

Curtain from A-5

work ain't about keeping the lights on—it's about taking another cut, even if it's only pennies every time you lay down the debit card. And really, in 2026, who still carries cash? I hardly ever do. Those pennies add up.

I'm exhausted from financing somebody else's

bonus. I'm tired of supporting another board of directors that already made more money last year than I'll see in ten lifetimes. Every week there's a new horror that I have to foot the bill for, another way to give some suit more of my money because they sat in a New York boardroom

and decided they're still not a big enough profit center.

The banks say this will fund free checking and credit card perks. Then what's the point of my signing up with you? We have options. Isn't that the whole thing with capitalism? An abundance of

choices? If \$116 billion in profits isn't enough, if they need to suck every extra penny from us, maybe it's time to start raising the guillotines.

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McConnell from A-1

this year to the Senate seat he has held since 1984. Republican U.S. Rep. Andy Barr and Democratic former state Rep. Charles Booker will face off in the November election.

McConnell's attending physician said in a statement that he has "experienced several falls throughout the year that have been attributed to his post-polio condition" and the senator was admitted to the hospital four weeks ago "after falling at home and sustaining minor injuries."

"A comprehensive evaluation by a multidis-

ciplinary team determined that he had no fractures, cardiac abnormalities, stroke, tumor, or hemorrhage. Early in his hospitalization, he developed pneumonia, which responded rapidly to antibiotic treatment," the physician said. "The remainder of his hospital stay focused on physical therapy and strategies to reduce his risk of future falls. He has been medically cleared to continue fully participating in his intensive physical therapy program."

McConnell and his staff have faced much public

pressure into disclosing more about his condition after his hospitalization last month. Last week, Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear sent McConnell's office a letter "requesting an update on his health and well-being amid growing concerns around the Senator's ability to serve," a press release said.

On the national scene, rumors swirled about McConnell's health, particularly as right-wing influencer Laura Loomer, who has a history of spreading conspiracy theories, posted on X last week a White

House source told her the longtime senator is "brain dead." After that McConnell allies, including Kentuckian and CNN commentator Scott Jennings, said they had 20-minute conversations with McConnell in recent days.

Questions about McConnell's condition increased Sunday after U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina, died at the age of 71 from "a brief and sudden illness," according to his office. Republicans control the Senate with 53 seats.

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NOTICE TO CARTER COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Debbie Johnston, Carter County Clerk pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2025 delinquent real property tax bills (certificates of delinquency) will be published in the Carter County Times on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. The list of certificates of delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8:30 am – 4:00 pm at the County Clerk's office located at 300 West Main Street, Room 232, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. This list may also be inspected on the Carter County Clerk website. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is <https://carter.countyclerk.us/delinquent-taxes/>. The tax sale will be held on Friday, August 28th, 2026 beginning at 10:00 am. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by close of business day on Tuesday, August 18th, 2026. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office anytime prior to the tax sale. **Please Note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception.** Some delinquencies – although they have been advertised – will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 1134.504(10)(b). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's office at (606) 474-5188 extension 238.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SECRETARY

The Olive Hill Housing Authority is accepting applications and resumes for a full-time Secretary. Applications may be picked up and returned to the Olive Hill Housing Authority Office, 501 Tygart Street, Olive Hill, KY 41164.

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From staunch critic to fierce ally: Graham's long, strange and consequential friendship with Trump

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — After the Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021, Sen. Lindsey Graham said he had finally had enough of the man who was championed by the mob that stormed the pillar of American democracy: President Donald Trump.

"Trump and I, we've had a hell of a journey. I hate it to end this way. Oh my God, I hate it. From my point of view, he's been a consequential president," an emotional Graham said once authorities cleared the rioters and allowed senators to reclaim their chamber. "All I can say is count me out. Enough is enough."

It wasn't, of course.

Graham, the South Carolina Republican who died unexpectedly on Saturday night at age 71, realized that his party's future was inextricably tied to Trump and quickly reverted back to being a staunch defender. The shift made what had once seemed like a final rupture into just another twist in the topsy-turvy relationship between the powerful senator and the president who came to dominate their party.

"Can we move forward without President Trump? The answer is no," Graham said in May 2021, just four months after the Jan. 6 attack. "I've determined we can't grow without him."

Trump, who called Graham a "true American Patriot" in a social media post Sunday, appeared shocked by the lawmaker's

sudden passing.

"I just can't believe it," the president told NBC's "Meet the Press." "He was like a member of the family."

Graham often advised Trump on foreign affairs, particularly on matters pertaining to Israel, Ukraine and Iran.

"At the end of a particularly thrilling and rollicking meeting in the Oval Office, Lindsey Graham turned to the room and said: 'I've never had this much fun in my life,'" deputy White House chief of staff Stephen Miller wrote, adding such gatherings "were filled with camaraderie, kinship and uproarious laughter."

Trump recalled that during his last conversation with Graham, he told his friend, "We'll see you soon, come over anytime you want."

The senator and Trump first clashed while competing for the 2016 presidential nomination.

Graham described Trump as "unfit for office," and was angered when Trump denigrated the military service of Graham's friend, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. Trump said, "I like people that weren't captured" when talking about McCain's years as a prisoner of war.

Trump got mad enough at Graham to release the senator's personal cellphone number. That prompted a viral video in which the senator dramatically destroyed a series of flip phones.

Graham eventually likened Trump's winning

the nomination to "being shot in the head" and said he refused to vote for Trump that November. But the pair later bonded over golf and what Graham described as a mutual and irreverent sense of humor.

Trump and Graham began hitting the links together so often that the senator started seeing it as something of a career builder, leaning heavily into the kind of over-the-top flattery Trump relishes. In 2017, Graham joked that Trump had beaten him "like a drum" on the course — even worse than in the presidential primary.

"Their true friendship could only be seen behind the curtain," Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., told ABC's "This Week." Scott said that relationship was forged as political adversaries but also strengthened by spending 100-plus hours golfing together.

During Trump's first term, Graham helped advance Trump's nominees to the Supreme Court, lent credibility to the White House's legislative agenda and even became part of the president's inner circle. He frequently said Trump was maturing in politics and growing on the job.

Graham's political divergence with McCain, who died in 2018, was never more clear than in 2017, when McCain voted against a Trump-backed plan to overturn Democratic President Barack Obama's signature health care law. The effort had been co-sponsored by Graham.

In his floor speech after

the Capitol attack, Graham said "he'd never been so humiliated and embarrassed for the country." But the break with Trump ended quickly.

Weeks later, Trump invited Graham for golf and dinner at the president's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, reigniting their alliance. During Trump's 2024 campaign, Graham was a frequent Trump surrogate on television.

Graham never shed his more traditional Republican foreign policy views, including outspoken support for Ukraine during the Russian invasion. He was also a leading voice pushing the White House to

take a harder line against Iran.

After the U.S. and Israel attacked Iran in February, Graham remained hawkish, staunchly defending the action and working to counter many in Trump's "Make America Great Again" base who thought "America First" meant avoiding such conflicts.

"To those who say Iran is stronger now than before, that is an insult to the American military and it is delusional thinking because the Iranian economy is in shambles," Graham posted on June 19.

But Graham's admiration for Trump went far beyond Iran. When Graham

clinched the South Carolina Republican primary last month, he suggested the president was just short of a deity.

"I want to start with a bunch of thank yous. I want to thank the big guy, God. Trump comes later," Graham laughed. "Mr. President, you're not far behind God, but we're gonna start with him."

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture

Livestock and Grain Market Report

There are no comparisons available as most markets were closed last week for the 4th of July holiday.

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

Week ending 7/11/26

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	534.52	485.00	413.72
400-450 lbs	502.24	480.80	396.79
450-500 lbs	505.10	476.76	378.68
500-550 lbs	453.42	435.05	364.10
550-600 lbs	433.69	441.78	352.47
600-650 lbs	426.85	387.96	341.21
650-700 lbs	409.16	394.73	334.77
700-750 lbs	376.72	379.67	314.06
750-800 lbs	365.45	379.00	319.32
800-850 lbs	353.35	314.88	306.96
850-900 lbs	345.01	310.00	287.74
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	496.40	486.88	381.47
350-400 lbs	490.71	447.64	373.20
400-450 lbs	452.85	446.13	360.14
450-500 lbs	442.44	427.37	350.28
500-550 lbs	414.55	376.08	335.72
550-600 lbs	395.57	366.47	331.03
600-650 lbs	363.90	349.39	309.81
650-700 lbs	360.05	331.38	299.33
700-750 lbs	329.46	317.03	276.92
750-800 lbs	323.78	303.00	278.66

	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	152.00-206.00	172.00-217.00	158.00-183.00
Boners	140.00-195.00	173.00-216.00	137.50-184.00
Lean	131.00-186.00	160.00-220.00	100.00-170.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	200.00-236.00	220.00-250.00	171.00-229.00

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Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 134

Kids-Selection 1 49 lbs 355.00; 54 lbs 350.00; 65 lbs 367.50. **Selection 1-2** 83 lbs 380.00; 125 lbs 260.00. **Selection 2** 51 lbs 355.00; 76 lbs 305.50.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 302

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 56 lbs 312.50; 69 lbs 282.50; 70-77 lbs 280.00-295.00; 85-89 lbs 230.00-262.50; 115 lbs 115.00. **Choice 2** 48 lbs 345.00; 59 lbs 302.50; 65 lbs 285.00; 74 lbs 265.00; 84 lbs 245.00; 108 lbs 257.50.

Wooled-Choice 2 82 lbs 267.50; 135 lbs 225.00.

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.17-4.80	4.12-4.63	4.00-4.59
Soybeans	10.90-12.39	10.56-11.73	9.45-10.63
Red Winter Wheat	5.40-6.40	5.31-6.03	4.57-5.24

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