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Defense presents new evidence in Mitchell case

Judge gives Middleton, Binion, and Leslie chance to consider plea deals

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Judge Rebecca Phillips has set a jury trial date in the Tristan Mitchell case. Unless the defense and the Commonwealth come to agreeable terms on a deal before then, Mitchell will have his day in court, before a jury of his peers, on July 15. This new trial

date comes after earlier dates were rejected by the defense attorney, due to complications with accessing documentation related to the case, and after the defense presented new evidence that the Commonwealth needs to review. Mitchell had requested a speedy trial, and the judge had set a date for a jury trial next Tuesday, June 11. That date was set after an April trial date was rejected by the defense, who asked for more time for discovery. While the defense attorney in the case told Judge Phillips that they wanted a speedy trial,

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Wendell Middleton (submitted photo)



Billie Binion (submitted photo)



Thomas Leslie (submitted photo)

Parades, music, and big hair

Grayson Memory Days gives a nod to the 1980s

By: Lilian Stone
Carter County Times

For more than 50 years Memory Days, hosted in Grayson, has been a time when friends and family from all over – no matter their differences – come together and celebrate with great food, drinks, fun, and laughter. A major highlight of the weekend, every year, is the parade. Taking place on Saturday, May 25, the parade saw companies and organizations from all over the city gather together to show their gratitude and support for the people of Grayson. WSAZ, trucking organizations,

cheer organizations, dance organizations, and many more people came together to walk the parade route. Big smiles, and fun, were shared with all those in attendance. Children played on side-walks, and people mingled with one another to enjoy the sunny day. Participating in this year's grand parade were some familiar faces but not ones you see on the streets as often as you do on your television. Beetlejuice, a name that no one repeated three times, made an appearance taking pictures with people all over Main Street. Batman was also in attendance, giving love to all and showing awareness to the ones who deserve to be heard; like Mr.

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(Photo by Lilian Stone, Carter County Times)

Fiscal Court approves pay increase

Boggs requests further increase in jail wages

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Carter County fiscal court held a special meeting on May 30, with the second reading of the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, discussion of a proposed offer to purchase a property adjacent to the courthouse, and personnel concerns on the agenda. The court also went into executive session, but no action was taken during that session. The change in pay for county employees dominated the meeting resulting in a raise in wages for full-time employees and a change of pay for new hires and part-time employees. Starting pay for full-time employees

going forward from July 1 of 2024 will be at \$14.50 per hour, and current employees will also receive a pay increase. Current employees making \$14.30 per hour and above will receive a five percent pay increase, and any employees earning below \$14.30 will receive a pay increase to \$14.50 per hour. Part-time employees will be starting out at \$13 per hour, which will take effect this month. The court also voted to hire three part-time employees for the road department. Carter County Jailer R.W. Boggs addressed the court concerning the pay scale for promotions in his department. Boggs said that it would not affect the 24-25 year budget, but he would like to see an increase in the raises his employees receive upon being promoted to a higher rank. Under the current format, a promotion to Sergeant, for

example, includes a one dollar per hour raise. Boggs said that this isn't an accurate reflection of the increased workload and responsibilities for the position, and he would like to see that become a two dollar per hour raise in wages. Boggs said that currently all raises are one dollar across the board, regardless of promotion level. He said that he would like to see a promotion of deputy to sergeant yield a two dollar raise, and sergeant to lieutenant receive an additional two dollar increase in wages. That change, Boggs said, makes advancement more worthwhile and would make the employees more career minded. The court voted to approve the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, as well as approving the scheduled claims and transfers. The court also discussed begin-

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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.

- Timothy Tackett, 26, address unavailable, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked May 28.
- Gregory Davis, 46, of Rush, arrested by Boyd County Jail, on charges of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, and flagrant non-support, arrested May 26, booked May 28.
- Jared Binion, 41, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Jail,

held for pre-trial on a charge of murder, arrested March 24, booked May 29.

- Jesse Cox, 34, of Gurley, AL, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked May 29.
- Anthony Garvin, 33, of London, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges including three counts of trafficking in a controlled substance (heroin), and a single count each of trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 oz.), and theft of identity of another, arrested March 14, booked May 29.
- George Caldwell, 49, of Web- bville, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of no

registration receipt, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, and other traffic offenses not listed, arrested and booked May 29.

- Deidra Hall, 41, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), first degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), and illegal possession of a legend drug, arrested and booked May 29.
- David Maynard, 34, address unavailable, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of theft by deception – including cold check under \$500, arrested and booked May 29.
- Braden Fuller, 22, address

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This Week's Obituaries

Debra Powell Strickland, 70

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LIFESTYLE



Here's the scoop: Celebrating National Chocolate Ice Cream Day

This Friday is June 7, and guess what? That is National Chocolate Ice Cream Day!

If you're anything like me, you're already marking your calendar with chocolatey delight. I mean, who doesn't love an excuse to indulge in a scoop (or two) of creamy, dreamy chocolate goodness?

In honor of this delightful holiday, I want to share with you a technique that will elevate your chocolate ice cream experience to new heights: the Chocolate Bombe Glacée.

Now, you might be wonder-

ing, what exactly is a bombe glacée? Well, in culinary terms, a bombe is a frozen dessert typically made in a spherical shape. It's a fancy pants way of serving ice cream with several different flavors and textures of ice cream that create layers of color and taste sensations. Most importantly, it's a beautiful presentation. As I've said many times before, a beautiful presentation doesn't cost anything. Creativity is free, or priceless, depending on how you look at it.

For our Chocolate Bombe Glacée, I chose three layers of chocolate ice cream -- chocolate brownie, coffee almond chocolate and mudslide -- with a chocolate ganache filling in the center, drizzled with chocolate shell.

That's for today, but the flavor possibilities are endless! It's a dessert fit for royalty, yet simple enough to make at home without breaking the bank.

CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM BOMBE GLACÉE

Special Equipment:
Three nesting freezer-safe bowls (a large one and two smaller ones that fit inside)
A spatula
Plastic wrap

Ingredients:

Three flavors of ice cream or sorbet
Chocolate sauce, optional

Soften your first flavor of ice cream by placing it in the refrigerator for about 30 minutes. Once softened, give it a stir and spread it evenly along the sides of the largest bowl using a spatula.

Wrap the outside of the second bowl in plastic wrap and press it firmly into the first layer of ice cream to create an even layer. Leave it in place and freeze until firm. While the first layer sets, soften your second flavor of ice cream in the refrigerator.

Once the first layer is firm, remove the bowl and plastic and add the softened second flavor. Repeat the process of wrapping the smaller bowl, pressing firmly and freezing to set the second flavor. Soften your final flavor of ice cream while the second layer sets.

When the second layer has set, fill the remaining space in the bombe with the final flavor of ice cream or sorbet. Return to the freezer for at least one hour to set completely.

To Unmold the Bombe:
When ready to unmold, fill your sink with hot water and carefully dip the bowl into the water for 10 seconds to loosen



Layers of indulgence in every slice: Create this easy yet stunning Chocolate Bombe Glacée (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

the edges. Immediately flip the bowl onto a plate to release the bombe. You may need to use a spatula or knife to help it along. Return the bombe to the freezer to firm up one last time before serving. To serve, slice the bombe like a pie using a heavy, sharp knife.

Optional: You can drizzle this with chocolate sauce for some extra pizzazz.

CHOCOLATE MAGIC SHELL
3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 tablespoon coconut oil

Using the microwave, melt the chips and oil together in 20 second increments, stirring until

smooth. This will harden when drizzled on ice cream.

So, my fellow frugal foodies, let's celebrate National Chocolate Ice Cream Day in style. Whip up a Chocolate Bombe Glacée for yourself and your loved ones. After all, life is too short not to enjoy a little chocolate now and then, especially on a day like today.

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. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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Bluegrass Bible Beat

Weep, we must

By: Sling 'n Stone Ministry for Carter County Times

The Lord Jesus Christ came as “a man acquainted with grief.” (Isaiah 53:3) Confirming that prophecy, Luke 19:41-44 says: “As He came near, He beheld the city, and wept over it.” (Luke 19:41). Jesus wept because those who He came to save stood blind to “the time of [their] visitation.” (Luke 19:44) Weeping, Jesus declared Israel’s rejection of Him meant their destruction. (Luke 19:42-44) Thirty-seven years later, Rome’s army laid waste to Jerusalem.

Isaiah 53:3 also prophesied Jesus would be “a man of sorrows.” Remember the rich young ruler and the Garden of Gethsemane? The young ruler rejected Jesus’s invitation, “Follow Me,” choosing worldly riches instead. (Luke 18:18-23) When Jesus saw that, “Jesus was very sorrowful.” (Luke 19:24) Jesus knew the young man’s

choice meant “a furnace of fire,” where “there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 13:42) In Gethsemane, Jesus wrestled with His approaching crucifixion’s agonies and confessed: “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful unto death.” (Mark 14:34) So, the Lord openly wept and sorrowed for sin and its consequences for all who reject Him.

I Peter 2:21 says: “Christ... leaving us an example, the ye should follow His steps.” What does this mean for us? It means we should say, as did the Psalmist: “Rivers of water run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law,” (Psalms 119:136) and “I beheld the transgressors and grieved; because they kept not thy Word.” (Psalms 119:158) We know those who die in sin suffer eternal fire, weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth. But do we weep and sorrow for their sinful souls and pray God give them repentance?

Great revival preachers of old did.

During the First Great Awakening, God’s great evangelist George Whitefield openly wept heaving sobs before sinful thousands, proclaiming: “If you will not weep for your crimes against a holy God, then George Whitefield will weep for you!” Then, Whitefield would throw his head back and sob like a baby in open-air meetings, weeping for the lost multitudes. When did any 21st century preacher last do that? When did any of us last do that? When did we last weep for sinners and their certain doom, either privately before God, or publicly before sinners as did George Whitefield?

This, beloved, we must do if we are to rescue sinners from a Christless eternity. We must soak our prayers and harvest fields with torrents of hot tears and follow Jesus’s example. If we do not, folks we today love will be forever lost; weeping, wailing, and gnashing their teeth under God’s vengeance in His fiery furnace. Beloved, that need not be; and so now, weep, we must.

Upcoming events in Elliott County

Fiddlers Convention, Hog Roast, and Minnie Adkins Days on schedule

By: Judy Craig
Carter County Times

What a great time to be living in Elliott County; seeing nature's beauty, and getting ready for the

festivals! Did you all attend the County Music Festival in Russel this weekend? If not, the next festival will be 7/12 & 13 located in Louisa. SOARs have a great line-up of artists to entertain y'all. Elliott County Tourism had a great time, sharing what Elliott County has to offer. Many people there expressed interest in the Laurel Gorge Heritage Center and all the activities and hikes.

Some of those upcoming events include:
June 8 is the annual

Motorcycle Ride followed by the Hog Roast. Please contact Little Sandy Lodge for more information at 606-738 5515.

July 6 is our 4th of July celebration, and it's going to be so much fun this year! We are planning on face painting, carnival games, Jericho the Clown doing balloon animals, Yanni the great stilt walker, and music by our own talented folks. We are still in need of food trucks. If you would like to participate,

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report			
Compared to last week, feeder steers sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher and feeder heifers mostly steady to 4.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Yearling steers and heifers were steady to firm. There was good to very good demand with a good supply of good to very good quality offerings for all classes. Slaughter cows sold steady to 4.00 higher and slaughter bulls steady to 2.00 higher with good demand for all slaughter classes. Receipts were significantly lower this week as markets were closed for the Memorial Day holiday.			
Week ending 6/1/24			
STATE AVERAGES			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	332.55	337.14	244.27
400-450 lbs	320.87	327.44	239.86
450-500 lbs	322.83	319.20	246.40
500-550 lbs	301.20	306.53	232.12
550-600 lbs	296.50	291.73	238.01
600-650 lbs	281.69	275.82	225.08
650-700 lbs	275.31	265.36	217.25
700-750 lbs	260.98	251.20	208.41
750-800 lbs	247.00	243.11	204.20
800-850 lbs	236.46	226.82	194.16
850-900 lbs	228.08	232.76	184.66
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	298.18	305.97	215.33
350-400 lbs	298.60	304.20	220.39
400-450 lbs	291.40	288.74	216.34
450-500 lbs	284.42	283.96	216.22
500-550 lbs	271.96	271.49	214.13
550-600 lbs	264.44	259.71	209.44
600-650 lbs	243.85	240.54	199.12
650-700 lbs	244.21	234.40	184.87
700-750 lbs	221.27	222.57	184.02
750-800 lbs	220.93	220.07	174.61
WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	125.00-145.50	130.00-166.50	111.00-127.00
Boners	115.00-143.00	121.00-163.00	67.00-118.50
Lean	80.00-138.00	117.00-160.00	90.00-120.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	130.00-174.00	150.00-188.00	136.00-155.00
May 23, 2024 Bowling Green, KY			
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 6/1/24			
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.16-4.68	4.28-4.70	5.76-6.48
Soybeans	11.40-12.48	11.71-12.65	12.77-14.11
Red Winter Wheat	5.93-6.93	6.04-6.87	5.16-6.14



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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Soil compaction is hard on a garden

Gardening season is in full force. It's a good time to think about the soil in your garden plots and beds. Soil compaction creates an unfriendly growing environment for plants and is a serious problem for many home gardeners. But don't worry, it is relatively easy to prevent.

Compaction transforms soil into a difficult environment for plant growth by making it harder for roots, water to penetrate the soil. Major causes of compaction are working the soil when it is too wet, foot traffic and excessive rototiller use.

To reduce this problem, avoid working in the garden or walking in it when the soil is too wet. Squeeze a handful of soil and if it forms a muddy ball, rather than crumbling when you open your hand, that's a sign the soil is too wet to work.

Walk between plants and rows in the garden area to reduce compaction in primary plant growth areas.

Excessive rototiller use destroys soil structure and promotes compaction. When compaction takes place in a dense soil structure, it also makes root growth more difficult.

A little hand hoeing, rather than a rototiller, may be all you need to do to eliminate a few weeds. It usually causes less soil damage than repeated rototilling and is less harmful to the earthworms that help aerate the soil.

You also can use mulch to control weeds instead of tilling. Layering mulch 2 to 3 inches deep relieves the pressure of walking on the soil, reducing the degree of compaction.

Contact the Carter County Cooperative Extension Service for more

gardening information. 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.

Upcoming Events
•Hike & Learn – Friday, June 7th @ 1:00 PM – Morehead State University Eagle Lake
•Farmer's Markets Open – Saturday, June 15th @ 8:00 AM at the Olive Hill Market (Save-a-Lot Parking Lot) and @ 9:00 AM at the Grayson Market (Shed behind the Extension Office)
•Ag Development Board Meeting – Monday, June 24th @ 6:00 PM – Extension Office



Rebecca Konopka
Carter County
Extension Agent

Arrests from A-1

unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked May 29.

- John Clevenger, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a parole violation, for a technical violation, arrested and booked May 30.
- Engil Duncan, 69, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police,

on charges of inadequate silencer (muffler), failure to wear seat belts, no tail lamps, and improper equipment, arrested and booked May 30.

- Eric Hall, 36, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of trafficking in a controlled substance (cartentanil or fentanyl derivatives), first degree trafficking in a controlled substance

(less than two grams of methamphetamine), and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked May 30.

- James Clark, 40, of Ashland, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked May 31.
- Brittany Merrill, 34, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and

booked June 1.

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.

Fiscal Court from A-1

ning negotiations for a lease agreement with First Baptist for court parking during the court’s regular business hours. The need

for the lease is in part due to difficulties in the proposed purchase of a piece of property adjacent to the courthouse. The property

in question was appraised by a commercial appraiser at \$241,000, and that appraisal was for less than what the current owner is

asking for purchase.

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Defense from A-1

he also told the judge he “wants to be prepared” explaining that his office had experienced technical issues associated with accessing items on the court’s docushare server. He told the judge that his office has now been able to access those files, after the Commonwealth provided assistance with navigating the system, and they have been downloaded for him to review.

The defense also provided new information in the form of an “expert’s report” that the Commonwealth had not seen yet and needed time to review.

Judge Phillips noted that there was, “no hint of an agreement at this point,” and told Mitchell that her, “concern is that you asked for a speedy trial, and I gave you a speedy trial,” but then his attorney ran into the issues with discovery. Because of the additional discovery time required for his attorney, and the Judge’s obligations in the other three counties she covers, she told Mitchell she was, “not sure when I’d be able to accommodate (you) with first case status.”

She said she could give Mitchell second case status during that time, but that she also had obligations to other defendants in those other counties.

“I want you to be aware, before you ask to continue,” she said. “Do you understand that?”

Mitchell and his attorney answered in the affirmative, and the Commonwealth stated they had no objection to pushing the date to July, noting that it should be “within our ability” to review the new defense evidence by then. Phillips told the attorneys that the court would sustain the motion from the defense to set a new trial date for July 15, unless the defense and Commonwealth came to a deal before then.

In other action on Monday afternoon, Judge Phillips gave Wendell Middleton and his defense attorney an additional two weeks to review and consider a plea deal in his sexual abuse and sodomy case. Middleton has been incarcerated at the Carter County Detention Center since June of last year on charges including two

counts of first degree sexual abuse, and two counts of first degree sodomy. Middleton’s attorney had received an offer in the case the previous week, but had not yet had a chance to review it due to other state mandated obligations.

“You’re obviously under no obligation to accept (the deal),” Phillips told Middleton, but if he did choose to accept the deal, the court would allow him to change his plea at that time.

The judge also set another pretrial hearing in the assault, resisting arrest, and fleeing and evading police case against Billie Binion. She told attorneys for the defense and the Commonwealth that they had until June 17, and if they could arrange a deal by then she would convert the pretrial hearing to a change of plea. Binion has been in custody since January of 2023 on those charges, which include an inmate assault on a correctional office, following her arrest for a stabbing incident in Olive Hill on January 26 of last year.

The judge also advised Thomas Leslie that he

would not be eligible for bond in the case before her because of another pending case in district court. Leslie, who has been held on charges related to domestic violence assault, wanton endangerment, and violation of a Kentucky emergency protection order/domestic violence order, has been held in custody since November of last year. Leslie inquired about the possibility of bond after the judge explained that the Commonwealth was in possession of some new evidence in the case, which they had shared with the defense. Phillips told Leslie that she was granting his defense two weeks to review that information, discuss it with him, and consider any new offers. But, she explained, he “can’t go anywhere” at the present time. Because of his other case in district court, she said, his conditional discharge had been revoked and he wouldn’t be able to leave the jail even if she set bond in his case.

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The legislative interim: Preparing for the 2025 regular session

The Kentucky General Assembly’s calendar is divided between Regular Sessions, during which we are free to pass legislation, and Interim Periods, during which we are free to conduct meetings and provide government oversight. The Regular Session begins the first Tuesday of each year, and the Interim follows on the first weekday of June.

The Interim Period, a crucial part of our legislative calendar, allows legislators to develop the agenda for the next session and monitor how past legislation is being implemented and its efficacy. During this time, 16 Interim Joint Committees, seven Budget Review Committees,

nine Statutory - or legally required - committees

and various task forces meet to investigate and hear concerns. These committees and the active participation of community members and regional stakeholders in their meetings are vital to the development of meaningful legislation and to resolving the unique challenges facing the Commonwealth.

As in a Regular Session, there are many ways for you to follow along, be involved, and keep track of legislative actions. You can utilize Kentucky Educational Television or Legislative Research Commission livestreams of legislative meetings on

YouTube or their respective websites. However, attending meetings in person at the Capital Annex offers a unique opportunity to engage with the legislative process and voice your concerns directly. The web address to the legislature’s website is legislature.ky.gov, and this is where you may find the schedules for committees throughout the Interim. If you plan to visit in person, please note the ongoing construction and renovation of the exterior of the Capitol Annex, which has affected parking and traffic flow on the Capitol Campus. Due to this, the best parking at the Capitol is the parking garage, located at 861 Old Lawrenceburg Road.

In addition to the Interim meetings, the summer and fall months provide an excellent opportunity for families and schools to tour the Capitol and other historic locations in Frankfort. As your Representative in the Capitol, I would be happy to make tour arrangements and meet with any groups from our district. To schedule a tour or a meeting, please contact my office at the email or phone number listed below.

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.



Patrick Flannery
Representative
State of Kentucky

Events from A-2

drop us a line.

We will also have our New T-shirts for sale at the low price of \$20.00. This is our only fund-raising event. The Christmas Jubilee shirts are half off at \$10.00

The 5th annual Elliott County Fiddlers Convention is coming up July 12 – 14 at the Little Sandy Lodge.

Minnie Adkins Day is also fast approaching.

Remember folks you

can follow us on Facebook or visit our website at visite ElliottCounty.com for more information.

We meet the second Monday of each month at 5 pm at the Laurel Gorge Heritage center – we’d love

for you to join us.

Let’s keep turning ME into “WE can do!”

Contact us at news@cartercountytimes.com

CALENDAR

- **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
- **6/11: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Johnny's Pizza
- **6/11: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall
- **6/11: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **6/12: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **6/15: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **6/15: Grayson Farmer’s Market @ 9 a.m.** | Farmer’s Market Shed, Carter County Extension Office
- **6/15: Friends of the Library meeting @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **6/17: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686

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



Pet of the Week

Archie is a 72 pound male mixed breed, believed to be around two years old, and ready for his forever home. His \$100 adoption fee includes rabies vaccination and being neutered. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet him or call 475-9771 for more information.

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

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A message from the City of Grayson and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Office

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Summer help available for students trying to complete FAFSA, financial aid process

FRANKFORT -- To help ensure students can successfully submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and begin college in the fall confident in the amount of funding they will receive, GEAR UP Kentucky (GUK), a unit of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, is partnering with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) throughout the month of June to provide FAFSA completion and financial aid assistance.

The new FAFSA form includes revised formulas that means more students will be eligible for financial aid. However, the delayed rollout of the new form by the U.S. Department of Education has made it challenging for class of 2024 high school graduates and current college students to determine the amount of financial aid they will qualify for in the 2024-25 school year. The statewide campaign, which will provide both a virtual event and one-on-one assistance, is aimed at reducing the confusion associated with the new form and increasing student completion rates, which are currently at an all-time five-year low.

Statewide virtual event

On Tuesday, June 4 GUK and KHEAA will co-host a virtual session designed especially for recent high school graduates, current college students and their parents/guardians. “FAFSA First Aid: What’s Next After the FAFSA” will enable participants to:

- understand their college financial aid paperwork and processes;
- hear the most up-to-date information about the 2024 financial aid timeline; and
- ask KHEAA financial aid experts their questions about FAFSA and financial aid.

To participate, go to

GEAR UP Kentucky’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/GearUpKentucky, at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Local one-on-one assistance

Each Wednesday, beginning June 5, GEAR UP Kentucky is joining KHEAA in its statewide Kentucky FAFSA Office Hours. In-person FAFSA and financial aid help will be offered from 2-4 p.m. local time at more than 70 locations statewide; all students and parents/guardians are welcome to drop in for assistance. The Kentucky FAFSA Office Hours being hosted by GUK staff

are listed below; a complete listing of all available locations, as well as details about the locations below, can be found at www.kygoestocollege.com.

- Augusta Independent School: June 12 and 26
- Bath County High School: June 5, 12 and 26
- Fleming County High School: June 12 and 26
- Frankfort High School: June 5, 12 and 26
- Holmes High School: June 5, 12 and 26
- Marion County High School: June 12 and 26 (Note: Also hosting session on June 6)
- Mason County High School: June 5, 12 and 26
- Mercer County Senior

High School: June 5, 12 and 26

- Paris-Bourbon County Public Library: June 5, 12 and 26 (Note: Spanish translation services available on June 12 and 26.)
- Pendleton County High School: June 5 and 12
- Pendleton County Board of Education: June 26 at 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Pendleton County Public Library: June 26 at 1-3:30 p.m.
- Robertson County School: June 5, 12 and 26

In addition to these in-person events, visit www.gearupky.org/money for FAFSA information and assistance resources.

People’s Clinic Foundation, Inc. closes

MOREHEAD - The People’s Clinic Foundation, Inc., of Morehead has closed its doors after 19 years of free medical care to citizens of Rowan and 10 other area counties.

It was chartered as a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization in 2004 and began seeing patients in 2005 under the direction of Executive Director Kay Stiner and a volunteer Board of Directors whose members included Mark Neff, Yvonne Baldwin, Willie Roberts, Diana Walke, Dr. Enawgaw Mehari, Dr. Alban Wheeler, and Peggy Reeves. Jim Brandenburg was executive director for 11 years.

Until about five years

ago, the People’s Clinic had a constant patient load of 100 to 150 per month from its service area. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), the accompanying expansion of Medicaid, and the creation of the health insurance marketplace, the need for free clinic medical care for the uninsured and underinsured declined substantially. With fewer patients to see, the clinic’s volunteer medical providers sought other opportunities to use their skills.

As a result of these changes in the health care landscape, the demand for free services at the People’s Clinic has declined to fewer than a dozen patients

per month and the nature of the care shifted primarily to dental procedures with a few referrals in mental health and food security.

Realizing that declining patient load meant fewer budgetary needs, the People’s Clinic significantly reduced its fundraising activities except for some modest grants.

From the beginning, St. Claire Regional Medical Center, now St. Claire HealthCare, has been the No. 1 financial supporter of the People’s Clinic. In addition to funding the executive director’s position, the hospital has provided access to medical tests, medications, and supplies at little or no cost to clinic

patients.

Donald Lloyd, St. Claire’s current CEO and president, has served on the People’s Clinic Board of Directors since coming to Morehead in 2019. He has continued the hospital’s level of support and has pledged to embrace the People’s Clinic’s current mission priorities of assisting uninsured medical, dental, and mental health patients and helping families facing food insecurity.

With those assurances from St. Claire and the ongoing support of those who believe access to medical care is a basic human right, the Board of Directors closed the People’s Clinic effective May 1, 2024.

In keeping with federal

and state law, the modest remaining financial assets of the People’s Clinic are being distributed equally to three other non-profit charities with similar missions now serving this area. They are the New Hope Medical Clinic in Owingsville, Hope Pregnancy Care Center in Morehead, and God’s Pantry Food Bank Distribution Center in Morehead for support of backpack food supplies for children.

“We are so grateful to those wonderful, compassionate citizens who started the People’s Clinic 19 years ago and to those individuals, organizations, and businesses who have supported us with nearly \$500,000 in gifts through these 19 years,” said Keith Kappes, People’s Clinic board chair. “We are especially thankful for the

Morehead State offers FAFSA workshop in Ashland

Morehead State University is known for academic quality and affordability. In response to the difficulties in completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), MSU is hosting a FAFSA completion workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at the Boyd County Public Library Ashland Meeting Room, 1740 Central Avenue in Ashland.

The event is open to the public, and all students and parents who still need to complete the FAFSA are encouraged to attend. MSU admissions and financial aid counselors can answer questions regarding financial aid packages. In addition, MSU will partner with KHEEA (Kentucky

Higher Education Assistance Authority) and TRIO Commonwealth Education Opportunity Center representatives to meet the needs of attendees.

Dr. Heidi Neal, assistant vice president for enrollment management, said FAFSA filers are down from this time last year and MSU wanted to step in to help more people navigate the process and make college as affordable as possible.

“FASFA is a major resource for determining how students are going to pay for college and a major factor in determining where they’re going to attend college. We wanted to provide resources of our financial aid and admis-

sion experts to our service region and community members,” Neal said. “Regardless of what college they wanted to attend, we recognize that college attainment is a major opportunity to climb the ladder and break the poverty cycle. As the major four-year public institution within our service region, we felt it was our obligation to help our community and guide them through the hurdles.”

Attendees may need the following information or documents they complete the 2024-25 FAFSA form:

- Your parents’ social security numbers if you are a dependent student
- Tax returns
- Records of child support

received

- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farm

“We have been tasked by the state to provide services and education to our service region, and so for us, this is a mission-critical piece that we help our community members obtain their federal and state aid and understand the very confusing and complicated FASFA filing this year,” Neal said. “These events are held in public location as our focus is not just admitted students, but anyone who is interested in obtaining higher education at any institution. We are committed to the service

region and making it a better place.”

If students or parents have any questions, contact the Office of Enrollment

Services at 606-783-2000 or admissions@morehead-state.edu.

Block Party focuses on community enrichment

Event features live music, inflatables, vendors, and more

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Live music, inflatables, vendors, and food trucks are coming to downtown Grayson this Friday as part of tourism’s Block Party.

The event is sponsored by Grayson Tourism, and Tourism Director Lana Axtell said that the Block Party is less a fundraiser and more a fun time.

“We want everyone to have something to do in downtown Grayson and just get out and enjoy the weather and have a good time,” Axtell explained.

Pomeroy Street and the alley behind the Blue Goose on Main Street will be blocked off for the event, Axtell said. The Blue Goose itself will be filled with vendors from around the area selling a

variety of items of interest, and food trucks will be on hand for block parties to enjoy food and refreshment. There will also be a cruise in car show with a wide range of vehicles for everyone to check out, and perhaps see old favorites or discover new ones.

Grayson Tourism is

See BLOCK PARTY on A-6



Opening act Levi Fields. (Submitted photo)

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OBITUARY

Debra Powell Strickland
1953 – 2024



Mrs. Debra Powell Strickland, age 70, of Web-
bville, Kentucky, passed
away Sunday, May 26,
2024, at Kings Daughter
Medical Center in Ashland,
Kentucky.

She was born August
14, 1953, in Clarksburg,
West Virginia, a daughter
of the late Howard and

Bernice Griffith Powell.

She enjoyed sewing,
making quilts and spend-
ing time with her family.

Debra is survived by
her loving husband of 38
years, Robert Strickland;
two sons, Beau Strickland
and Cole Strickland both
of Williamstown, Ken-
tucky; two brothers, Larry
Eddie Powell of Parkers-
burg, West Virginia and
Marvin Eddie Powell of
Sissonville, West Virginia,
along with many other
family and friends that will
sadly miss her.

At Debra’s request there
will be no service.

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& Cremation Services is
honored to serve the family
of Debra Powell Strick-
land.



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AS WE SEE IT

We're not trying to make you angry

This week I got my first email from a family member since we expanded our news coverage of courts. As I’ve said repeatedly, it’s an area I’ve wanted to expand since we started the paper, because I felt like we were lacking in follow through. People would see the arrests. They would see the indictments. But they didn’t see what happened next.

They didn’t see what charges were thrown out – either due to lack of evidence or as part of a plea agreement.

The didn’t see what the defendant was ultimately convicted of, or how they were sentenced.

Perhaps most importantly, at least for those who find themselves thrust into the news following an arrest, if a defendant was found not guilty, or charges were dismissed, that wasn’t reflected anywhere either.

I don’t enjoy covering courts. You have to look, objectively, at some of the worst aspects of human society. Not just the actions that those accused of a crime might have engaged in, but how those actions reverberate in the victims of their crimes. How they impact family and echo down through generations, for both the accuser and the accused.

Sometimes you have to look at the evil in the hearts of those who would make false allegations for their own petty reasons – or at least consider the possibility of it.

And, way too often, you see the impacts of generational poverty, of how the bad decisions of the parents trickle down to bad decisions in the children. You see how the cycle is self-perpetuating. You see all this, and you’re powerless to change it.

It isn’t your job to change it. If you’re a journalist, it’s your job to document it. That’s it.

Sometimes that documentation can be used to elicit change. Sometimes it can inspire someone to try a different approach. If I’m being optimistic I’d say it can show people the patterns they need to avoid falling into so they can break the cycle.

Mostly, it’s just documentation though.

Despite buzzwords like “solutions journalism” flying around to describe stories and work that focus on those attempting to make positive changes, the job of the journalist is still just to document that story.

So, it’s hard when a family member – hurt and upset about the coverage of their beloved relative – reaches out to express the pain your story has caused them. It’s never our intent to hurt family members, and we understand it’s inevitable some will be upset by our coverage.

However, we can’t let that keep us from providing our readers access to the content of public records. The information we share is available to anyone who goes to the courthouse and requests it from the clerk, or takes the time to show up and sit in a courtroom. But knowing what specifically to ask for can be confusing. Understanding what you’re reading, and interpreting all the abbreviations and shorthand, is another hurdle. And sitting in a courtroom during proceedings requires time, which is in short supply for all of us.

This is why the newspaper is important. Because we can be there when you can’t. This is why it’s important to me that we take advantage of our new reporters to increase our coverage of courts. To show up when we can, and to spend the time reading through courtroom notes and documentation when we can’t.

Sometimes people aren’t going to be happy with that. Sometimes it’s going to make them angry. Or it’s going to make them sad. That isn’t our intention, but it would be naïve to believe the intention matters when it comes to these issues.

What we can – and do – promise to do is remain objective. To report only what happens in the courtroom, or what is reflected in the documentation and records we’ve seen. We promise to be fact based, because that’s the best we can do.



When graduation becomes a very personal demonstration of courage

Last year I attended a two-hour graduation ceremony that included the customary tears and cheers and too many speeches, but I didn't complain about sitting too long because it became a wonderful, inspiring tribute to courage and determination.

It was the celebration of the Class of 2023 at the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center at Thelma in Johnson County. I was among the proud spectators who must have had a hay fever outbreak because we all wiped our eyes several times.

Many of us were touched emotionally during the processional when more than 120 graduates from 59 counties marched into the room either walking normally, or walking with a cane or leg braces, or steering a motorized wheelchair, or being pushed in a regular wheelchair or being led by a staff person because of vision or other impairment.

In case you don't recognize the name, the CDPVTC is a residential school with a proud 50-year reputation of providing Kentucky's disabled adults with services that enable most of them to achieve suitable employment and independence.

I was there with other family members in support of my granddaughter. She graduated after 14 months with a GED, a driver's license, and a completion cer-

tificate in materials management. With many distribution centers and smaller warehouses scattered about, we feel her employment opportunities will be abundant.

But that graduation event was about more than jobs. It was about hope, followed by hard work and determination and opportunity. The graduation theme summed it up in this hopeful phrase: Better Things Ahead.

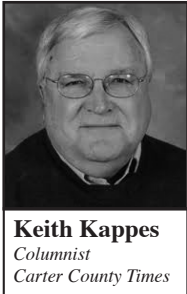
My 44 years in public higher education included more graduation ceremonies than I could count but none of them had someone like the young class member who electrified

the audience with her singing of "This is Me" from "The Greatest Showman" on Broadway, the account of the life of P. T. Barnum.

That character was the bearded woman who danced through the streets of London with her oddball collection of sideshow performers, singing their opposition to the prejudice faced by those who are different.

Rosemary Caudill of Morehead received a prolonged standing ovation, and I knew instantly that we were about to get an uplifting lesson in tolerance and courage.

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Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

Moths, butterflies, and other small comforts

By Marlene Carmack
for *Carter County Times*

Last year on a hot muggy afternoon I decided to sit on my front porch. I had built a small memorial garden to help me through my eldest daughter’s death. She passed away from the H1N1 influenza in 2010. The flowers were in bloom and the fragrances were so calming, as the wind came through the trees and over the creek.

As I sat there, I began to notice something that resembled a hummingbird hovering over a small bird, bees and butterfly bush. Taking my phone with me I was hoping to get a photo up close, but to my surprise I realized it wasn't a hummingbird after all.

Its characteristics and flight pattern bore a remarkable resemblance to what you would notice on a hummingbird. The wings appeared to be clear as they fluttered. The colors were bright on its tail and lower body with yellow intermixing. The whole body appeared to be very soft to touch.

The amazing part of this little critter was that it showed no fear of me being beside it that close. I put my hand down close to it so I could try to get it to feel comfortable around me. It came closer but continued to feed. I was able to watch it and caught a few photos. It began to move around more and acted as though it was going to leave, but instead it softly brushed along my arm. It's little body sat motionless in midair then raised upward towards my hair.

I just stood still to see what it would do. As it moved closer to my hair, it came to me that I had just



washed my hair and the shampoo I used had a light scent of berries.

It's flight path continued to go up the side of my face and then it flew up into the sky. It performed a beautiful elegant whirlwind motion as it was dancing. Circling, it began a small loop integrating into a medium loop then finishing off with a final loop larger than the rest. Then like a gust of wind it flew off over the neighbor’s roof.

It’s said that when they preform that way they are letting the others know that it’s a safe environment for feeding. The following day I was blessed to see another one. Its body was much smaller. From then on I had the privilege to see a number of different moths, butterflies and many birds who came to enjoy feeding.

The simplicity and the comforts of watching this critter has brought me a tremendous amount of pleasure, and I was so blessed to have this wonderful experience. There are many types of these moths so, take the time to watch for them. If you get to see one I hope your experience was as great as mine.

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Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offers suggestions to be bear wise

Bear sightings become more common in summer as young males roam

FRANKFORT — Conservation officers and biologists with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources want to remind the public that sightings of black bears can occur outside of their primary range in eastern Kentucky, especially in early summer.

As young males disperse from their primary range in spring and summer to establish new home ranges for themselves and search for mates, bears may be spotted on farms in rural areas, in residential areas, and occasionally within town or city boundaries virtually anywhere in the state.

“As young males roam out of the mountain counties, they can sometimes find themselves accidentally entering an urban

area,” said John Hast, Bear Program coordinator “These bears typically lay low during daylight hours and move to exit the city at night. Allowing the bear to wander out of town is generally the safest approach for the bear and the residents.”

There are burgeoning bear populations in both eastern Kentucky and the Ozarks region of Missouri. It is not unusual in the early summer for young male bears to wander well outside of the primary bear range in eastern Kentucky. These bears get pushed out of the areas where they were raised by older, dominant males. They may wander up to several weeks or more into unfamiliar territory in search of good habitat and prospective mates, before returning to the mountains. Bears can travel 20 miles or more in a day if undisturbed.

“Not having any idea where they are, and likely being scared with all the new sights and sounds, bears can easily get lost and wander further into a town or city instead of away,” Hast said. “If a bear



(submitted photo)

is encountered anywhere, and especially in an urban area, people should keep their distance and remove any food sources that might encourage the bear to stay around.”

Black bears have a natural fear of people and dogs, and adverse encounters are extremely rare. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife advises the public to never approach or feed a bear, which can result in a negative encounter. If you ever encounter a bear, keep a safe distance and never approach it. If you feel a bear is posing an immediate danger, call local law enforcement immediately.

Residents of an area

where a bear has been spotted should secure their garbage in a garage or other building, not leave pet food outside, and clean and securely store barbecue grills. These are all best practices in general for people to prevent problems with wildlife. Also, people should not feed birds in bear range or in areas where they have been recently observed. It is a violation of Kentucky law to feed bears, or knowingly leave unsecured food available for them to consume.

In Kentucky, hunting bears is regulated and limited to defined seasons in the established bear

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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.

Block Party from A-4

sponsoring the event, but Axtell said that she would love nothing more than to tie in all the assorted groups in the Grayson area, and have them become a regular fixture in Main Street events. These kinds of partnerships, she said, could help bring a constant influx of people into Grayson.

“That’s what tourism is,” Axtell said. “Bringing people to our town and enjoying what we have to offer.”

The Stuff the Ambulance Event, sponsored by Carter County EMS, will also kick off at the Block Party. That event is a donation event where people bring in much needed school supplies to help Carter County students

when they return to school for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information on that event, which runs from June 7 through July 7, visit the Carter County EMS on social media or contact paramedic Carlie Dalton via email at carlie.dalton@carterems.net or by telephone at 606-748-0471.

The live music at the event is being sponsored by The Dugout, a new restaurant that will be opening soon in the Grayson area. The band playing will be the Ashton Duncan Band out of Ironton, Ohio with Levi Fields as the opening act.

“There is just going to be all sorts of really cool stuff at the Block Party,” Axtell said. “And I think

everyone is really going to enjoy it.”

Axtell said that Grayson Tourism is planning three Block Party events this year, or basically one per month over the course of the summer. The exception is that no Block Party is planned for July because Tres Hermanos will be hosting a Fourth of July event with fireworks and everything else residents have come to expect.

“There is a lot going on this month,” Axtell said. “And we are looking forward to giving the community a month where there is always something for everyone to enjoy.”

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com



The Ashton Duncan Band (left to right) Ashton Duncan, Billy Harbert, Nate Robertson, Jay Callebs, and Austin Stubbs. (Submitted photo)

Robin Gabbard to lead Mountain Association as new president

BEREA —Robin Gabbard of Gays Creek, Kentucky will be the next President of the Mountain Association, a community economic development nonprofit established in 1976.

Gabbard, who has been Board Chair for the organization since 2019, is replacing Peter Hille, who announced his retirement last fall. With more than 30 years of experience in nonprofit leadership, Gabbard joins the Mountain Association from LKLP Community Action where she served as Chief Operating Officer for six years.

“We know Robin will lead the Mountain Association with authen-

ticity and innovation, two characteristics essential to the right leader for an organization that has adapted and evolved to best serve its communities for almost 50 years. Robin embodies everything we and the staff were looking for in the next President,” said Hasan Davis, Mountain Association’s Board Chair.

The Mountain Association invests in people and places to advance a just transition to a new economy for Eastern Kentucky, and serves the region from its offices in Hazard, Prestonsburg and Berea. The organization’s work includes small business lending and technical assistance, support for clean



Robin Gabbard (submitted photo)

energy projects, research, communications and advocacy for policy and narrative change, and collaborations with partners on a variety of community

economic development projects.

“I am thrilled to step into the presidency of Mountain Association. This position for me is about listening, learning, and lifting. Not only do we serve a region full of incredible community and business leaders, but Mountain Association is staffed with remarkable and thoughtful professionals who have shaped the organization into what it is today: a regional nonprofit with a national reputation for the good work it does,” said Gabbard.

The Mountain Association also supports two affiliate organizations, Kentucky Natural Lands Trust and Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, and several fiscal sponsorships, all together totaling more than 50 employees.

Hille has served as President since 2015 and, like Gabbard, was also previously on the organization’s board prior to joining the staff. During his tenure, Hille has grown the Mountain Association’s work to include new lending products, expanded clean energy programming, and more equitable ways to support small businesses and nonprofits.

“It has been an honor to have guided this organization in various capacities for more than two decades. I’m delighted to be passing the torch to Robin and I have full confidence that Mountain Association’s work will grow in new and exciting ways with her leadership,” Hille said.

Hille will remain on staff as CEO through April 2025 to ensure a seamless transition.

Healthcare provider immunity measure signed into law

FRANKFORT– Recently, House Bill 159, a measure by Representative Patrick Flannery of Olive Hill, was ceremonially signed into law by Governor Beshear. HB 159 grants immunity to “healthcare providers” from criminal charges relating to honest medical mistakes made while in the course of their duties with exceptions for gross negligence as well as wanton, willful, malicious, or intentional misconduct.

“The aim of the measure is to help those who

care for us during our times of greatest need and to alleviate any stresses that may occur when they need to make necessary decisions,” Flannery said. “However, this still permits a path of legal recourse for patients in civil court.”

For more information about HB 159, visit <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24rs/hb159.html>. The 2024 Legislative Interim starts this week. To view interim committee meetings, visit ket.org/legislature.



Representative Patrick Flannery speaks at the Kentucky Nursing Association Conference in Louisville at the Galen College of Nursing.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

GRANDPA, YOU KNOW, THIS GAME IS KIND OF BORING.

I USUALLY PLAY FIRST-PERSON VIRTUAL GAMES ON MY PLAYSTATION.

WHEN I WAS A KID WE PLAYED HOPSCOTCH, JACKS AND KICK THE CAN.

WOW, NO WONDER NO ONE EVER SMILED IN THOSE OLD-TIMEY PICTURES.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

ANOTHER DAY ON THE HONEY FARM...

DANG! I REALLY HATE THAT IT'S ALWAYS ME WHO HAS TO MILK THE BEES.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

WHAT DOES JEFF BEZOS DO EVERY NIGHT BEFORE BED?

HE PUTS HIS PAJAMAZON.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

HOLD IT, TIGER!

THERE'S A LOTTA JUNK IN OUR WAY, HOW 'BOUT CLEARING IT?

ALL CLEAR, HUGO!

OLIVE

By Emi Burdge

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is not showing. 2. Dog's tongue is moved. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Ear is not moved. 5. Tree limb is higher. 6. Sweater is shorter.

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I HAD TO ASK THE CHECKOUT GIRL FOR A NAPKIN. NEXT TIME COULD YOU PLEASE AT LEAST MAKE IT TO THE CAR TO EAT?

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 R

MPFO PW FOD QPVHB SPIQF
HFFDKRHKFG HQD UQDFV
GUAFDWIB, MIF FOHF PKD AG
H SHFFADQ SPIQFADQ.

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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!

Entire
LOTTA

Rank
TEALS

Style
GREEN

Choice
IMPER

TODAY'S WORD

"And when I asked him if he realized I paid his salary, he asked me for a _____."

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. Basement _____ E _____ Neckband _____ O _____
2. Dog lead _____ H _____ Smallest amount _____ T _____
3. Hairdresser _____ B _____ Carnival announcer _____ K _____
4. Crease _____ T _____ Beg _____ D _____
5. Sylvester's prey _____ E _____ Two decades _____ N _____
6. Lance _____ B _____ More secure _____ F _____
7. Tenor Bocelli _____ A _____ Lloyd Webber _____ W _____
8. Apply a coat _____ A _____ Aim _____ O _____
9. Stylish _____ N _____ Half a century _____ F _____
10. Haphazard _____ D _____ Payoff money _____ 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!

63 2 30

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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ACROSS

1 Haunting
6 Seizes
11 Cancels
12 More apt to seep
14 April 1 gags
15 Consult
16 Scrooge por-trayer Alastair
17 Feudal work-ers
19 Oahu, for one (Abbr.)
20 Nobel Prize subj.
22 San Francis-co's — Hill
23 Sufficient, informally
24 Philosopher Kierkegaard
26 Droning reed
28 Tease
30 USO patrons
31 Flood protec-tion
35 "Cabaret" director Bob
39 Tactic
40 Pantheon member
42 Future doc's exam
43 Gore and Green
44 Bamboozles
46 Med. plan option

47 "— shabby!"
49 Take it slow
51 Saunter
52 Andean pack animals
53 Rescued
54 Austin native

6 Course load?
7 Aussie hop-pers
8 Dye type
9 Two-piece suit
10 Establishes
11 Basilica areas
13 Husband of Pocahontas
18 Filch
21 Hardly hip
23 — salts
25 Pen tip
27 Computer image, briefly

29 Novelist Enid
31 Bridges
32 Doles out
33 Cosa —
34 Sticky stuff
36 Blueprint, e.g.
37 Pacific islander
38 Short jackets
41 Resided
44 Only
45 Auction
48 "Mazel —!"
50 Jazz band instrument

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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 OCHER to EATER in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

POCHER

EATER

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What subject does Walter White teach at the beginning of "Breaking Bad"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which three countries make up the Baltic states in Europe?
3. MUSIC: What is the title of The Beatles' first album?
4. LITERATURE: Prince Edward Island is the inspiration for which novel series?
5. HISTORY: Which Roman emperor built a wall across northern England to deter invaders?
6. MOVIES: Which movie first featured the character Lisbeth Salander?
7. ASTRONOMY: The asteroid belt lies between which two planets in our solar system?
8. U.S. STATES: Which state's coast was dubbed the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" because so many ships wrecked there?
9. FOOD & DRINK: What does the term "a la carte" mean?
10. SCIENCE: What is the process called when a gas changes into a liquid?

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Answers

1. Chemistry.
2. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.
3. "Please Please Me."
4. "Anne of Green Gables."
5. Hadrian.
6. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo."
7. Jupiter and Mars.
8. North Carolina.
9. According to the menu.
10. Condensation.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word
RAISE
1. Total; 2. State; 3. Genre; 4. Prime solution
OUTER, OATER, EATER
OCHER, OTHER, OTTER, Answer

WORD LADDER

Weekly sudoku

Answers

Cryptoquip

Both of the royal court attendants are pretty spiteful, but that one is a catlier courier.

Even Exchange

Answers

1. Collier, Collier
2. Least, Least
3. Barber, Barber
4. Peat, Peat
5. Twenty, Twenty
6. Saber, Saber
7. Andrea, Andrea
8. Paint, Point
9. Nifty, Nifty
10. Random, Random

Memory Days from A-1

Jayden Mullins who had a loving smile to share with all who met him. The Batmobile displayed decals stating, "Hope For Everyone," a sentiment that moved all.

People in attendance were also keeping up with the Memory Days theme, wearing 80's shirts and fashions along with red, white, and blue cowboy hats. The crowd favorite El Hasa Shrine Club added delightful color to the event. Other participants included Empower Athletics, a competitive cheerleading team and gymnastics gym. Chris Pereyra and Emaley Pereyra, instructors at Empower Athletics, walked alongside their girls and team members as they tumbled and performed. Parents and friends of the organization also walked with the girls, holding their EA banner, including friend and former teammate of Empower, Bailey Craig.

Then, of course, there were the non-human participants; horses, small dogs, and big dogs enthralled the children and adult animal lovers in the crowd.

On Sunday the Kiwanis held their annual Jeep Show, with participants awarded trophies in various classes, followed by

the Mike Phillips Memorial Bluegrass Show. Though rain delayed that show, it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of fans, who hunkered down and waited out the rain in restaurants, coffee shops, and vehicles, until the clouds parted and the show could go on.

The crowd gave a warm welcome to all the artists. Not only were there people singing, but lots of dancing to the great music. One kind soul, who asked to remain unnamed, showed her love for the music by dancing with a hula hoop and showing her kindness to others with a sweet and unforgettable smile.

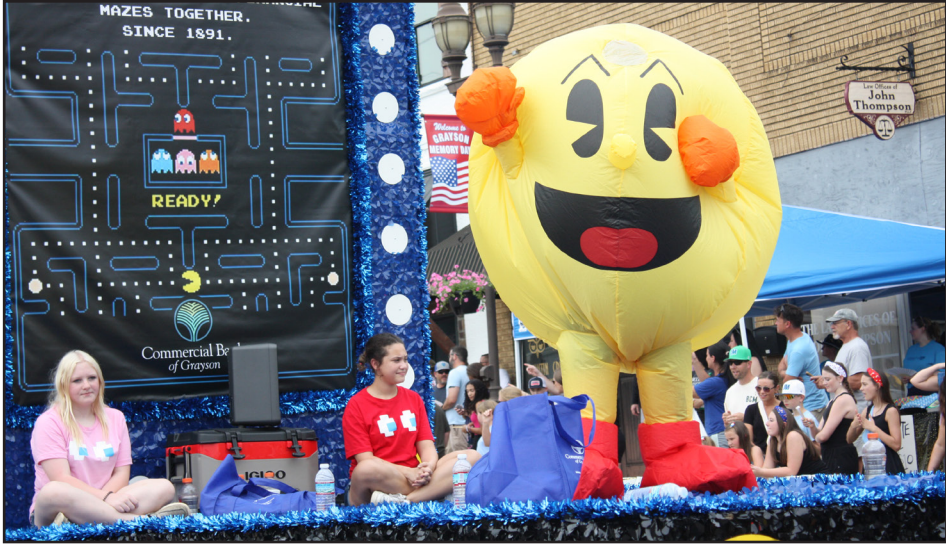
Another fan of the show was Price Harris, bassist and vocalist with bluegrass band Solid Ground, who came out to listen instead of perform. Harris said while they've played locations in Grayson before, this year he was glad to simply enjoy listening to his friends play, noting how good it was to be there.

"Solid Ground has been fortunate to meet some great and humbling people (in Grayson)," he said.

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SPORTS

East Carter takes championship in 16th Region

Sets stage for a Raiders vs Raiders match in the first round of state play

By: Katie Barker
Carter County Times

The East Carter Raiders faced off against the Boyd County Lions last Wednesday for the 16th regional baseball championship where the local boys would ultimately reign victorious – bringing home the regional title and earning a spot in the state tournament.

Both teams were aiming for victory as the game re-

mained scoreless until the 6th inning. At the top of the inning, East's Andrew Tomolonis stepped to the plate and, on the second pitch, hit a single to send two runners to home. With two runs on the board, the Raiders had broken the stalemate, but the East Carter boys weren't done yet.

In the 7th inning the Raiders would capitalize on their lead to secure their regional win and title.

Senior Cody Salmons started off the inning getting on base with a double. Riley Steele substituted in for Salmons as a pinch-runner, and ended up coming home off a hit from Tate Scott taking the lead to 3-0.

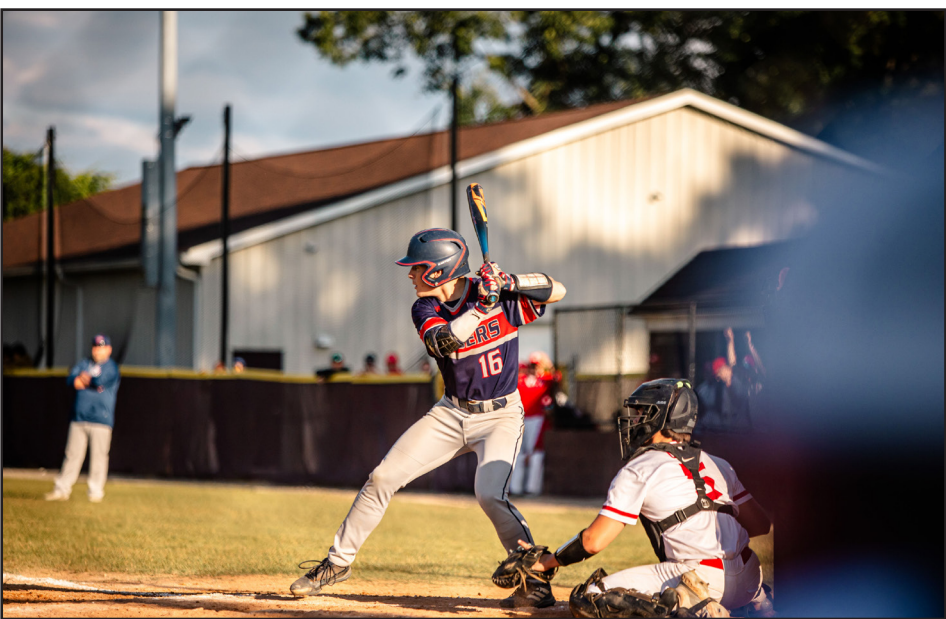
Then senior Blake Hall stepped up to the plate, with two outs on the board,

to hit a homerun, sending himself and two other players home, extending the East Carter lead to 6-0.

In the bottom of the seventh Boyd County tried to find some way to get a point on the board, but the Raiders were not letting it happen. Tomolonis struck out the first batter of the inning, and senior Gavin Sexton tagged the runner, getting the second out of the inning.

The last out of the game came from Tate Scott who caught a fly ball, securing the Raiders regional victory.

"It was a great team win," Tomolonis said when asked about the game. "This is what my teammates and I have been working towards for the last few years. Everyone



(submitted photos, courtesy of Kelli Cornelia Photography)

did their job to make this happen and we couldn't be happier."

The Raiders play next this Friday, June 7, in the first round of the state tour-

nament against the Ryle Raiders at Legends Field, with the game scheduled to start at 10am.

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