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School board receives update on new school site

East Carter Unified Club, FFA, and Culinary & FCCLA recognized

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

The Carter County Board of Education received an update on site preparation work for the new school facility during their regular meeting on Monday night. That update included information on division of water decisions about streams near the construction site and a timeline to begin removing trees to prepare for

groundwork.

The architect, conferencing into the meeting remotely, explained that all work on the site will align with federal standards, including tree removal. Adhering to those standards means that no trees will be removed during the months of June or July, so that they don't interfere with specific migratory animals who might roost in the trees during those months. Because of those restrictions, the architect explained, they would like to have as many of those trees as possible removed prior to June – though there is also a small window in August when they can remove any remaining trees.

Tree removal will be handled by the contractor working on site preparation, who will hire subcontractors to do the work.

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Members of the East Carter FFA Club demonstrate their knowledge of parliamentary procedure. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

A focus on the local

WGOH/WUGO celebrates 65 years

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Matt Shufflebarger said that when he was young and on the road with the family, they always knew when they were getting close to home because they could see the glow from "Poppie's flashlight."

The blinking light of the radio tower was always there for them – a beacon in the dark directing them back to where they belonged.

Shufflebarger is the third generation of his family to help run the station co-founded by his grandfather, and celebrating its 65th anniversary this year. He loves his work, and the role the radio station plays in the community.

It wasn't always his dream to run a radio station, though. That was his grandfather's passion,

and had been since he was a very young man and his family brought home their first radio.

His parents told him they had a surprise waiting at home, Shufflebarger explained, and his grandpa had no idea what it might be.

"He was thinking a new cow. A new pig. Or something like that," Shufflebarger said. "But he walked in, and just saw this big box that lit up and made noise, and he was enamored with it. Because back then, it felt like that brought the whole world into your living room."

His grandfather was hooked immediately, and from that day forward, Shufflebarger noted, even "as a kid, he said, 'I'm going to own a radio station when I grow up.' Years later, it happened."

"That's when he got fascinated," Deirdre Shufflebarger added. "Of course, his whole family loved to learn... and his mom and dad said, 'Okay, Harold, you can do anything you want when

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GO Radio staff (from left) Matt Shufflebarger, Deirdre Shufflebarger, Jeff Roe, Mike Nelson, and Dreyden Gordon. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Grayson tourism plans new events

City council moves to rename Hillview Court

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Grayson City Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting at a special time on March 14 to discuss the regular business of the city. The council had a quorum with four members in attendance, and two members, Michael Harper and Bradley Cotten absent. Mayor Troy Combs opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at the regular time. After approving the agenda, Tourism Director Lana Axtell was recognized by the council.

Axtell provided the council with information about upcoming

events planned by the Tourism Board.

"The next events we have planned include a Summer Concert Series," Axtell told the council. "So, once a month we will have a concert with food trucks, and art shows."

In addition, Axtell said that there were two Poker Runs being planned along the new driving trail, Raider's Run, over the next few months as well. The director also informed the council that she had secured a three-thousand-dollar sponsorship from Windstream for the planned events.

The renaming of Hillview Court was again a topic of discussion for the council. More instances of difficulty using GPS navigation were reported, due to the fact that another road named Hillview showed up on GPS, but Hillview Court did not. Once

again it was proposed to rename Hillview Court to Tripp Court to eliminate the confusion and the council voted on the change. The voting resulted in two votes for and two votes against, with the mayor casting the tiebreaking vote for the name change.

The council also heard a request for speed bumps to slow the traffic on Robinson Street. In other action a motion was made, and carried, to add Jim Robinson to city bank accounts. The city audit was submitted, but council discussed their preference that someone from the firm that supplied the audit be present to explain it. A decision was made to look over the audit and request it be submitted by a representative at the following month's meeting before being approved.

In further business the council adopted a resolution to allow

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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.

- Billy McGhee, 33, of South Point, OH, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 11.
- Ronald Harmon, 39, of Ironton, OH, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked March 11.
- Cotey Henderson, 34, of Parkers Lake, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of failure to appear, and contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and

- booked March 11.
- Robert Fosson, 58, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, charges unavailable, arrested and booked March 11.
- Hunter Eldridge, 20, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 12.
- Melissa Shockey, 52, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 12.
- Allison Ingle, 48, of Morehead, arrested by Grayson PD, on three probation violations (for felony offenses), arrested and booked March 12.
- Dustin Oliver, 32, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance, reckless

- driving, fourth degree assault (minor injury), and first degree wanton endangerment, arrested and booked March 12.
- Chasity Williams, 42, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance (heroin), and one count of trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 oz.), arrested and booked March 12.
- Dennis Chapman, 27, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of first degree criminal abuse – child 12 or under, arrested and booked March 12.
- Robert Church, 46, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, charges unavailable, case pending, arrested and booked March 12.
- Boyd Littleton, 32, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear,

See **ARRESTS** on A-3



This Week's Obituaries

Nettie Kouns Clark, 83
Martha Louie Duncan Cline, 74
Loretta Faye Griffey Hamm, 87

Timothy Wayne Howerton, 57
Bud McCoy, 73
Esther Stamper Rose, 96

James Andrew Stamper, 63

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LIFESTYLE



Divas ON A DIME By Patti Diamond

Lunchtime liberation: Let quinoa power up your midday meal

In the hustle and bustle of life, the midday meal often becomes an afterthought, relegated to hurried sandwiches or uninspired leftovers. Want to transform your lunch hour into a comforting moment of culinary pleasure and practicality? Enter quinoa, the unsung hero of the lunch prep scene.

Quinoa (pronounced KEEN-wah) is a versatile grain-like seed that has been a staple in South American cuisine for centuries. What sets quinoa apart is its exceptional nutritional profile, boasting high levels of protein (8 grams per cup!), fiber and essential nutrients like iron and magnesium.

Preparing salads with quinoa not only elevates the nutrition-

al profile of your salads, but also streamlines your weekday routine. Picture this: a Sunday afternoon spent prepping a week's worth of quinoa salads, loaded with vegetables, ready to grab and go for the week ahead.

With its nutty flavor and fluffy texture, quinoa serves as a blank canvas for endless culinary creations.

SIMPLY QUINOA

Yield: 4 cups
Total Time: 27 minutes

- 1 cup quinoa
- 1 3/4 cups water; chicken broth or vegetable broth
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Start by rinsing the quinoa under cold water to remove any bitter saponins. Saponins are natural compounds in quinoa that can impart a bitter taste if not rinsed off before cooking. A fine mesh sieve works well for this.

In a medium pot, combine the quinoa and water. Bring this to a boil, cover and reduce the heat. Simmer gently for 15 minutes. Remove the pot from the heat and let it rest, covered, for 10 more minutes. Then remove the lid and fluff with a fork, et voila -- perfectly cooked quinoa ready to be incorporated into a variety of salads. Store refrigerated for up to five days or in the freezer for up to two months.

Instant Pot directions: Combine 1 cup rinsed quinoa with 1 1/2 cups water, pressure cook on HIGH for 1 minute. Allow natural release. Fluff and enjoy.

On its own, quinoa is quite bland. For the most flavor, combine the warm quinoa with a flavorful dressing right away.

SOUTHWEST QUINOA SALAD (pictured)

- For Dressing:**
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon chili powder
 - 1/4 cup shallot or green onion, minced
 - 2 tablespoons cilantro, minced
- Kosher salt and black pepper, to taste*

- For Salad:**
- 3 - 4 cups quinoa
 - 1 red pepper, diced
 - 1 (14.5 ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 (14.5 ounce) can corn
 - 1/2 cup green onion, sliced
 - 1 - 2 cups chicken, cubed or shredded

For serving, optional -- tomatoes, avocado

In a large bowl, whisk the dressing ingredients with a generous pinch of salt and pepper. Add quinoa to the dressing and mix to coat. Add the other salad



Savor this colorful Southwest quinoa salad -- a lunchtime delight! (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

ingredients and fold together until evenly mixed. This salad will keep for up to five days. For serving, add tomatoes and avocado.

More quinoa salad ideas:

For salads you should measure with your heart, add chicken if desired.

Caprese: Dress quinoa with Italian dressing and tomatoes, add mozzarella pearls, fresh basil leaves.

Mediterranean: Dress quinoa with Greek salad dressing, add cucumber, red onion, kalamata olives, lemon juice, parsley.

Curry: Dress quinoa 1/2 cup each olive oil and lemon juice with 1 tablespoon curry powder. Add shredded carrot, red pepper, red onion and green onions.

Tabbouleh: Dress quinoa with 1/2 cup each olive oil and lemon juice, add peas, red onion, red pepper, parsley and fresh mint.

Let quinoa revolutionize your lunch routine with its convenience, nutrition and cost-effectiveness. This proves that wholesome eating doesn't have to break the bank or sacrifice flavor.

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 Gravel & Steel

By: Sling 'n Stone Ministry
Carter County Times

January 11, 2024, Arabian Sea: Navy SEAL Gage Ingram slipped while climbing aboard a ship that carried Iranian weapons to terrorists. Into the blackness, Gage plunged beneath the waves. Unhesitatingly, fellow SEAL Chris Chambers dived into the darkness to save Gage. Both drowned; their bodies unrecovered. What enables these men to do such things? Answer: These men possess gravel for guts, and steel for spines.

Less than one percent of sailors become Navy SEALs to fearlessly fight and defeat America's most fearsome foes. What do SEALs, with gravel for guts and steel for spines, have to do with Christians? Plenty. SEALs exemplify in the secular world what Jesus demands from those in His kingdom. Jesus so explained in His parable of the talents.

Matthew 25:14-30 describes three servants -- two who worked diligently for their lord, growing his investment in them, and

one who did not because he "was afraid," of losing what he had been given (Matthew 25:25). The lord called this fearful servant "wicked and slothful," (Matthew 25:26), and "cast him... into outer darkness [where] there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matthew 25:30). That means eternal Hell. Even though the fearful servant preserved what his lord gave him, he still ended up in Hell. He ended up there because he hid what his lord gave him; and in so doing, he wickedly disobeyed and disobeyed his lord. (Matthew 25:25).

The Lord Jesus Christ casts away none who come to Him -- if they come repentant on His terms. (John 6:37); (Luke 13:3). And when we do come to Him, He then commands: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." (Mark 16:15). Why? Because, Jesus said, "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and Earth." (Matthew 28:18). We've nothing to fear. If we believe Him, we go; if we don't, we won't. Just that simple. Jesus warns those who don't

believe and won't go: Revelation 21:8 ("But the fearful and unbelieving... shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.").

We must examine ourselves: Are we like the two servants who faithfully obeyed their lord? Or are we like the fearful and wicked one who disobeyed, hiding what his lord gave? Do we faithfully serve Him by declaring the Gospel that He purchased when He died on that cross? Or do we cower and hide His priceless Gospel, fearing persecution?

II Timothy 2:3 urges we "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Just like SEAL Chris Chambers dived into the darkness, and died, to rescue fellow SEAL Gage Ingram, we must launch into this dark world, willing to die, to rescue sinners. To do that, we must bear gravel for guts and steel for spines, which He will give us, if we ask Him. (Matthew 7:7-11). And we must fearlessly go, lest He find us "fearful and unbelieving." Of those who truly believe Him, He commands we go... with gravel for guts, and steel for spines, fearing nothing and no one.

Community groups plan for Easter events

Egg hunts planned for Grayson, Willard, and Carter Caves

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

No matter where you

find yourself this coming Easter holiday, there are opportunities to take your kids out for an Easter egg hunt and more. In fact, you don't even have to be in town on Easter Sunday to participate in some of the festivities!

Events kick off the weekend before Easter, with the Annual Willard Community Egg Hunt at the Willard Church of

Christ. The Willard event -- a joint effort of American Legion Post 342, the Willard Church of Christ, Willard Wesleyan, Willard Missionary Baptist, Cherokee Freewill Baptist, Christ Fellowship, and Marantha Bible Church and the Denton-Willard Homemakers -- takes place on Saturday, March 23 with

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold mostly 5.00 to 10.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Yearling steers were 4.00 to 7.00 higher with a few sharply higher. Demand was good to very good throughout the week with active markets and good buyer participation. Slaughter cows sold 3.00 to 5.00 higher and slaughter bulls steady to 4.00 higher with good to very good demand.

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/>

Week ending 3/16/24

STATE AVERAGES			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	338.98	323.53	239.25
400-450 lbs	328.41	312.63	236.56
450-500 lbs	313.78	306.51	228.03
500-550 lbs	292.73	287.65	218.27
550-600 lbs	286.93	280.69	214.87
600-650 lbs	269.98	264.95	198.73
650-700 lbs	257.45	250.71	193.37
700-750 lbs	243.07	239.76	181.58
750-800 lbs	236.22	234.88	176.29
800-850 lbs	227.14	225.16	169.94
850-900 lbs	221.54	217.06	171.20
Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	296.96	283.84	210.67
350-400 lbs	294.43	287.64	208.17
400-450 lbs	279.10	274.96	207.00
450-500 lbs	272.72	271.33	202.37
500-550 lbs	260.39	253.12	192.61
550-600 lbs	255.19	243.25	185.41
600-650 lbs	235.60	228.28	174.21
650-700 lbs	228.94	221.34	164.40
700-750 lbs	217.16	206.27	155.86
750-800 lbs	216.44	214.12	159.25

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	91.00-133.00	110.00-142.00	81.00-118.00
Boners	90.00-129.00	105.00-145.00	81.00-119.00
Lean	70.00-119.50	90.00-142.50	70.00-100.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	110.00-151.00	125.00-169.00	92.00-126.00

March 14, 2024

Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 268

Kids Selection 1 69 lbs 330.00. **Selection 1-2** 90 lbs 260.00. **Selection 2** 49 lbs 275.00; 54 lbs 335.00; 60-66 lbs 285.00-340.00. **Selection 2-3** 48 lbs 290.00; 50 lbs 275.00; 69 lbs 290.00; 80 lbs 270.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 832

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 54 lbs 332.50-340.00; 67 lbs 317.50; 72 lbs 315.00; 84-88 lbs 275.00-285.00; 91 lbs 282.50. **Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2** 59 lbs 317.50; 82 lbs 297.50; 117 lbs 240.00.

Week ending 3/16/24

GRAINS			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.84-4.48	3.76-4.46	6.09-6.70
Soybeans	11.14-12.14	10.83-11.89	14.17-15.37
Red Winter Wheat	4.59-5.50	4.55-5.66	6.15-7.05

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Extension Notes

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Grow smart with SOW: Kentucky gardeners' ultimate app for planting success

Kentucky gardeners can download a free tool in the Apple and Google Play app stores to help them decide what to plant and harvest in their home garden.

The app SOW--A Planting Companion is largely based on ID-128 Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky from the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension. The app also has information from the Cooperative Extension services in Alabama and North Carolina for users in those states.

The app provides growing information for Plant Hardiness Zones 6a-9a. Some parts of Kentucky

are in zones 6a or 7a, but most of the state is in zone 6b.



Rebecca Konopka
Carter County
Extension Agent

When you get the app, enter your state and county for plant information specific to your hardiness zone. You can always go back to the settings menu and change the information if you are interested in looking at data specific for other hardiness zones.

The app has three main parts: Library, My Garden and Journal.

Library:

- The library has informational sheets and pictures of almost 40 common home garden vegetables. You can arrange the veg-

etables by planting date, vegetable name or harvest date.

- When you click on a vegetable in the library, more information about that vegetable will appear. This information includes how many plants you need to grow for a good harvest, how far apart you should plant them, how deep you should plant them, and the range of pH levels in the soil.
- There are also specific cultivars of each crop recommended for Kentucky gardens.

My Garden:

- You can also add plants to the My Garden area. You can design more than one garden at the same time. For example, you could

Arrests from A-1

arrested and booked March 12.

- Haven Arthurs, 26, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, serving a warrant for a parole violation, arrested and booked March 12.
- Warren Salmons, 49, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of speeding 15 MPH over limit, possession of open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked March 13.
- Ashley Walls, 34, of Versailles, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked March 14.
- Lisa Wagoner, 58, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 14.

- Caitlin Fraley, 35, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), second degree disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest, arrested and booked March 14.
- Jackie Henderson, 65, address unknown, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of failure to appear, and speeding 16 MPH over limit, arrested and booked March 15.
- Danny Adkins, 66, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked March 15.
- James Clark, 40, of Ashland, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked March 15.
- David Suttles III, 31, of Grayson arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or re-

- David Fink, 36, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked March 17.
- Michael Jones, 40, of Hitchins, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 17.
- Leanila Fryer, 41, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, careless driving, license not in possession, and failure to produce insurance card, arrested and booked March 17.
- Larry Gannon, 58, of Grayson, arrested by

- Grayson PD, on charges of theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued at more than \$500 but less than \$1,000, and fraudulent use of a credit card, arrested and booked March 17.
- Larry Hall, 45, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), and for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 17.
- Matthew Bailey, 35, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 17.

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.

School from A-1

The board asked questions about the possibility of using a local logging company to do that job and were told that some local loggers had already reached out, and they were going through the process with them, as well as accepting contacts from other local loggers.

It related news, the architect announced that the Division of Water had issued an opinion that the drainages crossing the property did not meet the requirements to be considered as part of the U.S. waterway system, and as such they were not subject to restrictions from the Division of Water.

In other action the board heard from East Carter High School principal Corey Gee, who gave an update on the school's academic and safety ratings, and discussed the various school clubs and organiza-

tions which he described as "all student led."

This included the East Carter Unified Club, who gave a presentation on their mission and goals; the Future Farmers of America (FFA) who held a meeting where they debated a program to discourage vaping as part of their preparation for judging on parliamentary procedure; and the Family & Consumer Sciences Culinary & FCCLA students, who prepared refreshments for the evening.

Gee also recognized the high school band, who recently participated in the All County Band event at West Carter, and noted that after only two weeks of participation, the school's e-sports team was currently ranked in the number one slot in the state ranking for Super Smash Bros.

Gee also discussed a school safety assessment

they had gone through, noting that a lot of good advice came out of the assessment, and that he was "thankful" to have the opportunity to take part.

The board also heard about the closing day of school, which is currently set for May 23 with the four days the district needs to make up. This included discussion about taking a half day on April 8, with early dismissal at Noon, so that students who wish to do so can witness the eclipse. Because the time when the eclipse is at its peak overlaps with the typical end of day routine, this would ensure those children who wish to observe the eclipse will be able to do so. To be sure the time is open for students, the school has also asked all athletic and other extracurricular groups not to schedule any practice or games from 2 – 5 p.m. on

the same day.

The board also voted to set graduation dates and times, with East Carter's graduation set for May 23 at 7 p.m. and West the following day, May 24, at 7 p.m.

In other action the board voted to award the bid for new internal electrical and IT infrastructure connections to KEDC, on the advice of technology director Barrett Bush. Bush also recommended CDW on the installation of an uninterrupted power supply, which would continue to supply buildings with power in the event of a brown out or other power outage. The board voted to approve that recommendation as well, before observing a brief executive session and then moving to adjourn.

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Celebrating the benefits of music education

By: Logan Skidmore for Carter County Times

For almost forty years, March has been designated as Music In Our Schools Month. Music has at some point had a positive impact on everyone's life. This is true of all fine arts and arts education, but especially for music education. I can say from personal experience that the best times

of my life have revolved around learning and performing music in various settings. But besides the intangible and emotional impact, there are some direct benefits of music education that I'd like to share with you.

The process of learning and playing an instrument has been shown to increase brain power and functionality, which can

result in improved concentration. Learning to play an instrument can also enhance fine and gross motor skills, executive functions, and sensory development. Typically, students that study music in schools perform better outside of music class. There is improved literacy, higher grades, and music students are 24% more likely to graduate. Music

performance classes there can also boost confidence, and positively impact a child's independence, perseverance, leadership, and personal responsibility, all attributes that can help prepare a student for life-long success.

Fun fact: 66% of music majors who apply to medical school are accepted, which is the highest of any

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SOW from A-2

have a spring garden, a summer garden and a fall garden. My Garden helps you remember when you planted, whether you used seeds or transplants, what cultivar or variety you planted and when you should be able to harvest it.

- You can also plan and enter a date to plant in the future. This is beneficial when you are planning transitions from the spring to summer garden, or from summer to fall. The app will then let you add that scheduled planting date to your phone's calendar as a reminder.

Journal:

- Once a crop is harvested, use the Journal section to

write down the yield, the harvest date and any other information that might help you plan your garden for next year.

The app can also link you to your local Cooperative Extension office, where you'll find staff information and ways to contact extension agents with questions. For more information on gardening tips, contact your 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,

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CALENDAR

- **3/20: Embracing Aging: Generational Differences @ 11 a.m.** | Chapel House, Grayson
- **3/21: Bruce's Magazine Club @ 1 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/21: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/21: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Community Room; Commercial Bank of Grayson, Olive Hill
- **3/22: Fish Fry Fundraiser @5 p.m.** | Applegate Hall next to Catholic Church, Grayson | Donation of \$7.50 per plate requested
- **3/25: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **3/25: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/25: Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/26: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **3/26: Northeast Area Livestock Association meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **3/27: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **3/28: Bruce's Magazine Club @ 1 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/29: Laugh & Learn Playdate @ 10 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Pre-registration required. Call 474-6686 for more info.
- **3/29: Easter Party @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **3/29: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery and Art Center

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



Pet of the Week

Ruckus is a two-year-old husky mix. He weighs 47 pounds, is very friendly, good with other dogs, and walks on a leash. His \$100 adoption fee 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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OBITUARY

Esther Stamper Rose

1927 – 2024



Esther Stamper Rose, age 96 of Round Rock, Texas, formerly of Olive Hill, Kentucky passed away at her residence on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Esther was born December 31, 1927 in Carter County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Jefferson Wheeler and Letha Mae Fannin Stamper. She grew up in Olive Hill and was valedictorian of the Olive Hill High School Class of 1945. After graduation, she moved to Cincinnati, Ohio where she worked at various clerical positions and as an airline reservationist, which lead her to New York City, Chicago, and Kansas City. She later returned to Olive Hill, where she owned and operated the Stamper Hotel and Restaurant. She then attended Morehead State University, earning both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees. She spent most of her career teaching at Lawton Elementary School. Being very devoted to her students, she could frequently be found programming the VCR to record PBS and looking for other ways to enrich their education. While living in Olive Hill, she was a member of the United Methodist Church. After her retirement, she moved to Columbus, Ohio; Lexington, Kentucky; and finally, to Round Rock, Texas, where she volunteered at a nursing home

and shopped "for bargains" at her favorite thrift stores. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, reading, and doing embroidery.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Sidney Rose, three brothers, Teddy Stamper, Clayton Stamper, and James Stamper; two sisters, Ruth Couch and Magdalene Blizzard; one nephew Paul Stamper; and son-in-law Roy Clark.

She is survived by her daughter, Maggie Dameron Clark, one granddaughter Candy Clark, and one great-grandson James Clark who were very close to her and helped to care for her. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Ted Couch of Milroy, Indiana, Leatha Quinlan (George) of Bassett, Virginia, Leona McKee (Dan) of Bloomington, Indiana, Roger Couch (Ronda) of Deputy, Indiana, Loretta Higgins (Gary) of Bloomfield, Indiana, Glen Stamper of Sebring, FL, Clayton Stamper, Jr. of Chicago, Illinois, and Jeanie Blumer (Phil) of Ft. Walton Beach, FL. Also surviving are three cousins, Virginia Duncan of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Thelma Egner of Norwalk, Ohio, and Carl Stamper of Olive Hill, Kentucky.

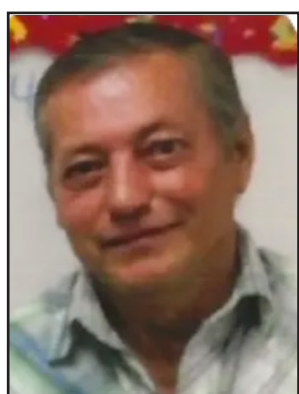
Visitation was 12-1 PM on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Globe Funeral Chapel at 17277 West Highway US 60 in Olive Hill, Kentucky. Funeral followed immediately at 1 PM with Angela Messer Fultz officiating. Burial followed in the Bethel Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Family and Friends served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Esther Stamper Rose.

James Andrew Stamper

1960 – 2024



James Andrew Stamper, age 63, of Morehead, Kentucky, passed away Monday, March 11, 2024, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

He was born April 9, 1960, in Boyd County, Kentucky, a son of the late Alvin "Sapp" and Ola Irene Fultz Stamper.

James enjoyed playing his guitar, doing woodwork, tinkering with lawn mowers and spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Willard Stamper; and two sisters, Ruby Knipp and Bonnie Lewis.

He is survived by three sons, James Allen and (Alisha) Stamper, Curtis Lee Stamper (Brittnee) all of Morehead, Kentucky, Brian (Becky) Stamper of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Karen (Cruz) Littleton; ten grandchildren; six brothers, Everett (Sarah) Stamper of Olive Hill, Kentucky;

Pete (Rose) Stamper, Jack (Linda) Stamper, Paul (Lizzie) Stamper all of Mansfield, Ohio, Virgil (Sarah) Stamper of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Arthur (Sherry) Stamper of Middletown, Ohio; six sisters, Reba Mays of Mansfield, Ohio, Lottie Wilson of Ashland, Ohio, Wilma Jean (Bob) Lewis, Linda Riley, Frances (Bill) Dehart and Joann (Mitchell) Clifton all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, the mother of his children, Kimberly Stamper, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Monday, March 18, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Monroe Craig officiating. Burial followed in the Fultz Cemetery, on Bethel Ridge in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024, and after 9 a.m., Monday, March 18, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Ricky Lewis, Jason Lewis, Michael Williams, Kevin Stamper, Bobby Stamper and Jordan Stamper served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of James Andrew Stamper.

Nettie Kouns Clark

1940 – 2024



Nettie Kouns Clark, age 83, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at King's Daughter Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

She was born Wednesday, June 5, 1940, in Carter County, Kentucky, to the late John and Lizzie Dameron Kouns.

Nettie was a member of Wilson Creek Missionary Baptist Church and loved going to church. She served as a waitress for many years, and later retired from a grocery store. She enjoyed working outside, gardening, canning, an animal lover and was always ready to feed any stray that come along.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 59 years, Earl Edward Clark Sr.; five

brothers, Virgil, Kouns, Russell Kouns, Thomas Kouns, Paul Kouns and Thurman Kouns; two sisters, Edith McCoy and Mabel Tuftz

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Earl Edward Clark Jr. and Kathy of Chesterton, Indiana; two grandchildren, Tony Clark and Michael Clark; four great-grandchildren, Aiden Clark, Asher Clark, Theodore Holbrook, Elenor Holbrook, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Grayson Funeral Home, 49 McCoy Road, Grayson Kentucky, with Brother Jo Ed Rice officiating. Burial followed in the East Carter Memory Gardens in Grayson, Kentucky.

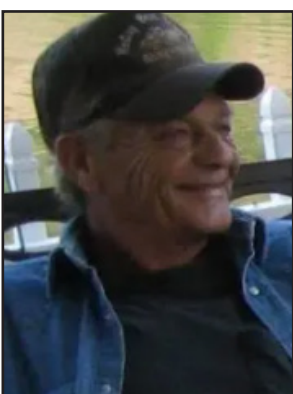
Friends visited after 12 noon, Sunday, March 17, 2024, until the service hour at Grayson Funeral Home.

Calvin Clark, Frank Burton, Doug Holbrook, Kevin McLeod, David Messer and Michael Clark served as pallbearers.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Nettie Koun Clark.

Bud McCoy

1950 – 2024



Bud McCoy, age 73, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 14, 2024, at his residence, surrounded by his family.

He was born Wednesday, May 14, 1950, at Smith Creek, Kentucky, to the late Charles and Rhoda Parsons McCoy.

Bud was a long time logger of 56 years. He enjoyed his farm, fishing, watching UK Basketball and dirt track racing. His favorite past time was spending time with his precious grand kids.

In addition to his

parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Clyde McCoy and Hubert McCoy; two sisters, Catherine Hamilton and Nora Jean Porter.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Shelia Claxon McCoy; three daughters, Angela Brown, Valerie (Kathleen) Messer, and Erica (Chris) Reed. He was adored by three loving grandchildren, Tyler Messer, Caitie (Brandon) Harper, and Braden Reed.

All services for Mr. McCoy will be private. Burial will follow in East Carter Memory Gardens.

Braden Reed, Brandon Harper, Clyde McCoy, Tim McCoy, Nathan Imel, and Tim Lewis will serve as pallbearers.

Lee McCoy, Jack McCoy, Ryan McCoy and Michael Smith will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Bud McCoy.

Timothy Wayne Howerton

1966 – 2024



Timothy Wayne Howerton, age 57, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away peacefully, Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at King's Daughter Medical Center in Ashland Kentucky, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born December 22, 1966, in Carter County, Kentucky, to the late Burl Edward Howerton and Mary Jean Burton Biggs.

He enjoyed shooting his guns, bird watching and spending time with his

grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Mark Howerton.

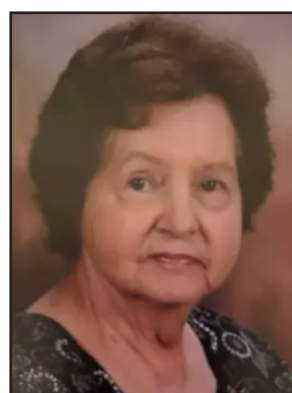
Timothy is survived by his wife of 35 years, Patrice Devine Howerton; one son, Timothy Edward Howerton of Ohio, one daughter, Amber Alexandra Howerton of Olive Hill, Kentucky; five grandchildren, Jaydon, Kaden, Charlie, Aubrey, Carter; two brothers, Mitchell Howerton of Morehead, Kentucky and Jeremy Howerton of Ashland, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

At request of Timothy's family, there will be no service at this time.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Timothy Wayne Howerton.

Loretta Faye Griffey Hamm

1936 – 2024



Loretta Faye Griffey Hamm, age 87, of Mansfield, Ohio, passed away Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Avita Ontario Hospital in Ontario, Ohio.

She was born Thursday, July 9, 1936, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late James Gladys and Ethel Williams Griffey.

She loved going to church, reading her Bible, watching the Christian channel, bird watching, going out to eat, spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 23 years, August Hamm; two

brothers, James Griffey, Glen Griffey; two sisters, Geneva Duncan Henry and Anna Dean James.

Loretta is survived by one son, Eric (Ruby) Hamm of Mansfield, Ohio; two daughters, Rhonda Baker of Mansfield, Ohio, and Anita Ash of Crestline, Ohio; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one brother, Romie Griffey of Tollesboro, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother JC Bond officiating. Burial followed in Vanhoose Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 1 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Loretta Faye Griffey Hamm.

Martha Louise Duncan Cline

1949 – 2024



hosted frequent sleepovers with all the grandkids that included stayin up all night watching movies, dancing, and eating lots of sugar.

Martha is preceded in death by her husband Jim Cline, parents Daniel Duncan Jr and Myrtle Lawhorn Duncan, sisters Beverly Morgan and Patty Crank, and special niece Sherry Crank. Martha is survived

by her children Cynde (Michael) Akers, Paul (Angie) Cline, Jimmy (Monica) Cline, grandchildren Lexie (Tyler) Clay, Trey (Jalysa) Cline, Abbey Akers, Trevor Cline, Tate Akers, Brooklen Akers, and great grandchildren Marshall Clay, and Wren Cline. She is also survived by nieces Tammy Crank and Susan (Mark) Dennison, Kelly Morgan, nephew Scott (Jessica) Morgan, and lifelong best friend Candy Hall, and a long list of additional friends and family members.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 49 McCoy Road, Grayson, Kentucky, with her grandchildren conducting the service. Burial followed in the Garvin Ridge Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2024, and after 9 a.m., Saturday, March 16, until the service hour at Grayson Funeral Home.

Grayson Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Martha Louise Duncan Cline.



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Guest Editorial

Kentucky's teacher shortage has reached critical proportions

By: Rhonda Caldwell, Kentucky Association of School Administrators

Every morning across the Commonwealth, children walk into our schools to engage in one of the greatest accomplishments in the history of mankind – a free public education. As children enter the classroom, their unique experiences accompany them. Yet, no matter the strength or opportunity for growth a child brings into that classroom, a single caring adult is there to greet them day in and day out – their teacher.

However, Kentucky's dire teacher shortage has reached critical proportions. The shortage impacts our children's ability to learn every single day.

Teachers are being recruited across state lines to teach in Indiana, Ohio, and Tennessee for higher pay. They are being recruited daily to school districts that can offer higher salaries. Our Kentucky teachers struggle to pay their bills and in some cases utilize local food banks to put food on the table for their families. The average starting teaching salary in the state is \$38,010 with the lowest being \$33,000.

When Indiana boasts an average teacher salary of \$60,000, and Ohio offers \$77,000, the choice for our teachers is a stark one – cross state lines to support their families or remain in Kentucky where they prefer to live and teach but will struggle for a living wage. This holds true inside our state boundaries, as well. Like any professional, teachers will navigate to other districts for salaries that will better care for their families.

Recently in southern Kentucky, billboards have been constructed to recruit teachers to teaching across the state line in Tennessee where the starting salary for teachers is \$50,000. This is currently a \$12,000 pay increase from Kentucky's average starting salary. Teachers considering whether they need to teach a few miles south of the state line are easily convinced when the difference is an extra \$1,000 per month coupled with no income tax.

The growing support in other states around the nation has taken hold beyond those bordering Kentucky. Arkansas and South Carolina joined Tennessee with starting pay at \$50,000 and New Mexico recently announced \$52,000 which pales in comparison to Kentucky's average starting pay of \$38,010.

Undoubtedly, teachers across the Commonwealth recount their stories of the profound joys and immeasurable rewards inherent in the profession. These heartwarming narratives resonate far beyond the classroom, shaping the very trajectory of their students' lives for generations to come. At the same time, there are heartbreaking stories of teachers being the sole loving adult in a child's life, where they find peace and comfort in the hours they spend at school.

Amidst the rewarding narratives are the heartbreaking stories of teachers being the only caring adult in a child's life where they find rest and solace in the hours they spend at school. Yet, despite these profound contributions, the profession fails to alleviate the financial burden that accumulates for teachers. All these rewarding aspects of the profession will not pay the monthly bills.

When legislation arises that requires districts to deal with issues that do not directly impact increasing teacher pay, such as unnecessary financial audits or book bans in which there are already processes for dealing with – it ultimately serves as a distraction from addressing the underlying issue, namely there is a shortage of highly qualified teachers in Kentucky classrooms. When this solution is addressed head on by recruiting and retaining through compensation that is fair and competitive, it will address numerous other problems that are all downstream of this solution.

It is time for a historical investment, a single solution that will impact many issues within schools. It is time to move beyond proposing legislation that doesn't truly address the most pressing issue in Kentucky's public schools.

It is time to look the teacher shortage squarely in the eye and do something that will impact Kentucky's 640,000 students, their families and our communities on a daily basis, namely, to ensure a highly qualified teacher in every classroom. It is imperative that all teachers making less than \$45,000 be raised to this amount while providing a 10 percent increase to all other teachers over the next two biennia.

The time for contemplation is over. Let us act boldly and secure a brighter future for our students by ensuring a high-quality teacher greets them at every single school room door across Kentucky.



Could another run to the NCAA's Final Four save Coach Cal's job?

As college basketball fans debate the future of University of Kentucky Head Basketball Coach John Calipari, I suggest we keep two numbers in mind – 9 and 7.

The “9” represents how long it has been since Coach Cal had the Wildcats in the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament, what we lovingly call “the big dance.” That most recent appearance was in 2015.

I could have used the number 12 because that's how long it's been since the Cats won their last national championship. It was in 2012 and it came during an incredible run of four Final Fours in five years.

As for the number “7”, that's how many former UK Wildcats under Calipari played in this season's All-Star Game of the National Basketball Association (NBA), generally considered to be the highest skill level of the sport in the entire world.

It should be noted that Calipari has coached more NBA players than any other college head coach in history. He gets credit for developing the “one and done” system of recruiting the top players who play one year of college basketball and then move up to become millionaires in the NBA.

Many of his critics in UK's fan base, the Big Blue Nation, complain that Cal's recruiting success is based on his reputation as a developer of professional-level players but most of those McDonald's All-Americans didn't stay around to play three or four years in Lexington.

With three seven-footers on this year's squad, UK fans have been mystified by the number of layup baskets scored by other teams like what happened when Texas A&M defeated the Cats twice this season.

All of the chatter about Calipari's future may prove to be just pure speculation. He makes more than \$10 million a year in salary and his buyout likely would be about \$35 million if he is fired. He signed a 10-year contract in 2019 worth \$86 million and is guaranteed 75 percent of what remains unpaid.

Unless some diehard UK fan wins the lottery, it appears that Coach Cal, now 65, will be on the sidelines at least until that contract expires in 2029.



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My own personal War of the Roses

If there is one plant on this earth I hate more than any other, it's the multiflora rose. These nasty invasives don't give you the pretty flowers of our cultivated rose bushes – though they are relatives – or the tasty rosehips of sweetbrier rose.

What they do give you are thorns. Lots and lots of thorns growing in dense thickets that choke out native plants and prevent free use of your land. They also sprout back from the roots if cut down, and cuttings root just as readily as any other rose. So, if you aren't careful, trying to cut them back can actually help them spread.

I've been fighting the multiflora rose on my property for the last couple of years. One large bush in my side pasture had started infringing on my blackberry bushes, and made it impossible to get near enough to the elderberry trees to harvest any of their fruit. I've been cutting it back, beginning at the edges and being sure to pull any cut branches free, or at least prop them up on the edge of the fence so they can't touch the ground and root.

Over the same period of time another bush grew so large that I had to create a new path to access the woods behind the house. That one, however, was in the open, so I had an idea. When we replaced the kids swing set, and took down the dry-rotted wood of the old one, I dragged all of that old wood to the back edge of the mowed lawn. Then I piled it onto the large briar patch, put some corrugated cardboard and old newspapers at the base, and stuck a match to the lot.

That fire was massive, and I watched it closely

to make sure it didn't get away from me. Even that wasn't enough to completely take out this particular rose bush, though. Since then, I've continued to pile boxes up and burn them there, instead of in our burn barrel, to slowly whittle away at the pernicious invasive, as well as other smaller rose bushes that I want to get rid of.

And I believe it's making a difference. Still, this plant is tough. This spring I've noticed new shoots coming up from beneath the edges of blackened bits of charred rose bush stems I thought were good and dead.

It fights back too. Despite taking extreme care, I've lost more blood than I care to admit to the wicked thorns. (Usually while trying to cut them back with garden shears so the kids can have a safe path through the woods and often, ironically, shortly after warning them to be careful of the sharp stickers.)

My hope is to cut them back enough that I can establish an orchard of native fruit trees in the open areas, and berry brambles along the fence rows. It's something I won't be able to enjoy until years down the line, if ever. But hopefully my kids and someday grandkids will be able to enjoy the benefits of my labor. So, despite the blisters and bloodshed, I suppose I'll keep cutting, and pulling, and burning.

Or maybe I'll just go get a goat.



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Easter from A-2

an Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. followed by a hot dog lunch. The Willard event will also include opportunities to have your child's photo taken with the Easter Bunny, free books, and bouncy houses.

The following Friday, March 29, Kentucky Christian University will host a Community Easter Egg Hunt on the KCU campus beginning at 6 p.m. The university is billing the event as an opportunity "to bring together our campus and the Grayson community for an evening of fun and connection."

The next day, Saturday March 30, the Army Corps

of Engineers is partnering with the Grayson Tourism & Convention Commission for an egg hunt at the Grayson Sports Park. The egg hunt for children five and younger will kick off at noon, followed by an egg hunt for kids from age six through 12 at 12:30 p.m. Bags will be provided for the egg hunt. All you have to do is show up with the kids and let them have fun.

Also on March 30 is the Olive Hill Community Easter Egg Hunt, at the Depot downtown. That event kicks off at 11 a.m. and goes until 1 p.m. with food, face painting, the egg

hunt, and other fun.

If you're a traditionalist, and prefer to wait for Easter Sunday proper, then Carter Caves State Resort Park has you covered. The park will be hosting their annual egg hunt at the Welcome Center on Easter Sunday, March 31, beginning at 2 p.m.

First Christian Church in Olive Hill also has a full slate of events for Easter weekend, beginning with a Good Friday service on March 29, at 6 p.m. The church will host an egg hunt on Saturday, March 30, from 1 - 3 p.m. Then, on Easter Sunday, they'll hold Easter services begin-

ning at 10:30 a.m.

Olive Hill Church of the Nazarene will hold Good Friday service at 7 p.m. March 29, and Easter Morning service at 10:30 a.m.

These Easter Sunday services all follow the Community Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. hosted at Globe Christian Church this year.

You can also watch our website, social media profiles, and these pages for any additional events.

Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

Music from A-3

undergraduate group.

Studying music and performing can nurture creativity, build empathy, and help people better express their emotions and manage anxiety. Over 40% of college counselors reported anxiety disorders as the most frequent disorder they see among patients. Along with the mental benefits there are physical benefits as well. When playing an instrument, you are often using your arm, core, and back muscles. Also, the deep breathing that voice, wind, and brass instruments require can build stronger lungs and, as a natural stress reliever, music is good for our blood pressure and heart rate.

Music also has the

ability to bring us together. When making music with others - such as in a group class, chamber group, or ensemble - you can be introduced to new experiences and points of view.

For example, recently the Carter County All-County Band combined students from the East and West Carter bands under the baton of a guest conductor, Pauletta Smith. Not only were students sitting around players they were not used to, they had to adapt to a different style of directing than what they are used to in their home bands, all in a very short amount of rehearsal time. This isn't the kind of thing they could do without acquiring, and coordinating, a wide range of skill sets.

This isn't just memorizing the order you press the keys on your horn; this is the application of knowledge to a specific situation.

These are the skills that music education gives to children, which can carry through in other aspects of their student and professional careers.

So, I encourage you to reach out to anyone you know that will be attending East or West Carter Middle School next year. The beginning band classes are being organized and both Mr. Arthur and myself - Mr. Skidmore - look forward to your child starting their musical journey.

Cost is not an issue as if you are unable to rent or buy an instrument we will do everything we

can to provide a working instrument for you. All instruction is free. There is also no need to worry about conflict with other activities. In the Raider Band we have had a seven year member who was also a Regional Tournament MVP, and another student who was ROTC Cadet of the Year; not to mention many past students that have successfully participated in band and athletics.

I hope you will agree that every child who wishes to should have the chance to participate in music in an active way. The band programs look forward to your child joining us for just such an opportunity.

Contact us at news@cartercountytimes.com

Week in review: Legislature addresses education, developmental disabilities as session approaches end

Only two weeks separate us from the veto period. This ten-day period provides a governor the opportunity to consider his or her action on legislation, while giving legislators the final word when they reconvene for the final days of session. Governors have three options when considering a bill. He or she could sign or veto a bill or resolution, or allow it to become law without a signature. As an even-year session, our final day of the Regular Session will be April 15 this year.

In an administrative move, we did see our session calendar change this week to allow us to use our time more efficiently. As of now, we moved two session days from the week of March 18 to the week of March 25. We will use the originally scheduled days for committee meetings and preserve our legislative days for House Floor action.

Of course, lawmakers continue their hard work advocating for legislation that will improve the lives of all Kentuckians. We will continue considering education reform bills, public safety measures, and the state budget.

With that said, here are

a few summaries of bills that have passed the House and have moved on to the senate for further consideration. For more information on these bills, other legislation, or the legislative calendar, please visit legislature.ky.gov.

Ensuring the rights of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities: HB 214, known as the Frank Huffman Act, provides a "bill of rights" that clarifies the rights of individuals with intellectual disabilities. The rights included in this measure range from the right to personal dignity to pursuing vocational opportunities.

Ending human trafficking: With human trafficking becoming a more prevalent issue in our state and nation by the day, the House has acted on a measure to begin investigating the best way to put an end to these heinous crimes. HB 3 works in tandem with federal law to further prevent human trafficking, particularly in areas of public transit. This measure also takes steps to create a working group whose purpose would be to investigate ongoing human trafficking concerns in Kentucky. This group's membership was solidified

with a floor amendment which establishes that it will be comprised of several state/federal law enforcement groups, as well as non-governmental organizations that will advocate for victims in addition to the victims themselves.

Improving the career and technical funding formula: HB 499 creates a funding model for our public-school systems that is equitable to career and technical programs across the state. This bill funds CTE programs through enrollment and performance outcomes of program students. It also eliminates the midyear funding adjustment that currently takes place, which often reduces funding for programs.

Emphasizes the importance of civics education: HB 535 provides a civics course option for schools. Currently, students must complete a civics test to graduate high school. This bill allows schools to implement a half-credit course option to satisfy this graduation requirement, and raises the passing grade of the civics test to 70%.

Addressing students certified for medical cannabis treatments: HB 829 builds on legislation passed during 2023 that provided for the legalization of medical cannabis. This measure provides

local governments and schools an "opt-out;" gives Kentucky-owned hemp producers priority; and requires patients see a physician annually.

Removing three-cue reading curriculum from Kentucky schools: HB 612 prohibits instruction of reading and language arts through the three-cueing instructional method. This measure also prohibits teacher preparatory courses, professional development courses, and intervention programs from using or teaching the three-cueing method.

School bus safety: HB 461 requires the use of cameras on all school buses by all school districts, and allows the school districts to employ cameras on the stop arm of school buses to record illegal passes of school buses when they are picking up or dropping of students.

Giving Kentuckians a vote on education: Both the House and Senate have approved HB 2, which would allow Kentuckians to vote on a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would clear the way for the legislature to empower parents to make educational choices for their children. For almost two centuries, education has been one of the primary focuses of our General Assembly.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The Carter County Emergency Ambulance Service District, at a meeting held on March 18, 2024, enacted the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE WITH THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF GRAYSON FOR THE FINANCING OF THE ACQUISITION OF AN AMBULANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE LEASE AND DEPOSITS TO A SINKING FUND; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH LEASE; AND MAKING CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS REGARDING SUCH LEASE.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing ordinance provides for approval of a lease in the principal amount of approximately \$192,000 for financing the acquisition of an ambulance vehicles and related emergency equipment (the "Project") and provides a general obligation pledge to assess sufficient taxes to comply with the obligations to pay lease payments. The full text of the section relating to the pledge to levy and assess a tax to pay the lease obligation is:

"Section 2. General Obligation Pledge. Pursuant to the Constitution of the Commonwealth and Chapter 66 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as amended (the "General Obligation Statutes"), the obligation of the District created by the Lease shall be a full general obligation of the District and, for the prompt payment of the Lease Payments, as defined in the Lease, the full faith, credit and revenue of the District are hereby pledged. During the period the Lease is outstanding, there shall be and there hereby is levied on all the taxable property in the District, in addition to all other taxes, without limitation as to rate, a direct tax annually in an amount sufficient to pay the Lease

Payments on the Lease when and as due, it being hereby found and determined that current tax rates are within all applicable limitations. Said tax shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of said years are certified, extended and collected. Said tax shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof; provided, however, that in each year to the extent that the other taxes of the District are available for the payment of the Lease Payments and are appropriated for such purpose, the amount of such direct tax upon all of the taxable property in the District shall be reduced by the amount of such other taxes so available and appropriated.

There is hereby established, or it is acknowledged that there has heretofore been established, with the Lessee a sinking fund (the "Sinking Fund"), into which the funds derived from said tax levy hereby required or other available taxes shall be placed and which, together with interest collected on the same, are irrevocably pledged for the payment of all bonds or obligations issued under the General Obligation Statutes and all Tax Supported Leases, as defined in the General Obligation Statutes, including the Lease herein authorized, when and as the same fall due. Amounts shall be transferred from the Sinking Fund to the Lessor at the times and in the amounts required by the Lease."

Reference is hereby made to the full text of the Resolution, a copy of which is on file at the offices of the District, 12 Crossbar Road, Grayson, Kentucky 41143, for a complete statement of its provisions and terms.

/s/ Tim Woods
Administrator, Carter County
Emergency Ambulance Service
District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Rattlesnake Ridge Water District is seeking a Full-time water plant operator. If interested you may pick up an application from the main office @ 5302 S St Hwy 7 Gra on Ky.41143 or bring in your own.

Applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled the first week in April. If you have any questions you can call the office at (606) 474-7570.

AUCTIONS

Auctions on Vernon Street, 1102 Vernon Street, Huntington, WV. Friday 6:30 pm. Furniture, glass, pottery, large collection of cast iron, coins, art, lamps, jewelry, partial list. www.auctionzip.com id# 48407 John Salyers WV2052

JOBS

Personal care assistant needed for 50 year old autistic male in Grayson. Hours will vary and can include weekdays, weeknights and weekends. Beginning at approximately 10 hours a week and more hours when covering for someone else. Pay is \$27.26 per hour. Taxes will be held out. No cash payments. Direct deposit. Must pass drug test and criminal background check before hire and complete CPR and First Aid course upon hire. Strong work ethic required. Position will include cooking, housework, laundry, personal hygiene and bathing for this individual. If interested, email me your name and phone number at easterling1988@yahoo.com with caregiver in the subject. I will email you an application. Only dependable people that want to work!

Kindergarten through 12th grade education accounts for more than 40% of the state's budget and the legislature provided historic levels (even adjusted for inflation) of funding in the current and proposed budgets. However, there is still a great deal to be done and many believe the state's 133-year-old constitution prevents progress from happening. HB 2 would allow voters to decide and settle the issue.

Providing patients more options: Kentuckians whose mandatory mail-order pharmacies cannot fill a prescription in a timely manner are one step closer to finding relief with the House passage of HB 190. This measure prevents patients from having to pay more to fill the prescription at a local pharmacy.

Lending a helping hand to our future veterinarians: The shortage of veterinarians in the commonwealth impacts not only pet owners, but also farmers and our food supply. The House approved HB 553, which

establishes a student loan repayment program for eligible veterinary students in underserved areas of the commonwealth.

Reconstructing the office of conservation officers: Kentucky is home to one of the greatest fish and wildlife resource resources in the nation. With this comes a robust team of conservation officers who protect and serve our Commonwealth's most precious resources. HB 586 rebrands conservation officers to game wardens and grants them additional legal authority, including jurisdiction over waterways. Currently, water safety enforcement lies with the Kentucky State Police.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Patrick.Flannery@lrc.ky.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

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Tourism from A-1

Emergency Services to apply for a grant to provide AR-15 rifles to the city police department. The reasoning behind the addition of the AR-15 to the police arsenal is that in extreme safety situations, the police department is currently under armed. The grant would be for 11 new weapons - one for each officer - in addition to two of the rifles that are already owned by the department. Council also discussed

the need for event space in the city, whether it be for public or private events. The Senior Center is utilized, Mayor Combs pointed out, but it is usually booked up. He also mentioned that the city building itself is sometimes used as well, but that the city really needed more gathering space.

The Sports Park in Grayson is moving forward with its improvements, Director Grant Harper told

the council. Concrete work is ongoing as of the day of the council meeting, Harper said, with projected completion by the first week of April 2024. Everything was proceeding according to schedule considering problems generated by uncooperative weather, Harper said. Work is beginning now on landscaping and sowing grass seed, with plans soon to add decorative plants and other finishing details.

"There is already a lot going on there," Harper told council. "A lot of people utilize the facility not just for sports, but the playground as well and other features."

Council also voted to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, and heard reports from city department heads before adjourning.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



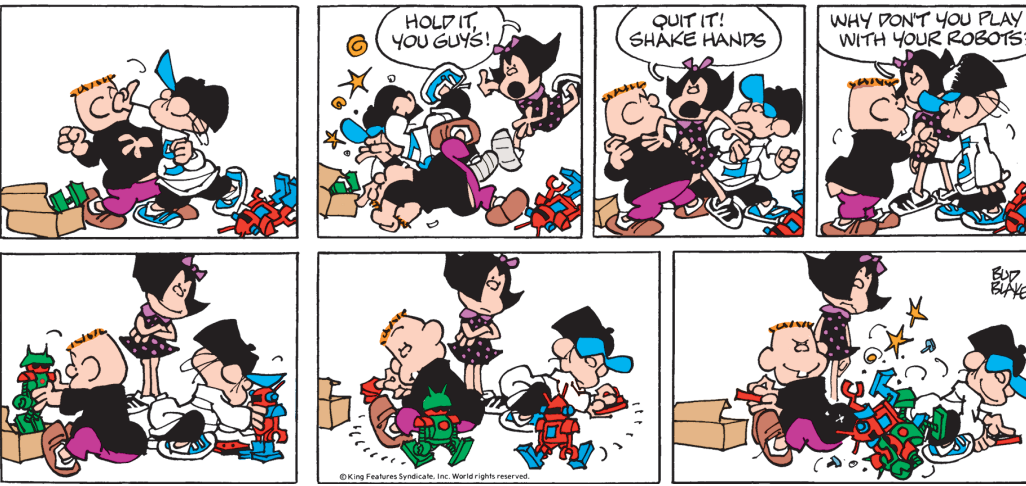
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



TIGER

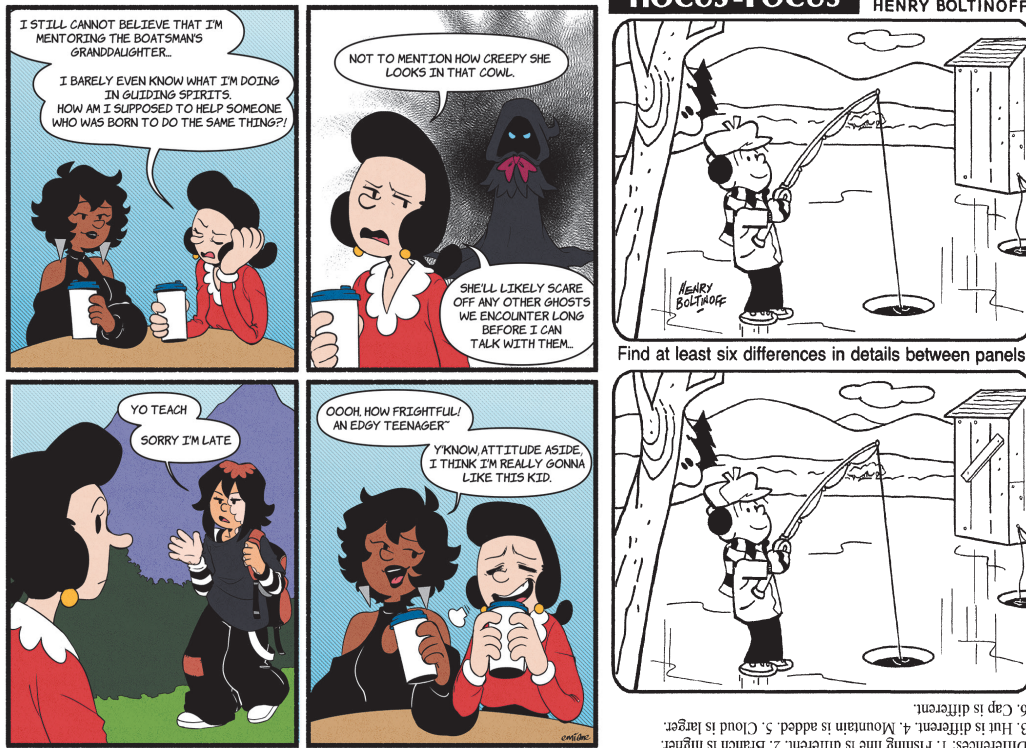
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OLIVE

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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: F equals H

CFRM AEO VNLB SEMH EK
KJOKKA ZOLB KRNSFRXH EMSE
N SXNMHVEXS HFQV, Q IORHH
SFNS'H ZECM-JENZQMI.

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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!

Pleat

ERACES

Contest

BEATED

Rebuff

NAILED

Deceive

TEACH

TODAY'S WORD

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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. Aesop's specialty	F _____	Kitchen slat	T _____
2. Steve or Dean	_____ T ____	Gaye or Lee	_____ V ____
3. Compass direction	N _____	Value	W _____
4. Pancake topping	__ U _____	Improved	__ E _____
5. Bullwinkle, e.g.	__ O _____	Mickey, e.g.	__ U _____
6. Dash	_____ T ____	Planting season	_____ G ____
7. Larder	_____ N ____	Bakery treat	_____ S ____
8. Wednesday's dad	_____ Z ____	Andy's pal, ___ Pyle	_____ R ____
9. Bird sanctuary	A _____	Spooky	E _____
10. Closet accessory	A _____	Food longing	__ U _____

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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.

	+		×		= 63			
+		+		-				
	-		+		= 3			
÷		÷		×				
	+		×		= 48			
=		=		=				
2		10		56				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

DIFFICULTY: ★

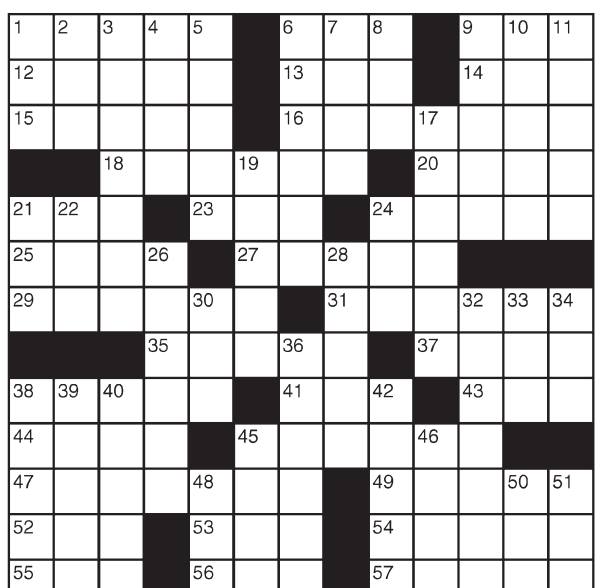
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Gold-loving king
- 6 Soviet space station
- 9 Actress Dennings
- 12 "That — I ask"
- 13 Longoria of TV
- 14 Writer LeShan
- 15 "What — mean?"
- 16 Journal
- 18 Singer Timberlake
- 20 Monster
- 21 Med. plan option
- 23 Sweetie
- 24 Different
- 25 Exile isle
- 27 Russian villa
- 29 Deceived
- 31 There
- 35 Rocker Adams
- 37 Harvard rival
- 38 City near Venice
- 41 Prefix with gender
- 43 Shriill bark
- 44 Teensy bit
- 45 Frenzied
- 47 Pampering places



- 49 Dizzying designs
 - 52 Dad on "Black-ish"
 - 53 Swiss canton
 - 54 Bellini opera
 - 55 Feminine side
 - 56 Favorite
 - 57 Idyllic spots
 - 6 Islamic holy city
 - 7 Infamous tsar
 - 8 Shaft of light
 - 9 IRA relative
 - 10 Worship
 - 11 Greedy sort
 - 17 Plant science
 - 19 Hot rum drink
 - 21 Skirt edge
 - 22 Roman 1051
 - 24 Discoverer's call
 - 26 Photo collections
 - 28 Doubter
 - 30 Notable time
 - 32 Workplace perk, maybe
 - 33 Yalie
 - 34 Gym unit
 - 36 Nails the test
 - 38 Rice field
 - 39 Arcade pioneer
 - 40 Senior member
 - 42 14 pounds
 - 45 Aesopian also-ran
 - 46 Apple product
 - 48 Young dog
 - 50 LBJ's successor
 - 51 Prof's aides
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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WORD LADDERS

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

CROWD

PROPS

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Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- LITERATURE: What is the name of the kingdom in "The Princess Bride"?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In British royalty, what is King Charles' family name?
 - TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features Sheldon's catchphrase "Bazinga!"?
 - U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state is home to the Awatovi Ruins, a national historic landmark?
 - HISTORY: According to a WWII government slogan, what sinks ships?
 - GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the small principality that lies between Spain and France?
 - ANATOMY: Which part of the brain controls hunger?
 - LANGUAGE: The Latin word "caput" refers to what part of the human anatomy?
 - SCIENCE: Which color has the longest wavelength in the visible spectrum?
 - FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary alcohol used in margaritas?
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- Answers**
1. Fiction: 1. Florn.
 2. Mountain-Windor.
 3. "The Big Bang Theory."
 4. Arizona.
 5. Loose lips.
 6. Andorra.
 7. Hypothalamus.
 8. The head.
 9. Red.
 10. Tequila.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Create 2. Debate; solution

CROWD, DROPS, PROPS

Answer

WORD LADDER

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

CryptoQuip

When you pack tons of fifty duck feathers onto a transport ship, I guess that's down-loading.

Answer

King Crossword

Solution time: 26 mins.

Go Figure!

2	=	10	=	56
5	+	1	×	8 = 48
	+		+	
7	-	6	+	2 = 3
	+		+	
3	+	4	×	9 = 63

Even Exchange

Answers

1. Fable Table
2. North, North
3. North, North
4. Butter, Better
5. Moose, Mouse
6. Spring, Spring
7. Pasty, Pasty
8. Gomez, Gomez
9. Aene, Eerie
10. Hanger, Hanger

Legislative update

FRANKFORT- As we approach the final stages of our 60-day legislative session in the Kentucky General Assembly, the urgency to finalize the state's budget is more tangible than ever. The recent presentation of the Senate's adjustments to our fiscal plan marks a pivotal moment in our legislative process, shining a light on the strategic priorities we've set for the commonwealth's future.

In the latest iteration of the budget, encapsulated in **House Bills 1 and 6**, the Senate has proposed an ambitious plan to allocate \$3.5 billion from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund towards a range of impactful projects. This plan significantly expands on the House's initial proposal of \$1.8 billion, focusing on critical infrastructure and one-time expenditures that promise to bolster the state's economic and physical landscape. Key among these investments are substantial allocations for transportation and the advancement of educational facilities, which underscore our commitment to enhancing Kentucky's infrastructural backbone and educational capabilities.

While **House Bill (HB) 1** outlines significant spending towards transformative projects, including \$890 million dedicated to transportation enhancements and \$150 million for

the strategic relocation of certain university facilities, it's a reflection of our broader fiscal strategy. This strategy emphasizes the importance of making prudent, one-time investments that leverage the state's current surplus to address immediate needs and drive future growth.

Simultaneously, **House Bill (HB) 6** maintains a steady focus on the general fund, ensuring that our fundamental governmental operations are supported with the necessary resources to thrive. This approach not only reflects our fiscal responsibility but also our ambition to position Kentucky for long-term prosperity through strategic investments.

One of the appropriation initiatives laid out by the Senate that I am particularly proud to highlight is the inclusion of significant funding for the Ashland Conference Center Complex in the Senate's 2024 Budget Proposal. A \$25 million allocation has been earmarked for fiscal year 2025 to support the construction and development of this pivotal project. This funding milestone builds upon the foundational efforts that began in 2021, with an initial \$1 million secured for the design and engineering phases. The Ashland Conference Center stands as a beacon of our dedication to economic development and the

revitalization of northeast Kentucky, promising to catalyze growth and community engagement.

As the budget proposal progresses through the legislative process, with a return to the House and subsequent discussions in a free conference committee, of which I am proud to be a member and bring my years of legislative experience working on the budget, and continue my advocacy for the inclusion of these critical funds in the final proposal. Together, with Representative Scott Sharp, we are committed to promoting this project, fully recognizing its potential to transform our region and serve as a state-of-the-art facility for events, drawing both residents and visitors to our beautiful part of Kentucky.

The decisions made in finalizing our state budget are foundational to the legacy we aim to build. They reflect our collective priorities and the vision we hold dear for Kentucky's future. I urge you to stay engaged and have your voice heard in this process. The budgetary measures now go to a conference committee, where the leadership of both chambers will convene to hammer out a final product that both can agree upon.

In other developments, the Senate granted passage of **Senate Bill (SB) 3** this week, which aims to transfer the authority over the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources from the current governor to the Commissioner of Agriculture. This significant shift in governance is proposed under the guise

of better collaboration between the agricultural and sportsmen communities. However, it also entails a radical change in the appointment process of the board overseeing the department, a move from gubernatorial appointments based on recommendations from licensed hunters and anglers to appointments made directly by the agriculture commissioner.

Having led the opposition of SB 3, I must express my profound apprehensions of why I cannot support this legislation. My concerns arise from a deep-seated belief in maintaining a clear separation between agricultural interests and wildlife conservation efforts. Over the years, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has established itself as an entity dedicated to conserving, enhancing, and protecting Kentucky's rich biodiversity. In my view, the proposed changes in SB 3 threaten to undermine this mission by prioritizing agricultural concerns over the ecological and recreational interests of our hunters, anglers, and the broader community of sportsmen and women.

These changes represent more than just an administrative restructuring; it is a matter of preserving the integrity and independence of a department that has been the envy of other states for its effectiveness in managing our wildlife resources. The potential for conflict of interest is too significant, and the message it sends to the sportsmen and women of Kentucky, who have had no input into this bill, is

deeply troubling. If this legislation becomes law, we risk setting our agency back decades and becoming a national outlier in wildlife management. For these reasons, among potential constitutional concerns, I opposed SB 3 and urged my colleagues to consider the long-term implications of such a drastic change to our state's governance of its natural resources. Despite my staunch opposition, SB 3 passed the Senate 20-16.

Another critical measure advancing off the Senate floor, **SB 349**, aims to introduce a comprehensive review process before retiring a fossil fuel-fired power plant. This process, facilitated by the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission (EPIC), ensures that every retirement proposal is meticulously analyzed for its impacts on our electricity supply and the economic well-being of our local and state governments.

This bill is more than a procedural measure; it embodies a commitment to fairness and inclusivity in our energy policy. For too long, the residents of eastern Kentucky, who have been the backbone of this state's energy sector through coal, are now facing the financial burdens associated with retiring the very plants they've supported. This legislation seeks to balance these scales, ensuring that the voices and concerns of our communities are heard and considered in decisions that affect their futures.

By mandating a thorough review before any retirement request is

approved, we're safeguarding our electricity supply while opening the door to a broader discussion about our energy future. This conversation is essential as we explore all available options, including renewable energies and new technologies, alongside our traditional resources. SB 349 is a step toward constructing an energy policy that creates a diverse and resilient energy portfolio that doesn't hastily discard our past.

The path to a neutral energy policy is complex, requiring careful deliberation and a willingness to embrace new opportunities and our traditional strengths. SB 349 is a testament to this approach, emphasizing fairness, thoroughness, and forward-looking strategies that consider the needs and contributions of all Kentuckians, especially those in regions like eastern Kentucky that have powered our state for decades. I proudly supported the bill, and it passed the Senate 28-9-1.

For those invested in the outcomes of this session, including these bills and others advancing through each chamber, staying informed is essential for effective engagement and advocacy. 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.

Radio from A-1

you grow up."

So, in 1959, Harold "Shuff" Shufflebarger decided that's what he was going to do and, with a group of partners, helped found the WGOH AM radio station.

The G, his family explained, came from Grayson, while the OH stood for Olive Hill. Later, when they added the FM band, they couldn't hold onto the H, and the new signal's call sign became WUGO, keeping the first initials of both towns as part of the name, and setting the stage for the branding we all know today – GO Radio.

That branding was intentional, of course. But the important thing for Shuff – as his friends and family called him – was keeping that local connection. He saw radio as a way to connect folks with the broader world, the same way it connected him to the world outside Floyd County when he was a young man. But also, as a way to focus on what was important locally.

"The important thing is that foundation," Matt said. "I don't feel like we've ever lost touch with that. I mean, you look at (other regional radio stations with corporate ownership). They do their thing; we do our thing. We try to always keep it community minded. Always, growing up, every morning when I woke up for school, TV 14 was on in our house... That's how I always started my mornings. Back then, the moniker that they always threw around was 'Your good neighbor of the air,' and I've always loved that."

It's a philosophy he tries to keep going with his morning news broadcasts. And it's just one of the many lessons he learned growing up listening to Jim Phillips, Francis Nash, and the other on air talent, he said.

Another was to listen to

the callers.

"We want people to feel like they can grab the phone, dial us, and say, 'There was a wreck down here on 60.' Or 'Hey, my church is having this event.' Whatever it is. Because that's the way we've always done things. That's the way we love doing things."

It was Phillips, the consummate journalist, who really impressed on him the immediacy of radio and the power it held as a tool to reach the public, Shufflebarger said.

"When I first started, I was mainly working night shifts, and I remember you could hear him. That door would fling open, and Jim would come running down this hallway, and he'd have something written up. Somebody had called him and let him know something, and he'd come back there and hand it to you. 'Make sure you get this on.' It didn't matter if it was a Reds game. It didn't matter what was going on. You found a time. You opened that mic and you got that on there. Because Jim, he was a different breed."

But it isn't just good journalists like Nash and Phillips that the station has been blessed with. The musical talent to come through the studio over the years has been outstanding as well.

"We've been very fortunate that we just have so many people, I guess in our backlog so to speak, that were dedicated to the station," he said. "And integral to getting us to where we are today."

Musicians who have passed through the station include, of course, Tom T. Hall. But also, Keith Whitley and Ricky Skaggs.

"They both worked here," Shufflebarger said.

He said they're both so young in their staff photo that one of the "fun little games" Mike Nelson likes to play with on air guests is

to ask them to guess who is in the photo to see if they can figure it out.

He added that while they've always tried to "cling to that stuff, remember who we are, what we've done, and why we did it," he had to acknowledge the push from Nelson to bring live music back into the station and to focus the programming on those classic country and bluegrass sounds as the Tradition.

"I can't take credit for it at all," he said. "It has been all him spearheading (it). Getting back to calling GOH the Tradition, and that kind of thing. That's been all him."

Nelson said it's been rewarding for him to be at the station and to help keep those regional music traditions alive, whether that's by playing bluegrass or bringing in the live artists on Thursdays.

"We're just keeping the tradition of what we do, and have been doing since 1959; which is provide the public what radio is designed to be. To serve the public. That's what we're trying to do here, and to continue that. And I have fun coming to work every day. That's a great thing. I love talking to our listeners when they call. I feel like they're family," Nelson said.

Nelson's words, in many ways, echoed sentiments already expressed by Shufflebarger.

He said while he still considered himself a "young'un" compared to those like Phillips and Jeff Roe, who helped mentor him, he considered it a privilege "to be a part of something that has this kind of legacy."

He said while some folks might dread getting up in the morning to go to work, for him, instead of it being a task he dreads but still has to do, "it's almost like I get to be at work."

"It's not always easy, rolling out of bed at five

o'clock in the morning, and getting up here and getting on the air and getting everything prepped,"

he said. "But when you think about what that does for the people out there, it just turns your entire way

of thinking upside down."

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OUR GOAL: NO CHILD UNINSURED



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