

Account

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hard for so little and wonder where all that money goes. When we go to work, we’re selling our labor at a price per hour. But what does that look like for the folks sitting in the corporate suite?

They’ve never had dirt under their nails, but they sure know how to pick a pocket clean.

Rowdy

from A-1

the idea from there.

“She had me paint the head of the snake, and wanted everyone – adults and children – to just paint a rock,” Bellew continued.

She said more than 50 people had contributed to the rock snake in the days before the Fourth of July holiday. Those who contributed to Rowdy’s growth by adding a rock, and then letting the staff know, were entered into a drawing for some small prizes that the store gave away over the Fourth of July holiday.

But the prize drawing,

Tomorrow, I get to decide what bill gets paid and how much I can afford to spend on food – even though I have a full-time job.

Once again, the working man gets the screw job. Been there, done that.

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like the rocks adding to Rowdy’s length, were really just a way to engage with and give back to the community, Bellew said. Especially the community’s children.

Bellew said they’d like to see folks continue to contribute to Rowdy, even with the prize drawing closed, so that he can eventually wrap all the way around the building as she’s hoped for.

“That’d be really cool,” she said.

Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

George

from A-3

Robert and Mary Avenue, improving foot traffic both for visitors and residents of the city. The sidewalk was designed by Bell Engineering of Lexington and was funded by a federal Tap Grant. The grant funds covered eighty percent of the project, which cost approximately \$250,000. Construction began in the spring of 2024 by Jefferson Construction of Brooksville and was completed earlier this month.

Mayor Troy Combs presided over a ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the new sidewalk, but the mayor and the city used the event to honor the mayor who was leading Grayson when the project began. Former mayor George Steele (2006-2022) was kept in the dark about the nature of the event, never suspecting that he was being honored. Instead, the former mayor was told that he was needed for a wedding taking place on July 15 on the corner of East Main Street and Robert & Mary Ave. Steele was more flattered than offended by the subterfuge, but in typical fashion insisted upon giving everyone else the credit.

“Some might say that it is just a sidewalk, so what’s the big deal?” Combs began the ceremony. “But we all know it’s more than concrete and curb,” he added. “It’s connection. It connects neighborhoods, it connects people to schools and

parks, to local businesses, and most importantly, to each other.”

“A sidewalk is a symbol of movement, of safety, and of accessibility,” Combs told the crowd of Grayson residents. “And it is a symbol of our commitment to building a community where everyone, regardless of age or ability, can walk confidently and freely. It’s a small piece of infrastructure. But it carries big values. Inclusion, sustainability, and progress.”

“People often ask why we can’t have more in our community,” Combs continued. “And while there is nothing wrong with wanting more for our community, I think it’s important to appreciate that which we have and that which we receive.”

Part of that appreciation, Combs said, was to remember and honor those who are responsible for helping us have what we do.

“This sidewalk improvement did not happen overnight,” Combs said. “It took vision. And it took the hard work of people who planned it, of engineers and construction crews, city council members, and of course mayors.”

The mayor of Grayson then proceeded to thank all those responsible, beginning with Roger and Joanne Dunfee for applying for and securing the Tap Grant that made the project possible. Next,

Tourism

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Tired Military Vehicles, or custom or modified vehicles with specified equipment and registration that meet inspection standards set by state law.

This ordinance does not include slow moving vehicles (such as golf carts) which are governed by a separate city ordinance. It also only applies to city streets and does not authorize their use on roads or trails where they are specifically prohibited. Many trails, such as those at the city lake, specifically prohibit the use of any motorized vehicle.

The city’s grant consultant Jennifer Meade spoke to the council and gave updates on current grant progress.

“We have a small grant right now for ARC through the Center for Rural Development,” Meade told the council. “It a capacity building grant, so we can get everything in line and all the metrics we need to apply for the big grants such as Brownfield Grants.”

“I am actually going to the conference in Chicago in August,” Meade told the council.

The first thing Mead said she had done was a land utilization assessment for the Olive Hill Business District.

“I took the liberty of defining what we would call our central business district,” she said.

Meade provided maps of essentially three blocks of the city.

“The bad news is that thirty-eight percent of your business district is blighted,” Meade told the council.

Blighted property is generally defined as properties that can include structurally unsafe conditions, being a visual “eyesore,” and unkempt landscaping – such as overgrown lawns, uncontrolled weeds, dangerous conditions of trees, etc. Blighted properties might be inhabited, abandoned, foreclosed, or even vacant lots.

“That is a really high

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF OLIVE HILL OLIVE HILL, KY CLEARWELL REHAB AND REPAIR

General Notice

The **CITY OF OLIVE HILL** (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

OLIVE HILL, CLEARWELL REHAB AND REPAIR

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **OLIVE HILL CITY HALL**, located at **225 ROGER PATTON DRIVE**, until **AUGUST 1, 2025 at 2:00 PM** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

The City of Olive Hill is accepting bids for the rehabilitation and repair of their existing clearwell. Work includes installation of a bypass pump and waterline and appurtenances.

The Project has an expected duration of **60** days.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING, PLLC, 222 E MAIN STREET, GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY 40324, (859) 749-5420**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the office of the OWNER; **CITY OF OLIVE HILL CITY HALL, 225 ROGER PATTON DRIVE, OLIVE HILL, KY 41164, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 PM (LOCAL TIME)**

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be downloaded/ordered from the Issuing Office. Bidding documents can be purchased for \$150.00, which is nonrefundable. Contractor can choose between either hardcopy or electronic Bidding Documents. **All qualified BIDDERS must purchase a set of Bidding Documents and listed as a plan holder by Issuing Office, Bluegrass Engineering, PLLC.**

A pre-bid conference will not be held.

All bids must be made on the required Bid Form and must be fully completed and executed with original signatures and corporate seals.

The contract is being funded by Cleaner Water Grant Funds.

Federal Prevailing Wage Rates DO NOT apply for this project.

Hearing impaired individuals may call 1-800-247-2510 for information.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within ninety (90) days after the actual date of bid opening.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kick-back Act, and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act. Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Orders No. 11246 and No. 11375 and any amendments or supplements to those Executive Orders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

Bidders must certify they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated or based on race, color, creed, or national origin.

Minorities and small businesses are encouraged to submit bids on this project.

The Contract will be awarded on the basis of the low evaluated responsive, responsible, best and qualified bidder unless all bids are rejected.

The City of Olive Hill reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids, for any reason deemed advisable by the City. The right is reserved by the Owner, in the exercise of its sole judgment to reject any or all Bids, and to re-advertise and award the Contract in the regular manner or to waive any informalities, irregularities, mistakes, errors, or omissions in any Bid received and to accept any Bid deemed to be responsive to this invitation and favorable to interests of the Owner.

The sealed bid for this project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: **"Sealed Bid for City of Olive Hill – Clearwell Rehab and Repair"**. If Bids are to be mailed, they should be mailed to the

City of Olive Hill
225 Roger Patton Drive
Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164

Certified check or Bid Bond payable to the City of Olive Hill in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid shall accompany the Bid.

ADVERTISEMENT

CITY OF OLIVE HILL
Jerry Callihan, Mayor

Advertisement Date: July 23, 2025

NOTICE TO CARTER COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Mike Johnston, Carter County Clerk pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2024 delinquent real property tax bills (certificates of delinquency) will be published in the Carter County Times on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. 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 29th, 2025 beginning at 10:00 am. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk’s office by close of business day on Tuesday, August 19th, 2025. 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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the mayor thanked Bell Engineering for designing and facilitating the project, then Jefferson Contracting for putting in the work to make the project a reality, and Brian Gillum for technical support and oversight.

“Mayor Steele,” Combs addressed the former mayor of Grayson and honoree, “It was under your

administration that this project was first conceived. Without your vision, and the support of past and current councils, we would not be here today. It was your dedication that made this possible. And for this reason, on behalf of the City of Grayson, we would like to present you with this certificate dedicating

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

The *Carter County School District* keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The *Carter County School District* obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The *Carter County School District* may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request seven (7) years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The *Carter County School District* may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student’s name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student’s ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

The *Carter County School District* has an ongoing “*Child Find*” system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district’s “Child Find” system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The *Carter County School District* will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the *Carter County School District* find any child who may have a disability and need

Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the *Carter County School District* collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Carter County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call 606-474-6696, or send the information to:

**Director of Special Education
Carter County Schools
228 S. Carol Malone Blvd.
Grayson, Ky. 41143
Phone: 606-474-6696 ext. 20211**

**Section 504 Coordinator
Carter County Schools
228 S Carol Malone Blvd.
Grayson, Kentucky 41143
Phone: 606-474-6696 ext. 20103**

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of the Carter County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call 606-474-6696 or send the information to:

**Director of Special Education
Carter County Schools
228 S. Carol Malone Blvd.
Grayson, Kentucky 41143
Phone: 606-474-6696 ext. 20211**

“*Child Find*” activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the *Carter County School District* will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through “*Child Find*” is maintained confidentially.

Written *Policies and Procedures* have been developed which describe the District’s requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and “*Child Find*” activities. There are copies in the Principal’s office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these *Policies and Procedures* may be obtained by contacting:

**Director of Pupil Personnel
Carter County Schools
228 S. Carol Malone Blvd.,
Grayson, Kentucky 41143
Phone: 606-474-6696 ext. 20103**

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The *Carter County School District* provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible. If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the *Director of Pupil Personnel, the Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator* at the address or phone number listed above for the *Carter County Schools*.


this stretch of sidewalk along Robert and Mary in your name.”

The former mayor then addressed those assembled for the dedication.

“I was mayor of the City of Grayson for 16 years,” Steele told the crowd. “And it was one of the most fun times of my life. It was fun because I


had the support of the best council you could ever want. I couldn’t have asked for a better group of people to work with. And there is no way I could have accomplished anything without the help of those wonderful people.”

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