERK STORAGE FEE Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	105,000.00
Total CLERK STORAGE FEE Fund		105,000.00

OPIOID FUND Fund		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	683,805.00
Total OPIOID FUND Fund		683,805.00

ENHANCED 911 Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	372,613.50
9000	ADMINISTRATION	130,851.38
Total ENHANCED 911 Fund		503,464.88

Adopted by the Carter County Fiscal Court this the 28 day of May, 2026.

/s/ Brandon Burton
County Judge/Executive

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC") will conduct a public hearing in Case No. 2025-00365 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at the PSC's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. The purpose of the hearing is to cross-examine Kentucky Power's witnesses and take evidence on Kentucky Power's application for continuation through December 31, 2026 of its demand-side management programs; recovery of costs, including lost revenues and incentives, associated with demand-side management; and all other required approvals and relief. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed by connecting to the YouTube link posted on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov, on the day of the hearing. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to provide public comments may do so by arriving at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, before the start of the hearing.