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What happens after a shooting?

Grayson PD discusses process that follows firearms discharge

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

In movies or tv shows the detective has a shoot-out with his suspect, and is back on the case the next day. That isn't how it works in real life though. When an officer discharges their firearm in real life, they are taken off duty until an investigation is complete. How long that is can vary, depending on the case, but it all starts with relieving the officer of their firearm.

"The first thing you do, obviously, after you get the scene secured, you figure out what happened, those officers that discharged their firearm, you immediately have to take their firearm, and we start an internal affairs investigation," Sgt. Kyle Smith of the Grayson PD explained. "Those guys are placed with companion officers."

If there is an injury, Smith explained, they have to be medically cleared and that companion officer has to go with them.

For instance, in the recent incident where an officer was struck by a vehicle he was transported to the hospital and

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Investigators examine the scene of the most recent police-involved shooting in Grayson. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Binion sentenced to 12 years in stabbing incident

Ordered to undergo mental health monitoring upon release

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

An Olive Hill woman was handed a sentence of 12 years on Monday afternoon for her unprovoked attack of two men in January of 2023. Judge Rebecca Phillips also ordered Billie Binion to pay a total of $3,000 in restitution to her victims, Clifford "Scottie" James and Clyde James. Clifford, who Binion stabbed in the shoulder with a knife, breaking off a portion of the blade in the wound, will receive $2,000 in restitution. Clyde, who suffered a cut to the face, will receive $1,000 for his injuries.

According to police reports from the victims and eyewitnesses Scottie and Clyde were engaging in conversation with Binion in the parking lot when she pulled the knife and attacked them without provocation. Surveillance video of the event appeared to corroborate that testimony. Olive Hill police chief Bruce Palmer said at the time that approximately three to four inches of the blade broke off in Clifford's wound.

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Billie Binion appears in her arrest mugshot (submitted photo)

Ambulance service board discusses budget

Service responded to nearly 500 calls in the May

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Carter County Emergency Ambulance Service Board met in a regular session last week to discuss the business of the ambulance service. On the agenda were the executive director's report, financial reports, payroll, and current income and expenses.

The ambulance service board typically bills calls under certain headings, and the board discussed the number of overall calls and the breakdown into types of calls for the previous month. The service had a total of 459 calls for the month of May for instance, and these were broken down into 256 advanced life support (ALS) calls, 133 basic life support (BLS) calls, 12 lift assist calls, and 58 dry runs. Out of these 459 calls, the numbers yielded 389 calls that were billable under 911.

A further breakdown of the calls in question for the month of May listed 384 calls that necessitated transport. Other defining categories were 35 calls where

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(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Weekly arrests report

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

- Amber Lester, 42, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked June 24.
- Richard Edwards, 41, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked June 24.
- Elizabeth Carter, 44, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of improper equipment, failure to produce an insurance card, failure to maintain required insurance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, and on a warrant for being a fugitive from another state, arrested and booked June 24.
- Collin Wright, 24, of Huntington, WV, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault (with minor injury), arrested and booked June 24.
- Jacquline McClurg, 41, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of violating a Kentucky Emergency Protection Order/Domestic Violence Order, arrested June 24, booked June 25.
- Taylor Kinner, 27, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of first degree wanton endangerment, arrested and booked June 25.
- Jason Perkins, 44, of Ashbyburg, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear, arrested and booked June 25.
- John Dyer, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked June 25.
- Willetta Lewis, 61, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of failure to produce an insurance card, and first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (two or more grams of methamphetamine), arrested and booked June 25.
- Travis Blamer, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance

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This Week's Obituaries

Larry Joe Garvin, 74

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LIFESTYLE



Celebrate Independence Day with a classic Blueberrry Cherry Buckle

This week we have the perfect summer dessert for Independence Day. Picture this: a bowl of warm, freshly baked Blueberry Cherry Buckle. Each spoonful blends tart and sweet, vanilla and butter, perfectly complemented by a scoop of cool, creamy vanilla ice cream melting into the warm dessert. It's a slice of nostalgia, evoking memories of simpler times and Grandma's kitchen.

A buckle is a traditional American dessert with a cake-like batter and fruit, usually berries, baked until the batter rises and the fruit "buckles," or sinks, creating a rustic appearance. The name "buckle" comes from this effect.

This delightful buckle brings together the patriotic colors of red, white and blue, making it a perfect dessert for Independence Day.

Historically, buckles were a practical way to use up fresh, seasonal fruit, making them a beloved part of home-baking traditions. They are similar to other fruit desserts like cobblers and crisps, but the key difference is the cake-like batter that envelops the fruit, creating a moist, tender crumb that pairs perfectly with the juicy fruit. This delightful dessert is cherished for its simplicity, versatility and the comforting, homey feel it brings to the table.

Here's how to make this easy yet impressive dessert:

BLUEBERRY CHERRY BUCKLE

Yield: 4 to 6 servings
Total Time: 55 minutes

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup whole milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
1 cup fresh or frozen cherries
Vanilla ice cream, for serving

Preheat your oven to 375 F and position a rack in the center. Place the butter in a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan and put the pan in the oven. Once the butter has melted, take the pan out of the oven.

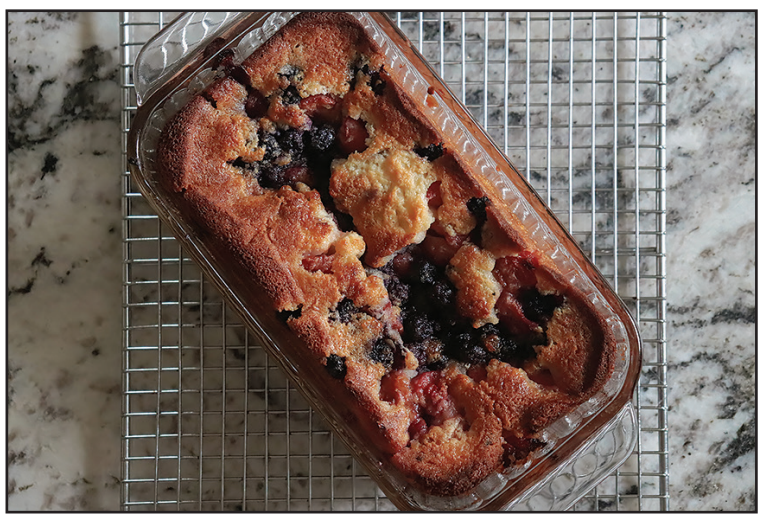
In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Add the milk and vanilla, stirring to combine. It's OK if the batter is a bit lumpy. Pour the batter into the pan with the melted butter and gently stir with a spoon. Make sure to leave some visible streaks of melted butter, as these will create delicious, buttery, caramelized edges.

Evenly distribute the blueberries and cherries over the batter. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, until the top is golden brown. Be sure not to remove it too early, as the buckle may collapse in the center. Wait until it's golden and set in the middle. Let the buckle cool on a rack for 10 minutes before serving warm with a scoop of ice cream.

Make It Your Own

The beauty of a buckle lies in its versatility. While blueberries and cherries create a wonderful patriotic theme, you can substitute other fruits as long as they total 2 full cups. Here are some delicious alternatives:

- Peaches and Raspberries: For a juicy, fragrant combination.
- Strawberries and Blackberries: Offering a lovely balance of sweetness and tartness.
- Just Blueberries: The classic buckle, simple and delicious.
- Rhubarb Strawberry Buckle: Mixed chopped rhubarb with sliced strawberries offer another perfect balance of tart and sweet.
- Blackberry Peach Buckle: Pair slightly tart blackberries with juicy sliced peaches to create a lovely summertime flavor combination.



Indulge in the patriotic colors and summer flavors with Blueberry Cherry Buckle (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

No matter which fruits you choose, this old-fashioned dessert is sure to bring a touch of nostalgia and a whole lot of joy to your Independence Day celebrations. So, gather your loved ones and enjoy the warm, comforting flavors of this homemade treat as you watch the fireworks light up the sky. Happy Fourth of July!

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Bluegrass Bible Beat

American shame

By: Sling 'n Stone Ministry for *Carter County Times*

This week, we celebrate Independence Day. We Americans have much to be thankful for. But, as we celebrate, we must remain mournful over what no one should celebrate, though multitudes foolishly do: America's many sins against God, Who granted us our freedoms and blessings.

Like Luke 7's sinner woman at Nain, America's sins are "many," (Luke 7:47), not the least of which is America's shedding innocent blood when, since 1973, over 65 million children have been murdered in their mothers' wombs. Make no mistake: their ocean of innocent blood cries out to God (Genesis 4:9; Revelation 6:10); and He's not deaf. God will answer with fiery apocalyptic judgment someday. (Ezekiel 39:6). Tragically, unlike Luke 7's sinner woman at Nain, America weeps not for her many sins against the thrice Holy God.

Remember, day and night terrifying creatures before God's throne never cease crying, "holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, which is, and which is to come" (Revelation 4:8). Nor does America, in all her greatness, collectively care to remember that, "righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). "Reproach," here means shame and disgrace.

Where is our shame and disgrace? Where are God's people, weeping for America's sin and shame? Neither prince nor president can save us (Psalms 146:3). Only God can (Isiah 43:11) ("I AM the Lord, and beside Me, there is no savior."). But God will not save America unless we, His people, turn from our wicked ways, humble ourselves and pray. Only then will God hear from His heaven and heal our land (II Chron. 7:14).

What does "our wicked ways" mean? Answer: Our living unmoved by the sea of sin and lost souls engulfing us. What can we do? We can do as did some German Christians, the Moravians, centuries ago. Mournful over sin's sea that engulfed Germany, those Moravians staring praying around the clock. They did so for over 100 years!

After their century of tearful prayers, God sent a revival that rocked this planet: The First Great Awakening, which reached America's colonies in the 1740s. Records from that era indicate over 1 million colonists came to Christ! Should God do likewise today, over 100 million Americans would be genuinely converted. That would radically transform this nation.

Whether God again so visits America is up to us – those who say we serve Him. We must obey II Chronicles 7:14, or God will require "at our hand" the blood of those who will perish in His coming judgment (Ezekiel 33:6). If we will but obey God's Word, God promises He'll restore America and remove her sin 'n shame. So, as y'all celebrate this week, remember to diligently do all God calls us to do: repent; fast; pray; and weep that He might rend the heavens and visit us once again.

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Shop smart at your Farmers Market

Farmers markets are flourishing. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 8,000 exist across the country and there are some located in your neck of the woods.



Rebecca Konopka
Carter County Extension Agent

Many of Kentucky's popular "homegrown" offerings are now available as markets around the state have opened for the season. Time spent perusing the booths at your local market is a fun way to spend a morning (or afternoon), and the bonus is flavorful food straight from the garden to the table.

Here are a few tips to help you get the most from your trip to the market.

1. Shop early. First of the season offerings like sweet corn will quickly disappear from market tables. Arrive shortly after the market opens for the best selection.
2. Make friends with farmers. The person selling you produce is likely the person who grew it. Growers are full of information including everything from when the product was picked to the best way to prepare it for the table. This is your opportunity to find out about what you eat, where it comes from and who you are supporting with your purchase.
3. Shop for produce that is in season. Smaller markets offer fruits and vegetables that are ripened on the vine right in your own community or surrounding area. Larger markets might include produce from no more than 100-150 miles away. Climate will determine what is in peak season. Eating in season means eating the best that nature has to offer at any given time. This is the most efficient way to take advantage of the earth's bounty.
4. Learn the difference between heirloom varieties and those mass produced for large markets. The charm of a farmers' market is finding a source for that special tomato your grandmother grew. Heirlooms are meant to be ripened on the vine and your local market is the place to find variety and flavor not available just anywhere.
5. Ask about growing methods. Many small farms employ organic growing methods but are not able to afford the

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Final Friday winners announced



The GGAC Board Choice for the June Final Friday Pride in the Arts event went to Larry Porter for this tree carving. Barbara Morrison took the Pen Lady Award, Synde Manning Salley the People's Choice Award, and the Brandon Click Memorial Award went to Candy Hope Glass. (submitted photo)

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher throughout the week with active buyer participation. Demand was good to very good with best interest for long weaned and preconditioned cattle. Yearlings were 2.00 to 6.00 higher with good to very good demand. Slaughter cows sold mostly steady to 3.00 higher with good to very good demand.

Courtesy of https://www.kyagr.com/ **Week ending 6/29/24**

STATE AVERAGES Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	333.53	333.28	246.13
400-450 lbs	327.80	319.45	245.99
450-500 lbs	317.81	314.43	242.09
500-550 lbs	305.47	307.63	240.83
550-600 lbs	296.93	293.25	236.65
600-650 lbs	283.11	283.91	234.77
650-700 lbs	273.09	269.25	220.29
700-750 lbs	260.02	255.45	211.35
750-800 lbs	254.54	248.87	212.57
800-850 lbs	242.84	230.87	203.51
850-900 lbs	241.89	231.19	204.81
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	296.68	297.91	223.46
350-400 lbs	297.93	298.62	224.74
400-450 lbs	291.77	291.93	223.69
450-500 lbs	285.38	282.54	222.85
500-550 lbs	269.72	269.97	217.45
550-600 lbs	260.99	259.62	213.44
600-650 lbs	248.10	245.66	201.19
650-700 lbs	242.24	241.57	202.09
700-750 lbs	230.36	221.95	179.03
750-800 lbs	233.99	218.07	178.63

WEELKY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	124.00-150.00	130.00-170.00	125.50-134.00
Boners	119.00-154.00	130.00-184.00	94.00-141.00
Lean	97.00-144.00	120.00-165.00	65.00-123.00
Slaughter Bulls	**Average**	**High**	**Low**
Yield Grade 1&2	142.00-179.00	156.00-203.00	118.00-159.50

June 13, 2024 **Bowling Green, KY**

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 210

Kids: Selection 1-2 47 lbs 302.50; 55 lbs 300.00; 64-69 lbs 302.50-215.00; 88 lbs 252.50. **Selection 2** 54 lbs 282.50; 66 lbs 262.50.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 717

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 55-59 lbs 210.00-217.00; 71-78 lbs 172.50-195.00; 88 lbs 172.50; 90 lbs 172.50. **Choice 2** 53-58 lbs 207.50-215.00; 68 lbs 192.50; 91 lbs 175.00. **Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2** 50 lbs 212.50. **Choice 2** 105 lbs 102.50.

Week ending 6/29/24

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.78-4.49	4.05-4.61	4.99-6.57
Soybeans	10.87-12.05	10.90-12.01	13.41-15.72
Red Winter Wheat	4.46-5.51	4.67-5.82	5.51-7.19

Arrests from A-1

(two or more grams of methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, third degree assault on a law enforcement officer, tampering with physical evidence, first degree wanton endangerment, and on a warrant for being a fugitive from another state, arrested and booked June 26.

- Steven Binion, 28, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, tampering with physical evidence, public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), theft by failure to make required disposition of property, and being a persistent felony offender, arrested and booked June 26.
- Shawn King, 40, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of reckless driving, no registration receipt, failure to maintain required insurance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, arrested and booked June 26.
- Michael Bryant, 51, of Paris, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of speeding 17 MPH over limit, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, license not in possession, possession of marijuana, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked June 26.
- Anita Rutter, 43, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of third degree burglary, second degree fleeing or evading police (on foot), failure to appear, and second degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, arrested and booked June 26.
- Shannon Preston, 47, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked June 27.
- Stephanie Jordan, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of driving on a DUI suspended license, and failure to maintain required insurance, arrested and booked June 29.
- Jason Jackson, 49, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked June 29.
- Debra Smith 54, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked June 28.
- Ryan Miller, 26, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of engaging in organized crime, and first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (two or more grams of methamphetamine), arrested and booked June 28.
- Joseph Burton, 68, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of failure to wear seat belts, reckless driving, careless driving, improper display of registration plates, failure to produce an insurance card, no registration receipt, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, arrested and booked June 29.
- Brian Davis, 29, address unavailable, arrested by Department of Fish and Wildlife, on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place, arrested and booked June 30.
- Jeffrey Blankenship, 45, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to dim headlights, failure to produce an insurance card, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, and second degree wanton endangerment, arrested and booked June 30.

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.

Shooting from A-1

had to be cleared to return to work. But he wasn't the officer who fired a shot.

"In that situation the guy who was struck never fired a round, but the other officer did," Smith said. "Both officers, subsequently, we had to take their firearms. One was completely damaged, but the other guy, we took his because – obviously – he fired rounds into the car. That officer is still on leave. We put him on what we call administrative leave until the conclusion of the internal affairs investigation."

They may only return to work once the internal affairs investigation has been completed, and they are deemed physically and mentally prepared to return to duty.

"Once we get done with the internal affairs portion, if they're mentally and physically prepared to come back to work, we let them come back to work," Smith said. "But if they're not, then it all goes into that process."

That, he said, is one reason you can't put a number of how long it takes.

"You change the circumstances, you change the outcome," he explained. "It's about the severity of the situation. Not every shooting is the same."

If someone is injured – officer, suspect, or bystander – it can not only change how long it takes for the investigation to be complete, Smith said, it can also impact how soon that officer is ready to return to work following the completion of the investigation.

Even in a situation where no one was injured, like the most recent shooting, Smith said there was no general basis for how soon those officers would return to duty.

"I can tell you this," he said. "You had two officers fire shots that day. Both are still currently in an internal affairs investigation. They can't talk to one another. They have to be separated anytime they get interviewed. I can also tell you, they're not clear yet, and it might be some time."

He also explained that while he's sympathetic to the public's concerns and questions about the incident, he is limited in what he can share.

"I know there are a lot of unanswered questions (surrounding what happened), and the problem is we can't give them everything, because it affects the criminal investigation side of it. But those guys will be off for a little bit," Smith noted.

He also called these two recent officer-involved shootings anomalies, noting that officers are regularly trained and recertified on firearms use. This doesn't just include marksmanship, he explained, but situational scenarios where officers have to decide if they should respond with gunfire.

He further pointed out the correlation between drug abuse and violence.

"You have drugs, you've got violence. You've got theft. You have theft, you have violence. It's a vicious triangle," he said, pinning Carter County's biggest crime problems squarely on the drug epidemic.

But he refused to speculate on the role drugs may have played in the Evans shooting case or the Carpenter vehicle case.

"I'd have to look at the reports," he said.

Dylan Evans' arrest report includes a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance that was not alcohol. Christopher Carpenter's charges, however, do not include any related to drug or alcohol use at the time of the incident. Both Evans and Carpenter have previous arrests related to public intoxication as well as resisting arrest, with Evans also having previous firearms, assault of a police officer, and fleeing charges.

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Market from A-2

expense of becoming certified under the National Organic Program. An apple grown locally without pesticides may be a better choice than a certified organic one that has traveled across the globe. Keeping pesticides out of our water supply and using sustainable practices that prevent erosion help care for the local environment and ensure the land will be usable in the future.

6. Buy for value but don't quibble over price. Some crops may cost less than their grocery store counterparts but other specialty or hard to find items may cost more due to economies of scale. Often, produce found at your local market has been hand raised with lots of TLC and the difference in flavor and quality should be evident.
7. Take cash and a reusable shopping bag. Some market vendors do accept debit/credit cards but many vendors aren't equipped for electronic transactions. By bringing your own reusable shopping bag, you help eliminate the need for excess plastic which allows for a more organic experience all around.

Remember, locally grown foods are picked at their peak for freshness and flavor. They are full of vitamins and minerals and don't have to travel far from the field to the table. Eating or cooking the foods after they have just been picked allows you to retain those nutrients, too. A visit to your farmers market supports your local farmer, your community and your local economy and provides a flavorful experience at the family dinner table.

The Grayson Farmer's Market is open on Saturdays from 9:00 AM until noon and on Thursdays from 2:00-6:00 PM. The market is located in the shed behind the Extension Office at 94 Fairground Drive. The Olive Hill Farmer's Market is located in the Save-a-Lot parking lot (131 Jessica Lane) and is open on Saturdays and Wednesdays at 8:00 AM and Mondays at 3:00 PM until sell out each day. There will be a pop-up market on the first Tuesday of the month in the Friendship & Chapel House parking lot from 6:00-8:00 PM.

For more information about farmers markets in your area, 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.

Upcoming Events

- Hike & Learn – Friday, July 5th @ 9:00 AM – Carter Caves State Resort Park Horn Hollow Trail

CALENDAR

- **7/2: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association** @ 6:30 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office | Guest Speaker: Wes Mattox; Topic: Bear Control
- **7/3: Olive Hill Farmer's Market** @ 8 a.m. | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **7/4: Grayson Farmer's Market** @ 2 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **7/4: Timeless Threads** @ 2 p.m. | 120 Comet Dr, Olive Hill | Tickets: $15, www.ohcah..org
- **7/4: Carter County Library Board** @ 6 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **7/5: Sit and Sew** @ 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **7/5: Hike & Learn** @ 9 a.m. | Carter Caves State Resort Park, Horn Hollow Trail
- **7/6: Olive Hill Farmer's Market** @ 8 a.m. | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **7/6: Grayson Farmer's Market** @ 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **7/8: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days** @ 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **7/8: Homeschool group meeting** @ 12 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **7/8: Olive Hill Farmer's Market** @ 3 p.m. | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **7/8: Game Night** @ 5 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **7/8: Carter County Fiscal Court** @ 6 p.m. | Carter County Courthouse
- **7/9: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting** @ 12 p.m. | Johnny's Pizza
- **7/9: Grayson City Council** @ 5:30 p.m. | Grayson City Hall
- **7/9: Homeschool group meeting** @ 6 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill



Pet of the Week

Barbie and Ken are a pair of Great Pyrenees mix, believed to be around nine weeks old. They're both very playful pups, and each has a $100 adoption fee which includes rabies vaccination and being spayed or neutered. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet them 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

Fiscal court approves voting booth purchase

Privacy partitions paid for with federal grant funds

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Carter County fiscal court met in a special session last Thursday (June 27) to approve several items, including the purchase of new voting booths. The court also approved the minutes from the previous meeting, and voted to approve claims and transfers.

Central to the meeting was approval to spend the remaining $8,300 the court had received from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). HAVA was passed by congress in 2002 to make sweeping reforms to the nation's voting process. According to the United States Election Assistance Commission, 'HAVA addresses improvements to voting systems and voter access that were identified following the 2000 election.'

The purchase in question was for voter booths to be set up at each precinct. This is expected to help facilitate both privacy and simplification of the voting process. The booths are not, and should not be confused with, the machines that actually tally the votes. The booths will accommodate four voters and allow them to mark their ballots, which they will then feed into the actual voting machine. The voting booths are also handicap accessible, with one of the four sections adjustable to wheelchair height.

The court had the option – based on regulations concerning what could be purchased with HAVA funds – of either purchasing the 'Ben Franklin' style booths or purchasing cages to secure the voting machines themselves. The booths were considered to be a better option since the cages would also require additional storage space that is not currently available. The court already required eight more booths as well, so the purchase of booths over cages was considered to be a more practical expenditure of the money.

The company which supplies the booths typically charges $1,000 per 4-person booth plus a considerable amount for shipping, which would have meant that the court would be required to contribute additional money from some other source. The court was informed on Thursday that the company decided to sell and ship the eight booths and only charge the court the $8,300 that was left of the HAVA money, so the court would not be required to make up the difference in price.

The voting booths are typically separated at a rate of one booth per precinct, but many voting locations accommodate voting from multiple precincts. The voting location at West Middle School, for instance, includes five precincts so there must be five individual voting booths where voters may fill out their ballots.

The fiscal court approved the purchase by unanimous vote.

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Ambulance from A-1

treatment was refused, two calls of evaluated/no treatment, 17 calls that were cancelled, two DOA calls, 72 calls that were assists/standby, and 24 treat and release, for a total of 537 that ultimately resulted in 408 billable calls.

On the financial portion of the meeting, May credit contracts were at $2,997.30, with contract adjustment showing $3,211.38. Insurance credits were $25,672.28, with insurance adjustments showing $9,091.99. Medicaid credits were reported at $27,497.93, with Medicaid adjustments of $49,319.01. Medicare credits were reported at $121,918.36, with adjustments at $133,327.93. Private credits were reported at $10,487.30. For the month of May, 2024, the billing company received $88,573.17 in payments and had $205,134.85 in mandatory adjustments.

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Stabbing from A-1

Phillips also ordered Binion, upon completion of her sentence and release, to avoid all contact with her victims or their families and to continue to undergo regular mental health evaluations and treatment.

Binion was sentenced to five years each for the pair of assaults, and an additional two years for fleeing and evading police. Those sentences were all set to run consecutively, with a 60 day sentence for the misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest set to run concurrently with her other sentences.

This sentence was part of a deal that saw Binion plead guilty last month to amended charges of first and second degree assault under extreme emotional disturbance. That amendment changed the charges from a Class A felony punishable by ten to 20 years, and a Class B felony punishable by five to ten years, to a pair of Class D felonies punishable by up to five years each.

The judge also referenced Binion's past criminal record – which included both drug and violence related arrests – and their relation to her mental health struggles in her sentencing. She urged Binion to take advantage of the counseling and medical advice that she would be offered while incarcerated.

"I hope you get the assistance you need," Phillips told Binion.

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Olive Hill approves budget

Council votes unanimously to approve spending plan

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Olive Hill City council met in special session on June 25,2024 to approve the city budget from 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025. The city showed a balance carried forward of $38,156.00 in their Municipal Road Aid Fund, but no resources carried forward in the General Fund or Utilities Fund.

The city budget is an estimate of revenues, resources, and appropriating funds for the operation of the city government. Among the estimated revenues were listed $1,013,870.00 in taxes, $8,400.00 in licenses and permits, and $54,000.00 in intergovernmental revenues. Another $160.00 is projected for interest, $89,000.00 for rental/lease, and $23,025.00 in other revenue. These figures bring the total resources available in the General Fund to $1,188,455.00. Appropriations listed $218,026.00 in administration and finance, fire $238,754.00, police $534,610.00, street $125,576.00, recreation $44,489.00, and public library $27,000.00, bringing the total budgeted expenses to $1,188,455.00.

Municipal Road Aid, as stated, had a carry-over of $38,156.00. Intergovernmental revenues are listed at $35,000.00 for a total revenue of $35,000.00, combined with carry-over bringing the total to $73,156.00. The Utilities Fund lists $5,917,470.00, interest of $15,000.00, other revenue $147,145.00, for a total Revenue of $6,079,615.00.

The Budget was passed by unanimous vote and has an effective date of July 1, 2024.

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Kentucky Fish and Wildlife urges boater safety over July 4 holiday

"Operation Dry Water" campaign focuses on impaired boating



submitted photo

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources conservation officers and other law enforcement personnel across the state are teaming up to keep Kentucky's waterways safe over the upcoming Independence Day holiday.

Now in its 16th year, "Operation Dry Water" is a national heightened awareness and enforcement campaign designed to educate the public about the dangers of boating under the influence (BUI). The campaign facilitates a national focus on BUI detection and enforcement aimed at reducing the number of alcohol- and drug-related incidents and fatalities around the July 4 holiday each year, a time that normally sees an increase in these types of occurrences.

This year, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement, Kentucky State Police and local law enforcement agencies will increase their presence around the state's lakes and rivers from July 4-6 as a reminder not to boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"'Operation Dry Water' is an outreach opportunity to help bring awareness to safety messages around boating at a time when more people are likely to be out on the water," said Maj. David Marques, assistant director of Law Enforcement for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Our law enforcement officers will also be out on the water throughout the holiday to observe for those who may show impairment from drugs or alcohol."

A law enacted in 2019 allows Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement officers to make a BUI arrest based on probable cause of operator intoxication when an accident has caused property damage or physical injury. Persons arrested for BUI may be subject to one day in jail for a first offense and two days for a second offense.

See SAFETY on A-6

OBITUARY

Larry Joe Garvin
1950 – 2024



Larry Joe Garvin, age 74 of Argillite, KY, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of the late Tom and Hazel Bond Garvin, Larry was a member of Cane Creek Freewill Baptist Church, and a light to everyone he met. A retiree from CSX in Russell, KY, Larry was an avid hunter, fisherman, and lover of everything outdoors, especially spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by three brothers, Buddy Lee Garvin, Harold Lloyd "Bob" Garvin, and Jackie Eugene Garvin.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Roxanna Hilton Garvin; one daughter, Jolinda Case of Barboursville, West Virginia; one son Justin (Hannah) Angel of Ashland, Kentucky; two sisters, Judy (O'Neal) Nolen of Grayson, Kentucky, Thomasina "Tina" (LeRoy) Rayburn of Olive Hill, Kentucky; two grandchildren, Michael Joeseph (Mindy) Conley of Ashland, Kentucky, Marcus (Sahara) Artrip of Russell, Kentucky; and four great grandchildren, Brayden Conley, Christian Conley, Bella Conley, and Ty Conley. He also leaves behind many family, friends, and church family who will sadly mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 1, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Ronnie Blevins and Brother Winston Hilton officiating. Burial followed in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast with Larry's close family and friends serving as pallbearers.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. to 8.pm. Sunday, June 30, 2024 and after 9 a.m. on Monday at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West Highway US 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Larry Joe Garvin.

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Guest Editorial

Living with water



Robin L. Webb
Senator
State of Kentucky

Recently, I had the privilege of traveling to the Netherlands for an international policy masterclass on "Living With Water," hosted by the Council of State Governments (CSG), specifically CSG South, in partnership with the American Flood Council. Senior legislative leaders from across the South were chosen to explore our changing weather patterns, identify flood risks, understand their impact on infrastructure, economies, and people, and discover solutions for flood prevention to increase resilience in our respective areas and nation.

Kentucky has always faced flooding challenges, but recently we have experienced historic rain events with increasing frequency. These events have resulted in loss of life, community relocations, and significant damage to our economies and infrastructure. Solutions for flood resilience are critical and deserve our attention.

Our trip was brief but intense. We started with discussions about the challenges in our respective states, focusing on current and future water management issues. As a former coal miner with three technical degrees and a former environmental prosecutor, I found myself in my element discussing drainage, erosion, subsidence, spatial planning, and water solutions.

I seriously considered studying hydrology before choosing law school. During my time in the Kentucky General Assembly, I have championed water legislation and impoundment regulation. I also created a task force to achieve state jurisdictional primacy for 404 water regulation and another task force on water and wastewater following the Martin County experience, which highlighted a pressing need.

My district includes three Ohio River counties, the Big Sandy, Little Sandy, and other rivers, a federal flood control project at Grayson Lake, and incidents of historical flooding in Vanceburg and Olive Hill. Thus, I was eager to learn from Dutch experts about their methods for maintaining their country's integrity and how we might apply these resilience measures at home.

Our delegation observed every aspect of water management, from the sea to river basins, learning from international experts. There is no better example of innovative success than the Netherlands. One-third of the country is below sea level, with the lowest point being 22 feet (6.7 meters) below sea level. They rely on an extensive system of dikes, pumps, artificially enhanced and created beaches, and sand dunes to protect their land. These sophisticated flood control systems are crucial for their survival, a battle they have fought since 1200. Despite their best efforts, they remain acutely aware of the rising sea levels' potential threat.

In The Hague, we received a briefing from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management. They discussed challenges such as drought, freshwater protection, storm surge, increased storm severity, and flooding. Their governmental structure emphasizes keeping water management as apolitical as possible, focusing on societal balance and management. Citizens have a significant say in the process, which is grassroots-driven, including the funding for flood control and resilience.

The Delta Programme of 2015, a government plan to manage flood risk and protect freshwater availability, was a recurring theme during our visit. We were briefed by Deltares, independent research experts specializing in water, soil, and subsurface issues. They collaborate with U.S. partners like TVA, USAC, and USGS on research, data, and project information sharing.

We then explored the urban lab for sustainable urban flood resilience solutions. Flood Proof Holland demonstrated the latest innovations in temporary and flexible flood protections, which are effective and accessible for communities. After a devastating flood in 1953, the Delta Works project, completed 45 years later, focused on solutions like the Room for the River project. We visited the Maeslantkering storm surge barrier, part of Delta Works. This engineering marvel, one of the largest moving structures on earth, protects the Port of Rotterdam and its city from storm surges, with design concepts replicated in Florida and Louisiana.

Rotterdam, situated 22 feet below sea level, has urban challenges. The ZOHO district showcases urban planning with biodiversity and erosion control, water storage, and flood minimization. They emphasize community attitude, aesthetic balance,

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The dog ate my homework



Jeremy D. Wells
Editor
Carter County Times

When I was a kid, I didn't fully understand the old cartoon and sitcom trope of using "the dog ate my homework" as an excuse. We didn't have inside dogs, for one thing. A lot of the dogs we had actually wandered in as adults too, so I didn't have much experience with the puppy phase either. If I had, I might have understood – as I do now – the incessant chewing they do as they're growing and teething.

But even if I didn't have the experience to fully appreciate the joke, I understood the point of it. Depending on context, it was either a lame and unbelievable attempt at an excuse, or it was a sincere and unavoidable situation outside your control – that sounded like a lame and unbelievable excuse you made up. Variations of this theme are a sitcom mainstay. Sometimes the dog is a dog. Sometimes it's the breeze and a neighbor's lawnmower. Or the computer dying just before hitting "save" on the final line of an important document.

This weekend, for us, the dog ate the homework when it came to getting coverage of the Olive Hill Homecoming parade. We were supposed to have two people on scene. As the weekend wore on they had personal issues arise that kept them from being able to show up – with the last one unable to let us know until after it was too late for us to be there.

We had our own issues at home – a series of minor calamities that are themselves the makings of a farcical weekend montage. A trampoline setup interrupted by fire ants. Weed eating stalled when a skunk sprays the dog. A yellow jacket attack during the dog bath. A lost wedding ring that flew off while I flailed about like that blowup Misael Nuñez outside Tres Hermanos during a stiff breeze.

Imagine it as the intro to a forgettable movie where Jim Carrey or Bill Hader (or, if you're my age, Steve Martin) plays the bumbling dad just trying to do the best he can. Starting his Monday covered in itching, burning welts and hands that still stink of skunk. Then his windshield gets cracked by a gravel he watches bounce in slow motion across the blacktop.

It's the kind of thing that seems over the top.

Ridiculous.

Absurd.

Completely contrived.

But it's true. I swear. We really wanted to cover the parade, and other weekend events. But the dog ate our homework. Then he got sprayed by a skunk.

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Drug education and prevention programs help local communities



Jody Boulay
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

It seems as if every community, big or small, has been impacted by the problems associated with substance use and drug overdose. Within these communities, these problems extend into the family unit, with people becoming addicted and dying because of drugs.

However, community drug education and prevention programs can be a first line of defense. There is hope for the younger generations as they have more access to prevention and education resources to help them make informed decisions. In addition, more information is available for parents to equip them with the tools to help their kids understand the dangers and risks associated with drugs and alcohol.

Drug education and prevention campaigns are available across the state, and many resources are available online. For example, the Kentucky Youth Health Network partners with different organizations to address the health and risk behaviors of youth in the state.

Operation UNITE serves 33 counties in eastern Kentucky and offers a collaborative model to prevent substance use and help people find recovery. The KY Help Statewide Call Center (1-833-859-4357) is a toll-free line that helps Kentucky residents find treatment and prevention resources.

Prevention and education information is valuable as it contributes to preventing underage alcohol abuse and recreational drug use. This can be especially vital during Fourth of July celebrations. Binge drinking, for example, around Independence Day is typical, and it is known as one of the heaviest drinking holidays of the year. In social settings, it becomes easy to consume too much alcohol.

According to drug abuse statistics, Kentucky has a low rate of underage drinking deaths. Roughly 15.8% of Kentucky adults over 18 binge drink at least once per month. Annually, there is an average of 2,206 deaths in the state attributable to excessive alcohol use.

Parents play an essential role when providing drug education. They can take the initiative to create an inclusive and supportive environment with their children. This can equip them with the tools they need to make knowledgeable decisions surrounding alcohol and drug use.

Teens and adults all use drugs and alcohol for different reasons. Much of their use is linked to peer pressure, whether from peers, in a social setting, or in the case of someone they look up to who they see drinking or using drugs.

Stress is also a common factor, and alcohol or drugs seem like an easy escape from the problems of life.

Additionally, environment and family history are contributing factors. Children, for example, who grow up in households with heavy drinking and recreational drug use are more likely to experiment with drugs.

Any parents wondering what to do should consider starting the conversation about alcohol and drug use

See EDUCATION on A-6

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Water from A-5

science, and nature.

Katwijk aan Zee, a North Sea coastal city, exemplifies coastal protection with dune construction, pumping infrastructure, and environmental balance. We even saw a parking garage beneath an improved dune!

Werkendam marked the start of the Room for the River project, which aims to restore the river's natural floodplain in non-harmful areas to protect nearby regions. This involves buying land to allow river spread during floods, creating water buffers, relocating levees, increasing channel sizes, and constructing flood bypasses. While some agricultural land was lost, the project still supports agriculture, residents, wildlife, and recreational use across the Rhine, Meuse, Waal, and Ijssel rivers.

The Kinderdijk World Heritage site, at the confluence of the Lek and Noord rivers, features 19 windmills built around 1740 to drain the polder. This extensive water management network includes pumping stations, dikes, and reservoirs.

Amsterdam, with its elaborate canal systems, bike paths, and narrow streets, showcases the historical importance of water and its relationship with the people. One remarkable observation about Dutch water management is the public's awareness and cooperation with governmental plans, formed over years of science and data-driven, non-politicized efforts. The Dutch value biodiversity and a thriving ecosystem for a healthy lifestyle, evidenced by their numerous bicycles and fit population. They also enjoy stroopwafels and herring, and I indulged in many stroopwafels myself, hoping to be in better shape on my next visit!

I appreciate the opportunity to learn and apply my background to analyze the problems Kentucky and our country face concerning water, a precious and life-essential commodity. I hope to contribute to the solutions for future generations in some small way.

Education from A-5

early. It is also essential to be calm, loving, and supportive. Seek out specialized resources, such as those offered by county or non-profit organizations providing prevention and education.

Additionally, parents want to focus on making it safe for their children to tell them anything and never end the conversation, keeping it going regardless of age.

Local drug education resources are here to help assist people of all ages in making knowledgeable decisions about drugs and alcohol.

Jody Boulay is a mother of two with a passion for helping others. She currently works as a Community Outreach Coordinator for DRS to help spread awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Safety from A-4

Together with other law enforcement agencies and safety advocates across the state, the department's Law Enforcement Division recently launched the "Don't Be the U in BUI & DUI" campaign to share safety awareness messages on holidays and throughout the full summer season.

"Boating or driving under the influence can impact boaters and others around them," Marques said. "Together we work to keep impaired drivers off the roads and waterways to allow everyone to enjoy their summer outings and get them safely back home."

Alcohol and drugs can affect judgment, balance, vision and reaction time for boat operators and passengers alike. They also can increase fatigue. Sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion may intensify the side effects of alcohol, drugs and some medications.

Other water activities such as swimming, waterskiing, wakeboarding and tubing can also be impacted by drugs or alcohol. Whether from a boat or from the shore, participants need to be aware of their own or others potential impairment and take precautions such as understanding the risks of mixing alcohol with these activities. Wearing a personal floatation device, being mindful of nearby traffic, paying attention to the weather, water depth and hazards in the area, and never going out alone are all extra precautions to ensure a safe trip. Kentucky law specifically prohibits swimming at any boat launching ramp. Swim only in designated areas.

Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in boating accidents and fatalities, according to the U.S. Coast Guard's 2023 Recreational Boating Statistics report.

Boaters can learn more about boating laws in the Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide, the regulations summary booklet, available online at fw.ky.gov and wherever licenses are sold, or at "Operation Dry Water."

For emergencies, dial 911. For non-emergency assistance call 800-25-ALERT (800-252-5378) or contact a local law enforcement agency or nearest Kentucky State Police post. Marine channel 16 can be used to contact a local marina.

"Operation Dry Water" is an annual effort coordinated by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), headquartered in Lexington, Kentucky, in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and law enforcement agencies. Nearly 500 law enforcement agencies across the country, including almost 8,000 officers, participated in 2023, resulting in 302,146 boater contacts and 717 BUI arrests over the course of the holiday weekend.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00234

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION — **PLAINTIFF**

VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**

HERTA F. HEINE; MARIA HUTCHISON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA HUTCHISON; SOLAR MOSAIC, INC.; CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY — **DEFENDANTS**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on April 2, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **24th day of July, 2024 at or near the hour of 12:15 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 5.99% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 2092 S. State Highway 207, Rush, KY 41168. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 77, Page 685, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 128-00-00-115.00.

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

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 18-CI-00126

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC — **PLAINTIFF**

VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**

MARY ANN BOGGS A/K/A MARY ANN KIGER; DISCOVER BANK — **DEFENDANTS**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on June 19, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **24th day of July, 2024 at or near the hour of 12:20 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 4.125% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 606 Kelly Lane, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 180, Page 111, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-40-07-022.00.

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Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

CLERK'S NOTICE OF FIDUCIARIES ACCOUNTING

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

Final Settlement W. Jeffrey Scott, Executor, in the estate of: Wilma Jean Mobley. Attorney for Estate, Hon W. Jeffrey Scott, July 31th, 2024 at 10:30am having been set as date of hearing, no cause for exceptions, having been shown, the settlement will be confirmed at date of hearing.

YARD SALE

Garage Sale, rain or shine, near Carter Nursing Home on Hugh St., Friday & Saturday, July 5 and 6, 8:30 - ?, name brand clothing, exercise items, CD's, DVD's, craft items, free item with purchase

PUBLIC NOTICE

Matthew Harrisons suit, brought by the petitioner(s) **Megan E. Harrison and joined by Matthew Harrison**, petitioned the Circuit Court for Henrico County for the termination of the parental rights of the putative mother Danielle Paige Tanner, of the minor child, Lyla Shae Harrison, born to Danielle Paige Tanner and Matthew Bradley Harrison at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon, West Virginia on July 25, 2015; said termination being pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 63.2-1205; 63.2-1201 and, 63.2-1203. The consequences of termination of residual parental rights are that a parent or parents forever relinquish all parental rights such as, but not limited to, the rights of visitation, consent to adoption, companionship, association, education, discipline, guidance, the right to determine religious affiliation, all decision making concerning the child's welfare and the responsibility for support. It appearing from an Affidavit that the putative mother, Danielle Paige Tanner is a nonresident individual and whose whereabouts are unknown; it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent, Danielle Paige Tanner, appear before this Court on or before 8/5/24, to protect her interest herein.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00056

DOT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC — **PLAINTIFF**

VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**

MARY L. CONN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY L. CONN; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF 4371 CARTER CAVES ROAD; STOCK YARDS BANK & TRUST COMPANY F/K/A KENTUCKY BANK; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; MARY ANN EVANS; TIMOTHY EVANS; CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY — **DEFENDANTS**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 15, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **24th day of July, 2024 at or near the hour of 12:00 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

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Description of the Property: 4371 Carter Caves Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 135, Page 572, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 049-00-00-025.00.

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Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00001

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION — **PLAINTIFF**

VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**

TAMMY THORNSBERRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMY THORNSBERRY; PAM THORNSBERRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAM THORNSBERRY; CARLOS RICHARDSON; RICKY RICHARDSON — **DEFENDANTS**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on April 30, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **24th day of July, 2024 at or near the hour of 12:10 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 2636 State Highway 1626, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 446, Page 865, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 013-00-00-004.00.

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

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00416

CSMC 2017-2 TRUST C/O WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUNDS SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST — **PLAINTIFF**

VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**

TERRY L. JACKSON; THERESA S. JACKSON; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; RTLF-KY LLC; ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY LLC; CITY OF GRAYSON; CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY — **DEFENDANTS**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 15, 2024, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **24th day of July, 2024 at or near the hour of 12:05 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

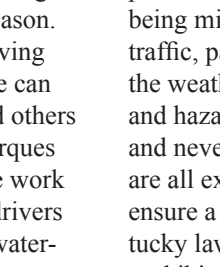
Description of the Property: 107 Bowen Street, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 192, Page 52, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-20-04-025.00.

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

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

Let's talk about America this Independence Day



Patrick Flannery
Representative
State of Kentucky

This July 4, citizens across our country will celebrate the 248th birthday of our nation. Cities will hold their annual parades and firework shows, friends and family members will host barbeques in their backyards, and flags will continue to wave in the warm breeze of summer.

However, while most people will be celebrating the festivities, an alarming number of people likely will not. A startling trend has continued to grow for the past two decades nearly unnoticed, and I feel that this week's legislative update is the perfect opportunity to call some much needed attention to this pressing issue: American pride is on the decline.

Since January 2001, Gallup has conducted a number of polls each year in an attempt to measure how proud U.S. adults feel to be an American. While pride swelled following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, it has declined steadily since 2005. Despite this decline, the majority of U.S. adults still considered themselves "extremely proud" to be an American, with over 70% of expressing this sentiment until 2017. However, since 2017 the number of Americans feeling extreme pride has dropped below 50%. In 2022, the record was broken with only 38% of U.S. adults saying that they feel extremely proud to be an American. In 2023, this average held steady at just 39% of U.S. adults expressing that they were extremely proud to be an American.

What is also alarming is that two factors above all others can be traced as having the largest indicator of someone's answer to this question: age and political affiliation.

50% of U.S. adults age 55 or older said they were extremely proud to be an American, however only 40% of those aged 35-54 and 18% of those aged 18-34 said the same. When it comes to political affiliation, the difference is even larger. Of those who said they are extremely proud to be an America 60% were Republicans, 33% were independents, and 29% were Democrats. Even across the political divide however, young adults still tend to have less pride in being an American than other age demographics.

These numbers are heartbreaking, and have yet to show signs of improvement. President Ronald Reagan even warned us of this coming confrontation in his farewell address stating "Younger parents aren't sure that an unambivalent appreciation of America is the right thing to teach modern children. And as for those who create the popular culture, well-grounded patriotism is no longer in style. Our spirit is back, but we haven't re-institutionalized it."

However, despite how grim these statistics may seem there is still hope. This situation can be remedied, but this can only be possible through the actions taken first at home.

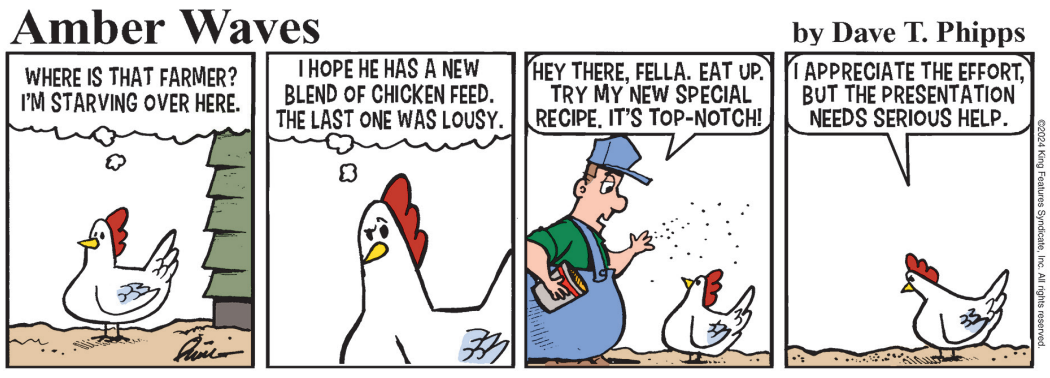
That is why this Independence Day, I am asking you all to take a simple yet important step to help correct our nation's course. Whether it be around the picnic table or after the last firework has crossed the sky, I would like you to ask your family and friends this question: "What makes you proud to be an American?" Sincerely listen to what they have to say, and start a conversation. Discuss the rights inscribed in our constitution, the freedoms we enjoy, and the sacrifices of those who came before us.

In the words of President Reagan, "All great change in America begins around the dinner table."

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.

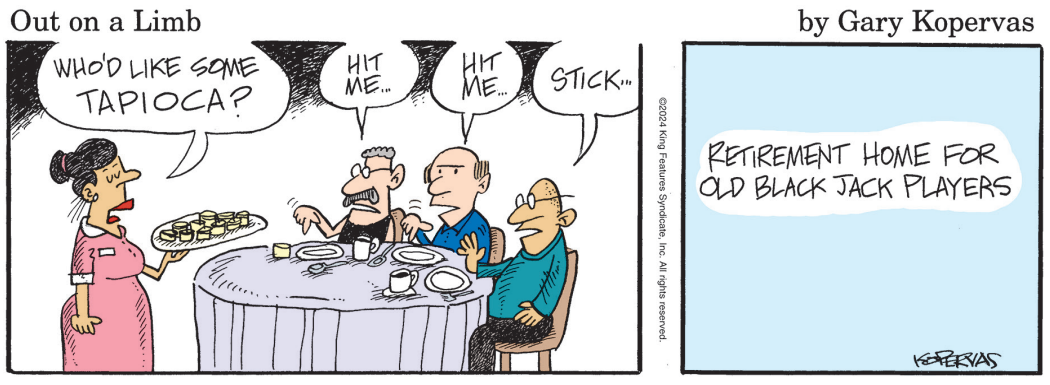
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



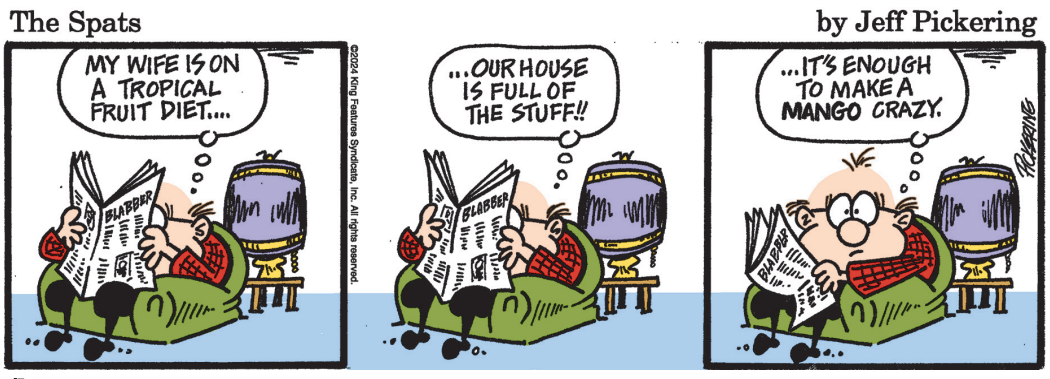
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by Gary Kopervas



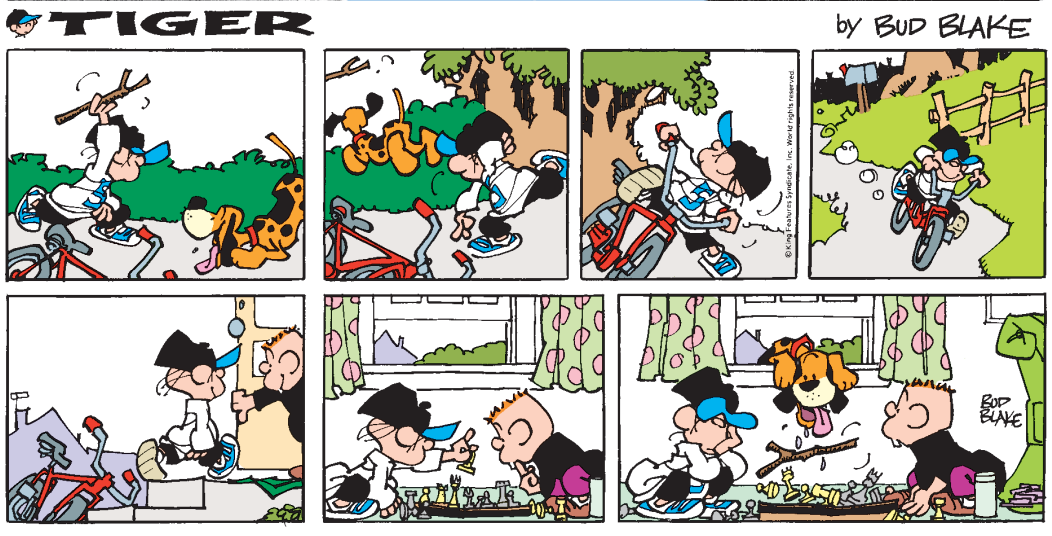
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by Jeff Pickering



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by BUD BLAKE



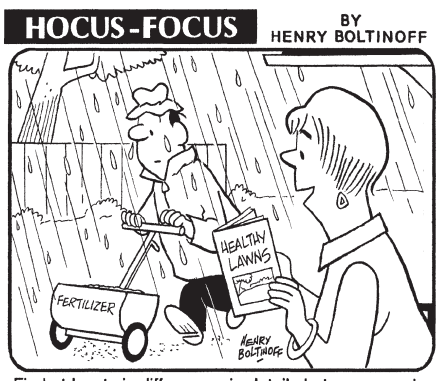
OLIVE

By Emi Burdge

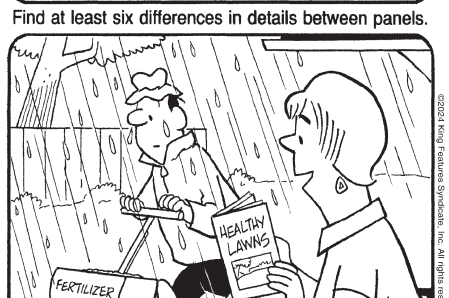


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Wheel is different. 3. Fence is not as wide. 4. Sleeve is added. 5. Release lever is missing. 6. Hair is different.

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: **Z** equals **S**

TQJP ZQHSSL RBMJRHP MJHZRZ

SJR RCSJRQJE HPF RHDG

PCPZRCV, B TCWDF ZHL

RQJL'EJ LHGGBPS BR WV.

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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!



"Didn't you inform her she had the right to remain _ _ _ _ _ _ ?"

Order — SIGNAL

Cherub — GLEAN

Brief — TREES

Fairy — PRIEST

TODAY'S WORD

Even Exchange

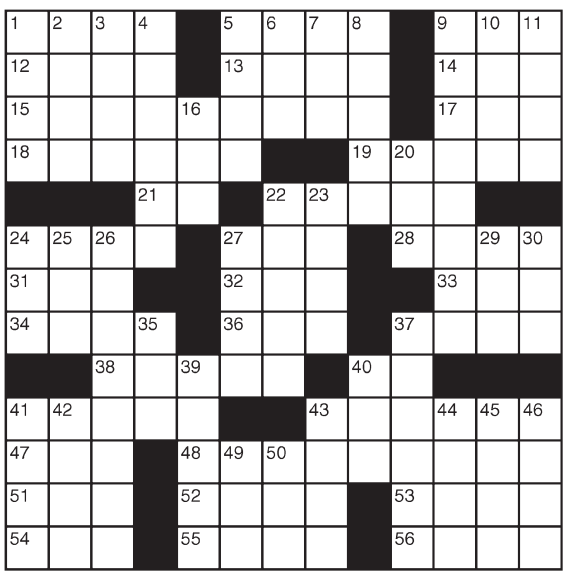
by Donna Pettman

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

1. Cast member	__ L __ __ __ __	Religious request	__ R __ __ __ __
2. Pursue	__ __ A __ __	Opted	__ __ O __ __
3. All those geese	__ A __ __ __ __	Snicker	__ I __ __ __ __
4. UK unit of weight	S __ __ __ __	Make amends	A __ __ __ __
5. Staff of life	__ __ __ __ D	Pause	__ __ __ __ K
6. Tote	__ A __ __ __	Spicy Indian food	__ U __ __ __
7. Food store section	__ __ __ R __	Monday thru Friday	__ __ __ L __
8. Gale Storm role	__ __ __ __ __ E	Page border	__ __ __ __ __ N
9. Horse seat	S __ __ __ __ __	Ping pong racket	P __ __ __ __ __
10. Round map	__ __ __ B __	Catcher's gear	__ __ __ V __

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King Crossword



ACROSS

1 Old Italian money
5 Profs' degrees
9 "The Matrix" role
12 Caspian Sea feeder
13 Mine, in Montreal
14 Cleric's garment
15 When sports events start
17 Avril follower
18 Whine
19 Representative
21 Chicago transport
22 Sanctioned by Islamic law
24 Pottery oven
27 Nourished
28 Hotel furniture
31 JFK info
32 Genetic letters
33 "Mayday!"
34 Jewels
36 Weaponize
37 D-Day carriers
38 Boredom
40 Little — Peep
41 Move laterally
43 Least possible
47 Actor Ferrigno
48 Followed
51 Catchall abbr.
52 Actress Sedgwick
53 Bailiwick
54 Cowboys quarterback Prescott
55 Peevish fit
56 School session

DOWN

1 Schleps
2 Pakistan neighbor
3 "Bohemian Rhapsody" star Malek
4 Football team
5 Sandbox toy
6 "Let me think ..."
7 Female hare
8 Twine fiber
9 Anonymous
10 Flair
11 Life story?
16 Website contact no.
20 Talk on and on
22 Artist Matisse
23 Eden evictee
24 Beer barrel
25 Mineral suffix
26 Politico with limited power
27 Lady of the haus
29 Speck
30 Sound from a hot wok
35 NBC show since 1975
37 Yogurt variety
39 Violin parts
40 "Don't — stranger!"
41 "Citizen Kane" prop
42 Greek vowel
43 Accomplishment
44 French 101 verb
45 Crystal gazer
46 Streetcar
49 Writer Rand
50 Hosp. scan

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 SAUCE to TASTY in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

SAUCE

_____

_____

_____

_____

TASTY

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MUSIC: What is a didgeridoo?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby swan called?
3. HISTORY: What is the name of the treaty that ended the Revolutionary War?
4. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
5. SCIENCE: What does a hertz measure?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is most of the toilet paper in France?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is represented by coulrophobia?
8. LANGUAGE: What is the first character to be added to Morse Code since WWII?
9. LITERATURE: What is the term for a section at the end of a book that concludes what has happened?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president turned down offers to play professional football after college graduation?

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Answers

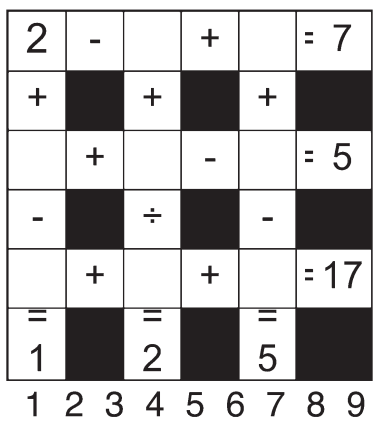
1. A wind instrument used by Australia's indigenous people.
2. A cygnet.
3. The Treaty of Paris.
4. Barcelona, Spain.
5. Frequency.
6. Pink.
7. Fear of clowns.
8. The @ symbol (2004).
9. An epilogue.
10. Gerald Ford.

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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Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword — Answers

1	2	3	4	■	5	6	7	8	■	9	10	11
12				■	13				■	14		
15				16					■	17		
18						■	■	19	20			
■	■	■	21		■	22	23				■	■
24	25	26		■	27			■	28		29	30
31			■	■	32			■	■	33		
34			35	■	36			■	37			
■	■	38		39			■	40		■	■	■
41	42				■	■	43			44	45	46
47			■	48	49	50						
51			■	52				■	53			
54			■	55				■	56			

Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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

WORD LADDER — Answer

SAUCE, SAUTE, HAUTE, HASTE, HASTY, TASTY

SCRAMBLERS — solution

1. Aligns; 2. Angel; 3. Terse; 4. Sprite

Today's Word

SILENT

CryptoQuip answer

When shaggy Tibetan beasts get together and talk nonstop, I would say they're yakking it up.

Even Exchange answers

1. Player, Prayer	6. Carry, Curry	2. Chase, Chose	7. Dairy, Daily
3. Gaggle, Giggle	8. Margie, Margin	4. Stone, Atone	9. Saddle, Paddle
5. Bread, Break	10. Globe, Glove		

Go Figure! answers

2	-	1	+	6	=	7		
+		+		=				
3	+	9	-	7	=	5		
=		=		=				
4	+	5	+	8	=	17		
-		÷		-				
1		2		5				

On With The Show!

Photos by Cory Claxon









Kentucky Congressman Thomas Massie announces the death of his wife, Rhonda Massie

By: Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

FRANKFORT (AP) — Rhonda Massie, the wife of U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie, has died, the Kentucky congressman announced Friday in a moving social media tribute to his high school sweetheart and the "love of my life."

No details about the cause of death or her age were immediately provided by Massie or his staff.

"Yesterday my high school sweetheart, the love of my life for over 35 years, the loving mother of our 4 children, the smartest kindest woman I ever knew, my beautiful and wise queen forever, Rhonda went to Heaven," Massie wrote on the social platform X.

His social media posts featured photos showing the couple and their family. The congressman said the couple spent time with their grandson last week while touring Mount Rainier in Washington.

Massie wrote about his wife's academic achievements and devotion to her family.

"She was valedictorian at our high school where we went to the Prom together, accepted at MIT and Harvard, earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from MIT, and devoted her life to our family," he wrote.

The MIT-educated Massie, a libertarian-leaning Republican first elected to Congress in 2012, easily defeated two GOP challengers in Kentucky's May primary. With no Democratic opponent in the fall, Massie's primary victory cleared his way to claim another term in November. His district stretches across northern Kentucky.

His wife's death brought an outpouring of condolences from Kentucky and beyond.

U.S. Rep. Andy Barr, R-Ky., said in a social media post that he was "deeply saddened" to hear of Rhonda Massie's death. Barr suffered a similar tragedy four years ago when his wife, Eleanor Carol Leavell Barr, died. She was 39.

"Rhonda's warmth, kindness, and dedication to her family and community touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her," Barr wrote Friday.

Kentucky state Sen. John Schickel said his "heart breaks" for the congressman and the couple's children.

"Rhonda was a fantastic human being, and her loving marriage with Congressman Massie was among the most beautiful you could imagine," Schickel said. "They were high school sweethearts and college classmates. It was a true love story."

The Republican Party of Kentucky said in a statement that Rhonda Massie was "an amazing mother, wife, and Kentuckian. She touched all who knew her and will be deeply missed."

Kentucky judge keeps ban in place on slots-like 'gray machines'

By: Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

FRANKFORT (AP) — Supporters of a Kentucky law banning slots-like machines scored a legal victory Friday when a judge kept in place a measure to permanently unplug the video games that offered cash payouts and were branded as "gray machines" during legislative debates.

Franklin County Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd rejected claims that the 2023 law violated various sections of the state's constitution. The judge granted a summary judgment requested by state Attorney General Russell Coleman's office, meaning he ruled without a full trial on the matter.

In defending the statute, Coleman said Friday that his office argued on behalf of the Legislature's "fundamental role" as the state's policymaking body. He praised lawmakers for taking a "bold and bipartisan step to protect Kentucky children and families when they outlawed 'gray machines.'"

The devices were branded as "gray machines" based on their murky legal status at the time.

Kentucky House Speaker David Osborne said the ruling "further confirms that these games were illegal and operating without any of the appropriate regulatory guidelines."

An attorney for the plaintiffs, J. Guthrie True, said in an emailed statement that his team "will be evaluating the ruling and consulting with our clients concerning an appeal."

The law banning the devices was one of the most heavily lobbied and hotly contested measures in Kentucky's 2023 legislative session. The debate revolved around the proliferation of cash payout games set up in convenience stores, gas stations and bars across the Bluegrass State.

Supporters referred to them as legal "skill games" and promoted rival legislation that would have regulated and taxed the machines. Opponents of the games warned that a failure to banish the devices would have led to the largest expansion of gambling in Kentucky history.

In his ruling, Shepherd rejected multiple arguments by the plaintiffs, including claims that the law violated free speech rights and arbitrarily banned games of skill in violation of Kentucky's constitution.

"It was entirely unreasonable, based on Kentucky's long history of regulating gambling ... for an investor to expect that any machine operating on the fringe zones of legality as a gambling device would be exempt from subsequent regulation or prohibition by the Legislature," the judge wrote.

The measure banning the devices, he said, was a "lawful exercise of the Legislature's police power to regulate gambling for the legitimate governmental interest in addressing the social harms of unregulated forms of gambling."

In recent years, Kentucky lawmakers passed other legislation that secured the legal status of wagering on historical racing machines — a lucrative revenue source tapped into by horse tracks in the state. The slots-style historical racing machines allow people to bet on randomly generated, past horse races. The games typically show video of condensed horse races. The tracks have reinvested some of the revenue to make Kentucky's horse racing circuit more competitive with casino-backed tracks in other states.

Kentucky to open applications for the state's medical marijuana business

By: Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

FRANKFORT (AP) — Businesses that want to sell, process or grow medical marijuana for Kentucky can start applying for permits starting Monday, part of an accelerated push to have products available in early 2025, Gov. Andy Beshear said Thursday.

Doctors and advanced practice registered nurses also can begin submitting applications to let them certify eligible patients to buy the drug. The state's Board of Medical Licensure and Board of Nursing will oversee the process.

The Bluegrass State's medical cannabis program begins Jan. 1. Kentucky's Republican-dominated Legislature passed the law with bipartisan support in 2023, legalizing medical cannabis for people suffering from a list of debilitating illnesses. Beshear, a Democrat, quickly signed the measure into law and his administration has been working on program regulations since then.

The governor signed follow-up legislation this past spring moving up the timeline for cannabis business licensing by six months.

The state has already broadcast a series of YouTube webinars, issued a business licensing application guide and other materials to assist applicants. Businesses can apply for licenses through the end of August. The goal is to have some medical cannabis available in January when the products become legal, Beshear has said.

Patients can apply for medical cannabis cards starting Jan. 1 if they have qualifying illnesses, including cancer, multiple sclerosis, chronic pain, epilepsy, chronic nausea or post-traumatic stress disorder.

The state is committed to ensuring Kentuckians with qualifying medical conditions have "safe, affordable access to medical cannabis," state Health and Family Services Secretary Eric Friedlander said Thursday.

In April, Beshear said the state will use a lottery system to award its first round of business licenses.

"The program is focused on ensuring cannabis business licensing is fair, transparent and customer-service oriented," said Sam Flynn, executive director of the Kentucky Office of Medical Cannabis.

The state initially will issue 48 dispensary licenses divided among 11 regions. Each region will get at least four, with most counties limited to one each. The counties home to Louisville and Lexington are the exceptions, and will each be allowed two licenses, Beshear's administration has said. The first license lottery will be in October.

A limited number of licenses to grow and process cannabis also will be issued.

License caps are meant to avoid flooding the market, which would hurt both businesses and patients, the governor has said. The program can be expanded depending on demand and whether more qualifying medical conditions are added.

"You can always scale up," Beshear said in April. "Scaling back hurts businesses, hurts people and hurts access."