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School police debunk threat hoax

Stress importance of reporting all threats immediately

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

The Carter County school system's police chief, R.D. Porter, had a few sleepless nights last week. It all started when he received a call that threats of a shooting at West Carter Middle School were being shared across social media. Threats that ultimately proved to be false – and related to another school district in Batavia, Ohio. But, not

before inducing panic in parents and family members across the district and prompting a response from the district about the importance of sharing threats with the police – not across social media.

Porter explained that after receiving the first report he reviewed the social media post and noticed a few things about the video grab, which stated that someone in Michigan was threatening to “shoot up WCMS.” The first was an abundance of Bengals, Reds and UK memorabilia in the background, which put it in our general region. But amongst that was something more specific – gear branded with the term “Wolf Pack.”

That detail ended up being the key that helped Porter work out

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Just to be safe, school resource officers with the Carter County School District Police increased their presence at West Carter Middle School last week following a threat that was found to be based on misinformation. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

A life in hills and caves

Perry moving into larger role with Kentucky parks

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Chris Perry was born and raised in Olive Hill, Kentucky, and the Carter County man had the privilege of finding his career in a truly wonderful place... his own back yard.

Perry attended local schools and earned his degree in Public Administration from Morehead State University in 1996. It was while he was a student at Morehead that Perry first began working at Carter Caves State Resort Park, where he would ultimately become Park Manager.

“I got a job here while I was a student at Morehead,” Perry remembers. “It was at the pro shop at the old golf course. I rented the golf carts, collected the greens fees, and stuff like that. It was a good summer job for me while I was in school.”

It was upon graduation that Perry's father introduced him in a singular manner to the realities of life beyond school and part-time jobs for pocket money.

“My dad taught me the greatest lesson I have ever learned on graduation day,” Perry said.

After the graduation ceremony Perry said he walked out to see his family and friends.

“And there stood my dad with some envelopes in his hand. I just thought that was money, gifts from aunts and uncles, and when I walked up to him and he

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Chris Perry (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Honoring local heroes

Grayson Council recognizes police officers

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The city of Grayson began their council meeting last week with a recognition ceremony for several Grayson Police Department officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Specifically, they honored officers involved in the two June officer related shooting incidents inside the city, beginning with officers involved in the June 20 apprehension and arrest of Dylan Evans.

“There are men on our police force who have answered the call of duty and have put themselves



Members of the Grayson PD receive commendations from mayor Troy Combs. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

in harm's way to protect our city, our county, our state, and all of the citizens here today,” Grayson mayor Troy Combs said. “And as such, we want to honor those officers for their acts of valor.”

Combs then called up Chief Tony Cantrell, Officer Wes

Boggs, ABC Officer Joe Hammer, Officer Chris Newman, and Officer Timmy Jackson to stand with him and receive commendations from the city.

Combs began by recognizing

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Weekly arrests report

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

- Crystal Davis, 41, of Ashland, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 9.
- Tyler Honaker, 29, of Owenton, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place, and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked September 9.
- Amber Hatton, 33, of Morehead, arrested by Kentucky

State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, first degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin), first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked September 10.

- Ashley Dailey, 35, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a probation violation for a felony offense, and charges of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (four or more grams of cocaine), possession of drug paraphernalia, and being a persistent felony offender,

arrested and booked September 10.

- Derrick Hale, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of impersonating a peace officer, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, failure to produce an insurance card, no registration receipt, failure to wear seat belts, possession of burglary tools, and third degree terroristic threatening, arrested and booked September 11.
- Dana Bailey, 45, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a probation violation for a felony offense, arrested and booked September 12.
- Charles Gilbert, 34, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on

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This Week's Obituaries

Kennith Ray Bond, 91
Connie Hamilton Hicks, 61

Henry "Shorty" Carter Kiser, 83
Karen Sue McGee, 79

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LIFESTYLE



Deep dish pizza night: A slice of Chicago at home

Why order out when you can create a pizza night that's both budget-friendly and fabulous? Chicago Deep Dish Pizza isn't just any pizza, it's an experience. A slice of the Windy City's food scene that you can enjoy at home without breaking the bank. Picture a thick, buttery crust rising to golden perfection, cradling layers of gooey cheese, savory meats, fresh veggies and rich tomato sauce. It's a knife-and-fork pizza that turns dinner into an event. And the best part? Making it at home lets you savor this luxurious dish without the

hefty price tag. Chicagoans take pride in their Deep Dish Pizza, and now you can, too.

CHICAGO DEEP DISH PIZZA

Bake this in a 9-inch deep-dish pizza pan or 9-inch springform pan for a jaw-dropping presentation fresh from the oven. But if you don't have either one, two 9-inch round cake pans will do just fine.

Yield: 1 pizza, 4 servings
Total Time: 1 hour, 25 minutes

For the Thick Tomato Sauce:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
- 1 (14-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 1 (14 ounce) can Italian-style diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 tablespoon sugar, optional
- Big pinch crushed red pepper flakes, optional
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

In a saucepan set on medium-high, heat the olive oil and garlic just until fragrant. Add the tomato paste, crushed tomatoes and well drained diced tomatoes. Whisk this together and bring

to a simmer. Add the Italian seasoning, sugar (this sauce should be sweet, add sugar to taste) and pepper flakes, if using. Let this simmer, uncovered, until it reduces to a thick consistency, about 30 minutes. Adjust seasoning, adding salt and pepper as needed.

For the Pizza:

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound pizza dough, purchased or your favorite recipe
- 10 ounces mozzarella cheese, thickly sliced
- 1 pound sweet Italian sausage, cooked
- 1-2 cups sauteed vegetables such as, peppers, onion, mushrooms
- 1 1/2 cups thick tomato sauce, above
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Prepare your pizza pan; use either a 9-inch round pan or a 9-inch springform pan. Use the olive oil to coat the bottom and sides of the pan.

Stretch dough, either on an oiled baking mat or in your hands. Channel your inner pizza chef and give it a little spin! Shape dough into as big a circle as you can get it. Lay the dough



Frugal & fabulous: Chicago deep dish pizza for a luxe pizza night at home. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

in the pan and stretch it toward the edges until it starts to shrink back. Cover the dough, and let it rest for 15 minutes.

Now is when you should preheat the oven to 425 F.

Stretch the dough again to cover the bottom of the pan, then gently push it up the sides of the pan about 2 inches.

Bake the crust in the hot oven for 10 minutes, it should barely start to brown. While it's baking, get your filling ready.

When the crust is partially baked, cover the bottom of the crust with sliced mozzarella, letting it curve up the crust. Add the sausage and/or sauteed vegetables, then generously cover the

top with the tomato sauce. Sprinkle with the grated Parmesan, and drizzle with the olive oil.

Bake the pizza for about 25 minutes, or until the filling is bubbly and the topping is golden brown. Remove it from the oven, place it on a cooling rack and let the pizza cool for about 15 minutes before cutting and serving. Molto delizioso.

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Joyful Noise

Redeeming the time

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell
for Carter County Times

Ephesians 5:16-18 says, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

It seems like today there are so many distractions everywhere you turn. However, you don't even need to leave home to find distractions either. There are many time wasters in our lives, and we become frustrated. The Bible tells us in this scripture in Ephesians not to be unwise

but understanding what the will of the Lord is because the days are evil. We know we are living in evil days. The wise will be watching and paying attention. The unwise will be preoccupied with the many distractions presented daily through social media and many other outlets.

Redeemed has a few definitions. In a secular sense, redeemed means to get or win back, to be free from captivity, to release from blame or debt, or to exchange for something better.

We each start off with 86,400 seconds every day. How it is spent is up to each of us. There is no left-over balance to carry over into a new day. The

seconds that have been wasted unwisely can never be redeemed. One of the deceptions of an unproductive life is that "this present moment" in this day right now is not important. Every day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbons, tear into the wrappings, and open them up.

Every day should be a great day to have a great day. Psalm 118:24 says, this is the day the Lord made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Time flies. It's up to you to be the pilot. Most successful people get ahead during the time others waste. We must make quick use of the time the Lord has given to us.

John 9:4 says, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." It is later than you think. Be ready now. God's alarm clock has no snooze button. Whatever He has called you do, you must be about your Father's business and about life. We must stop letting distractions waste our time and pay attention to what is most important. God has given us opportunities that we have let pass us by because we were not paying attention. You can't wait for perfect conditions; you will never get anything done. You can't postpone

life. It happens one second at a time and doesn't stop.

William Ward had this recipe for success; "Study while others are sleeping; work while others are loafing; prepare while others are playing; and dream while others are wishing." There is no time like the present and no present like time. Those who take advantage of their advantage get the advantage in this world. Don't wake up one day and wish you had realized and appreciated it sooner, that you regret not redeeming the time. Life is precious and only what's done for Christ will last. Lay up your treasure in

heaven where moths and rust cannot corrupt your treasure.

Rejoice and be glad in every day that the Lord has made. AMEN! SO BE IT (Quote from *The Power of You by John Mason)

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Extension Notes

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

The new Extensions Publications database is here!

The Extension Publications (pubs) website database has been a reliable resource for communities to strengthen, build and engage the Commonwealth—offering searchable pubs in five areas, which include:

- 4-H Youth
- Development (4-H)
- Agricultural and Natural Resources (ANR)
- Community and Economic Development (CED)
- Experiment Station (ES)
- Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

The new database at <https://publications.ca.uky.edu> offers a more visual, intuitive user experience with an updated search tool to filter results by author, area, series title, or language (English or Spanish).

When reviewing publications, readers can more easily find author names, abstracts, core and categorical details, keywords and downloadable publication files. In addition, photo icons and updated links will give readers better visual and informational integrity.

Interested in reading some of the most recent

Extension publications by area? Check these out:

- 4-H: Thriving in Food & Nutrition. Positive youth development in 4-H doesn't just happen, the 4-H Thriving Model is used to predict the way that 4-H has its positive impact on youth development.

This worksheet resource is intended for agents and volunteers to use when intentionally designing programs to promote high-quality, positive youth development experiences in Foods and Nutrition programming.

- ANR: Planting Along Your Stream, Pond or Lake. Kentucky has more than 90,000 miles of rivers and streams and thousands of ponds, lakes, reservoirs, and wetlands. You can improve your surroundings and the quality of your stream, pond, or lake by planting an area called a riparian buffer or buffer zone.
- CED: Understanding Your Organization's Culture, ANR Facilitator's Guide. Effective leaders profoundly affect the culture of their organizations. Leaders hire and

fire, determine policies, and are organizational role models. All these factors impact an organization's culture. Therefore, it is important that leaders understand the basics behind culture and how to influence it toward desired results.

- ES: Soybean Production Contest. In Kentucky, farmers grow soybeans in two common soybean production systems: full season and double crop. Both systems are important to the overall production of soybeans in Kentucky. To document the agronomic practices utilized by producers, an annual soybean production contest was initiated in Kentucky in 1980.
- FCS: Adding Up Vitamin A in the Diet. What do sweet potatoes and beef liver have in common? They are both excellent sources of vitamin A. We need this vitamin for vision, immunity, growth, development, and helping our heart and lungs to work well.

Interested in browsing or searching all Extension publications? Visit <https://publications.ca.uky.edu/search>.

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steer and heifer sales were mixed again with some markets reporting trends down to 10.00 lower and some trending up to 8.00 higher and a few reporting steady. Demand was moderate to good with buyers showing best interest for long weaned and preconditioned packages. Yearling steers and heifers were unevenly steady with moderate to good demand. Slaughter cows were trending 4.00 to 8.00 lower and slaughter bulls steady to 5.00 lower with moderate to good demand.

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/> Week ending 9/14/24

STATE AVERAGES			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	279.62	289.03	257.71
400-450 lbs	269.99	281.18	257.51
450-500 lbs	268.80	274.54	259.52
500-550 lbs	268.70	262.69	250.89
550-600 lbs	359.21	273.10	248.66
600-650 lbs	246.04	256.05	243.42
650-700 lbs	238.35	251.77	241.19
700-750 lbs	235.03	236.74	239.36
750-800 lbs	233.37	236.46	240.52
800-850 lbs	229.22	230.97	230.91
850-900 lbs	221.85	225.74	231.08
Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	243.73	257.71	241.16
350-400 lbs	244.24	255.67	235.13
400-450 lbs	245.42	253.40	235.22
450-500 lbs	238.55	244.94	232.40
500-550 lbs	232.75	240.10	231.94
550-600 lbs	227.52	237.13	229.91
600-650 lbs	221.42	230.47	228.32
650-700 lbs	215.50	227.14	221.93
700-750 lbs	208.47	206.42	214.05
750-800 lbs	202.55	211.57	210.48

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	110.00-140.00	121.50-165.00	108.00-126.50
Boners	113.00-139.50	121.00-154.00	85.00-127.50
Lean	84.00-135.00	114.00-144.00	70.00-126.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	140.00-171.00	157.00-184.00	115.00-152.00

September 12, 2024 Bowling Green, KY			
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 282			
Kids: Selection 1	53 lbs 295.00; 73-77 lbs 272.50-290.00.	Selection 1-2	93 lbs 267.50. Selection 2 54 lbs 275.00; 67 lbs 255.00; 87 lbs 230.00.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 121			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2	54 lbs 270.00; 66-67 lbs 202.50-225.00; 72-75 lbs 180.00-222.50; 88 lbs 162.50; 91 lbs 170.00; 112 lbs 157.50.	Choice 2	52-59 lbs 252.50-260.00; 68 lbs 205.00; 75 lbs 182.50; 86 lbs 182.50; 110 lbs 162.50.
Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2	81 lbs 222.50; 100 lbs 200.00; 130 lb		
Week ending 9/14/24			
GRAINS			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.50-3.92	3.56-3.99	4.31-4.86
Soybeans	8.87-10.05	8.98-10.06	12.77-13.99
Red Winter Wheat	4.85-5.52	4.72-5.59	5.35-6.27

Arrests from A-1

charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked September 13.

- Geoffrey Burchett, 46, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County District Court, weekender, arrested and booked September 13.
- Timothy Burton, 56, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked September 13.
- Tina Hensley, 53, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of second degree burglary, arrested and booked September 13.
- Matthew Donovan, 40, of Ashland, arrested by

Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, careless driving, failure to illuminate head lamps, and reckless driving, arrested and booked September 13.

- Bryan Finch, 40, of Sunbury, OH, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and careless driving, arrested and booked September 14.
- Charles Withrow, 47, of Rush, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree strangulation (domestic violence related), fourth degree assault (domestic

violence) with minor injury, and second degree unlawful imprisonment, arrested and booked September 14.

- James Wolfe, 24, of Olive Hill, arrested by Boyd County Jail, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked September 14.
- Ashley Tolliver, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of violating a Kentucky emergency protection order/domestic violence order, and first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), arrested and booked September 15.
- Leslie Eldridge, 32, of

Willard, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 16.

- Scotty Justice, 31, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 16.

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.

Threat from A-1

the source of what turned out to be a hoax; one with very long legs, stretching back to January of last year.

The Wolf isn't a local mascot. Our WCMS teams are, of course, the Comets. But Porter was able to find another WCMS with a wolf as their mascot. West Clermont Middle School, in Batavia, Ohio, are the Wolves. From there he reached out to the Clermont County Sheriff's office to make them aware of the threat.

The local department took the call seriously, looking into it before ultimately informing Porter that it appeared to have been related to an unsubstantiated threat their local school district received in January 2023.

In that case messages shared between an 11-year-old Batavia girl and an 11-year-old boy in Muskegon, Michigan – in which he threatened to bring a gun to her school – made their way to a community Facebook page. From there the Clermont County police investigated and contacted the Muskegon Heights police department, who confirmed with his family that the young man had no credible access to firearms or means to travel to Batavia, Ohio. While the investigation of the case in Michigan was left to those departments, the young girl involved in the West Clermont case was arrested by the

Clermont County Sheriff's Office and transported to the juvenile detention center on a charge of inducing panic.

A deputy with the Clermont County Sheriff confirmed on Monday afternoon that there have been no recent threats in their school district, and that they believed it was indeed possible the local panic in Carter County was caused by irresponsible reposting of those old screen grabs in the Clermont County case.

Whether the misinformation was shared inadvertently, or maliciously, the result was the same – and if students participate in the sharing of this kind of misinformation, they could find themselves in serious trouble, just like the young lady in Batavia.

On the morning after the threat was received, Porter said, they increased police presence at West Carter Middle School as a simple precaution, even though they had already determined the true origin of the messages.

On Thursday, school principals read a letter to students from superintendent of schools, Dr. Paul Green, a version of which was also sent home to parents. In addition to reassuring parents and students of the safety measures in place (including a five person school police district and locked exterior doors with metal detectors), the school noted their commit-

ment to taking full disciplinary action, up to and including pursuing charges against anyone who incited panic by spreading false information.

“Our approach to eliminating terroristic threats in our school and district is strong and unwavering, and as a result, you must discuss this critically important matter with your student as soon as possible,” the letter reads. “School and law enforcement officials are determined to put a halt to these willful acts of terrorism. Please do your part to ensure that your child never becomes a party to such an offense by educating him/her on the seriousness of its consequences.”

The letter then notes that the KRS definition of second degree terroristic threatening includes, “mak(ing) false statements by any means, including by electronic communication for the purpose of,” causing school buildings, property, or activities to be evacuated, causing cancellation of classes or activities, or “creating fear of serious bodily harm among students, parents, or school personnel.” (KRS 508.078)

The penalty for second degree terroristic threatening includes up to five years in prison, and fines of up to \$10,000.00.

Porter urged anyone who received or saw such a threat in the future to immediately contact law

enforcement, and not to share it over social media.

The people who contacted him, he said, did the correct thing. It allowed him to check it out and determine it wasn't a legitimate threat. But those who shared it on social media without confirmation contributed to the sense of panic and negatively impacted the educational experience for school children, including those whose anxious parents – understandably – erred on the side of caution and pulled them from classes for the day.

Porter also emphasized the importance of reminding students that threats of violence are not a joke, and will have real consequences.

The Carter County event occurred just before a pair of students were arrested in relation to threats made against Ashland area schools earlier in the week, and before a twelve-year-old juvenile male was arrested and charged with third degree terroristic threatening in Louisa. In the Kentucky State Police (KSP) release on the Ashland threats – which have now resulted in three total arrests – the KSP noted that threats made directly towards a school are considered first degree terroristic threatening, a class C felony punishable by five to ten years in prison.

Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

CALENDAR

- **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
- **9/21: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **9/21: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **9/21: Friends of the Library meeting @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **9/23: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **9/23: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **9/23: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **9/23: Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **9/24: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **9/25: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **9/25: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **9/26: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed

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Pet of the Week

Betty is a senior beagle mix. She weighs 34 pounds, is very sweet, and loves to go on walks. Her \$100 adoption fee includes rabies vaccination and being spayed. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her or call 475-9771 for more information.

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

Less mud, more music

Dirt Slingers plans bluegrass show

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The popular off road

recreation park, Dirt Slingers, has a music venue which, though it can be every bit as loud, is more melodious than roaring engines and churning tires. The music stage is located near the off-road park and comes complete with camping, but music lovers

don't have to sling dirt to enjoy it. Unless of course they choose to do both.

Owner Morgan May said that he would like to clear up the misconception, because he doesn't want anyone to miss out on the great musical talent he has lined up just because they

aren't driving a side-by-side.

On September 27 – 28 Dirt Slinger Music will be having their Down Home September Jam, a country music and bluegrass show. The show will feature the

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Database from A-2

Contact your local Carter County Extension office for more resources, tips and information. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief,

sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

Upcoming Events

- 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.

- Little Sandy Beekeepers – Tuesday, October 1st @ 6:30 PM
- 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

Perry from A-1

handed me those envelopes and said, 'You're in the real world now. Here's your bills.'"

Perry said the surprise and shock hit him pretty hard.

"I was supposed to be happy about graduation, and I was, but I also thought, 'What am I going to do?'"

After a lot of thought, and a good bit of worry, Perry said he called the park manager at that time, Bob Haney.

"I asked him, 'Bob, do you have anything so I can start paying these bills?' He had a front desk position, and I started doing that at the lodge, working primarily as the night auditor for several years then moved up to the front desk supervisor," Perry said.

He filled that position for around ten years, he said. Toward the end of that time, the park manager at the time, Adam Collings, passed away from a sudden heart attack. Perry said he talked to the business manager, Barney Phillips, and encouraged him to apply for the position. Phillips told Perry he didn't want the position and encouraged Perry himself to apply for it. Perry decided with Phillips' urging to throw his hat in the ring and has now been park manager for 12 years.

He joked that he hasn't ever really worked anywhere but Carter Caves.

"This is the only job I have ever had," Perry said with a laugh. "I took a little leave of absence in 1999 to do what a lot of people in Carter County did, which was try the telecommunications thing; but I found out really quick that I had made a mistake. But luckily, I was able to come back to my full-time job here, and I have been here ever since."

Perry said that he has loved his time at Carter

Caves, but his time as park manager is coming to an end the second week of September. He will be taking over as a regional park supervisor, covering the southwest of the state. The position came open due to a restructuring within the state park system. Previously it had been split into three regions, but the difficulty of supervising 44 state parks led to the creation of a northeast and a southwest region. And when those new positions came open, he applied, hoping for the northeast region. Instead, he was hired for the southwest position.

"It's a great opportunity for me to get out, and share the things that have been successful here out west," Perry said. "We have had such a great recreation department here and have had a lot of success putting on events, and doing different things for our guests. And Carter Caves is looked upon throughout the park system as the park for recreation. I'm very fortunate to have a great team, and I'm hoping to take some of the things they taught me to other areas."

Even with the new position Perry isn't leaving Olive Hill, and will remain active in the community. He said he will be able to telecommute two days per week. One day a week will be spent in Frankfort, and there will be two days each week spent traveling between the parks in his district, including two parks located on the Mississippi River.

"I'll still be around," he said. "I'm not giving up the school board or anything else I do, like working with tourism. I'm very committed to that and want to see that through."

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Music from A-3

Silver Dollar Band, the Ashton Duncan Band, and Corey Neace on September 27. September 28 will feature Conner Howard, Devin Moore, Kate Fitch, and Solid Ground.

May said that a lot of the bands that take the stage are local or have local ties. He said he likes supporting artists any way that he can and hopes to set up annual events where people can plan to come listen to their favorite local musicians.

May said he likes all types of music, from bluegrass to heavy metal, and would like everyone to be able to hear their favorite music played live and local. He said he is also open to renting out the venue to other organizations that want to put on their own events. He said they're also open to the possibility of adding another stage to the venue in the future.

The music venue has plenty of parking and room for camping, and because it is near the off-road park, guests can actually enjoy both parks to the fullest. Guests can even rent an RV from Map RV if they

desire a little more comfort than a tent provides.

"He brings them in and sets them up," May said.

May said he's positioning the off-road park and the music venue to grow along with Carter County's tourism industry. The park is working on RV hookups, electric, and water for the camping areas, and has plans for permanent public restrooms as opposed to the portable bathrooms they currently bring in for events. May even has plans for building a general store on site to offer guests ice and soft drinks, as well as snacks.

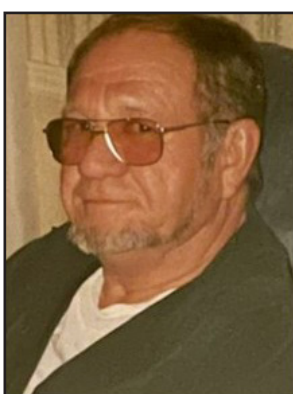
The camping at both locations is available to the public, except at certain times, such as a planned shutdown in April of 2025 to accommodate a bluegrass and horseback riding event.

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OBITUARY

Henry "Shorty" Carter Kiser

1941 – 2024



Henry "Shorty" Carter Kiser, 83, of Carter City, KY, passed away Tuesday afternoon, September 3, 2024, at Hospice and Palliative Care - Heartford House in Owensboro, KY.

Shorty was born on April 21, 1941, near Carter City, KY, to the late Tammy Kiser and Virgie Lewis.

He was a retired mechanic for the Carter County Road Department. He also spent many years operating dozers and logging timber in the mountains of Oregon. He enjoyed spending his time outdoors fishing, hunting, and drag racing.

Shorty was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Mary Jewel (Kib-

bey) Kiser; two daughters, Rhonda Jewel (Kiser) Caserta, and Tammy Lynn (Kiser) Coburn; one son, Daniel "Danny" Christian Kiser; one daughter-in-law, Pamela Kiser; and one granddaughter, Kayla Prather.

He is survived by two sons, Ronnie Carter Kiser of Marietta, GA, and Johnny Ray Kiser of Corpus Christi, TX; one daughter, Linda Felice (Kiser) Ditto and one son-in-law Richard Neal Ditto of Owensboro, KY; five sisters, Wanda Burge, Juanita McFarland, Marilyn Crump, Paulette Smith, and Carolyn Gonzalez; 10 grandchildren, Brett Carter Kiser, Devin Henry Kiser, Katie Daniel Coburn, Gage Franklin Rhoden, Tetoria "Tori" Caserta, Johnny Colton Kiser, Noah Wyatt Kiser, Sophia Kiser, Josh Ditto, and Ashley Ditto; as well as several great grandchildren and many other family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

Care entrusted to Cardinal Cremation Society.

Connie Hamilton Hicks

1963 – 2024



Connie Hamilton Hicks, age 61, of Globe, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Friday, May 2, 1963, in Rowan County, Kentucky, to the late James Edward "Jim" and Bernice Irene "Susie" McGlone Hamilton.

Connie was a member of Globe Christian Church and loved going to church. She enjoyed shopping, watching UK Sports, decorating for holidays and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Connie is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Dale Hicks; two sons, J.D. (Leanne

Hicks of Ironton, Ohio, Jerry Hicks (Jerry Neff) of Flemingsburg, Kentucky; one daughter, Tania Lambert (Pat Perry) of Upper Tygart, Kentucky; three grandchildren, Jessie Lambert, Chloe Lambert, Zaylin Willis (Meghan); one great-grandson Fischer Willis; five sisters, Marita Gallaway of Marion, Indiana, Debbie (Neal) Salyers of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Donna (Zane) Salyers of Georgetown, Kentucky, Rhonda (Ron) Riley of Port Orange, Florida and Bonnie Hamilton of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Memorial services were held 12 noon, Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Jared Salyers and Brother David Rayburn officiating.

Friends visited after 9 a.m., Saturday, September 14, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Connie Hamilton Hicks.

Karen Sue McGee

1945 – 2024



Karen Sue McGee, 79, of Grayson, died Thursday, September 12, 2024 at the Kingsbrook Lifecare in Ashland, KY.

She was born March 25, 1945 in Sandusky, OH to the late Earl and Lucille (McMillen) Willis. She was of the Methodist Faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings Jeanie Rice, Kathy Sparks, Mike Willis, Rex Willis, Gary Willis, Martha Lou Fraley, Patricia Coburn, and Linda Cooper.

Survivors include her daughters Cynthia Anne Clay (Dr. James Joseph) Thomas of Yellow Springs, OH, Tamara Sue Clay (Troy) Savage of Grayson, KY, and Carley Addison McGee-Boehm (Christopher Ryan Beasley) of Chattanooga, TN, a sister Pam Willis Ratcliff of Orient, OH, 7 grandchildren, Cassandra Marie (Christo-

pher James) Flatt, Brittany Nicole (Noah Malcolm) Scott, Amanda Ryan (David) Jenkins, Chelsea Addison Conley, Allyson Lynn (Matthew) Brummitt, Addison Ames Boehm, and Delaney Ybel Boehm (their father, Edward Walter Boehm), 6 great-grandchildren, Maddox Clay Flatt, Kanan Carlisle Flatt, Raelyn Brummitt, Colten Brummitt, Brooks Jenkins, and Ruby Jenkins, along with a host of other relatives, dear friends, and multiple granddogs.

Karen had a mind for business and was the owner of multiple businesses including Able Pest Control in Springfield, OH., as well as Charisma Boutique, Huxter's Market, Deli and Liquor Stores on Sanibel Island, FL. Karen was deeply involved with many organizations that worked to protect and care for animals.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donation to Karen's true passion, www.dogsdeservebetter.org.

A celebration of Karen's life will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of PRESTON FAMILY FUNERAL-HOME.

Kennith Ray Bond

1932 – 2024



Kennith Ray Bond, age 91, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, September 12, 2024, at Fleming County Hospital in Flemingsburg, Kentucky.

He was born Monday, November 14, 1932, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Edgar and Lula Griffith Bond.

Kennith proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a member of American Legion Post 138. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, mowing and being outdoors, and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 37 years, Fonda Stevens Bond; one daughter, Lou Ann Bond; four brothers, Dalton Bond, Paul Gene Bond, Ernie Bond, Roger DeWayne "Wayne" Bond; one sister, Charlotte Edison.

He is survived by one son, Kennith Edgar (Felicia) Bond of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Gimma Sue Jackson of Medina, Ohio; 3 grandchildren Brianna Taylor, Taylor Laviera, Kennith Trey Bond; 3 great-grandchildren, Roxanne Suella Taylor, Jesse James Taylor, Aurora Grace Taylor and one brother, David (Diane) Bond of Grayson, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., September 16, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother J.C. Bond officiating. Burial followed in Garvin Ridge Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 11:30 a.m., Monday, September 16, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Kennith Trey Bond, Gary Bond, Rick Bond and Chris Bond served as pallbearers.

Matthew Gilliam served as honorary pallbearer.

Military Honors were conducted at the graveside by Olive Hill American Legion Post 138.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Kennith Ray Bond.

No game on Sept 20th

Friday, September 27

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Guest Editorial

Suicide prevention works with drug education

By Marcel Gemme
SUPE

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. During this month, prevention organizations, survivors, mental health advocates, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention and awareness.

One important aspect of suicide prevention is recognizing the connection between substance use and suicide. Drug addiction prevention campaigns are always working hand-in-hand with suicide prevention campaigns in local communities.

Drug and alcohol addiction, such as alcohol and opioid use disorders, for example, significantly increases the risk of suicidal ideation, attempts, and death. These are generally the two most implicated substances in suicide risk.

The risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior is elevated with acute alcohol intoxication and chronic alcohol use or dependence. The same applies to opioid use, as it can increase the risk of suicide and unintentional overdose caused by opioids alone or polysubstance use.

According to The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 13th leading cause of death in Kentucky. It is the second leading cause of death among those aged 10 to 34 living in the state. Over four times as many people died by suicide than in alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents in 2021. Unfortunately, 76% of communities in Kentucky did not have enough mental health providers to service residents in 2023.

Fortunately, prevention campaigns work and increase awareness surrounding substance use and suicide. Anyone can take action today by knowing simple things, such as dialing 988 for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, a 24-7 free and confidential support for people in distress.

Locally, there is the Kentucky Suicide Prevention Group providing resources and mental health providers.

We must all work to change the conversation from suicide to suicide prevention. There are actions that anyone can take to help and give hope to those who are struggling. Consider some of the following pointers.

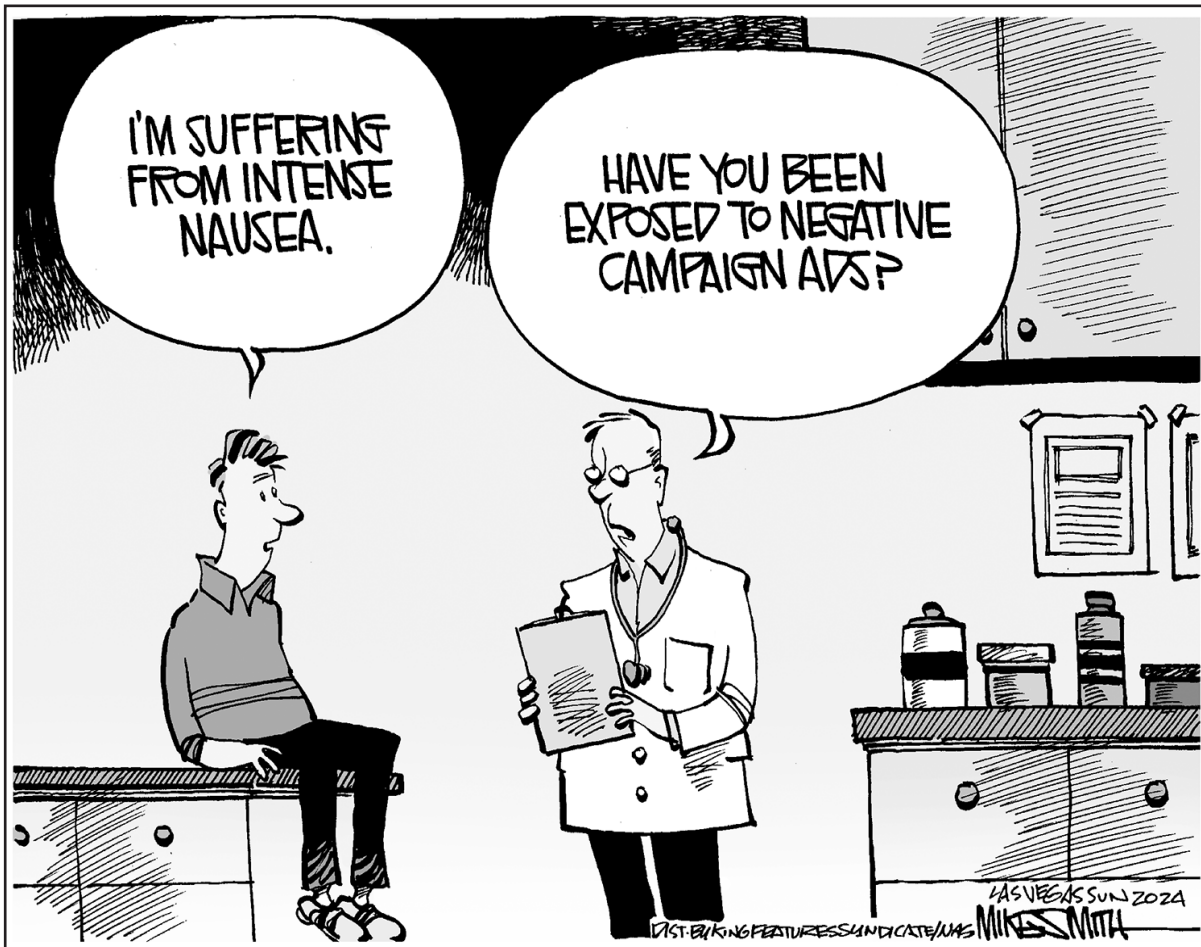
Ask, do not beat around the bush, but ask that person how they are doing and if they are thinking about suicide. Acknowledging and talking about suicide reduces suicidal ideation. Be there for that person, and they will feel less depressed, less suicidal, and less overwhelmed.

Keep them safe and help them stay connected. When lethal means are made less available or less deadly, the frequency and risks of suicide decline. Moreover, the hopelessness subsides when you help that person create a support network of resources and individuals.

Most importantly, maintain contact, follow up, and see them in person as frequently as possible. This is a critical part of suicide prevention, along with always learning more about prevention and awareness.

However, this process is not bulletproof, and we must recognize there are countless instances of individuals taking their lives and giving no indication or red flag they were suicidal. But if we can keep changing the conversation, breaking down the walls of stigma, and making the resources accessible, more people may ask for help before it is too late.

Marcel Gemme is the founder of SUPE and has been helping people struggling with substance use for over 20 years. His work focuses on a threefold approach: education, prevention, and rehabilitation.



We Americans cannot win this shooting war against ourselves

While Keith is away, please enjoy this piece from our archives, a somewhat prescient look at the situation we find ourselves in a year later, with an active shooter still at large along the I-75 corridor, and threats of violence in neighboring school districts. This piece was originally published in our September 27, 2023 edition. - Editor

There is an old joke about eight idiots who formed a firing squad in a circle and then shot and killed each other.

That analogy seems to fit our nation today as we see what amounts to a pandemic of gun violence, especially in large cities where thousands of shootings are reported each year and even in Lexington where four died last weekend.

Innocent persons, including children, often are caught in the crossfire of those trying to kill each other. The growing death toll of law enforcement officers has become a barrier to the recruitment of new officers.

Most of the murders or attempted murders of husbands and wives in domestic disputes involve firearms. Hiding behind the Second Amendment, state legislatures have relaxed gun laws to the point that you can easily purchase assault rifles that are designed specifically to kill other human beings.

Police tactical squads frequently find they are outgunned by the criminals they must engage in gun

battles. Police organizations with access to armored vehicles designed for military use are criticized for protecting themselves in such fashion.

An incident in Texas a few years ago resulted in howls of protest when police used a remote control “killer robot” to get close to a man who had ambushed and killed five police officers. The shooter was killed when the robot’s explosive charge was detonated.

For nearly 100 years, carrying a concealed deadly weapon was a crime in this nation but now virtually anyone can do so without any training, criminal background checks or other restrictions.

Now it is easy to anonymously purchase a firearm online or at a gun show or at a festival. And lawmakers consistently refuse to force the mentally ill to give up their weapons.

A popular tee shirt among guns rights supporters has this scary message: “Guns don’t kill people – I kill people!”



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The fleeting nature of time and memories

Memories are funny things. We all have those early recollections that stick with us, but why do certain events remain while others fade? Some of my earliest memories, like my favorite toy or a painful injury, make sense. But others seem utterly random, such as the first time I ever went to Walmart.

Thanks to some online sleuthing, I discovered that the Walmart in my area opened in 1981, just days following my fourth birthday. Imagine the thrill of a four-year-old unexpectedly encountering multiple aisles of toys! Maybe that’s why it left such a strong impression on me, yet more likely it was the crowd.

This Walmart wasn’t just a local store—it served a region spanning seven or eight counties. And, in those days, big box stores were much smaller. So the place was always packed.

As a kid, I saw the crowd as part of Walmart’s charm. The place was always bustling, and you were bound to run into someone you knew. To a preschooler, Walmart was as exciting as the Las Vegas Strip! That’s why I couldn’t understand why my parents often preferred to shop elsewhere—whether it was a five-and-dime in the old part of town, a rural general store closer to our house, or, gasp, the local K-Mart, which seemed to be teetering on the brink of bankruptcy on its best of days.

My parents claimed they wanted to support smaller businesses. While true, I also suspected they just

wanted to avoid the crowds. Now, having had two young children of my own, I realize they were probably trying to avoid the inevitable struggle of getting a four-year-old out of the store, which must be like dragging an alcoholic out of a bar!

These days, I avoid Walmart as much as possible too. Maybe it sounds curmudgeonly, but I don’t enjoy parking far away, trekking through a massive store, or maneuvering a shopping cart around people who clearly are seeing one for the first time. And, perhaps it’s my own ineptitude, but I’m no fan of the self-checkout lanes.

However, not long ago, I had to make the dreaded trip for something specific. As I stood in line—because, of course, the self-checkout lanes were backed up beyond reason—I witnessed something that lifted my spirits. It was the night before the first day of school, and the cashier was a rising high school senior. She proudly mentioned this to every customer and asked each one for advice on making the most of her final year.

The responses were varied and interesting, reflecting the ages of the people in front of me. An older man encouraged her to follow her passion, regardless if that included college. A college-age woman suggested she take the ACT more than once, “just to

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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.

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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.

Heroes from A-1

Police Chief Tony Cantrell for, “acting with tremendous bravery and quick thinking while serving his fellow citizens in the line of duty as a vital member and Chief of the Grayson Police Department.”

“On June 20, 2024, Chief Cantrell and two colleagues were investigating a suspicious person in the area of Bowen Street in Grayson,” Combs continued, reading from a proclamation. “The individual was behaving strangely and stated several times he intended to shoot at the officers. The subject assumed a shooting stance and reached into his beltline and pulled out a weapon, at which time the officers heard shots fired and returned fire. Though they did not strike the subject, the subject then barricaded into a private home. The officers were quickly able to take control of the situation and arrest the subject with minimal force.”

Combs then recognized Cantrell and presented him with a Medal of Valor.

Officer Wes Boggs was recognized by the city in the same ceremony.

“Know ye that Officer Wes Boggs is recognized with honor for acting with tremendous bravery

and quick thinking while serving his fellow citizens in the line of duty as a vital member of the Grayson Police Department,” Mayor Combs read from the proclamation.

Boggs provided crucial assistance to his fellow officers during the altercation with the armed individual encountered in the area of Bowen Street, and was awarded the Medal of Valor as well.

The mayor then recognized ABC Officer Joe Hammer.

“Know ye that ABC Officer Joe Hammer is recognized and honored for acting with tremendous bravery and quick thinking while serving his fellow citizens in the line of duty as a vital member of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Control,” Mayor Combs read.

Hammer was involved with the events resulting in the investigation of the suspicious individual along with Cantrell and Boggs.

The city recognized Officers Chris Newman and Timmy Jackson for a separate incident, which resulted in Jackson being struck by a vehicle driven by suspect Christopher Carpenter. Combs, again reading from a proclamation, “recognized and hon-

ored” Newman, “for acting with tremendous bravery and quick thinking while serving his fellow citizens in the line of duty as a vital member of the Grayson Police Department.”

“On June 10, 2024, Officer Newman and his colleague Officer Timmy Jackson responded to a call involving an individual suspected of a crime at First National Bank in Grayson,” he continued. “Officer Jackson stopped the car driven by the suspect and advised the suspect that he was under arrest. At which time the suspect attempted to pull away and to strike Officer Newman. Though Officer Newman avoided being hit, the suspect then backed the car up narrowly missing Officer Jackson, before turning the vehicle around and striking Officer Jackson. Officer Newman, believing the vehicle was dragging his fellow officer, fired several shots thereby forcing the suspect to stop, at which time he was arrested,” Combs read.

“Inasmuch as Office Chris Newman exhibited laudable courage, selflessness, and professional skill during his most critical time of need, said honoree is offered sincere commendation and gratitude for the phenomenal effort that he put forth in a most dangerous situation.”

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(Editor’s note: Carpenter was actually arrested the following day, after fleeing the scene and turning himself in to an Olive Hill police officer.)

Officer Chris Newman was also recognized with a Medal of Valor.

Combs and the city council recognized Officer Timmy Jackson with a Purple Heart for his injury in the line of duty and service to the city.

“Know ye that Officer Timmy Jackson is recognized and honored for acting with tremendous bravery and quick thinking while serving his fellow citizens in the line of duty as a vital member of the Grayson Police Department,” Combs proclaimed. “Inasmuch as Officer Timmy Jackson exhibited laudable courage, selflessness, and professional skill during his most critical time of need, said honoree is offered sincere commendation and gratitude for the phenomenal effort that he put forth in a most dangerous situation.”

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Super Quik, Inc. hereby declares its intention to apply for a NG Retail Malt Beverage license no later than September 12, 2024. The licensed premises will be located at 951 N. Carol Malone Blvd. Grayson Ky. 41143. The sole owner is the Super Quik, Inc. ESOP with President Gregory Lynn Rice of 1304 Napier St. Flatwoods, KY 41139 And CFO Aaron Akers of 4840 Crittenden Drive Ashland Ky. 41101. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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

CARTER COUNTY TAXPAYER'S NOTICE

The 2024 Carter County Property tax bills are now due and payable. If you do not receive your bill by **September 30, 2024**, please contact the Carter County Sheriff's Office at 474-5616. When mailing in your payment, please include your postcard or write the bill number on your check. **If you wish a paid receipt returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.** The Sheriff's Departments mailing address is P.O. Box 1590, Grayson, KY 41143. **We can now accept your Visa or Master card payment in person or over the phone. (Additional fee will apply to credit card payments.)** The following are the collection dates:

2% Discount	09-16-2024 to 11-01-2024
Face Amount	11-02-2024 to 12-31-2024
5% Penalty	01-01-2025 to 01-31-2025
10% Penalty + 10% Sheriff's Add on Fee	02-01-2025 to 04-15-2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All delinquent tax bills will be transferred to the County Clerk's Office as of the close of business on **April 15, 2025**. In addition to the penalties and fees that are applied by the Sheriff's Office, all payments made in the County Clerk's Office are subject to a 20% County Attorney's Fee, a 10% County Clerk's Fee and interest at 1% per month. The de-linquency is also subject to being sold to a Third Party in the summer of 2025.

Memory

get the nerves out of the way.” Both solid pieces of advice.

When it was my turn, I told her not to put too much pressure on her senior year. Hollywood has romanticized it to the point that no one could ever live up to the expectations. In reality, it's just another year of school.

My main advice, though, was to take pictures. Take pictures with your friends, with your teachers, even with people you barely know. It doesn't matter. With a camera in every pocket, it's easier than ever to document the year. After graduation, friends may scatter far and wide.

I'm fortunate to live in a time when I can stay

in touch with old friends through texting and social media. And while some of my best high school memories, just like that first trip to Walmart, are permanently etched in my mind, I know I've forgotten many other good times that I wish I had captured in photos.

Ugo Betti, the Italian playwright, once said, “Memories are like stones, time and distance erode them like acid.”

Time and distance may indeed be the enemy, but we're lucky to have the tools to fight back. I hope that young cashier takes my advice. And for once, I left Walmart in a positive mood—even if I did have to stand in line for ten minutes.

ties throughout her career. Each success, and each promotion, has helped her do what she loves to do, which ultimately is helping the community and the people in the community she loves.

“I'm not as hands on as I used to be,” Horton said.

But now, having risen to the role of Chief Operations Officer, she is in a position to provide guidance to all the younger people working at the bank, and ultimately help more people than she could

on her own. But she said she has no plans to retire, in spite of the fact that she could have years earlier. And as for her plans for the future, she has a very simple answer.

“I plan to be at my desk at 8:30 in the morning, like always.”

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Banker's hours

Horton celebrates 50 years with First National Bank

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Like most young people of her generation, Bonnie Horton entered the workforce right out of school. The Grayson native said that she had always been interested in business and once she graduated in 1973, she went straight to ACTC Vocational School and began taking business classes.

“I happened to walk into the bank one morning,” Horton recalled.

Her mother, she said, had sent her to deposit her father's paycheck in the bank. That, she said, was the beginning of a long and wonderful business relationship.

“When I walked into the bank, Giles Robinson was standing there, and he asked me, ‘Are you working?’ I told him no; I'm going to school. And he said, ‘Well, I thought you might want a job.’ I answered, maybe I would,” Horton recalled with a laugh.

Robinson suggested that Horton come in the following Monday for an interview. She agreed and let her business instructor know she had an interview scheduled.

“I came in and he asked if I would care to write my name in cursive,” Horton said. “So, I wrote my name

in cursive, and he told me I had very nice, legible handwriting and I had the job if I wanted it.”

Horton, who had always been interested in business anyway, said there were also other attractions to working at the bank.

“I remember coming into the bank with my mother, and I always thought it was a big deal,” she said.

She recalled Mildred Bowling, who was an officer at First National Bank at the time, and remembered seeing her around Grayson.

“I told my mother that she (Bowling) looked like a movie star,” Horton said. “And I just thought it was so prestigious to work at a bank. And I was really excited about the job.”

Horton remembered telling her instructor about getting the job, and he suggested testing her out of the class early.

“So, I tested out early, got my diploma, and started working at First National Bank. And I have been here ever since.”

That “ever since,” in Horton's case, is a career that has run – so far – for an impressive fifty years.

“My very first job, on my very first day, was to make headers for customers' addresses for their accounts and banking statements,” Horton said. “It was this huge metal machine, and you had to put the letters in it to spell their name out like in a printing press. And I did that for all the new accounts that day. And once I learned that they put me on posting,” she said. “That

was where you took every check and every deposit and posted it to the general ledger and the customer's account. And then you had to balance that general ledger back to the account.”

Horton's early experiences working at the bank might seem confusing to young folks today, with modern technology such as banking software and instant registering of transactions being the accepted norm. But the entire process used to be much more labor intensive, and there was as much, or more, work going on when the bank was closed to the public as there was when the doors were open to customers.

“I remember only being here a month or two, and at the time we would double post on Friday evenings, so we could get out early on Saturdays. I remember one Friday we were a little out,” Horton said. “Not a lot, just a very little bit. But we worked until 11 pm that night to balance it. I was still living with my parents and when I went home that night, my father said, ‘What about banker's hours?’ And I said, ‘This is banker's hours, Dad,’ Horton remembered, with more humor now no doubt than when she had finished that particular shift.

Horton has watched the banking business and the customer's end of that experience evolve over the years. Initially, customers would come in and make a deposit or cash a check, perhaps pay a payment on a mortgage or other loan, and that was the extent of it. There were of course savings accounts, CDs, and other familiar products, but the process was much different when she first be-

gan her career. And Horton has watched the advent of internet banking, mobile banking, and many other finance related apps.

“There are still glitches, and there probably will always be glitches, but for the most part technology is a tremendous help,” she said.

One thing that hasn't changed, however, is the bank's desire to know their customers and call them by name when they visit their local branch. This makes Horton proud, and the growth of Grayson is a source of pride to her as well.

“I love Grayson, and I live in Grayson,” she said. “And it makes me proud to see new businesses coming to Grayson and old businesses staying in Grayson.”

Horton said she has always loved helping people resolve any problems they might have as they plan for their future. And she is well equipped to do just that, as she worked her way up through the company and has served in many different capaci-



Bonnie Horton. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Inflation: The invisible tax on Kentuckians

Inflation. It does not discriminate, and its effects can be felt by all - rich,

poor, young, and old. When the supply of money in the economy grows faster than the economy itself, inflation occurs, resulting in increased prices and decreased purchasing power for consumers. Simply

put, it means you spend more and get less.

In June 2022, inflation reached a 40-year high of 9.1%. In response, the Federal Reserve gradually raised interest rates to a 23-year high to combat inflation, making it more expensive to borrow money.

While the inflation rate has

gradually declined since its peak in June 2022 to 2.9% as of July 2024, its effects continue to be pervasive and pernicious.

According to the United States Joint Economic Committee, the average Kentucky household is paying \$962 more per month compared to 2021. Compared to last year, the average Kentucky household needs to spend \$170 more per month to

maintain the same standard of living.

One of the places Americans feel inflation the most is at the grocery store each week. Over the past several years, consumers have seen prices increase significantly and are forced to decide which products they deem essential. In the wake of these surges, consumers are often tasked with answering the question: Can I afford

this?

According to CBS' price checker, which measures prices changes nationally in everyday expenses from 2019 to 2024, the price of a dozen eggs rose from \$1.20 to \$2.72 (126% increase); the price of a loaf of bread rose from \$1.28 to \$1.97 (54% increase); the price of a pound of ground beef rose from \$3.81 to \$5.47 (44% increase); the price

of cookies rose from \$3.50 to \$5.02 (43% increase); and the price of a pound bacon rose from \$5.88 to \$6.83 (16% increase).

Currently, the average Kentucky household for all households spends around \$255 a week on groceries, according to Trace One analysis. Groceries account for 9.2% of Kentuckians' total consumer spending,

See INFLATION on A-8

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



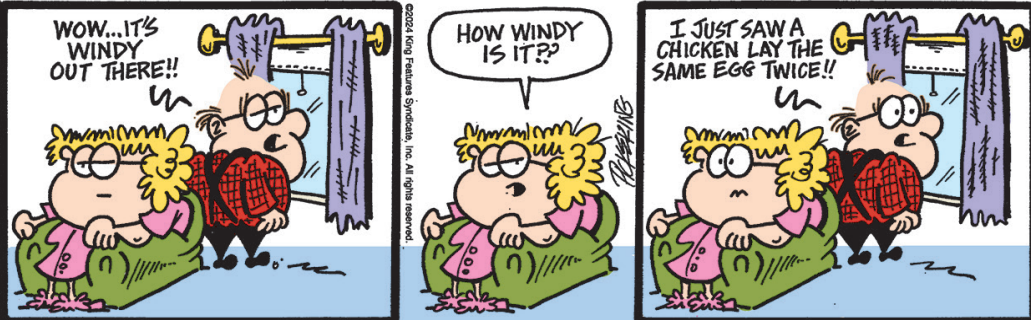
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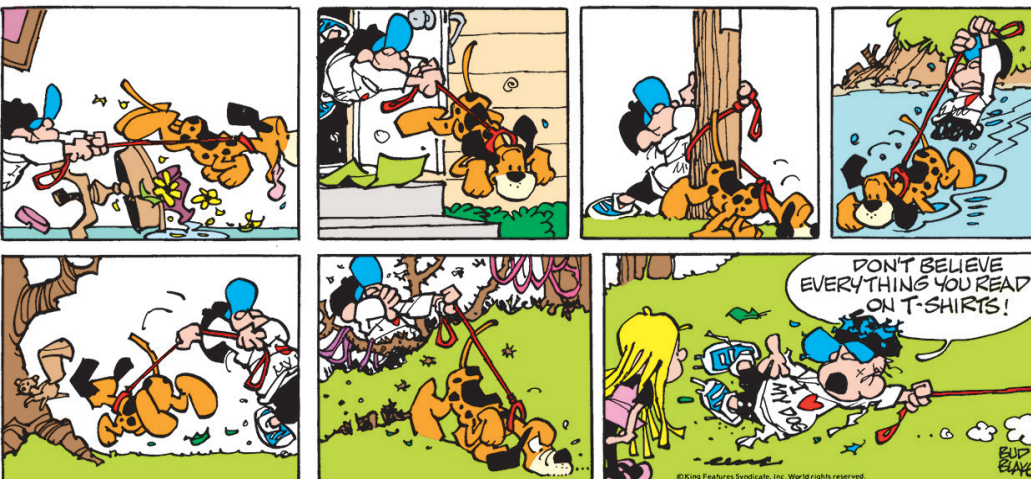
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



TIGER

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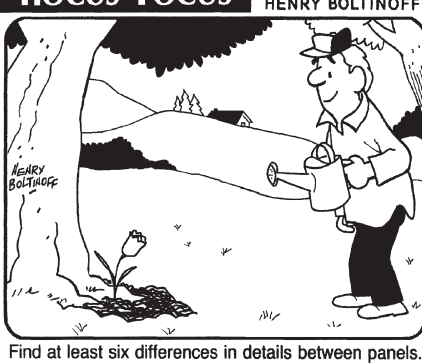
OLIVE

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: D equals F

MIPO MUTGZ RUT NPGG P
 QEUTX UD NJEOPCY HKPGG
 DGPODCHI OIPO HOPEO P
 NUKXPYR OUQJOIJE?
 NU-DGUTYZJEH.

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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!

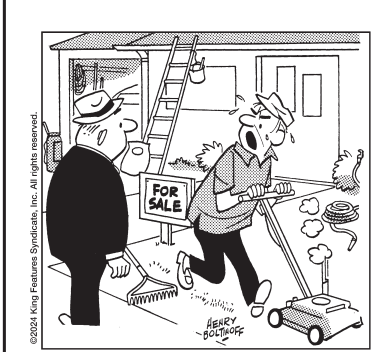
Chide
BEATER

Revise
GNACHE

Lithe
RIMBLE

Annoy
THEORB

TODAY'S WORD



Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Mare or colt | ___ R ___ | Rambler or split-level | ___ U ___ |
| 2. Not in class | ___ B ___ | Concurrence | ___ S ___ |
| 3. Downpour | ___ G ___ | Hoodwink | ___ D ___ |
| 4. Robust | ___ R ___ | Conveniently located | ___ N ___ |
| 5. Run like a track star | ___ T ___ | Planting season | ___ G ___ |
| 6. No longer little | ___ W ___ | Grumbler's sound | ___ A ___ |
| 7. Squirm | W ___ | Chuckle | G ___ |
| 8. Unimportant | ___ O ___ | Coal worker | ___ E ___ |
| 9. Decline | ___ E ___ | Teacher's message | ___ O ___ |
| 10. Hard-hearted | ___ R ___ | Beer mug | ___ I ___ |
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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!



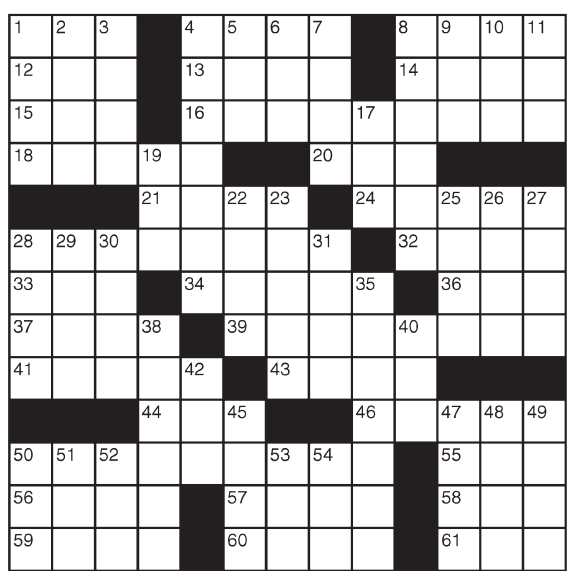
Even Exchange

ANSWERS

1. Horse, House	6. Crown, Gran
2. Absent, Assent	7. Wiggle, Goggle
3. Deluge, Delude	8. Minor, Minor
4. Herby, Handy	9. Lesson, Lesson
5. Sprit, Spring	10. Steen, Stein

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bit of butter
 - 4 "Dream on!"
 - 8 Half (Pref.)
 - 12 "Kinda" suffix
 - 13 Mandolin's kin
 - 14 Redact
 - 15 LAX info
 - 16 Embraces among team members, say
 - 18 Mideast peninsula
 - 20 "Gee, ya think?"
 - 21 Nevada city
 - 24 Pansy part
 - 28 Floor coverings
 - 32 Luau dance
 - 33 Paul Newman film
 - 34 Refine metal
 - 36 Male turkey
 - 37 "M*A*S*H" star
 - 39 Pub vessels
 - 41 Sand castle site
 - 43 Clear the decks?
 - 44 Gearwheel tooth
 - 46 Mary Poppins, e.g.
 - 50 Hydrants
 - 55 Tic-tac-toe win
 - 56 Totals
 - 57 Mine, to Marcel
- DOWN**
- 1 Slapstick arsenal
 - 2 Italian wine region
 - 3 Compared to
 - 4 North African capital
 - 5 California's Big —
 - 6 "Am — blame?"
 - 7 Family fight
 - 8 Sneaky laugh
 - 9 Sch. URL ender
 - 10 "Top Gun" target
 - 11 TGIF part
 - 17 Young seal
 - 19 Coach
 - 22 Feeling no pain
 - 23 Curved moldings
 - 25 Ballet wear
 - 26 Sleep like —
 - 27 Felonious flights
 - 28 Melville captain
 - 29 Hold sway
 - 30 Icelandic epic
 - 31 Whole lot
 - 35 Trains, buses, etc.
 - 38 Entry
 - 40 CEO's deg.
 - 42 Jump
 - 45 Glitz partner
 - 47 Alaskan seaport
 - 48 Linguist
 - 49 Present-day "carpe diem"
 - 50 "Terriff!"
 - 51 Wyo. neighbor
 - 52 Vitamin stat
 - 53 Hollywood's Thurman
 - 54 Acquired
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 READY to SLAMS in 6 words?
 Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

READY

SLAMS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** Mount Vesuvius overlooks which modern Italian city?
- MYTHOLOGY:** What kind of creature is half bird and half woman with an alluring song?
- SCIENCE:** What is a common name for iron oxide?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of pastry is used to make baklava?
- MOVIES:** What is the name of Elle's chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
- MEDICAL:** What is a common name for bruxism?
- LITERATURE:** Prospero is a character in which of Shakespeare's plays?
- ASTRONOMY:** How many stars make up the Big Dipper?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state's nickname is The Sunflower State?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** Which is the only continent without bees?

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- ANSWERS**
1. Naples
 2. Siren
 3. Rust
 4. Phyllo or filo
 5. Bruiser
 6. Teeth grinding
 7. "The Tempest"
 8. Seven
 9. Kansas
 10. Antarctica

HEALTH

Today's Word

1. Berate; 2. Change; 3. Lumber; 4. Bother

SCRAMBLERS

solution

BEAMS, SEAMS, SLAMS, BEADS, READS, BEADS, ANSWER

WORD LADDER

P	A	T	A	S	I	F	H	E	M
E	T	A	G	R	O	P	H	U	G
S	I	N	A	I	D	U	H		
A	R	E	N	O	P	E	T	A	L
H	A	R	E	S	M	E	L	T	
A	L	D	A	B	E	E	R	M	U
B	E	A	C	H	S	W	A	B	
C	O	O	G						
Y									
F	I	R	E	P	L	U	G	S	
A	D	D	S	A	M	O	I	M	A
B	A	S							

Solution time: 24 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

Cryptoquip

ANSWER

What would you call a group of certain small fatter that start a company together?
 Co-founders.

Inflation from A-6

which is higher than the national average of 8.0%.

Another core area inflation has affected is housing. CBS's price checker reports that from 2019 to 2024 rent prices rose in both Lexington, from \$1,002 to \$1,432 (43% increase), and Louisville from \$1,025 to \$1,406 (37% increase). Additionally, the dream of owning a home has become unattainable for many due to the lack of affordability, resulting in lower rates of home ownership. According to a recent report by

Zillow, Kentuckians looking to purchase a home in Louisville would need to earn an income of approximately \$77,450 as of January 2024 to comfortably afford it, which is \$31,185 more than they needed in January 2020. While the income needed to comfortably afford a home in Louisville, Kentucky, is below the national average of more than \$106,000, the increase in income needed over the course of four years is still staggering.

On top of groceries and housing, other monthly

expenses, like utilities and transportation costs, have increased as well. As a result, Americans are finding that they have less and less money to save each month for the future. Retirement for older Americans seems like an uncertainty as many question whether they are financially stable enough to do so comfortably. In fact, a survey conducted by F&G Annuities & Life found that 68% of pre-retirees are thinking about postponing retirement.

Now, inflation not only impacts individuals;

it impacts businesses too. Business owners are faced with cost increases across the board from production to personnel and are forced to grapple with the tough question of whether to increase prices on consumers to maintain profits.

As a legislator, I recognize the negative impact inflation is having on Kentuckians and am committed to ensuring you keep more of your hard-earned money. In 2022, the state legislature passed HB 8, a measure aimed at gradually eliminating the

state's individual income tax. The individual income tax was lowered to 4.5% in 2023 and 4% in January 2024. While the state missed the target to lower the tax in 2025, we are on track to see a cut to 3.5% in January of 2026. Lowering the individual income tax has been made possible through fiscal responsibility- reducing debts and liabilities, limiting borrowing, and building our state budget reserve. As a result of our commitment to gradually lower the individual income tax, more

than one billion dollars have stayed in Kentuckians' pockets- where it belongs.

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@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Comets turn in first win against Floyd Central

By Katie Barker
Carter County Times

Friday the 13th turned out to be a lucky night for the Comets, who turned in a dominating performance over the Floyd Central Jaguars to get their first win of the season.

"We had a game where everyone finally executed and it shows with the scoreboard," said senior Ethan Rayburn after the Comets 55-13 win last week.

The Comets started strong, opening the first quarter with a touchdown from Kadin

Thompson in the first few minutes. This was soon followed by another

touchdown from Dwaylon Dean. The Comets kept this action up throughout the first half, ending the half with a 14 point lead.

They came back out after the half ready to play, and held the Jaguars to only 13 points

throughout the rest of the game, forcing a fumble in the third quarter recovered by Nathaniel

Hale. Quarterback Hayden Hall kept it going throughout the rest of the game, ending the game with 12 completed passes, 256 passing yards, and three touchdowns.

"It's amazing what can happen when the Comets are firing on all cylinders,"

said Junior tackle Tabor Tackett.

On defense, Will Caudill led in total tackles with 6, 1 solo and 5 assisted, and had an

interception in the fourth quarter. Westin Kiser also had an interception at the beginning of the game as well as the team's only two-point conversion of the night.

The Comets take on the Powell County Pirates this Friday, at Powell County, starting at

7:30 p.m.

They face the two-and-two East Carter Raiders on September 27, at home. That game will be broadcast live on WUGO/WGOH Go Radio.



Cash Express honors first responders on 9/11

Employees with Cash Express in Olive Hill expressed their gratitude to our local first responders on 9/11, delivering treats to crews with the 504, Grahn, Carter City, and Olive Hill Fire Departments, the Olive Hill branch of the Carter County emergency ambulance service, and the Olive Hill PD. (Submitted photos)

