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Fire claims Rockstar Tanning

Other nearby businesses undamaged

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

The city of Olive Hill is down one more historic building as Rockstar Tanning, at 159 Railroad Street downtown, was lost in a fire in the early morning hours last Friday. Calls reporting the fire came in just before 1:30 a.m. on Friday morning stating that the top floors of the building were on fire.

The building, reduced to an unstable shell after being completely gutted by the fire, was knocked in on itself by heavy

equipment once the blaze was extinguished just before 6:30 a.m.

Firefighters and crews from across the county and communities in neighboring counties responded to help fight the fire, and though they weren't able to save the Rockstar building, they were able to keep adjacent structures from catching fire or sustaining serious damage.

The building on Railroad Street is one of several that had sat vacant in downtown, but it had been refurbished in recent years and had new life breathed into it by local businesswoman Tonya Judd. In addition to the tanning salon, Judd had previously stated she had plans to provide space for other businesses in the

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A firefighter directs water onto the smoldering rubble of the Rockstar Tanning building in Olive Hill during the early hours of Friday morning. (Photo by Cory Claxon, for the Carter County Times)

Middleton delays change of plea

Has questions about law at time of alleged offense

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Wendell Middleton was scheduled to enter a change of plea last Friday on charges of first degree sodomy and first degree sexual abuse, but delayed that change until he has a chance to consult further with his attorney. The 49 year old Grayson man has been housed in the Carter County Detention Center since June of last year, follow-

ing his arrests on the charges in question, and was indicted by the grand jury in August of 2023.

His indictment states that he was charged with first degree sodomy for having "deviant sexual intercourse with a juvenile male," a Class A felony, and with first degree sexual abuse for "having sexual contact with a juvenile male," a Class D felony.

The public defender that Middleton has been working with was not present on Friday due to a medical issue. While another attorney from her office was present on her behalf, Middleton wasn't satisfied that he had enough experience with the case to advise him on the nuances of his charges and potential

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Wendell Middleton (submitted photo)

Fiscal Court puts medical marijuana on November ballot

Cordle lone "no" vote on move to allow voters to decide issue

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Carter County Fiscal Court met in a regular session on Monday to discuss a number of items, including the contingency road aid agreement, bids for two bridges in the county, the signing of a contract with the nonprofit grant writing organization BCF, and whether or not to allow the sale of medical cannabis in the county.

The first order of business at the meeting was honoring the



Left to Right Chad Gilbert and Lonnie Sturgill of Grahn Fire Department and Judge Executive Brandon Burton. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Grahn Fire Department, which is in its fiftieth year of service in 2024. Carter County judge executive

Brandon Burton presented

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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.

- Jacob Ruth, 45, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Jail, on a parole violation (for technical violation), arrested and booked August 6.
- Joshua Porter, 33, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 6.
- Estill Stamper, 53, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 7.

- Samantha Bond, 29, of Morehead, arrested by Rowan County Detention Center, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked August 7.
- Anna Gillispie, 34, of Ashland, arrested by Boyd County Jail, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked August 7.
- Roy Carter, 61, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 7.
- Scotty Justice, 31, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of failure to have an operator's license in possession, failure to produce

an insurance card, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, arrested and booked August 7.

- Jeremy Plummer, 27, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of possession of marijuana, trafficking in synthetic drugs, first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (two or more grams of methamphetamine), trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 ounces), and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked August 8.
- Eric Hilderbrand, 42, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked August 8.
- Dillon Puckett, 22, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of first degree

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This Week's Obituaries

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LIFESTYLE



Cool, crisp and delicious: Making Vietnamese salad rolls at home

Vietnamese salad rolls, also known as goi cuon, are a refreshing and versatile dish that combines vibrant flavors, colors and textures. Wrapped in delicate rice paper, they typically include fresh vegetables, herbs, vermicelli noodles and protein like shrimp or tofu. Not only are they a feast for the eyes, but they're a healthy and delicious no-cook meal, perfect for hot weather. Making Vietnamese salad rolls at home is not only easy, but also budget friendly. By purchasing simple ingredients like rice paper, fresh vegetables and noodles, you can enjoy these de-

licious rolls for a fraction of the cost that you'd pay at a restaurant. Plus, homemade rolls allow you to customize ingredients to your personal taste.

BASIC VIETNAMESE SALAD ROLLS

Yield: 4 to 5 servings
Total Time: 20 minutes

For the Salad Rolls:

- 8-10 rice paper wrappers
- 1 cup vermicelli noodles (cooked according to package instructions)
- 2 cups lettuce, chopped or shredded (romaine or butter lettuce works well)
- 1 cup carrots, julienned or grated
- 1 cup cucumber, julienned
- Fresh herbs (like mint, cilantro or Thai basil)
- Protein and specialty ingredient, see ideas below

Cook the vermicelli noodles according to package instructions. Rinse under cold water, drain and set aside. Prepare the vegetables and herbs. Choose and prepare your protein and specialty ingredients.

To assemble:

Fill a large shallow dish with warm water. Dip one rice paper wrapper into the water for about 10 seconds until it's soft but still slightly firm (it will continue to

soften while rolling). Lay the softened rice paper on a clean, flat surface. These are sticky; you may wish to use parchment paper as your preparation surface. Word of advice: Rolling these takes a little practice. Don't expect your first try to come out perfect. Remember, even the ugly ones are still delicious! In the lower third of the wrapper, place a small handful of vermicelli noodles, followed by a few pieces of lettuce, carrots, cucumber and herbs. Add protein and other ingredients.

Roll the salad roll:

Start by folding the bottom edge of the wrapper over the filling. Then fold in the sides tightly, followed by rolling it away from you to enclose the filling completely. The rolls should be snug but not too tight. Continue this process with the remaining wrappers and filling ingredients.

Protein and Specialty Ingredient Variations

Here are some delicious combinations to customize your salad rolls:

Shrimp & Avocado: Cooked shrimp (peeled and deveined), sliced avocado, lime juice for extra flavor.

Tofu & Mango: Firm tofu (pressed and sliced), ripe mango slices, fresh cilantro.

Chicken & Peanut Sauce:



Salad rolls filled with crisp veggies and shrimp, perfect for summer meals (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

Grilled chicken breast (sliced), shredded cabbage, drizzle with peanut sauce before rolling.

Pork & Pickled Veggies: Cooked pork (thinly sliced), quick-pickled carrots and daikon radish, fresh mint.

Vegetarian Delight: Grilled eggplant and/or zucchini, sliced bell peppers, fresh basil and a sprinkle of sesame seeds.

Don't forget the dipping sauces! Here are a couple of quick options: **Peanut Sauce:** Mix peanut butter with soy sauce, lime juice and a bit of water to reach desired consistency. **Hoisin Sauce:** Simple and classic, just serve straight or mix with a little sriracha for heat.

Remember, you can prep the

fillings in advance and assemble the rolls just before serving to keep everything fresh. To serve, keep the rolls covered with a damp paper towel to prevent them from drying out.

So why not roll up your sleeves and give these vibrant Vietnamese salad rolls a try? They're a delicious way to beat the heat, nourish your body and satisfy your taste buds.

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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Joyful Noise

Need things to change?

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell for Carter County Times

George Muller was originally a thief. Through his conversion, God made Muller a man of great faith and prayer. It just goes to show, that God can use anyone for His glory to be made known, even a thief.

George Muller became a missionary who read the Bible through 150 times cover to cover.

He said, "The first thing the child of God has to do morning by morning is to obtain food for his inner man. Now what is the food for the inner man? Not prayer, but the Word of God; and here again not the simple reading of the Word of God, so that it only passes through our minds, just as water runs through a pipe, but considering what we read, pondering over it, and applying it to our hearts."

"This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh." John 6:32-33

"My son, attend unto my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find

them, and health to all their flesh." Proverbs 4:20-22.

Notice in this scripture that God's Word is life. It is also health, or medicine, to all your flesh. God's Word will heal your body, soul, mind, and spirit once it is conceived there.

You must speak God's Word to your individual circumstance or situation - someone else can't do it for you. James 1:21 admonishes us to, "receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." Once the Word of God is engrafted into your spirit, it produces results in the body as well. Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 5:17). When God's Word becomes engrafted or infused into your spirit, it becomes part of you. It cannot be separated from you. It is not only your thought and affirmation, IT IS YOU! The Word made flesh. Then your flesh will reflect the life of that Word. When God's Word concerning healing or any other situation takes root in your flesh it becomes greater than disease and healing will take place and/or that situation will begin to change.

Faith possesses reality! "Faith is the substance of things hoped for" (Hebrews 11:1). Hope is important but hope lacks

substance until filled with faith. Hope is only a goal-setter. Your hope might be to be healed, but just having hope won't heal you. Faith gives substance to your hope.

Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." What you believe and speak will affect your life according to this scripture. It is important then to read the Word and speak over yourself what the scriptures have to say about the matter. Your words become either a blessing or a curse to you.

A continual affirmation of God's Word in faith will build up a supernatural anointing that is capable of changing things around for the good. Job 22:28 says, "Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways."

Start today letting the light of God's Word shine upon your ways. AMEN. SO BE IT

Joyful House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, P.O. Box 856, Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Services are Sunday 10 a.m. and Thursday 6:30 p.m. Send comments/prayer request to: Pastornaomi4God@gmail.com. FB: Joyfulehopper. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM Sundays 1-2pm.

Looking to build leadership skills? Join a 4-H club

Kentucky 4-H empowers young people to become leaders. But what does that mean, and how does involvement in 4-H play a part?

True leaders have confidence. They know how to work well with others. They can endure challenges, and they will stick with a job until it gets done. As part of a 4-H club, young people can build and refine all these critical life skills and more.

Through clubs, Kentucky 4-H applies a comprehensive, hands-on approach to learning called Positive Youth Development, which equips young people with guidance, tools, and encouragement, puts them in the driver's seat to make great things happen. As a result, 4-H programs have been shown to make positive, measurable contributions not just to social and emotional growth but also to

behavioral and cognitive development of the young people who take part.

A 4-H club is a great way to join other youth in your community who share a common interest in an important field such as natural resources, agriculture, communication and expressive arts, family consumer sciences, health and wellness, leadership, or science engineering and

See 4-H on A-8

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers sold 2.00 to 5.00 lower and heifers 3.00 to 7.00 lower. Yearling steers and heifers were unevenly steady. Demand was moderate to good, as buyers were active but cautious due to concerns about the volatility in the CME cattle futures markets. Slaughter cows and bulls sold mixed throughout the week with market trends ranging from 2.00 to 6.00 lower to 2.00 to 6.00 higher.

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

Week ending 8/10/24

STATE AVERAGES			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	312.73	326.65	260.00
400-450 lbs	304.07	308.55	260.58
450-500 lbs	295.34	297.56	259.59
500-550 lbs	283.63	284.87	252.83
550-600 lbs	274.82	283.56	258.39
600-650 lbs	261.27	270.92	252.18
650-700 lbs	255.47	265.07	249.34
700-750 lbs	241.02	258.82	243.65
750-800 lbs	229.22	241.93	230.28
800-850 lbs	225.18	236.96	237.57
850-900 lbs	231.35	244.39	233.06
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	278.51	299.41	236.26
350-400 lbs	276.52	288.51	236.44
400-450 lbs	269.50	277.91	235.38
450-500 lbs	262.13	272.25	239.77
500-550 lbs	254.76	263.59	230.27
550-600 lbs	246.69	259.40	236.51
600-650 lbs	233.55	242.59	229.10
650-700 lbs	228.22	235.62	225.73
700-750 lbs	215.53	233.44	213.90
750-800 lbs	222.58	222.12	207.81

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	120.00-145.00	130.00-166.00	112.00-135.00
Boners	120.00-153.00	131.00-167.00	74.00-135.50
Lean	79.00-138.00	120.00-158.00	80.00-121.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	135.00-181.50	164.00-192.50	120.00-159.00

July 25, 2024 Bowling Green, KY
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 215
Kids: Selection 1 56 lbs 285.00; 73 lbs 272.50. **Selection 1-2** 75 lbs 262.50; 90 lbs 260.00. **Selection 2** 54 lbs 262.50; 68 lbs 262.50.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 869
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 53-58 lbs 212.50-220.00; 70-72 lbs 197.50-200.00; 84-87 lbs 172.50; 90 lbs 172.50; 112 lbs 155.00. **Choice 2** 49 lbs 227.50; 58 lbs 217.50; 71 lbs 182.50; 88 lbs 165.00.
Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2 77 lbs 105 lbs 152.50.

Week ending 8/10/24			
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.47-4.01	3.50-4.17	4.50-5.54
Soybeans	9.58-10.59	9.87-10.80	13.28-14.33
Red Winter Wheat	4.48-5.15	4.34-5.06	5.22-6.19

Local farmers invited to compete in East Kentucky Hay Contest

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Extension Notes

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES



Rebecca Konopka
Carter County
Extension Agent

Arrests from A-1

strangulation, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), promoting contraband in the first degree, and fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked August 9.

- Anthony Benson, 32, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked

August 9.

- Timothy Burton, 56, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County District Court, weekender, arrested and booked August 9.
- Ashley King, 38, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of second degree disorderly conduct, arrested and booked August 9.
- Steve Binion, 28, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive

Hill PD, on charges of tampering with physical evidence, public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), and being a persistent felony offender, arrested and booked August 10.

- Eric Hannah, 33, of Hitchens, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of third degree burglary, arrested and booked August 11.

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.

Fire from A-1

building as improvements continued.

The building next door, which has also recently been undergoing extensive renovation, reportedly suffered from smoke but no significant structural damage. Tyler's Pizza, which sits next to the building

on the Cross Street side, was also undamaged and reopened on Saturday morning. It did not open on Friday, as Cross Street and Railroad Street were closed to through traffic as crews worked to clean up the rubble from the building's collapse.

On social media many area residents lamented the loss of the building on the corner, and shared fond memories of boutiques and other shops at the location, most of which were in business prior to the decade old flood which caused many businesses

downtown to shut their doors for good.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation and has not been reported at press time.

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Medical Marijuana from A-1

the Fire Department with a plaque commemorating the department's service to their community and offered words of thanks. The plaque was accepted by two members of the Grahn Fire Department, Chad Gilbert and Lonnie Sturgill.

County coroner George Sparks provided the court with a summary of the cases that have come through his office. In the calendar year of 2023 the coroner's office was involved in investigating 164 deaths in Carter County. Of that number, 72 were associated with Community Hospice and Saint Claire Hospice, and the remaining 92 deaths were classified as coroner cases.

"Coroner cases are deaths that are sudden, violent, unnatural, or unattended," Sparks explained to the court.

Of the 92 deaths, 19 were drug related (overdoses), two were homicides, and five were classified as suicides. The balance of sixty-seven were considered natural deaths, Sparks said.

Judge executive Burton told the court that the county had been awarded funds from the Contingency Road Aid Agreement in the amount of \$385,000. The funds were for roads

the court had submitted in 2023, including Prater Road (.8 miles), Four Mile Road (2.06 miles), Powell Hollow (.946 miles), and Iron Hill (1 miles). Some calculations for the distance of paving allotted to each of the four roads include severity of damage, width of the road in question, and the thickness required to pave. Other roads will be chosen by the court and submitted for 2024.

The court voted to enter into a contract – pending review from the county attorney – with Business Cultivation Foundation (BCF) in the amount of \$5,000 per month (\$60,000 per year) to write federal and state grants that would benefit the county. BCF is a nonprofit grant writing entity that was instrumental in Carter County receiving a grant earlier this year from the Opioid Abatement Fund. Renee Parsons of BCF was hired to manage the requests for the opioid funds, and per Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo), the \$5,000 per month contract can be paid with opioid funds and not affect the county budget.

The court also discussed the Medical Cannabis Resolution, a resolution that would determine

whether or not medical cannabis could be sold in Carter County. The choices facing the court were to opt in, opt out, or place the issue on the November ballot and allow the residents of Carter County to vote on the issue. Burton said that he thought it would be best to allow county residents to have a direct say, via ballot, on the future of medical cannabis in the county. Carter County Attorney Brian Bayes also advised the court of their options.

"You can do nothing, which means on January 1 it (medical cannabis) comes in," Bayes said. "Or you can do an ordinance that bans it from coming in."

Bayes compared the medical cannabis issue to the wet/dry alcohol vote and highlighted issues such as if county residents voted against it on a ballot, there would still be the options of individuals to petition for it.

The court acknowledged the benefits of medical cannabis in treating patients, but also discussed numerous potential issues involving allowing it in the county. Those issues included the potential for abuse, difficulty in regulation, and illegal resale among other things. Feder-

al regulations limiting who can grow medical cannabis and the medicine only being available through a dedicated dispensary help to mitigate these potential problems, but not eliminate it. And Bayes pointed out that as is the case with all regulated substances, a prescription for it does not give the patient the right to operate a motor vehicle while taking it and such a case would fall under the DUI law.

Magistrate Millard Cordle told the court that he was against the sale of medical cannabis and recommended passing a resolution banning its sale. Arguments against Cordle's recommendation included what would amount to banning a legitimate business, data showing the benefits to medical cannabis in patients who might not respond to other treatments, and giving Carter County voters a voice on whether or not to allow it.

The Court voted to put the issue on the November ballot with Cordle being the single dissenting vote.

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CALENDAR

- **8/14: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/14: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/15: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/15: Transferring Cherished Possessions: Who gets what? @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Call 474-6686 to register.
- **8/15: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/15: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Giovanni's of Olive Hill
- **8/16: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **8/17: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/17: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/17: Friends of the Library meeting @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/19: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **8/19: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/19: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/19: Carter County EMS Board Meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County EMS Station
- **8/19: Carter County Board of Education @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Board of Education office
- **8/20: Transferring Cherished Possessions: How can we communicate without conflict? @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Call 474-6686 to register.
- **8/20: Gardening in Small Spaces Garden Tour @ 6 p.m.** | Eddie & Angie Fultz's, 799 Whitt Cemetery Rd, Sandy Hook
- **8/20: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **8/20: Olive Hill City Council @ 6 p.m.** | Olive Hill Senior/Community Center
- **8/21: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot

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



Pet of the Week

Gypsy is a 35 lb. boxer mix. This sweet girl walks on a leash very well and loves attention. She has a free adoption to an approved home, and is already spayed and up to date on all shots, including rabies. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her or call 475-9771 for more information.

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

Hay from A-2

succeed. By participating in the hay contest, farmers can contribute to the advancement of the region's hay industry and demonstrate their dedication to producing high-quality forage. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Extension office at 606-474-6686 or Rebecca.k@uky.edu to schedule an appointment. All samples must be collected by October 11th.

For additional information contact the Carter County office of the University of Kentucky 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

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Upcoming Events

- Pesticide Container Rinse & Return – August 19th from 10:00-12:00 – Kee's Farm Service
- Gardening in Small Spaces Garden Tour - Tuesday, August 20th @ 6:00 PM at Eddie & Angie Fultz's



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The drinks were cheap

The ride home wasn't

Never drink and drive. Always buckle up.

A message from the City of Grayson and the Grayson ABC office

■ **Middleton** from A-1

sentencing. Specifically, Middleton had questions about whether he would be charged under statutes in place at the time of his arrest, or as they currently stand.

While it was not clear which statute Middleton was referring to, House Bill 254, signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear in 2021, increased some penalties for distributing pornographic materials that include images of minors. Other laws signed by the governor increase the statute of limitations on child sexual assault, extending the time for now adult victims to report the crime committed against them as children.

The Commonwealth did not object to delaying the plea once again, noting that Middleton's regular public defender was not present, and the suspect was not comfortable with her colleague's ability to answer his questions.

Judge Rebecca Phillips said that the precedent was for the courts to follow the

law in effect at the time of the offense in most such cases. She also noted that there would be no further legislation passed before the case resolves. So, she said, "we just have to look at other situations," where the law has changed.

Phillips redocketed the case for August 19, but advised Middleton that he would "have to be prepared to go forward at that time."

In other action the court accepted a change of plea from Jacob Brainard after his charges were reduced by the Commonwealth. Brainard, who appeared on charges related to discharging a firearm outside of 606 Bar & Grill, pleaded guilty to an amended charge of second degree wanton endangerment – down from the original charge of first degree – and to second degree disorderly conduct. Six other charges of wanton endangerment were dropped as part of the plea deal.

Brainard, who claimed self-defense and has no

prior criminal record, was sentenced to 12 months, conditionally discharged, on the first count. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail on the disorderly conduct charge. He was further ordered to have no contact with anyone related to the restaurant and bowling alley, and to stay off the premises. He is also forbidden from handling or possessing firearms for the length of his sentence and conditional discharge.

Timothy Howard entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to two years and one day on an amended charge of first degree wanton endangerment. Howard was originally charged with second degree assault (domestic violence), but the Commonwealth reached the plea deal with input from the victim. Howard was further ordered to pay \$8,500 in restitution to the victim, which his attorney said has already been paid, and ordered to stay away from the victim and the Carol Malone Dollar

General store.

James Liles entered pleas of guilty to an amended count of possession of a controlled substance, drug unspecified, and possession of drug paraphernalia in one case, earning sentences of six months and 90 days, to run concurrently. They will also run concurrently with Liles' sentence in a second case, for first degree trafficking in carfentanyl or fentanyl derivatives, second offense. Sentencing will be conducted at a future date in that case, but the Commonwealth's offer, which has been accepted, is for 10 years, at least 50 percent of which must be served before Liles could be eligible for parole.

Tiffany Cyrus entered a guilty plea on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence and an amended charge of possession of two or more grams of methamphetamine, instead of the original charge of trafficking. Cyrus was sentenced to 30 days on the first charge, to run con-

currently with the one year of time and court costs of \$165 she was ordered to pay in the possession charge.

Anna Stamper entered a plea of guilty on charges of first degree possession of heroin and third degree possession of an unspecified drug. The judge recommended three years, probated, on the first charge and six months, probated, on the second, with sentencing to occur on August 19.

Finally, in the case of Krista Porter, Judge Phillips signaled her unwillingness to accept recommendations from the county to drop flagrant non-support charges against the suspect in one of the two cases that Porter was facing time under for probation violations. Porter, or Porter Fultz as she is named in a more recent indictment, has ten years of time hanging over her head in those probation violation cases. This is in addition to any time she might have to serve in a second case

– the one which led to the probation violations in the previous 2019 and 2022 cases.

Porter entered a guilty plea on those two counts, each for trafficking in two or more grams of methamphetamine, with the judge recommending 5 years on each count, to run concurrently. However, those concurrent sentences will run consecutively to any time – up to five years on each violation for a total of up to ten years – on those probation violations. This means Porter could serve up to 15 years on all charges.

The Commonwealth stated that despite this, they did not believe Porter was the primary party involved in the trafficking charges. However, as her co-defendant in the case has now passed away she alone will serve any time related to their offenses.

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News outlets were leaked insider material from the Trump campaign. They chose not to print it

By:David Bauder
AP Media Writer

At least three news outlets were leaked confidential material from inside the Donald Trump campaign, including its report vetting JD Vance as a vice presidential candidate. So

far, each has refused to reveal any details about what they received.

Instead, Politico, The New York Times and The Washington Post have written about a potential hack of the campaign and described what they had in broad terms.

Their decisions stand in marked contrast to the 2016 presidential campaign, when a Russian hack exposed emails to and from Hillary Clinton's campaign manager, John Podesta. The website Wikileaks published a trove of these embarrass-

ing missives, and mainstream news organizations covered them avidly.

Politico wrote over the weekend about receiving emails starting July 22 from a person identified as "Robert" that included a 271-page campaign document about Vance and

a partial vetting report on Sen. Marco Rubio, who was also considered as a potential vice president. Both Politico and the Post said that two people had independently confirmed that the documents were authentic.

"Like many such

vetting documents," The Times wrote of the Vance report, "they contained past statements with the potential to be embarrassing or damaging, such as Mr. Vance's remarks casting aspersions on Mr. Trump."

See **TRUMP** on A-8

Tourism rebounding from financial crisis

Group will make further spending decisions after new year

By:Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Carter County Tourism has paid all of their outstanding invoices and commitments, board president and interim treasurer Chris Perry told the group on Monday. However, despite being caught up on bills, the organization is suspending advertising and other spending decisions until after the first of the year. Perry told the board that he had been in contact with Lexington based CBS affiliate WKYT and advised them that tourism will be "putting things on hold until the end of the year."

Perry also said he had shared copies of all checks and deposits made since he took over as treasurer via email to the board members and the judge executive.

The board also discussed recent projects and attempts to collect unpaid transient taxes from campgrounds and others not remitting the tax in the county, including the hotels located in Grayson. Perry said that the hotels located in Grayson, which are all owned by the same company, haven't paid their transient taxes in more than a year. These taxes are typically added onto a guest's bill and collected by the hotels, which are then legally required to remit the collected taxes to the tourism boards in the city of Grayson and the county.

Robert "Sleepy" Porter thanked the board for their support of the Country on

Tygart and Orange Army Bluegrass Festival, and asked the board to consider supporting them again next year. He told the board the event had been a resounding success, drawing music fans from across the country and raising \$40,000 to help cancer patients with their various non-medical related expenses.

Perry told Porter that while they aren't making any financial commitments at this time, the Orange Army events have the support of tourism. He further stated that events that have a proven track record of drawing visitors to the county – like the Orange Army Bluegrass Festival, Shriner Bluegrass Festival, and County Fair – will be the first to earn the board's commitment once they have a better grasp of their financial situation.

The board also heard a fair update, with fair board vice president and tourism board member Jill York telling the board the fair set a new Saturday night attendance record, thanks in large part to the tourism funded rodeo event. York said the fair drew more than 2,800 people on Saturday; though that number doesn't include "fence jumpers" and others who found free entry to the event. Nearly 1,800 turned out on Friday for the demolition derby and other events, with an official head count of 6,533 visitors over the course of the entire week.

York attributes the attendance, particularly the large Saturday crowd, to tourism's sponsorship of the rodeo. York said while county fairs typically draw their attendees from local communities and those in neighboring counties, the fair this year had numerous attendees from Ohio and West Virginia many of whom said they made



Cars participate in the demolition derby at the Carter County Fair. The fair is one of the events Tourism has committed to sponsor after weathering their financial crisis. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

the trip specifically for the rodeo after hearing advertisements for the event.

The board also heard updates on the Shriner Bluegrass Show – whose furthest travelled attendee this year came from Bermuda – and the upcoming Fall Y'all vendor fair. In addition to live music entertainment, Fall Y'all organizer Lisa Messer Conley explained, they will have the typical games and competitions. This year that includes a new game, the "human fruit machine," where a trio of people grab random fruits when prompted by the game player. If those fruits

match the player wins a prize. Think of it as a live action (and very silly) spin on the classic Las Vegas slot machine experience, Conley explained.

In new business the board announced that they have found a replacement on the board for former treasurer Renee Stewart, who stepped down after the recent financial issues came to light. Marilea Fugitt, from the judge executive's office, will fill one of the open slots.

The board also discussed current term expirations and limits, and discussed resetting the initial process to ensure a

full board with staggered replacement of board members on a three year cycle. This helps assure that there is always someone with experience on the board to help guide any newly appointed members.

Under the current plan Carl Burton, Jill York and Chris Perry will have their terms expire in one year's time – though they may be reappointed at that time as well. The terms for Von Perry and Kara Johnson will expire in two

years. Jonathan Lewis and Marilea Fugitt will serve three years before their terms are set to expire.

After discussing board member terms the board entered into executive session for purposes of discussing pending litigation. No action was taken, and the meeting was adjourned shortly after a return to regular session.

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AS WE SEE IT

Let's talk about Alford pleas

When we made the commitment to begin covering court cases we knew it was going to be a challenge. The time, of course, was the primary concern. Even with adding another reporter to take over local government coverage, scheduling the time to be in court for every case that deserves attention is a challenge. It's why we largely ignore things like moving violations unless they're also connected to felony or serious misdemeanor charges.

Someone's simple speeding ticket or an illegal U-turn aren't really newsworthy.

Assault, murder, drug dealing, and sexual abuse, on the other hand, are newsworthy.

They're also the most likely to earn us telephone calls from the accused and their family or friends.

One of those recent phone calls was related to a current case where the alleged perpetrator had a previous guilty plea and plea deal with the Commonwealth on similar charges.

The alleged perpetrator themselves gave me a phone call while I was still delivering newspapers – a bit of an oddity in itself as it's usually the parents or other family members who call on their behalf. They proceeded to berate me for not getting my facts correct and warned me to not use their name in the paper in relation to false claims.

Here is the thing though, our facts were absolutely correct.

Despite the protests of the alleged perpetrator, their previous plea deal was premised on a guilty plea.

As they stated it, "I never pleaded guilty. I took an Alford plea."

But an Alford plea is a guilty plea – with a claim of innocence despite the evidence of guilt. It's an acknowledgement that if the case goes to trial, you'll most likely be found guilty. So, you're pleading guilty in order to take advantage of the benefits of a plea deal, rather than risking greater sentence at trial where all the evidence of your alleged crime will be presented to a jury. In essence an Alford plea is a way for a defendant to receive a reduced sentence for pleading guilty, while still maintaining their claim that they didn't commit the crime in question.

It isn't an exoneration though. It isn't proof that you didn't commit the crime in question.

It's still a guilty plea.

Alford pleas are not offered in situations where there is no evidence of a crime. It's the preponderance of evidence against an alleged perpetrator, in fact, coupled with their protestations of innocence in the face of that evidence that make Alford pleas possible.

The plea is named for Henry Alford, who pleaded guilty to receive a deal in a North Carolina capital murder case rather than pleading not guilty and going to trial. He then filed an appeal because, according to Alford, it was the fear of the death penalty alone that caused him to accept the plea deal. Not because he was actually guilty of the murder.

Of course, the evidence in the case seemed to suggest otherwise – including an earlier altercation between Alford and the victim at the victim's home and eyewitnesses who stated they directly heard Alford take credit for the killing after the fact.

Alford's appeal (he pleaded guilty to second degree murder to avoid the penalties associated with a first degree murder conviction) went all the way to the Supreme Court where they upheld his conviction. The court ruled that a competent lawyer was necessary for the plea deal to be offered and accepted, and that Alford was duly advised of the possibilities arising from a conviction if he maintained a plea of not guilty. This was what prompted him to accept the deal even as he maintained his innocence.

The court further found that even if Alford would have pleaded not guilty if it weren't for the risk of a harsher sentence, evidence existed that would have supported a conviction. This was why Alford was advised by his lawyer to take the plea deal in the first place.

So, yes, if you took an Alford plea on your sexual abuse charge, you are still publicly maintaining your innocence of those charges.

But you also entered a guilty plea. You did it to avoid the potential penalty of more serious charges. And the potential for a conviction on more serious charges existed because there was evidence that could be used against you in a court of law.

Those are facts, whether you like them or not.



Why should we care about the American flag flying upside down?

It was late at night as I halted my car at a four-way-stop in Winchester when I spotted an American flag flying upside down in front of a private residence.

Then I also noticed a campaign sign right below it for a former president trying to regain that office this year. Honestly, my initial response was to complain to the homeowner that such a display of the flag was disrespectful and had no place in politics.

But common sense prevailed, and I realized that banging on someone's door in the wee hours of the morning was especially dangerous in these times of political extremism.

As a veteran and a student of military history, I know that flying a U.S. flag upside down has been a sign of distress for the country or the person flying it.

But, as I drove away, I begrudgingly acknowledged that some folks are using this old gimmick in response to political uncertainty or as a means of showing their displeasure with the direction of our country.

I've never liked the notion of "symbolic speech" which the U. S. Supreme Court has recognized as being protected by the First Amendment since the 1969 cases involving school children wearing black

armbands or street protesters burning the U. S. flag, both in protest of the Vietnam War.



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

The U.S. flag code, which is not legally enforceable, specifically says that the flag is not to be inverted "except as a signal of dire distress in instance of extreme danger to life or property."

The first court-sanctioned use of an inverted flag as a means of protest happened in 1974 when a college student in Washington State was allowed to fly it from his dormitory room with a black peace sign attached.

Displaying the upside down American flag as a symbol of political protest has been seen in all sorts of demonstrations from the storming of the U.S. Capitol in 2021 to the overturning of Roe V. Wade in 2022.

Sadly, I fear that some who disrespect the flag in that manner are intent on changing our form of government, even by force if necessary. And that scares the hell out of me.

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Overdose awareness and prevention campaigns save lives

International Overdose Awareness Day, August 31, is the most extensive annual campaign to end overdose. The campaign raises awareness of overdose, which has impacted every community. Too many families have lost loved ones, but this campaign and others like it can save lives.

According to a 2023 drug overdose and fatality report in Kentucky, 1,984 residents lost their lives to drug overdose in 2023. Fentanyl was found in 1,570 drug overdose deaths, representing 79 percent of the total overdose deaths that year.

Nationally, according to the CDC, there were an estimated 107,543 drug overdose deaths in the United States during 2023—fortunately, a decrease of three percent from 2022. This has been the first national annual decrease since 2018. However, synthetic opioids continue to be involved in three-quarters of all overdose deaths across the nation.

Overdose prevention campaigns work tirelessly to prevent these deaths among people of all ages. There are practical resources, tools, and information that individuals, families, and communities can use to increase awareness, prevent overdose, and save lives.

Some of Kentucky's overdose prevention resources include the KY Opioid Overdose Prevention Education Network, an educational series focused on bringing clinical experts and communities together. The Kentucky Opioid Response Effort provides naloxone at no cost to Kentucky agencies, helping those at risk of overdose.

One of the most recognized national awareness and prevention resources is the International Overdose Awareness Day website, which provides extensive resources and ways to get involved. The National Harm Reduction Coalition offers evidence-based strategies that reduce the risk of overdose. Finally, the National Safety Council provides resources for the workplace.



Michael Leach
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

It's important to remember that overdose is preventable. Any one individual or local community can increase awareness through

practical approaches and effective campaigns. Begin by keeping in mind that stigma or the fear of stigma stops someone struggling with addiction from sharing their problems with friends or family. Stigma, for example, can come from individuals, family members, clinicians, or the community. Begin by removing the stigma.

Moreover, you should become familiar with the facts about fentanyl and fentanyl analogs. Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Fentanyl is commonly mixed into fake prescription drugs and illicit street drugs.

Most overdose deaths occur because of polysubstance use, which occurs when two or more drugs are taken together, whether intentionally or unintentionally. The primary risk factors associated with overdose include mixing drugs, tolerance, quality of the drug, using alone, age and physical health, mode of administration, and previous non-fatal overdoses.

See **OVERDOSE** on A-6

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Overdose from A-5

Also, familiarize yourself with life-saving naloxone. In Kentucky, naloxone is available over the counter at many pharmacies.

Most importantly, remember those we have lost to overdose and acknowledge the grief of the family left behind.

Overdose affects everyone, and this should also fuel our commitment to end overdose and all of its related harms.

International Overdose Awareness Day 2024 focuses on how every individual action matters and how coming together as a community creates a

decisive collective action. Overdose awareness is for everyone; for people who use drugs and those who don't, for families who have lost loved ones, for healthcare workers, advocates, and activists. These are necessary steps everyone can take to save lives, protect communities,

and safeguard families.

Michael Leach has spent most of his career as a healthcare professional specializing in substance use & addiction recovery. He is a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) and the Public Relations Officer at DRS.

Grayson Tourism plans for Octoberfest

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Grayson Tourism Commission met in regular session last Thursday (August 8) and took action on items such as approving the minutes for both the June and July meetings, discussed upcoming events, and heard the treasurer's report. The report was presented to the commission by interim treasurer Daniel White but was prepared by the previous treasurer. The Commission is currently in a transition period, and White is filling in until a permanent treasurer is decided upon. The report included sports park revenue and hotel tax revenue.

A report from the sports park was sent by park manager Grant Harper, who could not be present at the meeting. The report stated the Fall Schedule was released the week of August 5, and that the park was booked all weekends

through November 9, 2024. The Toys for Tots Softball Tournament was scheduled for November 30, three cross country meets have been scheduled, and KCU Softball begins August 26. Fall Little League begins at the end of August, as well as the local adult slow pitch softball league.

Eastern Elite Soccer will be renting the park two days per week, and the organizing of local soccer leagues is in the works. Community Movie Night hosted by Foundation Church will be on August 16, and Labor Day Weekend will be the last day for operation of the Sports Park Splash Pad. The Sports park is also working on estimates and budgets for 2025 capital projects which include a sensory garden and the amphitheater cover.

Tourism Director Lana Axtell presented her report to the commission and informed them that five

events had been successfully planned and executed since the month of May.

"One of the takeaways I have gotten from this is that we should form our own vendors market," Axtell told the commission.

Axtell also informed the commission that the first meeting of the Octoberfest committee went well.

"A couple of the things we have added are that we are going to do a Halloween Parade, a Paint and Sip using the Senior Citizen building, and we are adding a pageant to Octoberfest."

Axtell said there is a possibility of having a haunted tunnel fundraiser in one section of the Blue Goose building. Along those lines, Axtell said there will also be ghost hunting and the possibility of ghost walks including the haunted history of the city. Axtell told the commission that she hopes for a trifecta of events for Octoberfest.

"On Friday we will have a Halloween Party at the Art Gallery, on Saturday there will be all the other events, and then on Sunday the Blue Knights are going to do a Poker Run/Scavenger Hunt," Axtell said.

Tourism Commission member Shadow Skaggs suggested the inclusion of a hayride style transportation for the ghost walk to facilitate covering more ground and allowing participants to visit locations such as the old jail, cemetery, and other locations within the city that have been rumored through local legends to have ghostly activity.

"I think making a stop then talking to the trailer load of people at each of the stops would be the coolest thing ever," Skaggs said.

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Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear ready to campaign for Harris-Walz after losing out for spot on the ticket

By: Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

FRANKFORT (AP) — Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear signaled Wednesday he's ready to campaign for the Democratic ticket, and said Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz are motivated to improve lives in contrast to "personal grievances" driving the other side in a dig at Republican Donald Trump.

A day after Beshear and a few other prominent Democrats were bypassed in favor of the affable Minnesotan as Harris' running mate, the Kentucky governor said he's still part of the team. He indicated that Harris had asked him to make campaign pitches for the ticket.

"Wherever the campaign needs me, I'm willing to go," Beshear said during a sit-down interview with The Associated Press. "I want to do my part to make sure that the Harris-Walz ticket is elected."

Beshear said he was catching up on family time when the newly minted ticket made its campaign debut Tuesday in Philadelphia, but said he was

impressed when watching highlights later.

"The energy is incredible," Beshear said. "The vice president made a very good pick in Gov. Walz. He is a good governor, he's a good friend and he's a good man. And he's going to help her win."

Beshear, whose national profile surged as he vied for the No. 2 spot on the Democratic ticket, side-stepped questions about the inner workings of Harris' search for a running mate.

"It's an honor to be considered," the governor said. "How many people in their lifetime are vetted to potentially be a vice presidential running mate?"

Beshear predicted that the surge of Trump-led attacks against Walz would backfire.

"The rest of the country will see that Tim Walz is a veteran, was a teacher, a football coach, has been a good governor, but most importantly, is a good person," he said. "They'll see something different when they look at Donald Trump."

After a whirlwind few weeks for Beshear — which included an economic development

trip to Asia, followed by campaign appearances while auditioning to be Harris' running mate — the governor was settling back into his Bluegrass State job. He received an update Wednesday on ongoing efforts to rebuild areas devastated by natural disasters. Tornadoes tore through parts of western Kentucky in late 2021, followed by flooding the next summer that swamped portions of the Appalachian region in the east.

Beshear, who won reelection in his red state last year, indicated he's ready to be back on the campaign trail for Harris and Walz as well as for down-ballot Democrats. Among the candidates he plans to make pitches for are Senate Democratic incumbents running in Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Montana, as well as for the Democrat running for governor in North Carolina. Beshear said his campaign victory in 2023 can "serve as a roadmap" for other Democrats running in politically tough terrain.

At the top of the ticket, Harris and Walz can lower the temperature of a polarized country and

remind voters that "we can be Democrats or Republicans but we're Americans first," Beshear said. And Democrats can broaden their support by focusing on kitchen-table issues affecting everyday lives, something he plans to emphasize on the campaign trail in coming weeks, he said.

"I'll tell voters that this is the ticket that is going to improve their lives," Beshear said. "Is going to create more jobs, is going to lessen the costs of prescription drugs, is going to invest in the infrastructure throughout our country, run high-speed internet to every home and every business. That this is a ticket that cares about the people of the United States of America and not just personal grievances."

Having come up short in his bid for a vice presidential run, speculation about Beshear's future is still churning in Kentucky — this time over whether he might be in the running for a Cabinet post if Harris defeats Trump in November. Term limits will prevent the 46-year-old Beshear from running for governor in 2027, and he has shown no interest in

PUBLIC NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00360

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN PLAINTIFF
ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF LSF11 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
TIMOTHY W. STEPHENS; ALISA K. STEPHENS; COM- DEFENDANTS
MONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF COLLECTIONS

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Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
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VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF
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JAMIE SUE HALE; ERNEST RICHARD SEAGRAVES; DEFENDANTS
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00431

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Description of the Property: 800 Huffs Run, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 396, Page 236, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

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Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

running for a U.S. Senate seat.

Asked Wednesday if he could help the Bluegrass State even more as the head of a federal agency, Beshear replied: "I'm right where I'm supposed to be."

Beshear said his focus as governor will be on continuing Kentucky's record pace for economic development growth, rebuilding storm-stricken areas and seeing massive infrastructure projects through to completion. Even if his vice presidential bid came up short, Kentucky benefited from the attention it received, he said.

"To see the rest of the country looking up to Kentucky instead of looking down at us, that's a pretty special thing," Beshear said. "And I knew throughout this process that regardless of how it came out, we had a chance to put Kentucky on the national stage and to talk about the great things that we are doing. And that's going to benefit us in the years to come."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Carter County Public Library seeks to fill 2 positions for Resource Specialist. These positions are for a term of one year only and are funded with state opioid abatement funding as a pilot program with a focus on the prevention of substance use disorder (SUD). The candidate must hold an HSD/GED, but some college is preferred. Each position pays \$2,083 per month gross wages. Organized, self-starters with the following skill set are being sought:

- the ability to connect, build, and maintain collaborative relationships with community agencies and organizations that provide services beneficial to library patrons and the community at large by way of educational sessions, focus groups, family engagement events.
- actively serves as the library liaison to these entities at community meetings and events.
- ability to effectively communicate and exchange information verbally, in writing and utilize technology with proficiency (email, Microsoft Office, Google Docs) with attention to detail.
- ability to collect data in a consistent format (spreadsheets), interpret, and analyze for community impact and reporting.
- ability to lift up through 25 pounds, flexibility to multi-task while maintaining a calendar, availability for extended and non-traditional hours per provision of programs and services offered by the library directly or in collaboration with community agencies and organizations

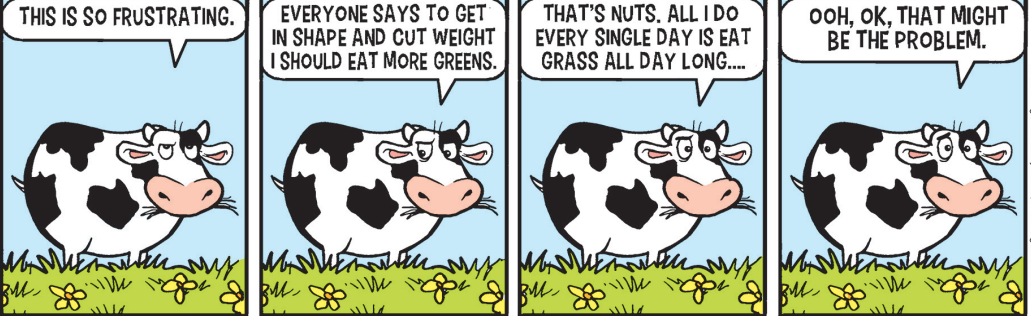
Please apply by mailing a resume of no more than 2 pages that includes three references that can be contacted by phone to the following address postmarked by August 31, 2024: Carter County Public Library Attn: Resource Specialist Position PO Box 1040 Olive Hill, KY 41164

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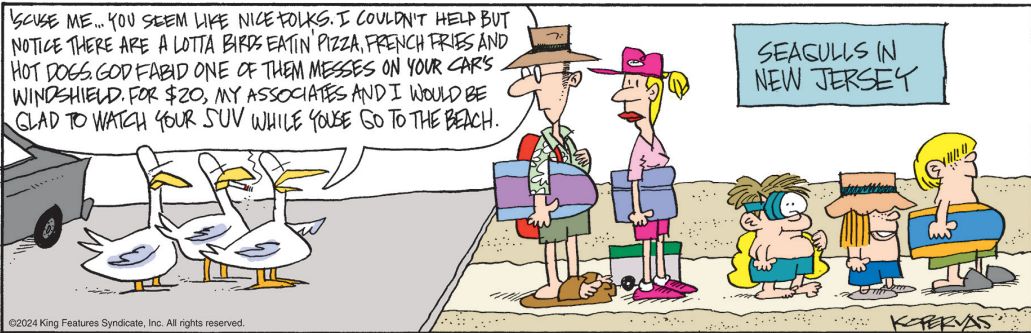


Governor Andy Beshear speaks to a crowd in Grayson (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Amber Waves



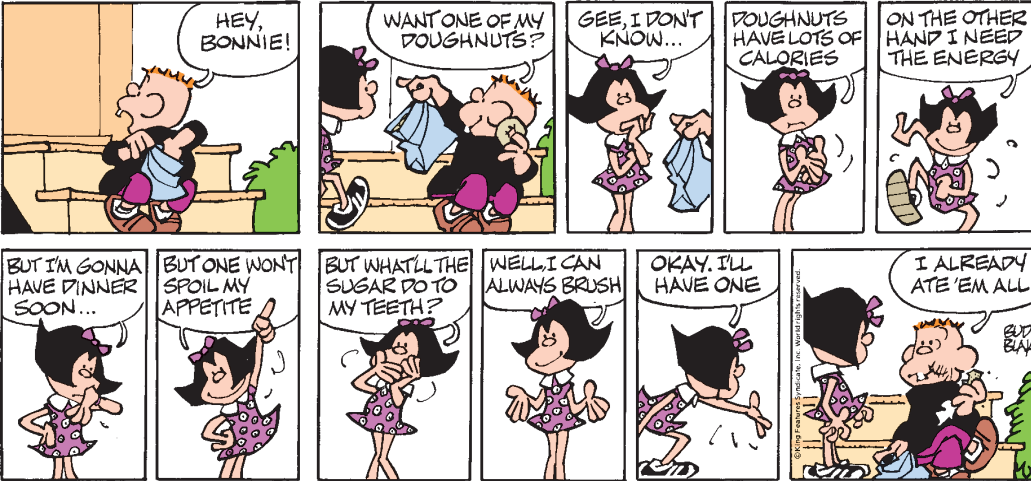
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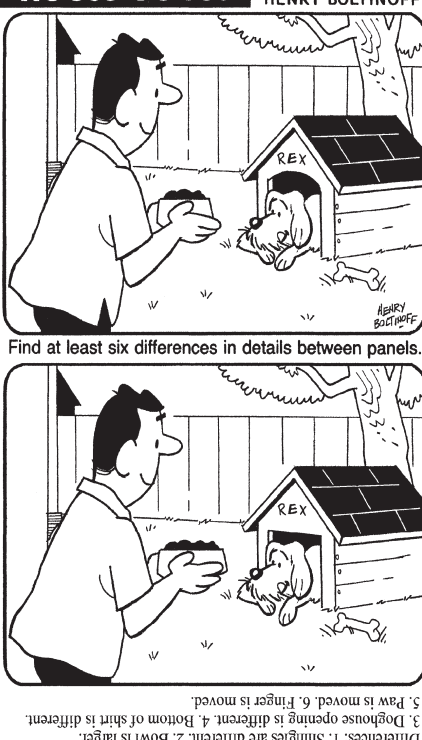
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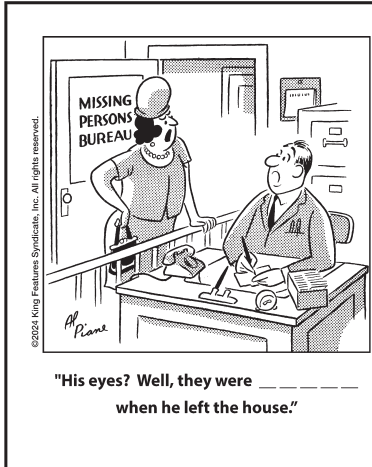
CryptoQuip

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: X equals R

CAL'S VAZ SKPLF SKB CXV-
 BXMEB RKPSBOAMXC RME M
 XBMDDV NMXJBDAZE PLJBLSPAL?
 PS'E XB-NMXFMODB.

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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!

Engage MYLOPE
 Clasp CABER
 Parks PARKS
 Peep PIRCH

TODAY'S WORD

Even Exchange

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. Mend A _____ Emulate Cy Young I _____
 2. Ring the bell I _____ Tropical forest U _____
 3. Far-reaching O _____ Daily sustenance E _____
 4. Pant pleat S _____ Generate T _____
 5. Trade places S _____ Nervous tic T _____
 6. Moan and groan N _____ Snow T _____
 7. Granny's chair R _____ Spaceship T _____
 8. Like a faithful dog L _____ Regal R _____
 9. Planting season P _____ Kite cord T _____
 10. Pitcher's hill D _____ Vesuvius or Everest T _____

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GO FIGURE!

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★★
 ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Even Exchange

ANSWERS

1. Patch Pith 6. White, White
 2. Jungle, Jungle 7. Rocket, Rocket
 3. Bread, Bread 8. Royal, Royal
 4. Crease, Crease 9. Spring, Spring
 5. Switch, Twitch 10. Mount, Mount

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Persian leader
 5 Kipling hero
 8 Dull sound of impact
 12 Earring site
 13 Enzyme suffix
 14 Bagel feature
 15 River to the Baltic
 16 Boom times
 17 Director
 18 Spanish explorer
 20 Some babies
 22 Contemplate anew
 26 Vatican VIPs
 29 Televised
 30 Italian article
 31 Jazzy Fitzgerald
 32 Automaton, for short
 33 Farmland unit
 34 Oklahoma city
 35 Weir
 36 Grove units
 37 Contemplate anew
 40 Eyebrow shape
 41 Excuses
 45 Pocket bread
 47 Passing craze
 49 Aloe —
 50 Scott Turow book

DOWN

1 No neatnik
 2 "Today"
 3 Cohost Kottb
 4 Chamomile product
 5 Island of Hawaii
 6 MSN, for one
 7 Camper's din-
 8 Daring swim-
 9 Tabasco, for one
 10 Last (Abbr.)
 11 "Gloria in
 19 Surprised
 21 Rowing need
 23 Model
 24 Concerning
 25 Burnsian turn-
 26 Bartlett, for one

27 Shoppe descriptor
 28 Mollifies
 32 Timid
 33 Showed up
 35 Pol. party org.
 36 Business card no.
 38 Face-to-face exams
 39 — Warbucks
 42 Actress
 43 Press
 44 Without
 45 Soda
 46 Chef Garten
 48 Santa — winds

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆
 ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin prefix "audio-" mean in English?
- TELEVISION: Gladys Kravitz is the annoying neighbor in which TV comedy?
- ANATOMY: About how many taste buds does the average human tongue have?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Brandenburg Gate is in which European capital city?
- HISTORY: Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during WWII?
- MOVIES: Which movie features the line "I'm the king of the world!"?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Egyptian sun god?
- LITERATURE: "The Great Gatsby" is set in which U.S. city?
- MONEY: What is the basic currency of Poland?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which country is associated with the side dish kimchi?

ANSWERS

1. "Sound" or "hearing" (e.g., "audio-philic").
2. "Bewitched".
3. 2,000-8,000.
4. Berlin, Germany.
5. Joseph Stalin.
6. "Titanic".
7. Ra.
8. New York.
9. Zloty.
10. Korea (North and South).

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WORD LADDERS

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

SPORT

CHARD

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Solution time: 25 mins.

ANSWERS

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ANSWER

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■ **Trump** from A-4

Whodunit?
What's unclear is who provided the material. Politico said it did not know who "Robert" was and that when it spoke to the supposed leaker, he said, "I suggest you don't be curious about where I got them from."

The Trump campaign said it had been hacked and that Iranians were behind it. While the campaign provided no evidence for the claim, it came a day after a Microsoft report detailed an effort by an Iranian military intelligence unit to compromise the email account of a former senior advisor to a presidential campaign. The report did not specify which campaign.

Steven Cheung, a spokesperson for Trump's campaign, said over the weekend that "any media or news outlet reprinting documents or internal communications are doing the bidding of America's enemies."

The FBI released a brief statement Monday that read: "We can confirm the FBI is investigating this matter."

The Times said it would not discuss why it had

decided not to print details of the internal communications. A spokesperson for the Post said: "As with any information we receive, we take into account the authenticity of the materials, any motives of the source and assess the public interest in making decisions about what, if anything, to publish."

Brad Dayspring, a spokesperson for Politico, said editors there judged that "the questions surrounding the origins of the documents and how they came to our attention were more newsworthy than the material that was in those documents."

Indeed, it didn't take long after Vance was announced as Trump's running mate for various news organizations to dig up unflattering statements that the Ohio senator had made about him.

A lesson from 2016? It's also easy to recall how, in 2016, candidate Trump and his team encouraged coverage of documents on the Clinton campaign that Wikileaks had acquired from hackers. It was widespread: A BBC story promised "18 revelations from Wikileaks'

hacked Clinton emails" and Vox even wrote about Podesta's advice for making superb risotto.

Brian Fallon, then a Clinton campaign spokesperson, noted at the time how striking it was that concern about Russian hacking quickly gave way to fascination over what was revealed. "Just like Russia wanted," he said.

Unlike this year, the Wikileaks material was dumped into the public domain, increasing the pressure on news organizations to publish. That led to some bad decisions: In some cases, outlets misrepresented some of the material to be more damaging to Clinton than it actually was, said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, a University of Pennsylvania communications professor at the University of Pennsylvania who wrote "Cyberwar," a book about the 2016 hacking.

This year, Jamieson said she believed news organizations made the right decision not to publish details of the Trump campaign material because they can't be sure of the source.

"How do you know

that you're not being manipulated by the Trump campaign?" Jamieson said. She's conservative about publishing decisions "because we're in the misinformation age," she said.

Thomas Rid, director of the Alperovitch Institute for Cybersecurity Studies at Johns Hopkins, also believes that the news organizations have made the right decision, but for different reasons. He said it appeared that an effort by a foreign agent to influence the 2024 presidential campaign was more newsworthy than the leaked material itself.

But one prominent journalist, Jesse Eisinger, senior reporter and editor at ProPublica, suggested the outlets could have told more than they did. While it's true that past Vance statements about Trump are easily found publicly, the vetting document could have indicated which statements most concerned the campaign, or revealed things the journalists didn't know.

Once it is established that the material is accurate, newsworthiness is a more important consideration than the source, he

technology.

Today's 4-H clubs can take many forms, based on the needs, interests and enthusiasm of their members. They can include community clubs that meet outside of school hours, in-school clubs that come together when school is in session, or project-based clubs that focus on a specific area of interest. As part of a 4-H club, members elect their own officers and meet throughout the year for a minimum of six hours of educational instruction.

Research on 4-H programs has proven the unparalleled impact of the

4-H experience. According to a 2012 Tufts University study, 4-H members are "four times more likely to give back to their community, two times more likely to make healthier choices, and two times more likely to participate in science engineering and technology programs" than their counterparts who don't participate in 4-H.

For more information about 4-H club opportunities in your community, contact the Carter County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

said.

"I don't think they handled it properly," Eisinger said. "I think they overlearned the lesson of 2016."

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Older Americans prepare themselves for a world altered by artificial intelligence

By: Dan Merica
Associated Press

NORTHFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The students — most with gray hair, some with canes, all at least in their 60s — couldn't believe what they were hearing.

"Oh, my God," whispered a retired college professor.

"Does it come with viruses?" wondered a bewildered woman scribbling notes in the second row.

A 79-year-old in a black-and-white floral shirt then asked the question on many minds: "How do you know if it is fake or not?"

This is how older adults — many of whom lived through the advent of refrigeration, the transition from radio to television and the invention of the Internet — are grappling with artificial intelligence: taking a class. Sitting in a classroom in an airy senior center in a Chicago suburb, the dozen students were learning about the latest — and possibly greatest — technological leap in their lives.

And they are not alone. Across the country, scores of such classes have sprung up to teach seniors about AI's ability to transform their lives and the threats the technology poses.

"I saw ice boxes turn

into refrigerators, that is how long I have been around," said Barbara Winston, 89, who paid to attend the class put on at the North Shore Senior Center in Northfield. "And I think this is probably the greatest technical revolution that I will see in my lifetime."

Older adults find themselves in a unique moment with technology. Artificial intelligence offers significant benefits for seniors, from the ability to curb loneliness to making it easier for them to get to medical appointments.

But it also has drawbacks that are uniquely threatening to this older group of Americans: A series of studies have found that senior citizens are more susceptible to both scams perpetrated using artificial intelligence and believing the types of misinformation that are being supercharged by the technology. Experts are particularly concerned about the role deepfakes and other AI-produced misinformation could play in politics.

Winston left the class to start her own AI journey, even if others remained skeptical. When she got home, the retired professor downloaded books on the technology, researched the platforms she wanted to use from her kitchen table

and eventually queried ChatGPT about how to treat a personal medical ailment.

"This is the beginning of my education," she said, her floral cup of coffee nearby. "I'm not worried about protecting myself. I'm too old to worry about that."

Classes like these aim to familiarize aging early adopters with the myriad ways the technology could better their lives but also encourage skepticism about how artificial intelligence can distort the truth.

Balanced skepticism, say experts on the technology, is critical for seniors who plan to interact with AI.

"It's tricky," said Michael Gershbein, the instructor of the class in Northfield. "Overall, the suspicion that is there on the part of seniors is good but I don't want them to become paralyzed from their fears and not be willing to do anything online."

The questions in his class outside Chicago ranged from the absurd to the practical to the academic. Why are so many new shoes no longer including shoelaces? Can AI create a multiday itinerary for a visit to Charleston, South Carolina? What are the geopolitical implications of artificial intelligence?

Gershbein, who teaches classes on a range of technological topics, said interest in AI has ballooned in the last nine months. The 52-year-old teaches an AI course once or twice a week, he said, and aims to create a "safe space where (seniors) can come in and we can discuss all the issues they may be hearing bits and pieces of but we can put it all together and they can ask questions."

During a 90-minute-long session on a June Thursday, Gershbein discussed deepfakes — videos that use generative AI to make it appear someone said something they did not. When he played a few deepfakes, the seniors sat agog. They could not believe how real the fakes seemed. There are widespread concerns that such videos could be used to trick voters, especially seniors.

The threats to seniors go beyond politics, however, and range from basic misinformation on social media sites to scams that use voice-cloning technology to trick them. An AARP report published last year that Americans over 60 lose \$28.3 billion annually to financial extortion schemes, some assisted by AI.

Experts from the National Council on Aging, an organization established

in 1950 to advocate for seniors, said classes on AI at senior centers have increased in recent years and are at the forefront of digital literacy efforts.

"There's a myth out there that older adults don't use technology. We know that that's not true," said Dianne Stone, associate director at the National Council on Aging who ran a senior center in Connecticut for over two decades. Such courses, she said, are meant to foster a "healthy skepticism" in what the technology can do, arming older Americans with the knowledge "that not everything you hear is true, it's good to get the information, but you have to kind of sort it out for yourself."

Striking that balance, said Siwei Lyu, a University at Buffalo professor, can be difficult, and classes tend to either promote AI's benefits or focus on its dangers.

"We need this kind of education for seniors, but the approach we take has to be very balanced and well-designed," said Lyu, who has lectured to seniors and other groups.

Seniors who have taken such AI classes said they came away with a clear understanding of AI's benefits and pitfalls.

"It's only as good as the people who program

it, and the users need to understand that. You really have to question it," said Linda Chipko, a 70-year-old who attended an AI class in June in suburban Atlanta.

Chipko said she took the class because she wanted to "understand" AI, but on her way out said, "It's not for me."

Others have even embraced it. Ruth Schneiderman, 77, used AI to help illustrate a children's book she was writing, and that experience sparked her interest in taking the Northfield class to learn more about the technology.

"My mother lived until she was 90," Schneiderman said, "and I learned from her if you want to survive in this world, you have to adjust to the change otherwise you are left behind."

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Jordan Chiles medal inquiry: USA Gymnastics says arbitration panel won't reconsider decision

By: *Associated Press*

USA Gymnastics officials say an arbitration panel won't reconsider a decision asking gymnast Jordan Chiles to return the bronze medal she was awarded in the floor exercise at the Paris Olympics.

USA Gymnastics says it will continue efforts to let Chiles keep the medal.

"USA Gymnastics was notified by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on Monday that their rules do not allow for an arbitral award to be reconsidered even when conclusive new

evidence is presented," USA Gymnastics said in a statement. "We are deeply disappointed by the notification and will continue to pursue every possible avenue and appeal process, including to the Swiss Federal Tribunal, to ensure the just scoring, placement, and medal award for Jordan."

CAS voided an on-floor appeal from Chiles' coach that vaulted her to third, saying the appeal came 4 seconds beyond the one-minute time limit for scoring inquiries.

USA Gymnastics

disputed the timing, saying Sunday that the agency submitted video evidence to CAS that showed Team USA coach Cecile Landi first appealed 13 seconds before the deadline.

The dispute over such minute details sets up what could be a months- or years-long legal battle over the gymnastics scores.

The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) said Saturday night it would respect the court's decision and elevate Ana Barbosu of Romania to third. The International Olympic Committee con-

firmed the ruling Sunday, announcing that it was reallocating the medal.

CAS ruled Saturday that Landi's inquiry to have 0.1 added to Chiles' score came outside the one-minute window. The CAS ad hoc committee wrote that Landi's inquiry came 1 minute, 4 seconds after Chiles' initial score was posted.

The IOC said it will be in touch with the USOPC regarding the return of Chiles' bronze and will work with the Romanian Olympic Committee to discuss a reallocation cer-

emony honoring Barbosu. Rebeca Andrade of Brazil won gold and Simone Biles of the U.S. was the silver medalist.

Any appeal could go to Switzerland's highest court, the Swiss Tribunal, or the European Court of Human Rights.

Late Monday, rapper Flavor Flav — who has been a prominent celebrity supporter of 2024 Olympians, including discus thrower Veronica Fraley — posted on the social media platform X that he had made a bedazzled bronze medal for Chiles as a po-

tential replacement while the U.S. fights "the Powers that be." The replacement is in the manner of a clock, which the rapper has worn for decades, since his days with the group Public Enemy.

"Thank you. Means the world," according to a reply posted on the X account of Gina Charles, the gymnast's mother. "She's not on socials right now as you can imagine. I'll share it with her."

AP Olympics: <https://apnews.com/hub/2024-paris-olympic-games>