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Rock 'em and Sock 'em

West Carter joins Robot Gladiator League

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

When we hear the word robot, most of us picture something like a metal person. Maybe you picture something with wheels or tracks instead of feet, like Rosie the robot maid from the Jetsons. But the overall image for those of us raised on science fiction and pop culture is usually some type of anthropomorphic automaton.

The reality, though, is that most of the robots we're likely

to see today are more akin to a Roomba than to C3PO; small, flat, wheeled, and programmed or designed to do a singular task. They vacuum the rug on a set schedule. They mop the kitchen at our prompting. Or mow our lawns with the aid of guide wires and remote controls.

Or, if you're a robot built by a robot gladiator team, you beat the tar out of your opponent.

It's this last one that students at West Carter High School are focused on with one of the school's newest extracurricular activities.

If you've ever watched the show BattleBots, that's basically the idea. The students involved all work with the same base model robot, team coach Gary

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Students in the Robot Gladiator League work on their robots. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Trash-talkin'

Veterans lead the way in cleaning up and building community

By: J.W. Jones
Carter County Times

A new group, formed in what supporters have described as a display of community spirit and environmental stewardship, has taken on the task of cleaning up

various natural areas, including a recent cleanup in Grayson.

Recently the group of passionate volunteers led by retired veteran, Mike Thornton, took it upon themselves to clean up the wetlands in the Daniel Boone area. What started as a simple act of picking up trash turned into a movement that now aims to make Kentucky the cleanest state in the nation.

The group, lovingly called Trash-Talkin', is dedicated to both cleaning up nature and providing a safe space for open conversations. Veterans, active

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(submitted photo)

Olive Hill discusses water issues

Hammond proposes moving forward with park plans

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Olive Hill City Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on February 20 to conduct city business, including hearing reports on current projects as well as plans for future projects. Ongoing water projects were discussed, including an inlet pump, a test of filter mechanisms, and testing water chemicals. Water levels are steadily improving and testing should

See **WATER** on A-8



Max Hammond addresses Olive Hill City Council (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Weekly arrests report

The following individuals were arrested and booked into the Carter County Detention Center over the past week. This list includes local arrests only. It does not include federal inmates being housed at or transported through the detention center.

- Tiffany Belcher, 43, address unknown, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked February 19.
- James Clark, 40, of Ashland, arrested by Grayson PD, on five counts of failure to appear, and three counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked February 19.
- Justin Couch, 25, address unknown, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance,

- failure to wear seat belts, rear license not illuminated, operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, no registration plates, no registration receipt, failure to maintain required insurance, failure to produce insurance card, and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked February 19.
- Richard Alan, 55, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked February 20.
- Charles Roberts, 34, address unknown, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked February 20.
- Billy McGhee, 33, address unknown, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a hold for

court, arrested and booked February 20.

- Teresa Bush, 46, address unknown, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked February 20.
- John Johnson, 52, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges including three counts of failure to appear, one count of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, third degree burglary, and theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued at more than \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000, arrested and booked February 20.
- Marsha Jordan-Bromwell, 52, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of third degree burglary, and theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued at more than \$10,000 but less than

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This Week's Obituaries

Maude Louise James, 98

Peggy Lynn Porter O'Bryan, 72

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LIFESTYLE



Affordable, sustainable, and simply delicious: Canned salmon for budget-conscious cooks

Here's a stellar pantry staple I don't write about often enough, so let's dive into some canned salmon.

There's no doubt that salmon is among the healthiest of foods. Yet fresh salmon is expensive, seasonal and sometimes hard to find, particularly salmon that's wild caught rather than farmed. So, while we wait for fresh salmon to go on sale, canned salmon is an affordable choice for the frugal and fabulous pantry.

It's crucial to scrutinize salmon labels for quality. Farmed

salmon, raised in crowded pens with antibiotics and toxins, poses health risks. Avoid Atlantic salmon, which is farmed due to overfishing. Opt instead for wild-caught Alaskan pink salmon, sustainably harvested in well-managed fisheries. Not only is it ethically sound, but also budget-friendly.

If you've never tried canned salmon, here's what you should know. Canned salmon comes in two varieties: with the skin and bones (less expensive) and without (more expensive).

If you buy salmon with the skin and bones, there's a tiny little drawback. Namely, skin and bones. You're getting a section of the whole fish (scales and organs removed) then pressure cooked right in the can. The bones are soft and completely edible, in fact, they're highly nutritious. You can choose to eat everything in the can, or you can pick out the skin and bones, leaving only the fillets.

If you or your family feel squeamish about the bones, I suggest you remove the obvious bits and add a handful of slivered almonds to any recipe using canned salmon to completely camouflage any remaining bones.

Canned salmon is so versatile; you can make sandwiches, salads, chowders, pasta and more. But a family favorite is salmon

patties -- crisp on the outside, tender on the inside and bursting with flavor. This adaptable recipe also makes awesome burgers or little appetizer cakes.

SALMON PATTIES

Yield: 4 to 6 servings
Total Time: 1 hour

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup green onion, minced, divided
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 3/4 teaspoon Old Bay seafood seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon low sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 cup celery, finely minced
- 2 eggs
- 1 (14.75 ounce) can pink salmon
- 1 tablespoon slivered almonds, optional
- 1 3/4 cups panko breadcrumbs, divided
- 1 tablespoon everything bagel seasoning
- 2 tablespoons vegetable or olive oil, for frying

In a mixing bowl, combine mayonnaise, half (1/4 cup) of the green onions, lemon zest and juice, Old Bay and soy sauce. Reserve about 1/2 cup of this mixture to use as a dipping sauce or spread later. Into the remaining mayo mixture add celery, remaining green onion,



Enjoy a salmon burger, a delicious and budget-friendly meal option. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

beaten eggs and salmon. For this purpose, I remove the skin and bones, but it's your choice. Add the almonds, if desired. Stir to combine. Thoroughly fold 1 cup of panko breadcrumbs into this mix. Refrigerate for at least 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in a shallow bowl, combine the remaining panko and everything bagel seasoning.

When you're ready to cook your patties, place a skillet on medium-low heat and add 1 tablespoon of oil.

Divide the mixture and form 4 or 6 patties. Press each patty into the panko mix, covering all sides. The patties are sticky until they're coated, then they're much easier to work with. Place into the heated skillet in batch-

es. Cook on the first side for 4 minutes before carefully flipping over until fully cooked. Repeat with remaining patties, adding oil as needed. Serve with the reserved dipping sauce or as a burger with the usual accompaniments.

So, next time you're stocking your pantry, I hope a few cans of salmon find their way back upstream to your shelf.

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website *Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous!* Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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Bluegrass Bible Beat

Get your mind right

By: Sling 'n Stone Ministry
Carter County Times

The warden in Cool Hand Luke, a 1967 film starring Paul Newman as Luke, admonished Luke: "You gonna get your mind right, and I mean right." Luke's mind was not right because Luke lowly esteemed the sovereign over him and its authority. Luke's so doing led Luke to disobey and defy that sovereign and its authority. Luke's disobedience and defiance provoked the sovereign's wrath and led to Luke's unending suffering -- and ultimately, to his death because Luke refused to get his mind right about the sovereign and its authority.

How does Newman's Luke from 1967 relate to 21st century Christians? Answer: Like Cool Hand Luke in 1967, today's Christians lowly esteem both their Sovereign and His authority. Their doing so causes them to disobey and defy their Sovereign and His authority. What Sovereign? The only Sovereign that exists: The Lord Jesus Christ, the Almighty. (Revelation

1:8). What authority? His Word—the "sword of (His) mouth." (Revelation 2:16).

How do today's Christians lowly esteem the Almighty? They do as Israel did in King David's day: They suppose the Almighty to be like them. (Psalms 50:21). Nothing could be more wrong -- and more dangerous. HE is wholly unlike anyone or anything on Earth -- that's what the Book of Revelation reveals. HE is to be feared and obeyed. Yet folks utter drivels like "Jesus gets us," or "God is love," to excuse their unholy living; they do so even though HIS Word warns: "(W)ithout holiness no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14). Why such drivels? Because "(t) here is no fear of God before their eyes." (Romans 3:18).

How do today's Christians lowly esteem HIS Word? They disregard it; they obey that which they find convenient and offer excuses to disobey that of HIS Word they find inconvenient. Example: The Lord commanded, not suggested, we "go into all the world and preach the Gospel." (Mark 16:15).

Similarly, HE commanded that we "go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." (Luke 14:23), and "seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." (Matthew 6:33).

Yet few actually do. Everyone else carelessly ignores our Lord's warnings about being found idle and disobedient when He returns. (Matthew 24:50-51) (disobedient servant will be cut asunder); (Luke 12:47) (servant beaten with many stripes when he knew the LORD's will but disobeyed).

We promote not salvation by works. Rather, we urge those who love the Lord to keep HIS commandments. (John 14:15). That is -- a genuine faith in (and love for) the Lord Jesus Christ naturally causes or brings about the reverence for HIM and the obedience to HIS Word that HE and HIS Word demand. (Matthew 7:18). Folks, if we don't get our minds right -- if we don't highly esteem HIM and HIS Word, we might find ourselves cut asunder and beaten with many stripes, like Cool Hand Luke. To avoid that fate, we must get our minds right about HIM and about HIS Word.

The Side Hustle Music Beat

Post Malone's country era: A genre-defying journey

By: J.W. Jones
for Carter County Times

Post Malone's evolution into the realm of country music has been a captivating journey that has fans and music enthusiasts alike on the edge of their seats. The talented "Sunflower" singer recently took to Instagram to share a sneak peek of a new

song, sending shockwaves through the music industry. In a teaser that featured collaborator Luke Combs, the duo repeated the phrase "Ain't Got a Guy For That," hinting at a potential title for the upcoming track.

This exciting development comes on the heels of Malone's confirmed work on his debut country album, a project that has

been eagerly anticipated following his standout performance at the 2023 CMA Awards. Collaborating with artists like HARDY and Morgan Wallen, Post Malone showcased his genre-blending prowess and left a lasting impression on country music enthusiasts.

Post Malone's affinity

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers sold mostly 2.00 to 5.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Heifers were 3.00-7.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Yearlings sold mostly 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Demand was good to very good for all feeder classes. Slaughter cows sold mostly 2.00 to 4.00 higher and slaughter bulls were mostly steady to 2.00 higher with good demand for slaughter classes.

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/> Week ending 2/17/24

STATE AVERAGES			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	300.06	291.46	216.85
400-450 lbs	296.35	289.27	214.85
450-500 lbs	289.21	280.15	210.92
500-550 lbs	272.50	268.37	203.37
550-600 lbs	264.23	257.01	195.78
600-650 lbs	246.58	246.75	185.89
650-700 lbs	240.00	235.09	178.82
700-750 lbs	227.24	225.16	168.11
750-800 lbs	220.15	222.42	167.81
800-850 lbs	211.92	208.51	163.86
850-900 lbs	208.28	209.03	165.76
Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	261.45	253.20	182.34
350-400 lbs	257.21	250.91	178.90
400-450 lbs	261.01	245.51	177.45
450-500 lbs	257.08	242.37	175.13
500-550 lbs	240.67	230.71	170.24
550-600 lbs	229.84	224.29	166.19
600-650 lbs	217.82	216.52	160.24
650-700 lbs	212.84	209.14	155.07
700-750 lbs	204.51	198.13	150.63
750-800 lbs	197.82	197.62	149.98

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	90.00-117.00	100.00-125.00	80.00-102.50
Boners	81.00-118.00	100.00-129.00	76.00-103.00
Lean	68.00-99.00	90.00-115.00	61.00-89.50
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	104.00-129.00	120.00-143.00	90.00-118.00

February 8, 2024 **Bowling Green, KY**

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 160

Kids Selection 1 49 lbs 327.60; 60 lbs 320.00 74-76 lbs 277.50. **Selection 1-2** 95 lbs 205.00; 158 lbs 205.00. **Selection 2** 53 lbs 317.50; 74 lbs 257.50. **Selection 2-3** 105 lbs 112.50.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 438

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 55-58 lbs 292.50-325.00; 67-69 lbs 300.00-317.50; 85 lbs 280.00. **Choice 2** 55 lbs 295.00; 74 lbs 270.00; 88 lbs 232.50; 110 lbs 232.50.

Week ending 2/17/24			
GRAINS			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.70-4.38	3.82-4.58	6.65-7.12
Soybeans	10.87-12.13	11.09-12.08	14.76-15.73
Red Winter Wheat	4.77-5.95	5.12-6.06	7.00-7.90

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Extension Notes

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Be aware of poison hemlock dangers to livestock

In recent months, evidence of poison hemlock is widespread in Kentucky. Poison hemlock is toxic to a wide variety of animals including birds, wildlife, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, horses and to humans.

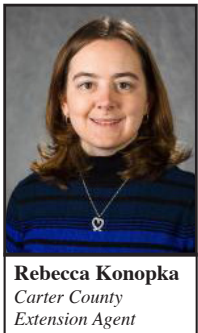
People are usually poisoned when they eat hemlock mistaken for plants such as parsley, wild carrot or wild anise. Although, cattle seldom eat hemlock, they will if no other forage is available or if it is incorporated in hay or silage. A common question is how much do cattle need to eat to kill them. Unfortunately, the answer is not clear cut. There is considerable

variation in the toxic alkaloid content of the plant depending on stage of growth, season, moisture, temperature, time of day and geographical region (southern plants are more toxic than northern plants). The alkaloids have two major effects: rapid, sometimes fatal effects on the nervous system, and birth defects in calves and pigs. Cattle have died by eating as little as 0.2-0.5 percent of their body weight in green hemlock.

Although this plant is often seen along roadways, abandoned lots, fencerows and other non-cropland sites, in more recent years,

it has expanded out into grazed pasture lands and hay fields. Poison hemlock is classified as a biennial that reproduces only by seed. It is capable, however, of completing its life-cycle as a winter annual in Kentucky if it germinates during the fall. Flowers and new seed are typically produced in late May and June. Plants emerge as a cluster of leaves that form a rosette. Poison hemlock is most noticeable at this stage of growth in late fall through early spring with its parsley-like leaves which are highly dissected or fern-like. The individual leaves are shiny green and triangular in appearance.

As the plant begins to send up flower stalks, *See HEMLOCK on A-3*



Rebecca Konopka
Carter County
Extension Agent

Arrests from A-1

- \$1,000,000, arrested and booked February 20.
- Kameron Viars, 19, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and possession or purchase of alcohol by a person aged 18 – 20 years old, arrested and booked February 21.
- Ashley Tolliver, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a pair of probation violations for felony offenses, arrested and booked February 22.
- Mark Jackson, 31, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked February 22.
- Matthew Lindsay, 33, address unknown, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked February 23.
- James Clark, 40, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, weekender, arrested and booked February 23.
- Bobby Walton, 53, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, as a fugitive (warrant not required), arrested and booked February 23.
- Jason Jackson, 48, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of second degree criminal mischief, arrested and booked February 24.
- Geffrey Price, 31, address unknown, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of speeding 11 MPH over limit, no registration receipt, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked February 24.
- Patricia Staten, 55, of Ashland, arrested by Boyd County Jail, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested February 23, booked February 24.

- Ian Gehringer, 28, address unknown, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, improper registration plate, rear license not illuminated, no registration receipt, no registration plates, and failure to produce insurance card, arrested and booked February 25.
- Trista Greer, 39, address unknown, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to or improper signal, arrested and booked February 25.
- Crystal Crouch, 39, address unknown, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked February 25.
- Caiden Sparks, 18, address unknown, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol while under 21 years of age, leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance, one headlight, and improper equipment, arrested and booked February 25.
- Carla Elliott, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, and two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked February 25.

All of the charges listed are arrest charges only, and do not indicate an indictment or a conviction for the charges in question. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Information is compiled from publicly available sources, but may not be comprehensive.

Indictments

The following indictments were returned by the Grand Jury of the Carter Circuit Court on November 3, 2023. An indictment is not a determination of guilt or innocence. It is simply a charge that an offense has been committed and indicates that a case is pending on the charges listed. All defendants have the presumption of innocence until found guilty in a court of law.

Though it is a part of the public record, the

Carter County Times does not make a habit of printing the names of minor children or the victims of alleged crimes, except under exceptional circumstances.

Andrew Hall, 42, of West Liberty on or about October 22, 2023, committed the offenses of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, a Class D Felony; drug

paraphernalia, buy/possess, when he unlawfully possessed drug paraphernalia with the intent to use for the purpose of introducing drugs into the human body illegally, a Class A Misdemeanor; wanton endangerment, first degree, by wantonly engaging in conduct which created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to a police officer, a Class D Felony; three counts of criminal mischief, first degree, by intentionally destroying property of another, causing more than \$1,000.00 damage, a Class D Felony; fleeing

and evading police, first degree, motor vehicle, with intent to elude, disregarded officer's directions to stop creating a substantial risk of serious injury or death to others, a Class D Felony; reckless driving, by failing to operate his vehicle in a careful manner, with regard to the safety and convenience of pedestrians and other vehicles on the roadway, a violation; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and controlled substance, first offense, aggravating circumstance, by operating

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Hemlock from A-2

the leaves are alternately arranged on the main stem. Each individual leaf is pinnately compound with several pairs of leaflets that appear along opposite sides of the main petiole. As the plant matures, poison hemlock can grow upwards to about 6 to 8 feet tall. At maturity, the plant is erect, often with multi-branched stems, and it forms a deep taproot. Poison hemlock has smooth, hollow stems with random purple spots along the lower stem that help distinguish it from other similar plants. The flowers, when mature, are white and form a series of compound umbels (an umbrella-shaped cluster of small flowers) at the end of each terminal stalk. Although poison hemlock is often associated with areas that have moist soil conditions, it can also survive in dry sites.

Symptoms of poisoning can occur within 30 minutes to two hours of ingestion depending on the animal, quantity consumed and other ecologic factors. Toxicity varies depending on stage of plant growth, location and environment. Poison hemlock foliage has an unpleasant mouse urine-like odor, detectable when near the plant or when a stem or leaf is crushed, so livestock generally avoid it. Signs of acute poisoning include: nervousness, trembling, muscle weakness, incoordination, salivation (slobbering), initial stimulation

or excitement followed by depression, dilation of the pupils, weak heartbeat, musty and mousy odor to breath and in the urine, prolapse of the third eyelid across the cornea may cause temporary blindness, and death by respiratory failure due to paralysis of respiratory muscles.

Although acute disease is a primary concern, an equally serious problem is subacute intoxication of pregnant livestock that causes deformed bones and joints in calves and pigs. For this to happen, cows must eat the plants for an extended period of time during the first trimester of pregnancy. The susceptible stage of gestation for maternal exposure for cattle is from 50-75 days for skeletal defects to occur. These alkaloids continuously reduce fetal movement during tissue formation, resulting in crooked legs, deformed necks and spines. Less commonly, cleft palate results from lack of fetal movement in the head and neck regions at 30-50 days gestation, resulting in the tongue preventing normal palate closure during embryo development.

All parts of the plant, including the seeds, contain the toxic alkaloids. Ingestion of fresh, green plant material may quickly produce signs of intoxication within an hour and last for several hours. Seeds and dried plant material contain the highest concentrations of the most

troubling alkaloid. Toxicity may be somewhat reduced in dried plants due to volatility of the alkaloids, but the potential for toxicity still exists, particularly when a sufficient quantity is consumed in dried hay. Seeds are highly toxic and can be a source of poisoning when they contaminate cereal grains fed to livestock. Use extreme caution before feeding animals hay or grain known to contain poison hemlock.

Diagnosis is based on history of plant ingestion, clinical signs and chemical analysis for presence of alkaloids in rumen contents. No specific treatment for poisoning exists. If acute poisoning does not progress to respiratory failure and death, the prognosis for full recovery is good. Avoid overexcitement and stress that may exacerbate clinical signs and result in death.

Public health is a concern when dealing with poisoned animals because of the possibility of alkaloid residues in meat. Elimination of plant toxicants through the milk is a minor route of excretion but may be important when consumed by a calf or a human.

The principle strategy for poison hemlock control is to prevent seed production which can be a challenge since a fully mature plant is capable of producing 35,000 – 40,000 new seeds. It is too late to use herbicide control methods after plants

have produced flowers. Therefore, you should use mechanical control efforts such as mowing or cutting down individual plants just before peak flower production to avoid or reduce the amount of new seed being produced.

Make note of areas heavily infested with poison hemlock and begin to look for emergence of new plants in the fall. During the late fall, November, or early spring, March, is the best time of year for herbicide treatment. In grass pastures and hayfields herbicide products containing 2,4-D can be effective when applied to young, actively growing plants that are in the rosette stage of growth. Spot treatments with products containing 2,4-D, triclopyr, or glyphosate can also be used depending on the location.

For more information on recognizing or controlling poison hemlock, contact the Carter County Extension office. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

CALENDAR

- **2/29: Master Cattleman Series @ 6:00 p.m.** | Boyd County Fairgrounds Expo Building
- **3/1: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **3/1: Cheese Making Class @ 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | Registration by 2/14 required.
- **3/4: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **3/4: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **3/5: Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Board Meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **3/5: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **3/5: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **3/6: Beef Quality & Assurance Training @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Call 474-6686 to register
- **3/7: Lunch & Learn: Generational Differences @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **3/7: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/11: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **3/11: Carter County Fiscal Court meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse

Have an event to add to the calendar?
Email info to advertise@cartercountytimes.com



Pet of the Week

Jack is a male, heeler mix, believed to be around four months old. He has a \$50 adoption fee, which includes rabies vaccination and being neutered. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet him or call 475-9771 for more information.

Shelter hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday by appointment.



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Indictments from A-3

a motor vehicle on a public roadway while under the influence of alcohol and any drugs or controlled substances impairing his driving ability, a Class B Misdemeanor.

James Liles, 38, unknown residency (homeless) on or about October 21, 2023, committed the offenses of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, carafentanyl or fentanyl derivatives, dispensing, selling, transferring, or possessing with intent to distribute, a Class C Felony; drug paraphernalia, buy/possess, when he unlawfully possessed drug paraphernalia with the intent to use for the purpose of introducing drugs into the human bodily illegally, a Class A Misdemeanor; persistent felony offender, first degree, by committing the felonious acts set forth in this indictment while being convicted of two prior felonies, a Class A Enhancement.

Phillip Lowe, 35 of Olive Hill on or about October 4, 2023, committed the offenses of public intoxication when he appeared in a public place manifestly under the influence of a controlled substance, or other intoxicating sub-

stance, excluding alcohol, to the degree that he may endanger himself or other persons or property, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, third degree, drug unspecified, by knowingly and unlawfully possessing a controlled substance classified as a schedule IV or V drug, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed heroin, a schedule one narcotic, a Class D Felony.

Dakota Sagraves, of Grayson on or about September 21, 2023, committed the offenses of unlawful imprisonment, first degree, when he knowingly and unlawfully restrained a person under circumstances which exposed him/her to a risk of serious physical injury, a Class D Felony; burglary in the second degree, by knowingly and unlawfully entering the dwelling of another with intent to commit a crime, a Class C Felony; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon by having possession of a firearm, while having a prior felony conviction; a Class D Felony.

Trash from A-1

service members, and their families along with everyone else are invited to participate in these gatherings, where they not only clean up parks, trailheads, and lakes but also build meaningful friendships along the way.

The recent cleanup effort at the wetlands in the Daniel Boone area showcased the power of unity and community collaboration, the group said. With the support of local rangers and wildlife preservation officers, Trash-Talkin' hopes the area will remain clean and inviting for both animals and humans. Trash-Talkin' extended a heartfelt thank you to these dedicated individuals for their ongoing efforts in maintaining the beauty and safety of this recreational area.

Thornton, the driving force behind Trash-Talkin', also expressed gratitude to the Grayson community for their support and encouraged them to take ownership of their surroundings.

"If you are tired of seeing sites like this in your town, we can help," Thornton emphasized.

The group is ready to lend a hand and clean up areas in other communities, but due to limited funds, they rely on the community's assistance in bringing them to the desired locations.

As a retired veteran, Thornton is dedicated to giving back to communities across Kentucky. Through Trash-Talkin', Thornton not only cleans up areas in need but also empowers community members to take charge of their environment. The movement seeks to inspire individuals to be part of the solution rather than the problem.

The recent cleanup in Grayson, with the support of local waste management teams, proved to be a resounding success, they said. Volunteers, including Angela DeHart, Jeff Miller, Dakota Dustin, and others, played crucial roles in making the cleanup effort a grand triumph. Together,

they collected an astounding haul of 65 trash bags, along with various items such as baby strollers, metal lawn chairs, an umbrella, a 32 inch television, and even a twin mattress.

Trash-Talkin' plans to continue their efforts in Grayson, with another major cleanup scheduled for an area between Grayson and Olive Hill. The group aims to tackle this challenging task in collaboration with the Carter County waste management team. The support and involvement of the community are paramount to the success of these initiatives.

Thornton said the Sure Stay Best Western in Grayson also deserved special recognition for their "warm hospitality and support" during the cleanup effort. He said the entire Trash-Talkin' crew expressed their heartfelt gratitude to John and all the staff for making them feel like family.

With Trash-Talkin' gaining momentum, the movement eagerly invites more individuals to join in their upcoming cleanup efforts. He said he hopes the group's commitment to both the environment and building strong, supportive communities is an inspiration to all. Together, he said, they hope to prove that nothing is ever hopeless when we come together as one.

He noted that Trash-Talkin' is just getting started, and their vision of a clean and united Kentucky is within reach. If you're interested in supporting the group, you can reach out to Thornton and the Trash Talkin' crew via social media.

Dustin added that they have also set a challenge to help a friend who wants to collectively pick up more than 25,000 bags of garbage by Earth Day. Anyone who would like to contribute their time to that challenge is also encouraged to reach out.

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OBITUARY**Maude Louise James**

1925 – 2024



Maude Louise Bond James, age 98, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord on February 19, 2024 at Kingsbrook Lifecare Center in Ashland, KY.

She was born in Olive Hill, KY on Thursday, December 10, 1925 to the late James Silas and Virgie Davis Bond. Maude Louise attended Olive Hill High School where she graduated as a Salutatorian of her Senior Class in 1944 before marrying John William James in 1946. She joined the Olive Hill Wesleyan Church in 1945, where she faithfully served playing piano, teaching Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School among very many other ministries there until her health no longer allowed her to do so. Along with various cottage industries, she was employed at several downtown retail businesses through the years including a fabric shop, Olive Hill Department Store, and notably, becoming part owner of the J & F Variety Store, however, the most important job to her was being a devoted daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother. Maude Louise, or the "SkipBo Queen" as she was called by many, was a talented, smart, industrious woman who will be fondly remembered for her homemaking skills; fun, outgoing personality; adventuresome spirit, being a community leader, and above all, for her christian testimony.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John William James; one infant brother, Wendell Bond;

and one grandson, Andrew James.

Maude Louise simply adored all of her family. She is survived by three sons: Larry Michael (Debra) James of Vancouver, WA; William Gregory James of Fredericksburg, VA; and John Anthony (Teresa) James of New Castle, DE; nine grandchildren: Jessica (Jeremy) Engbers, Olympia, WA; Joshua James, Austin, TX; Gregory (Jessie) James, Olive Hill, KY; Ann Louise Meyers, St Cloud, FL; Geoffrey James, Ruther Glen, VA; Christopher James, Fredericksburg, VA; Clifford D. Hampton, Vancouver, WA; Michael (Carrie) James, Brush Prairie, WA; eleven great grandchildren, plus two great great grandchildren.

Maude Louise Bond James is a wonderful example of how to live life to the fullest. She was well loved and her presence will be deeply missed. She is joyfully pain free now and peacefully resting in the arms of her beloved Lord and Savior.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 24, 2024, at Olive Hill Wesleyan Church with Brother Jeremy Traylor and Pastor Jeremy Engbers officiating. Burial followed in the Junior O.U.A.M. Cemetery in Olive Hill.

Friends visited after 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 24, 2024 until the service hour at Olive Hill Wesleyan Church.

Pall Bearers: Joshua James, Gregory James II, Gregory James III, Geoffrey James, Christopher James, Dale Porter.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Maude Louise Bond James.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make contributions to the Olive Hill Wesleyan Church. Please note "in Memory of Maude Louise James."

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.globefc.com.

Peggy Lynn Porter O'Bryan

1951 – 2024



Peggy Lynn Porter O'Bryan passed peacefully January 31, 2024, surrounded by treasured loved ones she nurtured throughout her life. Those who were blessed to call her Wife, Mom, Momma, Granny and COG (crazy old granny) will continue to honor her legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

Peggy was an exemplary soul up for any adventure, at any time. She embodied the best of qualities - unconditional love, strength of spirit and an unending generosity seen in her care for her community. She accepted everyone with open arms, an open heart and homemade cornbread.

Peggy loved spending time in the kitchen creating delicious, comforting meals for her family. Everything she cooked hugged your soul and was one for the recipe books, however, you would never get the recipe because every dish was made uniquely from her heart and with whatever was in the pantry that day. We would often ask for her secret, to which she would reply, "just needs a little bit of sugar and salt". Which is exactly how she lived her life, with a little sprinkle of sweetness and mischief.

Her beloved flower gardens were treasured by so many, and she took extraordinary pride in her ability to keep anything alive and thriving (plants, humans, animals, love and now her memory). It brought her immense joy to share both her gardening knowledge and creations with her girls to adorn their own homes and gardens.

Her loss created a massive hole in our hearts and yet she herself is comforting us with handwritten notes she left for us in our books, quotes she snipped from magazines and gifts that she pre-ordered and are just now arriving. One such clipping was an article about looking at life as a journey instead of waiting until you hit your goals to start enjoying it. This clipping written by Robert Hastings chal-

lenged us to "climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot oftener, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more and cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough." This is how Peggy lived and what she instilled in her children and grandchildren.

Peggy was born to Willis and Eva (Hannah) Porter on March 22, 1951 in Elliott County, Kentucky. She often told stories of her humble childhood surrounded by her eleven siblings and the adventures they embarked on that were sure to bring a smile to anyone's face. She met the love of her life in 1968, John O'Bryan, and shortly thereafter the love birds married and started their own family. Together they maintained a loving marriage full of life's greatest adventures. Because of their love and values, their children and grandchildren have a passionate love of life, the hearts of a lion and an insane work ethic.

She will be missed by her husband of 55 years, John O'Bryan; son Christopher O'Bryan; two daughters, Jennifer (Craig) Tomlinson and Andrea (Scott Nelson) O'Bryan; four grandchildren, Lyndsey (Eric) Hearn, Lafe O'Bryan, Molly and Ava Tomlinson; great-grandchild Leo Hearn; her persnickety Shih Tzu, Jojo who will continue to keep the family in line; her granddogs Willow, Maisy, Homer, Mia and Ripley who will miss their Granny's homemade chicken-liver birthday cakes; three sisters, Wilma Stueve, Pon Ibsen and Colleen Brickey; as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by infant daughter Jerusha O'Bryan; three sisters, Louise Taylor, Ottie Belle Wilburn, and Penzola Porter; five brothers William, Woodford, Lowell, and twins John and Jack Porter.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. We ask that in lieu of flowers you honor her life by sharing one of her favorite things; plant a flower, donate to the charity closest to your heart, make a meal for someone or grab a Diet Coke (with extra ice) and cheers!

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at the Baptist Heart Hospital ICU for their care and compassion.

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First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

AS WE SEE IT

Grayson should adopt leash laws

During the last meeting of Grayson City Council, the city's elected officials discussed the possibility of implementing a new leash law.

The city, along with their neighbors in Olive Hill, have had a quarrel with the county over how to handle animal control for several years now. As part of their previous agreement with the county, the cities claim, they rescinded the leash laws they had on the books. This, they say, was done at the request of the county – so the county animal warden could enforce the county's animal control statutes within city limits.

However, despite this agreement, the county will not pick up stray animals within city limits.

According to the county they are not required to do so. As fiscal court explains the situation, the county is only required by statute to provide access to the animal shelter and accept animals that the cities pick up, if city employees, such as police officers, transport the animals to the shelter.

The county has said they will pick up animals within city limits, but only if the city governments contribute financially towards the upkeep and running of the animal shelter.

This contribution has been a sticking point for the mayors and city council of both municipalities. As they see it city residents are also county residents, and pay county taxes. Therefore, residents who live within city limits are entitled to the same services as other county residents. The cities contributing more funds to help run the county shelter amounts to what they see as "double taxation" for those who reside inside city limits.

This is where the issue has stalled for too many years to count at this point.

In the meantime, Olive Hill has been plagued by what they describe as "packs" of semi-feral dogs who enter the city limits, from the county, in the evenings to tear into garbage and run roughshod over the community. While, in Grayson, attacks from stray or otherwise unleashed animals have resulted in the deaths of several family pets, including cats and other small dogs.

Grayson Mayor Troy Combs, for his part, has been attentive to concerns and proactive in addressing the issue. Combs has invited pet lovers to speak at council meetings and shared with council, and the public, the content of videos sent to him that demonstrate the scope of the problem.

Combs has also been open to working with county officials in terms of payment – though his council is less inclined to do so – because of what he rightly sees as the serious nature of the problem. In the interim he's worked with council to authorize more city employees, including street department employees, to respond to problem animal calls. The street department have even set up a temporary animal shelter in one of their buildings. They've also taken to posting photos of the abandoned animals in their care to social media, seeking fosters or new forever homes.

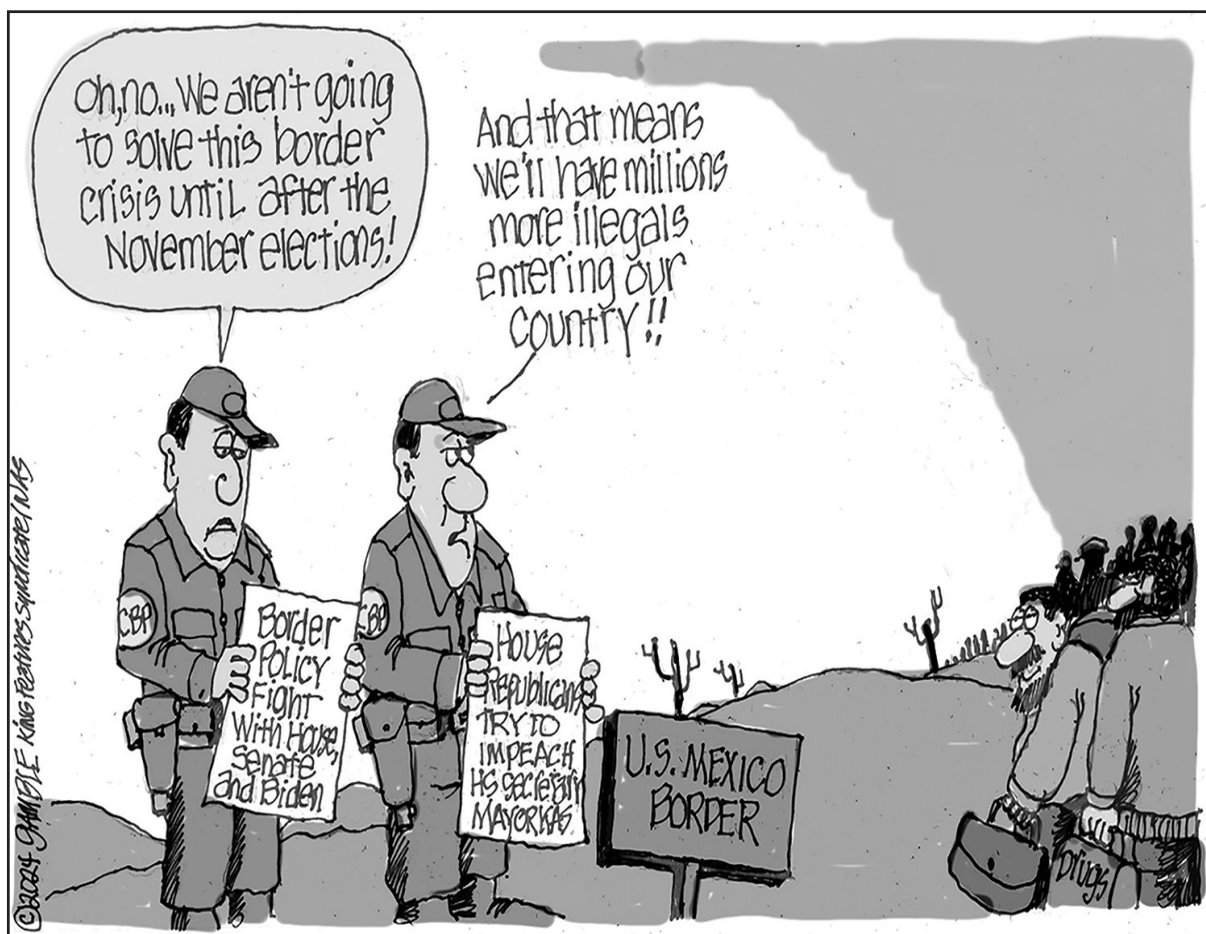
In these ways, and others, some municipal employees are already acting as de facto dog wardens for the city. But, because the city doesn't have current leash laws, they are limited in when and how they can respond. They can currently only be reactive – showing up only when there is already a problem reported.

If council passes something like the leash law they've recently discussed, then police, street department, and code enforcement employees could be more proactive in addressing issues with problem animals before they escalate. Fines generated from violations of the leash law could also be used to help supplement the cost of housing the dogs (though it will undoubtedly fall short of the actual costs).

We not only support such a move, but would urge council to consider taking it a step further and require tags and licenses for pets. This would help keep owners accountable for their animals, would provide a database for returning tagged pets to their owners if they do get loose, and create a small revenue stream to support the work the city is already undertaking.

At this point it's unlikely the dispute between the county and the cities is going to be resolved any time soon. The city has already acknowledged this by taking actions to address the issue on their own. If the county isn't going to uphold their end of the deal, there isn't any reason for the cities to continue to abide by the agreement to rescind their leash laws.

It's time for them to be brought back.



Veterinary school effort should include MSU East and MSU West

Please forgive this terrible pun but it's time to hold the horses in the well-meaning effort to establish a veterinary medical school in Kentucky.

I say it's time to pull the reins because a rush to judgement by the General Assembly would base the school at Murray State University at the far western end of the state.

House Bill 400, sponsored by Rep. Richard Heath, R-Mayfield, would authorize Murray State to offer doctoral-level veterinary degrees.

I am using horse analogies because our Bluegrass State is facing a livestock crisis because of a worsening shortage of large animal veterinarians. It's hard to imagine Kentucky's horse industry in peril because veterinarians can make more money while working shorter hours taking care of pet dogs and cats than they can treating horses, cows, mules, goats and other farm animals.

Since Kentucky has never had a vet school, we send our future veterinarians to train at Auburn University or Tuskegee University, both in Alabama. Kentucky students get a tuition break at both because our state pays part of the cost.

Passed by the House last week on a vote of 82-6 with more than 50 co-sponsors, the bill now is before

the Senate Education Committee. It definitely appears headed for passage.



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

We are aware that Morehead State University has been offering degrees in veterinary technology for about as long as Murray State and has great facilities at the Derricks Agricultural Complex near Morehead.

Moreover, Morehead is somewhat closer to the center of the state than Murray but geography should not be the deciding factor. Since the Murray proposal endorses the "distributed learning model" that allows students to take classes from several locations, wouldn't it make sense to base Kentucky's veterinary medical school at both institutions?

By the way, among the House co-sponsors of the Murray bill are Reps. Patrick Flannery of Olive Hill and Richard White of Morehead. Surely they don't want Morehead State, local students, and livestock farmers in East and Central Kentucky to be short-changed in this process.

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Clearing the air

One of my first tech writing jobs was with an engineering firm who was working on the comprehensive development plan for one of our neighboring counties. A major focus of that work was related to extending sewer lines, and I learned a lot about septic tanks and leach beds and how our clay heavy soils stand up to leachate. Way more than I ever probably needed to know. Definitely more than I've ever practically used.

But I also learned a little bit about air pollution.

Specifically, what I learned was that one of the reasons they had so many industrial businesses on the Ohio side of the river, and we had so few on our side, was because of clean air standards. It was combination of issues stymying local industrial growth, with one being a quirk of geography.

Ohio, on the northern side of the river, was governed by a regional EPA office out of Chicago. Kentucky's regional office was located in Atlanta.

This regional difference exacerbated the bigger issue; prevailing winds blow a lot of the pollution from Ohio based industry to the Kentucky side of the river, where it's detected by air monitoring stations that record local air quality. Based on those numbers (which Ohio pollution contributed to) the Atlanta office was often more reluctant to grant permits for new industry on our side of the river.

In addition to this, the number of unpaved roads in the county I worked in raised the particulate levels collected at these monitoring stations. Meanwhile on the Ohio side, where increased industry meant an

increased tax base and more money for road paving, those particulate levels were much lower. This meant they kept getting licenses out of the Chicago office for polluting industry – like coal coking plants – that in turn increased our pollution levels, keeping us from being able to welcome the same types of industries to our communities.

I hadn't thought about that much in recent years, but I was reminded of it by a recent news story about a lawsuit filed by the state of Ohio against the EPA. Ohio is arguing that they should not be held responsible for the pollution that drifts from their state into neighboring states, a policy

that the EPA's "good neighbor plan" helps address.

Ohio has asked the Supreme Court to postpone implementing the plan, which is designed to protect downwind states from high levels of ozone depleting pollutants.

It's hard to tell how the court will react, but they've been notoriously friendly to business in recent years, so it's likely they will side with Ohio.

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Letters must include a verifiable address, along with the phone number and signature of the writer. Letters submitted via e-mail need only include a phone number in lieu of a signature.

Letters, columns and cartoons do not necessarily reflect the views of the Times or EK Newsgroup, LLC.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00025**

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
**CLOYD RODKEY, JR. AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, DEFENDANTS
IF ANY, OF CLOYD RODKEY, JR.**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on January 8, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **15th day of March, 2024 at or near the hour of 3:20 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 5.125% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 4417 S. State Highway 1, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 409, Page 81, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 115-00-00-070.00.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

PUBLIC NOTICE

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Carter County budget for fiscal year 23-24, to include unanticipated receipts from State Grants, FEMA, Loan Proceeds, Truck License Distribution, Road Aid, Surplus Equip. Sales, Housing Reimbursement, LGED Grants, 911 User Fee, Ins. Reimbursements in the amount of \$3,547,509.00 and increasing expenditures in the area of Lease Principal Payments and Reserve for Transfer will be held on February 29 at 4:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the county judge/executive during normal business hours.

FOR SALE

Auctions on Vernon Street.
1102 Vernon Street Huntington, WV 25704. Friday at 6:30 p.m. Partial list of items includes furniture, glassware, pottery, coins, lamps, and art. Call 304-544-4880 for more details. www.auctionzip.com id# 48407 John Salyers WB2062

Music from A-2

for country music has been evident throughout his career, with a series of remarkable covers that have demonstrated his deep-rooted passion for the genre. From his impromptu performances with legends like Dwight Yoakam and Keith Urban to his electrifying collaborations with artists like Billy Strings, Post Malone has proven time and again that he has a genuine appreciation for the rich tapestry of country music.

As fans eagerly await the release of his debut country album, speculation abounds about the direction his music will take. Will he channel the traditional sound of Brad Paisley or explore the edgy outlaw country vibe of Sturgill Simpson? Perhaps he will surprise us all with a collection of bluegrass gems reminiscent of Billy

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 178.050 there will be a Public Hearing March 11, 2024, at 6:00pm in the Fiscal Courtroom to remove SALLEE RD (CR 1063) from County Maintenance.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF FIDUCIARIES ACCOUNTING

Upon requirements of Section 424.129 Kentucky Revised Statutes, the following fiduciary appointments have been filed with the Carter County District Court Clerk.

Final Settlement, Sherry Caudill, Administrator, in the estate of: Michael Caudill. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Brandon Hamilton, February 14th, 2024, at 10:30 am having been set as date of hearing, no cause for exceptions, having been shown, the settlement will be confirmed at date of hearing.

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Strings. Whatever path he chooses, one thing is certain: Post Malone's venture into country music is poised to be a groundbreaking and unforgettable musical experience.

With each cover and collaboration, he has been steadily building anticipation for his country era, showcasing his versatility, talent, and undeniable passion for music. As he continues to blur the lines between genres and captivate audiences worldwide, we can only imagine the musical magic that awaits us in Malone's country chapter. Stay tuned as this genre-defying artist continues to push boundaries and redefine the music landscape with his unique and innovative approach to storytelling through song.

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Work begins on \$3 million upgrade of US 60 in Carter County

Expect one-lane traffic and delays through spring

FLEMINGSBURG – Work's now under way on a \$3 million Kentucky Transportation Cabinet improvement project along four miles of US 60 in Carter County.

The project includes ditching and shoulder upgrades, culvert and drainage pipe improvements, drainage repairs at multiple locations, full guardrail replacement, resurfacing, and other enhancements to improve the stability and safety of the important state highway.

Now through this spring, construction will take place on US 60 east of Grayson from Upper Stin-

son Creek bridge (milepoint 26.1) to just east of Wilson Creek Road (milepoint 30). Approximately four miles of pavement and roadway rehab will be completed.

Traffic will be restricted to one lane at work locations with flaggers and a pilot truck directing vehicles. The speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph. Minor delays can be expected through this spring.

Motorists are asked to heed all warning signs, slow down in work zones and remain aware of workers and construction equipment when traveling.

The project is being done by Mountain Enterprises, Inc., under a \$3,041,394.46 low-bid Transportation Cabinet contract.

PUBLIC NOTICE
KRS: 926.011 and KRS: 424.120 and 424.340

Administration has been granted in the District Court of Carter County upon the following Fiduciary appointments.

Robert Earl Woods II, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Mindy Woods Click, 760 Bucksaw Junction, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Robin L Webb, 102 South Hord Street, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment October 26, 2023.

Alice Ann Womack, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, James Stephen Womack, 400 Womstead Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Henry C T Richmond III, 300 West Vine Street, Suite 1700, Lexington, KY 40507. Date of appointment October 30th, 2023.

Henry Wake Huffman, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Larry H Huffman, 3927 Marion Waldo Road, Marion, OH 43302. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Robert W Miller, P O box 357, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment November 29th, 2023.

Susan Layman, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Ronnie Layman, 1784 Damron Branch, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Tracy D Frye, P O Box 411, Russell, KY 41169. Date of appointment January 18th, 2024.

Estill Bailey, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, Janice R Bailey, P O Box 192, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Derrick E Willis, 117 S Hord Street, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment November 29th, 2023.

Paul Allen Steele, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, David Booth, 1110 Riley Lane, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Robert W Miller, P O box 357, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment December 6th, 2023.

Wilma Jean Rose, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Kathy Henderson, 1731 State Hwy 2078, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment December 8th, 2023.

Pearlie Caskey, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Donna Bailey, 351 Proctor Branch, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon. B Travis Newman, 2420 Frankfort Avenue, Suite 300, Louisville, KY 40206. Date of appointment December 21st, 2023.

Shonda Lynn Phillabaum, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Michael Phillabaum, 592 State Highway 474, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Robin L Webb, 102 S Hord St, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment December 14, 2023.

Shawn David Maynard, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Deidra Charlotte Hall, 610 Matthew Lane, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Hon Brandon Michael Music, P O Box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment December 18th, 2023.

Charles H. Morgan, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, Chanc Travis Jessie, 704 Circle Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Whitney Hill Bailey, 311 W Main Street, P O Box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment January 3rd, 2024.

Ricky Dee Flannery, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Diana Leigh Giese, 230 Tick Ridge Ford, P O box 1688, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Whitney Hill Bailey, P O Box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment January 3rd, 2024.

James Lee McCleese, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Terry McCleese, 53 State Highway 474, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment January 5th, 2024.

Diane B Clark, deceased, fiduciary. Co-Administratrix, Donna Young 126 West Star Hill Road, Rush KY 41168 and Deirdre Rice, 1709 Blackburn Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101. Date of appointment January 10th, 2024.

Rhonda Jean Cambell, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, Neymon Darrell Campbell Jr., 526 Plantation Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Derrick E Willis, 117 S Hord Street, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment January 12th, 2024.

Larry Sparks, deceased, fiduciary. Public Administrator, Hon. Jason Greer, Attorney for Estate, Hon Jeffrey D Hensley, 105 Thompson Road, Ste A, Russell, KY 41169. Date of appointment February 2nd, 2024.

James Arnold Manning, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Sandra Rayburn, 176 Manning Cem. Rd, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Brandon T Hamilton, P O Box 1387, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment January 23rd, 2024.

Ronald Dickerson, deceased, fiduciary. Co-Executrix, Barbara Gifford, 2479 Greenbriar Road, Mt Washington, KY 40047 and Tammy Johnson, 203 Highland Avenue, Georgetown, KY 40324. Date of appointment February 1st, 2024.

Jack Kevin James, deceased, fiduciary. Co-Executrix/Executor, James Kelly Caldwell, 146 Olive Tree Circle, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 and Michele James Mulvihill, 727 Swaying Palm Drive, Apopka, FL 32712. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Brandon Michael Music, P O Box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment January 30th, 2024.

Bessie Sloan, deceased, fiduciary. Co-Executrix/Executor, Thomas Sloan, 1122 Radford Drive, Russell, KY 41169 and Tonya Harris, 2929 St Rt 3, Catlettsburg, KY 41129. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Robert W Miller, P O box 357, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment January 30th, 2024.

Michael Gene Sammons, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Melissa May, 2800 KY 1555, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Robert W Miller, P O Box 357, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 2nd, 2024.

Delphia Marie McCoy, deceased, fiduciary. Co-Executor/Executrix, Ray Everett McClanahan, 13256 State Route 1, Greenup, KY 41144 and Inice Elizabeth Greene, 1305 Old State Route 1, Argillite, KY 41121. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Brandon Michael Music, P O Box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 5th, 2024.

Glenna R Layne, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Tonya Eden, 246 Crawford Ave, P O box 403, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment February 12th, 2024.

Carl Hugh Williams, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Carla Caudill, 231 Grassy Creek, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon Robert W Miller, P O Box 357, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 5th, 2024.

Shane Allen Phillips, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Kattie Marano, 109 Churchill Drive, Winchester, Ky 40391. Date of appointment February 12th, 2024.

Danny Richard Conley, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Gary Richard Conley, 2135 East US Hwy 60, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Abigail Stanley, P O box 357, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 12th, 2024.

Pamela J Wright, deceased, fiduciary. Michael D Wright, 3612 Carter Caves Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon Brandon T Hamilton, P O Box 1387, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment February 16th, 2024.

Ermal Wilson Maggard, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, Roger Layne, P O Box 1270, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Derik Taylor, P O box 4, Ashland, KY 41105. Date of appointment February 16th, 2024.

All persons having claims against the above estates are notified to present same to the fiduciary or Attorney, verified according to law no later than (6) months from the date of this publication.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 22-CI-00071**

**CITY NATIONAL BANK OF WEST VIRGINIA, SUC- PLAINTIFF
CESSOR BY MERGER TO TOWN SQUARE BANK**

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

**JONDA PFAU, A/K/A JOHNDIA PFAU, F/K/A JOHNDIA DEFENDANTS
FULTZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF JONDA PFAU, A/K/A JOHNDIA PFAU, F/K/A JOHNDIA FULTZ;
DUSTIN CAMPBELL, INDIVIDUALLY; DUSTIN CAMPBELL, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD CAMPBELL; KIMBERLY BURTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF KIMBERLY BURTON; DARRIN CAMPBELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF DARRIN CAMPBELL; JOSHUA RICE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF JOSHUA RICE; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT, IF ANY, OF 530 WOODVILLE ROAD, GRAYSON, KY 41143; TAX BRAKE KY, LLC; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF COLLECTIONS; CAPITAL ONE BANK; COUNTY OF CARTER, KENTUCKY**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on December 19, 2023, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **15th day of March, 2024 at or near the hour of 3:15 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 530 Woodville Road, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 86, Page 581, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-70-09-012.00.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00329**

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
**DONALD RAY MARSHALL; JOSHUA MARSHALL; DEFENDANTS
DONALD MARSHALL, II; CRYSTAL WILLIAMS; TAMMY MARSHALL; KENESHA MARSHALL; MARK WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN HEIRS, IF ANY, OF JOYCE ANN MARSHALL, A/K/A JOYCE MARSHALL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF JOYCE ANN MARSHALL A/K/A JOYCE MARSHALL; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, OFFICE OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on December 19, 2023, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **15th day of March, 2024 at or near the hour of 3:10 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 9.34% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 64 Hilltop Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 64, Page 241, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 114-10-00-043.00.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00319**

**NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE PLAINTIFF
SERVICING**
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
**AYTHEL BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF DEFENDANTS
AYTHEL BROWN**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on January 26, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **15th day of March, 2024 at or near the hour of 3:00 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

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Description of the Property: 5287 State Highway 2, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 442, Page 838, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 031-00-00-011.01.

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Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 22-CI-00081**

AMERICAN CAPITAL GROUP, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
**CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, A/K/A CHRISTOPHER DEFENDANTS
YATES; LINDA YATES; MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF COLLECTIONS; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CARTER; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on January 30, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 15th day of March, 2024 at or near the hour of 3:25 p.m., to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 9.8% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 804 Webster Street, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 148, Page 42, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-20-05-034.00.

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Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00329**

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
**DONALD RAY MARSHALL; JOSHUA MARSHALL; DEFENDANTS
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Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 22-CI-00343**

**NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE PLAINTIFF
SERVICING**
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
LAKIN GEE DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on January 30, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **15th day of March, 2024 at or near the hour of 3:05 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

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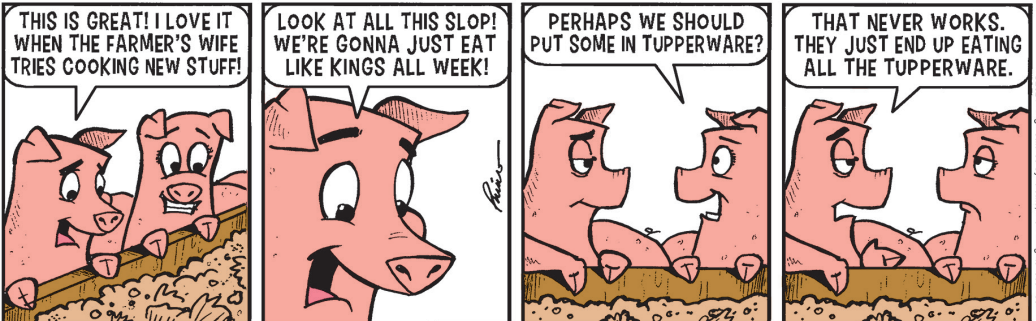
Description of the Property: 5803 East U.S. Highway 60, Rush, KY 41168. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 391, Page 289, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 128-00-00-092.00.

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Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

Amber Waves



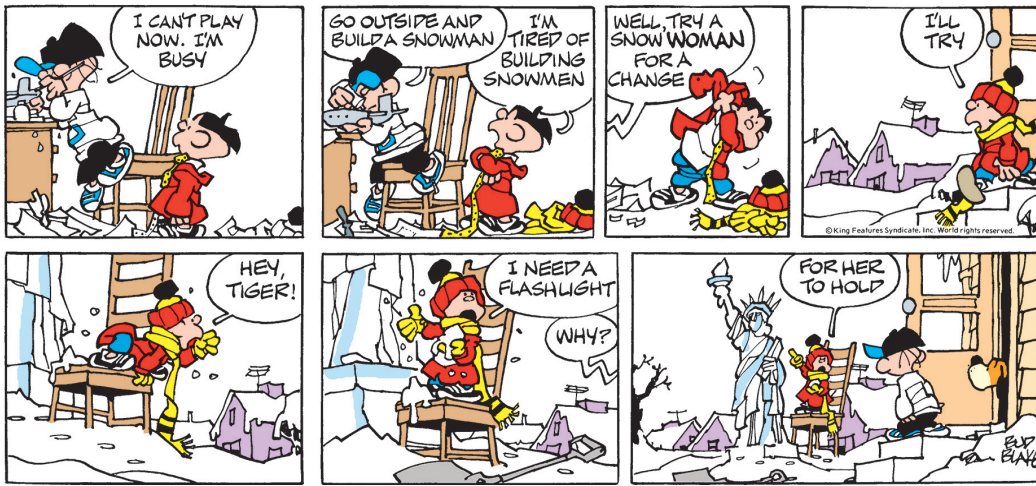
Out on a Limb



The Spats



TIGER



OLIVE



Just Like Cats & Dogs



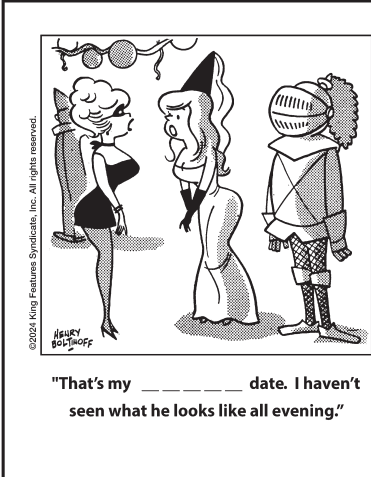
CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: G equals R

WY ZJH AGJJKIL V AIMQWSILI
 VML V SVGGJQ, W UJMLIG
 WY ZJH'L IML HS UWQN V
 UVROWI-QVROWI.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Solve
CHIRPE

Fantasy
ARMED

Distort
BLAGER

Record
ATTONE

TODAY'S WORD

"That's my _____ date. I haven't seen what he looks like all evening."

Even Exchange

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Ladle	___ I ___	Sporty, like Dan	___ A ___
2. Leo's family	___ D ___	Trophy	___ Z ___
3. Absorb knowledge	L ___	Long for	Y ___
4. Robust	___ Y ___	Fireplace	___ H ___
5. Not as old	___ W ___	Certainly not	___ V ___
6. Gather up courage	___ U ___	Sandman	___ I ___
7. Electrical outage	___ O ___	Tee or tank	___ I ___
8. Quite severe	H ___	Swampland	M ___
9. Silver or copper	___ T ___	Winner's decoration	___ D ___
10. Pancake mixture	___ A ___	Acid-tasting	___ I ___

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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King Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13			14			
15				16			17			
				18			19	20		
21	22	23			24					
25				26			27	28	29	
30				31				32		
33				34				35		
				36				37		
38	39	40				41				
42				43	44			45	46	47
48				49				50		
51				52				53		

ACROSS

1 Not so hot?
 5 Dog tags, e.g.
 8 Quick look
 12 Antioxidant berry
 13 French vineyard
 14 Impetuous
 15 Dungeon's quality
 17 Actress Rae
 18 Small batteries
 19 Detroit hoopster
 21 Like a neglected lawn
 24 Coop group
 25 Within (Pref.)
 26 Foppish behavior
 30 Caustic cleaner
 31 Loud
 32 Dean's list stat
 33 Writer Steel
 35 Three- sloth
 36 Barn birds
 37 Travesty
 38 "Jane Eyre" author
 41 Tofu source
 42 Chicago's Mayor
 43 Lightfoot
 48 Location

DOWN

1 Bankroll
 2 Obamacare acronym
 3 Scooted
 4 Japanese emperor
 5 Frosts a cake
 6 Hosp. workers
 7 Hitchcock forte
 8 Overly proper
 9 Bridge position
 10 Canadian gas brand
 11 "Star Trek II" villain
 16 Aye underoer
 20 "500" race
 21 Use a blowtorch
 22 New Age singer
 23 Genesis garden
 24 Salutes
 26 Prettified
 27 Composer Stravinsky
 28 Detail, briefly
 29 Created
 31 Salamander
 34 Sea off Sicily

35 "Fearless" singer Swift
 37 Boating hazard
 38 Humdrum
 39 "Gilmore Girls" daughter
 40 Utah city
 41 Use scissors
 44 "Exodus" hero
 45 "— had it!"
 46 Museum-funding org.
 47 Econ. measure

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8			6			9		
	4	8						1
7				9	5			
	3		8	4				7
9		6			3			
2			1			4		
	8	4						3
		6			2	9		
3			7				2	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- LITERATURE: In the children's book, what is Doctor Dolittle's special talent?
 - ART: Who painted the work titled "Starry Night"?
 - FOOD & DRINK: Which vegetable is commonly used to make pickles?
 - MUSIC: What is pop singer Taylor Swift's favorite number?
 - MEDICAL: What is a common name for lachrymation?
 - BUSINESS: When was the Chia Pet invented?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first American to win a Nobel Prize?
 - HISTORY: The Aztec civilization emerged in which modern-day country?
 - TELEVISION: Who played the character Michael Scott on TV's "The Office"?
 - GEOGRAPHY: The volcano Mount Vesuvius overlooks which modern-day Italian city?
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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from WRITE to PRIDE in 6 words?
 Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

WRITE

PRIDE

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- Answers**
- He can talk with animals.
 - Vincent van Gogh.
 - Cucumbers.
 - 4, 13.
 - Tears or crying.
 - 1977 (Chia Guy).
 - Theodore Roosevelt, the Nobel Peace Prize.
 - Mexico.
 - Steve Carell.
 - Naples.

BLIND
 Today's Word

1. Cipher 2. Dream; solution
 3. Garble; 4. Notate

SCRAMBLERS

BRIBE, BRIDE, PRIDE
 WRITE, TRITE, TRIBE

Answer

WORD LADDER

Answers

1. He can talk with animals.
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 4. 13.
 5. Tears or crying.
 6. 1977 (Chia Guy).
 7. Theodore Roosevelt, the Nobel Peace Prize.
 8. Mexico.
 9. Steve Carell.
 10. Naples.

Weekly SUDOKU

3	4	9	5	7	8	1	2	6
7	5	6	1	3	2	9	8	4
1	8	2	4	9	6	7	5	3
2	6	7	3	1	5	8	4	9
4	9	8	6	2	7	3	1	5
5	1	3	9	8	4	2	6	7
6	7	1	2	4	9	5	3	8
9	2	4	8	5	3	6	7	1
8	3	5	7	6	1	4	9	2

Answer

Cryptoquip

If you crossed a centipede and a parrot, I wonder if you'd end up with a walke-talkie.

Answer

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Even Exchange

14	=	1	=	5
3	+	7	+	4
6	-	2	+	8
5	+	9	+	1

Answers

- Dipper, Dapper
- Prize, Prize
- Learn, Yearn
- Hearty, Hearty
- Muster, Muster
- Short, Short
- Harsh, Marsh
- Harsh, Marsh
- Metal, Medal
- Batter, Batter

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Water from A-1

be possible within two weeks, depending upon the schedules of the required inspectors and technicians.

Max Hammond addressed the council about the construction of a new park. Hammond said he believed that the time was right to move forward on the park and felt confident the CDBG Grants could be secured without matching funds contributed by the city.

“We could potentially build a park here that could attract people from all over and bring people downtown,” Hammond said.

He said the benefits would be many for the city, and that there are already conceptual drawings for the proposed park, a result of a grant from Virginia Tech.

“It will be a beautiful park and really bring activity downtown,” Hammond

told the council.

The park could serve to support city festivals and events, Hammond said, and offer a lot of recreational opportunities for both adults and youth. Hammond said that he would like to pursue the grant process with the city’s endorsement. A secondary benefit to the park’s construction, Hammond told the council, was that the construction would also serve as flood mitigation. This would add an important level to the grant narrative, he said, and make the project more appealing for potential funding.

“There are different CDBG pots to draw from,” Hammond explained to council. “There is economic development, and traditional projects, among others. And there are things we haven’t really looked

at in the past that are out there and available.”

Hammond said that municipalities and local governments could be eligible for up to \$800,000 in grants on qualifying projects and/or improvements.

“We could have an industrial park potentially in Olive Hill if we proceeded,” Hammond told the council.

Hammond also gave an update on the bike path grant he helped secure for the city. Working in conjunction, Trail Town, the Galaxy Project, and the Warrior’s Path Project were awarded a grant last year – one of only ten such available nationwide – to build a world class mountain bike facility on land around the city lake, Hammond reminded council. While there hasn’t been any visible progress

on the bike path so far, administrative work has been going on behind the scenes.

“The project stalled somewhat because the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund bought the land for us,” Hammond explained. “There were restrictions on that for foot traffic only. But we petitioned them and provided documentations, and Trail Town worked with them. Now, after providing three conceptual drawings for mountain bike parks, we are the first in the state of Kentucky to be able to build these mountain bike parks.”

Hammond said they were approved on the condition that they worked with the National Mountain Bike Foundation. The park would be the first of its kind in Eastern Kentucky.

In other grant news, Jasper Ball from FIVCO Area Development District discussed a watershed plan study grant for Tygarts Creek with the council. Ball said that it mostly dealt with the fiscal court’s jurisdiction, but the impact could cover the city of Olive Hill. Ball said he began writing the grant as a means to help fund area wastewater work, and focusing on stormwater helps to do that.

“This is because watershed work often has to do with pollution, and wastewater work often has to do with reducing pollution,” Ball said. “You can tie the two together with other benefits like the CDBG grants you were discussing.”

The watershed planning would run mostly through the county, Ball said, and would involve either Carter

County hiring a Watershed Planning person or hiring a consultant to come in and do the planning.

“That would develop probably twenty years of projects,” Ball told the council.

Such projects could include creating a “green sink,” which would reduce the peak flow of water during extreme rainfall events by increasing retention upstream. Increasing retention decreases waterflow at bottleneck points, Ball said, and is much more cost effective than building structures such as floodwalls. Such projects could be tied into other projects like the proposed park for maximum efficiency.

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Robots from A-1

Coffman explained, which they build, program, and then modify to suit their play style and offensive and defensive strategies.

“This is a new thing this year,” Coffman said. “Newton’s Attic, which is a group of folks up in the Lexington area, kind of tested the idea of having these at Morehead State University the past couple of summers in a summer camp, but they decided they want to take it statewide. So, this year, we have eight schools across the state of Kentucky that are actually being the first guinea pig groups to compete and to try these out.”

“It’s kind of like BattleBots, the TV show, same idea, but we’re actually making a competitive sport essentially,” he continued.

He compared it to the schools new esports program, “but this is robotics, so we’re actually doing death matches.”

He said they already

have their melee events scheduled, with each school putting three of their robots up against three competitor robots.

“It’s like a three v three kind of arena match,” Coffman explained.

He said they have two matches coming up soon, then every two weeks they’d have another melee event, followed by a championship – which will be held at MSU.

The Morehead matches will be the closest to West Carter this year. Coffman explained that since there are only eight schools involved, they are holding matches at just four of the schools this year. In the future, however, West Carter could play host to a competition, especially if the sport continues to grow.

As noted, each of the robots is built on an identical kit, with controls handled through a pair of controllers.

“Each robot takes two remotes,” Coffman explained. “There’s one that takes care of the drive system for the two wheels, and each wheel drives independently, kind of like a tank. Then you have another remote that’s going to control all the weapon systems, which is like pneumatic systems and things like that.”

Students will do all the work of building the robots, designing the weapon systems, and programming the remotes themselves, as well as working together to machine the necessary parts.

“They’ve built all of this themselves, and you’ve got to program the remotes to take care of the air system, the pneumatic systems, all the electric motors, the pumps, and that’s just to drive it,” he explained. “But then all of this also powers the weapons systems. So, we’ve actually been coming up

with some ideas of how we want to put armor on, and what kind of weapons we want to put on there. We’ll have to engineer all of the armor designs, and all the weapons, all the mechanical systems, and how to control them with this basic chassis.”

Those chassis systems come from Newton’s Attic, and each and every one is identical.

“They provide the chassis parts for us, and the instructions on how to put it together. Then, all of the armor and weapons we actually have to machine ourselves.”

Coffman said he had a load of steel currently sitting on his front porch, at the time of our interview, and that the students would begin machining those additional elements as early as that same week.

“We (all) have the same batteries. We have the same basic air systems. That way everybody’s on

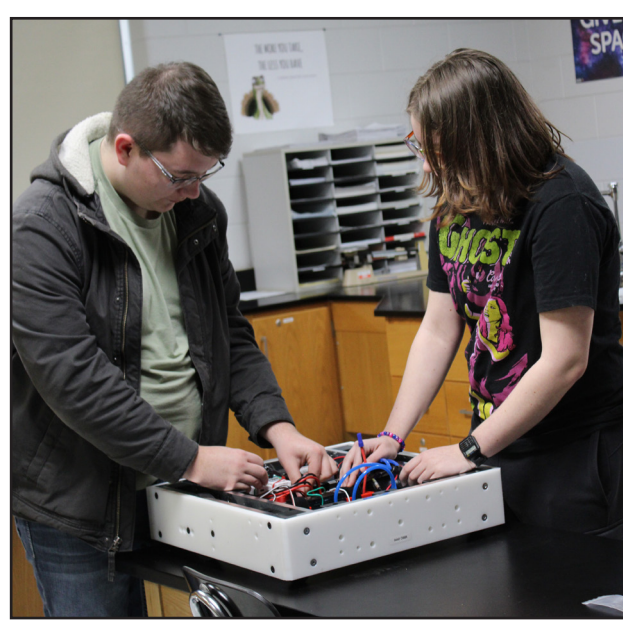


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a fairly even slate there. But then, what you do with that power from the armor to the weapons is really up to us.”

The team competed in their first match at Eminence, KY over the weekend, where they were scheduled to face off against Russell County. Their next match is scheduled for March 9, in

Morehead at Rowan County High School, where they face off against the host in a 10 a.m. match.

For more information on recent and upcoming matches, you can visit the Robot Gladiator League’s online portal at <https://www.rglhub.com/>.

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Legislative update

FRANKFORT- As the Kentucky General Assembly swiftly approaches the two-thirds milestone of its 60-day regular session, the fervor within each chamber mounts, echoing the pulse of a vibrant democracy in action. Measures glide from desk to desk with the urgency of progress, painting a dynamic tableau of legislative labor.

Amid the bustling action, we, as guardians of governance, still shoulder the weighty responsibility of crafting a budget reflective of our constituents’ needs and aspirations. Concurrently, the imperative to address the state’s road plan remains necessary for building pathways to opportunity and connectivity.

As these critical matters currently reside in the hands of the Senate majority leadership, anticipation heightens. For now, we eagerly anticipate the unveiling of the Senate’s changes to the House budget to the entire body in the coming weeks. The road ahead may be fraught with challenges, yet, the General Assembly continues to press forward.

In some exciting developments, I am thrilled to share news about our ongoing efforts to propel nuclear energy expansion here in Kentucky to new heights. A few years back, I had the honor of being appointed to the bipartisan Nuclear Energy Development Working Group—a

dynamic assembly of experts hailing from various fields. Together, we embarked on a mission to explore the potential hurdles preventing the introduction of nuclear power in our state.

Through collaborative efforts with utility representatives, environmental advocates, and industry leaders, we forged a path toward a brighter, more sustainable energy future.

Our collective dedication and hard work have borne fruit in the form of Senate Bill 198 (SB 198), a groundbreaking piece of legislation that recently soared through the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee with resounding support. SB 198 lays the groundwork for the establishment of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority, a pivotal institution intimately linked with the University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research. This authority is poised to become the preeminent state agency for nuclear energy matters, nurturing an environment conducive to the growth and development of the nuclear sector across our commonwealth.

The primary mission of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority is multifaceted, aiming to invigorate our economy, ensure the safe production of energy, safeguard our environment, empower communities, advance energy education, and cul-

tivate a skilled workforce for the future. Under the guidance of an advisory board comprising diverse voices from government, energy, environment, manufacturing, commerce, and community sectors, the Authority will chart a course toward sustainable nuclear energy development in Kentucky.

Moreover, the board will be tasked with appointing a director to spearhead efforts in promoting safe and responsible nuclear energy practices, fostering public understanding of nuclear opportunities, disseminating information on cutting-edge nuclear technologies, enhancing economic development initiatives, securing financial backing for nuclear projects, assisting communities in transitioning from fossil fuels, liaising with regulatory bodies, and facilitating collaboration among stakeholders with vested interests in nuclear energy development.

Having traveled the length and breadth of the country and partaking in numerous legislative conferences on this vital issue, I am thrilled to witness the fruits of our collective labor. As someone who has long championed responsible nuclear energy policies, I am immensely proud to see Kentucky taking bold strides in the energy sector.

SB 198’s triumphant passage in committee marks a significant milestone in our journey toward a cleaner, more sustainable energy future. I eagerly anticipate its progression on the Senate floor and through the House and am confident it will

have on our state.

As we continue committee deliberations, numerous bills on a wide scope of issues are progressing through the legislative process.

Measures passed in the senate this week

SB 107 prohibits the operation of semis and tractor-trailers in the far left lane of any roadway with three lanes or more. It also revises the fee structure for registrations of vehicles over 44 thousand pounds. It passed the Senate with unanimous consent.

SB 126 is a proposed constitutional amendment that prohibits the ability of the Governor to grant pardons or commute sentences 30 days before a gubernatorial election and ending at that gubernatorial inauguration. Due to the actions of our previous Governor, Matt Bevin, who released a handful of violent criminals with no basis for their release, I believe this action was necessary to provide more accountability and oversight over the executive branch. I voted yes, and the measure passed in the Senate 34-2-1.

SB 163 allows coroners to bury or cremate unclaimed bodies at the expense of the local government if the spouse or next of kin of the decedent cannot be identified. I voted against this bill as the burial of a loved one is a personal and sacred responsibility. However, the proposal advanced in the Senate with a vote of 27-9-1.

SB 91 establishes more regional offices to improve the accessibility and efficiency of obtaining

government-issued identification. It also will establish a pilot project with the Kentucky State Police to offer skills tests for the intermediate permit twice a month in five counties that do not have regional offices. It moved through the Senate unanimously.

SB 45 establishes the Ashanti Alert System to protect missing adults at risk by leveraging existing technologies for law enforcement to swiftly disseminate information. I voted yes, and the bill passed 34-3.

SB 14 reforms the Kentucky Cosmetology Board and reduces unnecessary barriers for those in the nail tech industry. The measure passed the Senate with overwhelming consent.

SB 74 establishes a state child and maternal fatality review team in the Department of Public Health to analyze the circumstances surrounding child and maternal deaths and gaps in the current healthcare system to better identify areas needing improvement. It passed unanimously.

SB 140 removes the waiver application deadline for unemployment insurance overpayment of thirty days on unemployment insurance claims filed between January 27, 2020, and December 31, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I voted for the measure, which gained passage with overwhelming support.

SB 155 updates the Uniform Commercial Code rules and guidelines in Kentucky for businesses regarding transactions of digital assets. Despite my “NO” vote, the legislation

advanced in the Senate 29-8.

SB 191 revises metrics on how Kentucky allocates funds for public postsecondary education. It flew through the Senate with unanimous consent.

HB 18 prevents local governments from requiring landlords to accept tenants who use federal housing assistance. It also prevents local governments from requiring landlords to pay fees related to emergency response calls to their property. I voted yes and the Senate advanced the measure off the chamber floor 25-11. It now goes back to the House with Senate changes.

Senate bills and House bills with Senate amendments passed on the floor this week now go to the House for further examination. For all bills passed this week, and a comprehensive list of proposals making their way through the process, I encourage you to visit the Legislative Record online at www.legislature.ky.gov.

With the filing deadline in the Senate rapidly approaching, your engagement is as vital as ever. If I can ever assist, please do not hesitate to contact me. To share feedback on an issue, feel free to email me anytime at Robin.Webb@LRC.KY.GOV or call the General Assembly Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. Kentuckians with hearing loss can use Kentucky Relay by dialing 711.