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## School board recognizes dedication

Green and staff  
"excited" to start  
new school year

By: Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The Carter County Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday where they recognized the efforts of staff and students involved in the Summer Feeding Program, as well as discussing instructional updates, and setting property tax rates on property and motor vehicles. After approving the agenda, the board first recognized staff and volunteers.

Superintendent Dr. Paul Green said that everyone was excited about the start of the new

school year, but that he wanted to go over what had happened over the summer.

"As part of a school district," Green told the board, "one of the most important parts is our food service program. We have so many kids, unfortunately, that really depend on our school nutrition program to provide healthy meals for them throughout the year. Especially during the summer when we are out of school."

"This summer our Food Service Program and Department served over 160,000 meals," Green continued. "That's 160,000 meals for children and families in Carter County that were free of charge. We are thankful for all our food service

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The Carter County Board of Education met before a packed house on Monday. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

## Grayson Council discusses animal ordinance

Water improvements could help fund paving

By: Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

Grayson city council had several items on their agenda for their regular meeting last week, including paving and a new pet ordinance, but they started their meeting with a testimonial from an out of state visitor.

Councilman Bradley Cotten told the council that he had recently spoke with an individual from a larger city in a more southerly state who had been in Grayson during Final Friday. The

individual had also eaten at local restaurants and visited the sports park, and told Cotten they were impressed with what the city had to offer.

Councilman Michael Harper stressed to the council the importance of the Commission for Aging and Special Needs. Harper said he hoped the council would move forward with that commission, and also said that he knew of an individual that would be interested in heading up the commission. Mayor Troy Combs asked the council to assist him in finding individuals to serve on that commission.

Councilman Terry Stamper also made the council aware that he had received an email from the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) informing him that there

See **COUNCIL** on A-4



Grayson mayor Troy Combs administers the oath after appointing Deana Miller to the tourism commission. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

## James has charges reduced

Middleton and Blevins must register as sex offenders

By: Jeremy D. Wells  
Carter County Times

Sometimes the charges that a defendant starts with don't look at all the same by the time they enter a plea. That phenomenon was on full display in Carter County Circuit Court this past Monday, with three defendants initially charged with serious sexual assault charges pleading guilty to reduced charges.

While two of those individuals were still charged with violent crimes, requiring them to register as sex offenders and putting them at risk of even

greater penalties under the law if they are cited again, one had all sex related charges against him dropped.

Jeremiah James, 21, of Olive Hill, was only 19 when he was arrested and charged with sexual crimes against animals, first degree sexual abuse of a victim under twelve, first degree rape, first degree sodomy, and third degree unlawful transaction with a minor. By the time James was sentenced, however, all of the sexual assault charges were dismissed or amended. This means that James, unlike the other defendants entering pleas or receiving sentences on Monday, will not have to register as a sex offender.

James first degree rape charge and first degree sodomy charges were dismissed, while his charge of first degree sexual abuse charge was amended – first to

a charge of wanton endangerment and then, oddly, to one of tampering with physical evidence. The sexual crimes against animals charge was amended to cruelty to animals.

The only one of the original charges to remain was the third degree unlawful transaction with a minor. That charge is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by not more than 12 months in jail, as is second degree cruelty to animals.

Tampering with physical evidence is a Class D felony, carrying a sentence of one to five years.

James was sentenced to five years, probated, on the felony charge. That sentence will run consecutively with his year each for the misdemeanors, also probated.

In addition to ordering James

See **CHARGES** on A-6

## 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.

- Rickie Hovious, 58, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, on a parole violation (for a technical violation), arrested and booked August 12.
- Robert Wells, 35, of Ashland, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or

revoked operator's license, and failure to appear, arrested and booked August 12.

- Stephanie Sexton, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of improper registration plate, no registration receipt, no registration plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to produce an insurance card, license not in possession, and failure to appear, arrested and booked August 12.
- Amy Davis, 42, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked August 13.
- Kellie Boggs, 45, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sher-

iff, on a hold for court, arrested and booked August 13.

- Joshua Greer, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, serving a warrant for a parole violation, and on charges of failure to appear, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, arrested and booked August 13.
- Brian Miller, 57, of Ashcamp, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of disregarding traffic control device/traffic light, failure to or improper signal, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce an insurance card, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a vehicle, possession of synthetic drugs, and an inadequate silencer

See **ARRESTS** on A-3



### This Week's Obituaries

Phillip Gene Carter, 84

Lou Jean Smith Vernatter, 74

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# LIFESTYLE



## Tomato takeover: Turning your garden bounty into gourmet delights

Few treats are sweeter than a perfectly ripe tomato. Depending on where you live, it's approaching that time of year every gardener loves. It's time for the tomatoes to explode into abundance.

When temperatures are over 85 F, the ripening process slows because lycopene and carotene, the pigments responsible for giving the fruit their orangey red appearance, can't be produced. That's why they ripen later in warmer climates. If this is your case, hold on to these recipes, because you won't want to miss this.

When we go from famine to feast, what do we do with all these tomatoes?

**Tomato Sandwiches:** When you have tomatoes ready to star in the show, splurge on some really good bread and slather it with fresh herbed mayo. Basil is especially good here. Add some thinly sliced cucumber and avocado. This is summer in a sandwich. Add crisp bacon for the ultimate BLT.

**Pico de Gallo:** There's no cooking, and no recipe needed for this fresh salsa, just measure with your heart. Chop up some ripe tomatoes and add minced onions, jalapeno, garlic and cilantro. Toss this with lime juice and salt, add a pile of tortilla chips and dig in!

### ROAST TOMATO GAZPACHO

Yield: 4 to 6 servings  
Total Time: 35 minutes + chill time

- 2 1/2 pounds (about 10 medium) tomatoes, cut in quarters
- 1 large, sweet onion, chopped
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, smashed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cucumber, seeds removed, chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 425 F. On a

sheet pan, place tomatoes, onion, red pepper and garlic. Drizzle with olive oil and roast until nicely browned but not burned, about 30 minutes. Let cool, then place all roast ingredients and juices and the cucumber in a blender and process to a soup-like texture. Strain through a fine mesh sieve if desired. Season and refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve cold.

### DIVA'S TOMATO JAM

This stuff is ridiculously delicious. Seriously. It will make you popular. So, double this if you want to be really popular.

Yield: 2 cups  
Total Time: 50 minutes

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup sweet onion, minced
- 1/2 cup white sugar, divided
- 2 pounds good ripe tomatoes, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon crystallized ginger, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/8 teaspoon allspice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne

In a heavy bottom skillet on medium-high, melt butter, add



Sweet and savory: Homemade tomato jam with creamy goat cheese and crackers (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

onion and 1 teaspoon sugar. Cook until translucent. Add tomatoes and crank the heat to high for five minutes. This lets the tomatoes release a bunch of moisture. Stir constantly to avoid scorching.

Add the remaining ingredients and bring the mixture to a boil, stirring to incorporate. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally until the mixture has thickened to jam-like consistency. Remove from the heat and allow to cool to room temperature. Transfer to an airtight container and store in the refrigerator for up to 10 days. It won't last that long. And it makes a great gift. Serve this on anything your

heart desires! It's great on crackers with cream cheese or goat cheese. Or you can serve it with chicken, pork, salmon, scallops or roasted cauliflower! Or eat it right out of the jar when no one is looking. Delicious!

If you still have a plethora of tomatoes after this, here's what you do: Freeze 'em, can 'em, barter 'em, sell 'em or give 'em away!

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## Joyful Noise

# Fruit bearing prayers!

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

John 15:7 says, "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done unto you." If the words of Jesus abide in us, then the result will be that you pray with power and effectiveness.

One little word here in this verse gives us a clue of how this will be done. That word "abide" means to "live, dwell, accept or act in accordance with a rule." Just get filled with Jesus and His words will live in you!

Sometimes it feels like we're being attacked from all sides, and indeed we are. Ephesians 2:2-3 mentions three sources of attacks: "this world, the ruler of the kingdom of the air (Satan) and the cravings of our flesh." It's not surprising we get weary in the battle!

Think about this, prayer is for fruit-bearing. God designed prayer to give his disciples the joy of bearing fruit while God Himself gets the glory. We can see this in the connection

between verses 7 and 8 and then in verse 16. If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

God gets glory when we bear much fruit because we have prayed, and God has answered.

"By this is my Father glorified" — that is, by your asking Him for things and His giving them to you. He gets glory as the one who is rich and good enough to answer prayer. But also "By this is my Father glorified" — that is, that you bear much fruit. The implication is that God gets glory when we bear much fruit because we have prayed, and God has answered. Therefore, the primary point of prayer is fruit-bearing. Prayer is for fruit-bearing.

Charles Spurgeon said, "We do not have to earn our way into prayer. We pray with confidence because God is full of grace, NOT because we are good enough." He continued,

"The soul-enriching path of prayer is open to the very weakest saint."

No matter who you are, if you'll abide in Christ and let His Words abide (live, dwell) in you, He has promised to give what you ask for in accordance with His Words. It says "His Words" not ours. His Words are truth and life. We must never cease to pray. No case is hopeless while Jesus lives.

If you expect the Lord to answer your prayers (fruit bearing prayers) then examine yourself. See if you truly are abiding in Him and His Words are abiding in you. If you are then you should certainly be receiving answers to your prayers doing it God's way! AMEN! SO BE IT!

*JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests: Pastornaomi-4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHoprayer. Services: 10am Sunday and 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm.*

## Extension Notes

### Streamside buffers: A simple solution for cleaner water and healthier livestock

In Kentucky, it's common for livestock to drink directly from streams,

which can lead to water contamination and damaged ecosystems. Implementing streamside buffers—vegetated areas next to streams that protect water quality and improve

livestock management—should be considered to lessen negative environmental effects. August is the perfect time of the year to begin planning for site preparation.

#### What is a streamside buffer?

A streamside buffer, also called a riparian buffer, is a strip of land with plants like trees, shrubs and grasses located along streams or rivers. These

buffers act as a protective barrier between water bodies and the land used

for agriculture or other activities. They help filter out pollutants, stabilize stream banks and provide habitat for wildlife.

#### Benefits of streamside buffers

1. Water quality: Buffers trap sediment and filter out pollutants from runoff, keeping streams cleaner.
2. Erosion control: Plant roots hold soil in place, preventing erosion of stream banks.
3. Flood control: Buffers slow down and absorb floodwaters, reducing flood damage.
4. Wildlife habitat: The mix of trees, shrubs and

grasses supports a variety of wildlife.

The width of a streamside buffer can vary, but even a narrow buffer of 15 feet on each side of a stream can protect stream banks. Wider buffers (over 100 feet) are more effective in filtering out pollutants like nitrogen.

The USDA recommends three zones for an effective buffer:

- Zone 1: Closest to the stream, consisting of undisturbed forest.
- Zone 2: Managed forest area extending further from the stream.
- Zone 3: A grassy area that helps control runoff and sediment.

#### Benefits to farmers

For farmers, streamside buffers offer numerous advantages. They reduce

See *BUFFERS* on A-3

## Side Hustle Music Beat

# Dirty South Hoedown: A celebration of southern culture and off-road adventures

By: J.W. Jones for *Carter County Times*

Get ready to rev up your engines and dust off your cowboy boots! The highly anticipated Dirty South Hoedown is set to take place at Dirt Slingers Off-Road Park on the weekend before Halloween, specifically on Saturday, October 26. This exciting event promises to be a vibrant celebration of southern culture, music,

and thrilling off-road activities.

The Dirty South Hoedown will feature live performances from a stellar lineup of artists, including Klassic Klick, Trainwreck Kenny, Krooked C, Tony Tuba, Little Town, Dust N Green, Athena and Lehman, Deejums, and Kronik Cowboy. Attendees can expect an electrifying atmosphere filled with unforgettable music.

Ticket options start at

\$10 for the concert only; \$20 for concert, riding, and camping; \$25 for the concert with a meet and greet; and \$35 for everything.

In addition to the music, the event will showcase an array of exciting activities, including off-road vehicle showcases and competitions, ensuring that adrenaline junkies and families alike will find something to enjoy. Food lovers can indulge in delicious south-

See *HOEDOWN* on A-8

## Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Yearlings were unevenly steady with trends 2.00 lower to 2.00 higher. There was mostly good demand throughout the week with active markets and good buyer participation. Best interest continues to be for long weaned preconditioned cattle. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher and slaughter bulls were mostly steady with good demand for all slaughter classes.

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

Week ending 8/17/24

STATE AVERAGES			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>Steers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
350-400 lbs	312.61	312.73	268.96
400-450 lbs	295.87	304.07	261.47
450-500 lbs	294.94	295.34	258.60
500-550 lbs	285.31	283.63	254.29
550-600 lbs	282.13	274.82	251.26
600-650 lbs	271.73	261.27	246.27
650-700 lbs	263.38	255.47	241.80
700-750 lbs	249.49	241.02	234.60
750-800 lbs	241.17	229.22	234.10
800-850 lbs	240.42	225.18	229.65
850-900 lbs	223.61	231.35	217.05
<b>Heifers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
300-350 lbs	277.19	278.51	234.73
350-400 lbs	272.30	276.52	238.61
400-450 lbs	271.04	269.50	235.08
450-500 lbs	267.22	262.13	236.67
500-550 lbs	254.33	254.76	232.37
550-600 lbs	250.68	246.69	232.33
600-650 lbs	238.38	233.55	227.51
650-700 lbs	233.48	228.22	224.60
700-750 lbs	227.49	215.53	213.67
750-800 lbs	209.07	222.58	209.27

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
<b>Slaughter Cows</b>			
Breakers	120.00-155.00	130.00-172.00	115.00-139.50
Boners	120.00-149.50	130.00-173.50	90.00-138.00
Lean	98.00-147.00	120.00-169.00	65.00-126.00
<b>Slaughter Bulls</b>			
Yield Grade 1&2	136.00-180.00	160.00-204.00	120.00-166.00

**August 8, 2024 Bowling Green, KY**  
**SLAUGHTER GOATS: 145**  
**Kids: Selection 1** 52 lbs 285.00. **Selection 1-2** 48 lbs 270.00. **Selection 2** 53 lbs 270.00; 72 lbs 260.00. **Selection 2-3** 49 lbs 227.50; 61 lbs 225.00.  
**SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 527**  
**Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2** 58 lbs 205.00; 60 lbs 250.00; 71-75 lbs 237.50-247.50; 86 lbs 192.50-205.00; 92 lbs 175.00; 114 lbs 170.00. **Choice 2** 58 lbs 205.00; 71 lbs 200.00; 87 lbs 200.00; 108 lbs 175.00; 110 lbs 175.00. **Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2** 70 lbs 195.00; 134 lbs 182.50.

Week ending 8/17/24			
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>Corn</b>	3.41-3.88	3.47-4.01	4.34-5.40
<b>Soybeans</b>	8.92-10.01	9.58-10.59	13.04-14.18
<b>Red Winter Wheat</b>	4.38-5.09	4.48-5.15	4.75-5.66

**Arrests** from A-1

(muffler), arrested and booked August 14.

- Justin Peterman, 34, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested July 31, booked August 14.
- Brian Clark, 33, of Garrison, arrested by Greenup County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 14.
- Robert Shennett, 55, of Webbville, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of no registration receipt, no registration plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to maintain required insurance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, first degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin), possession of drug paraphernalia, five counts of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (two or more grams of methamphetamine), three counts of being a persistent felony offender, and contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked August 14.
- Larry Gannon, 58, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance,

- Vanessa Gollihue, 32, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of public intoxication on a controlled substance, third degree burglary, second degree criminal mischief, first degree criminal trespass, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal littering, and theft of services, arrested and booked August 14.
- Markese Washington, 29, of Ashland, arrested by Boyd County Jail, on three counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested August 13, booked August 15.
- Patricia Staten, 56, address unavailable, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested August 13, booked August 15.
- Justin Martinez, 30, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 15.
- Willis Leadingham, 54, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 15.
- Staci Wagoner, 35, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance, arrested and booked August 15.
- Kristina Thompson, 51, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of murder, first degree assault, first

degree wanton endangerment, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked August 15.

- Caitlin Fraley, 35, of Grayson, arrested by Greenup County Sheriff, on a probation violation (for a misdemeanor offense), arrested and booked August 16.
- Frederick Thomas, 47, of Rush, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of second degree burglary, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, driving on a DUI suspended license, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked August 16.
- Timothy Burton, 56, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County District Court, weekender, arrested and booked August 16.
- Ronny McGranahan, 57, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, and careless driving, arrested and booked August 16.
- Mark Hignutt, 63, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place, arrested and booked August 17.
- Jason Stewart, 39, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating

a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, license not in possession, operating a vehicle with an expired operator's license, failure to wear seat belts, failure to appear, and theft by deception – including cold checks between \$1,000 and \$10,000, arrested and booked August 17.

- James LeMaster, 47, of Morehead, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce an insurance card, careless driving, improper turning, and license not in possession, arrested and booked August 17.
- Patrick Young, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to produce an insurance card, and no registration receipt, arrested and booked August 18.

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.

**School** from A-1

employees and volunteers, and we want to take the time to honor them.”

Green then presented each of the workers with a certificate and thanked them on behalf of the school board.

The board also received an architect and construction update on the new school project. The update included a presentation showing tree clearing, minor changes to the access road, and necessary changes in design to the school itself. The board voted unanimously to approve the design development of

the new school.

The board then heard from financial director Andy Lyons, who explained the process involved in determining taxes.

“Tax rates are set by the money they generate,” Lyons said. “You have property assessments,” he said, by way of example, “and if your assessment goes up, then your rates come down and can still generate taxes.”

Lyons said that the tax rate for both motor vehicles and property was .47 per 100 dollars

on assessment. The tax rate in Carter County went down two years ago, Lyons said, because of a raise in assessment. After Lyons' report, the school board voted to keep the tax rate at its current rate for both motor vehicles and property.

Still, there are challenges to be faced, he told the board. The Carter County school district has experienced a loss in income; but not necessarily in a way one might expect, Lyons explained.

“We aren't losing funding, necessarily,” he said.

“We are losing students. And we will have to make adjustments based on the number of students we have.”

There were over 5,100 students who enrolled in Carter County schools in the 2008/2009 school year, but that number has fallen dramatically over the years. This school year there were just over 4,100 students enrolled in the district.

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# EMS finalizes purchases

## Requests funding from Opioid Abatement

By: Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The Carter County emergency ambulance board met in regular session on Monday, open-

ing the meeting with an approval of the minutes of the two previous meetings, one the regularly scheduled meeting and the other a special meeting. Next on the agenda was finalizing the purchase of two new Crestline ambulances. Hailey Kitchen of the Commercial Bank of Grayson was present at the meeting and collected signatures from board chair Kara Johnson and executive

director Tim Woods.

Woods commented on the purchase and stated that the new trucks would significantly reduce the cost of maintenance for the board. One of the new trucks is currently at a detail shop in Lexington for striping and decal work. The second of the two vehicles is scheduled to come off the assembly line Thursday, August 22 and should be delivered no

later than the first week of September.

In his director's report Woods listed 540 calls for the month of July, and a total of 3,741 for the year as of July 31.

Currently transfer truck EC5 is running five days a week with two full time EMTs, but the ambulance service is short two full-time paramedics and is looking to hire two parttime paramedics. He requested approval to sell two trucks, Carter 6 and

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**Buffers** from A-2

land loss from erosion, protect water resources and increase land value. Buffers also create habitats for wildlife, which can boost opportunities for hunting and fishing. Additionally, there are government programs that provide financial support for establishing streamside buffers.

Cattle prefer streamside areas due to water availability and lush vegetation.

However, their presence can lead to soil compaction, vegetation damage, and stream contamination. Excluding cattle from these areas improves water quality and pasture utilization. Implementing practices like fencing and providing alternative water sources and artificial shade can help manage cattle more effectively.

**Implementing streamside buffers**

1. Identify the area: Look for flood-prone areas near streams for buffer placement.
2. Prepare the site: Treat areas with invasive grasses before planting.
3. Select and plant vegetation: Use native plants suited to local conditions.
4. Maintain the buffer: Regularly check and manage the buffer to ensure its effectiveness.

5. Install fencing: Protect the buffer by limiting livestock access.
- More information about streamside buffers can be found at <https://bit.ly/46zdvhe> and <https://bit.ly/4fnn4nr>.
- For information on developing streamside buffers, contact the Carter County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

# CALENDAR

- **8/21: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/22: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/24: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/24: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/26: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **8/26: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/26: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/26: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/27: Lazy Susan Workshop @ 5:30 p.m.** | Robinson Wood Utilization Center, Jackson | \$45 per person | RSVP by 8/23 at 859-218-9276 | Call 474-6686 to sign up to ride in the Extension Van by 8/19
- **8/27: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **8/28: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/28: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **8/29: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/30: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery and Art Center

**Have an event to add to the calendar?**  
Email info to [advertise@cartercountytimes.com](mailto:advertise@cartercountytimes.com)

**ONESTOP**  
**PARTS SOURCE**  
**OLIVE HILL AUTO PARTS**  
670 E Tom T Hall Blvd, Olive Hill  
606-286-8788



# Pet of the Week

Buster is a three-year-old male boxer mix, who loves attention! He's currently the longest resident of the shelter and ready to go to his forever home. His \$100 adoption fee includes rabies vaccination and being neutered. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet him or call 475-9771 for more information.

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



**CITY OF GRAYSON  
CODE ENFORCEMENT**

If you are planning on building in the city limits of Grayson, a building permit is required and you must first apply for the permit and submit building plans.

This includes commercial, residential, etc. properties including any alterations to a current structure and the building of new structures.

Other projects that require a permit are improvements such as porches, decks, fences etc. Signs in the city also require an application and permit.

Any contractors operating in the city limits are required to obtain a business license and remit employee documentation.

Code Enforcement will also be targeting parking violations with special focus, but not limited to, handicap parking spots and Fire Lanes.

**Please contact Grayson Code Enforcement Officer Joe Hammer with any questions or assistance in obtaining the proper permits between the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM Monday – Friday in person at 302 E. Main St. Phone (606) 474-6651. You can also contact by email at [jhammer@graysonky.net](mailto:jhammer@graysonky.net)**

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**Council** from A-1

were more state grants available for broadband upgrades and that the process of submitting for those grants would be open the following day.

In other business, Combs formally appointed Deana Miller as a new tourism commission member, with the full support of the council. Miller has been a local resident for almost thirty years and has lived in the City of Grayson for almost twenty years. Professionally, Miller has worked as a civil engineer, including twenty-five years for the Kentucky Department of

Transportation, and ended her career as a branch manager over construction and maintenance in the four-county area of Boyd, Carter, Greenup, and Lewis. Miller has dealt with grants, construction, maintenance, and people, she told the council. Miller is retired from the Kentucky Transportation Department and is currently working for a Kentucky based engineering firm where she is involved in safety analysis and construction estimation.

Tourism Director Lana Axtell told council that tourism was currently plan-

ning the Octoberfest event, and is partnering with First Church for their Trunk or Treat event. Axtell said that tourism is also partnering with Scott Menix of Baysos Sports Pub for an after-hours party that will take place following Octoberfest at 10 p.m. The Octoberfest celebration will run October 25-27, and will begin with a costume party at the Grayson Gallery & Art Center, and end with the Blue Knights Raiders Run.

Grayson Utilities Commission Director Gerald Haney updated the council on the current projects

involving the replacement of water pipes in the city. A current project focusing on replacing iron pipes will necessitate resurfacing in those areas affected by the upgrades. In those areas the resurfacing will be funded in part under a grant obtained for that purpose. This has the benefit of potentially allowing the city to take road department funds currently dedicated to those areas and using them to fund other city projects.

Finally, council discussed a new ordinance governing pets within the city limits, including a

leash law. The potential ordinance would provide for concerns such as vaccinations and licensure, while the leash portion of the proposed ordinance would require the owner or keeper of an animal to not allow the animal to be off their premises, unless said animal is on a leash or restraint. Council heard the first reading of the new ordinance and discussed possible amendments or clarification.

Concerns that council members discussed and considered addressing included the number of dogs and cats that could be

owned in the city, and the difficulty with enforcing the number of other regulations involved.

Other concerns discussed were what penalties or fines residents would incur for violations and which points of the new ordinance would take priority or precedence for enforcement. The council decided to review the potential ordinance and make any necessary revisions before the second reading.

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

## US Army soldier pleads guilty to selling sensitive military information

By: Jonathan Mattise  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE (AP) — An Army soldier has pleaded guilty to charges that accuse him of selling sensitive information related to U.S. military ca-

pabilities, including dozens of documents addressing topics ranging from rocket systems to Chinese military tactics.

Sgt. Korbein Schultz, who was also an intelligence analyst, entered the guilty plea Tuesday in

federal court in Nashville. He had previously pleaded not guilty, then last month requested a hearing to change his plea.

In total, Shultz received at least 14 payments totaling \$42,000, prosecutors have said.

Schultz was accused in a six-count indictment of charges including conspiring to obtain and disclose military defense information and bribery of a public official. The 24-year-old was arrested in March at Fort Camp-

bell, which straddles the Tennessee-Kentucky line, shortly after the indictment was released.

He pleaded guilty to all charges against him and will be sentenced on Jan. 23, 2025. A federal public defender representing

Schultz declined to comment Tuesday.

"Let this case serve as a warning: if any member of the Army, past or present, is asked for classified or sensitive information, they should report it to

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## Kentucky to partner on \$500,000 federal grant to study future of electric aircraft charging at airports in Appalachia

Appalachian Regional Commission's ARISE grant to focus on electric infrastructure needs at 36 general aviation airports, half of airports are in Kentucky

FRANKFORT — Kentucky is proud to partner on preparing general aviation airports in Appalachia for the future of electric aircraft thanks to a \$500,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) awarded to Ohio University.

The state of Kentucky, Ohio and North Carolina, North Carolina State University, local airport officials and researchers are all grant partners. The team will work to evaluate technology needs at 36 general aviation airports -- half of which are in Kentucky. The grant also aims to expand the already vital economic and public service role of aviation in the region.

"Kentucky is already the electric vehicle battery production capital of the world, and by participating in this project we're working to become a leader in the aircraft industry of the future," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "By bringing new jobs, technologies and industries to Kentucky we're making sure our children never have to leave home to chase their dreams." The Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE) grant is a product of the historic federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strengthen economic opportunities through multi-state collaborative projects.

Researchers at the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service (GVS) and the Institute of Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) of North Carolina State University will spearhead the year-long project to identify the utilities and charging infrastructure required to serve electric aircraft at 36 general aviation airports located in Appalachian counties in Kentucky, Ohio and North Carolina. This information will provide models for financing and

implementing necessary infrastructure improvements at general aviation airports in the participating states, and across Appalachia. Of Kentucky's 58 public use airports, 18 general aviation airports will be included in the project. A list of all participating airports is provided below. In Ohio, 14 general aviation airports will be a part of the project and four will be included in North Carolina.

As the project's director, Brent Lane of Ohio University observed, "Appalachia's more than 230 public general aviation airports must be prepared to support the operational needs of electric aviation, or the region will lose the benefits it offers."

Aviation is already important in Appalachia, but aviation is changing as a new generation of sustainable electric aircraft is emerging. These innovative aircraft, ranging from drones to passenger airplanes, offer promising applications including delivering emergency medical supplies and cargo, public safety services, and business and regional transportation. Most of this activity will occur at the numerous smaller general aviation airports which, though not offering commercial flights, play important roles in their local economies.

Since 2020, the Beshear Administration has invested \$69 million in local, general aviation airports for capital and maintenance projects to improve airport infrastructure. Examples of projects include runway overlays, new lighting, and apron expansions. In 2023, Gov. Beshear joined local officials to celebrate the opening of the 58th public use airport in Gallatin County.

### About the Appalachian Regional Commission

The announced funding was via ARC's Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE), which aims to drive large-scale, regional economic transformation through multi-state collaborative projects across Appalachia. The ARISE funding opportunity drives large-scale economic transformation through collaborative multi-state projects. Since January 2023, ARC has used funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to invest over

\$70.8 million in ARISE projects that will strengthen Appalachian business and industry, as well as support the development of new economic opportuni-

ties across the region.

The Appalachian Regional Commission is an economic development entity of the federal government and 13 state

governments focusing on 423 counties across the Appalachian Region, including 54 counties in Kentucky. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and

invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia to help the Region achieve socioeconomic parity with the nation.

## OBITUARY

### Phillip Gene Carter 1940 – 2024



Phillip Gene Carter, age 84 of Grayson, KY entered into rest Thursday morning August 1, 2024, at his residence. He was born May 27, 1940, in Grayson, KY, a son of the late Frank Thompson Carter and Ida Mae Kimber Carter.

Phillip served his country in the Army Reserves for 2 years a member of the Olive Hill American Legion Post 138 in Olive Hill, KY and was retired from the Kentucky Department of Transportation where he was an engineer for 43 years in District 9.

He had a strong Christian faith and belief and was a lifelong farmer and UK wildcat fan. He loved to bird hunt, raising, showing and trading bird dogs, and Frog gigging. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law Enoch Hicks; two sisters Jewell Prichard and Maxine Osborne; five brothers Samuel Carter, Earl Carter, Carl Carter, Darrell Carter and Gayle Carter.

He is survived his

loving wife of 33 years Denise Hicks Carter; two sons, Chris and Missy Carter of NC; Phillip and Mandy Carter of Olive Hill, KY; two daughters, Jessi Carter of Columbus, OH and Franki Jo Carter of Grayson, KY; one step daughter, Kenzie and James Pendergrass of Booneville, KY; his mother-in-law, Veda Rae Jesse Hicks; four grandchildren, Riley Carter, Cade Carter, Jake Carter, Daniel Stephens and one grand child on the way Carter Jacob Pennington; His beloved shih tzu his #2 girl Harley. In addition to these he is survived by several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends that will cherish his memory.

Funeral services were conducted 1:00 PM Monday August 5, 2024, at the Duvall & Moore Funeral Home & Cremation Service with Joe Riffe and Johnny Pennington officiating. Burial followed in the Olive Hill Memorial Park. Family and Friends served as pallbearers.

Honorary Pallbearers were Bud Roberts, Mike Roberts, Frankie Forrest, Stephen Carter, Terry Carter and Donald Osborne.

Visitation was 6:00 –9:00 PM Sunday August 4, 2024, at the Duvall & Moore Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 149 Whitt Street Olive Hill, KY 41164.

Online Condolences may be sent to [www.duvall-landmoore.com](http://www.duvall-landmoore.com)

### Lou Jean Smith Vernatter 1950 – 2024



Lou Jean Smith Vernatter, age 74, of Jay Lane, Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, August 15, 2024, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Wednesday, March 15, 1950, in Morgan County, Kentucky, daughter of the late Willie and Mary Katherine Wagoner Smith.

Lou was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Church in Clearfield, Kentucky and enjoyed going to church. She enjoyed Christmas time, shopping, going out to eat and spending time with her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Walter Smith, Randolph Smith, William Smith and Donnie Ray Smith; three sisters, Bessie Smith, Carrie Smith Ficks and Delma Stamper.

Lou is survived by

her husband of 57 years, Jackie Vernatter; two sons, Bobby Vernatter of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Jackie Ray (Christina) Vernatter of Morehead, Kentucky; three daughters, Debbie (Tony) Smith, Mary (Phillip) Cox, all of Elliott County, Kentucky and Michelle Butler (Tony Kimble) of Morehead, Kentucky; one sister, Mary Evelyn Ratliff of Grayson, Kentucky; 14 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, August 17, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Mark Cox and Brother Jimmy Burton officiating. Burial followed in Biggs Hill Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, August 16, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Jonathan Cox, Mark Cox, Bradley Cox, Ryan Vernatter, Adam Vernatter, Nathan Vernatter and Nick Smith served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Lou Jean Smith Vernatter.

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**First Amendment:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

## Guest Editorial

### Discussing the pros and cons of pharmacy benefit manager reforms

By Melissa Patrick  
Kentucky Health News

The Kentucky General Assembly has worked for years to pass laws aimed at reining in the practices of pharmacy benefit managers, saying they create an unfair playing field in dealing with independent pharmacists.

Most recently, it passed Senate Bill 188, sponsored by Sen. Max Wise, R-Campbellsville, which changes laws governing commercial PBMs, aimed at keeping the state's independent pharmacies from closing. Among other things, SB 188 also sets dispensing fees, bans PBMs from forcing patients to get their drugs through mail order, and keeps them from steering patients to pharmacies that they own.

The PBMs argued that the law will cause insurance premiums to increase and its mandates in the bill won't allow businesses to gain from savings that PBMs offer.

PBMs act as the middlemen between insurance companies and drug manufacturers; they can determine what drugs are offered, how much someone pays for the drug, and how much the pharmacists are paid.

#### Arguments for and against PBM reform in the news

In an Aug. 13, Louisville Courier Journal opinion piece, Stephanie Wright, a registered nurse and employee of Elevance Health, formerly known as Anthem, wrote in support of PBMs.

Wright called SB 188 anti-consumer legislation, writing that it will drive up the cost of health care costs. Further, she wrote that SB 188 takes away Kentucky employers' ability to work directly with PBMs to create drug benefit programs that their employees can afford. Laws like this, she said, will discourage businesses from coming to the state.

"The truth is, PBMs negotiate lower drug prices with manufacturers and pharmacies, ultimately reducing prescription costs for Americans. They help drive affordability for consumers through their negotiations with drug manufacturers, despite some perceiving them as reducing revenue for pharmacists and pharmaceutical companies. And, they work to improve patient outcomes through better adherence and by preventing potentially harmful drug interactions," she wrote.

In response to Wright's opinion piece, Wise issued a press release on Aug. 14 that called Wright's opinion piece a "false alarm" and stated that despite these scare tactics, there is hard data to support the need for SB188. The release is printed in full in the Lexington Herald-Leader.

"The new law created by Senate Bill 188 protects our local pharmacies from unfair PBM practices that have led to the closure of 99 independent community pharmacies in our state in the last three years," said the release.

The release pointed to the savings found when the General Assembly passed SB 50, also sponsored by Wise. Among other things, the 2020 law required the state to hire a single PBM to manage Kentucky Medicaid's prescription drug business of more than \$1 billion a year.

"Insurance companies often push the false narrative that PBM reform will increase insurance costs for businesses and taxpayers alike. That is simply not true, and the actions of the Kentucky General Assembly proved it," Wise wrote. "If we want to focus on profits, here are the figures: not only did SB 50 not cost our state money as the PBM's swore to legislators it would, but it actually saved our state over 280 million dollars and counting according to a report presented by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services."

Rosemary Smith, who owns six pharmacies across Eastern Kentucky with her husband, Luther, and is co-founder of the Kentucky Independent Pharmacist Alliance, also responded to Wright's opinion piece in the Courier Journal.

In her support for SB 188, Smith points to a Federal Trade Commission's interim report issued in July that supports the General Assembly's and independent pharmacies' ongoing arguments against PBMs.

She also writes that the PBMs' practices of paying independent pharmacies below the cost of the drugs they dispense and steering their patients to the retail, specialty and mail order pharmacies that they own have contributed to the closing of independent pharmacies across the state.

One of those set to close on Aug. 21 is Owensboro Family Pharmacy, which has served its community for 39 years. Smith shared a Facebook post from the closing pharmacy that

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## Carter County Times

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Jeremy Wells, editor Keith Kappes, columnist



### Why should we care about who becomes the next vice president?

A college student asked me today why so much attention is being paid to the two candidates for vice president of these United States of America.

So, I tried to explain the intense media scrutiny of Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, the Democratic candidate, and U. S. Sen. J.D. Vance, the Republican nominee, both of whom have been getting more press exposure of late than their running mates who picked them.

The answer is quite simple, really. It's because the vice president is the first person in the presidential line of succession. That means they become president if the president dies, resigns, or is impeached and removed from office.

How likely is that to happen?

Well, President Joe Biden is the 46th person to hold the presidency in our history. We have had nine vice presidents automatically ascend to the highest office in our land and three of those have happened in my lifetime.

Eight accidental presidencies resulted from the death of the man in the White House. Becoming "Mr. President" in that manner were John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson, Chester A. Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Harry S. Truman, and Lyndon B. Johnson.

Gerald Ford moved up because President Richard Nixon resigned during the Watergate scandal.

Four of the nine VPs – Andrew Johnson, Arthur, Roosevelt, and Lyndon Johnson gained the presidency through the assassination of the president. Altogether, 17 attempts have been made on the lives of sitting American presidents.

Another reason for the importance of the vice presidency is that he or she serves as president of the U. S. Senate and has the option of casting a tie-breaking vote in case of a deadlock in that chamber.

At present, there are 49 Republican senators and 47 Democratic senators but there also are four independent senators who usually vote with the Democrats.

Political strategists believe the right vice presidential candidate can be the key to victory in a tight race like we are witnessing between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump.

As voters, we must ask ourselves who would be the best choice to serve as president if the unthinkable happens a 10th time.

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### How do you put a necktie on a deer?

Recently, I set Facebook on fire with my controversial opinion that all men should be able to change a tire, field dress a deer, and tie a necktie. It was really just a throw away thought, and I never expected it to upset so many people.

Honestly, other than neck ties, the other items on that list didn't matter. I chose changing a tire because I picked up a screw last week and had to pull over and plug my tire on the side of the road. Field dressing a deer I chose because I honestly think everyone should be able to feed themselves.

It could just as easily have been growing a garden, or milking a cow.

The important thing was that there be three items, with two of them being typical rural male skillsets and the other being how to tie a necktie.

I just happen to like to deer hunt, and most of us drive. (Or at the very least ride in a car.)

I honestly expected some push back on the necktie bit, more than anything; and I was ready for it.

Now, anyone who knows me knows how much I hate getting dressed up. I'd rather take a whooping than have to tuck in a shirt, and neckties and tucked shirts go hand-in-hand.

I worry about wrinkling the back of my shirt while I'm driving, then I get super stiff to try to avoid it, and then my legs start aching. (I know, I'm a mess.) It doesn't even matter if I'm wearing a jacket that will hide any potential wrinkles. I know suits aren't made for men built like me, and as a result I look funny in

one no matter what I do.

So, seeing as how I hate getting dressed up so much, you might wonder why I'd advocate for all men knowing how to tie a necktie.

The reason is, no matter how much you might dislike getting dressed up, there are times you're going to want to. Weddings. Business events. Formal social gatherings. Funerals.

No matter how much you (or I) might dislike getting dressed up, there will come a time for all of us when we want to show someone the respect of getting dressed up for them. Especially if it's to say good-bye.

I expected some pushback from folks who hate dressing up as much as I do, and I was ready with this argument. But I didn't get much of that pushback at all. Any who did quickly acquiesced after I explained my reasoning, responding with understanding even if they didn't agree.

What I didn't expect were the arguments from folks who called my statements ableist (never mind that my cousin navigates the woods on crutches and keeps a thermometer in his boots, so he knows if his feet are at risk of frostbite during deer season), or examples of "toxic masculinity."

The problem apparently wasn't with the examples of self-sufficiency that I listed, but rather my assertion that, "all men should" be able to do these things.

Those three little words, apparently, were enough

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 23-CI-00431**

**LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC** PLAINTIFF  
**VS.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**

**ASHLIE L. HUTCHINSON, KENDALL C. HUTCHINSON, CARTER COUNTY, AND DISCOVER BANK** DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on July 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 **4th day of September, 2024 at or near the hour of 2:05 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 5.00% 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:** 800 Huffs Run, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 396, Page 236, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

**Map/Parcel ID Number:** 07-00-00-046.00.

**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. 24-CI-00107**

**VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.** PLAINTIFF  
**VS.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**

**JAMIE SUE HALE; ERNEST RICHARD SEAGRAVES; CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY** DEFENDANTS

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**Description of the Property:** 305 Spring Hill Drive, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 458, Page 133, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

**Map/Parcel ID Number:** 072-00-00-005.32.

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Honorable John P. Thompson  
Master Commissioner  
Carter County, Kentucky

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

**U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF LSF11 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST** PLAINTIFF  
**VS.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**

**TIMOTHY W. STEPHENS; ALISA K. STEPHENS; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF COLLECTIONS** DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on July 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 **4th day of September, 2024 at or near the hour of 2:10 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 4.8750% 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:** 1250 Beech Street, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 229, Page 695, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

**Map/Parcel ID Number:** 04-70-08-005.00.

**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

# Recognizing the importance of International Overdose Awareness Day

August can be a somber month for many Kentuckians as August 31 marks the annual recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day. For far too many, the day serves as a painful reminder of loved ones lost to overdose. However, it is also an opportunity to honor their memory and recommit ourselves to doing more in the fight against addiction and substance abuse.



**Patrick Flannery**  
Representative  
State of Kentucky

According to the state's Office of Drug Control Policy, there were 1,984 overdose deaths in Kentucky. While this was a decrease of 9.8% from 2022, it is still almost 50% higher than just five years ago. And, regardless of the numbers, almost 2,000 Kentuckians died, leaving behind families and friends and untold potential.

Addiction in Kentucky is a significant public health issue, with high rates of opioid abuse and

related fatalities. The state has been particularly hard-hit by the opioid crisis, leading to increased efforts in prevention, treatment, and recovery programs. Addressing addiction remains a critical challenge for Kentucky's communities.

Substance abuse continues to affect Kentuckians across the Commonwealth. On Overdose Awareness Month, we are reminded of the importance of educating ourselves about the warning signs and symptoms of substance abuse and overdoses. Without increasing awareness about this crisis, we cannot hope to combat it effectively. Together, we can work to reduce the stigma surrounding opioid abuse and overdose-related deaths.

This is not a partisan issue. It is not a regional issue. It is not an urban, suburban, or rural issue. Addiction does not care if

you are black or white, rich or poor, young or older. It only cares that you have a life it can ruin.

As legislators, we must reach across the aisle, putting aside our political differences to fight this growing crisis. Today serves as a reminder of the ties that bind us, rather than the issues that divide us. We are Kentuckians first.

This interim, our work towards preventing overdose-related deaths must be a top priority for this legislature. I promise to work tirelessly to secure a brighter future for future generations of Kentuckians. We owe it to our constituents, our families, and ourselves to try. During the 2024 Regular Session, we passed HB 5 and SB 74, which include the following:

- Known as the Safer Kentucky Act, HB 5 includes language that makes possession of "...fentanyl... or a fentanyl derivative" a Class-C felony in Kentucky, increasing penal-

ties for repeat offenders. • SB 74, known as the Momnibus Bill, expands maternal healthcare for newborns and mothers across the Commonwealth.

A provision in the law allows for at-home treatment for mothers who suffer from substance abuse.

As a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, I will continue to advocate for those who struggle with substance abuse. Please visit the 2024 Regular Session Record section of the Bills page on [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov) to see how we have worked to prevent overdose-related deaths and keep Kentuckians safe.

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

### Pharmacy from A-5

she said, sums it up: "For those that have been asking how we got settled on the decision to sell – it's an unsustainable business model that insurance (PBMs) control. We can either take care of our patients and dispense their meds and lose money, or send them elsewhere and lose a patient. There is no winning and it's set up this way on purpose by those who profit from it – while hurting your budget with high copays, and hurting local small businesses to

pay large corporations' CEO salary. It's time for reform and change."

### Federal Trade Commission report

As part of an ongoing inquiry launched in 2022, a 73-page FTC report found that PBMs "wield enormous power over patients' ability to access and afford their prescription drugs, allowing PBMs to significantly influence what drugs are available and at what price," according to a news release. It also found

that "they hold substantial influence over independent pharmacies by imposing unfair, arbitrary, and harmful contractual terms that can impact independent pharmacies' ability to stay in business and serve their communities."

It pointed to the impact of increased consolidation and vertical integration has had on how people obtain their drugs, noting that the three largest PBMs process nearly 80% of the prescriptions dispensed by U.S. pharmacies in 2023, and

the six largest ones process more than 90% of them.

The Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, the national PBM lobby, pushed back on the report, saying in a news release, "The report completely overlooks the volumes of data that demonstrate the value that PBMs provide to America's health care system by reducing prescription drug costs and increasing access to medications."

### Charges from A-1

to avoid contact with the victim and their family, Judge Rebecca Phillips also ordered James to remain sober during the length of his probation. She noted that James had testified that he was "so intoxicated" at the time of the events in question he didn't clearly remember what happened.

Phillips also ordered James to have no unsupervised contact with animals for the extent of his sentence.

But while James might not have to register as a sex offender, the same does not hold true for Wendell Middleton or Kimberly Blevins.

Middleton entered a change of plea on Monday afternoon, entering an Alford plea of guilty on a charge of second degree sodomy, a class C felony

carrying a penalty of five to ten years in prison. This was a reduction of the original charge of first degree sodomy. As part of the plea deal the charge of first degree sexual abuse was dropped.

The Commonwealth explained that the charges were dismissed with input from the family of the victim, in part because the family was not eager to go through a trial once more. Middleton had originally gone to trial on his charges, but that ended in a mistrial because of statements from a juror about the case.

Because of the nature of Middleton's crime, he could not be sentenced on the same day as his plea, but will be sentenced at a future date once all paperwork is processed.

Phillips also warned

Middleton that due to changes in the law – which prompted Middleton to delay his plea last week – if he is arrested on a third violent crime he could be subject to the maximum penalties for that offense under the law; up to and including the death penalty. These changes, prompted by the recent passage of House Bill 5, were in part related to Middleton's previous delay in change of plea.

Kimberly Blevins will also be subject to that change in law. Blevins entered yet another change of plea, with four charges against her dropped. She pleaded guilty to one count of third degree sodomy, and one count of second degree sexual abuse. That second degree sexual abuse charge was an amendment of the original charge of

first degree sexual abuse. As part of the plea deal a second charge of third degree sodomy, and three other charges of first degree sexual abuse were dismissed.

As part of the plea deal Blevins will serve one year on each charge, to run consecutively, for a total sentence of two years. This does include credit for time already served.

Blevins case began with mediation and a planned guilty plea. But then further questions arose after the mediation and plea agreement was reached. The court then rejected one potential plea deal as felony sexual offenses cannot be probated.

Under the new agreement all original charges were reinstated on Monday before the one count of sodomy and three counts

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS CITY OF OLIVE HILL LEAK DETECTION AND BACK-UP RAW WATER PUMP AT TYGART'S CREEK

The City of Olive Hill will be accepting statements of qualifications and proposals for the Leak Detection (WX21043053) and Back-Up Raw Water Pump at Tygart's Creek (WX21043056) projects for engineering services for the purpose of locating and repairing leaks in water mains and service lines, also to provide the City with a new raw water pump should the existing pumps fail. Firms interested in applying should contact Jerry Callihan at 606.286.5532 or email [j.callihan@cityofolivehill.com](mailto:j.callihan@cityofolivehill.com) for the full Request for Qualifications and Proposals. Statements of qualifications and proposals must be received by 3:00 PM local time by Thursday, August 29, 2024.

The City of Olive Hill reserves the right to reject any and all responses, to waive any technicalities, and to negotiate with the respondent who most nearly meets the project requirements. The Rattlesnake Ridge Water District is not responsible or liable for any costs incurred by the consultants replying to this request. The Rattlesnake Ridge Water District is an equal opportunity employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms. Potential funding sources include but are not limited to KIA SRF Funds, USDA Rural Development, CDBG, ARC grants or AML funds.

Attention is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109, Title IV, EO 11246, and 7 CFR 1780.39. Local, minority and female-owned firms are encouraged to respond.

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS CITY OF OLIVE HILL TYGART'S CREEK PUMP STATION

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CARTER COUNTY FISCAL COURT**

Carter County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for a trailer for the road department. Sealed bids will be accepted until Monday, August 26 at 4:00 pm at the Judge Executives' office located at 300 West Main Street, Room 227, Grayson KY 41143. Sealed bids will be opened Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6pm during our regular fiscal court meeting. For any questions on trailer requirements please call Jason Carroll at 606-316-8096.

Brandon Burton  
Judge Executive

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Carter County Extension District Board's most recent audit and adopted budget can be viewed anytime on the Department for Local Government's Public Portal website. If you would like to view our most recent financial statement, please visit us at our home office located at 94 Fairground Drive, Grayson, KY, during our normal office hours of 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. This ad was paid for by Carter County Extension Office dollars. <http://kydlgweb.ky.gov/> Per KRS 65A.080(2)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The purpose of this advertisement is to inform the public that the 2024 Unaudited Financial Report, Balance Sheet, Vender Payments, latest School Report Card and Independent Financial Audit are posted on the Carter County Board of Education's Website [www.cartercountyschools.org](http://www.cartercountyschools.org)

of sexual assault were dismissed, and the other charge of sexual assault was reduced from a first degree to a second degree charge.

Blevins entered an Alford plea of guilty on those charges, with the court agreeing to the sentencing plan in the case.

In addition to registering as a sex offender, and undergoing sex offender treatment, Blevins was also ordered to have no contact with the victim.

She and Middleton will both also have five years of post-incarceration supervi-

**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

In person resumes will NOT be accepted at either branch.

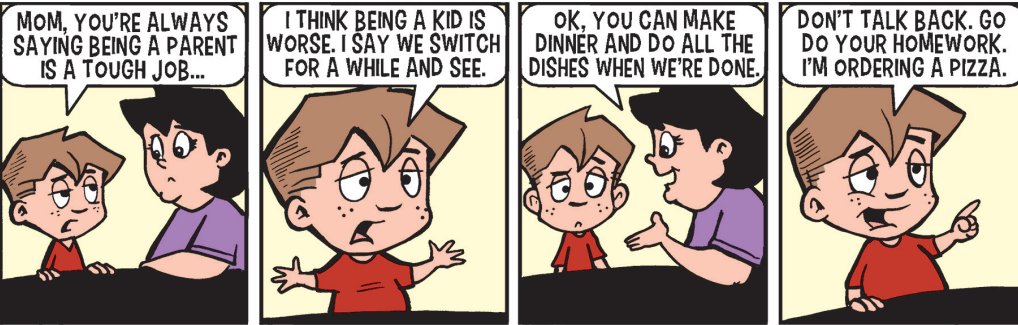
sion, with the potential for serving the rest of that time behind bars if they violated the terms of their release.

Final sentencing in that case will also be delayed until October.

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

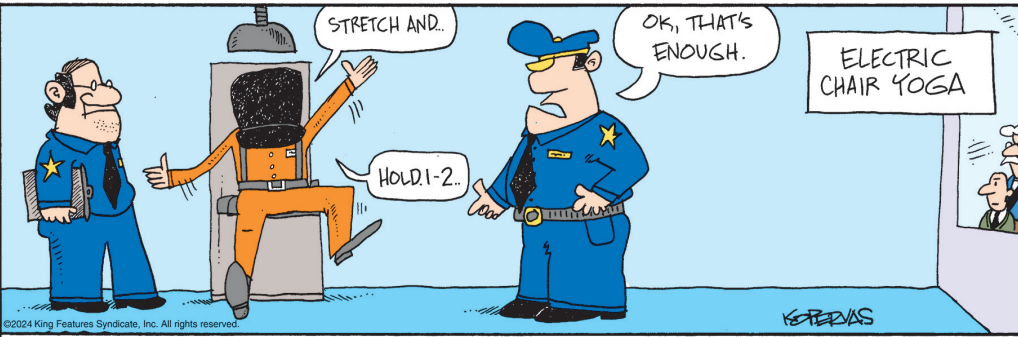
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by Dave T. Phipps



### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



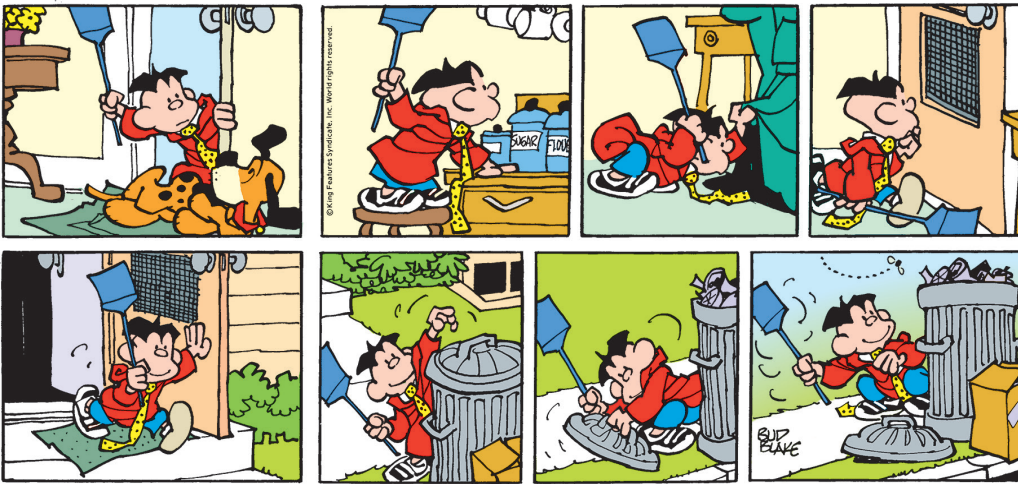
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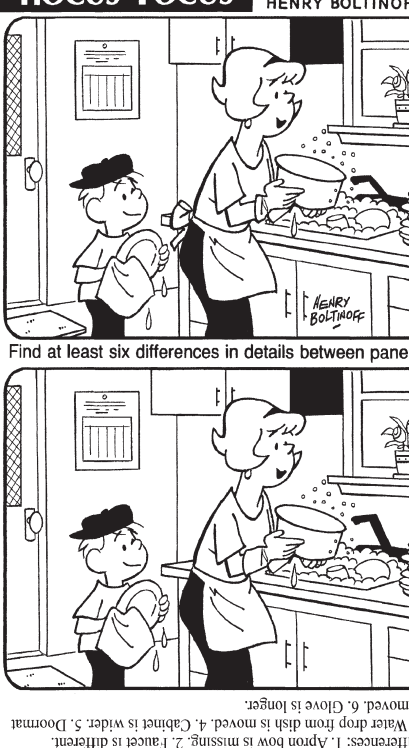
### OLIVE

By Emi Burdge



### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: M equals F

VLNR ZYKYNRN UMMJXKZ BLUB  
 U ENXBUJR INBBNX JZ JRHNNH  
 RYB U EYRZYRURB, JZ BLUB  
 U DYVNI UDYVUI?

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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!

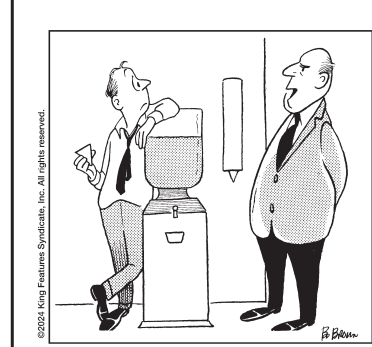
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Upset **NAYON**

Attire **SLOTECH**

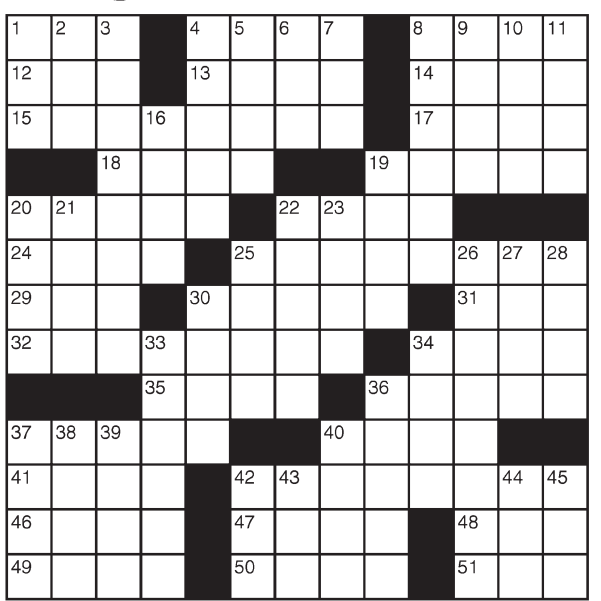
**TODAY'S WORD**



## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Apt. coolers
- 4 Fishing rod
- 8 Choir voice
- 12 New Deal agcy.
- 13 "Zounds!"
- 14 Chiefs coach Andy
- 15 Boring types
- 17 Tear
- 18 Bad habit
- 19 Woodland walks
- 20 Computer problem
- 22 Swedish auto
- 24 Spartan queen
- 25 Dijon products
- 29 Tokyo's historic name
- 30 Quick looks
- 31 Hasten
- 32 Sends on, as an email
- 34 Kick back
- 35 Bee's home
- 36 Comic Hedberg
- 37 Suitor
- 40 Shakespeare villain
- 41 Reedy
- 42 Birds of prey
- 46 Queue
- 47 Yankee nickname
- 48 Debtor's letters



- 9 Onion relative
- 10 Fork part
- 11 Probability
- 16 Kudrow of "Friends"
- 19 Millinery
- 20 Staff symbol
- 21 Decorate anew
- 22 Soft leather
- 23 Requests
- 25 TV mogul Griffin
- 26 Art of speaking
- 27 Platter
- 28 Third son
- 30 Ache
- 33 Bellyaches
- 34 Latvia's capital
- 36 Tribute maker
- 37 Normandy battle site
- 38 Use an egg-beater
- 39 "— She Sweet"
- 40 Sport shirt brand
- 42 Cote cry
- 43 Internet address
- 44 Scooby-—
- 45 Heat source

### DOWN

- 1 Moreover
- 2 French vineyard
- 3 Surrealist Dali
- 4 Fuzzy fruit
- 5 Shrek, for one
- 6 Young fellow
- 7 Sheeran and Harris
- 8 Mexican shout of joy

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## WORD LADDERS

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

COVEY

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

POKER

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Parthenon located?
2. TELEVISION: What game are the younger characters in "Stranger Things" playing at the start of the series?
3. MOVIES: Who was the first African American actor to win the Academy Award for Best Actor?
4. LITERATURE: What is floor powder used for in the "Harry Potter" book series?
5. U.S. CITIES: Which U.S. city's nickname is Beantown?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which ride-share company's slogan is "Move the way you want"?
7. ART: Which artist painted a work titled "The Potato Eaters"?
8. MUSIC: Who wrote the song "God Bless America"?
9. HISTORY: Who became U.S. president after Abraham Lincoln was assassinated?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal can hold its breath for up to five minutes underwater?

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- Answers
1. Athens, Greece.
  2. Dungeons & Dragons
  3. Sidney Poitier, "Billie Jean King"
  4. Rapid transportation.
  5. Boston.
  6. Uber.
  7. Vincent van Gogh.
  8. Irving Berlin.
  9. Andrew Johnson.
  10. Hippopotamus.

**SCRAMBLERS**

solution

1. Bungle 2. Height  
 3. Amoy 4. Clothes

**GALLON**  
 Today's Word

Answer

COVEY, COVER, COVER, MOWER, POWER, POKER

Answer

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

When someone affirms that a certain letter is indeed not a consonant, is that a vowel avowal?

## King Crossword

Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

## Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

- |                      |         |                     |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Gadget            | _____ G | Ponder              | _____ K |
| 2. Actor Matthau     | _____ L | Restaurant server   | _____ I |
| 3. Vote              | _____ O | Classical dance     | _____ E |
| 4. Uneven            | _____ H | Blush               | _____ E |
| 5. Trick             | P _____ | Singer Sinatra      | F _____ |
| 6. Portion           | _____ A | Coastline           | _____ O |
| 7. Mom or Dad        | _____ R | Inventor's document | _____ T |
| 8. Actor Eastwood    | C _____ | Firestarter         | F _____ |
| 9. Tighten your belt | _____ C | Prawn               | _____ H |
| 10. Fair-haired      | _____ O | Tasteless           | _____ A |

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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!

	+		+		= 14			
+		+		+				
	+		-		= 4			
-		÷		+				
	+		×		= 56			
=		=		=				
3		6		18				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Answers

3	=	6	×	18
5	=	2	×	56
	-		+	
7	+	3	-	4
	+		+	
1	+	9	+	4

- Answers
1. Ting, Think
  2. Walter, Water
  3. Ballet, Ballet
  4. Rough, Rouge
  5. Frank, Frank
  6. Share, Share
  7. Patent, Patent
  8. Clint, Clint
  9. Scamp, Scamp
  10. Blind, Blind

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### EMS from A-3

Carter 15 on gov.deals. Selling through this site would satisfy regulations governing the sale of such vehicles. A motion to approve that sale was passed by the board.

Woods also told the board that he had sent another letter to Carter County judge executive Brandon Burton regarding funding through the Opioid Abatement fund. Money from that source could possibly be as much as \$40,000, but there was nothing confirmed at the time of the communication. The Director said that he had received a check in the amount of \$10,000 on

Monday from the Fiscal Court.

Dora Roe informed the board that she was surprised at the savings as she was changing insurance coverage to state insurance. The EMS Board carries \$20,000 insurance policies on all their employees, and the bill she received was \$31,279.12 as opposed to previous bills from companies such as Anthem and Delta Dental which were as high as \$44,816.91. This change yielded a total savings of \$13,537.79 per month, or approximately \$162,453.48 per year. Roe said that the coverage

itself is comparable to the previous coverage, and the saving on premiums did not adversely affect employees' benefits.

The board also heard financial reports on income and expenses, including a report on income for the month of July 2024, of \$257,570.48 which showed an increase in income of \$29,37.03 beyond what was budgeted for that month. This increase yielded \$41,939.67 more than the same month in 2023. Expenses for the month of July were \$283,912.79, which was \$9,711.79 more than was budgeted for the month and \$10,776.80

less than the same month in 2023. The board also viewed a list of bills that had been paid.

Payroll consumed nearly 86.73 percent of the income year to date, according to the report. Expenses for the month of July 2024 were \$223,398.95. Payroll expenses were \$6,601.05 less than budgeted for the month and \$24,417.59 less than the same month of 2023.

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### Hoedown from A-2

ern cuisine from a variety of food trucks, while local craft vendors will display their unique offerings, creating a lively marketplace.

The Dirty South Hoedown aims to unite the community for a memorable weekend celebrating the best of music and off-road culture. We invite you to join us in this exciting venture and look for-

ward to your support and collaboration in making this event a resounding success.

For further information, please contact: Justin Roberts: (419) 709-6787, or J.W. Jones: (606) 207-1050.

Contact us at [news@cartercountytimes.com](mailto:news@cartercountytimes.com)

### Necktie from A-5

to throw out the baby with the bathwater and take grave offense. Never mind context. Never mind explanation. Folks kept coming back to those three words and hanging all their projected offenses upon them.

Maybe they had some valid points. I read them and tried to take them all under consideration. But it always kept coming back to those three words no matter what else I said.

It points out one of my chief complaints about social media; it's where nuance and conversation come to die. It doesn't

really matter what one has to say. It doesn't matter what you meant to convey. It doesn't matter how long you try to explain.

Folks decide they know what you meant. They project their own anxieties and insecurities on it. And that's where it stands. You can write an entire thesis addressing each critique point by point, they're going to point to those three little words, and you're going to be the villain.

Sometimes, that's just the way it is.

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## 17,000 AT&T workers in Southeast strike over contract negotiations

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — More than 17,000 AT&T workers in nine states across the Southeast are on strike after accusing the company of unfair labor practices during contract negotiations this summer.

The Communications Workers of America — the union representing the striking employees — said workers walked off the job Friday in response to AT&T's failure to bargain in good faith. Workers have been attempting to

reach a new contract since June. The labor organization said AT&T did not send representatives to the bargaining table who had authority to make decisions and that the company has reneged on agreements made in bargaining.

"Our union entered into negotiations in a good faith effort to reach a fair contract, but we have been met at the table by company representatives who were unable to explain their own bargaining proposals and did not seem to have the

actual bargaining authority required by the legal obligation to bargain in good faith," Richard Honeycutt, vice president of CWA District 3 in the Southeast, said in a statement.

The strike involves AT&T technicians, customer service representatives and others who install, maintain and support AT&T's residential and business wireline telecommunications network. It involves workers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana,

Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee

The union said it filed an unfair labor practice complaint with the National Labor Relations Board.

AT&T denied the union's accusations.

"CWA's claims of unfair labor practices are not grounded in fact. We have been engaged in substantive bargaining since Day One and are eager to reach an agreement that benefits our hard-working employees," the company said in

emailed statement. AT&T said it reached three separate agreements this year covering more than 13,000 employees.

The labor union on Monday also accused AT&T of "sending under-trained managers and contractors to perform highly technical work" during the

strike. AT&T said it has "various business continuity measures in place to avoid disruptions to operations and will continue to provide our customers with the great service they expect."

### Army from A-4

the appropriate authorities within 24 hours or be held fully accountable for their inaction," Brigadier General Rhett R. Cox, Commanding General of the Army Counterintelligence Command, said in a news release.

The indictment alleged that Schultz — who had a top-secret security clear-

ance — conspired with an individual identified only as "Conspirator A" to disclose various documents, photographs and other national defense materials since June 2022. The indictment said that Schultz was recruited by the individual not only due to his security clearance but also because he was tasked with

gathering sensitive U.S. military information.

Some of the information Schultz supposedly gave to the individual included information related to rocket, missile and artillery weapons systems, including the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System; hypersonic equipment; tactics to counter drones; U.S.

military satellites; studies on future developments of U.S. military forces; and studies on military drills and operations in major countries such as China.

The indictment said that Schultz was initially asked to provide documents detailing lessons that could be learned from Russia's war with Ukraine and how

those lessons could be applied to the U.S. in helping Taiwan in the event of an attack. Schultz was paid \$200 for that information, which then prompted Conspirator A to ask for a "long-term partnership."

Conspirator A, who was described in the indictment as a foreign national purporting to reside in Hong

Kong, later suggested that Schultz could earn more money if he handed over "internal only" material rather than unclassified documents.

## US intelligence officials say Iran is to blame for hacks targeting Trump, Biden-Harris campaigns

By: Eric Tucker  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence officials said Monday they were confident that Iran was responsible for the hack of Donald Trump's presidential campaign, casting the cyber intrusion as part of a brazen and broader effort by Tehran to interfere in American politics and potentially shape the outcome of the election.

The assessment from the FBI and other federal agencies was the first time the U.S. government has assigned blame for hacks that have raised anew the threat of foreign election interference and underscored how Iran, in addition to more sophisticated adversaries like Russia and China, remains a top concern. Besides breaching the Trump campaign, officials also believe that Iran tried to hack into the presidential campaign of Kamala Harris.

The hacking and similar activities, federal officials said, are meant to sow discord, exploit divisions within American society and possibly to influence the outcome of elections that Iran perceives to be "particularly consequential in terms of the impact they could have on its national security interests," officials said.

"We have observed increasingly aggressive Iranian activity during this election cycle, specifically involving influence operations targeting the American public and cyber operations targeting

Presidential campaigns," said the statement released by the FBI, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

Iran's mission to the United Nations denied the allegations as "unsubstantiated and devoid of any standing," saying that Iran had neither the motive nor intention to interfere with the election. It challenged the U.S. to provide evidence and said if the U.S. does so, "we will respond accordingly."

The FBI statement was released at a time of significant tensions between Washington and Tehran as the U.S. hopes to halt or limit a threatened retaliatory strike on Israel over the assassination of Hamas official Ismail Haniyeh in Iran. In addition, an Israeli strike last month in southern Beirut killed Hezbollah's top commander, but while Tehran and Iran-backed Hezbollah have vowed to retaliate, they have not yet launched strikes as diplomatic endeavors and Gaza cease-fire talks continue in Qatar.

The U.S. did not detail how it reached the conclusion that Iran was responsible, nor did it describe the nature of any information that may have been stolen from the Trump campaign. But it said the intelligence community was confident "the Iranians have through social engineering and other efforts sought access to individuals with direct access to the Presidential campaigns of both political parties."

At least three staffers in

the Biden-Harris campaign were targeted with phishing emails, but investigators have uncovered no evidence the attempt was successful, The Associated Press reported last week.

"Such activity, including thefts and disclosures, are intended to influence the U.S. election process. It is important to note that this approach is not new. Iran and Russia have employed these tactics not only in the United States during this and prior federal election cycles but also in other countries around the world," the statement said.

U.S. officials have been on high alert in recent election cycles for foreign influence campaigns and outright interference as in 2016, when Russian military intelligence operatives hacked the campaign of Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and orchestrated the release of politically

damaging emails through the website WikiLeaks.

Iran has more recently emerged as an aggressive threat to American elections. In 2020, U.S. intelligence officials say, Iran carried out an influence campaign aimed at harming Trump's reelection bid that was probably approved by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and was the subject of an unusual evening news conference featuring FBI Director Christopher Wray and other officials.

U.S. officials also have expressed alarm about Tehran's efforts to seek retaliation for a 2020 strike on an Iranian general that was ordered by Trump.

The Trump campaign disclosed on Aug. 10 that it had been hacked and said Iranian actors had stolen and distributed sensitive internal documents. At least three news outlets — Politico, The New York

Times and The Washington Post — were leaked confidential material from inside the Trump campaign. So far, each has refused to reveal any details about what it received.

Politico reported that it began receiving emails on July 22 from an anonymous account. The source — an AOL email account identified only as "Robert" — passed along what appeared to be a research dossier the campaign had apparently done on the Republican vice presidential nominee, Ohio Sen. JD Vance. The document was dated Feb. 23, almost five months before Trump selected Vance as his running mate.

The U.S. government's assessment aligns with the findings of private companies.

Earlier this month, Microsoft issued a report on Iranian agents' attempts to interfere in this year's

election. It said Iran had impersonated activists and created fake news targeted to voters on opposite sides of the political spectrum. The report also cited an instance of an Iranian military intelligence unit in June sending "a spear-phishing email to a high-ranking official of a presidential campaign from a compromised email account of a former senior advisor."

In a separate report, Google said an Iranian group linked to the country's Revolutionary Guard has tried to infiltrate the personal email accounts of roughly a dozen people linked to President Joe Biden and Trump since May.

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