

Joyful Noise

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mities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." This means that when believers acknowledge their weakness, they can rely on God's strength to sustain them.

Understanding the saying "Let the Poor Say, I Am Rich"

Unlike "Let the weak say, I am strong," the phrase "Let the poor say, I am rich" does not appear verbatim in the King James Version (KJV) Bible. However, its message is reflected in several scriptures, particularly in 2 Corinthians 8:9 (KJV): "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that,

though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

This verse highlights the spiritual riches that believers receive through Christ. Though Jesus was rich in divine glory, he humbled himself and became poor (taking on human form and suffering) so that through his sacrifice, believers could inherit the riches of his grace.

What great encouragement! Your strength and riches lie in the tender mercies and loving kindness of God that is bestowed upon you every morning. You are not walking life alone!

Colossians 3:16-17 says, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

What great strength you will find as you search out the rich Word of God. Yes, in every task, every step, every decision, every situation, every dream, let the rich Word of God strengthen you for today. It will be your rich strength

in all you do or say as you do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Amen! So be it!

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Raiders

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to 47-42 heading into the fourth quarter. Greenup, however, lost their spark as time ticked away. The Raiders' defense tightened, forcing turnovers and limiting Greenup's looks at the basket. Multiple key blocks from Colton McGuire (12) set the tone, and Grant Menix (10) gave East Carter its first lead of the night at 48-47 with 5:20 remaining in the game.

The final stretch kept

fans on edge with every possession. East Carter surged ahead 51-47, only for Greenup to claw back and briefly retake the lead at 52-51 with just 35 seconds left. That's when Burton delivered the play of the game, driving hard to the rim, blasting through contact, and finishing in the paint, also while getting fouled. Sinking the free throws with ease, the senior put the Raiders up 54-52. Greenup tried to get

a shot off to end the nail-biter, but a host of Raiders forced them to turn the ball over. Scrambling to regain possession, they fouled Menix, sending him to the line to shoot a bonus free throw. Unsurprisingly, he finished both, extending their lead to 56-52. With just 5.4 seconds remaining, Greenup couldn't gain the momentum to overcome the deficit, giving East Carter their first regular-season win.

It was a tale of resilience for East Carter, who refused to fold despite a double-digit halftime deficit. Behind the leadership of Burton, Tussey, and Menix, the Raiders showed poise under pressure and delivered a statement win that should resonate as the season continues.

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U.S. Senate appears unlikely to pass bill to extend existing ACA tax credits

By Melissa Patrick  
*Kentucky Health News*

The U.S. Senate is expected to vote Thursday on a Democratic bill to extend the existing Affordable Care Act tax credits for three years, but multiple news sources say it is unlikely the bill will get enough votes to pass.

The enhanced health care subsidies created during the Covid-19 pandemic will expire at the end of the month unless Congress acts. And while people can still get tax credits, they will be reduced so premiums will

go up.

At a Nov. 18 ThriveKY meeting, David Verry, assistant director with the state's Division of Health Plan Oversight, said without the enhanced tax credits, "The majority, 58% or so, are seeing an increase of \$100 or more per month, 10,000 Kentuckians are seeing an increase of \$500 or more per month, and some are seeing increases of over \$1,000 per month."

Dustin Pugel, policy director at the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, puts it another way in an analysis of what

Kentuckians in every county will see if Congress doesn't act to extend the existing tax credits: "This lost support would harm Kentuckians in all 120 counties. For these households, premium costs are likely to double in many cases. A family of four with an income twice the poverty level would see their annual premiums rise from \$2,102 to \$5,361. A 60-year-old couple with a household income of \$85,000 would lose their insurance support entirely and see their annual premium costs rise from \$7,225 to \$30,886. Many of these

people are small business owners or work at a small business or as independent contractors."

The analysis comes with an interactive map of how many Kentuckians used Kynect, Kentucky's health insurance marketplace, for their health insurance in every county in 2025.

The enhanced tax credits, or subsidies, were at the crux of the recent 43-day federal government shutdown.

Gov. Andy Beshear, speaking at a Dec. 4

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Olive Hill

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communities to revitalize any property that is being underutilized," she explained.

Weedman said there were many different ways to approach the program, and the grant process they are working on now is to fund the assessment phase.

"If you are applying for a \$500,000 grant for assessment as we are," she said, "We are identifying sites that are not being used the best way."

The assessment grant, Weedman said, allows for the determination of what, if any environmental issues are present and how those issues can be remediated. The assessment funds do not pay for the actual remediation, which would require additional funding. The assessment grant, however, is open to any

property public or private, and requires property access authorization. It also requires the property owner to apply for that property to be in the Brown Field Program.

In other business, the City of Olive Hill agreed to 'accept all ownership and maintenance' for KY2529 from the beginning of state maintenance beginning at the junction of US 60 extending .96 miles to the end of state maintenance. The council also voted to give Mill Street (022CS20037) to state maintenance. The 'trade' of roads was to simplify and facilitate paving.

The Water Ordinance (2025-8) for 2025 was also discussed by the council. The ordinance was passed due to the fact that rising costs have caused a

hardship on the city, and an increase in rates was deemed necessary. The full ordinance is available upon request but essentially the new ordinance makes updates to the previous ordinance. A surcharge of \$1.11 will be billed per customer for Kentucky Infrastructure Authority Debt Service. The surcharge will be removed upon the payoff of the loan.

Deposits for water service are also affected by the new ordinance as well. The new charges will be a deposit of \$50 for residential landowners and residential renters or tenants will pay a \$100 deposit. Small commercial deposits will be \$200 under the new ordinance, and large commercial usage will incur a \$500 deposit. A deposit of \$1,000 will be

required on those locations deemed industrial.

The new ordinance also lists 'tap on' fees. Residential taps with a three-quarter inch line will pay \$1,200 inside the city limits and \$1,400 outside the city limits. Any tap one inch or greater will be billed to the customer at the actual cost of materials plus labor. In the event that roads must be crossed or installed through rock, any additional expense will be borne by the customer.

Amended water rates for inside city limits are \$29.97 for the first 2,000 gallons. The rate thereafter is \$11.19 per 1,000 gallons. Outside city limits the base rate changes to \$47.01 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$16.22 for every 1,000 additional gallons for usage up to 50,000

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

The Commercial Bank of Grayson will offer at Public Sale the following vehicles to satisfy the indebtedness due under the terms of a security agreement.

**2010 CADILLAC ESCALADE, NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE 168,201, DON'T RUN, VIN #1GYUKJEFIAR123585.**

**2011 GMC TERRAIN, MILEAGE 135,034, MOTOR BLOWN, VIN #2CTFLREC9B6332705.**

**2019 BUICK ENCORE AWD, MILEAGE 106,312, VIN #KL-4CJESB5KB893323.**

**2018 CHEVY SILVERADO 4 WHEEL DRIVE, MILEAGE 143,744, VIN #3GCUKREC4JG428685.**

**2000 FORD F650 SUPER DUTY, NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE 236,000, VIN #3FDWF65HXYMA05348.**

Public Auction will be held on *Friday, December 12, 2025*, at 3:00 PM at COMMERCIAL BANK, OLIVE HILL BRANCH, 155 TOM T. HALL BLVD., OLIVE HILL KY.

Seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Announcements made the day of the sale will take precedence over any printed material.

Terms will be cash.

For more information, please contact Tina Knipp at (606)475-4150.

Notice of Noncompliance

Pursuant to KRS 65A.040, the Kentucky Department for Local Government hereby gives public notice that as of December 2, 2025, Carter County Tourism Commission is in violation of Kentucky Law for failure to comply with the reporting requirements of KRS 65A.020. The last known point of contact for Carter County Tourism Commission is Dora Roe, who may be reached at (606) 474-5366 and/or 300 W MAIN ST STE 227 GRAYSON, KY 41143. The last known Board Members are: Kara Johnson, Johnathan Lewis, Von Perry, Carl Burton, Marilea Fugitt, Paul Tierney, Jill York. The district was noncompliant with FY2021 - Attestation Engagement Every 4 Years. The Auditor of Public Accounts has been notified and state funding for this entity will be withheld until further notice. Department for Local Government encourages this entity to comply with the law.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Fiscal Court, at a meeting held on December 8, 2025, adopted the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE FOR THE FINANCING OF A PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE LEASE; CREATING A SINKING FUND; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH LEASE; AND MAKING CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS REGARDING SUCH LEASE.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing ordinance provides for approval of a lease with Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust, as administrator, and bank or financial institution offering the lowest and best interest rate, as lessor for financing certain public improvements and provides a general obligation pledge to assess and levy sufficient taxes to comply with the obligations to pay lease payments, and makes certain designations regarding the Lease.

A complete copy of the onlinance may be reviewed at the office of the County of Carter, Kentucky, at 1558 North State Highway 7, Grayson, Kentucky 41143.

/s/ Brandon Burton  
Judge Executive

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, hereby certifies that the foregoingis a true and accurate summary of an Ordinance that has been pn:paredby an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

/s/ Brian Bayes  
Licensed Kentucky Attorney

NOTICE OF RECORD DESTRUCTION

Physical Therapy Services, PA (PTS), an Early Intervention Resource Agency, will be destroying early intervention developmental therapy records for children who received services **prior to December 31, 2019.**

Parents or legal guardians who would like to obtain a copy of their child's records must submit a written request by December 15, 2025. After this date, records will be permanently destroyed on **December 31, 2025.**

Requests should be mailed to: Physical Therapy Services, PA  
**Attn:** Early Intervention  
1975 W. Elk Ave  
Elizabethton, TN 37643

For more information, call 423-923-0898

PUBLIC NOTICE

Saver Group Tobacco, LLC, d/b/a Olive Hill Tobacco Shed declares its intention(s) to apply for a tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license no later than 12/19/2025. The licensed premises will be located at 131 Jessica Ln, Olive Hill, KY, 41164. The owner is Saver Group, Inc. and their president Larry Noe, 95 London Drive, Campbellsville, KY, 42718. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.



The Hitchins Fire Department hosted its Eleventh Annual Christmas parade on Saturday, December 6. This event has consistently been a significant occasion for the small community of Hitchins. Wesleyan Church traditionally distributes free goodies every year, while Stinson Church of Christ participated this year, also handing out free treats. Sandy Ratcliff organized a coat drive to provide free coats, hats and gloves. The parade is held annually on the first Saturday in December, commencing at Old 773 and concluding at 773 & Route 1. (submitted photos, Lettie Marcum, Hitchins VFD)