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## County approves DARE funding

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By: Charles Romans  
*Carter County Times*

The Carter County Fiscal Court met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday evening where the main item of discussion was subsidizing the return of a DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program to county schools.

Carter County Schools Police Chief R.D. Porter addressed the fiscal court and requested that the

court subsidize the new DARE Program – to be implemented in grades K through 12 – with opioid abatement funds. The program qualifies under that fund because it addresses education and mitigation. County grant writer Renee Parsons helped work up the proposal Porter presented to the fiscal court. Porter said that he had spoken to judge executive Brandon Burton who referred him to Parsons.

“This will be used to pay for the materials we will use in the program for all schools,” Porter said. “The program is a 45-minute lesson plan taught for 10 weeks, and the workbooks will be taken up at the end of each day so the kids don’t lose them and they can continue to work in

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Carter County Judge Executive Brandon Burton. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

## Former youth pastor sentenced for sexual abuse

Holley enters plea of not guilty on manslaughter charge

By: Jeremy D. Wells  
*Carter County Times*

A former Grayson youth pastor will serve five years and be required to register as a sex offender after pleading guilty to engaging in inappropriate relations with a teenage boy. Upenu Gogo was sentenced in Carter County Circuit Court last Tuesday, September 3, to five years each on one count of third degree sodomy and three counts of procuring the use of a minor by electronic means, with all sen-

tences to run concurrently. Judge Rebecca Phillips also ordered Gogo to have no contact with the victim – who was 16 years old at the time of their encounter – and to undergo sex offender treatment.

In related news, Freddie Sexton had his case set for review again in November. Sexton is currently jailed on charges that include ten counts of first degree sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years of age. Sexton, as Freddy Sexton, has a second case also set for review in November, on four counts of first degree sodomy – victim under 12 years of age, and two counts of first degree sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years of age.

Phillips set oral arguments for

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## Celebrating Fraley Fest

Annual music festival draws crowds from across the region

By: Charles Romans  
*Carter County Times*

The Fraley Festival of Traditional Music is an annual event at Carter Caves State Park and was held this year from September 4 – 7. The festival features seasoned professionals and beginning amateurs alike, with the sound of their music heard throughout the park. Throughout the weekend, musicians of every stripe take the stage, hold impromptu parking lot mini concerts, and play around the



Musicians perform during the Fraley Festival of Traditional Music. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

campfire.

The festival has its roots in a family reunion for the Fraley family and friends and was organized and run by Annadeene Fraley for many years. If ever there was a master of the fiddle, then JP Fraley was his name –

and just like the fiddle, he was as comfortable on stage as he was playing with his friends and whomever could appreciate the instrument that, more than any other, spoke to the soul of

*See FEST on A-8*

## 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.

- Brandon Chambers, 39, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault – dating violence (no visible injury), arrested and booked September 2.
- Chasity Roe, 41, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of speeding 12 MPH over limit, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (two or more grams of methamphet-

amine), aggravated trafficking in narcotics (ten or more grams of carfentanil/fentanyl derivatives), possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to wear seat belts, careless driving, operating on a suspended or revoked operator’s license, no registration receipt, and failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked September 2.

- Garret Greer, 18, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of menacing, arrested and booked September 3.
- Virgil McDavid, 47, of Webbville, arrested by Elliott County Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked September 3.
- Kelly Highfield, 49, of Maysville, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a hold for another jurisdiction, arrested and booked

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Upenu Gogo (Submitted photo)



## This Week's Obituaries

Marie Pelfrey Braden, 74

Bonnie Gail Hall, 75

Mennie Pearl Steele Rogers, 83

Ronnie Virgle Rogers, 66

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# LIFESTYLE



## Hush puppies: A southern treat for busy days

As we settle back into our busy schedules with summer behind us and autumn schedules ahead of us, it's more important than ever to carve out moments of joy and culinary pleasure purely for pleasure's sake.

Enter homemade hush puppies -- a Southern classic that transforms simple ingredients into golden nuggets of delight. Whether you're planning a fun weekend brunch or adding a special side to your weeknight dinners, hush puppies bring a taste of tradition to your table.

What makes hush puppies truly special is their simplicity. With just a handful of pantry staples -- cornmeal, flour, buttermilk and a touch of seasoning -- you can

whip up these crispy, tender bites in no time. The batter comes together quickly, and with a quick fry, you have a basket of warm, savory hush puppies ready to serve.

Versatile hush puppies can be paired with just about anything. Serve them alongside fried fish, barbecue or even with jam for a sweet treat.

If you want to take them to the next level, the recipe below for a tangy remoulade sauce adds just the right amount of zing.

### HUSH PUPPIES

Yield: 36 hush puppies  
Total Time: 15 minutes

#### What You'll Need:

3 - 4 cups vegetable oil for frying  
2 cups yellow cornmeal  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
1 egg, beaten  
3/4 teaspoon table salt  
1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
2 cups buttermilk, or whole milk

Begin by combining cornmeal, flour, egg, salt, baking soda and buttermilk or milk in a large mixing bowl. Stir the mixture until it becomes smooth with no lumps. The batter will be stiff.

Heat vegetable oil in a cast-iron skillet or a large heavy fry

pan over medium-high heat until it reaches a temperature of 350 F. You can test if the oil is ready by dropping a small amount of batter into it -- if it sizzles and floats, it's ready. Be careful not to overheat the oil, as it may result in uneven cooking with burnt outsides and raw insides.

Using either two spoons or a small ice cream scoop, carefully place small portions of the batter into the hot oil. After about 10 seconds, the hush puppies will rise to the surface and start to turn golden brown. Fry them for about 5 minutes or until they achieve a uniform golden-brown color, turning them occasionally to ensure even cooking.

Once cooked, remove the hush puppies from the oil and drain them on paper towels to absorb any excess oil. Continue frying the remaining batter in small batches, adding 4 to 6 hush puppies to the oil at a time. This will help maintain the oil temperature and ensure consistent frying results.

Diva Tip: Hold the finished hush puppies in a 200 F oven until you're ready to serve so everyone gets their hush puppies while they're nice and hot.

Here's a companion to your crispy hush puppies: a zesty Louisiana remoulade sauce. This



A Southern classic: Golden, crispy hush puppies served with a zesty remoulade..(Photo credit: www.JasonCoblenz.com)

(optional)

#### Here's How:

Blend all ingredients in a small bowl. Let this rest in the fridge for 20 minutes to let the flavor marry.

Whether you're treating yourself, your family or your friends, hush puppies are a delightful way to celebrate the simple pleasures in life.

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### Joyful Noise

## Warfare prayers to pray (Part 2)

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell  
for *Carter County Times*

Praying the scriptures is the most powerful way to pray God's will in our lives for every situation that might arise. Being faithfully consistent in a prayer life that is pleasing to the will of the Father will bring results. Psalm 103:21 says, "Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His Word." The Lord will send angels to work on our behalf only hearkening to the Word of God as we give voice to it in faith.

#### Healing and Breaking of Generational Curses.

Father, heal every area of my life that is broken in the name of Jesus. I break every generational curse affecting my family line in Jesus' name. Let the power of God destroy every

sickness in my body in the name of Jesus. I disconnect myself from any ancestral covenant of poverty, sickness, and failure in Jesus' name. I command healing to flow through my body from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet in the mighty name of Jesus.

**Spiritual Warfare.** I stand against every spirit of fear, anxiety, and confusion in the name of Jesus. Every power manipulating my destiny, be destroyed by the fire of the Holy Ghost in the name of Jesus. Lord, expose and destroy every hidden enemy plotting against me. By the authority in the name of Jesus, I command every stubborn problem in my life to disappear. Let every demonic stronghold in my life crumble by the fire of God, in Jesus' name.

**Spiritual Breakthrough.** I command every closed door to my

success and destiny to be opened by the fire of God in the name of Jesus. Lord, give me the strength to break free from every spiritual cage limiting my progress, in Jesus' name. Lord, release my financial breakthrough that has been held back by the enemy, in Jesus' name. I declare acceleration to overtake and recover all that the enemy has stolen from me, in Jesus' name. I speak restoration into every area of my life – health, finances, relationships – by the power of Jesus.

**Thanksgiving and Praise.** Father, I thank you for answering prayers and for victory over every battle in my life. Lord, I bless Your Holy Name for Your faithfulness, mercy, and love towards me. I give You glory, Lord, for You have done great things in my life and family. I praise You, O God, for Your

unfailing protection and provision in my life, in the mighty, powerful name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! AMEN

**1 John 5:14-15** says, "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, we know He heareth us, and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."

**Proverbs 6:1-2** says, "...thou art snared with the words of thy mouth." Faith-filled words will put you over. Fear-filled words will defeat you. Words are

the most powerful thing in the universe. Yes, every single word counts! Jesus operated in faith while He was here on earth (Mark 11:23 and Matthew 17:20).

He spoke to the wind and sea. He spoke to demons. He spoke to the fig tree. He even spoke to dead men. The wind, sea, tree, demons and even the dead were obedient to what He said. He operated in the God kind of faith. God is a faith God. God released His faith in Words.

Jesus imitated the Father, and we are to imitate Jesus. We speak and pray His Word and our situations hear it and must

obey! Charles Spurgeon said, "Praying God's Word is never out of season, and never unnecessary." AMEN. SO BE IT. (Credit: Warfare Prayers bowale-living)

**JOYFUL House of Prayer**, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests: [Pastornaomi4god@gmail.com](mailto:Pastornaomi4god@gmail.com). FB: *JoyfulHoprayer*. Services: 10am Sunday and 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm.

## Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher. Heifer sales were mixed throughout the markets this week with trends ranging from 5.00 lower to 5.00 higher. Demand was moderate to good with buyers showing preference to long-weaned preconditioned calf packages. Yearling steers and heifers were steady to 3.00 higher with good demand. Slaughter cows sold 3.00 to 6.00 lower and slaughter bulls steady to 3.00 lower with moderate to good demand.

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

Week ending 9/7/24

STATE AVERAGES			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	289.03	287.09	259.70
400-450 lbs	281.18	282.28	255.66
450-500 lbs	274.54	276.39	255.56
500-550 lbs	262.69	264.46	250.59
550-600 lbs	273.10	266.92	252.46
600-650 lbs	256.05	250.52	243.61
650-700 lbs	251.77	245.81	245.19
700-750 lbs	236.74	233.11	236.52
750-800 lbs	236.46	233.10	234.34
800-850 lbs	230.97	223.26	232.01
850-900 lbs	225.74	231.82	228.96
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	257.71	260.08	247.46
350-400 lbs	255.67	260.38	239.26
400-450 lbs	253.40	255.85	234.56
450-500 lbs	244.94	249.90	235.85
500-550 lbs	240.10	243.18	223.87
550-600 lbs	237.13	236.68	227.17
600-650 lbs	230.47	225.68	223.77
650-700 lbs	227.14	218.64	226.06
700-750 lbs	206.42	211.81	212.73
750-800 lbs	211.57	212.14	203.00

### WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	120.00-142.00	130.00-164.00	114.00-131.00
Boners	120.00-144.00	130.00-159.00	80.00-131.00
Lean	86.00-134.00	113.00-149.00	90.00-123.00

August 22, 2024      Bowling Green, KY

**SLAUGHTER GOATS: 169**

**Kids: Selection 1** 58 lbs 295.00; 74 lbs 295.00; 110 lbs 260.00.

**Selection 2** 45 lbs 265.00; 53 lbs 257.50; 70 lbs 245.00; 85 lbs 252.50.

**SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 732**

**Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2** 50-55 lbs 240.00-245.00; 71-76 lbs 212.50-240.00; 87-88 lbs 212.50-217.50; 93 lbs 202.50; 122 lbs 195.00. **Choice 2** 52-56 lbs 240.00-245.00; 66 lbs 217.50; 73 lbs 212.50; 92 lbs 210.00. **Wooled-Choice and Prime 1** 139 lbs 182.50. **Choice & Prime 1-2** 80-85 lbs 220.00-...

Week ending 9/7/24      GRAINS      This Week      Prior Week      Last Year

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.56-3.99	3.22-3.78	4.28-5.16
Soybeans	8.98-10.06	8.70-9.82	13.15-14.06
Red Winter Wheat	4.72-5.59	4.03-4.98	5.45-6.34



University of Kentucky Extension Administrators, Carter County Extension Agents, and local farmers Marcel and John Buck are pictured with three visitors from Morocco who were in the United States to learn more about the Cooperative Extension Service.

## CALENDAR

- **9/11: Olive Hill Farmer's Market** @ 8 a.m. | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **9/11: Girl Scouts meeting** @ 5:30 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **9/12: Grayson Farmer's Market** @ 2 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **9/14: Olive Hill Farmer's Market** @ 8 a.m. | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **9/14: Grayson Farmer's Market** @ 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **9/16: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days** @ 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **9/16: Homeschool group meeting** @ 12 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **9/16: Olive Hill Farmer's Market** @ 3 p.m. | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **9/16: Carter County EMS Board Meeting** @ 4 p.m. | Carter County EMS Station
- **9/16: Carter County Board of Education** @ 6 p.m. | Carter County Board of Education office
- **9/17: Farm & Family Field Day** @ 5 p.m. | Rick & Sherri Rayburn's Farm, Olive Hill
- **9/18: Olive Hill Farmer's Market** @ 8 a.m. | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **9/19: Grayson Farmer's Market** @ 2 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **9/19: Grayson Book Club** @ 6 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **9/19: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce meeting** @ 6 p.m. | Giovanni's of Olive Hill
- **9/20: Sit and Sew** @ 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686

## Have an event to add to the calendar?

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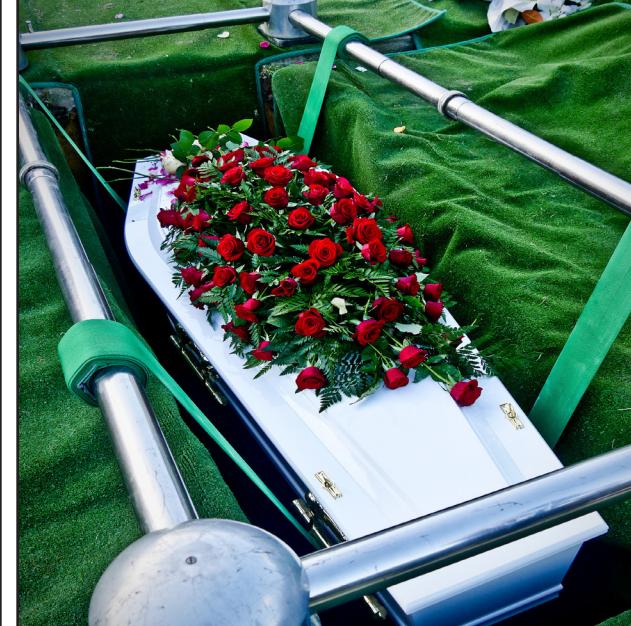
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A message from the City of Grayson and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Office

**Arrests** from A-1

September 3.  
 • Darren Walker, 29, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of aggravated trafficking in narcotics (ten or more grams of carfentanil/fentanyl derivatives), possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked September 3.  
 • Jacob Diggs, 26, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 4.  
 • Tony Staggs, 53, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), arrested and booked September 4.  
 • Sally Hutchinson, 59, of Vanceburg, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of inadequate silencer (muffler), failure to wear seat belts, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, no operator's license, and failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked September 4.  
 • Randy Lewis, 59, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked September 5.  
 • Jacob Clifton, 23, of Denton, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on five counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked September 5.  
 • Tyler Mabry, 22, of

Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, inadequate silencer (muffler), rear license not illuminated, failure to wear seat belts, and failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked September 6.  
 • Michael McDavid, 43, of Ashland, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of speeding 5 MPH over limit, no operator's license, failure to maintain required insurance, rear license not illuminated, first degree wanton endangerment, second degree stalking, fourth degree assault (no visible injury), reckless driving, and violation of a Kentucky emergency protection order/domestic violence order, arrested and booked September 6.  
 • Bobby Harris, 19, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked September 6.  
 • Bryan Rice, 51, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of fourth degree assault (minor injury), failure to appear, and first degree promoting contraband, arrested and booked September 6.  
 • Jason Marshall, 45, of Richmond, KY, arrested by Bath County Sheriff, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked September 6.  
 • Joseph Corns, 50, of

Vanceburg, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 6.  
 • Timothy Burton, 56, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked September 6.  
 • Jeffrey Blankenship, 45, of Morehead, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked September 6.  
 • Madonna Sexton, 41, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), and second degree criminal trespassing, arrested and booked September 7.  
 • Clyde James, 52, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of intimidating a participant in the legal process, second degree criminal trespassing, and harassment (no physical contact), arrested and booked September 7.  
 • Jason Psimer, 47, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, failure to produce an insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, no operator's license, careless driving, and reckless driving, arrested and booked September 7.  
 • Jonathan Clay, 42, of Catlettsburg, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on

charges of speeding 22 MPH over limit, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, no registration, failure to produce an insurance card, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked September 7.  
 • Gary Morgan, 63, of Hitchens, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 8.  
 • Michael Adams, Jr., 50, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked September 8.  
 • Austin Kilgore, 22, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, serving a warrant for parole violation, and on a charge of second degree fleeing or evading police, arrested and booked September 8.  
 • Richard Allan, 56, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of second degree assault – domestic violence, first degree strangulation (domestic violence related), and first degree unlawful imprisonment, arrested and booked September 8.

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.

**The day the sky turned black over New York****Remembering 9/11**

By: Marlene Carmack  
 for Carter County Times

The morning of September 11, 2001, began as a normal, beautiful, early Fall day. The leaves continued to fall as the air was crisp. My main thought was to get my daughters, Christina and Victoria, to school then head on to work. After having some breakfast with my brother Johnny, we went on to our workstations. It was a daily routine to share our time together during our breaks. At this time Johnny and I worked at the Square D/Schneider Electric Company in Oxford, Ohio. My station was set up from the day before and so, I sat my coffee on the table away from the area to keep the dust out of my

drink. As I took my last drink, reaching over to turn the radio up, music was already playing throughout the aisles and my work began. Tuned in to one of the country music stations, we all kept in beat until around 8:45 or 9 a.m.

when an abrupt news flash interrupted the music. It was then that noise came rushing over the radio, with the sounds of a frantic reporter yelling over the screams and cries of numerous people. You could tell something horrific just happened. But what could have been so horrible that all the news stations in the United States had taken

over the airways, with every minute filled by the reporters and their stories?

Suddenly silence was the only sound we heard. Every machine in the building came to a halt. Reaching up I turned the radio around so everyone

in the area could understand what was going on. I was able to make out through the screaming that the first World Trade Center was hit by a plane. I waved to get my co-workers to come and listen.

Our manager looked out the window onto the floor, asking what we were doing; and the reporter we were listening to began to cry as she was trying to explain the terror they were experiencing.

Suddenly the Second World Trade Center was hit. Devastation over ran the thoughts of all of us as we stood in disbelief. All I can remember was saying, "We're at war."

The looks were saddening. Tears filled our eyes as fear began filling the air.

President Bush put the United States on alert and let us know we were being targeted for war. The third plane took a route leading

to the Pentagon, taking out a large section and killing many people including the passengers, stewards, and pilots.

Planes were ordered to come in, but one was still in the air. A small commuter plane continued to fly and was ordered to get out of the air because of the situation. As he looked over to his side he reported that a jet was flying extremely faster and lower than normal. He was ordered again to get away, and fortunately was able to turn away and avoid getting hit, ensuring his survival. The same fate did not await those on board.

Soon after a farmer called in reporting a large aircraft was flying erratically over his farm. No one knew what was happening other than some of the families who had loved

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**Moroccan** from A-2

office. Sharing knowledge and experiences with international partners is a valuable opportunity to learn from each other and promote sustainable agriculture.

The Moroccan delegation expressed their gratitude for the warm welcome and the opportunity to learn from the expertise of the Extension staff. Their Kentucky visit also included a stop at the University of Kentucky campus where they continued to learn more about 4-H, Agricul-

ture, and Family & Consumer Science Extension programs.

Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical

or mental disability.

**Upcoming Events**

- The Grayson Farmer's Market is open on Saturdays from 9:00 AM until noon and on Thursdays from 2:00-6:00 PM. The market is located in the shed behind the Extension Office. The Olive Hill Farmer's Market is located in the Save-a-Lot parking lot and is open on Saturdays and Wednesdays at 8:00 AM and Mondays at 3:00 PM until sell out each day. There will be a pop-up market on the first Tuesday of the month in the Friendship & Chapel House parking lot from 6:00-8:00 PM.
- **Farm & Family Field Day** – Tuesday, September 17th @ 5:00 – Rick & Sherri Rayburn's Farm in Olive Hill. Visit <https://carter.ca.uky.edu/events/fieldday> for more information.
- The deadline to request free hay analysis through the East KY Hay Contest is October 11th. Call 474-6686 to schedule your hay sampling.

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

December in the case of General Tackett III. Tackett is charged with two counts of first degree sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years of age, first degree rape of a victim under 12 years of age, and four counts of first degree sodomy of a victim under 12 years of age.

Pretrial was set for October for Drew Zirkle on charges of first degree attempted rape, and first degree attempted robbery. Zirkle also appeared on a second case, involving possession of carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives and possession of drug paraphernalia.

In other news, Jacob Holley appeared before Judge Phillips to be arraigned on charges of second degree manslaughter. His attorney, Robert Miller, entered a plea of not guilty on his behalf and issued a standard discovery order to the Commonwealth. Phillips scheduled a follow up for October, with the Commonwealth expected to extend an offer at that time.

Simon Hall entered guilty pleas on charges including one count of second degree burglary, two counts of theft by unlawful taking of items valued at more than \$1,000.00 but less than \$10,000.00, two counts of second degree criminal mischief, and one count of third degree burglary.

The Commonwealth also reached an agreement with Willetta Lewis on charges related to trafficking in narcotics. As part of the deal the Commonwealth dismissed charges related to failure to produce an insurance card, and charges of first degree trafficking in narcotics (two or more grams of methamphetamine) were amended to facilitation of first degree trafficking in narcotics. Lewis entered a plea of guilty to the amended charges, and will be released on supervised probation. Judge Phillips ordered her to have no contact with any convicted felons or individuals on bond in felony cases, unless they are immediate family members. She was also ordered to pay \$165 in court costs, though no further fines or restitution were ordered.

Christina Mills entered

a guilty plea on a charge of first degree wanton endangerment, and guilty pleas in a second case on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), public intoxication, endangering the welfare of a minor, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Adam Lucas entered guilty pleas on charges of first degree possession of methamphetamine and fourth degree assault – dating violence with no visible injury.

Johnny Salyers pleaded guilty to a charge of fourth degree assault – dating violence with minor injury, while a charge of first degree strangulation was dismissed upon a motion from the Commonwealth at the request of the victim. Salyers was ordered to pay \$165 in court costs, and ordered to have no unlawful contact with the victim.

Further sentencing information in these cases was not immediately available.

Future hearing dates were scheduled for Dakota Middleton, on four counts of wanton endangerment; and for Dylan Evans in his revocation hearing on two counts of convicted felon in possession of a firearm, and on charges of resisting arrest, fleeing or evading police, and two counts of assault on a corrections officer. A future date was also scheduled in Evans third case, related to his June arrest in an officer involved shooting. In that case, where Evans surrendered to police after barricading himself in the bathroom of a relative's home, he is charged with nine counts of first degree wanton endangerment of a police officer, fleeing or evading police, two counts of third degree terroristic threatening, two counts of second degree wanton endangerment, resisting arrest, two counts of menacing, first degree burglary, public intoxication, and being a persistent felony offender. Evans original charges included attempted murder of a police officer. Phillips set the case for jury trial in December during a hearing last month.

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## Kentucky State Police charge Lawrence County man with child sexual abuse

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# OPINION

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## Guest Editorial

### It's prostate health month: Steps to help reduce the risk of prostate cancer

By Dr. Gary Grosel,  
Chief Medical Officer, UnitedHealthcare of Kentucky

September is Prostate Health Awareness Month, providing an opportune time for men to consider their prostate health and take steps to help reduce the likelihood of developing prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer (after skin cancer) among American men. Most cases are slow-growing or don't grow at all, which is why 96% of men diagnosed with prostate cancer are alive five years after their diagnosis.

However, African American men have a higher risk of developing prostate cancer – about one in six, compared to one in eight for white men. Genetic, dietary and environmental factors may play roles in making prostate cancer more likely for African Americans.

More alarming, African American men are twice as likely to die from the disease, compared with white men. Black men also tend to develop a more aggressive form of the disease and get it at a younger age. They also tend to be diagnosed at later stages of the disease, often because of more limited access to health care and preventive screenings.

#### Recognize risk factors

Some factors put certain men at higher risk. For example, about 60% of prostate cancer cases are diagnosed after age 65. Family history may affect prostate cancer risk. Having a father or brother with prostate cancer more than doubles the risk of developing the disease, according to the American Cancer Society. Likewise, having a mother or sister with breast cancer or ovarian cancer may also increase your odds.

There are also links between daily habits and higher odds of developing prostate cancer, particularly the more aggressive, fast-moving kind. Eating too few vegetables, especially from the broccoli family, and too much saturated fat may be a factor. Being obese – and being physically inactive – may also raise the odds of developing the more aggressive kind.

#### Strategies to help lower the risk

There are actions you can take to help reduce your risk. From a nutrition perspective, consider opting for leaner protein sources, such as turkey, chicken, eggs, tofu and fish. A recent study found eating high amounts of processed red meat may increase the risk of prostate cancer.

Other good options include vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, kale, bok choy and radishes, which contain chemical compounds that can decrease inflammation. Dark berries such as blackberries and black raspberries are also recommended.

Having enough vitamin D in the body may also be beneficial. Vitamin D strengthens the immune system, which may reduce the likelihood of developing prostate cancer, according to recent research. But talk to a health care provider before adding a vitamin D supplement to your diet.

If you're obese, aim to lose at least 5% of your body weight to help reduce risk of fast-growing prostate cancer. And aim to exercise at least two or three times a week, mixing in both strength training and cardiovascular activities such as walking, biking or swimming.

Importantly, schedule a prostate exam, which usually includes a blood test that looks for a specific tumor marker produced by cells in the prostate gland, called PSA. Typically, PSA levels are higher in men with prostate cancer. But sometimes PSA levels are higher in men who don't have cancer. Therefore, if your PSA levels are elevated, you'll probably need additional testing, such as an ultrasound, to determine whether you do have prostate cancer.

The American Cancer Society recommends consulting with your provider and using the following screening guidelines:

- Age 50 for men at average risk of prostate cancer and are expected to live at least 10 more years.
- Age 45 for men at high risk of prostate cancer. This includes African American men and those with a father or brother diagnosed with prostate cancer before age 65.
- Age 40 for men at even higher risk of developing prostate cancer. For example, men with more than one first-degree relative, like a father or brother, who had prostate cancer at an early age.

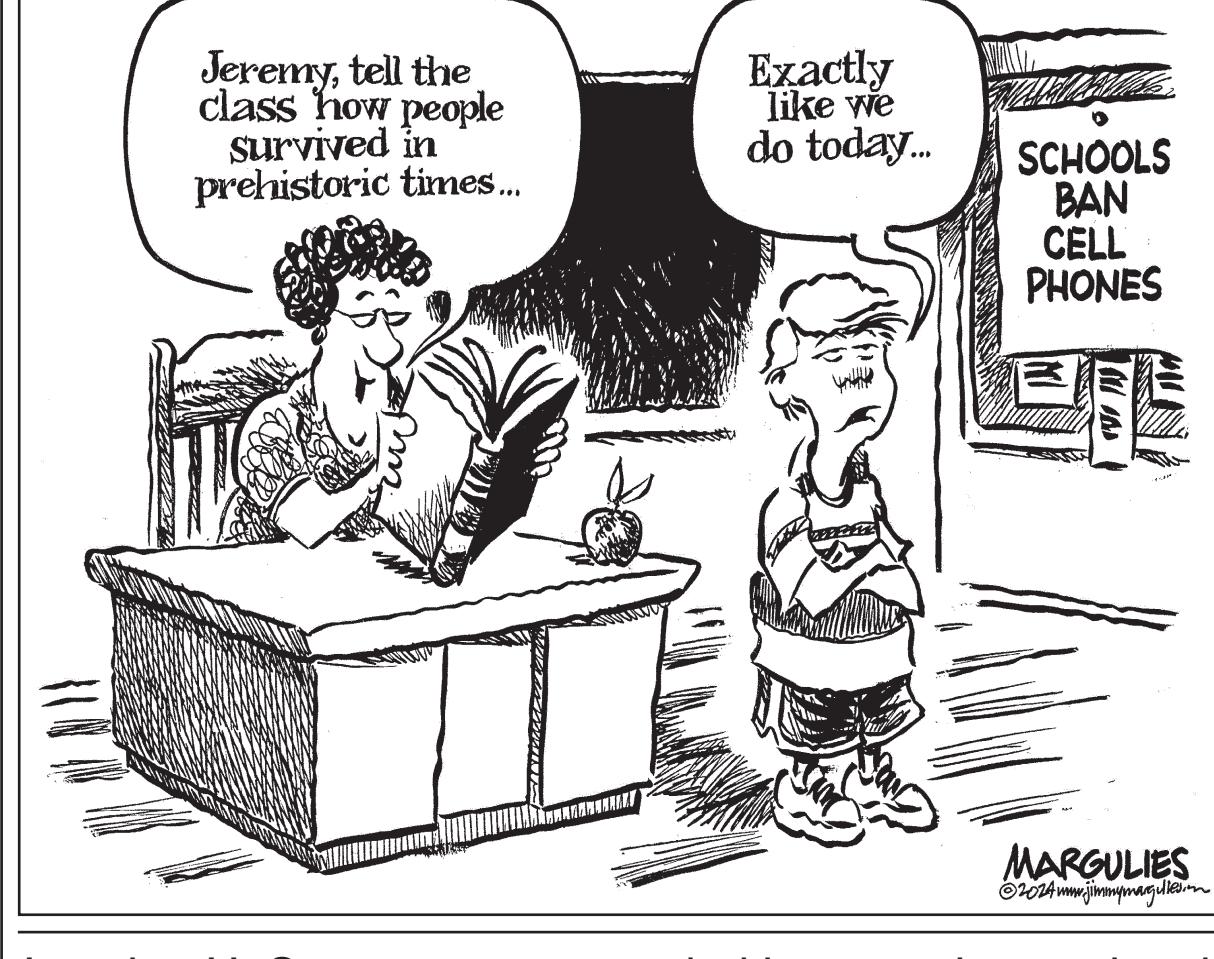
Considering these strategies may reduce your prostate cancer risk. Even if you can't prevent it, detecting prostate cancer in the early stages can help make it easier to manage and treat.

## Carter County Times

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## Leaving U. S. astronauts stranded in space is a national disgrace

The Boeing Company, known to most of us simply as Boeing, is an American multi-national corporation that designs, manufactures, and sells airplanes, rotorcraft, rockets, satellites, missiles and now spacecraft.

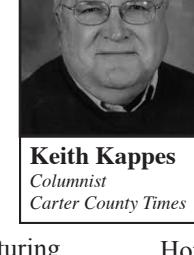
Long considered a blue ribbon company in every respect, this aerospace giant based in the Seattle area expanded its empire some years ago when NASA selected it and SpaceX to build, own and operate spacecraft for transporting travelers to and from space.

Already feeling the heat from investors and airline safety experts because of manufacturing problems in its commercial airliners, Boeing took another one on the chin last week when its first astronaut mission ended in disgrace when an empty capsule landed safely but left two astronauts stranded at the International Space Station.

Adding to that monumental glitch was NASA's announcement that the two pilots won't be brought back to earth until next year because the Boeing "Starliner" was not considered safe for the return flight.

It seems the new Boeing spacecraft had a series of thruster failures and helium leaks enroute to the space station. However, the machine did land safely in the New Mexico desert on its return flight.

I can't imagine the reactions of retired Navy test pilots Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams when the



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Columnist  
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NASA brass informed them that their original six-day mission in space likely won't end until next February.

Adding further shame on once-proud Boeing was NASA's decision to bring the Americans back to earth in a spacecraft built and operated by their competitor, SpaceX. That company, of course, is part of Elon Musk's conglomerate.

Boeing tried to put a happy face on the embarrassing situation by saying they agreed with NASA's decision to return an unmanned spacecraft. What else could they say?

However, this is not Boeing's first disaster in its space program. Its first test flight of Starliner in 2019 was unmanned and the troubled craft had to be re-engineered twice at a cost of more than \$1 billion.

On the other hand, SpaceX had made nine successful flights to haul crew members to and from the space station without incident. NASA says it remains committed to having the two competing U.S. companies transport its astronauts. The goal is for SpaceX and Boeing to take turns launching crews — one a year per company for six more years.

At this point, I feel equally sorry for the stranded astronauts....and Boeing's worried stockholders.

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## The job market, anxiety, and a dumpster fire of an economy

When the doctor told me my blood pressure was through the roof, I wasn't shocked. My face had tinged recently, my head swam with fog, and I would break out with hot flashes daily. I knew something was wrong. Like, real wrong and I was just able to do something about it finally. I've dealt with anxiety my whole life, but it wasn't till I was around thirty that I knew that what I went through daily had a name.

I didn't know this always-on fight-or-flight reaction was hard coded into my DNA. But over the last year and a half, my anxiety took a vicious hold of my nervous system, shaking the meat of my body away from the skeleton inside – that is when depression didn't feel like beating me into my mattress. It wasn't just my wiring but my situation: I was one of millions clawing my way out of the wreckage of COVID, still doing my best to find a job. Whatever the employment numbers were, they were inflated like a Macy's Thanksgiving Float. Every day, I'd file countless applications, submit resumes, and hope. I had debt piling, money owed, and child support payments going from red to crimson. The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently slashed what they once considered a booming market by almost a million positions. Sounds sketchy, huh?

This news was quietly reported: The labor market

added 178,000 monthly jobs instead of the 246,000 stated. I guess the labor market wasn't as hot as

previously thought. But I didn't need the job numbers to tell me that; I lived it. You'll see many qualified people living their worst financial nightmares on LinkedIn. What used to be a platform of milquetoast corporate glad-handing is now a graveyard of hope as people looking for jobs beg for leads, and recruiters do their best to explain why they pick the people they do.

And when I kept telling people I couldn't get hired, no one believed me. "It can't be that hard to get a job. You're not trying hard enough." I had submitted over a thousand applications before I got my precious yes. So, as my life and belief in the job market devolved, did millions around me. Here's the thing: we went to school and bought into the dream that we needed to go to college to get ahead. We played the game and ultimately are always punished for it when the economy takes a turn.

Do I blame politics? Sure, it's a factor. It's always a factor. Some don't like how they're getting played; they take their toys and go home. We get left holding the bag. I blame empty promises based on hubris that by giving our blood, sweat, and tears to something, a group of investors will tear your heart out because it

*See ECONOMY on A-6*

## Policies

### General

Advertisers should check their ad the first time it runs. The Times shall not be liable for any typographical errors or for failure to publish an ad or errors in publication except to the extent of the cost of the ad for the first insertion. Adjustment for errors is limited to the portion of the ad wherein the error occurred. The Times reserves the right to reject any advertisement and submitted editorial copy, and reserves the right to edit any copy submitted for publication. Corrections will be made at the discretion of the editor.

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### Letters & Opinion

The Times welcomes all letters to the editor.

Letters should be limited to 300 words or less. Letters should focus on issues that affect the community as a whole, and not personal or business disputes. Letters must include a verifiable address, along with the phone number and signature of the writer. Letters submitted via e-mail need only include a phone number in lieu of a signature.

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

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

### Deadlines

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

# Voter Registration Keeps Growing

## 15,000+ New Voters Register in August

FRANKFORT — Secretary of State Michael Adams announced that 15,239 Kentuckians registered to vote in August.

"With a presidential election and two constitutional amendments on the ballot, Kentuckians are ready to be heard," Adams said. "Register to vote or check your voting information at [elect.ky.gov](http://elect.ky.gov)."

In the same month, 3,793 voters were removed from the rolls — 2,792 deceased voters, 480 who registered to vote in

another state, 349 felony convicts, 77 duplicate registrations, 57 who voluntarily de-registered, and 38 who were adjudged mentally incompetent.

Republican registrants account for 46 percent of the electorate, with 1,635,374 voters. Republican registration rose by 7,345 voters, a .45 percent increase. Democratic regis-

trants make up 43 percent of the electorate, with 1,507,522 voters. Democratic registration went up by 1,128 voters, a .07 percent increase. There are 373,486 voters registered as Independent or under other political affiliations, 11 percent of the electorate. "Other" registration grew by 2,973 voters, a .80 percent increase.

## Experience unforgettable Halloween fun at Ashland Huntington West KOA's Spook-tacular camping weekends

October 18 - 20 and October 25 - 27 -- Ashland Huntington West KOA ([www.AshlandKOA.com](http://www.AshlandKOA.com)), a renowned camping ground, invites families to the ultimate Halloween experience. This October, the grounds will transform into a haven of family fun, filled with a variety of Halloween-themed activities. The campground will be hosting two fun-filled Halloween weekends in October, offering crafts,

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Halloween is not just about the scares; it's also about the joy and creativity it brings out in everyone.

The Ashland Huntington West KOA aims to capture this spirit by offering engaging craft sessions. Here, families can bond over creating festive decorations and costumes, adding a personal touch to their Halloween celebrations.

The campground will also host a caramel apple making event. This activity gives guests a chance to enjoy a classic fall treat while also learning a new skill.

The trick or treating event will give children a unique and safe environment to experience this much-loved Halloween tradition. Campers can go from site to site under the watchful eyes of their parents and the KOA team,

collecting sweets and treats. This will provide a perfect opportunity for children to don their costumes and embrace the Halloween spirit.

The site decorating contest is set to add a competitive edge to the celebrations. Campers can use their creativity to transform their sites into Halloween wonderlands, with the best-decorated site winning a special prize. This event does not only provide campers with a platform to express their creativity, but it also adds to the overall festive atmosphere of the campground.

Finally, the haunted trails will offer a thrilling adventure for those brave enough to walk through

them. Unexpected surprises await at every corner, promising a fun and heart-racing experience. The trails will provide an immersive Halloween experience, allowing visitors to fully embrace the spirit of the season.

The Ashland Huntington West KOA team has meticulously planned these events to ensure that every visitor has a memorable experience. The campgrounds' picturesque setting, coupled with the Halloween-themed activities, aims to provide a unique camping experience that combines the serenity of nature with the excitement of Halloween.

Families looking

for a different Hal-

## CLASSIFIEDS

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### CLERK'S NOTICE OF FIDUCIARIES ACCOUNTING

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

Final Settlement W. Jeffrey Scott, Executor, in the estate of: Betty Scott. Attorney for Estate, Hon W. Jeffrey Scott, October 16th, 2024 at 10:30am having been set as date of hearing, no cause for exceptions, having been shown, the settlement will be confirmed at date of hearing.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Justin Robinson, 1841 State Hwy 955 Olive Hill, KY. 41164, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to restore eroded land and straighten the creek. The property is located at 1841 State Hwy 955 Olive Hill, KY. 41164. Approximately 5 miles from Olive Hill. Approximately 1.5 miles on State Highway 955 to the right of the bridge in front of Reynolds sawmill at Jacobs Fork Stream. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Flood Plain Management Section, Division of Water, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY. 40601. Phone: (502)564-3410

### Economy from A-5

doesn't jibe with the bottom line. From The Fed to the White House to Congress to the board room, the system isn't working for us. I had to quit drinking, which was how I coped with the dumpster fire that was my life. I take daily walks to get my heart moving. And I find ways to destress. Every day, there is a new headline daring us

not to believe the American system is collapsing, but ask all those job seek-

ers if they've seen their doctors lately; I bet they don't have insurance. I'm lucky I finally did.

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loween experience this year, filled with outdoor fun, creativity, and a touch of adventure, will find the Ashland Huntington West KOA's Halloween weekends the perfect choice.

This event aims to provide a Halloween experience that combines traditional Halloween activities with the charm of camping.

creating memories that will last a lifetime.

For more information about the Halloween weekends and to make reservations, visit [www.AshlandKOA.com](http://www.AshlandKOA.com). This Halloween, come and join the Ashland Huntington West KOA team for a weekend of camping, Halloween fun, and family bonding.

## Congressman Rogers invites students from Southern and Eastern Kentucky to compete in the Congressional App Challenge

SOMERSET — U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) announced the kick-off of the 2024 Congressional App Challenge for middle and high school students. The challenge provides a national spotlight for Eastern Kentucky students who are learning to write code and design mobile apps.

"Eastern Kentucky students have submitted excellent mobile app dem-

os for the Congressional App Challenge in recent years, proving our mountain students can compete at the highest levels of competition," said Congressman Rogers, Dean of the House. "I'm always proud of the students who represent our region in Washington and I'm excited to see the apps that our students submit this year."

Students from Belfry High School won the last

two consecutive years. Last year, Belfry seniors Natalie Fite and Reese Varney designed an app called CONNECT to help students with mental health needs. Their winning app combined creativity, community information and mental health resources to actively help local students.

Each entry requires a student video tutorial of the app, along with a

demonstration of how it was created and how it works. Students may compete as individuals or in teams of up to four students. A panel of local judges from the region will select the winning application from Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District to be featured in Washington, DC during the annual #HouseofCode festival.

Congressman Rogers has teamed up with

Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) for this year's challenge to promote STEM education and computer science in Kentucky's Appalachian region. Students who participate in the Congressional App Challenge will also be invited to display their work at the 2024 SOAR Summit in October in Pikeville, Kentucky before the winning app is selected.

To participate in the Congressional App Challenge, students can register at [congressionalappchallenge.us](http://congressionalappchallenge.us). The competition deadline is October 24, 2024 at 12:00 pm/ET.

For more information about Congressman Rogers' work in Washington and at home in Kentucky, visit [halrogers.house.gov](http://halrogers.house.gov) and follow him on social media.

## ACTC Surgical Technology partners with UK St. Claire HealthCare

ASHLAND — Ashland Community & Technical College's Surgical Technology program is excited to announce a new partnership with UK St. Claire HealthCare.

Thanks to this recent partnership, UK St. Claire HealthCare is looking to sponsor motivated individuals to attend ACTC's Surgical Technology program.

"The surgical patients of UK St. Claire HealthCare can be assured that and begin their journey with St. Claire.

"This partnership is an incredible opportunity for our students and the profession of Surgical Technology in our area," shared Heather Cantrell, ACTC's Surgical Technology Program Coordinator.

"The surgical patients of UK St. Claire HealthCare can be assured that

they receive the highest quality of surgical care by Surgical Technologists who will have graduated from our program."

The Surgical Technologist is an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients. They perform under direct supervision of a surgeon to provide the highest

standard of care to surgical patients from the operating room to various medical settings.

The Surgical Technology program at ACTC is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, a postsecondary accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

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According to the CAAHEP website, accreditation in the health-related disciplines works to assure a well-prepared and qualified workforce is providing health care services.

Upon completing the national certification exam via the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting, graduates of the Surgical Technology program at ACTC are Certified Surgical Technologists, the only nationally recognized certification for this profession.

For more information or to learn more about the Surgical Technology program, contact Heather Cantrell at [heather.cantrell@kctcs.edu](mailto:cantrell@kctcs.edu) or 606-326-2006.

## Man accused of shooting 5 on Kentucky interstate vowed to 'kill a lot of people,' warrant says

By: Bruce Schreiner and Dylan Lovan  
*Associated Press*

LONDON (AP) — The man suspected of opening fire on a highway in Kentucky sent a text message vowing to "kill a lot of people" less than 30 minutes before he shot and wounded five people on Interstate 75, authorities said in an arrest warrant.

"I'm going to kill a lot of people. Well try at least," Joseph Couch, 32, wrote in the text message, according to the warrant affidavit filed in court. In a separate text message, Couch wrote, "I'll kill myself afterwards," the affidavit says.

The Lexington Herald-Leader identified the woman Couch sent the text messages to as his ex-wife.

The affidavit does not describe the relationship between Couch and the woman who received the texts.

The affidavit, written by Capt. Richard Dalrymple of the Laurel County Sheriff's Office, said that before authorities received the first report of the shooting about 5:30 p.m. Saturday, a dispatcher in Laurel County got a call from a woman who told them Couch had sent her the text messages at 5:03 p.m.

In response to that call, police initiated a tracker on Couch's cellphone but the location wasn't received until 6:53 p.m., the affidavit states, almost 90 minutes after the highway shooting.

The affidavit obtained by The Associated Press charges Couch with five

counts each of criminal attempt to commit murder and first-degree assault.

On Sunday, law enforcement officers searched an area near where Couch's vehicle was found, with a view of I-75. There, they found a green Army-style duffel bag, ammunition and numerous spent shell casings, the affidavit says. A short distance away, they found a Colt AR-15 rifle with a site mounted to the weapon and several additional magazines. The duffel bag had "Couch" hand-written in black marker.

Searchers have been combing thousands of acres in the rugged, hilly area near London, a small city of about 8,000 people about 75 miles (120 kilometers) south of Lexington.

State police Master Trooper Scottie Pennington, a spokesman for the London post, said troopers are being brought in from across the state to aid in the search focused on a remote area about 8 miles (13 kilometers) north of London. He described the extensive search area as "walking in a jungle" with machetes needed to cut through thickets.

"We have cliff beds. We have sinkholes. We have caves," Pennington said Monday. "We have culverts that go under the interstate. We have creeks and rivers and the dense brush."

Authorities vowed to keep up their relentless pursuit in the densely wooded area as local residents worried about where the shooter might turn up

next.

"We're not going to quit until we do lay hands on him," Laurel County Sheriff John Root said.

Christina DiNoto, who witnessed the shooting Saturday while driving on I-75, said Monday that the search weighs heavily on her mind.

"To know that he's still at large — that makes me nervous, honestly," she said.

DiNoto, an IT project manager, said the shooting also unlocked a new kind of fear, "like you have to be scared to even just drive on the highways."

Meanwhile,

Donna Hess, who lives 10 miles (16 kilometers) from the shooting scene in rural Laurel County, agreed with the decision to close schools there.

Both of her children, a first grader and preschooler, normally take the bus.

"I'd be afraid he'd try to hijack the bus and take the kids as hostages," Hess said.

"I'm worried about everybody because they don't know where he's at. I'm hoping they catch him soon. We don't know what he's capable of right now."

Couch most recently lived in Woodbine, a small community about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of the shooting scene. An employee of a gun store in London, Center Target Firearms, informed author-

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ties that Couch purchased an AR-15 and 1,000 rounds of ammunition hours before the shooting, the affidavit said.

Joe Arnold, the gun store's manager, declined to comment Monday on those details in the affidavit. He said he did not want to interfere with the investigation.

"We'd love for him to be found and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Arnold told the AP.

Kentucky has few regulations on purchasing guns and carrying them in

public. The state's gun laws "are among the worst in the country" according to a report by Everytown For Gun Safety, a gun safety nonprofit group.

A man who fatally shot five co-workers at a Louisville bank in 2023 wrote in his journal that he was surprised he could buy an AR-15 and 120 rounds in less than an hour. He wrote that it was "so easy" despite his history of mental illness.

Kentucky legislators repealed a law in 2019 that required a permit for car-

rying a concealed weapon. The state also does not require a background check at the point of purchase.

Authorities in Kentucky said Monday that Couch was in the Army Reserve and not the National Guard, as officials initially indicated. The U.S. Army said in a statement that Couch was in the Army Reserve from 2013 to 2019 as a combat engineer. He was a private when he left and had no deployments.

Pennington said Monday that military experience doesn't make

Couch a trained survivalist. Regardless of his experience, the plan is to wear Couch down.

"It doesn't matter if you are a survivalist if you're out there without food and water," Pennington said. "How long can you really survive? We hope he just walks out."

Authorities said Couch fired 20 to 30 rounds, striking 12 vehicles on the interstate Saturday.

DiNoto, 39, was driving through Kentucky with a friend on her way back to Houston after visiting

relatives in Rochester, New York, when they heard a loud noise Saturday and assumed a rock had hit her back windshield. Her friend wondered whether it was gunshots, but they quickly dismissed the possibility.

The driver of a truck in the next lane slumped over and pulled to the side of the road, but DiNoto assumed the cause was something like a tire blowout. They saw first responders barreling down the highway but didn't realize there'd been a shooting

until the friend's dad called to check on them 90 minutes later.

"We were in the middle of nowhere, Kentucky, and it was just like, what? Somebody was on an overpass shooting an AR-15 at us?" DiNoto said.

*Associated Press reporters Tara Copp in Washington, Leah Willingham in Charleston, West Virginia, and John Hanna in Topeka, Kansas, contributed to this story.*

## Man charged with plotting shooting at a New York Jewish center on anniversary of Oct. 7 Hamas attack

By Philip Marcelo  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A Pakistani man was arrested in Canada this week and accused of plotting a mass shooting at a Jewish center in Brooklyn on the one-year anniversary of the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas that sparked the latest conflict in the Middle East, federal authorities announced Friday.

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said Muhammad Shahzeb Khan had attempted to travel from Canada, where he lives, to New York City with the "stated goal of slaughtering, in the name of ISIS, as many Jewish people as possible."

The 20 year-old, who is also known as Shahzeb Jadoon, was apprehended Sept. 4 and charged with attempting to provide material support and resources to the terror group, which stands for the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham.

"Jewish communities — like all communities in this country — should not have to fear that they will be targeted by a hate-fueled terrorist attack," Garland said in a statement.

It was unclear if Khan has a lawyer, where in Canada he was being held and when he may be brought to the U.S. to face the charges.

Spokespersons for the Justice Department and the Manhattan federal prosecu-

tor's office, which is handling the case, deferred to Canadian national police, which didn't respond to an email seeking comment but said in a statement posted online that Khan will appear in the Superior Court of Justice in Montreal on Sept. 13.

"This planned antisemitic attack against Jewish people in the U.S. is deplorable and there is no place for such ideological and hate-motivated crime in Canada," Michael Duhamel, commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, said in the statement.

U.S. authorities said Khan began sharing ISIS propaganda videos and expressing his support for

the terror group in social media posts and communications with others on an encrypted messaging app last November.

In conversations with two undercover law enforcement officers, he said he was trying start a "real offline cell" of ISIS in order to carry out attacks against "Israeli Jewish chabads" in America. Khan said he and another ISIS supporter based in the U.S. needed to obtain AR-style assault rifles, ammunition, hunting knives and other materials, according to the Justice Department.

Khan also provided details about how he would cross the border from Canada and said he was considering conducting the

attacks on either the Oct. 7 anniversary or on Oct. 11, which is the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, authorities said.

On Aug. 20, he told the undercover officers that he had settled on targeting New York because of its sizeable Jewish population and sent a photograph of the specific area inside a Jewish center where he planned to carry out the attack, according to the Justice Department.

His online messages described the Brooklyn site, which is not named in court documents, as "the ultra orthodox hasidic jews world headquarters," according to authorities.

A spokesperson for the Chabad-Lubavitch, an

influential Hasidic Jewish movement headquartered Brooklyn's Crown Heights section, didn't immediately comment Friday.

Khan began making his way to the U.S. on Wednesday morning from the Toronto area in a car that also picked up additional passengers, according to the federal complaint unsealed Friday.

The group switched cars around Nepanee and again around Montreal, before their vehicle was eventually stopped around Ormstown, a town in the province of Quebec that is about 12 miles (19 kilometers) from the international border, the complaint states.

## Coal miner killed on the job in West Virginia. The death marks fourth in the state this year

CHARLESTON (AP) — A coal miner was killed on the job in West Virginia on Friday night, Gov. Jim Justice said.

The Republican governor said Gary Chapman,

33, of South Williamson, Kentucky, died after being injured at the Mountaineer II Mine near Sharples, West Virginia.

Justice expressed his condolences in a statement,

saying Chapman and his family were in his prayers.

"When we lose a miner, it's not just a loss for the community, but a loss for the entire State of West Virginia," Justice said in a

statement. "Mr. Chapman's loss is a powerful reminder that we should always have a deep gratitude for every one of our coal miners. They are the ones who keep our nation running."

At least eight U.S. coal miners have died on the job in 2024, according to the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration. Four of them died in West Virginia.

The incident is under investigation by the West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety, and Training and the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

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Appalachia.

Many of the musicians whose music drifted over the caves were those who simply turned out to enjoy the music of others and enjoy participating in the music. Among the invited musicians were Robin Kessinger, The 1937 Flood, Joe Burdock, Tangled Roots, Roger Cooper, Michael Garvin,

Dave Haas, Jenny Allinder, Scott Rucker, and Matthew Stallard. Along with that impressive list were John Harrod, Billy Cornette & Betty Vornbrock, the Corn Drinkers, Karly Dawn Milner, Steve and Donna Bing, Wiley Dew, Rich Kirby, Hunter Walker, Andrew Bevan, and the Rabbit Hash String Band. But any list of talents would fall

short in a festival where everyone was invited to play and listen.

And what is music without food and refreshment? Festival patrons could dine at Tierney's Cavern Restaurant which served three meals daily. And resting between musical sets made comfort its own entertainment at the Carter Caves Lodge

and vacation cottages. But those who didn't want to miss a note could set up an RV or primitive camp and rest or be lulled to sleep by the sounds of Appalachia.

Some of the more organized activities included 'Jammin in the Round' at the campground shelter where everyone was encouraged to bring their own instruments and join

in. There was also an Open Stage, and Old Time Banjo Gatherin' led by Tom Duffee, an evening concert with MC's Tom Duffee and John Harrod, and a Dulcimer Gatherin' led by Hunter Walker. In addition, the event featured storytelling, ballads, the music of JP and Annadeene Fraley led by Tom Duffee, a Fiddle Gatherin' led by John Har-

rod, and a Guitar Gatherin' led by Robin Kessinger. And for those whose feet couldn't be still, there was a Square Dance with caller Joe Burdock.

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■ **DARE** from A-1

the same book."

Students will be allowed to take the workbooks home once they complete the program, Porter told the court. And there are 'tear off' sheets that can be sent home for parental involvement.

"That's all part of the graduation process," Porter told the court. "If the parents don't participate, the student can't graduate from DARE. And the certificate they get at the end and their picture taken is a reward for participating in

the program."

The reason for the funding request, Porter told the court, was a change in material usage. During previous years schools were allowed to copy materials to distribute to the students, which reduced the cost to the schools. The current regulation is that schools participating in the program were required to sign a contract that they would not duplicate materials. The cost of the materials was quoted at \$2,857 for one year. The

court voted unanimously to approve the request.

Other items on the court's agenda included a public comment section, the second reading of Ordinance #859, approving claims and transfers, hearing department reports, and discussion around setting a public hearing for the removal of Vicie Creek from county maintenance. Four of the five magistrates were in attendance, and no executive session was called during the meeting.

During public com-

ments the fiscal court heard from county residents concerning 68 Buck Road. Property owners on Buck Road addressed the court over the existence of a 'turn around' on the road, with one resident claiming that the turn around crossed their property line and that neighbors and individuals who did not live on the road were using the property for their own use and entertainment. The

counter argument from a property owner of adjacent property was that the 'turn

around' was county property and had been used as such for over 50 years.

The turn around has not been maintained by the county for quite some time and given that the property owner is currently in the process of having the property surveyed, the court could not proceed with any action until that survey is complete.

The fiscal court also voted to accept a bid for Rock Springs Bridge in the amount of \$158,490 and voted to accept all bids for

Square Lick Bridge. A bid for \$42,800 was accepted from Martin's Peterbilt for the purchase of an equipment trailer, and the court voted to authorize making that payment. A public hearing for the Vicie Creek removal was set for October 14 at 5:30 pm. And the court voted to surplus a 2023 Mack tractor and a lowboy trailer.

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■ **9/11** from A-3

ones on the plane. They weren't even completely sure of what was happening. The heroes on this plane, men and women, took control and brought the plane to the ground to save the lives of those that were being targeted.

I don't believe anyone even knew where the terrorists were heading. They just knew they needed to stop them.

Square D Company/Schneider Electric Company was a well-known electrical company all over the world so, it wasn't out of the ordinary for all of us to feel a great fear that we could be a part of some-

thing like this. Management gathered to make a critical decision on what to do with their employees; rumors spread throughout the building that a fourth and final plane was heading towards us. Agreements were made by the management to let us make the choice to go home or stay. The stores, schools and other businesses were closing, so I wanted to be with my family, and I went home. Others around me collected their belongings, clocked out and left as well. Some running, others walking fast but all of us with questions that continued to follow us to

our vehicles.

The parking lot cleared quickly as the streets filled with homeward bound employees rushing to check on their families. Square D looked totally empty and eerie; I've never seen it so quiet. Oxford itself resembled a ghost town.

We were all finally home, but the neighbors stood outside, wondering what was going to happen next. The skies were quiet and empty. None of the constant planes overhead. Barely even birds.

Silence covered the land, such an abnormal sight for a country that's known for its strength and

unity; and the ability to stand against the threats of aggressive action posed by other countries. President Bush and lawmakers of both parties stood together, declaring war on those responsible in al Qaeda and among their Taliban supporters.

Like the lighting of firecrackers, they set off an engagement of American military power showing the strength of the U.S.

Watching as the devastation of the day aired on the television, we sat close to see what was going to come of this unforeseeable act. The people of the United States banded

together and fought back. We as employees went together and did a yellow ribbon project to help in any way we could for our military and those in New York. We participated in collecting food, candies and Christmas boxes, as well as organized parades and car shows — earning money for the children who lost parents in the Trade Center, helping to restore the subway system, and rebuild areas destroyed by the terrorist attacks.

Many died during their cowardly attacks, but America responded by coming together and showing we are strong and will

fight whenever we must. On this anniversary of that terrible event, don't forget the part that you took on to help in the strengthening and rebuilding of our beautiful country. Think about it, and ask yourself; would you do it again? Or would you forget 9/11 and those innocently died; or those who sacrificed themselves early to prevent the deaths of others?

Yes, it's been some time ago, but I ask you to remember. Remember how it changed all of us. Remember the unity. Remember that we're stronger together. And remember what they died for.