

Massie from A-3

authority to promote or protect the production of glyphosate," said Rep. Thomas Massie. "The February 18 Executive Order expands production of this chemical while granting liability protections to manufacturers. Congress should ensure that Americans retain their right to seek a remedy in court if they believe they have been injured by this product."

"If there was ever any doubt about whose side this Administration is on, this Executive Order makes it crystal clear: Big Chemical comes first, and the health of Americans comes last," Rep. Chellie Pingree said. "Calling glyphosate production a mat-

ter of 'national security' is absurd. Invoking wartime authorities to ramp up production while opening the door to liability shields for chemical companies is dangerous and indefensible. This Executive Order has nothing to do with protecting farmers or feeding the country—it's about protecting corporate profits and insulating polluters from accountability. The No Immunity for Glyphosate Act draws a firm line: chemical companies do not get immunity or government-backed profit boosts because Washington cut them a deal, and Americans do not lose their right to seek justice when they've been harmed. I'm proud to work with Rep.

Massie and colleagues on both sides of the aisle to uphold that basic principle, because protecting people from toxic exposure should never be a partisan issue." The February 18 Executive Order invokes wartime authorities to expand and prioritize domestic glyphosate production and confers liability protections for companies participating in federally mandated manufacturing. Because the order explicitly directs and compels the production of glyphosate, manufacturers may argue that their production, formulation, and distribution were undertaken pursuant to federal directive - a defense that could be raised in litigation involving alleged injuries

linked to glyphosate exposure, potentially shielding manufacturers from liability. HR 7601, the No Immunity for Glyphosate Act: Prohibits the use of federal funds to implement the Executive Order, preventing federal agencies from using appropriated funds to administer or enforce the directive; and Affirms that glyphosate manufacturers are not immune from civil liability, ensuring that manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers cannot claim immunity under the Defense Production Act, federal contractor defenses, or other federal authorities, while preserving the right of injured individuals to

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PUBLIC NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS The FIVCO Area Development District is accepting proposals for a Boardroom Audio/Visual Renovation at its office in Grayson, Kentucky. Proposals must be received by 10:00 a.m. EST on Friday, March 6, 2026. The full Request for Proposals is available at https://fivco.org/about-fivco/request-for-proposal/ or by contacting Lance Hanshaw at lance@fivco.org.

OPEN FOR BID Carter County Jail is looking for bids for up to 3 transport vans. Must be chevy express CARGO extended wheel base 155 inch with chevy vortec 6.6 engine. Vans must be cargo as we install our own cages. Bids must be received by or before February 27th. Bids should be sealed and turned in to 13 Crossbar Road Grayson Ky 41143 C/O Carter County Detention/ Van Bids Rena Collins

FOR SALE

Downsizing sale. Mostly furniture. March 6 & 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 404 East 3rd St, Grayson

The No Immunity for Glyphosate Act has been endorsed by Farm Action Fund.

Joyful Noise from A-2

goodwill, and preferential treatment. We can't earn favor. Favor will only come through a close relationship with God. Favor is an act of kindness from God. His mercies endure forever and His loving kindnesses are "new" ev-

ery morning! Favor is God stepping into our situation to make a worthwhile difference. So, how does God give us favor? God's favor is His grace, given to His children free through His Son Jesus Christ. The ulti-

mate act of God's favor is when we receive Jesus as Lord and Savior, receiving the gift of salvation that was provided to us at Calvary. God's favor has taken care of everything you will ever need through

Jesus Christ when he gave His life on the cross, for your spirit, soul and body. Every part of your life is impacted by the grace and favor of God. This doesn't just mean you are going to Heaven. It means you are delivered, protected, pre-

served, healed and made whole. Let that sink in! 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: JoyfulHoprayer. 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.

Oops! from A-5

What has been shown to work in other communities is a trap-neuter-release (TNR) program. In these programs feral cats are humanely captured in live catch traps. They are then vaccinated, steril-

ized, marked with an ear nick, and released back in the area where they were caught. Because cats are highly territorial, they keep other cats from moving into the neighborhood. But, because they've been

spayed or neutered, they don't add any new kittens to the population. Any cats caught in subsequent round ups who have the ear mark can be released immediately, because it serves as a sign this animal has

already been sterilized. In some cases, animals that had previously been socialized with people before being left to fend for themselves, or young kittens that can still be socialized, can be adopted

through the organizations that run such TNR programs. This adds another layer of positive change for the community, the cats, and the people who love both. It's something we'd

really like to see local communities give serious consideration to. Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

Battles from A-5

own border, destroying families caught up in fentanyl, meth, and cocaine — precisely the products these cartels funnel into American towns every day. We owe it to the veterans

we've already sent into harm's way, and to the communities still bleeding from cartel violence, to face a simple truth: if avoiding another Iraq or Afghanistan means taking

the harder, more honest fight, that's the fight we should be having. Ask yourself: if endless wars in far-off lands have cost us lives and trillions while gaining us nothing

in real security, why would we cheer another one against Iran — a country with real military capabilities, regional alliances, and no clear exit strategy? Fentanyl is killing Americans

in towns you've actually heard of. The cartels aren't theoretical. They're not geopolitical chess pieces. They're poisoning our neighborhoods. If we're going to spend blood and

money, spend it where it matters. Be a superpower at home. Contact us at news@cartercountytimes.com

Grayson Gallery plans Peace & Love art show

Staff Report Carter County Times

The Grayson Gallery & Art Center, Inc. will present their annual Peace & Love art show and sale during the monthly Final Friday Art Walk, with an opening reception for participating artists and the public on February 27. Free to all visitors (with donations and tips for the musicians appreciated) doors will open at 6 pm and the event will wrap up at 9 pm.

Awards and announcements will take place at approximately 7:30 pm, at which time four, \$50.00 blue ribbon awards will be given out for People's Choice (by popular vote); the Pen Lady Award; Brandon Click Art Me-

morial; and the GGAC Board Choice. Artists are expected to submit dozens of pieces on the scheduled dates to represent Eastern Kentucky, the Tri-State area and well beyond. Live music by the 3X band will delight the crowd with their throw-back tunes and classic rock. According to Michael Allen, who formed the band, 3X is a rock and roll band dedicated to playing music mainly from the classic and widely influential 1964-1974 era, with a few 80's gems thrown in for good measure. "We were formed in 2018, to return to the era and music that first inspired me to take up guitar and start a musical journey that is still ongoing. All of the members bring years

of experience and talent to the mix, honed by literally thousands of gigs, concerts, studio work, etc.," Allen said. 3X is Mike Allen on guitar and vocals; Randy Hogsett, bass and vocals; and Dewey Frye, drums and vocals. Look for them on Facebook. Catering by Laura will provide refreshments. Coming up in March will be the Women in the Arts show. A call for work will be emailed and shared on social media during the first week of next month. Karen Combs, President of the Huntington Blues Society and her Appalachian Ladies Review musicians will be back as the entertainment for this annual celebration of female artists during Women's

History Month. April's theme is always Celebrate the Earth at the GGAC, with works themed to recognize the importance of Earth Day awareness and the fragile, ever changing environment. Music for April's show, by "Kentucky Memories", will also be in celebration of their 20 year anniversary. Contact Dan Click, director, via email at graysongallery@gmail.com, look for the Gallery on Facebook and, for pre-recorded announcements call the GGAC Info Line: 606-474-7651. Contact us at news@cartercountytimes.com



Allysa Richards, acrylic (submitted photo)

Mandatory driver impairment sensors clear a funding hurdle, but are they ready?

By Jeff McMurray Associated Press

A federal law requiring impairment-detection devices inside all new cars survived a recent push to strip its funding but remains stalled by questions about whether the technology is ready.

Rana Abbas Taylor lost her sister, brother-in-law, nephew and two nieces when a driver with a blood-alcohol level almost four times the legal limit slammed into their car in January 2019 as the Michigan family drove through Lexington, Kentucky, on the way home from a Florida vacation.

The tragedy turned Abbas Taylor into an outspoken advocate for

stopping the more than 10,000 alcohol-related deaths each year on U.S. roads. Lawmakers attached the Honoring Abbas Family Legacy to Terminate Drunk Driving Act to the \$1 trillion infrastructure law that then-President Joe Biden signed in 2021. The measure, often referred to as the Halt Drunk Driving Act, anticipated that as early as this year, auto companies would be required to roll out technology to "passively" detect when drivers are drunk or impaired and prevent their cars from operating. Regulators can choose from a range of options, including air monitors that sample the car's interior for traces of alcohol, fingertip readers that measure a

driver's blood-alcohol level, or scanners that detect signs of impairment in eye or head movements. Mothers Against Drunk Driving called it the most important piece of legislation in the organization's 45-year history. Still, implementation has been bogged down by regulatory delays, without any clear signals that final approval is near. "The way we measure time is not by days or months or years. It's by number of lives lost," Abbas Taylor said in an interview with The Associated Press. "So when we hear manufacturers say, 'We need more time,' or 'The tech is not ready,' or 'We're not there yet,' all we hear is, 'More people need

to die before we're willing to fix this.'" The 'kill switch' debate A Republican-led effort to remove the Halt Act's funding was defeated in the U.S. House last month by a 268-164 vote. Another bill to repeal it entirely awaits a committee vote. Most of the opposition has stemmed from suggestions that the law would require manufacturers to equip cars with a "kill switch". That would essentially allow them to "be controlled by the government," Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis posted on the social platform X, drawing comparisons to George Orwell's dystopian novel "1984." The alcohol industry has fiercely defended the

law against such arguments. Chris Swonger, president and CEO of the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, said it specifically requires the technology to be passive, similar to other current safety mandates such as seat belts and air bags. "There is no switch, there's no government control, there is no sharing of data," he said. "That's just an unfortunate scare tactic." But Rep. Thomas Massie, a Kentucky Republican who authored the defunding effort, said even the dashboard acting on its own could serve as "your judge, your jury, and your executioner." He cited the example of a mother who swerves in a snowstorm to

avoid hitting a neighbor's pet, only for her car to deactivate itself because it determines she's impaired. The Alliance for Automotive Innovation, a trade association for U.S. automakers, made a similar case to regulators in 2024, arguing that much more research was needed before mandating the technology. "Even if 1 in 10,000 trips were expected to experience a false positive, this could result in thousands of unimpaired drivers encountering problems that prevent them from driving each day," the Alliance wrote. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which is establishing the rules to implement the