

Joyful Noise from A-2

nation.

We all experience different seasons in our lives. It's a beautiful reminder that life is constantly changing, and everything happens for a reason. The Bible tells us that there is a season for every activity under heaven. Whether we are in a season of joy, sorrow, growth, or learning, each moment plays its part in shaping us. We can take comfort knowing that God has a purpose for every season we encounter. We are encouraged to embrace these changing moments

instead of resisting them, trusting that they help us grow closer to our Creator.

Understanding that God has a plan for each season we go through is essential. We may sometimes feel lost or uncertain, but God assures us that he is in control. When we realize that every season has meaning, we can approach our situations with hope and faith. Even in tough seasons of waiting or trials, he uses these moments to prepare us for what lies ahead. Let us remember to lean on God during these times,

knowing that his timing is perfect.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." – Romans 8:28

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God

has done from beginning to end." – Ecclesiastes 3:11.

Amen! So be it!
JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests: Pastornaomi-4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHopprayer. Services: 10am Sunday and Joyful Kids Class at 10:30am, 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm.

Grayson Gallery issues call for artists

Gallery reflects on 2025 and plans for first show of the new year

By Dan Click
for Carter County Times

Because of you, it has been another fabulous year here at the Grayson Gallery & Art Center, Inc.,

and we hope it's been the same for you. As we plan on our kick-off event for 2026, we're also hoping that those of you who haven't been here in a while (as well as lots and lots of newcomers) will participate and get even more involved with the GGAC in the coming months!

Now, for that call for work; it's going to be an open to anything and everyone show, so you can feel free to just create!

Your original artwork (up to three pieces per artist unless prior approval is granted) may be dropped off on two dates: Saturday, January 24 and again on Monday, January 26, each day from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. Pieces must be wired and ready to hang unless otherwise noted or approved, with the artist name, title, medium and price, or marked NFS, on a tag, written on the back of the piece, or as you can for

3D works.

There is no entry fee! However, we do ask for a 20% donation for any pieces sold.

A registration form may be requested via email, or picked up from the Gallery: 301 E Third Street in Grayson, KY 41143.

Four, \$50 (or equivalent purchase) awards will be given during Awards & Announcements section of the event.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CABELL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:

THE PETITION OF BRANDON LEE BUTCHER FOR THE ADOPTION OF IVORY BRYNN DEARFIELD AN INFANT FEMALE UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUITS TO PETITION FOR CUSTODIAL ALLOCATION, THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

To Tommy Dearfield:

You are hereby notified that the Above-Named Petitioner has filed a Petition for Adoption for Ivy D. (d.o.b. 11/16/2019), you can defend your rights by filing a response with the Circuit Clerk of Cabell County, West Virginia, and by serving said Response upon counsel for Petitioner, Paula L. Harbour, P.O. BOX 407 Huntington, WV 25708.

You are further notified that a hearing will be held February 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., in the Cabell County Circuit Court, 750 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia. Failure to respond or appear may result in a judgement adverse to your interests.

A copy of the "Petition for" can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office. Entered by the Clerk of Said Court on December 11th, 2025.

Michael J. Woelfel

/s/ Toree Vanhose

Clerk of the Court of Cabell County, West Virginia

We'll host an opening reception, which will be free to the artists and the public, for Grayson's monthly Final Fridays Art Walk set for January 30 from 6 – 9 p.m. with refreshments and live music. Details will be released on Facebook next month, as the event approaches.

Finally, we'd like to say "thanks." We sure couldn't do any of this without your support!

Dan & the GGAC Board of Directors

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Destiny of donations

By Diane Wingert
Carter County Public Library

While we have a lot of awesome people in our communities that love our libraries, I was recently honored to meet a lady that is not from here but shared that love of what libraries offer. This lady, 75 years young, came to our Eastern Kentucky communities because of a very deep desire to deliver her best friend's love of books to others.

When her best friend died, she left Adele her extensive collection of books. Adele decided to donate that collection to libraries. When she did, many of her friends decided to donate books also.

With all the books collected, she contacted Kentucky and other states around us to see where she



Adele unloads books from a U-Haul. (Photo by Diane Wingert)

could find a need.

Kentucky was the one to call her back. From there, Carter County was named as a library in need of books and also accepting donations, and that we do.

We take donations of books, money, and other items that we use or give to those in need. The Carter County Public Library will always try to help those in need.

To continue, Adele called me. That was a very good call. She told me she wanted to give books to some needy libraries. But getting them here was going to be an adventure. Adele, you see, is from Tucson, Arizona. She planned to rent a U-Haul and come our way. I was so impressed I told her it sounded like something I would do.

And come our way she did. I was so happy to meet her. She donated some of the books to our library. I was also honored with an opportunity to be able

to tag along to the other libraries she donated to.

To drive across the country in a U-Haul to deliver books to people she doesn't even know is one awesome opportunity. Those of us that received her generosity were very lucky to have been chosen. For those of you that read this article, please keep all libraries in mind. We are always in need. But, more than that, there are many people in our communities that are in need.

We, as a library, are here to give back to our communities. Snacks are always available at both our branches, along with a place to warm up, relax, find a book, use a computer, or play a game. We are a needed part of our great communities. It's wonderful to meet someone else who appreciates what we offer.

I feel so thankful to have met such a generous person. Truly an inspiration to us all.

Senate from A-5

said it was a good idea: 'Get out there and run' and that it was a very noble thing to do."

Beshear would be Democrats' best nominee, but a loss would greatly

complicate his plan to run for president in 2028. Democrats are anxious to see if he will at last make good on his responsibility as party leader to recruit Democrats for legislative

and local races.

State Democratic Party Executive Director Morgan Eaves said she expects more Democrats to run for the legislature than in 2024. Being in a lopsided

minority is no fun, but she said potential candidates "are hearing from people in their communities the reality of the Republican agenda. ... They understand that Republicans

were once in the superminority too, and you've got to claw your way out, and they've got to be part of the solution." The Senate race, at the top of the ticket, will matter.

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Treating opioid addiction

KDMC offering treatment through UK partnership

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Kimberly Osborne is the Director of the Addiction Medicine Service at UK/King's Daughter's – referred to as Wellness Recovery – in Ashland, and she shared some insights into the challenges our region faces in treating substance abuse disorder. The program is KORE funded through the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort, a program that "... aims to reduce overdose deaths by expanding and sustaining a comprehensive, equitable, recovery-oriented system of care," according to the Team Kentucky Website.

"It's a grant funded program," Osborne explained. "King's Daughter's applied for and received it in 2019. And at that time, we were seeing a large number of overdose deaths in Boyd, Greenup, and Carter Counties. And really all across the Tristate. So, we thought this would be a great opportunity to combat some of that in our communities."

"What we were seeing with the opioid epidemic was that patients were prescribed these drugs for chronic pain management, but the understanding was not that their body was going to become dependent on these drugs. But that is what happens with opioids over time," Osborne noted. "So, we found ourselves in a situation when the opioid epidemic hit, doctors were no longer to prescribe large amounts of opioids to these patients."

Unfortunately, patients at that point began to look

for opioids elsewhere, beyond a doctor's prescription, Osborne said. This, she said, is one reason the area became overrun with dangerous synthetic opioid drugs such as fentanyl. People were desperate to not feel the negative effects of opioid withdrawal and would unfortunately risk anything to not feel bad.

Those reasons were why King's Daughters took the opportunity presented by the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort to develop a comprehensive response to what had truly become a pandemic.

"We offer both inpatient and outpatient treatment," Osborne said. "We service patients inside the hospital who have a substance use disorder. That can be anything from opioids to alcohol or stimulants."

"And we are a consult service, so we consult with them in their room. Then we collaborate with

their attending provider to provide the best evidence-based practice for the treatment of their substance abuse disorder," Osborne explained. "We also make referrals upon discharge if they want to follow up with treatment, whether that is inpatient or outpatient. Sometimes they want a simple phone call just to check up on them after their treatment."

"In the outpatient setting we have a provider and counselors who provide comprehensive care for those patients who decide they want to come to our outpatient clinic. We provide evidence-based care, medications for opioid use disorder and alcohol use disorder, and group therapy," Osborne said.

"And one of the biggest components is peer support specialists. Those are people with lived experience," Osborne explained. "They are amazing, and they

are instrumental in our program. We are partnered with Pathways, and we have six peer support specialists through them that work within our program."

Osborne said that a doctor's referral for treatment is not necessary.

"Any patient who comes in through our Emergency Department that may be suffering from substance abuse disorder can receive a consult.

And any patient in the outpatient department who would like to establish care can walk right in. We are open Monday through Friday. On Tuesdays we are open until 6:30 p.m. and on Fridays we are open until 2:30 p.m.," she said. "And we have it set up so these patients can walk in and receive treatment the same day."

Osborne said that for both inside the hospital and outpatient treatment they have comprehensive social work case management

and community health workers. These workers help the patient apply for assistance to pay for their treatment. Osborne said with so much resource assistance, no one should hesitate to seek treatment simply because of lack of insurance or other funding. Through KORE they are even able to pay for some of the opioid treatment medication copays.

All treatment programs at KDMC operate under HIPAA Guidelines and are strictly confidential, Osborne said.

"There is also an extra umbrella for patients with substance use disorder and mental health disorders that protect their confidentiality. This is a program that can be privately done, just like all their healthcare. They can feel safe when they come to us," Osborne said.

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