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## Pretrial conferences held in abuse and domestic violence cases

Sentencing set in drug and sexual abuse cases

By: Jeremy D. Wells  
Carter County Times

Judge Rebecca Phillips held a hearing and set further court dates last Monday in a case stemming from the October arrest of an Olive Hill man on a string of domestic violence and child abuse charges.

Tristan Mitchell, 28, was arrested back on October 6 of 2023 following a series of allegedly violent incidents.

His charges included a second degree domestic violence assault, a Class C Felony; first degree wanton endangerment, a Class D Felony; first degree sodomy by forcible compulsion in conjunction with domestic violence with serious physical injury, a Class A Felony; fourth degree child abuse, a Class A Misdemeanor; intimidating a participant in the legal process, a Class D Felony; first degree strangulation, a Class C Felony; tampering with physical evidence, a Class D Felony; kidnapping a minor, a Class B Felony; second degree unlawful imprisonment, a Class A Misdemeanor; first degree criminal mischief for destruction

of property, a Class D Felony; and first degree criminal abuse of a victim 12 or under, a Class B Felony.

A grand jury returned an indictment on those charges on April 5, setting the stage for the defense's May 20 appearance before the judge. Phillips set another pretrial conference in the case for June 3.

Phillips also set June dates for further action in several other cases, including the sexual abuse case of Kimberly Blevins; the domestic violence case of Thomas Leslie, who rejected the initial offer relating to his alleged

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Tristan Mitchell had a pretrial hearing in his assault and domestic violence case. (submitted photo)

## Infrastructure upgrades focus of Olive Hill Council

Water treatment upgrades near completion while paving proves cost prohibitive

By: Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The Olive Hill City Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting last Tuesday, May 21, with a number of items on the agenda, but the water treatment plant was the main topic of discussion. After approving minutes, with one councilmember abstaining from the vote due to

an absence at the previous meeting, the first person to address the council was Gary Horner, with Trane, the company responsible for the city's new water plant. The plant is expected to be active soon, and Horner gave the council updates on the process.

"We've got water in the lake, and we've been doing some testing," Horner told the council. "The filter manufacturer came out and tested the production cycle, and was able to do a manual backwash."

The system has an auto backwash system, but Horner said that in order to test that the plant would first need to be up

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Gary Horner addresses council about new water plant. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

## Fiscal Court approves use of opioid abatement funds

Center for Arts awarded funds for salaries, sheriff could receive a K-9 officer

By: Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The Carter County Fiscal Court met in regular session last Monday, May 20, to approve various expenditures, including a disbursement of opioid abatement funds. The court voted to serve as a pass-through for the CDBG Grant for Genesis for \$200,000, voted to authorize judge executive Brandon Burton



(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

to sign three \$1,000 payments to FIVCO for administration, and voted – with one dissenting vote – to approve disbursing \$80,000 dollars of the opioid settlement money to the Olive Hill Center for Arts and Heritage. The last came after discussion with mem-

bers of Olive Hill Center for Arts and Heritage and their consultant Renee Parsons.

Many local governments who have been awarded money from the opioid settlement fund have

See FUNDS on A-3

## 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.

- Justin Peterman, 34, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested March 15, booked May 20.
- Bruce Barnett, 53, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of speeding 15 MPH over the limit, arrested and booked May 20.
- Judy Adkins, 32, address un-

available, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on four counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked May 20.

- Alexia Sanderson, 21, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked May 20.
- Rodney Newcomb, 58, of Stanford, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), arrested and booked May 20.
- Bobby Thompson, 54, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear, and charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic substances, failure

to or improper signal, no registration receipt, possession of drug paraphernalia, other traffic offenses not listed, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, and second degree possession of a controlled substance – drug unspecified, arrested and booked May 20.

- Jeffrey Jones, 40, of Denton, arrested by Greenup County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked May 21.
- David Smith, 36, of Lebanon, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, and failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked May 21.
- Alisha Hardy, 31, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and

See ARRESTS on A-3



### This Week's Obituaries

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# LIFESTYLE



## Strawberry freezer jam: Sweet, simple, sensational!

Ah, it's strawberry season. Late spring is that sweet spot of the year when the strawberry bounty is at its peak. This is the time when they're at their juiciest, most vibrant and most irresistible. A fleeting season to be savored and celebrated.

And what better way to preserve this essence of late spring and savor it all year long than by whipping up a batch of strawberry freezer jam?

First things first, let's talk about what makes freezer jam so irresistible. Unlike its traditional counterpart, freezer jam skips the boiling, reducing and cooking steps, making it a breeze to whip up. Also, because the

berries aren't cooked, you keep the essence of the flavor of fresh strawberries.

Here's the lowdown on crafting the perfect batch of freezer jam: Prep, mix, set and store -- it's that simple! No fancy canning required. Just pop your jars in the freezer and voila! Months of deliciousness ready to be enjoyed whenever a craving strikes.

### STRAWBERRY FREEZER JAM

Yield: 5 cups  
Total Time: 30 minutes + freeze time

- 4 cups strawberries, about 2 pounds
- 1 lemon, zest, and juice
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (3 ounce) pouch liquid pectin, for freezer jam

Wash and finely dice the strawberries. Use a fork or potato masher to crush some of the berries. They can be mashed well or left chunky. Just be sure you have 4 cups of berries total. Place them in a large mixing bowl.

Wash your lemon and grate 1 teaspoon of zest, then squeeze

the lemon, hoping for around 2 tablespoons of juice. A little more or less juice won't harm anything. Add the zest, juice and sugar to the strawberries. Mix very well and let this rest for 10 minutes while the sugar dissolves.

Once the sugar has dissolved, stir in the pectin, a little at a time, until well incorporated. Continue gently stirring for 5 minutes. Set yourself a timer so you don't skip on this step. Let the jam rest for 2 minutes. Stir for 2 minutes more. Yes, it's a lot of stirring. If you have children, I imagine they would enjoy stirring jam.

Pour into freezer jam containers or glass jars. Allow room for expansion in your containers. Keep jam in the freezer for up to a year. Thaw slightly in the fridge before enjoying.

Some dos and don'ts: I don't recommend doubling this recipe; make two separate batches if needed. I do endorse freezing jam in glass jars. Now, some may express concerns about it, but I've been doing so for years without a single mishap. Just be certain to leave the lids loose during freezing time and always leave an inch or so of space at



Spread the love! Fresh strawberry jam -- a taste of homemade perfection. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

the top of each jar to accommodate expansion during freezing.

Now, what to do with all this deliciousness? Serve it on toast or with fresh bread and peanut butter for a classic PB&J! Spoon it into some overnight oats, into some yogurt, or slather on scones. Or use it on French toast, waffles or pancakes! Make jam thumbprint cookies or cookie bars, or drizzle over ice cream. Smear it on some homemade biscuits or eat it with a spoon.

Strawberry jam is the perfect hostess gift! Imagine gifting a jar tied with a ribbon and a heart-felt tag, filled with homemade

goodness. It's a thoughtful gesture that's sure to leave a lasting impression.

So, there you have it, folks -- the ins and outs of strawberry freezer jam. With a few simple steps, you'll be spreading joy, one jar at a time.

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## Bluegrass Bible Beat

# No substitute for diligence

By: Sling 'n Stone Ministry  
for Carter County Times

As President Truman waffled about defeating communism in the Korean War, General Douglas MacArthur declared: "There is no substitute for victory." Truman fired MacArthur. Today, as communist North Korea threatens with nuclear weapons, we see MacArthur spoke truth. God's Word, however, speaks a far more sobering and eternal truth:

There is NO substitute for diligence.

Diligence in what? Studying and obeying God's Word. (II Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved of God ..."; II Peter 1:5 "Giving all diligence, add to your faith..."; II Peter 1:10 "Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure.")

When must we "give all diligence?" Answer: Daily. (Matthew 6:11 "Give us this day our daily bread."; II Corinthians 4:16 "The inward man is renewed day by day."; Psalms 1:2 "In His law doth he meditate day and night.")

Instead of diligently seeking Jesus for Jesus' sake alone, like Zacchaeus did (Luke 19:3), many in

Jesus' day sought Jesus for loaves 'n fishes (John 6:26). Others sought Him for miracles. Jesus rebuked the miracle-seekers as an "evil generation" (Luke 11:29). Right before Jesus did, He declared: "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28). That's no coincidence.

Folks never change. Today, misguided folks do as they did in Jesus' day; they forego daily diligence in His Word; they forego seeking Jesus' for Jesus' sake. Instead, they selfishly seek thrills and spiritual phenomena. They forget that only when we continue daily in His Word do we qualify as His "disciples" (John 8:31-32). Being Christ's disciple demands diligent hard work, which is why Jesus admonished us to "strive," using the word "agonizomai," or "agonize" in the Greek (Luke 13:24).

Remember Peter witnessed Christ's transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-2). Yet through Peter, the Holy Spirit warned us not to prefer spiritual phenomena above God's Word. So warning, He emphasized: "We also have a more sure word;" then the Holy Spirit pointed to scripture (II Peter 1:18-20), which He

gave through divine inspiration (II Timothy 3:16).

Nowhere does holy scripture suggest we desire miracles above a steady diet in (and obedience to) God's Word. (I Peter 2:2 "Desire the sincere milk of the Word.") Instead, God's Word urges we maintain diligence therein (II Peter 1:1-21). Jesus flat-out commanded it (John 8:31-32; 15:7, 14).

Today's misguided skip diligence and instead chase supernatural or emotional phenomena. They then ascribe their thrills 'n chills to the Holy Spirit. Whatever thrills or chills them, it ain't God's Holy Spirit. He neither speaks of, nor glorifies, Himself (John 16:13-14). He testifies of Jesus (John 15:26); guides us in all truth (John 16:13); judges the church (Acts 5:1-11); and empowers us for the Great Commission (Acts 1:8). God's Holy Spirit never validates what contradicts His inspired Word. Yet today's misguided say the Holy Spirit attends their miracle-seeking and overlooks their forsaking diligence. Wrong.

If we abide not in God's Word, we will wither; garner man's contempt; and burn, (John 15:6), because there is no substitute for diligence.



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## Extension Notes

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### FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

# Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association holds 90th annual meeting

By: Whitney Morrow  
for Carter County Times

The Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) held the organization's 90th annual State Meeting at the Sloan Convention Center and Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green from May 7-9, 2024. More than 450 attendees from across the state, including



Pictured-Janice Prezioso County Voting Delegate and mailbox member, Whitney Morrow, Extension Agent for FCS, Carmen Carmen mailbox member, Maria Hutchison President of the Wilson -Stinson Club, Dian Ratcliff Voting Delegate and President of the Denton-Willard Club, and Stella Smith Denton- Willard Club (submitted photo)

See **HOMEMAKERS** on A-8

## Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers, heifers, and bulls sold unevenly steady with markets trending steady to 4.00 lower up to 4.00 higher with good to very good demand. Yearling steers and heifers were 5.00 to 7.00 higher with very good demand. Slaughter cows were mostly 4.00 to 6.00 higher and bulls 2.00 to 4.00 higher with good supply and good to very good demand for all slaughter cattle.

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

Week ending 5/25/24

STATE AVERAGES			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>Steers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
350-400 lbs	337.14	335.91	245.54
400-450 lbs	327.44	325.37	241.11
450-500 lbs	319.20	318.62	239.15
500-550 lbs	306.53	303.37	233.53
550-600 lbs	291.73	290.32	232.11
600-650 lbs	275.82	276.20	224.48
650-700 lbs	265.36	264.11	209.84
700-750 lbs	251.20	246.80	199.71
750-800 lbs	243.11	238.32	192.36
800-850 lbs	226.82	229.49	187.28
850-900 lbs	232.76	223.70	190.90
<b>Heifers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
300-350 lbs	305.97	303.66	211.39
350-400 lbs	304.20	304.20	218.39
400-450 lbs	288.74	284.13	217.54
450-500 lbs	283.96	279.74	212.21
500-550 lbs	271.49	268.90	206.29
550-600 lbs	259.71	259.36	200.57
600-650 lbs	240.54	242.70	198.81
650-700 lbs	234.40	232.01	186.98
700-750 lbs	222.57	229.30	177.55
750-800 lbs	220.07	218.92	174.03

### WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

	Average	High	Low
<b>Slaughter Cows</b>			
Breakers	120.00-145.00	126.50-170.00	105.00-127.00
Boners	106.00-142.00	122.00-164.50	102.00-127.00
Lean	101.00-138.00	115.00-154.50	75.00-119.00
<b>Slaughter Bulls</b>			
Yield Grade 1&2	125.00-170.00	150.00-191.50	120.00-148.50

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### SLAUGHTER GOATS: 172

**Kids: Selection 1** 52 lbs 357.50; 65 lbs 347.50. **Selection 1-2** 80 lbs 262.50. **Selection 2** 54 lbs 332.50; 60-66 lbs 292.50-327.50; 73 lbs 325.00.

### SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 1094

**Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2** 53 lbs 230.00; 60 lbs 232.50; 70-71 lbs 212.50-217.50; 85-88 lbs 207.50-212.50; 109 lbs 235.00. **Woolled-Choice & Prime 1-2** 51-55 lbs 230.00-280.00; 61 lbs 212.50; 73 lbs 230.00; 88 lbs 237.50; 118 lbs 182.50. **Choice 2** 48 lbs 227.50; 70 lbs 212.50.

Week ending 5/25/24

GRAINS			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>Corn</b>	4.28-4.70	4.23-4.73	5.54-6.58
<b>Soybeans</b>	11.71-12.65	11.44-12.40	13.03-13.87
<b>Red Winter Wheat</b>	6.04-6.87	5.66-6.72	5.29-6.14



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### AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

# Provide the right amount of water to summer veggies

You might think vegetables will be the best quality only if they get adequate water throughout the growing season. It's important that you water vegetables well while they are being established and during flowering, but sometimes the best quality garden produce results when water is somewhat limited.

All vegetables need a good supply of soil moisture before and during flowering and during fruit development. For crops such as cabbage and broccoli, this period is during establishment and head development. One to two inches of water per week,

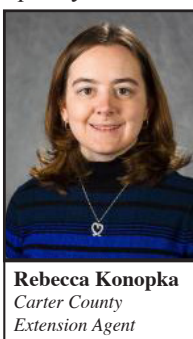
in the form of natural rainfall or supplemental irrigation is enough for most vegetables during this time. For vegetables you continually harvest, such as eggplant, tomatoes, peppers, summer squash and green beans, it's important to keep an adequate supply of water to the plant. This ensures even soil moisture throughout the growing season, and it will keep plants productive longer. Consistent soil moisture on tomatoes will also help prevent blossom end rot and cracking of fruit.

You should withhold water from potatoes once

the vines have begun to die. The tubers under the soil are entering dormancy at that time and excess water or fertilizer may cause regrowth or cracking of the potatoes, which makes them less suitable for storage.

Cucumbers will become bitter without a good supply of moisture throughout the entire growing season. On the other hand, melons will produce a sweeter fruit when they are kept drier once the fruit has reached about half of its expected final size. For melons, don't cut off water completely. Continue to provide one-half to one inch of water per week. Heavy rain or irrigation when the melons are nearly mature

See **VEGGIES** on A-3



Rebecca Konopka  
Carter County  
Extension Agent

**Arrests** from A-1

booked May 21.

- Rebekah Grimm, 31, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked May 22.
- Tommy Duncan, 43, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked May 22.
- Joshua Adams, 41, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked May 23.
- James Clark, 40, of Ashland, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked May 24.
- Christina Mills, 41, of Inez, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), endangering the welfare of a child, possession of drug paraphernalia, and first degree wanton endangerment, arrested and booked May 25.
- Danny Adkins, 66, of

Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked May 25.

- Kenneth Kouns, 51, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of careless driving, failure to wear seat belts, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, other traffic offenses not listed, and license not in possession, arrested and booked May 26.
- Laura Davis, 32, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a hold

for court, arrested and booked May 27.

- Nicholas Herbst, 44, of Flatwoods, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear, and a charge of flagrant non-support, arrested May 22, booked May 27.

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.

**Funds** from A-1

been hesitant to use that money, due to lack of clear guidance from the state.

“There was some worry that it wasn’t an approved option for this funding,” Parsons told the council about the grant she had written for the Center.

At the meeting Parson showed the court an email she received from the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) saying that the proposal was an approved use of said funds.

Parson explained that a rewrite had been necessary and, due to the grants running in cycles, there was no allocation for buildings. Because of this the funds requested were changed to reflect salaries.

The next cycle, Parsons said, would be for buildings and capital invest-

ments. County attorney Brian Bayes said he believed this was an appropriate use for the money, and it was his belief that before the next fiscal court meeting the county would be approved to use the same pool of funds for a K-9 officer.

In other business, Carter County Library Director Diane Wingert spoke with the court and requested additional funds to help support the library and its programs. Last year fiscal court approved \$25,000 dollars for the library, and this year Wingert requested an increase of \$2,000, which raised the court’s support of the library to \$27,000 for the libraries in Olive Hill and Grayson. The court approved the additional funding by a

unanimous vote.

Other items on the court’s agenda included the status of three roads currently under county maintenance. It was decided that an actual distance of the road designated Mabry Lane was needed before the road was brought into county maintenance, and the court voted to begin the process to take Leatherwood Fork out of county maintenance. It was also determined by the court that further research was needed to start the process of taking Hilton Cemetery Road out of county maintenance.

While in executive session the court discussed personnel and possible litigation, but no action was taken. After discussion in executive session, the deci-

sion was made to purchase a John Deere 85 excavator for \$132,000, the purchase price including a four-year warranty. James Logan was also hired part time in the solid waste department, and Tony Richmond was hired at \$18/hour in the road department. The court also approved beginning the process to take bids for road materials and making a purchase offer of \$275,000 for the Jim Davis property near the courthouse.

The court also approved payment of their portion of the East Park interlocal agreement and decided to extend Carpenter Way Road an additional 302 feet.

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**Abuse** from A-1

violation of an emergency protection order/domestic violence order (EPO/DVO) and assault; the sexual abuse of a minor case against Noah Miller; the terroristic threatening and witness intimidation case against Brandon Morgan; the rape and sexual abuse of a minor case of Jeremiah James; the drug trafficking case of Chasity Williams; the dating violence case of Matthew Stegall; the sodomy, child pornography possession, and use of electronics to procure a minor charges against Upenyu Gogo; and the sexual abuse of a minor case against Jonathan Justice.

A July date was set for

a status hearing in the sexual abuse of a minor case against Freddie Sexton.

The judge heard bond revocation arguments in the cases of Danny Lawhorn, and Kimi Hamm, for flagrant non-support, and had motions withdrawn in several other flagrant non-support cases.

Probation was revoked after Stephen Campbell admitted his violation of the agreement in his 2022 case of methamphetamine possession, wanton endangerment, and endangering the welfare of a child.

The judge reached an agreement in the drug possession case of Shawn Ison, with the defendant admitting his violation

and agreeing to long term treatment.

Brian Kees was sentenced in his reckless driving case, with no fines or restitution required and court costs waived. Stephen Campbell was also sentenced on his charges of unlawful transactions with a minor, procuring or promoting use of a minor by electronic means, and distributing obscene material to minors. Carl Burnett was sentenced in a case of first degree sexual abuse of a victim under 12. Jeremy Arthur was sentenced to fines, fees, and court costs totaling \$1,390 after pleading guilty to operating a motor vehicle under the influence and possession

of heroin. Scott Tabor was found guilty on charges of trafficking in heroin and possession of carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives after labs returned positive, with a sentencing hearing set. Danny Mullins was also found guilty in his fentanyl possession case, with sentencing conducted. Bobby Harris was found guilty of receiving stolen property, with no fines or restitution, but court costs of \$165.

Judge Rupert Wilhoit, on Wednesday, sentenced Staci Porter to 90 days and two years of probation on a shoplifting charge.

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# Indictments

The following indictments were returned by the Grand Jury of the Carter Circuit Court on April 5, 2024. An indictment is not a determination of guilt or innocence. It is simply a charge that an offense has been committed and indicates that a case is pending on the charges listed. All defendants have

the presumption of innocence until found guilty in a court of law.

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

- Tyler Ratcliff, 20, of Willard, on or about March 5, 2024, committed the offenses of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, by knowingly and unlawfully trafficking in Carfentanil or Fentanyl derivatives, a Class C Felony; trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, by knowingly and unlawfully trafficking in a schedule one or schedule two narcotic

(drug unspecified) by selling or possessing with intent to sell 10 or more dosage units, a Class C Felony; possession of drug paraphernalia, when he unlawfully possessed drug paraphernalia with the intent to use it for the purpose of introducing into the human body an illegal or controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; and public intoxication, when he appeared

See INDICT on A-4

**Veggies** from A-2

will dilute the fruits’ sugar. Watermelons will reconcentrate the sugar if left on the vine a little longer. Muskmelons, however, are less apt to do this.

Okra tends to produce more leaves than pods when it’s over watered, so try to keep these drought-tolerant plants on the dry side.

A layer of mulch in the vegetable row will

help conserve moisture, reduce weed growth, and keep produce cleaner.

Using black plastic film as a mulch has become standard in commercial vegetable production, but most backyard growers still prefer organic mulches such as straw, wood chips, composted leaves, or grass clippings.

For more information about home gardening,

refer to the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment publication Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky at <https://tinyurl.com/muxrcbky>, or contact the Carter County Cooperative Extension Service. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not

discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

# CALENDAR

- **5/31: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery and Art Center
- **6/3: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **6/3: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **6/3: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **6/4: Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Board Meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **6/4: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **6/4: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Guest Speaker: Rick Sutton
- **6/6: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **6/7: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **6/7: Hike & Learn @ 1 p.m.** | Morehead State University Eagle Lake
- **6/10: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **6/10: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **6/10: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **6/10: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse

**Have an event to add to the calendar?**

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## Pet of the Week

Lola is a female mixed breed, around six months old, and 36 lbs. She’s good with other dogs, and is ready to find a pack of her own. Lola has already been spayed and has a reduced adoption fee of \$50, which includes her rabies vaccination. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her or call 475-9771 for more information.

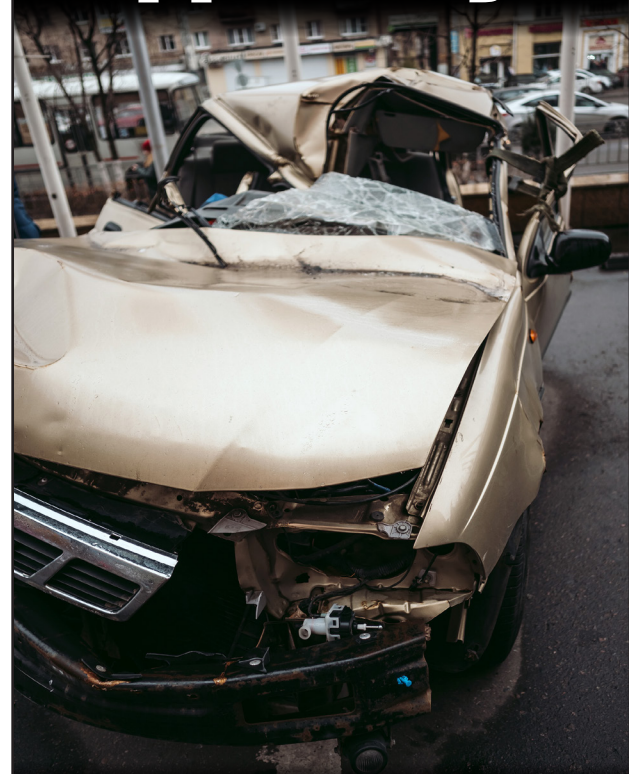
Shelter hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday by appointment.

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# Kentucky State Police charge Rowan Co. couple with child sexual exploitation offenses

MOREHEAD — On May 23, 2024, at approximately 2:22 p.m., the Kentucky State Police Electronic Crime Branch arrested John David Elam, 43, and Myra Patrice Elam, 43, on charges related to a child sexual abuse material investigation.

The Elams were located, interviewed, and arrested as the result of an undercover Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigation. The KSP Electronic Crime Branch began the investigation

after discovering the suspects uploading sexually explicit videos of juveniles to an online social media account.

The investigation resulted in executing a search warrant for the couple and for their residence in Morehead on May 23, 2024. Equipment used to facilitate the crime was seized and taken to KSP's forensic laboratory for examination. The investigation is still ongoing.

John and Myra Elam were both charged with

13 counts of possessing matter portraying a minor under the age of 12 in a sexual performance and two counts of possessing matter portraying a minor over the age of 12 but under the age of 18 in a sexual performance. The charge of possessing matter portraying a minor under the age of 12 in a sexual performance is a Class-C felony punishable by five to ten years in prison. The charge of possessing matter portraying a minor over the age of 12 but under

the age of 18 in a sexual performance is a Class-D felony punishable by one to five years in prison. John David Elam was also charged with one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. This charge is a Class-D felony as well and is punishable by one to five years in prison. John and Myra Elam were lodged in the Rowan County Detention Center.

The Kentucky Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is comprised of more than

twenty-six local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The mission of the ICAC Task Force, created by the United States Department of Justice and administered by the Kentucky State Police, is to assist state and local law enforcement agencies in developing a response to cyber enticement and child sexual abuse material investigations. This support encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services,

prevention and community education. The ICAC program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the internet, the proliferation of child sexual abuse material, and the heightened online activity of predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims.

## Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association announces the launch of the Kentucky Rural Veterinary Loan Repayment Program

### Program to address rural veterinary shortages

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA) is proud to announce the launch of The Kentucky Rural Veterinary Loan Repayment Program (KRVLRP), a groundbreaking initiative aimed at addressing the critical shortage of veterinary professionals in rural and underserved communities across Kentucky. The Kentucky General Assembly passed

HB553, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will help jointly fund this program. The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) is the state agency charged with administration of the program."

Representative Matthew Koch who was the primary sponsor of HB553 states – "We have had a veterinarian working group looking at our shortage issues for the past 3 years. We've identified several different approaches, but the rural vet loan repayment program has been proven to work and will make an immediate impact in our shortage areas. For this to

work it must be a team effort between the community, the veterinarian, and the KDA. Anyone approved for this program is eligible to receive \$87,500 in loan repayments in just five years. With an average debt load of \$180,000, this should provide incentive for veterinarians who want to practice on livestock."

In many rural areas, access to veterinary care is limited, leading to challenges in maintaining the health and well-being of livestock, pets, and other animals. The KRVLRP seeks to alleviate this issue by incentivizing recent veterinary graduates to practice in rural areas

through a loan repayment assistance program.

Key features of the Veterinary Loan Repayment Program include:

- **Loan Repayment Assistance:** Eligible veterinarians who commit to practicing in designated rural or underserved areas for a specified period will receive financial assistance to repay their student loans.
- **Placement Support:** The program will work closely with participating veterinarians to match them with communities in need of their services, considering their preferences and areas of expertise.
- **Professional Develop-**

ment: Participants will have access to ongoing training, mentorship, and support to enhance their skills and knowledge in rural veterinary practice.

Dr. Ben Redmon – KVMA President states, "By providing debt relief to veterinarians practicing in rural Kentucky, the KRVLRP's goal is to improve access to essential veterinary services for animal owners while strengthening local economies when these veterinarians are incorporated into their communities. Our hope is that it enhances the overall quality of life for residents and improves animal health across the Common-

wealth."

Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association is committed to supporting the veterinary workforce and ensuring that all communities have access to quality veterinary care. We encourage recent veterinary graduates and actively working veterinarians to learn more about the Kentucky Rural Veterinary Loan Repayment Program.

For further information about the program or links to the application, please visit [www.KVMA.com](http://www.KVMA.com). The application will be available June 1st.

### Indict from A-3

in a public place manifestly under the influence of a controlled substance, or other intoxicating substance, excluding alcohol, to the degree that he may endanger himself or other persons or property, or unreasonably annoy persons in his vicinity, a Class B Misdemeanor.

- **Ontario Croskey, 22, of Oakland, MI, on or about February 28, 2024, committed the offenses of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, a Class D Felony; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, a Class D Felony; and tampering with physical evidence, by concealing evidence which he believed would be in an official proceeding, a Class D Felony.**
- **Billy Vallandingham, 35, of Grayson, on or about January 22, 2024, committed the offenses of public intoxication, when he appeared in a public place manifestly under the influence of a controlled substance, or other intoxicating substance, excluding alcohol, to the degree he may endanger himself or other persons or property, or unreasonably annoy persons in his vicinity, a Class B Misdemeanor; and theft by unlawful taking, over \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000, by taking a**

skid steer with intent to permanently deprive the owner of their property with stealing copper wiring from buildings, a Class C Felony.

- **Tristan Mitchell, 28, of Olive Hill, on or about October 6, 2023, committed the offenses of assault in the second degree, domestic violence, by intentionally striking another person, and causing them to suffer serious physical injury, a Class C Felony; wanton endangerment, first degree, by wantonly engaging in conduct which created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to another person, a Class D Felony; sodomy, first degree, domestic violence with serious physical injury, by having deviant sexual intercourse with another person by forcible compulsion, and causing serious physical injury, a Class A Felony; assault, fourth degree, child abuse, by intentionally causing physical injury to a minor child, a Class A Misdemeanor; intimidating a participant in the legal process, by threatening the victim, concerning his custody case, with physical harm, in an attempt to influence them to avoid court proceedings, a Class D Felony; strangulation, first degree, by intentionally impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the blood**

of another person, by applying pressure on their throat or neck or blocking their nose or mouth without consent, a Class C Felony; tampering with physical evidence by concealing evidence which he believed would be in an official proceeding, a Class D Felony; kidnapping-minor, by unlawfully restraining the minor child, to accomplish the commission of a felony, or to inflict bodily injury or to terrorize the victim or another, or to use as a shield or hostage, a Class B Felony; unlawful imprisonment, second degree, when he knowingly and unlawfully restrained another person, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, first degree, by intentionally destroying the property of another, causing more than \$1,000 damage, a Class D Felony; and criminal abuse in the first degree, victim 12 or under, by intentionally abusing a juvenile of whom he had custody, causing the juvenile serious physical injury, or placed them in a situation that may have caused them serious physical injury, or caused torture, cruel confinement, or cruel punishment, a Class B Felony.

• **Shandon Wiler, 26, of**

Grayson, on or about August, 2022, committed the offense of sodomy, first degree, by having deviant sexual intercourse with a minor female, by forcible compulsion, a Class B Felony; on or about June – September, 2022, committed the offenses of procuring or promoting the use of a minor by electronic means, by knowingly communicating with a minor child, via electronic means, to induce the minor child to engage in sexual or other prohibited activities, a Class D Felony; and sexual abuse, first degree, while being 21 years old or more, subjected a minor less than 16 years of age to sexual contact and being a person in a position of authority or position of special trust, as defined in KRS 532.045, he, regardless of his age, subjected a minor less than 18 years of age, with whom he comes into contact with as a result of that position, to sexual contact, a Class D Felony; and on or about April 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023, committed the offenses of six counts of sexual abuse, first degree, by having sexual contact with a minor female, each a Class D Felony.

## Rediscover the joy of fishing this year

### Free fishing days are June 1-2

FRANKFORT — Gather the family and fish for free in Kentucky the first weekend in June.

Free fishing weekend is June 1-2. It's an annual celebration that allows anyone to fish without a license or permit during the two days. Have relatives visiting from afar? They can fish for free, too.

If you haven't wetted a line in a while, it's a great time to rediscover the joy of fishing.

While licenses and permits are free this week-

end, you still must follow the rules on the size and number of fish that you can keep. You'll find all the regulations in the online fishing and boating guide.

Need a place to fish? Several communities around the state offer special free fishing events with kids in mind on Saturday, June 1. Find a link to free fishing weekend activities on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website homepage at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

Need help getting started? Type "Learn to Fish" in the search box on the department's website ([fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov)) and you'll find instructional videos covering

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## Guest Editorial

### Literacy programs vital

Ashland Independent. May 20, 2024

Sometimes all it takes is a tiny nudge in the right direction for a big idea to become reality.

That is exactly what happened four years ago when local mother and Franklin County Schools board member Jennifer Kantner was watching a newscast about the Kentucky legislature allocating funding for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and asked her husband why the program didn't exist in Frankfort. His reply, "Go start it." So she did.

The local affiliate, Imagination Library of Frankfort, was formed in 2021. The program provides books — free of charge — for children from birth until the age of 5 when they can start kindergarten.

Children enrolled in the Imagination Library of Frankfort receive a new book via mail every month, regardless of the family's income. The first book each kids receives is "The Little Engine that Could." The final book they get is "Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!"

The Imagination Library negotiates wholesale pricing for the books, but local affiliates are responsible for securing funds to cover the cost of the books as well as shipping fees.

Consistent sponsorship from Frankfort Regional Medical Center, the Franklin County Fiscal Court, the City of Frankfort, businesses and individuals keeps the program free for participants. Additionally, the Kentucky legislature provides dollar match funding where affiliates raise 50% and the state matches 50%.

In the two years since the Frankfort affiliate sent its first book, more than 26,000 books have been mailed to Franklin County kids. Currently, 1,963 children participate in the program locally.

Imagination Library of Kentucky has 132 programs covering portions of 118 counties. Approximately 36% of preschoolers statewide are enrolled in the Imagination Library.

That is a big deal in Kentucky. State-funded preschool education programs are available for all 4-year-olds whose family income is no more than 160% of the federal poverty level and all 3- and 4-year-old children with identified disabilities, regardless of income.

Until the Kentucky lawmakers pass universal Pre-K — which allows any family who wants to enroll their preschool-aged child in a publicly-funded, pre-kindergarten care and education program — free programming like Imagination Library of Frankfort and the numerous activities and events hosted by the Paul Sawyer Public Library are vital to our children's development.

As the first graduates of the Imagination Library of Frankfort age out of the program, we commend Kantner and all involved in bringing it into fruition. We encourage those interested in donating to or wanting more information about the program to visit [imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/KY-FRANKLIN/](http://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/KY-FRANKLIN/)

### Editor's Note: Memory Days

The Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce and other local community organizations came together for another successful Memory Days event this year. Despite threats of inclement weather, the rain held off for most of the weekend — the clouds opening up only toward the end of the event and causing a slight delay in the Mike Phillips Memorial Bluegrass show. But the crowd of music fans held out, waited it out, with several hundred reportedly filling the lot for the show.

That's the same kind of dedication and perseverance that the organizers of the event — particularly Chamber representatives Mike Nelson and Michelle Boggs — have brought each and every year to make this weekend the fantastic kick-off to the summer season we've all come to know and love.

Coming up later this summer we have Olive Hill Homecoming, the Shriner Bluegrass Festival, Rudy Fest, The Orange Army Bluegrass Festival and the new Country on Tygart music show. We'll have coverage of all those event in the coming weeks, as well as photos and stories on the Memory Days weekend in next week's edition.

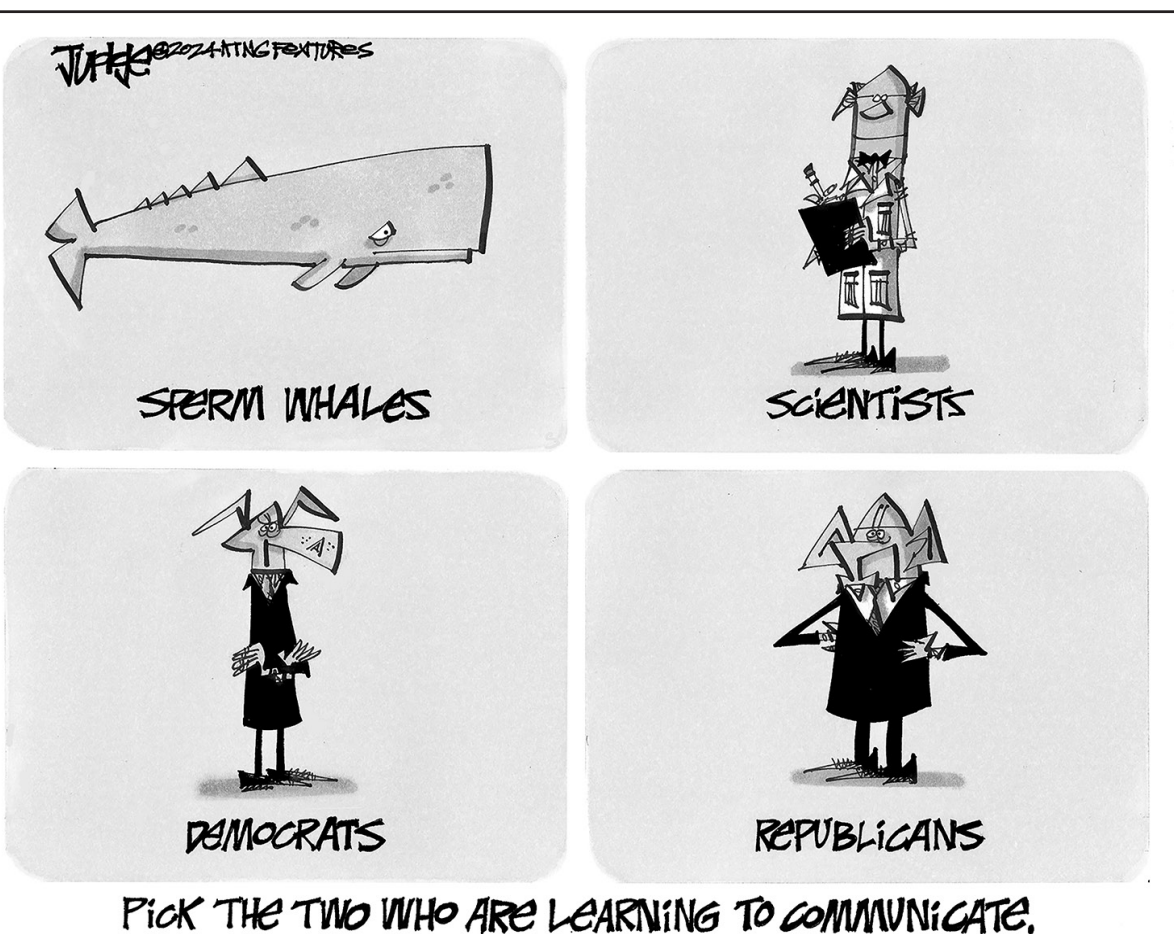
For now, though, we're going to hold off on any more coverage of this past weekend. The organizers have put in a lot of work. They've earned a short respite before following up on our questions. So, if you see them, give them a thanks for everything they do; and check out next week's edition for more.

## Carter County Times

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## Honoring Memorial Day by visiting the many who have fallen

Memorial Day was nearly three weeks away when I escorted my then 98-year-old father-in-law to St. Louis for the annual reunion of his 95th Bomb Group, the World War II Army Air Corps unit where he flew B-17 bombers from England.

The itinerary included a visit to Jefferson Barracks, an old Army post on the banks of the Mississippi just below St. Louis. 2nd Lt. Ray Hobbs had received part of his officer training there but couldn't recall any details except a close view of that mighty river.

We went to Jefferson Barracks to tour a POW-MIA museum and to attend a ceremony honoring seven ground crew members from the 95th BG who were among 19 killed when a 500-pound bomb accidentally detonated on the runway at Alconbury RAF in England in 1943.

They were interred in a common grave at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery which shares the former Army post acreage with a VA medical complex, two Missouri National Guard units and a county park.

No one in the group had seen the cemetery before. We were stunned into respectful silence as we came into view of more than 330 acres of carefully aligned

white headstones marking the graves of more than 246,000 men and women who had served our nation in a military uniform.

Only Arlington National Cemetery in Washington is larger with about 400,000 graves. Like other military cemeteries I've seen in the U.S. and in England, the burial grounds were beautifully maintained, another show of respect for the fallen.

I was overwhelmed by feelings of admiration and gratitude while standing in attention with the other visitors as the uniformed bugler, himself a disabled veteran, played "Taps" after the names of the deceased airmen were read aloud.

My father-in-law gave the best description of the cemetery as we both wiped our eyes and left the gravesite.

"Truly, we are standing today on hallowed ground."

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**Keith Kappes**  
Columnist  
Carter County Times

## The subject of semantics

I think a lot about words, and the meaning of words.

That probably doesn't come as a huge surprise. I write for a living, after all. Me thinking about words is like a mechanic thinking about engines or a farmer thinking about beef.

I still remember the first time I became enamored and fascinated by a new word; it was the word "cope," and I was in kindergarten.

I'm sure there had been plenty of words that were new to me before that. It would be impossible for me to count the number of times our preschool aged son has asked me what something means, and I can't have been much different in that respect. We didn't have vocabulary word lists yet in kindergarten, and I already knew my ABCs and was even beginning to learn to read a bit before I even started school. My strongest kindergarten memory before this was the anxiety I felt over my poor artistic ability and the scolding I got for "scribbling" instead of drawing something during art time. I also remember telling my teacher that one particular scribble was a "map to Santa Claus's house" in order to stave off another round of admonishments.

But, during an assembly for some milestone anniversary in our principal's career (he had also been my father's principal, and looked older than my grandparents, which made him ancient in my young mind) a classmate gave him a card. It was one of those die cut cards, shaped like the young orangutan grinning out from the cover, with his hands pressed to his forehead, and across the base it read, "I just can't cope anymore!"

I knew those other words, but cope — cope was brand new! I knew it had to be some action, but what

could it mean? I pondered and obsessed, came up with possibilities and dismissed them, and with no familiarity yet with dictionaries and a fear of asking my teacher, I imagined many different things.

I don't remember exactly how I learned the meaning. I think I finally asked my dad. But I do remember being underwhelmed. It didn't mean any of the various things I'd imagined. It wasn't lassoing cats or terrorizing students. It wasn't some exotic dance that he'd done when he was younger. It was just dealing with stuff. Why couldn't they have just said, "I just can't deal with things anymore!" or something else that wasn't so

hard to figure out? Of course, I understand now what I didn't then; that words have specific meanings that add nuance beyond the basic meaning. That's why the weather isn't just cold. It's freezing. It's frigid. Or, on the other end of the spectrum, it's just a little chilly. It's brisk.

You know you need a heavy coat if I say it's frigid, and that a light jacket or even a windbreaker might do if it's just a little chilly.

This all came to me last week when I was visiting, of all places, the restroom of a Dollar General store. If you've been in one of their restrooms lately, you might have noticed signs in both English and Spanish asking you not to flush trash — no botar basura — in the toilet. The thing that struck me most was the closing, though. The English version finishes with "Thank you for your assistance." The Spanish translation finishes with "gracias por tu colaboracion."

It got me thinking about the difference between "assistance" and "collaboration" (which shares roots with its Spanish homonym), and how much nicer it would be if, instead of feeling like we were being asked to help with someone else's task — to provide assistance — so their job is easier, we all felt like

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**Jeremy D. Wells**  
Editor  
Carter County Times

## Policies

### General

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### Letters & Opinion

The Times welcomes all letters to the editor.

Letters should be limited to 300 words or less. Letters should focus on issues that affect the community as a whole, and not personal or business disputes.

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

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

General interest guest columns are welcome. For details email [editor@cartercountytimes.com](mailto:editor@cartercountytimes.com).

### Deadlines

The deadline for news copy and letters to the editor is noon on Monday prior to publication. The deadline for display and classified advertising is 5 p.m. on Monday prior to publication.

**Olive Hill** from A-1

and running. The next step, he said, was to do some chemical testing, but pretreatment would need to be completed first. The company is scheduled to be on site and address some tank issues first, then the pretreatment can be done after.

“We will need to do some disinfecting and tests,” Horner said. “But once we get that done we can get the treatment where it needs to be and (when) they decide there is suitable water in the clear well, we will have the engineer come out and get their reports.”

Horner said once these crucial steps were taken, then the city would need to send a certified letter to the state and hopefully the plant would be producing in the near future. Horner told council he is hopeful that all the steps will be completed by the end of the coming month.

“If things go smoothly, the plant will be in the position to produce water by the end of June,” Horner said.

“We’re replacing a plant that is 80 years old,” Mayor Jerry Callihan told the council. “You may not believe this, but the old plant makes perfect water,” Callihan said of the current system.

The new plant, however, will be better equipped to provide for the city going into the future.

And to commemorate the new state of the art water system, Callihan said there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony which he and council will attend.

The council also read an abbreviated resolution concerning the Municipal

Road Aid Cooperative Agreement. The resolution is an agreement between the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid and the Legislative Body of the Incorporated City of Olive Hill, Kentucky.

The resolution concerned Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 177.365 (1) which provides that 7.7 percent of revenue resulting from the imposition of motor fuel taxes on taxpayers pursuant to KRS 138.220 (1) & (2), KRS 138.660 (1) & (2) and KRS 234.320 shall be set aside for the construction and reconstruction and maintenance of urban roads and streets and for no other purpose.

The resolution was voted on and passed by the council, before also voting to open bidding for blacktop projects. The concern, however, is that considering the low amount of funds approved for the city by the state, there will be no enticement for contractors to place the city projects on equal footing with other, more highly funded projects. Typically, Callihan mentioned, contractors have taken Olive Hill projects toward the end of the paving season, but last year that season ran until blacktop producers shut down for the year.

Currently there are not sufficient funds, even including funds left from the previous year, to complete all of Olive Hill’s paving requirements.

Contact the writer at [charles@cartercountytimes.com](mailto:charles@cartercountytimes.com)

**Fishing** from A-4

knot tying and preparing a fish for the table.

Looking for more places to fish? Click the “Fishing” tab on the site to access the annual fishing forecast for great tips and places to try.

The fishing page also includes a link to the Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) lakes. The FINs program offers dozens of easily accessible, specially stocked lakes near population centers throughout

the state.

If you’re paddling a river or stream during the first weekend in June, don’t forget to take along your fishing gear and a life jacket. You’ll find great floats and get expert fish catching advice when you check out Lee McClellan’s Blue Water Trails series. McClellan, the fishing editor for Kentucky Afield magazine, travels throughout the state in search of new places to fish.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the “PSC”) will conduct a public hearing in Case No. 2023-00092 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 in the Richard Raff Hearing Room (Hearing Room 1) at its offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. The hearing is for the purposes of cross-examination of the witnesses in Case No. 2023-00092 on the 2022 Integrated Resource Planning Report of Kentucky Power Company. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov). Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov).

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the “PSC”) will conduct a public hearing in Case No. 2021-00370 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room (Hearing Room 1) at its offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, unless rescheduled by the PSC. The hearing is for the purposes of cross-examination of the witnesses in Case No. 2021-00370 on the investigation of the service, rates, and facilities of Kentucky Power Company. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov). Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov).

### PUBLIC NOTICE CARTER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Carter County Fiscal court is accepting sealed bids for the 2024/2025 fiscal year for materials and services listed below. Sealed bids will be accepted until June 7, 2024, at 4 PM.

- Fuel bulk-gasoline, diesel, propane
- Oil various weights
- Fluids/Lubricants
- Asphalt pick up and delivered/laid
- Paving emulsion and chip seal oil
- Pipe various sizes
- Limestone various sizes both pick up and delivered
- Hauling
- Heavy Equipment rate per hour including fuel and operator

A detailed list and bid packet are available at the Judge Executive’s office, 300 West Main Street, Room 227, Grayson, KY 41143. All bids will be opened and awarded, June 10, 2024, at 6pm during the regular Carter County Fiscal Court meeting.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 178.050 there will be a public hearing June 10, 2024, at 6:00pm in the Carter County Fiscal Courtroom to remove Leatherwood Fork CR-1296 (0.242mi) from County Maintenance.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 178.050 there will be a Public Hearing JUNE 10, 2024, at 6:00pm in the Fiscal Courtroom to add Mabry Lane to County Maintenance

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Olive Hill will be accepting bids for laid blacktop. Bids will be accepted until 4:00pm June 06. Bids will be opened at the regular June 18th meeting at 6:00pm.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Carter County Board of Education is accepting information from vendors to supply diesel fuel and gasoline for the upcoming school year. Carter County Board of Education is also accepting bids from stores to provide Hardware supplies and agents to provide workers compensation insurance for the upcoming school year. Vender information and bids will be accepted at 228 South Carol Malone Blvd., Grayson, KY 41143 until 2pm June 10, 2024. Information and bid forms can be found at <https://www.cartercountyschools.org> and by clicking on the Bid Opportunities heading.

## JOBS

**Caregiver needed for nightshift** near Carter City. Person must be dependable, trust worthy, have reliable transportation, and be able to pass a background check. Please call (614) 893-4688.

ing schedules, locate the nearest boat ramp and more. To download the app to your phone, search for “Fish Boat KY” in your preferred app store. Remember to insert spaces between words.

If you haven’t enjoyed the fun that angling offers yet this year, take a test drive with a fishing pole during Kentucky’s free fishing days June 1-2.

All boaters, whether paddling or using a gas motor, should remember to use their life jackets when on the water. Learn more about boating safety and locate ramps into Kentucky’s waterways in the “Boating” section of the department’s website.

For those on the go, there’s a new app anglers can use to find directions to local lakes, read fishing reports, learn about regulations, find stock-

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2nd Reading of the Carter County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 24-25 is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 4 p.m.

#### BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations. Be it ordained by the Carter County Fiscal Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Carter County Fiscal Court on the 09 day of May, 2024, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 24-25 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

GENERAL Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,140,161.18
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	35,000.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	99,900.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	2,500.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	25,000.00
7000	DEBT SERVICES	199,347.68
9000	ADMINISTRATION	1,256,173.03
<b>Total GENERAL Fund</b>		<b>3,758,081.89</b>
ROAD Fund		
6100	ROADS	3,738,276.31
7000	DEBT SERVICE	673,531.33
9000	ADMINISTRATION	436,700.00
<b>Total ROAD Fund</b>		<b>4,878,507.64</b>
JAIL Fund		
5100	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,143,764.08
7000	DEBT SERVICE	30,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	1,091,785.92
<b>Total JAIL Fund</b>		<b>3,265,550.00</b>
LGEA Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	24,500.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	400,750.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	168,224.00
6100	ROADS	20,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	288,450.00
<b>Total LGEA Fund</b>		<b>901,924.00</b>
CDBG Fund		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	200,000.00
<b>Total CDBG Fund</b>		<b>200,000.00</b>
FORESTRY FUND Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	21,650.00
<b>Total FORESTRY FUND Fund</b>		<b>21,650.00</b>
CLERK STORAGE FEE Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	76,000.00
<b>Total CLERK STORAGE FEE Fund</b>		<b>76,000.00</b>
OPIOID FUND Fund		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	557,351.14
<b>Total OPIOID FUND Fund</b>		<b>557,351.14</b>
ENHANCED 911 Fund		
5100	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	387,303.38
9000	ADMINISTRATION	85,572.12
<b>Total ENHANCED 911 Fund</b>		<b>472,875.50</b>

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall be published in a local newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

#### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County’s adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

**Semantics** from A-5

we were in it together. I wondered if folks might be tempted to take more ownership and follow these if the language choices suggested we were all partners. After all, if you’re collaborating, it isn’t a superior and subordinate dynamic. You are working together, for the good of everyone, including yourself. Colaboracion. So, could changing our word choice really make any kind of significant

difference in our behavior? Is it really as simple as optimistic phrasing? Probably not.

But it probably wouldn’t hurt either. Who knows, in conjunction with other positive changes, it might have a huge impact someday, because words do have power. That’s something I’ve always understood.

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flow of illegal drugs and dangerous criminals into our communities. We must address Bidenomics – rural American families simply can’t take it anymore.

And we must reassert our global stance that has been severely weakened by the Biden Administration.

“Despite the chaos

*See ROGERS on A-8*

## Congressman Hal Rogers wins 23rd consecutive Republican nomination to represent southern and eastern Kentucky

SOMERSET – U.S. Rep. Harold “Hal” Rogers won the Republican Primary for Kentucky’s Fifth Congressional District, picking up a historic twenty-third consecutive nomination. Rogers is

unopposed in the general election and remains the longest-serving Kentuckian ever elected to a federal office. He issued the following victory statement:

“I’m honored to have the overwhelming confi-

dence and support of folks across Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Our nation needs strong, trusted leaders to push back against the Biden Administration and the extreme ideas that have deeply divided our

country.

“With multiple crises at our door-step, I promise to do everything I can in Washington to strengthen and protect our homeland. We must secure our southern border and stop the

## A challenge to graduates: Build a good life and give back

Thousands of Kentuckians will graduate high school this year, with hundreds right here in our community walking across the stage to accept the diploma and start a new chapter in their lives. It is a bittersweet



**Patrick Flannery**  
Representative  
State of Kentucky

moment for graduates and their families, but an opportunity to accept a challenge, one that leads you to build a good life and give back to the community that built you.

As you step into the next chapter, brimming with excitement and a touch of uncertainty, I urge you to reflect deeply on what it means to build a good life and how you can contribute to the world around you.

Many of you may be dreaming of lucrative careers, luxurious lifestyles, and the fame and fortune that come with professional accomplishments. While these aspirations are not inherently wrong, they are not the essence of a fulfilling life. True fulfillment comes from a life rich in faith, purpose, relationships, and contributions to the greater good.

Building a good life starts with understanding yourself and your values. Take the time to explore your passions and what genuinely makes you happy. Success without passion is hollow; a career that aligns with your values and interests will bring

you both satisfaction and a sense of purpose. It is important that you be able to provide for yourself and your family, but you can do so while making a life that is meaningful.

Cherish your family, friends, and loved ones. Relationships are the cornerstone of a good life and these connections provide support and a sense of belonging that no amount of money can buy. Invest time and effort in nurturing these relationships. Be present, listen actively, and show empathy. In the end, it is the people in our lives who shape our experiences and memories.

Give back. As you carve out your path, remember that you are part of a larger community and a shared world. The impact you have on others and

the environment around you is a measure of your true legacy. Volunteering, mentoring, and engaging in community service are powerful ways to give back. Whether it is dedicating time to a cause you care about, helping someone in need, or simply spreading kindness in your daily interactions, these actions ripple outwards, creating positive change.

Giving back is not only about charity; it is also about responsibility. As educated individuals, you have the power to influence and inspire others. Use your knowledge and skills to advocate for justice, equality, and sustainability. Stand up against injustices and strive to make the world a better place for future generations. Small actions, when multiplied

by millions, can transform the world.

Building a good life and giving back are intertwined. The fulfillment you seek from personal achievements is amplified when you contribute to something larger than yourself. This creates a cycle of positivity where personal growth and social contribution feed into each other.

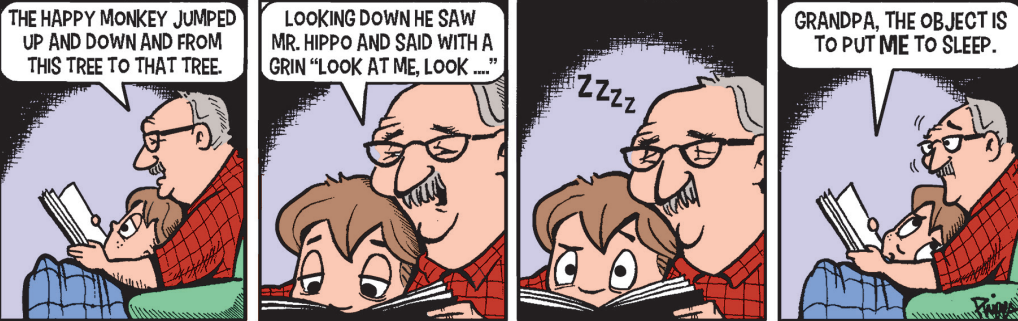
As you embark on this new journey, remember that success is not a destination, but a process. It is defined by the integrity with which you live, the relationships you cultivate, and the positive impact you leave behind. Strive for excellence, but also strive for goodness. Challenge yourself to be not just successful, but significant.

You have the potential to create a future that is bright not only for yourself but for those around you. Embrace this opportunity with enthusiasm, compassion, and a commitment to making a difference. The world is waiting for the unique contributions that only you can make. Go forth and build lives that are not only successful but truly good, and in doing so, give back generously to the community that has nurtured you.

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 [flannery@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:flannery@lrc.ky.gov) and keep track through the Kentucky legislature’s website at [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov).

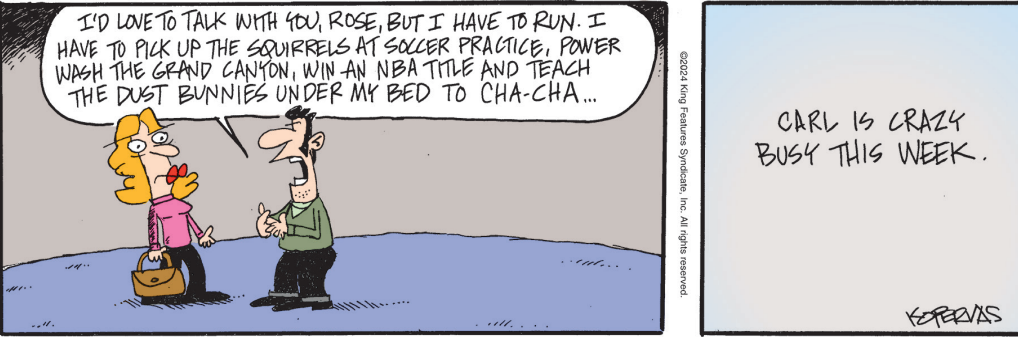
# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



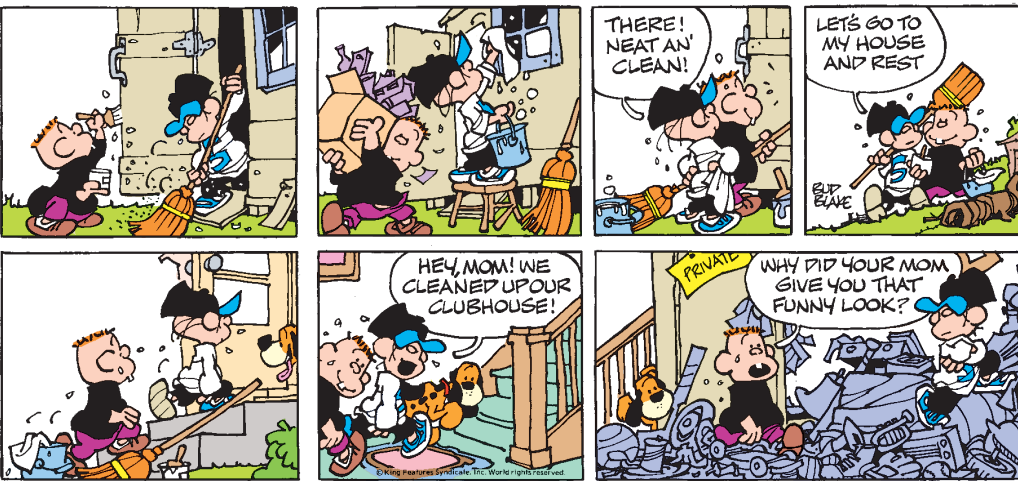
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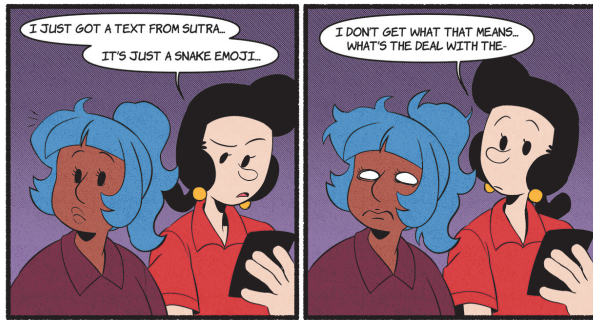


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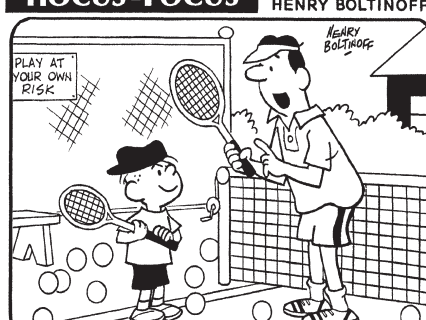


# OLIVE



# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



# 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: R equals S

RXHFYTD FVIXBQHP IHVPA  
BEYQR ITCH QV SH BRHC SA  
TFQPHRR PHYC TEC RZTQHP  
DYXYERZY: QTPT SAQHR.

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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!

Inspire

TEALE

Feature

DILATE

Elegy

RIDGE

Noble

DROUP

TODAY'S WORD

"The bases are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so is Leon!"

# 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. Broker's venture	_____ T _____	Actually	_____ L _____
2. Insertion mark	___ R ___	Military student	___ D ___
3. Slick or Kelly	___ C ___	Wine fruit	___ P ___
4. Tenant	L _____	L.A. ballplayer	D _____
5. Lancelot's weapon	___ D _____	Took an oath	___ E _____
6. Child caregiver	___ N _____	Detective Drew	___ C _____
7. Small ketchup holder	___ A _____	Pouch	___ O _____
8. Additional benefit	___ U _____	Tibias and mandibles	___ E _____
9. Frilly skirt edging	___ U _____	Sweepstakes	___ A _____
10. Goliath's opponent	___ D _____	Actress Bette	___ S _____

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# GO FIGURE!

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

DIFFICULTY: ★

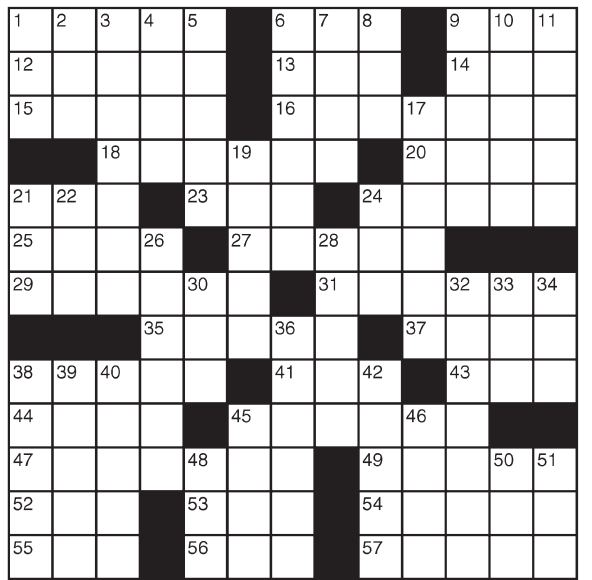
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Annoyed state
- 6 Suitable
- 9 TV schedule abbr.
- 12 Road reversal
- 13 Cornfield noise
- 14 "— the Walrus"
- 15 Idaho's capital
- 16 Minor complaint
- 18 Vehicle's capacity
- 20 Intends
- 21 German pronoun
- 23 "... — quit!"
- 24 Unravels
- 25 Second in command
- 27 Fighting
- 29 "Already?"
- 31 Unparalleled
- 35 Track horse
- 37 Continental currency
- 38 Nepal's neighbor
- 41 D-Day vessel
- 43 — -de-France
- 44 Sole
- 45 Litter container
- 47 Without a sound
- 49 Aromas
- 52 Ornate vase
- 53 Bit of physics



- 54 Illuminated
  - 55 "A spider!"
  - 56 Summer on the Seine
  - 57 Very small
  - 9 Leg bone
  - 10 Pleasantly warm
  - 11 Make — of (bungle)
  - 17 "Peter Pan" author
  - 19 Swiss money
  - 21 Hosp. hook-ups
  - 22 Corp. boss
  - 24 Summer cooler
  - 26 Spinach-eating sailor
  - 28 German sausage
  - 30 Granola grain
  - 32 Man of La Mancha
  - 33 Web address
  - 34 Fair hirer, in ads
  - 36 Boosler of comedy
  - 38 Chef's hat
  - 39 Accustom
  - 40 Lose a starting contest
  - 42 Letter-shaped hardware
  - 45 Coagulate
  - 46 "Garfield" dog
  - 48 Cravat
  - 50 Ske-daddle
  - 51 CIA operative
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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
  - ◆◆ Challenging
  - ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!
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# WORD LADDERS

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

## CARDS

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## PAGED

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the community college in the sitcom "Community"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which two countries in South America are landlocked?
- HISTORY: Where did the effective end of the Civil War take place?
- U.S. STATES: Which state comes first alphabetically?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is an affogato?
- MOVIES: Which movie features the character Inigo Montoya?
- ENTERTAINERS: What is singer/songwriter Taylor Swift's middle name?
- ANATOMY: What is the smallest organ in the human body?
- LITERATURE: Which fantasy novel (later made into an HBO series called "Game of Thrones") features a place called Winterfell?
- GEOLOGY: What is the most malleable metal?

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- Answers
- Greenland Community College.
  - Bolivia and Paraguay.
  - Appomattox Court House, Virginia.
  - Alabama.
  - Dessert of ice cream and coffee.
  - "The Princess Bride."
  - Alison.
  - Pineal gland.
  - "A Song of Ice and Fire."
  - Gold.

## SCRAMBLERS

LOADED  
Today's Word  
3. Didge; 4. Froud  
1. Elate; 2. Detail;  
solution

WORD LADDER  
Answer  
CARDS, CARES, FARES,  
FARED, PARED, PAGED

Weekly SUDOKU

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

Answer

## CryptoQuip

Special computer memory  
units made to be used by  
actress Field and skater  
Lipinski: Tara bytes.

# King Crossword

Solution time: 26 mins.

## Even Exchange

Answers

1.	Reilly, Reilly
2.	Carrel, Carrel
3.	Grace, Grape
4.	Lodger, Lodger
5.	Sword, Snow
6.	Nanny, Nancy
7.	Packet, Pocket
8.	Bonus, Bones
9.	Riffin, Riffin
10.	David, Davis

**Homemakers** from A-2

61 first-time participants, took part in the three-day meeting celebrating the theme “Blazing the Way with KEHA.”

“I saw so many people from across the state that I had met over the last year. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming. Many commented on what a great meeting it was,” said KEHA President Brenda Hammons. “Cultural Arts outdid themselves with items that were outstanding and arranged beautifully. Many people told me they had learned so much from the classes they attended and couldn’t wait to get home and tell the rest of their club members. It was an outstanding week!”

This year’s event kicked off with an opening luncheon May 7. The keynote speaker was Ryan Eichler, director of market-

ing and communications for the National Corvette Museum. KEHA also celebrated 47 years of support for the UK Ovarian Cancer Research and Screening Program with the presentation of awards. Dr. Edward Pavlik, Ovarian Cancer Screening Research Director, was presented with a check for \$47,011.27. KEHA’s lifetime contribution to the program is more than \$1.67 million.

During the May 8 general session, the KEHA Choir performed seven songs. One of the songs had special lyrics that paid tribute to KEHA’s state educational chairs and county Family and Consumer Sciences agents. The 27-member choir includes KEHA members from 19 counties and is under the direction of Wendy Hood, current Fort Harrod Area Presi-

dent. This was the seventh year the choir performed as part of the conference.

Three fundraising activities conducted as part of the meeting yielded more than \$7,000 to support designated projects. A raffle generated \$3,300 to add to the contributions to the UK Ovarian Cancer Research and Screening Program. A silent auction raised \$1,906 to benefit the 4-H Foundation. Additionally, 225 handmade quilt squares were displayed and auctioned, providing \$1,849 to help offset the cost of hosting the state meeting.

Again this year, the homemakers participated in a service project benefiting the Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville. At least 14 counties donated about 90 twin-sized bed quilts, including some

that were handmade. The popular Cultural Arts and Heritage contest included 677 entries that meeting attendees could view and enjoy.

“I thought our meeting was a success in carrying out the theme of ‘Blazing the Way with KEHA.’ Our speaker from the Corvette Museum was tremendous. All the workshops were interesting and educational. People got great information out of our meeting this year,” said 1st Vice President Ann Porter. “We’re looking forward to next year. I’m excited that it will be in Lexington and I hope that it being more centrally located will draw more people from all over the state. We’re looking forward to getting some good speakers, so submit ideas for workshops soon!”

The annual state

meeting provides a time for training, networking, recognition, and celebration. Attendees participated in educational seminars addressing topics ranging from technology skill building to cooking, and from leadership to health topics. Additionally, a series of concurrent workshops provided training in each of KEHA’s eight educational program areas of emphasis. State officers also hosted training workshops for local, county, and area officers who attended. The KEHA State Meeting concluded with an awards luncheon and the installation of newly elected officers.

KEHA is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to education, leadership, and volunteer service. To learn more, like and follow the organiza-

tion’s Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/officialKEHA](https://www.facebook.com/officialKEHA) or visit [www.keha.org](https://www.keha.org). Follow <https://www.facebook.com/CarterCountyFCSEXT> or visit <https://carter.ca.uky.edu/> for local information.

Six Carter County Extension Homemaker members attended the KEHA meeting along with their advisor, Whitney Morrow, Carter County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Whitney Morrow led two educational seminars along with a UK specialist, titled “The Balancing Act: Making Time for Everything”. Carter County members learned valuable information to come back and share to their communities.

**Rogers** from A-6

across the country, we are overcoming longtime challenges in our region, including driving down overdose death rates, rebuilding stronger communities after the deadly Eastern Kentucky flood, creating new opportunities in our coal communities, and helping our next gen-

eration realize the American Dream and accomplish greater things than we ever imagined – like working on NASA missions.

“The mountain grit and integrity of our region inspires me everyday, and I’m proud to have the opportunity to continue serving the region that I

call home.”

Rogers became Dean of the U.S. House in 2022 and has served on the House Appropriations Committee for more than 40 years, ensuring the responsible use of taxpayer dollars to lift up Southern and Eastern Kentucky. His vision for a stronger region

spurred some of rural Kentucky’s greatest success stories. Organizations such as Operation UNITE, Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR), Eastern Kentucky PRIDE’s environmental cleanup campaign, Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED), and

the Center for Rural Development have brought local communities together by providing hope in the fight against drugs, revitalizing our coal communities, strengthening our infrastructure, supporting small business development, advancing innovative opportunities, boosting

the tourism economy and creating jobs.

For more information about Hal Rogers for Congress, visit [CongressmanHalRogers.com](https://CongressmanHalRogers.com).

# Celebrating Carter County Graduates



East Carter Graduation (Photos by Kelli Cornelia Photography)

West Carter Graduation (Photos by Lillian Stone, Carter County Times)

By Lillian Stone  
*Carter County Times*

Graduates from East and West celebrated their big day – with East Carter graduates crossing the stage on Thursday evening and West Carter on Friday.

Family and friends gathered for the special day at both schools, with the board of education declaring special meetings to participate in the events

and helping hand out diplomas to graduates.

At East Carter Tessa Goble gave the commencement address while on the West end of the county Ryan Blake was recognized for nine years of perfect attendance, graduating with a 4.5 GPA and a full ride scholarship to Morehead State University. Student musical performances took place during both events as well, with

American Idol participant Corey Hedge finishing his senior year with a song he wrote for graduation night. Teachers, staff, and ushers at both events worked to make the evening an unforgettable day for graduates to look back on.

The classes also remembered those classmates who were no longer with them, with West Carter remembering Ben Barker, a young man who did not

get a chance to see his graduation day. A moment of silence was held for Ben, with a framed picture, his cap, gown, and other things representing his hard work ethic in place at the ceremony. Students said they felt as though Ben was right alongside them on this special day.

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