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A comet? Or something else?

Grayson Lake residents spot unexplained lights in the sky

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Ryan (not his real name) lives on top of a hill, just south of Grayson, overlooking Grayson Lake. He reached out about a week ago, asking to discuss something he and his wife had each seen, on separate occasions and in different areas of the sky, that they couldn't identify.

"About two weeks ago, while getting a glass of water at 4 a.m. my wife saw a shimmering white

light, about the size of a car headlight, in the sky," he wrote. "It was far enough above the horizon and treetops that it could not have been a distant house light."

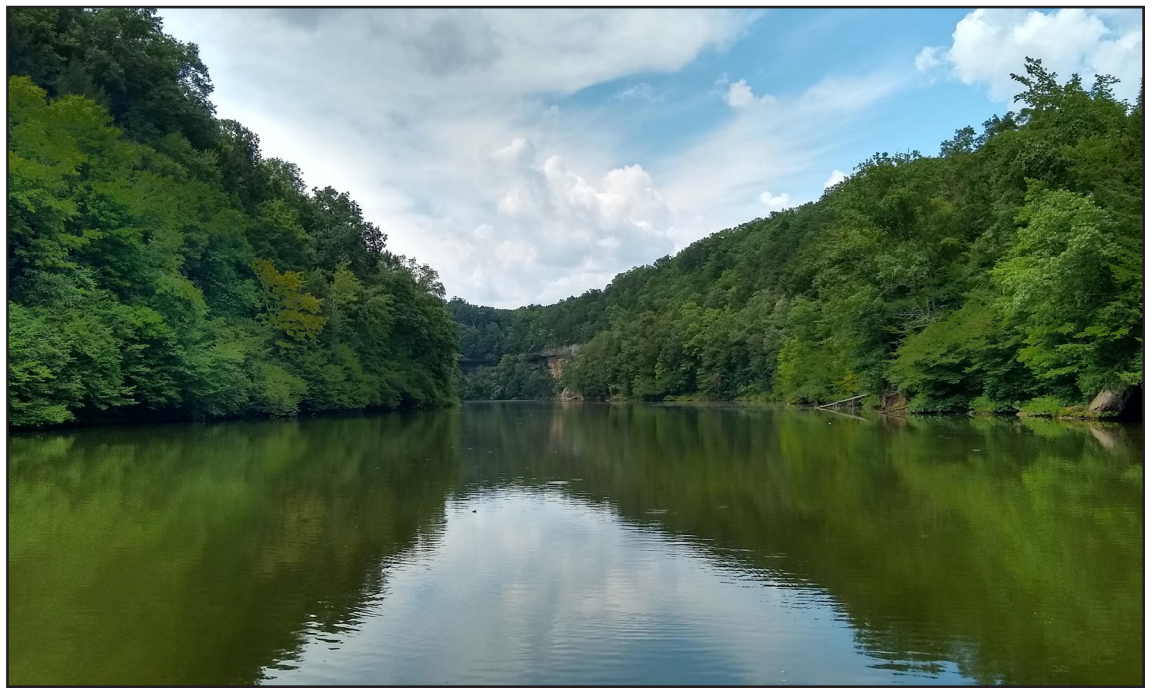
He said she observed it only through the kitchen window, but something about it disturbed her. Though she "had no idea what it was," Ryan wrote, "she was afraid to step outside to look at it."

"It remained stationary for 20-30 minutes, at approximately 20 degrees above the horizon, looking due south towards the lake."

The light was still there when she went back to bed. But it wasn't there any other night.

"I believed her, but nothing

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View of Grayson Lake from the water. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Council hears about grant opportunities

Parsons discusses options available through opioid fund

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

During their regular monthly meeting last week, Olive Hill City Council heard updates about the new water plant and discussed progress including troubleshooting and testing of the new facility, among other items. One topic of discussion was the telemetry of the new plant which

will allow the city to monitor the system to check water levels, leaks, and other processes, much of which is automated. The council also discussed potential dates and times for 'roadblocks,' a popular fundraiser for local organizations. But the real focus of the meeting was on grant opportunities.

During the open discussion phase of the meeting Renee Parsons, Executive Director of the Business Cultivation Foundation, discussed opportunities with the council for strategies, fundraising, and collaborative programming for businesses,

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Renee Parsons addresses the Olive Hill Chamber of Commerce. She spoke with Olive Hill City Council earlier in the week. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Getting ready for the eclipse

Library will host watch party with free glasses

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

The nation is getting ready for another eclipse, and though only a small portion of Kentucky is in the line of totality – where the moon will completely cover the sun – the entire state is set to get a good show, with the rest of the commonwealth within the area that will see at least 90 percent coverage of the sun.

But, unless you are in Paducah, where the entire sun will be covered, there won't ever be a safe time to look directly at the sun. At least, not without proper eye protection. There are



Eclipse safe eyewear, from the National Science Foundation, is available at the Carter County Public Library. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

special glasses available, as well as special filters for cameras, binoculars, and telescopes. If you decide to go shopping for some of these filters, the National Sci-

ence Foundation (NSF) recommends you look for a filter that complies with the ISO 12312-2 international standard. These are

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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.

- Caleb McGlone, 33, of Grayson, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked March 18.
- Robert Fosson, 58, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, weekender, arrested and booked March 18.
- Katherine Jessie, 31, of Vanceburg, self-surrender, following sentencing, arrested and booked March 18.
- Cheryl Adkins, 66, of Grayson, arrested by Boyd County Jail, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance

to order, arrested and booked March 19.

- John Burton, 24, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, charges unavailable, arrested and booked March 19.
- Christopher Huntsman, 39, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 19.
- Elizabeth Moore, 39, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (two or more grams of methamphetamine), and endangering the welfare of a minor, arrested March 19, booked March 20.
- Ronnie Sanderson, 59, address unknown, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 20.

- Charles Porter, 43, address unknown, arrested by Kentucky State Police, charges unavailable, arrested and booked March 20.
- Amanda Kimmel, 35, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, for Drug Court, arrested and booked March 20.
- Tommy Duncan, 43, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 20.
- Mark Queen, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Pathways, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked March 21.
- Elgin Gilbert, 46, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 22.
- James Clark, 40, of Ashland, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked March 22.

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This Week's Obituaries

Phillip R. "Fuzzy" Duncan, 79
Floyd Elwood Hall, 91

Betty Joyce Cline Salyers, 87
Donna McKenzie Williams, 63

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LIFESTYLE



Embrace the season with a tangy twist: Lemon polenta cake

Welcome to spring, where zest meets zing! As we bid adieu to winter's chill, ready to embrace the warmth of spring, it's time to infuse our kitchens with the vibrant flavors of the season. And what better way to welcome the sunshine than with a delightful, unexpected treat? Introducing the Lemon Polenta Cake -- a delectable twist on the Italian classic. It's perfect for your Easter celebration, too!

Now, I know what you're thinking. Polenta in a dessert? Trust me, I've been there. But once you experience the harmo-

nious marriage of sweet and tart, brought to life by the humble cornmeal, you'll be singing a different tune.

Picture this: a buttery, moist, tender crumb, slightly chewy, infused with the zesty brightness of freshly squeezed lemons. It's like indulging in a slice of sunshine itself.

This Lemon Polenta Cake traces its roots back to the rustic kitchens of the northern regions of Italy, where polenta is a staple ingredient. Inspired by the abundance of lemons in the Mediterranean climate, bakers sought to infuse cornmeal with the bright, tangy zest of citrus.

In a world of dietary restrictions, this Lemon Polenta Cake comes to the rescue, proudly sporting its gluten-free badge thanks to the absence of traditional flour. And let's not forget that light, fruity olive oil can substitute for butter for our dairy-free friends.

LEMON POLENTA CAKE

Yield: 12 servings
Total Time: 55 minutes

For the cake:

- 1 3/4 cups almond meal/almond flour
- 3/4 cup fine cornmeal polenta
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

- 1 1/2 cups butter (softened)
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- Zest of 2 large lemons (save juice for syrup)
- 3 eggs

For the syrup:

- Juice of 2 lemons, about 1/2 cup
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan with parchment paper and grease sides with butter. In a mixing bowl, combine almond meal, cornmeal and baking powder (dry ingredients), and set aside. In another bowl, using a hand mixer, beat butter, sugar and lemon zest until pale (wet ingredients).

You're going to mix the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients in three stages. To the wet ingredients, add roughly one third of the almond/cornmeal mixture, followed by 1 egg, and continue to beat. Alternate dry ingredients and eggs until it's all incorporated, beating the whole time.

Scoop the batter into the prepared pan. Bake the cake on the center rack until it's golden brown, and a cake tester or toothpick comes out relatively clean, about 35-38 minutes. Although the cake will be done, it might seem a bit soft in the center,



Lemon Polenta Cake is a gluten-free delight that's as beautiful as it is delicious! (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

that's alright. Leaving the cake in the pan, place it on a rack and let it cool for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the syrup by boiling together the lemon juice and powdered sugar in a small saucepan until the sugar is dissolved.

Pearce the top of the cake all over with a cake tester or toothpick. Pour the warm syrup over the top of the cake, then let the cake cool completely in the pan.

To serve, run a thin knife or small spatula along the edges, then remove the springform sides. If desired, garnish with powdered sugar and blueberries. Slice and enjoy! Refrigerate any

leftovers.

As you slice into this lemony masterpiece, let its sunny disposition remind you that spring is not just a season, it's a state of mind. So, gather your loved ones, and keep spreading joy, one slice of lemon polenta cake at a time.

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

History's bloody Friday

By: Sling 'n Stone Ministry
Carter County Times

We call this Friday "Good Friday." But this Friday, April 7, 33 A.D., occasioned history's bloodiest Friday ever -- the day God's sinless Son shed His blood to wash away our sin. (Revelation 1:5) ("Jesus... washed us from our sins in His own blood.")

Bloody Friday began in Gethsemane, where He "sweat great drops of blood." (Luke 22:44) ("His sweat was like drops of blood.") Sweating blood presents a rare medical phenomenon: hematuria, caused by extreme distress. But Jesus's suffering that day had only just begun.

After His illegal arrest, Jesus faced the Sanhedrin, where soldiers blindfolded Jesus, spit on Him, and punched Jesus in His face. They mockingly demanded He prophesy who hit Him. Jesus stayed silent, and was then delivered to Pilate, who sent Jesus to Rome's torture squad. (Matthew 26:17-61)

The torture squad savagely flogged Jesus with the flagrum, a whip that wielded three to twelve leather strands. (Matthew 27:26) Metal balls were woven into each strand,

with bone or twisted metal at the tips. These ripped flesh from bone. When Rome's torture squad finished, Jesus's flesh hung in bloody chunks and mangled ribbons, exposing bone. His burial cloth shows 120 wounds from this flogging. Pathologists estimate the flogging alone cost Jesus one-third His total blood -- plenty enough to send anyone into severe shock.

While He gushed blood, Roman soldiers mocked Him, and draped a purple robe over His torso, bandaging His wounds. They plaited three-inch thorns into a crown and drove those thorns into Jesus's scalp, severing facial nerves. Then, the Romans ripped that robe from Jesus's torso, tearing open His wounds. Jesus started gushing blood again.

Romans next saddled His raw, bloodied shoulders with a 120-pound crossbar to carry to His execution. (John 19:17) Exhausted and dehydrated from blood loss, Jesus stumbled; the Romans drafted Simon of Cyrene to carry Jesus's crossbar. (Luke 23:26) Atop Golgotha, a Roman crucifixion squad nailed Jesus, the Lord of Glory, to a cross. (Luke 23:33); (I Corinthi-

ans 2:8)

The crucifixion squad hammered iron spikes through both wrists, severing Jesus's median nerves, the wrist's nerve center. Each hammer strike drove those nails deeper into His median nerve, sending searing flashes of pain through Jesus's upper body. Then, they hammered another through His instep severing Jesus's peroneal nerves, the foot's main nerve center. Each blow hammered that spike deeper through His peroneal nerves, sending searing shockwaves through Jesus's lower body. Finally, Jesus's cross dropped into its hole. His entire weight now hung on severed nerves, causing suffocating muscle spasms.

Six agonizing hours and one solar eclipse later (Luke 23:44-45), Jesus died that Bloody Friday because only His bloody sacrifice that day could pay fully for our crimes against God. Ponder that come "Good Friday." Come Easter Sunday -- and every day thereafter? Proclaim His Resurrection, or explain to Him why you didn't.

For His crucifixion's pathology, search the internet and read: "On the Physical Death of Jesus Christ."

Side Hustle Music Beat

Honoring women's contributions to music

By: J.W. Jones
for Carter County Times

In celebrating Women's History Month, it is important to recognize and honor the remarkable contributions of female musicians throughout history. These women have not only entertained countless fans but have also pushed boundaries and worked to improve the world around them.

The music industry has

long been dominated by men, with women significantly underrepresented both on stage and behind the scenes. Despite this, female musicians have overcome numerous challenges to succeed and have made a lasting impact on music and society.

From Aretha Franklin to Beyoncé, Janis Joplin to Lauryn Hill, there are countless influential women musicians who have redefined genres, pushed

boundaries, and advocated for causes they believe in. These women serve as cultural icons, symbolizing the strength, creativity, and tenacity of women everywhere.

Throughout history, female musicians have faced discrimination and obstacles but have persevered to make their voices heard. They have taken an unapologetic approach to expressing themselves, in-

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Extension Notes

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Extension groups hike the depths of the New River Gorge

Calling all outdoor enthusiasts! Members of the Carter County Hike & Learn group, along with the PENCO Hikers from Pendleton County, recently embarked on a breathtaking journey into the heart of New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. This trip, designed to promote health, camaraderie, and appreciation for the natural world, brought together residents from across the region for an unforgettable experience.

While completing approximately 8 miles of trails participants were greeted by the awe-inspiring vista of the New

River snaking through deep chasms and lush forests. The trip included visits to the Sandstone & Canyon Rim Visitor Centers where hikers were able to see views of the New River Gorge Bridge, the largest steel span in the western hemisphere. Ad-

ditional activities included a scenic drive into the gorge along the Fayette Station Road which is a spur of the Coal Heritage Trail and the exploration of the historic railroad town of Thurmond. Hikers also discovered a variety of waterfalls along the West Virginia Waterfall Trail and earned the waterfall

wanderer sticker. Laughter and lively conversation filled the air as hikers shared stories and bonded over their shared love for the outdoors. Throughout the trip, Extension Service agents were on hand to provide natural resource information. The crisp mountain air provided a picturesque backdrop for these educational discussions.

With summer fastly approaching, this trip serves as a timely reminder of the countless treasures to be found in natural landscapes. So, lace up your hiking boots, grab your camera, and get ready to explore the wonders that await! The Extension Office is thrilled to

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, price trends were mixed. The first half of the week feeder calves sold 4.00 to 10.00 higher with instances sharply higher and good to very good demand. Highest interest was for long weaned preconditioned packages. In the second half of the week, prices settled to mostly steady to 2.00 higher with good demand. Yearling steers and heifers were steady to 2.00 higher throughout the week. Slaughter cows sold mostly 2.00 to 4.00 higher and slaughter bulls steady to 3.00 higher with good to very good demand.

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/> Week ending 3/23/24

STATE AVERAGES			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	337.50	338.98	241.40
400-450 lbs	330.51	328.41	229.64
450-500 lbs	323.48	313.78	228.03
500-550 lbs	301.22	292.73	222.12
550-600 lbs	292.20	286.93	212.41
600-650 lbs	280.34	269.98	197.69
650-700 lbs	256.92	257.45	198.74
700-750 lbs	246.47	243.07	182.97
750-800 lbs	237.25	236.22	178.58
800-850 lbs	232.66	227.14	173.72
850-900 lbs	226.82	221.54	176.91
Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	293.46	296.96	215.64
350-400 lbs	293.58	294.43	214.39
400-450 lbs	281.83	279.10	208.95
450-500 lbs	274.32	272.72	200.86
500-550 lbs	261.19	260.39	192.46
550-600 lbs	250.26	255.19	187.00
600-650 lbs	235.49	235.60	175.02
650-700 lbs	231.48	228.94	167.14
700-750 lbs	216.44	217.16	157.36
750-800 lbs	212.82	216.44	158.14

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	101.00-143.00	113.00-146.00	102.00-117.00
Boners	98.00-140.50	112.00-154.00	85.00-123.00
Lean	79.00-119.50	92.00-137.00	70.00-105.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	120.00-153.00	132.00-180.00	100.00-145.00

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. **Woolled-Choice & Prime 1-2** 59 lbs 317.50; 82 lbs 297.50; 117 lbs 240.00.

Week ending 3/23/24			
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.91-4.46	3.84-4.48	6.20-6.76
Soybeans	11.21-12.27	11.14-12.14	13.60-15.28
Red Winter Wheat	4.73-5.50	4.59-5.50	5.93-6.94

Arrests from A-1

• Amanda Kimmel, 35, of Grayson, arresting agency not listed, on a hold for Drug Court, arrested and booked March 22.
 • Johnny Salyers, 38, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of fourth degree assault – dating violence

(with minor injury), and first degree strangulation, arrested and booked March 23.
 • Nicholas Russell, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and

endangering the welfare of a minor, arrested and booked March 23.
 • Danny Lawhorn, 51, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 24.
 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.

UFO from A-1

until happened. That is, further Sunday night (March 17) at approximately 10 p.m., she asked me to step out on the rear porch to look at something. I observed a light in the sky looking west at approximately 30 degrees.”
 “To the naked eye,” he continued, “it was close to the size of say Venus. But it was clearly different enough from a star that I knew it was not a star. It appeared to twinkle. It was so interesting I got my binoculars to observe it. Looking through those, it had multicolor lights – red, yellow, blue, and more. They would twinkle and constantly move around within the circle.”
 Ryan said he also looked at several other stars through his binoculars, to see if they appeared similarly, and they did not. He said he is also very familiar with airplanes, and their running lights.
 “It was not an airplane, and it did not move for the 15 minutes that I observed it. The light formed a circle large enough to observe, but not dominate the sky.”
 His wife had been observing it for about ten minutes before he joined her, and he said he did not observe any movement the entire time he watched it. He said he teased with her,

“Well, I think I’ve just seen my first UFO or UAP.” When he checked again several hours later, before turning in for the night, it was still hanging there in the sky, “but appeared to have moved more westerly, since it was smaller.”
 Based on the timeline and movement, he said, he had ruled out any possible airplanes or satellites as an explanation for the craft.
 Ryan was brave enough to share his real name with me, and agreed to talk with me and let me check his credentials.
 He was also open to rational explanations, and he wanted to know if anyone else had reported anything similar in the area. But he had some trepidation about coming forward.
 “Now I know why people are afraid to report things like this, for fear people would think they are crazy,” Ryan said.
 Ryan and I discussed possible explanations, like drones, but he dismissed that idea. Firstly, because his wife’s first observation, in the south, was at 4 a.m., but also because of their remote location.
 Then there was the fact that the object they both saw in the west was completely stationary. While he believed there was some motion when he

first observed it through his binoculars, he said he quickly determined that was because of his own movement with the binoculars, not the object itself.
 “At first sighting through my binoculars, my object appeared to do (a zigzag motion). However, upon steadying the binoculars, the zigzag movement was (caused) by unstable binoculars.”
 After examining the details shared by Ryan, and looking at possible explanations in the available astronomical data, we settled on a rational explanation for his sighting in the western sky. The comet 12P/Pons-Brooks, often described in literature as the “horned comet,” is currently moving towards Earth, and is expected to be nearest our Sun around the same time as the solar eclipse. The comet is on a 71-year orbit, meaning it was last visible to the naked human eye in 1953 – not the kind of object you see in the night sky on a regular basis.
 Ryan said when he observed the object again, on March 21, “the light was again very near my original sighting in the sky, and based on the comet photos and sky location you sent me, I am now 90 percent certain I did originally,

and the second time, see the comet. It twinkled to the naked eye. I was again using binoculars, which were very hard to stabilize, but I again saw multi-colors – but more than those mentioned in your link – and I did not observe a tail; however, again, that would be difficult to see with (binoculars).”
 But, he said, this still doesn’t explain what his wife saw in the southern sky.
 “What I saw, and what my wife saw in the south two weeks earlier, were completely different observations. So, that still leaves a big question as to what her sighting was.”
 That mystery still remains unexplained, and Ryan would love to know if anyone else has seen similar lights – or has a rational explanation.
 If you have seen something similar, and would like to share your experience with our readers, or simply with Ryan and his wife, please contact us via telephone, email, or via one of our social media accounts. We will gladly keep your name anonymous, or share your observations with Ryan and his family.
 Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

CALENDAR

- **3/27: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **3/27: Small Ruminant Quality Assurance @ 1:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Call 474-6686 to register
- **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
- **3/29: KCU Community Easter Egg Hunt @ 6 p.m.** | KCU campus
- **3/30: Olive Hill Community Easter Egg Hunt @ 11 a.m.** | Olive Hill Depot
- **3/30: Grayson Tourism and Corps of Engineers Egg Hunt @ 12 p.m.** | Grayson Sports Park
- **3/30: First Christian Church Egg Hunt @ 1 p.m.** | First Christian Church of Olive Hill
- **3/31: Community Sunrise Service @ 7 a.m.** | Globe Christian Church
- **3/31: Carter Caves Egg Hunt @ 2 p.m.** | Carter Caves Welcome Center
- **4/1: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **4/1: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **4/1: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **4/2: Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Board Meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **4/2: Private Pesticide Applicator Training @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Call 474-6686 to register.
- **4/2: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **4/2: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Guest Speaker: Nathan Alexander, Big Sandy River Watershed Coordinator

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

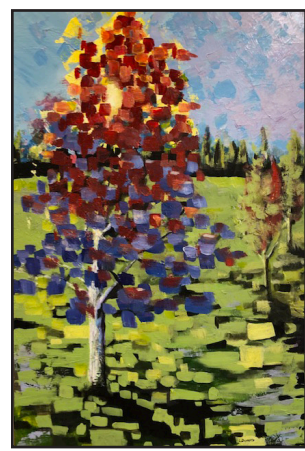
Grayson Gallery celebrates women in arts

By: Dan Click
 for Carter County Times

In celebration of National Women History Month, the Grayson Gallery & Art Center will present the 11th annual "Women in the Arts" event, from 6 – 9 p.m. on Friday, March 29. Original art on display will feature over 75 pieces – with most works

for sale – by female artists from across the Tri-State and Eastern Kentucky region.
 Entertainment, headed up by Karen Combs with the Appalachian Ladies Revue, will bring separate acts to the GGAC Stage and, if time allows, musicians may even have an open jam near the end of the show. Catering by

Laura will provide refreshments; water will also be available.
 While 100 percent free to artists and the public, donations at the door, and tips for musicians, are much appreciated as always.
 An Awards and Announcements portion of the evening will take place
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Hike from A-2

announce their next Hike & Learn adventure! On April 5th, they'll be setting off to explore the beauty of Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage. Renowned for its beautiful spring wildflowers, Laurel Gorge promises a unique hiking experience for all levels. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or just getting started, this is a chance to connect with nature and discover the hidden gems of Kentucky alongside friendly faces. Camilla Haney will be our trail guide.
 The 2024 Hike & Learn series will held on the first Friday of the month. For further information about Hike & Learn contact the Carter County Extension Office at 474-6686. Lace up your boots, pack your sense of adventure, and join us for another unforgettable exploration! 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.

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Other Upcoming Events:
 • Small Ruminant Quality Assurance – Wednesday, March 27th at 1:30 PM – Call 474-6686 to register.
 • Private Pesticide Applicator Training – Tuesday, April 2nd at 5:30 PM – Call 474-6686 to register.

• Little Sandy Beekeepers Meeting – Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM- Guest Speaker: Nathan Alexander, Big Sandy River Watershed Coordinator
 • Farmer's Market Training & Meeting – Monday, April 8th at 6:00 PM



Carter County participants Jonathan Sisson, Nancy Bradford-Sisson and Becky Crum pose in an old growth forest along the Burnwood Trail at New River Gorge National Park.



Pet of the Week

Titan is a three-year-old male mixed breed. He walks on a leash, and absolutely loves attention. 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.



CITY OF GRAYSON CODE ENFORCEMENT

If you are planning on building in the city limits of Grayson, a building permit is required and you must first apply for the permit and submit building plans.
 This includes commercial, residential, etc. properties including any alterations to a current structure and the building of new structures.
 Other projects that require a permit are improvements such as porches, decks, fences etc. Signs in the city also require an application and permit.
 Any contractors operating in the city limits are required to obtain a business license and remit employee documentation.
 Code Enforcement will also be targeting parking violations with special focus, but not limited to, handicap parking spots and Fire Lanes.
Please contact Grayson Code Enforcement Officer Joe Hammer with any questions or assistance in obtaining the proper permits between the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM Monday – Friday in person at 302 E. Main St. Phone (606) 474-6651. You can also contact by email at jhammer@graysonky.net



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OBITUARY

Betty Joyce Cline Salyers 1936 – 2024



Betty Joyce Cline Salyers, age 87, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, went to her Heavenly reward Monday morning, March 18, 2024, at Kingsbrook Life Care Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

Mrs. Salyers was born November 21, 1936, in Rowan County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Charles Abner Cline and Nola Jane Littleton Cline.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Paul Salyers; five brothers, Elmer Cline, Bill Cline, Ivan Cline, Charles Cline and Joe Cline; and three sisters, Flo Kiser, Lorene Cline and Mary Jane Cline.

Betty was a long-time member of the Oakland Christian Holiness Church, serving primarily as a Sunday School Teacher and a VBS volunteer, but also fulfilling many functions and positions within the congregation throughout the course of her life.

Serving the Lord and her local community was the great calling of her life and she answered this call with care, devotion, and reverence.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Garrett Neal and

Debbie Salyers of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Zane and Donna Salyers of Georgetown, Kentucky, Kerry and Carla Salyers of Frankfort, Kentucky; three daughters and sons-in-law, Karlette Salyers Barnhart and David of Richmond, Kentucky, Juanita Salyers Noel and Greg of Lexington, Kentucky, Karen Salyers Seymour and Keith of Crestwood, Kentucky; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and one sister-in-law, Arlene Cline. She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members who will sadly mourn her passing.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Ed Parker and Brother David Rayburn officiating. Burial followed in Underwood Cemetery in Carter County, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2024, and after 9 a.m., Thursday, March 21, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Tyler Salyers, Zac Barnhart, Colin Seymour, Hunter Jackson, Max Themer, Alex Turner, Rodney Jackson and Connor Seymour served as pallbearers.

Jared Salyers, Harrison Salyers and Mike Cline served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Betty Joyce Cline Salyers.

Phillip R. "Fuzzy" Duncan 1945 – 2024



Phillip R. "Fuzzy" Duncan, 79, of Olive Hill, Kentucky entered into rest Tuesday Afternoon February 27, 2024, at the St. Clair Regional Medical Center in Morehead, KY. He was born February 21, 1945 in Olive Hill, KY, a son of the late Clifford and Nell Roe Duncan.

Phillip proudly served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam, receiving the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars. Following his Military Service, He was a truck driver for over 40 years, spending the last 12 years of his career with Olive Hill Trucking before retiring. Phillip was a Devout Christian attending James Chapel Community Holiness Church Most of his life. Affectionately known as "Brother Duncan, he served as Senior Deacon and was instrumental in starting the James Chapel Community Food Pantry, a ministry that has touched countless people. Outside of church he enjoyed old cars and trucks and was especially fond of his Front Porch Swing.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his Loving Wife of 44 years Maggie McGlone Duncan; one son Joseph Ray Duncan; one sister Anna Deloris Duncan and one brother, Bill G. Duncan and one niece, Trudy Duncan.

He is survived by two

daughters and one son in law, Patricia and Steve Porter and Rebecca L. Manning; four sons and one daughter-in-law, James N. Crider, Douglas R. and Tina Crider, Glenn D. Stamper, Estill E. Stamper; one brother and sister-in-law Taylor H. "T.H." and Virginia Jones Duncan; one sister, Betty Jo Fueston; 15 Grandchildren, 27 Great Grandchildren and 2 Great-Great Grandchildren, In addition to these he is survived by three nieces, Alice McDavid, Donna Poland and Sherri Daniels; seven nephews, Jerry Duncan, Roger Duncan, Brent Duncan, Taylor Duncan II, Mark Duncan, James Earl Baker and Dana Baker. In addition to these he is survived a host of relatives, Friends and Church Family who will cherish his memory.

Funeral Services were conducted 10 AM Monday March 4, 2024, at the James Chapel Community Holiness Church in Olive Hill, KY with Brother Darryl Garvin and Jerry Duncan officiating. Burial followed in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East in Grayson, KY with full Military Honors conducted by Olive Hill American Legion Post #138 and The United States Army.

Visitation was held 6-9 PM Sunday March 3, 2024, at the James Chapel Community Holiness Church, 2491 State Hwy 1025 Olive Hill, KY 41164 and before the service on Monday at the Church.

Arrangements were under the Direction of The Duvall & Moore Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Olive Hill, KY.

Memorial Contributions may be made to James Chapel Community Holiness Church in Phillips Memory.

Donna McKnezie Williams 1961 – 2024



Donna McKenzie Williams, age 63, of Winchester, Kentucky, passed away Friday, March 15, 2024, at her home with her family by her side.

She was born January 13, 1961, in Rowan County, Kentucky, a daughter of Jackie Chester and Ella Jo Wilder McKenzie.

Donna was a retired CNA with University of Kentucky Medical Center. She enjoyed traveling, reading and spending time with her granddaughters.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one grandson, Hayden; one sister, Shirley Wilder.

Donna is survived by her husband of 29 years, Jerry Williams; one son, Shawn (Aleshia) McK-

enzie of Paris, Kentucky; three granddaughters, Katie, Abby and Kree; one brother, Jackie "Charlie" (Kathy) McKenzie of Sandy Hook, Kentucky; two sisters, Rosetta (Wayne) Mitchell of Richmond, Kentucky, Jacqueline (John) Goodin of Winchester, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her. Donna was Nana to Savannah, Jacob, Caleb and Mason.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Kenny Binion officiating. Burial followed in the Wilder Cemetery in Wrigley, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 12 noon, Saturday, March 23, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Colby McKenzie, Joseph Greenhill, Jacob Goodin, Caleb Mitchell, Mason Goodin and Ethan DeWitt served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Donna McKenzie Williams.

Floyd Elwood Hall 1932 – 2024



Floyd Elwood Hall, 91, formerly of Morehead, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 22, 2024 at Sunrise Assisted Living in Cary, North Carolina. His parents were the late Hettie Smith Hall and the late Charles Hall.

Mr. Hall served in the US Army in the U.S. Signal Corps in communications and worked 36 years at AT&T and its Chesapeake and Potomac (C&P) subsidiary. His work took him to the White House, the FBI, the CIA, and the Goddard Space Flight Center where he worked on the Apollo and Skylab missions until he retired. He was a proud member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

He created a scholarship at Morehead State College university in honor of a friend who died in service.

He was predeceased by his wife of 44 years, Ruth Mary Tolson Hall and his thirteen brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his son Brandon L. Hall,

and his stepson Barry L. Hutchinson, his six grandchildren, his eight great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and other family and friends.

On Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 1 p.m. there will be a visitation time for family and friends, followed by a 2:00 p.m. church service with Pastor Curtis Lucy officiating. Mr. Hall will be buried beside his beloved wife at Franktown Cemetery after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial gifts be made to either of the following:

- Major James Scott Dehart Memorial Scholarship Endowment. This endowment was established by Floyd Hall at Morehead State University and is named in memory of his friend and fellow veteran, Major Dehart. The scholarship is managed by the MSU Foundation and contributions can be made online at <https://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/hall-memorial> or sent via mail to MSU Foundation, 121 E. 2nd Street, Suite 107, Morehead, KY 40351.
- Johnston's United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 11175 Bayside Road, Machipongo, VA 23405.

Family and friends may sign the guest book at www.hollandfuneral.net.

Arrangements by Holland Funeral Home in Nassawadox, VA.

Lawrence County Superintendent Robbie Fletcher selected as Kentucky's next education commissioner

FRANKFORT (AP) — Lawrence County schools Superintendent Robbie Fletcher was selected as Kentucky's next education commissioner by the state board of education on Thursday.

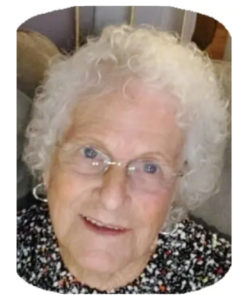
As the chief state school officer, the commissioner recommends and implements state board of education policies. The role includes directing the state education department in managing public school districts, the Kentucky School for the Deaf, Kentucky School for the Blind and state-operated area technology centers.

Kentucky Board of Education Chair Sharon Porter Robinson said in a

news release that Fletcher demonstrates the leadership qualities sought by the board.

"After thoughtful consideration of the feedback collected from numerous Kentucky stakeholders and the priorities of the KBE, we sought a leader who embodies the qualities of an ambassador and statesperson, an expert instructional leader, a strong organizational leader and a visionary innovator," Robinson said. "We are confident that Dr. Fletcher meets these requirements and are excited about the future of education in the commonwealth under his leadership."

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NETTI KOUNS CLARK
JUNE 5, 1940 - MARCH 12, 2024

The family of Nettie Clark would like to thank everyone who attended her funeral, sent flowers, or said a prayer. Nettie was a very special person and would have been so touched to know how much you cared.

With love and appreciation,
The Clark Family

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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.

Guest Editorials

Help is available for disordered, problem gamblers

Frankfort State Journal. March 8, 2024

With the college basketball conference tournaments and the NCAA's big dance right around the corner, it is only fitting that March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Kentucky and across the country.

In September, the state rolled out legalized sports betting and participation has been greater than it was estimated when the legislation was approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Andy Beshear. In fact, calls, texts and chats with trained counselors who answer Kentucky's Problem Gambling Assistant Program (1-800-GAMBLER, 1-800-426-2537) significantly increased in the final quarter of 2023 and remain higher than before the legislation, which established the Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling (KYCPG) and is funded by 2.5% of the taxes the state receives from sports betting, was passed.

"The number of disordered and problem gamblers in Kentucky likely is the same now as it was before, it's just there is more awareness that gambling can be addictive and that people can get help if they suspect a problem," KYCPG Executive Director Michael R. Stone said. "There has been a lot of public awareness due to the reporting on the sports betting legislation and its start-up. This all serves to spur to the surface those who may be impacted and who are wondering whether there may be a problem. They were there all along, but now there is less stigma and shame knowing their problem is shared by others; that it is a medical/mental health issue and not a moral failing to hide."

According to the KYCPG, the state receives more than \$300 million in taxes, fees and transfer payments annually from the \$2 billion gambled per year. Surveys indicate there are approximately 47,000 to 64,000 Kentuckians who are disordered gamblers — characterized by continuing to gamble in spite of serious, negative consequence — and roughly 102,000 to 165,000 who are problem gamblers. It is estimated that disordered gamblers cost the state at least \$430 million in combined social costs from social service costs, unemployment insurance, crime and criminal justice costs, bankruptcy and lost productivity.

Problem and disordered gambling is preventable by following responsible gambling practices and recovery is possible for those who want help. If you or someone you know has a problem with gambling, reach out to 1-800-GAMBLER to talk to a certified counselor and visit www.kygamblinghelp.com for a self-screening.

State education funding methods need a hard look

Ashland Daily Independent. March 14, 2024

Just when you think you're getting a break from those negative political ads after this week's Ohio primary, brace for more. Why do politicians use harsh political ads? They work.

Many Americans say they detest negative ads. They're designed for several reasons: to discourage you from voting while the candidate is trying to fire up their own base; also a candidate who's running behind is trying to tear down the other candidate — sort of a Hail Mary pass.

Many are paid for by political action committees (PACs). They operate behind the scenes with dark money. The PAC is not required to disclose donors.

Political campaigns get the lowest unit rate from local television and radio broadcast stations. This means candidates get the most favorable advertising rate during the weeks just prior to the election.

Broadcast stations are required to do this because Congress passed a law requiring them to do so.

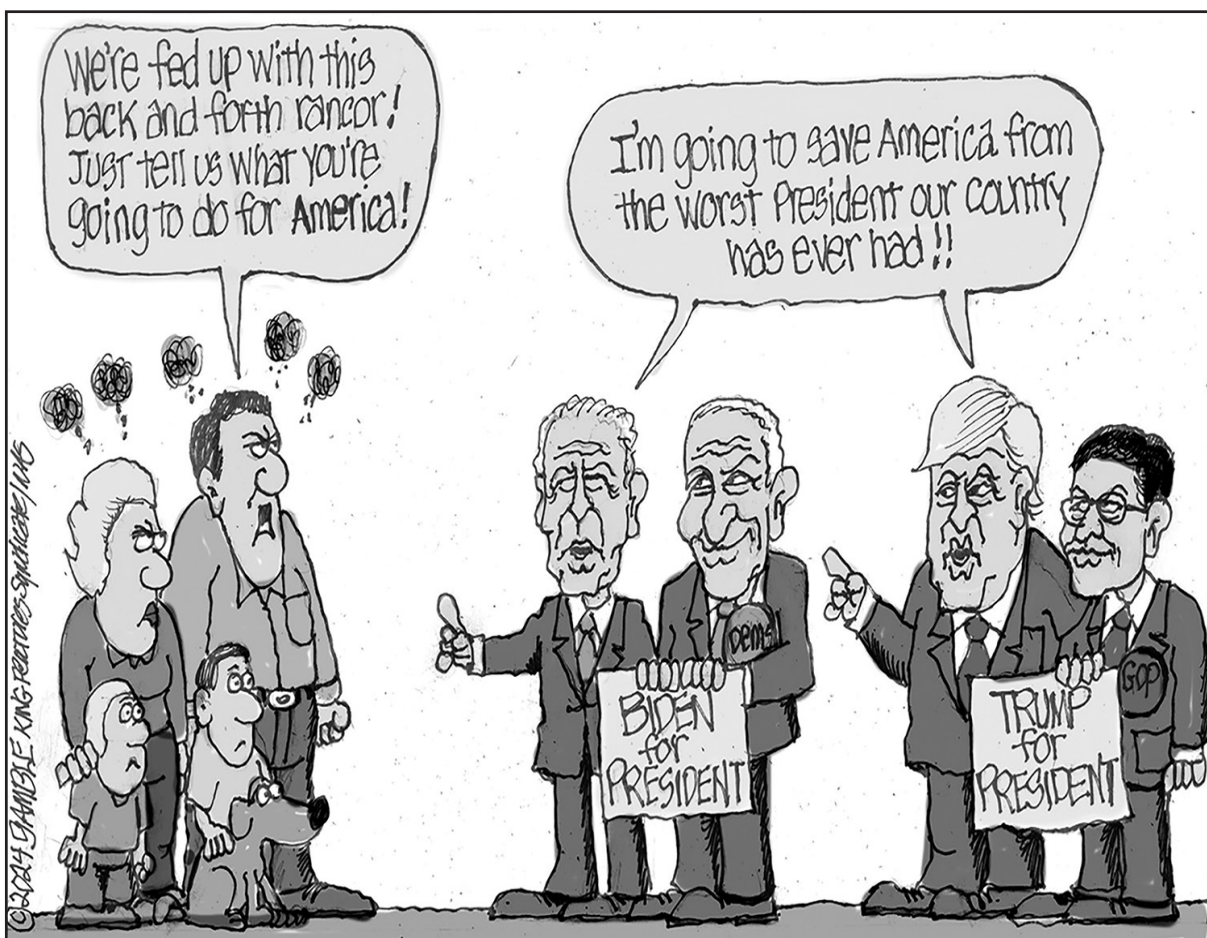
With the Ohio primary behind us, we'll all have to endure the West Virginia primary ads, which are already in overdrive. The West Virginia primary is May 14.

We've already seen ads telling us so-and-so wants to have the Chinese take over local classroom curriculum. Another one says the other candidate is for same-sex bathrooms. The beat goes on. Some of these political ads make the frequent lawyer ads look much more bearable.

Ohio has a U.S. Senate race in November as does West Virginia. We expect the West Virginia Senate election to be

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Have I discovered 10 ways to qualify for a 'government check'?

With the 2024 presidential election campaign already underway, we Americans are hearing an endless string of claims and counterclaims from Republicans and Democrats accusing each other of being stingy conservatives or free-spending liberals.

Exaggeration is often the weapon of choice in political speechmaking so I've devised my own list of 10 somewhat silly reasons why the federal government should be sending me a larger retirement check each month.

In alphabetical order, I offer specific circumstances which should qualify me for more money. Please understand I'm not demeaning those folks who have real issues and need help with their daily lives.

My sole intent is to poke fun at those politicians who tell half-truths or outright lies about what the other party or candidate stands for or against.

My inspiration for this piece was based on what my grandfather told me years ago about his personal finances. He said he didn't know he was poor until the government told him.

Here's my list:

DISABLED — I have a total knee replacement and a stiff hip joint that force me to use a cane sometimes and always display a handicapped parking sticker in my vehicles.

FIXED INCOME — I know exactly each month

how much to expect from my three pensions and a part-time consulting gig.

ORPHAN — Both of my parents are gone. Technically, I've been an orphan since Mom died in 1986.

RETIREE — My kids like to say I've flunked retirement three times.

SENIOR CITIZEN — I am 81 and have a fuzzy birth certificate and a fake driver's license from college as proof.

SINGLE PARENT — My sweet wife died in 2022 and left me with eight kids, 18

grandkids and no rules for operating the Bank of Dad, formerly the Bank of Mom and Dad.

SINGLE GRANDPARENT — Without doubt, this is my toughest challenge and best hope for the future.

UNEMPLOYED — There is much to like about staying up late and sleeping in.

VETERAN — I already get a modest pension for 22 years of part-time military service and I'm proud as hell to be a Soldier for Life.

WIDOWER — Not even the government has enough money to compensate anyone for the loss of a loving spouse of 51 years.



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Carter County Times

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Hope, but hedge your bets

Trust, but verify. It's a phrase based on a Russian proverb that gained popularity in the Reagan years

as the President worked with his Soviet counterpart Mikhail Gorbachev to soften relations with the Cold War rival.

It's an interesting idea, not only because you may find yourself dealing with someone who has different interests and priorities than you. But because even if your interests and priorities align, people can make honest mistakes. It doesn't mean they are trying to mislead, deceive, or cheat you. It just means they were incorrect.

So, trust, but verify. And if I could add to that, I'd add "hope, but hedge your bets."

It's a lesson that shouldn't be hard for most Eastern Kentuckians to take to heart. After all, we've often gotten our hopes up only to have them dashed. Braidy Industries promised us an aluminum mill. First they got South Shore's hopes up, then they moved the planned project to the Industrial Parkway. Then, once we all got our hopes up again, well... we all know what happened with the project next. The site sits empty and none of the promised jobs, in construction or aluminum production, ever came to pass.

Now, another aluminum smelter is looking to locate in the region, and though they haven't named any potential locations other than the vague "Northeastern Kentucky" (probably a smart plan given the repeated disappointments from Braidy Industries), the fact

that the Boyd County Judge Executive was present at Governor Beshear's press conference on the proposal means they could be looking at someplace close by once again. Maybe the old AK Steel location. Maybe something on the Industrial Parkway.

As I feel a small prickle of excitement at the possibilities that would be created by more than 5,000 local construction jobs, and another 1,000 full-time positions once the operation was up and running, I remind myself "hope, but hedge your bets."

The same feelings come up when I think about the possibilities of the grants the Business Cultivation Foundation (BCF) is

pursuing for the Olive Hill area with their Sound2Sky project. That group plans to apply for around \$10 million (at last count) in grant funding through the state's opioid abatement fund. It's a huge pool of money — nearly \$900 million — with less than \$23 million awarded so far. It isn't necessarily restricted to non-profits either, though they are still free to apply, and because it's from a settlement fund instead of government funds, there isn't the same matching investment requirement often seen with federally or state funded grants.

But there are restrictions. You have to show that the project you are proposing, through your business or your non-profit, will benefit victims of the opioid epidemic and their families. While that seems fairly broad, it isn't enough to say, "I'm going to hire a recovered addict."

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Jeremy D. Wells
Editor
Carter County Times

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Music from A-2

spiring countless others to embrace their authenticity. From Madonna to Lady Gaga, these artists have sparked important conversations and challenged societal norms.

The list of influential female musicians is extensive, with artists like Missy Elliott, Cher, Tracy Chapman, Billie Holiday, Diana Ross, and Amy Winehouse, among many others, shaping the music industry and society as a whole. These powerful and strong women have used their voices to overcome adversity and amplify other female voices.

In addition to their musical accomplishments, some female musicians have made significant contributions in other areas.

Rihanna, for example, has achieved immense popularity in the music industry and has also made waves with her Fenty Beauty line and Savage x Fenty lingerie brand. Mariah Carey, known as the Queen of Christmas, has left an indelible mark on music and society with her extraordinary vocal range and philanthropic efforts.

Recognizing and celebrating influential female musicians is an important step towards achieving equity in the music industry. It is crucial to embrace intersectional inclusion that uplifts women from marginalized groups. Women's History Month provides a great opportunity to honor the legacy of female musicians

and participate in music activities that explore their contributions.

To further delve into this topic, you can sign up for the guided virtual event called "She Rocks!" during Women's History Month. This private team session offers insights into the most influential female musicians who have shattered glass ceilings with their incredible voices. The event covers a diverse range of genres and incorporates music trivia for some friendly competition.

Lastly, don't miss the all-female lineup at the Sandy Hook SIDE Hustle on 4/21 celebration, featuring strong women of country rap. This event showcases the talent and strength of female musicians in the genre.

cians in the genre.

In celebrating Women's History Month, let us recognize and honor the remarkable contributions of female musicians and continue to amplify their voices. They have not only changed the music industry but have also paved the way for future generations of talented women to make their mark.

Upcoming shows at the SIDE Hustle in Sandy Hook:

- Sunday, 4/21 line up
Robi_TheDon - Outlaw Angle - Haze Yung - Nati Chyk - Sis'Ali - South-SideQueen - Dixie Trix - Sweetz - Jessie Montgomery - Kesley Lynn - Stormie Leigh

Gallery from A-3

at approximately 8 p.m., during which updates on recent GGAC activities, news, and what's in the works will be shared. In addition, awards of \$50.00 each (or, via an equivalent purchase prize) along with a blue ribbon are given to the winners in each category. Awards are presented for People's Choice, which is done by popular vote, with voting closing around 7:30 p.m.; GGAC Board Choice; the Pen Lady award; and the Brandon Click Memorial.

The national theme for Women's History Month 2024 is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion."

"Throughout 2024, we acknowledge the example of women who embrace

everyone and exclude no one in our common quest for freedom and opportunity," said Rob Young, Director of Intercultural Development.

The Gallery board of directors asks and urges visitors to bring family and friends. A large crowd is expected to attend and will make for a festive evening.

Coming up at the GGAC will be April's "Celebrate the Earth" event. Artists interested in classes may sign up for some assemblage workshops and other arts education plans are forthcoming. Contact director Dan Click for more information on submitting art, performances and volunteering opportunities. You can contact Click via email at

graysongallery@gmail.com. You can also look for them on Facebook and Instagram and call 606-474-7651 for their "announcement line" which does not record incoming messages but is updated as needed



for all GGAC activities. Contact us at news@cartercountytimes.com

Council from A-1

nonprofits, and local governments. Parsons said that in January her business was retained to help the Olive Hill Center for Arts & Heritage with emergency concerns.

"During the discovery phase," Parsons said, "I found all sorts of programs, and I also found out about the opioid abatement money."

Parsons explained to the council that there were "two pots of money." One that goes to cities and counties and the other that goes into a state trust.

"That trust in the state has about \$840 million," Parsons told the council.

Eligible programs, she explained, can be from for profit or nonprofit organizations. And the ceiling on grants of that nature is one million dollars, Parsons said. Currently she is working with nine organizations applying for those grants, and eight of those nine are in Olive Hill.

"And since all of them are going for this grant, that is a potential of nine million dollars being

poured into the local economy," she said.

(Since that meeting with city council, the potential number has grown to \$10 million, Parsons told members of the Olive Hill Chamber of Commerce later in the week. — Editor)

The reason for her presence at the council meeting was that Parsons wanted to be certain the city was aware of the potential funds, she told council.

"Since this area was already awarded one million dollars in the initial opioid settlement, I think we have a pretty good shot at these grants," she said.

Parsons also mentioned that the agencies and organizations she works with often come up with a collaborative plan where there is an interconnected pipeline of multiple organizations working toward the same goal.

Parsons' organization was founded in 2015 by Parsons and her husband in Ashland, where they dealt with addicts and others whose lives were problem-

atic. After initially helping to feed and clothe that demographic Parsons said they realized that a main reason such individuals found it difficult to rejoin society was their inability to secure employment. She began with Hope Central to help people overcome their difficulties and secure employment, often by meeting with local businesses that were willing to hire them. In 2018 her program was adopted by The Neighborhood in Ashland and grew from there.

Parsons is a certified grant writer with a CDBG background and a business developer who has brought her skills and passion to play helping businesses and organizations succeed. The grants tied to the opioid settlement fund have unique benefits that she says has added benefits. One such benefit is the lack of matching funds or other restrictions.

"That's what makes this one really different from a normal grant cycle," Parsons told the council. "Federal Grants typically

come from tax dollars; but with the settlement grants you don't have to have matching funds and you don't have to be a non-profit."

Parson presented the information to the council and pointed out several ways the city could benefit from applying for the settlement grants. The criteria for application are that any organization applying for the funds must be helping people deal with opioid abuse, comorbid mental conditions, or other drug addictions or with the families of same for the purpose of abatement. The council considered the information Parsons put before them, and Parsons was invited to speak to them further during their executive session.

Applications for grants are under consideration, but as of yet no definitive plan has been put in place to proceed.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

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Education from A-5

tame compared to an ultra expensive Ohio race for Senate. But West Virginia's marquee race is for Governor, which will likely feature Huntington Mayor Steve Williams as the Democrat against the winner of the hotly contested GOP primary.

Then, there's a presidential election. The November election includes the candidates for Congress and state representative in all three states.

So next time you sit on

your couch with remote control in hand, brace for more political ads with politicians shooting guns or hearing that the other candidate favors decriminalizing illegal drugs.

The first thing every Tri-Stater learns upon retirement is the Farmer, Cline and Campbell jingle lawyer ad, which runs during daytime hours. After November, we'll see more civilized broadcast advertising... we hope.

Hope from A-5

You have to demonstrate, specifically, how your project benefits that population. There will be documentation required, and follow-ups. While the executive director of the BCF is correct when she says that if we even get a fraction of what we ask for, it could make a significant impact on the community, there is a chance that none of the projects submitted will be approved.

It's one thing to say, "This project will provide increased opportunities to the children of addicted parents, helping them break the cycle of poverty and addiction." It's another thing to satisfy the state that your project will meet those goals. Particularly when it is only tangentially related to addiction and recovery services.

Don't get me wrong, I hope Parsons is able to get all of those funds for our communities. Not just some of them. I want the entire \$10 million to pour

into Carter County and the incoming tide to raise the entire community's ships.

I hope they find ways to help families rise above addiction, and get their lives back on track.

I hope they find ways to keep kids from slipping into addiction in the first place.

I hope. But I plan for a future where we still have a hard uphill slog. Because then, if we do get the money, it's a surprise and a blessing. If we don't, we still have other plans to help meet the various needs of our communities.

So, while I sit here with fingers crossed, reading over KRS and examining the language that governs the release of these funds, I'm just trying to practice what I preach.

Trusting, but verifying. Hoping, but hedging my bets.

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Week in review: Education, agriculture, courts, and healthcare lead agenda

The General Assembly remains hard at work as we draw near the end of the 2024 Regular Session. Almost 200 bills have passed the House, while several remain in the legislative process. With the veto period



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just around the corner, the remaining legislative days are critical to ensuring that important legislation is passed into law. Our top priority this session, the state's two-year spending plan, is coming closer to being approved, we have also prioritized legislative matters that are important to the people of our districts.

Here are some summaries of legislation that cleared the House this week:

Limiting foreign ownership of Kentucky land: Kentucky is joining many other states in restricting the ownership of land by

foreign entities. HB 575 prohibits the purchase of Kentucky's agricultural land by countries that the federal government has identified as countries with which we do not share friendly relations. This legislation does not hinder previous foreign operations and provides exemptions for research opportunities.

Ensuring our chil-

dren are Kindergarten ready: Over 50% of Kentucky's children are not Kindergarten ready on their first day of school. HB 695 establishes the Adaptive Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program, which will provide 400 preschool-aged children with a computer-based Kindergarten readiness program rooted in family engagement. Forty percent of the slots available in this program will be reserved for low-income families, and the program will run for two years with the possibility of extension with the use of federal funds.

Providing economic relief for local communities: HB 723 would provide economic relief for

local communities through a federal grant program with a local match component.

Building and construction trade opportunities in Kentucky schools: HB 605 allows the Kentucky Department of Education to enter into an agreement with building and construction trade organizations to develop training programs for school counselors on building and construction trades. This measure allows school counselors to receive professional development credits for trainings in this field.

Continuing education for students in inpatient facilities: Currently, for schools to receive funding

for home/hospital instruction the student stay must be at least six days. HB 799 allows for schools to receive funding effective on the day of admittance of a student into an inpatient care facility.

Allowing for a change of venue for constitutional challenges: Legal challenges to government actions are currently heard in the Franklin Circuit Court. HB 804 allows individuals to request a change of venue for challenges against the actions of statute; executive order, administrative regulation, or order of any cabinet, program cabinet, or department in the state government.

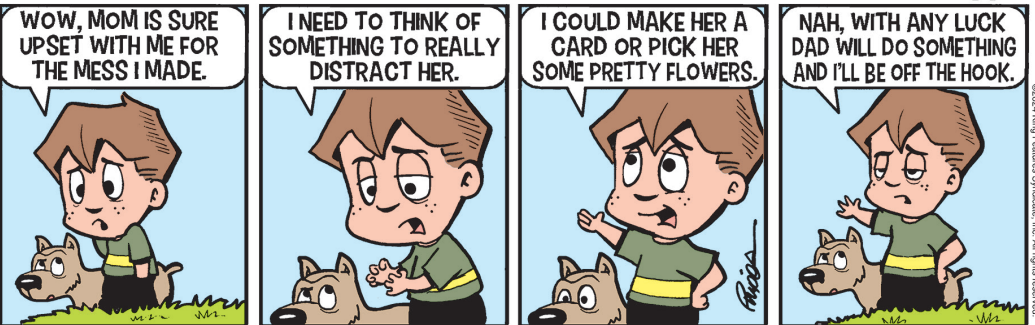
Establishing a teacher induction and mentor-

ship program: Newly certified teachers need the support and mentorship of veterans in the field. HB 828 establishes a statewide mentorship program for young educators, and removes the requirement for a teaching internship after new teachers receive their certification. This program will support these young professionals as they grow into strong educators.

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.

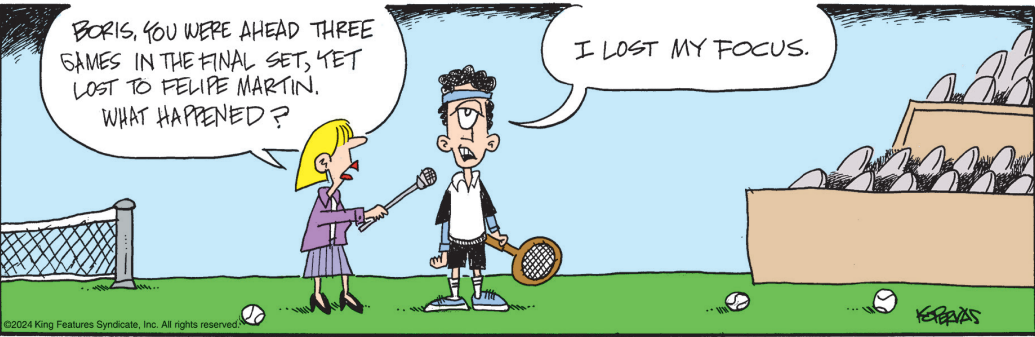
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by Dave T. Phipps



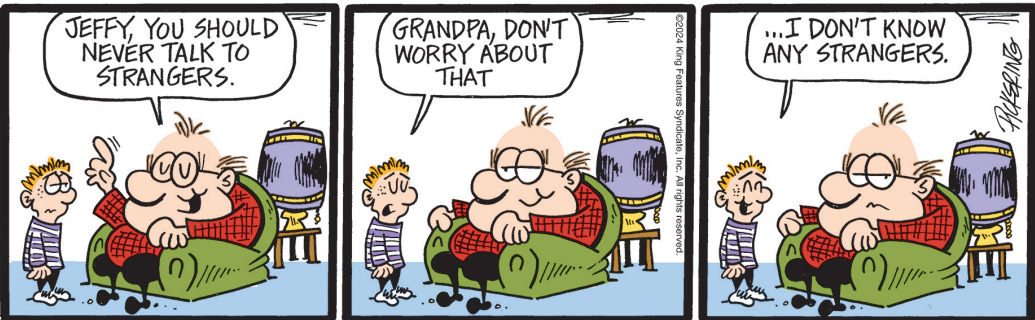
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by Gary Kopervas



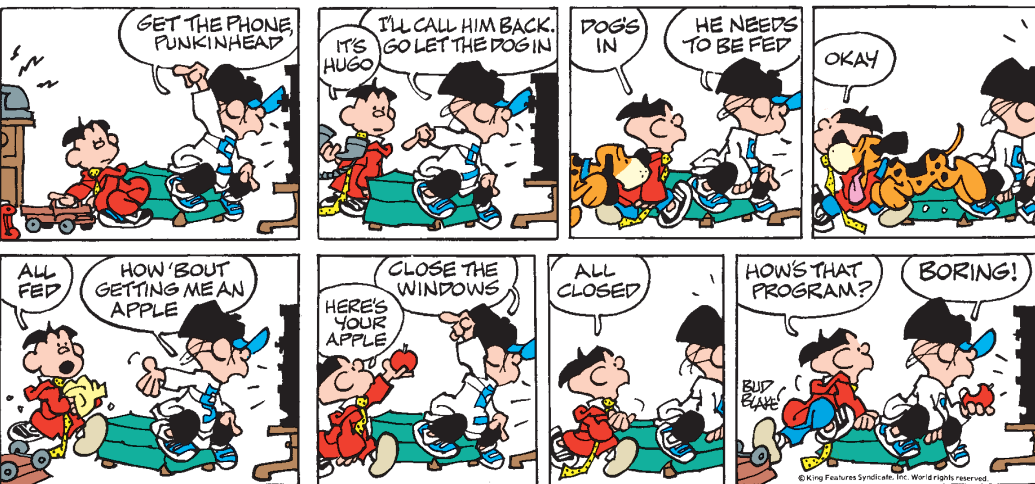
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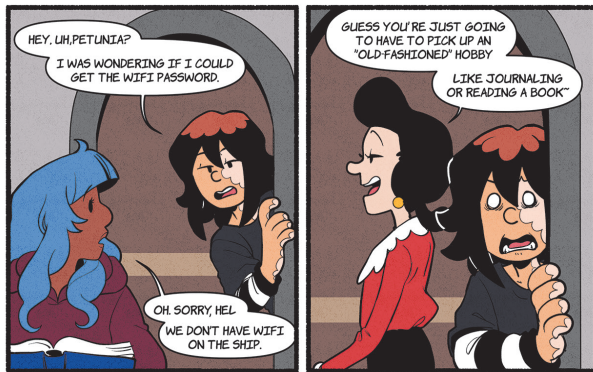


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by BUD BLAKE

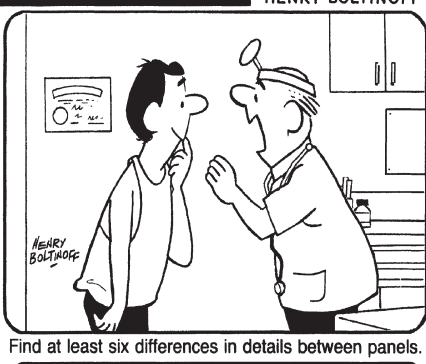


OLIVE



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



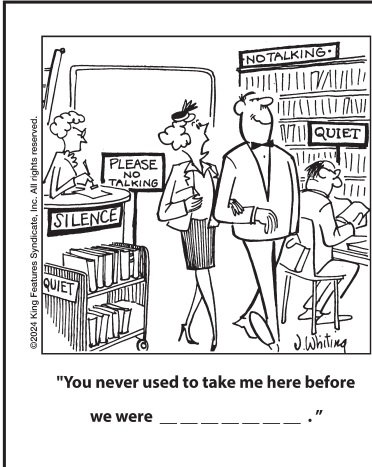
CryptoQuip

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: Q equals F

WQRGM RNG HWVGXZRXXVXSJKR
 QJZJKNGE EJSSJZS FH RNWR
 IWVFWPVG QXKKJV, NG SWIG
 JR RNG PMFKN-XQQ.

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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!

Placid: SNEERE
 Meld: LEMING
 Save: TRAINE
 Block: HERDIN

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 change the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.
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|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Put forward | _____ B _____ | Pinnacle | _____ M _____ |
| 2. Visitor | G _____ | Mission | Q _____ |
| 3. Stuffed shirt | _____ D _____ | Trim the shrubs | _____ N _____ |
| 4. New York player | _____ E _____ | Tugged | _____ D _____ |
| 5. Simmer | _____ A _____ | Black-and-blue mark | _____ U _____ |
| 6. Evening | N _____ | Box | F _____ |
| 7. Machinery arm | _____ R _____ | Steamroll | _____ L _____ |
| 8. Bank employee | _____ E _____ | More statuesque | _____ A _____ |
| 9. Existing | _____ V _____ | Similar | _____ K _____ |
| 10. Canonized one | A _____ | Stretch of activity | _____ T _____ |
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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!

Answers

1. Submit, Summit 6. Night, Fight
 2. Guest, Quest 7. Level, Level
 3. Prude, Prune 8. Teller, Teller
 4. Yankee, Yanked 9. Alive, Alive
 5. Braise, Braise 10. Saint, Saint

Even Exchange

ANSWERS

18 =	56
9 =	28
4 =	2
6 =	14
2 =	6
14 =	18

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King Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11						12			13
14						15			
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	53					54			

ACROSS

1 Weighing device
 6 Sitar tunes
 11 Fearful
 12 Using the Internet
 14 Eagles' homes
 15 Julianne and Demi
 16 Away from SSW
 17 Auto style
 19 Wager
 20 Food regimen
 22 Cariou of Broadway
 23 Visibility hindrance
 24 Cancel
 26 Journeys
 28 Head of st.
 30 Animal doc
 31 "Lolita" author
 35 Summary
 39 Plow pullers
 40 Felon's flight
 42 Sitarist Shankar
 43 Soccer's Hamm
 44 Prom duds
 46 Heavy weight
 47 E-business
 49 Boring type
 51 New citizen, perhaps

DOWN

1 Picturesque
 2 Life's work
 3 Onassis nickname
 4 Cask sediment
 5 '50s Ford
 6 Peter the Great, e.g.
 7 Shortly
 8 Day- — paint

9 Car safety feature
 10 Allergy season sound
 11 Hourglass fillers
 13 "Melrose Place" actor
 18 "Lion" star
 21 Yank at
 23 Misanthrope
 25 — choy
 27 " — outta here!"
 29 Library array

31 — plume
 32 Wise sayings
 33 "Scram!"
 34 Preventive shot, in slang
 36 40 winks
 37 Sidesteps
 38 Lipstick shades
 41 Repairs
 44 Rent
 45 Foolproof
 48 Hollywood trickery (Abbr.)
 50 Ruby or Sandra

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

- GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Seychelles islands located?
- TELEVISION: In which sitcom was the catchphrase "Hello, Newman" used often?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is a cornichon?
- HISTORY: According to a WWII government slogan, what should citizens do after they "Keep calm ..."?
- MOVIES: What is the name of John Wayne's character in "True Grit"?
- LANGUAGE: The Latin word "genu" refers to which part of the human body?
- U.S. STATES: How many states begin with the letter "R"?
- MEDICAL: The first vaccine was created to protect against which disease?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of Helen Keller's teacher, who taught the blind and deaf girl how to communicate?
- ANATOMY: What is the smallest organ in the human body?

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WORD LADDERS

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

WASTE

PARTE

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Answer

WORD LADDER

WASTE, TASTE, TASTY, PASTY, PARTY, PARTE

Answer

MARRIED

Today's Word

1. Serene 2. Mingling; solution
 3. Retain; 4. Hinder

King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

CryptoQuip

After the paleontologist finished digging up that valuable fossil, he gave it the brush-off.

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Aluminum company says preferred site for new smelter is a region of Kentucky hit hard by job losses

By: Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

FRANKFORT (AP) — An aluminum company has singled out northeastern Kentucky as its preferred site for a new aluminum smelter that would bring about 1,000 permanent jobs to an Appalachian region hard hit by the loss of coal and steel production, Gov. Andy Beshear said Monday.

Plans by Century Aluminum Co. to build a smelter that produces dramatically lower emissions will be supported by \$500 million from the U.S. Department of Energy. The project has the potential to become the largest investment on record in eastern Kentucky, Beshear said.

"There's still a lot of steps that we need to take to make this a reality," the governor said at a news conference. "But this is the first important step."

The governor is hoping that a state incentives package will help close the deal. He predicted that state lawmakers will provide "the tools that we need" in the closing days of their legislative session.

The company's president and CEO, Jesse Gary, did not attend the news conference but said in a statement that a "myriad of steps" must still be resolved and that multiple locations are still being evaluated, but he pointed to northeastern Kentucky as the preferred location. Issues still pending include

development costs for sites under consideration, utility costs, workforce and incentives, he said.

Century Aluminum, headquartered in Chicago, already has a significant presence in the Bluegrass State with two aluminum smelters in western Kentucky.

Gary referred to the announcement Monday as "another step in our continued long-standing relationship with the state, and we look forward to the opportunity to help be a part of growing commerce in eastern Kentucky, an outcome that is very attractive to Century Aluminum."

Century says it is the largest producer of primary aluminum in the United States and also operates production facilities in Iceland, the Netherlands and Jamaica.

Northeastern Kentucky was hit hard several years ago when a steel mill that had been an economic bedrock for generations shut down. The broader eastern Kentucky region has struggled from the sharp drop in coal jobs over the last decade amid shrinking demand for coal.

The region had its hopes of landing a massive aluminum plant dashed a few years ago. Another aluminum company planned to build a mill near Ashland in northeastern Kentucky but the project — which was pushed by Beshear's predecessor, former Republican Gov.

Matt Bevin — never came to fruition as the company struggled to line up sufficient financing.

Now Beshear, who unseated Bevin in 2019, is trying to deliver on what he says would be a game-changing project for the region and continue the state's record-setting pace of economic development growth during the Democrat's tenure. Beshear, seen as a rising star in his party, won reelection to a second term last year in what otherwise has become a Republican-dominated state.

The region's renewed prospect of becoming home to an aluminum smelter offers an "incredible opportunity" for an area that's "been through the ringer," said Boyd County Judge-Executive Eric Chaney, who was among several area leaders who attended the news conference with Beshear.

"We're going to work hard to help get this over the finish line," Chaney said later in a phone interview. "This is a great opportunity for northeast Kentucky and the entire state."

The project would create about 5,500 construction jobs and then about 1,000 permanent union jobs, the governor said. The new smelter would double the size of the current U.S. primary aluminum industry while avoiding an estimated 75% of emissions from a traditional smelter due to

its state-of-the-art, energy efficient design and use of carbon-free energy, he said.

The Department of Energy, in a separate news release, said the new plant would be the cleanest and most efficient aluminum smelter in the world.

Aluminum produced by the new plant will support national defense, electric vehicles, semiconductors, building and construction and green energy applications, Beshear said.

While many decisions remain, Beshear pointed to the importance of \$500 million in federal support for the project. The funding is provided by DOE's Industrial Demonstrations Program, and the governor thanked President Joe Biden, Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm and others.

"While we all recognize that it's not a done deal and there is more work to come, a \$500 million grant, if it is built in this region, is a pretty good place to start," Beshear said.

Last week, Beshear announced plans by Rye Development to build a \$1.3 billion pumped storage hydropower facility on a former coal mine site in Bell County in southeastern Kentucky. The project — also backed by a federal grant — will create about 1,500 construction jobs, 30 operations jobs and enough energy to power nearly 67,000 homes each year.

Bridge work scheduled for KY 986 in Carter County

FLEMINGSBURG — Motorists should expect delays on KY 986 in Olive Hill as contractors make repairs to the Tygarts Creek bridge over the next four to six weeks.

Beginning Monday, March 25, the KY 986 bridge will be restricted to one lane controlled by temporary traffic signals as crews perform a restoration project. Motorists should expect delays.

Work includes replacing joints and installing a latex concrete overlay on the driving surface.

The project is being done by M&M Services under a \$1,859,501.40

low-bid Kentucky Transportation Cabinet contract, which also includes painting later this summer and similar work to the KY 7 bridge over the Little Sandy River at Grayson. The KY 7 portion of the project is expected to start in the next few weeks.

Motorists are urged to drive carefully during the road improvement project by slowing down, reducing distractions, and heeding all flaggers and warning signs. Road work schedules are subject to change depending on weather conditions.

Fletcher from A-4

Fletcher has been superintendent of Lawrence County in eastern Kentucky since 2014. Prior to that, he worked in Martin County as principal of Sheldon Clark High School and principal of Warfield Middle School. Fletcher started his career in 1996 as a math and science teacher before becoming assistant principal at Inez Middle School in Martin County, the news release said.

His selection will go to the Kentucky Senate for confirmation.

"If confirmed, I will be honored to serve all of Kentucky's kids and all those involved in our kids' educational experiences alongside each board member," Fletcher said.

Republican state Sen. Mike Wilson said in a separate statement that he

was encouraged by the state board of education's choice.

"Robbie Fletcher is from right here in Kentucky and is very familiar with the needs of students across the commonwealth," Wilson said.

Lawmakers hope to meet with Fletcher soon, the senator said.

Fletcher will begin his new role on July 1 if confirmed by the Senate, state education officials said.

The role is currently being filled on an interim basis by Robin Fields Kinney, who stepped in after Jason Glass left the position last September.

Spring cleaning? Don't forget the bird feeder

Simple steps keep birds healthy, prevent the spread of disease

FRANKFORT — Spring has arrived and with the warm weather and longer days, many Kentuckians will begin sprucing up their yards and gardens. Whatever your other spring tidying plans may include, be sure to clean your bird feeders.

As spring migration gets in full spring, feeders around the yard provide a great way to attract and view migrating songbirds. However, it's important they are cleaned on a regular basis so they don't

spread disease. "Bird feeders are high contact areas where you have a lot of birds congregating around one shared food source," said Dr. Christine Casey, wildlife veterinarian for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "If one of the birds visiting a feeder is sick, it has the potential to spread disease to other birds at the feeder."

To keep birds healthy, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife recommends the following tips:

- Clean feeders every two weeks. Discard old food and debris and wash the feeder with dish soap and water. Thoroughly rinse before soaking the feeder in a solution of one part bleach and nine parts water. Rinse thoroughly

and dry completely before refilling.

- Rake up seed hulls and other waste beneath feeders. Moldy or spoiled food can make birds ill.
- Properly store food in a closed container to keep food fresh and prevent pests.
- For birdbaths, clean the bath's basin every one to two weeks by filling it with a solution of one part bleach and nine parts water. Cover the bath with a trash bag and let it soak for 15-20 minutes. Drain the bleach/water mixture in a safe area. Rinse the bath thoroughly and let it dry in the sun before refilling.

While diseases spread by songbirds pose a limited threat to people, Salmonella, a type of bacteria,

can be harmful to both birds and humans. Young, elderly and immunocompromised individuals are at a higher risk for Salmonellosis. When cleaning bird feeders, practice good hygiene: wear disposable gloves; avoid touching your face; and wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds after handling feeders and birdbaths.

If sick or dead birds are found at a feeder, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife recommends:

- Taking the feeder down immediately and removing any remaining seed from the feeder. Clean and store the feeder for two weeks. Removing the feeder stops the birds from gathering in common areas.

When putting feeders



White-breasted nuthatch at bird feeder. Photo courtesy Devon Stivers.

back up, place them in a different location, if possible, to avoid contaminated soil. Leftover seed still in the bag should be safe to use. Watch for sick birds. If any are seen, take the feeders down again and clean and store them for another two weeks.

Follow the same protocols for cleaning and

storing birdbaths. If multiple deceased birds are discovered at feeders, report observations to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife via the online sick or dead bird reporting portal or by calling the agency's Information Center at 1-800-858-1549, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (ET) weekdays, excluding holidays.

Eclipse from A-1

the only filters that are considered safe for looking at the sun. They must be used on any device that captures and concentrates the rays of the sun, like a telescope or camera, to safely look at the sun through the device. Even if you have compliant eye coverings, they won't necessarily protect your sight when using another magnification device unless that device is covered with an appropriate filter itself.

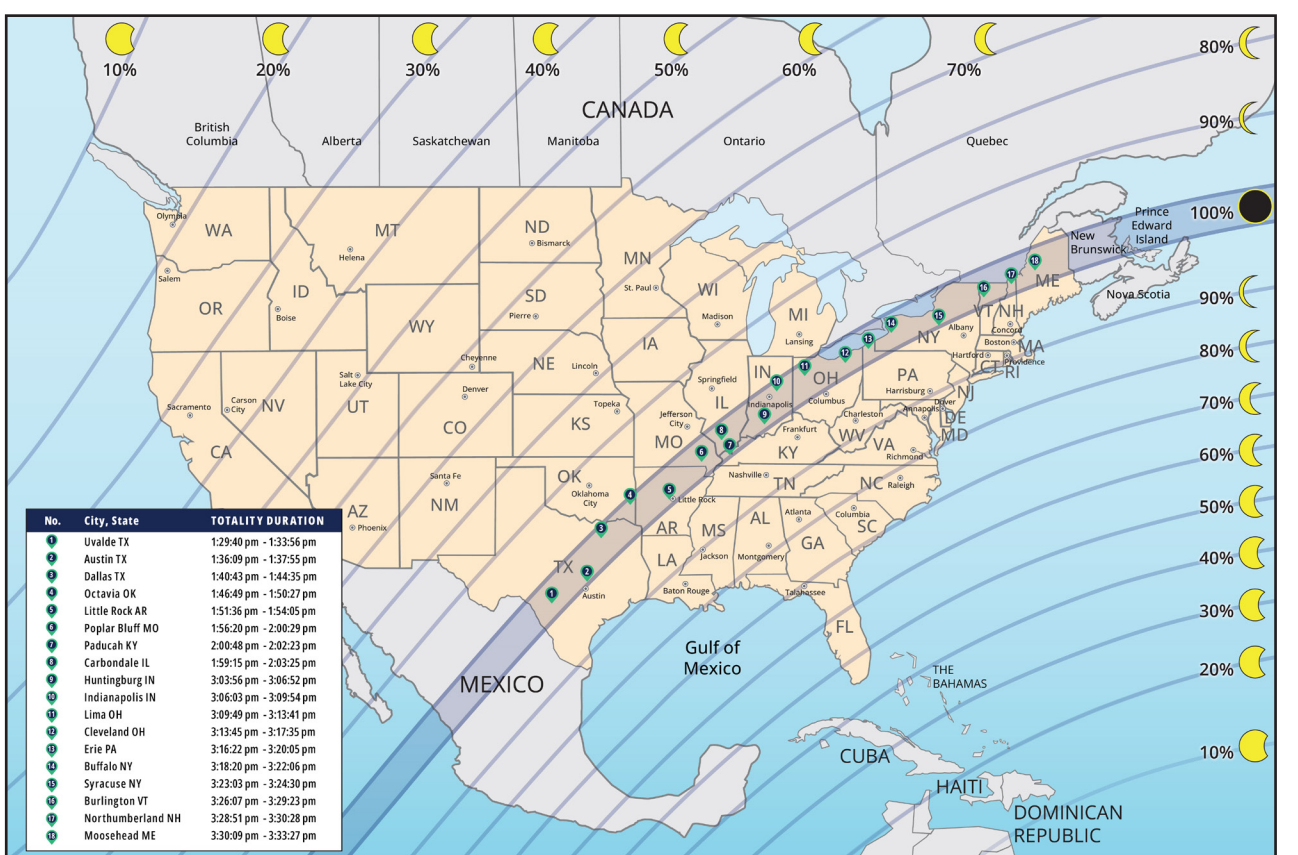
But if you don't want to invest the money, or worry about your eclipse glasses arriving on time, you can pick up a pair of eclipse glasses at no charge from both branches of the Carter County Public Library. These glasses are provided through the NSF, and rated for unassisted viewing of the sun. That means no telescope or binocular usage unless they too are fitted with an appropriate filter.

Though they are typically closed on Mondays, the Olive Hill branch of the library will be hosting a

watch party and will open at Noon to allow folks to stop in before the eclipse to pick up glasses, grab a snack, and participate in eclipse themed activities.

If you want to pick up glasses in advance, to watch the eclipse from wherever you may be, they are available at both the Olive Hill and Grayson branches of the Carter County Public Library.

School will be letting out early on the day of the eclipse, because the time of peak coverage is expected to coincide with the time period when they would normally be letting kids out for the day. This would not only make it difficult for children to take advantage of the educational opportunity the eclipse presents, superintendent of schools Dr. Paul Green said, but it would present additional difficulties for bus drivers and other staff tasked with keeping students safe – for instance, if they tried to look out the window of the bus at the eclipse and end-



ed up damaging their eyes. Instead, they are releasing early so students can get home – or wherever they choose to view the eclipse – and prepare.

Peak coverage of the sun in Carter County is

expected to be sometime around 3 p.m. In Paducah, which will see totality, the Sun will be completely covered beginning just after 2 p.m. and will remain fully covered for just under two minutes. Paducah is

on the edge of the path of totality, however. Other locations directly in the path of the eclipse could see coverage for up to four minutes.

For more information and resources on the

eclipse, including maps and schedules, visit the National Science Foundation online at NFS.gov.

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