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## A fresh face

Burger Barn brings new menu to Olive Hill

By: Jeremy D. Wells  
Carter County Times

Sometimes, you just need to change things up. That's how Burger Barn's head chef Shawn Spears explained the change for the restaurant formerly branded the Trail Town Bar & Grill. It wasn't that the menu or the food were bad, it just wasn't what fit the neighborhood – or the culinary direction the community was pushing the restaurant in.

"We wanted something more modern, quicker," Spears explained. They'd already added noodles and hibachi chicken to

their menu – items that have survived the transition with their quick prep time. Now they've added a number of sandwiches including – as the name suggests – a variety of specialty burgers.

"I wanted to have a menu that's more fun. Something exciting. Something we could bring to the public if they just want to come in for a quick lunch," Spears explained. "So, we've got 20 plus sandwiches this time around."

But quick doesn't mean frozen or processed. Spears orders in fresh produce from local farmers, and drops in on local farmers markets to stock his kitchen. Everything is made from scratch in the kitchen.

"We're making all the sauces

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The Burger Barn offers a lot more than just burgers and sandwiches, with a menu focusing on fresh, quality ingredients that can be prepared to order quickly. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

## Healing and home

Healer's Touch massage studio returns to Grayson

By: Jeremy D. Wells  
Carter County Times

Joe Suttles said he already felt like it was time to move his massage practice back home to Grayson, and then the universe conspired to force his hand. After the tragic loss of his brother, former city councilman and Grayson firefighter Duane Suttles, and his own cancer diagnosis and recovery, Joe said he wanted to spend less time commuting back and forth to Morehead, and more time with his parents and family.

Then, Morehead State University (MSU) decided to demolish the building he was practicing in to expand their parking.

"I was located in the Blair Building, in Morehead, and the landlord sold the building to MSU, and they demolished it. It's already gone now. They demolished it for the parking."

But, Suttles continued, "I've been needing to come back home anyway. I live in Grayson. I was tired of commuting 82 miles a day. Plus, I'm trying to spend more time with my family, especially since the passing of my brother. I just thought, 'It's a sign from the universe that I need to come home.' So, here I am, hoping for the best."

Suttles isn't just hoping for the best, though. He's offering

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Joe Suttles has brought his practice, The Healer's Touch Holistic Massage Studio, home to Grayson. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

## Fiscal Court sets tax rate

Holds second special meeting for jail food service

By: Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The Carter County Fiscal Court held two special meetings, one on August 23 and the other on August 26, to approve items including tax rates and a contract for food service at the detention center. During the first meeting the court discussed setting the tax rates on both real and tangible properties. Magistrates Chris Huddle (Districts 1), Millard Cordle (District 3), and Harley Rayburn (District 5) were present for the called meeting, giving the court a quorum. The court voted

unanimously to dispense with the minutes from the last meeting.

The court then moved to approve the tax rate for real property, with is property that is immovable and permanently attached to a location, as well as for tangible property, which is personal property that can be moved. An example of real property would be real estate such as land or homes. An example of tangible property (personal property) would be cars, appliances, etc.

The 2024 tax rate, broken down into its component parts is as follows:

- County: (Real) .076 (Tangible) .086
- School: (Real) .47 (Tangible) .47
- Health: (Real) .06 (Tangible) .06
- Extension: (Real) .043 (Tangible) .0548

•Ambulance: (Real) .10 (Tangible) .10

The tax rate for the 2024 year has not changed, with the exception of the county real property. That tax rate for the previous year was .075 for real property and increased to .076 for the current year due to the ability of the court to accept the compensating rate.

The Fiscal Court also voted on one claim, the transmission repair on an Emergency Management vehicle. The repair work bill was \$1,500, and the court voted unanimously to approve it.

During the second special meeting held on August 26, the Fiscal Court voted on food service providers for the county detention center. Bids for the food service were submitted by Trinity Food Service, Kellwell,

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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.

- Chris Thornton, 67, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin), first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked August 27.
- Jesse Collins, 60, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear,

arrested and booked August 28.

- Bruce Barnett, 53, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin), first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, first degree rape, first degree strangulation (non-domestic violence), and fourth degree assault (with minor injury), arrested August 28, booked August 29.
- Tiffany Belcher, 43, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), arrested and booked August 29.

- Derrick Laney, 36, of Grayson, arrested by Elliott County Sheriff, on charges of failure to appear, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), arrested and booked August 29.
- Cameron Maxie, 24, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, and failure to notify department of transportation of an address change, arrested and booked August 30.
- Richard Pauley, 40, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of first degree assault, and non-payment of court costs, fees, or

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### This Week's Obituaries

Stewart "Allen" Hall, 80  
Woodrow Rayburn, Sr, 75  
Woodrow "Blue" Rayburn, Jr, 56

Carl "Bud" Stamper, 88  
Jeff Lester Viars, 56

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# LIFESTYLE



## Pepperoni rolls: A savory snack for every occasion

In the heart of Appalachia, where the rolling hills are as steeped in tradition as they are in natural beauty, one humble culinary creation reigns supreme: the pepperoni roll.

Originating in the early 20th century, this beloved snack was born out of necessity in West Virginia's coal mining communities. Italian immigrants, many of whom worked in the mines, ingeniously combined their culinary heritage with locally available ingredients to create a portable, hearty meal. By wrapping spicy pepperoni slices in soft, yeasty dough, they crafted a convenient snack that didn't require refrigeration and could easily be held in one hand -- a perfect solution

for miners working long hours underground. The genius of the pepperoni roll lies in its simplicity. The dough, soft and pillowy, bakes around the pepperoni, which releases its flavorful oils into the bread as it cooks. The result is slightly spicy, savory and perfectly satisfying. It's no wonder this snack quickly became a staple in homes and bakeries across West Virginia.

Today, pepperoni rolls are celebrated not only for their comforting flavors but also for their rich history. They're a cherished symbol of Appalachian culture, served at family gatherings, sold at local bakeries and enjoyed by people from all walks of life.

But pepperoni rolls aren't just about nostalgia -- they're incredibly versatile, making them the perfect snack for today's busy lifestyles. As families prepare for the back-to-school rush, pepperoni rolls offer a quick and easy option for after-school snacks or to pack in lunchboxes. Their portability makes them ideal for kids on the go, whether they're heading to soccer practice or dance class.

For adults, pepperoni rolls are a great grab-and-go snack for busy workdays, and they're a hit

at tailgate parties and picnics. Because they don't require refrigeration, they're easy to transport, making them perfect for outdoor events or road trips. Plus, they're a crowd-pleaser. Who can resist the combination of warm bread and savory pepperoni?

While making pepperoni rolls from scratch is a labor of love, there's an easy shortcut version that's just as delicious. Using store-bought frozen bread dough, you can whip up a batch in no time.

### SHORTCUT PEPPERONI ROLLS

- Servings: 8  
Total Time: 27 minutes
- 16 ounces frozen bread dough, thawed
  - 16 slices pepperoni
  - 4 slices mozzarella cheese, cut into quarters
  - 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
  - 1 large egg, well beaten
  - Splash of water

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

On a clean work surface, cut the thawed bread dough into 8 equal parts. Flatten each piece to about 4 by 4 inches using your hands or a rolling pin.

Place 2 slices of pepperoni in



Homemade pepperoni rolls -- perfect for after-school snacks or game-day gatherings (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

the center of each dough square. You can add more pepperoni if you like, and no one would be mad at you.

Top with 2 pieces of mozzarella and sprinkle with Italian seasoning.

Fold the outer edges of dough over the filling, then tightly roll the dough, pinching the seams to seal in the goodness.

Place each roll seam-side down on the prepared baking sheet, ensuring they're not touching.

In a small bowl, beat the egg with a splash of water to make an egg wash. Brush the tops of each roll with egg wash for that

beautiful golden, glossy finish. Bake for 10-12 minutes until golden brown. Allow them to cool on the baking sheet for about 5 minutes before serving.

Serve warm with pizza or marinara sauce for dipping. They're just as tasty at room temperature, making them perfect for snacking anytime, anywhere.

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## Joyful Noise

# Warfare prayers to pray (Part 1)

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell for Carter County Times

I love scripture prayers, and I use them a lot. When you use scriptures to pray you know you are definitely praying the will of God. Here are some you can use for your own prayer time.

**Divine Protection.** I cover myself and my family with the blood of Jesus for divine protection throughout the night. Let the fire of God form a protective wall around my home, in Jesus' name. I cancel every night terror, demonic attack, or evil presence assigned to torment me, in Jesus' name. No weapon of fear or anxiety that is formed against me this night shall prosper, in the name of Jesus. Lord, expose every hidden danger and protect me from every evil trap laid against me, in Jesus' name.

**Warfare Against the Enemy.** I bind every strongman holding my blessings and destiny in chains, in the name of Jesus. Let the fire of the Holy Ghost consume every spirit of delay and stagnation in my life in the name of Jesus. I release confusion into the camp of the enemy and destroy their plots against me in the name of Jesus. I declare the blood of Jesus against every demonic force hindering my progress in the name of Jesus. Every monitoring spirit, tracking my movement and actions, I bind you by the blood of Jesus.

**Breakthrough and Victory.** I declare victory over every financial, marital, and health related battle in Jesus' name. Lord, grant me divine wisdom and strategies to overcome every challenge in my life. I command every barrier

hindering my breakthrough to be removed in Jesus' name. I decree that no weapon formed against me shall prosper in the name of Jesus. I declare that every battle in my life is turning into a testimony in Jesus' name.

**Divine Guidance and Wisdom.** Lord, order my steps and guide me into Your perfect will in Jesus' name. Father, fill me with divine wisdom and discernment to make the right decisions in life. Holy Spirit, teach me how to walk in obedience and alignment with God's purpose in my life. Lord, open my spiritual ears and eyes to receive divine revelations in the name of Jesus. I reject every spirit of confusion and receive clarity of mind in Jesus' name.

**Family and Household Deliverance.** I cover my

family with the Blood of Jesus and declare total protection in Jesus' name. Every evil attack aimed at my family, be destroyed by fire in Jesus' name. Father, protect and deliver every member of my household from every form of bondage. I declare that my family will serve the Lord and fulfil divine purpose in Jesus' name. Every evil pattern in my family, I break you by the power of the Holy Ghost in Jesus' name.

**Anointing and Favor.** Holy Spirit, anoint me afresh and empower me for victorious living. Lord, let your favor upon my life attract to my life

all the desires of my heart in Jesus' name. Father, let Your grace open uncommon doors for me in Jesus' name. Let the anointing for excellence fall upon me now in the name of Jesus.

**Restoration.** O God of restoration, restore everything the enemy has stolen from me in Jesus' name. I command total restoration of my health, finances, and joy in Jesus' name. Every opportunity I've lost, I call them back to manifest in Jesus' name. By the power of God, I recover every blessing that was delayed or denied in Jesus' name. Let the years the locusts and cankerworm have eaten be restored sevenfold

in the name of Jesus.

Pray each prayer point in faith believing you shall have what you say. Stand fast and don't waver. Your answer is on the way. AMEN! SO BE IT. (Credit: bowaleliving).

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## Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers were mostly 2.00 to 4.00 lower with mostly moderate demand. Record high temperatures throughout the state this week affected both supply and demand for feeder cattle. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to 2.00 lower.

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/> Week ending 8/31/24

STATE AVERAGES	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>Steers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
350-400 lbs	287.09	293.46	256.24
400-450 lbs	282.28	296.93	257.24
450-500 lbs	276.39	286.40	251.10
500-550 lbs	264.46	281.43	250.12
550-600 lbs	266.92	270.13	248.15
600-650 lbs	250.52	257.91	243.92
650-700 lbs	245.81	249.77	241.07
700-750 lbs	233.11	237.79	235.84
750-800 lbs	233.10	234.10	228.85
800-850 lbs	223.26	234.87	226.22
850-900 lbs	231.82	229.99	221.70
<b>Heifers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
300-350 lbs	260.08	267.12	238.49
350-400 lbs	260.38	270.90	239.03
400-450 lbs	255.85	260.42	237.77
450-500 lbs	249.90	254.76	234.89
500-550 lbs	243.18	246.65	231.06
550-600 lbs	236.68	243.63	229.51
600-650 lbs	225.68	227.45	227.52
650-700 lbs	218.64	224.44	220.64
700-750 lbs	211.81	212.52	208.14
750-800 lbs	212.14	213.81	220.62

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	121.00-155.00	129.00-163.00	106.00-137.00
Boners	120.00-154.00	130.00-172.00	97.00-138.00
Lean	85.00-134.50	118.00-153.00	60.00-124.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	105.00-240.00	160.00-196.00	110.00-158.00

**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. **Woolled-Choice and Prime 1** 139 lbs 182.50. **Choice & Prime 1-2** 80-85 lbs 220.00-...

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>Corn</b>	3.22-3.78	3.31-3.66	4.20-5.39
<b>Soybeans</b>	8.70-9.82	8.64-9.58	13.24-14.46
<b>Red Winter Wheat</b>	4.03-4.98	4.13-4.52	4.45-6.22

## Extension Notes

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

## Heat, drought and blossom end rot

Normally, a hot dry year would favor vegetable production as long as growers have adequate irrigation. However, when daytime temperatures inch up toward 100 degrees Fahrenheit like we've seen a few days this year, we begin to see problems with many vegetable crops.

Pollen begins to die and that affects fruit set and several disorders become apparent. One thing growers might see is blossom end rot, which is simply a rot at the blossom end of a fruit. Tomatoes usually suffer most, but eggplant, cucurbits and peppers can all succumb to the problem. It is technically caused by a calcium deficiency in the plant or the fruit. But in many cases, it's not a lack of calcium in the soil, but rather an environmental factor that stops the plant from taking up calcium. Plants take up calcium via their transpirational system. As plants move water through the roots to the leaves and out the stomata, calcium moves into the plant. But in areas of severe drought, blossom

end rot will appear because there is no water to move the calcium to the plant. To make matters worse, calcium is immobile in the plant, meaning it can't move from an area of low demand to an area of high demand, so even temporary deficiencies can cause permanent damage.

When temperatures exceed 100 degrees, many plants will close stomata to conserve water, thus closing the path for calcium to get inside. So don't be surprised if you are seeing blossom end rot on your tomatoes that were developing during the most recent heat wave.

Unfortunately, there's nothing you can do to correct the problem; once blossom end rot appears it can't be reversed. The fruit is safe to eat, just cut off the bottom part and remember you are not able to commercially sell them.

There are some things you can do to prevent future occurrences of blossom end rot. If we see high temperatures again, try to minimize them for the plants by providing some

kind of shade and giving them adequate water.

For more information about how extreme weather can impact your vegetables, contact your Carter County Cooperative Extension Service. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

**Upcoming Events**  
 •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

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Rebecca Konopka Carter County Extension Agent

**Arrests** from A-1

finer, arrested and booked August 30.

- Anthony Jordan, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of reckless driving, no operator's license, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, no registration receipt, and failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked August 30.
- William Flanagan, 60, of Portsmouth, OH, arrested by Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife, on

a charge of first degree criminal mischief, arrested and booked August 30.

- Timothy Burton, 56, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, weekender, arrested and booked August 30.
- Jeffrey Blankenship, 45, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, weekender, arrested and booked August 30.
- James Manier, 73, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested

and booked August 31.

- Garrett Nelson, 31, of Rush, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of second degree assault, arrested and booked September 1.
- Deanna Harris, 43, of Raceland, arrested by Carter Circuit Court, on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked September 1.
- Rose Allan, 56, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of violating a

Kentucky emergency protection order/domestic violence order, arrested and booked September 1.

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.

**Healing** from A-1

one of the best massage services in the area. He has been practicing massage therapy for nearly a decade, since completing his training at the Lexington Healing Arts Academy in 2016.

While he said a lot of his business is built around relaxation massage, his education and accreditation also allow him to do various therapeutic massages – including doctor prescribed massages, which qualify for tax exemption with that prescription.

“I offer massage therapy mostly for relaxation, but I also treat patients that have various ailments,” he said.

“Some people have prescriptions from their doctors,” he continued, explaining that he can follow whatever therapeutic routine is defined by the physician. “But I practice massage therapy and reflexology, which is essentially acupressure.”

The full list of services includes relaxation, deep tissue, workout recovery, and hot stone massages, chair massages, and lymphatic feathering, among others.

He also makes some jewelry, mostly as a hobby, as well as offering supplies for those interested in herbs and homeopathy. These include mortars and

pestles, and glass distillation units, flasks, funnels, droppers, and more along with a wide selection of dried herbs suitable for everything from potpourri to home remedies, tinctures, and salves.

“I cater to the hobby herbalist, and the folks practicing the traditions of our Appalachian ancestors,” Suttles noted.

He also offers essential oils, bees wax, and a variety of other self-care and meditation items, such as singing bowls, chimes, incense, yoga mats, crystals and gemstones, stability balls, and more. They also offer gift certificates and reloadable gift cards.

Those interested in booking appointments may do so online, at [www.heal-erstouchmassage.com](http://www.heal-erstouchmassage.com) or by finding the business on Facebook. You may also call or text at (606)315-1106. Suttles asks patients to try to book appointments at least 24 hours in advance, if possible.

The business is located at 209 Robert and Mary Street, in Grayson, and is open from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

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**Burger** from A-1

from scratch,” he said. “Everything’s really from scratch.”

That freshness and quality was something he said he really wanted to focus on with his return to the restaurant and the rebrand.

Helping him in maintaining that standard, Spears noted, is general manager Jordan Abell. Abell, who had previously worked with Spears at Trail Town, had – like Spears – left to explore other opportunities before returning to help with the rebrand. Abell, who originally hails from central Kentucky, said he loves the small town feel of Olive Hill.

Spears said they’re looking at things to keep the feel of the restaurant fresh in other ways too. This might include adding seasonal or special items to the menu. For instance, Spears said, they were considering a hot wing challenge – with sauces so hot you would have to sign a waiver to participate.

But while events like that, and UFC fight nights, are fun ways to engage with the community, Spears knows the real draw of any restaurant has to be the food.

We had a chance to sample some of that food last week, and the dishes pleased every member of my rather picky clan.

When Spears invited me to come try some items from the new menu, and to bring along three guests, I

first thought of inviting a couple of foodie and chef friends. Folks who could help me dissect the menu and the dishes we tried. Folks who could get really analytical with me.

Then, I decided the real test would be the picky eaters in my own family.

I asked my wife, who has a grown-up palate but is a much less adventurous eater than I am, what she thought of the idea, and she was willing to gamble that the kids would be good. Our five year old is fickle. He might try something new and love it. He might decide he’s only eating brown things today and even things he’s eaten before with relish are “yucky.” The fourteen year old was going to be the real trick. A connoisseur of chicken nuggets and peanut butter sandwiches, he’s a little like Mikey from the old Life cereal commercials. If it’s outside his comfort zone and he still eats it, it’s bound to be good. Unfortunately, he backed out on eating with the family, but my father-in-law – who is less picky while maintaining just as much discernment in his tastes and preferences – jumped in as our pinch eater.

The verdict, from everyone, was positive. And though the restaurant is rebranding itself as a burger and sandwich joint, only one of us actually had a sandwich. My wife had a barbecue chicken sandwich (which I also

sampled) that came with a rich and delicious barbecue sauce coating. I had the chicken parm, which was cooked to perfection. The marinara sauce was thick and just the perfect amount of chunky – enough so you know it was made from real veggies but without large chunks of tomatoes. The perfect sauce for scooping up on a fork with the extra breading. The double panko crust-ed chicken breast stayed crispy under the blanket of sauce and cheese, and after eating my fill I still had enough left to take home for a sandwich before bed.

My father-in-law’s baked steak and mashed potatoes earned his seal of approval as well, and we were all impressed with the child’s cheese pizza our son got as well.

I asked Spears about that after we finished eating, and he explained that the from-scratch philosophy applies to their children’s menu as well. Everything on there is real, fresh food that you can feel good about giving your child. And, he said, you don’t have to be a kid to order it. If you want a small, personal, lunch pizza they can accommodate that, with any of their toppings.

While they have a menu, with set pairings, any of those things can be changed to appeal to a customer’s dietary restrictions or preferences. They even have vegan items on the menu.

While my wife took advantage of the restaurant’s flexibility, getting her dressing on the side, I decided to order mine exactly as suggested. This meant with broccoli, one of my least favorite veggies. But, with the sauce and the size of the chicken breast, the vegetable choice worked remarkably well. It was light in flavor – much lighter than I generally expect from broccoli, which can get sulfurous when overcooked – and cooked through without getting mushy. It was a great addition, and it made the dish much less heavy than other sides, like pasta, which often accompanies the dish.

He explained that they blanch it, shock it in cold water to stop the cooking and keep the color, then they sauté to order. It’s seasoned simply, so that it accentuates the flavors of the vegetable without being “confusing on the palate” Spears noted.

“We’re keeping our sides simple... and we’re giving them options,” Spears said.

Whether it’s the toppings on your pizza, or a side you want to swap.

“Just let us know what you want,” Spears said.

Our clan did just that, and as far as we’re concerned, Spears and his staff delivered.

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**Tax Rate** from A-1

and Summit. Magistrates from Districts 1, 3, and 5 were present once again at the special meeting. Carter County Jailer RW Boggs told the court that the new food service contract would begin on October 1, 2024, after their current contract with Trinity Food Service expires.

Boggs told the court

that all the bids submitted were for hot meals, three per day. The price ranges are based upon how many inmates are being fed at any given time, and the price per meal decreases as the volume of inmates increases. Currently the detention center is in the 180-189 range for their number of inmates.

The most cost-efficient bid was submitted by Summit and would save the detention center \$12,000 per year, according to Boggs. Boggs told the court his recommendation would be to sign a one-year contract with Summit, due to the savings, while still being able to provide inmates with three hot meals per

day. The court considered Boggs’ recommendation, and voted unanimously to accept the Summit proposal for food service with the three hot meals.

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# CALENDAR

- **9/4: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **9/5: Grayson Farmer’s Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **9/5: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **9/6: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **9/6: Hike & Learn @ 1 p.m.** | Grayson Lake US Army Corp of Engineers, Hike Focus: Appalachian Folklore
- **9/7: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **9/7: Grayson Farmer’s Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **9/9: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **9/9: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **9/9: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **9/9: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **9/9: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **9/10: Extension District Board meeting @ 10 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **9/10: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Johnny's Pizza
- **9/10: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall
- **9/10: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill

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# OBITUARY

## Woodrow Rayburn, Sr. 1948 – 2024



Woodrow Rayburn Sr., age 75, of Olive Hill, KY went to be with the Lord surrounded by his family on Wednesday afternoon July 24, 2024 at his residence surrounded by his family and loved ones. He was born December 29, 1948 in Carter County, KY a son of the late Thamer and Ruby Gilliam Rayburn.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three sisters, Nancy Fannin, Barb Butler and Loretta Parker and one brother Oscar Rayburn.

Woodrow was the Pastor of Walnut Grove Church for over 40 years, where he poured his heart and soul into preaching, singing and working for the Lord. He loved to farm and work the land to meet the needs to provide for his family. He loved walks to his cabin, orchard and barn to have his time with the Lord. His favorite things in the world was to attend church and have fellowship. He also loved to spending days at Bridge Rock with his friends and family.

He is survived by his Loving wife of 57 years Patricia Ann Stephens; Six children, Woodrow "Blue" Rayburn Jr and Michelle, Misty and Jeff Roe, Tammy and Eddie

Clary, Wendy and Justin Knight all of Olive Hill, KY, Trudi and Matthew Zornes of Vanceburg, KY, Dusty and David Whisman of Morehead, KY; Four Brothers, Eugene and Bernice Rayburn, Chalmers Rayburn, Arthur and Cathy Rayburn, Donnie and Kathy Rayburn, Eight Sisters, Margie Conley, Doretta Webb, Shirley and Gary Dean, Diane Sammons, Rosie and Earl Bond, Debbie and Phillip Reynolds Garnett Nichols, Linda and Patrick Taylor; two brothers-in-law, Donnie Fannin and Bobby Butler; 27 Grandchildren, 30 Great Grandchildren. In addition to these he leaves many relatives and friends that will cherish his memory.

Funeral Services were conducted 2:00PM Sunday July 28, 2024 at the Walnut Grove Community Church with Bro. Jeff Roe, Bro. Earl Bond, Bro. Mike Bryant officiating. Burial followed in the Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Cody Roe, Dustin Rayburn, Dakota Roe, Edward Clary, Mason Perry, Eli Rayburn, D.J. Wilson, Donnie Rayburn.

Honorary pallbearer was Woodrow "Blue" Rayburn Jr.

Visitation was after 6:00 PM Saturday until 2:00 PM Sunday at the Walnut Grove Community Church, 460 Walnut Grove, Vanceburg, KY 41179.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Duvall & Moore Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Olive Hill KY

Online Condolences may be left at [www.duval-landmoore.com](http://www.duval-landmoore.com)

## Carl "Bud" Stamper 1936 – 2024



Carl "Bud" Stamper, age 88, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, August 29, 2024, at UK-St. Claire Hospital in Morehead, Kentucky, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Monday, July 20, 1936, in Carter County, Kentucky, to the late Roscoe and Mabel Adkins Stamper.

Bud was a member of Olive Hill Methodist Church and proudly served in country in the United States Army. He was an employee of AK Steel and the owner of Stamper Trucks and Equipment. His business allowed him to do what he loved best, which was selling trucks and meeting people. He used this as an opportunity to tell others what God had done for him.

Bud was an avid reader, especially the local newspapers. He enjoyed watching westerns, listening to bluegrass music and thoroughly enjoyed mowing grass. Birthdays were very special to him. He never let a year go by without wishing a "Happy Birthday" to a long list of family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in

death by a brother, Donald Ray Stamper, twin brothers, Billy "Jack" Stamper and Bobby "Joe" Stamper.

Bud is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Elva Stamper; three sons, Terry Stamper, Allen Stamper, Chris Justice; one daughter, Jeanna (Greg) Hay; five granddaughters, Carla Stamper, Kaula Stamper, Erica (Derrick) Kiser, Meghan Hay and Kenzie (Devin) Riley; four grandsons, Derek Stamper, Bradley Stamper, Kyle (Skylar) Justice and Ryan Justice; 17 great-grandchildren, along with many numerous family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m. Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Jason Lewis, Brother Gary Sparks and Brother John Lambert officiating. Entombment will follow at Jr. O.U.A.M. at a later date.

Military Honors were conducted at the funeral home by American Legion Post 138.

Friends visited after 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 3, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Terry Stamper, Allen Stamper, Derek Stamper, Chris Justice, Ryan Justice and Kyle Justice served as pallbearers.

Greg Hay, Bradley Stamper, Ronnie Stamper, Darrell White and Shannon Craig served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Carl "Bud" Stamper.

## Jeff Lester Viars 1968 – 2024



Jeff Lester Viars, age 56, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at his residence.

He was born Friday, May 26, 1968, in Mansfield, Ohio, to the late Junior and Dora Katherine Lambert Viars.

Jeff enjoyed working, riding 4-wheelers, fishing, walking his dogs and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Greg Viars; one sister, Michelle Viars.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Lowevena "Tuie" Tackett Viars; two sons, Jeremy (Melanie) Perry of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Joshua (Stephanie) Perry of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; four grandchildren, Jeffery Perry (Morgan), Destiny Perry, Joseph Perry (Lexi), Baylee Viars;

three great-grandchildren, Jeffery Ryan Perry, Preston Owen Perry, Gatlin Cash Perry; three brothers, Leslie (Renee) Viars of Olive Hill, Kentucky, George (Genelle) Viars of Dallas, Georgia, Robert Viars of Olive Hill, Kentucky; two sisters, Kathy Wilburn of Grayson, Kentucky, Lisa Cheryl Holbrook of Olive Hill, Kentucky; special great nephew, Jude Clark, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Friday, August 30, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Gary Sparks officiating. Burial followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, in Carter County, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Thursday, August 29, 2024, and after 9 a.m., Friday, August 30, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Jeffery Perry, Joseph Perry, Cody Viars, Baylee Viars, Bryan Bledsoe and Scott Clark served as pallbearers.

Joshua Perry Jeremy Perry and Destiny Perry served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Jeff Lester Viars.

## Stewart "Allen" Hall 1944 – 2024



also known to be a huge NASCAR enthusiast and UK basketball fan. Above all he loved his family dearly and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his wife of almost 56 years, Bonnie, Allen is survived by his son, Duane (Shana) Hall; sisters, Patricia (Dan Reynolds) Vincent and Kathaleen Pickens; granddaughters, Kayla (Zach) Mincks and Katlyn Hall; great granddaughter, Sophia Mincks; brother-in-law, Jim (Judy) Fultz; and sister-in-law, Carolyn (Bill) Burton.

In addition to his parents, Allen was preceded in death by four sisters, one brother, and a sister-in-law.

Services were held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at Clark Legacy Center-Brannon Crossing, Nicholasville.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in honor of Mr. Stewart Allen Hall to Bluegrass Care Navigators, 1733 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, KY 40504.

## Woodrow "Blue" Rayburn, Jr. 1968 – 2024



Woodrow "Blue" Rayburn Jr., Age 56, of Olive Hill, KY went to be with the Lord Friday morning July 26, 2024 at his residence surrounded by his Loving Family. He was born February 23, 1968 in Morehead, KY a son of the Late Woodrow Rayburn Sr. and Patricia Stephens Rayburn of Olive Hill, KY.

"Blue" was a Member of Walnut Grove Church and Served his country for six years in the Army National Guard, 201 Engineer Battalion in Olive Hill, KY. "Blue" was a member of the Teamsters Local 107 and Laborers Local 1445, He was currently employed with Riggs Machining and Fabrication in Ashland, KY, but he also was a truck driver for many years and school bus driver for Carter County Board of Education.

He loved spending time in church and with his family, an avid music lover, he could play anything he picked up and often played keyboard in church. He enjoyed farming and gardening and keeping honey bees and painting with acrylics.

He was preceded in death by his father Woodrow Rayburn Sr. on Wednesday Morning July 24, 2024.

In addition to his moth-

er he is survived by his Loving wife of 36 Years Michelle Clary Rayburn; five children, Natasha Rayburn and her Companion Bradley Wright of Morehead, Ky, Brandy and Jarred Skaggs of Olive Hill, Ky, Lacy and Aaron McKenzie of Ashland, KY, Dustin and Tiffany Rayburn of Olive Hill, KY and Eli Rayburn of Olive Hill, KY; five sisters, Misty and Jeff Roe, Tammy and Eddie Clary, Wendy and Justin Knight all of Olive Hill, KY, Trudi and Matthew Zornes of Vanceburg, KY, Dusty and David Whisman of Morehead, KY; thirteen grandchildren, Brendan, Corbin, Rylee, Jaxson, Jayden, Emma, Lily, Seth, Brayden, Carter, Matthew, Grace and McKenna. In Addition to these he leaves many relatives and friends that will cherish his Memory

Funeral Services were conducted 2:00PM Sunday July 28, 2024 at the Walnut Grove Community Church with Bro. Jeff Roe, Bro. Earl Bond, Bro. Mike Bryant Officiating. Burial followed in the Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Eli Rayburn, Dustin Rayburn, Jarred Skaggs, Brad Wright, Aaron McKenzie, and Mike Shaffer.

Visitation was after 6:00 PM Saturday July 27, 2024 until 2:00 PM Sunday at the Walnut Grove Community Church, 460 Walnut Grove, Vanceburg, KY 41179.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Duvall & Moore Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Olive Hill KY

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# OPINION

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

## Guest Editorial

### Amendment 2 would send tax dollars to church schools

By John Schaaf

Many Kentucky churches are losing members and money, but they're hoping taxpayers will vote to bail them out of their financial problems.

Church lobbyists pushed Amendment 2 onto the November ballot, and if their scheme passes, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars will flow into questionable religious schools operated in church basements across the Commonwealth.

Judging by what's happening in other states, Kentucky would likely pay churches at least \$8,000 in public money for each child in their schools, but many of the "teachers" in the schools will be untrained volunteers recruited from church congregations.

Unfortunately, the schools will have no accountability when those "teachers" fail to teach and students fail to learn.

Paul Prather, the insightful writer who is pastor of Bethesda Church in Montgomery County, recently discussed data showing that only about five percent of Americans regularly attend church. ("Regularly" means attending services at least three out of four weeks.)

As in the rest of the country, few Kentuckians regularly attend church, and even fewer put their children in church schools. However, if Amendment 2 passes, politicians will force every Kentucky taxpayer to pay for two school systems — one public, and one consisting of schools run by Baptist and Catholic churches.

The churches, which pay no taxes to anybody, will use taxpayer dollars to teach their religious doctrine to students they choose to allow into their schools.

That's right — the "school choice" behind Amendment 2 belongs to the church schools, which can choose the children they want and reject the ones they don't want.

Even worse, a church school could accept a child's voucher money, then for reasons real or contrived, they could kick the child out a month or two into the school year and keep the tax dollars they already collected.

Sadly, there are examples of this failed voucher scheme across the river in Indiana and Ohio, and in other states like Arizona, Florida, and Wisconsin.

Indiana and Ohio give tax-funded vouchers to just about anybody, regardless of income, so the vast majority of voucher money is enriching well-off families whose children already attend church schools.

In the 2023-24 school year, Indiana paid \$439 million in tax dollars to private schools, with church schools grabbing 98 percent of that amount, and almost 70 percent of it paid for students who previously attended private school without a voucher.

Like Indiana, Ohio's spending on private schools grew dramatically after politicians opened the voucher program to everybody, regardless of income. In just four years, overall spending on vouchers nearly doubled, going from \$557.5 million to a projected \$1.05 billion in FY 2025, and close to 100 percent of the money goes to church schools.

Arizona opened its taxpayer-funded voucher program to everybody in 2022, helping create a \$1.4 billion budget hole that caused severe cuts for state universities, cancellation of road projects, school construction, and water infrastructure projects.

As in the other states, more than 70 percent of Arizona voucher recipients were already enrolled in private schools (90 percent in church schools) and had been paying for it without a handout from taxpayers.

Florida spends really big on vouchers — \$3 billion in the 2023-24 school year, with 82 percent of voucher recipients attending a church school.

In Wisconsin this year, taxpayers will pay \$12,731 for each voucher student in grades 9-12, and 96 percent of the money goes to church schools.

With politicians diverting more than \$700 million per year to private schools, Wisconsin's local school districts are frequently forced to ask residents to raise their property taxes to make up for lost state contributions.

Seeing these examples of taxpayer dollars flowing into unaccountable and mediocre church schools, Kentucky voters would be financially and morally smart to vote "NO" on Amendment 2.

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### It started innocently with minor pain following a doctor's missed reminder

Last Friday seemed a normal enough day in my office at home until I listened to an old voicemail from my primary care physician. He had called the day before to ask why I had not gone back to the hospital for another blood draw after being told my potassium was elevated.

I sent back a text message that I would go as soon as I could before the day was over. However, I was distracted by other matters and didn't make the short trip to what is now called UK — St. Claire HealthCare.

Shortly thereafter, I stopped for a quick but late lunch and went home to meet my personal trainer for my five-day-a-week physical regimen aimed at keeping my 81-year-old body as flexible as possible.

As I prepared to work out, I mentioned to my trainer, an experienced nurse, that I had briefly experienced some heaviness in my chest and some brief, but noticeable pains on either side of my chest.

Almost without hesitation, she ushered me out the door to the nearby Urgent Care Center. Thirty minutes later after some tests, I was delivered to the emergency room at the hospital.

Meanwhile, the heaviness and sporadic pain in my chest had subsided and I was beginning to believe everyone might be overreacting. A PA at Urgent Care

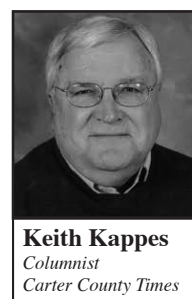
told me my potassium was dangerously high and another heart enzyme was moving in the same direction.

After a few more hours of tests and consultations, it was decided I should stay overnight at UK — St. Claire so my heart could be monitored, and my potassium could be reduced through many trips to the bathroom.

I didn't sleep well but was feeling better when the cardiologist informed me 10 hours later that I would undergo a heart catheterization to determine if any arteries were blocked. Without trying to be funny, I told my sister that this whole situation had become about as funny as a heart attack.

The heart catheter didn't work through my wrist so it went up my groin instead and I'm joyfully pleased to report that no blockages were spotted. But I am modifying my diet to keep my potassium within normal limits.

Call it a lucky break or a near miss or whatever, I'm now committed to paying much closer attention to my physician.



**Keith Kappes**  
Columnist  
Carter County Times

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### Boggling bogles and bogarting boggarts

Sometimes it takes someone not knowing a thing you took for granted to be able to look at it with fresh perspective. For instance, a paranormal podcaster I listen to recently noted that he wasn't familiar with the term "boggle" to describe any of the devious trickster spirits of northern British and Scottish folklore. He noted the word-game of the same name, but he didn't mention the other definition of boggle — to be confused, astonished, or overwhelmed. (e.g., The possibilities boggle the mind!)

This was interesting to me because, in reporting what he learned about boggles — the more ambivalent than evil, but still dangerous, trickster spirit — he noted something that I already knew. That is that boggles (or bogles, or bogills) are folkloric creatures that exist more to "perplex the mind" than to cause serious harm. I knew it, but I never connected boggles, the perplexing pixies, with boggles, perplexing the mind.

Fair warning, I'm going to be a word nerd from here forward. We're getting on the etymology train, bound for nuanced definition town. As I suspected, boggle — the word for being perplexed — is indeed derived from bogle — a perplexing goblin. (Goblin itself being a related term derived through Germanic language influences.) At least according to Merriam-Webster and others they are related.

Before I looked that up, though, I thought of another related term. Boggart.

Boggarts, like boggles, aren't a specific type of

fae, but rather a catch all term for a variety of spirits. However, unlike their perplexing yet ambivalent kin, boggarts are seen as generally malevolent.

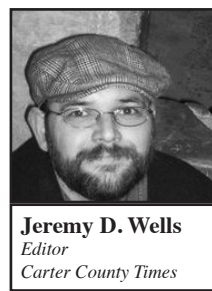
In some traditions brownies, benevolent household spirits in Scottish lore, are said to turn into boggarts if they are insulted or treated poorly. In these cases they will leave the family, but not before demolishing or undoing any recent work they may have done for the household. Sometimes they go even further, unraveling all the good work they've done for the family over the years and taking the family's prosperity with them.

So, my mind wondered, if boggle is derived from bogle, surely bogart — that term for failing to share adequately — must be etymologically related to boggart, that wicked spirit that takes everything with him when he goes. Right?

Turns out, no. According to Merriam-Webster the term bogart, meaning to bully, or to use or consume without sharing, actually dates back to the 1960s, and was coined as a reference to actor Humphrey Bogart, who was nearly always pictured with a cigarette in the corner of his mouth that he didn't seem to finish. Bogart also often played tough, hard to intimidate characters, with that image apparently contributing to the first definition.

Bogart, the act of being selfish, and boggarts, the selfless-turned-selfish household spirits, were not in fact related at all.

*See BOGLES on A-6*



**Jeremy D. Wells**  
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## James Graham Brown Foundation provides grant to support work in Eastern Kentucky

Funds will boost disaster recovery and resilience in region as well as help build modular homes for low-income families and workforce housing

Morehead, KY - The James Graham Brown Foundation has committed to delivering a \$1,850,000 grant to Fahe, a purpose-driven network serving Appalachian states, including Kentucky, and providing boots-on-the-ground leadership throughout its target region. The grant will be applied over a three-year period, supporting Fahe's capacity to leverage federal and state funding for housing for long-term flood recovery. Additionally, grant funds will be used to support Fahe's member Frontier Housing in their work to build modular housing for low-income families in the same Eastern Kentucky region.

Fahe's efforts align with the James Graham Brown Foundation's existing Community and Economic Development Strategy for Eastern Kentucky. The grant will enable Fahe to hire staff to support local

municipalities and execute projects with federal funding. Another portion of the grant will be committed to Frontier Housing, a Fahe partner, who will implement DreamBuild Kentucky – focusing on the efficient and affordable construction of code-compliant modular housing for low-income families. Fahe's work has the potential to significantly improve the well-being of people living in the 13 flood-impacted counties.

President & CEO of Frontier Kentucky Tom Manning-Beavin said, "This award from the James Graham Brown Foundation is essential to making the DreamBuild initiative possible. DreamBuild, at its heart, is an entrepreneurial concept aiming to change how quality stick-built homes are delivered to homebuyers. Unfortunately for Frontier, there isn't a mechanism for nonprofits to use venture capital to support entrepreneurial concepts like this. Instead nonprofits need visionary foundations like JGBF to support innovation. JGBF's investment will enable DreamBuild to go from an idea with great potential to an initiative with the capacity have lasting impact in Eastern Kentucky and beyond."

Frontier Housing will use James Graham Brown

Foundation grant funds for startup costs including equipment, materials, facilities and staff to develop and scale the DreamBuild model in Eastern Kentucky. Frontier will develop initial prototypes and begin to deliver 20-30 homes per year by the end of the grant period in 2026. This operation is expected to be fully self-sustaining within 2-3 years. This is projected to create approximately 50 permanent manufacturing jobs in the heart of the coalfields.

"Fahe is focused on high-impact, high-leverage initiatives to improve lives in Appalachia and in Eastern Kentucky through investment and localized activation," said Mason Rummell, president and CEO of The James Graham Brown Foundation. "Fahe's work very clearly provides opportunities to improve Kentucky communities and the quality of life of our children and families, creating the kind of impact the James Graham Brown Foundation seeks in enhancing the image and national perception of our state."

Fahe is comprised of 50+ diverse community-based nonprofits that serve the Appalachian states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Alabama. Fahe connects investment to local lead-

ership in one of the more challenging regions in the nation. Members of Fahe are staffed by local leaders who are connected to their communities and understand their needs.

"When our communities in Eastern Kentucky were hit by historic flooding two years ago it became starkly clear that a home is at the center of everything. Families need a home to emerge from hard times. I'm so proud of the work we are doing to help with disaster relief and to help more families in hard-to-serve places build a better future. This three-year grant will help us make great strides, and we commend the James Graham Brown Foundation for their partnership with us and our communities in Kentucky," said Jim King, CEO of Fahe.

Fahe focuses on increasing access to and the availability of quality, affordable housing. Fahe also pursues community development initiatives, including projects that impact education, health and social services, and economic opportunity. Fahe was established in 1980 by its members to advocate for resources for housing and the training of skilled labor and to help bring more resources into the region. Since its creation, the Fahe Network has helped finance over

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

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#### Bogles from A-5

Boggart, however, is a linguistic cousin of our old friend boggy, as well as bogey (as in bogeyman, boogiemann, or boogerman) goblins (Germanic bog-gel-mann) and – possibly – the Irish Gaelic bagairt, meaning "threat."

Regardless, even if the terms bogart and boggart aren't related (Humphrey's surname is derived from an old Dutch term for an

orchard, in case you were wondering) my curiosity led me on a merry trip down a fascinating little rabbit hole.

And a boggart would totally bogart the chips. That's the kind of folk they are. I just hope I haven't made one angry by pointing it out.

Jeremy D. Wells can be reached at editor@cartercountytimes.com.

#### End Rot from A-2

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. •Hike & Learn – Friday, September 6th @ 1:00 PM – Grayson Lake US

Army Corp of Engineers; Hike Focus: Appalachian Folklore •Farm & Family Field Day – Tuesday, September 17th @ 5:00 – Rick & Sherri Rayburn's Farm in Olive Hill

\$1.7 billion for projects across Appalachia, primarily through community loan fund capital and mortgages. In addition to supporting its Members, Fahe has been committed to helping

local municipalities access financing and providing capacity to execute local projects.

## Berea College taking steps to make education even more affordable for students

BEREA – Berea College is continuing its work to make college more affordable by funding individual course fees for the 2024-25 academic year.

Thanks to a generous donor, all course-specific fees for students—which can run between \$10 and \$150 for some courses—are being covered.

This course fee support strengthens Berea College's unique funding model of covering all tuition costs and meeting all additional college funding

needs except what the government requires—without loans—for every student. Berea's goal is to provide students with both exceptional educational access and financial freedom, and this funding helps to meet that goal.

"As both the No. 1 college in the nation for educational access (New York Times) and the No. 1 national liberal arts college in graduating students without debt (U.S. News and World Report), we are excited to add another

level to our already unique funding model that will provide even more financial freedom for our students," said Berea College President Cheryl Nixon. "We are committed to continuously improving our financial-aid model, ensuring all students receive as much financial aid as possible."

From its inception, Berea College has been accessible to those who otherwise could not afford a college education. As such, Berea College stu-

dents have not paid tuition since 1892.

More than a century ago, Berea College began depositing all unrestricted estate gifts to the College—money or real estate left to the College in bequests of generous supporters—into the College's endowment. In a nutshell, the earnings on this endowment, along with state and federal grants and contributions from alumni and friends, allow Berea to cover student tuition and additional costs. The

endowment earnings also allow Berea to fund unique educational opportunities, such as paid internships for all students.

Some Berea College courses charge a course fee to help cover the cost of materials (outside of textbooks) needed for that specific course, such as for a lab or for travel. Covering those fees for students is just another way Berea College is helping students graduate with little to no debt.

"I am so incredibly

proud of the work Berea College does to provide financial aid at the maximum level possible, and I want to thank the many people on campus who are working to provide clarity around Berea College's financial-aid model," Nixon said. "We will continue to improve our financial-aid model by working on innovative funding—like this year's funding of course fees—whenever and however possible."

## Olive Hill hires engineering firm

Discusses plans for police cruisers

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

After failing to gather a quorum for their regular August meeting, the City of Olive Hill held a special meeting on August 29 to handle the business of the city. First on the agenda was hearing from Bluegrass Engineering. The engineering firm submitted two proposals for the city to consider, related to designs for a sewer station and intake. After reviewing those proposals, the only bids the city received, council entertained a motion to make Bluegrass the city's engineering firm.

Mayor Jerry Callihan told the council that even if other companies had submitted a bid for engineering, that he personally would have recommended Bluegrass.

"I have been doing this for a long time, and they

don't come any better," Callihan told council. "Bluegrass was my engineering firm at Rattlesnake Ridge. And they brought Rattlesnake Ridge back to life."

Callihan said that Rattlesnake Ridge had been going in "the wrong direction" for years, and Bluegrass Engineering turned that around and put it on the right track.

"They are a top-notch outfit," he said.

Many of the city's projects operate with grant money obtained through FIVCO, which requires the city to have an engineer and a clear plan. Also, there were deadlines that needed to be met on those grant agreements, and Callihan said they were not being met. He told council he believes Bluegrass Engineering will help them to both follow guidelines and meet deadlines going forward.

"This has to be engineered and approved by October 1, or we lose grant money that had been approved from 2021," he explained, noting the urgency of making progress



Olive Hill has struggled with waste water issues that a FIVCO grant could help alleviate with the assistance of their new engineering firm. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

on the sewer project.

"I have tried to get Bluegrass for a long time, and now they are here," Callihan told the council. "In fact, Bluegrass came and helped me with projects as a favor last year."

Sewer lines and leak detection were just a couple of the things Callihan said Bluegrass had offered assistance with. After discussion, the council voted unanimously to hire

Bluegrass Engineering, effective immediately.

Next the council heard from the Police Chief Bruce Palmer, who presented bids for new police cruisers, specifically 6-cylinder Durangos. The bid for each came in at just under \$43,000 for 2023 models, Palmer told council.

"The reason I'm asking for cruisers is the Tahoes we have are falling apart.

And the amount of money we are putting into them just to keep them together is ridiculous," he said. "We are working on them at 32,000 miles and 67,000 miles."

Palmer told council he felt that it was largely a waste of money to try to maintain the current fleet.

The police chief also presented council with the possibility of having the cruisers placed on a rota-

tion schedule. This would mean that the city would be getting new cruisers every five to seven years, and they could rotate the best of the old cruisers into service for other departments in the city such as Code Enforcement. The cruisers with the most wear and tear would be traded in on the newer vehicles.

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# Kentucky governor says lawmaker facing sexual harassment accusations should consider resigning

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FRANKFORT (AP) — A Kentucky Democratic lawmaker accused of sexual harassment by several women should give "serious thought" to resigning, Gov. Andy Beshear said Thursday as the first-term legislator has become increasingly alienated in his own political party.

State Rep. Daniel Grossberg was temporarily suspended from the House Democratic caucus and removed from his interim committee assignments after allegations arose this summer that the Louisville lawmaker had engaged in inappropriate conduct. Interim committee meetings allow lawmakers to review issues and hear from

stakeholders ahead of the next legislative session that begins in January. Grossberg's Democratic House colleagues also requested that the Legislative Ethics Commission investigate the allegations against him.

Grossberg and his attorney have steadfastly denied he engaged in any impropriety or abuse of power. The lawmaker narrowly won his spring primary and is unopposed in the November election.

"He has a duty to his constituents and he intends to fulfill the role they elected him to serve," his attorney, Anna Whites, said Thursday in response to the governor's remarks.

The embattled lawmaker came under increased pressure on Thursday.

First, the Louisville

Democratic Party's executive committee asked that Grossberg "temporarily refrain" from attending the group's events or meetings amid any investigation.

Later in the day, Beshear weighed in with his strongest comments yet.

"I hope Rep. Grossberg is giving serious thought and having discussions with family members about whether a public office is the best or most appropriate place for him to be at this time," the Democratic governor said when asked about the matter at his weekly news conference.

The allegations against Grossberg came to light in reports by the Lexington Herald-Leader. The newspaper said it initially interviewed three women

who said they received inappropriate text messages from the lawmaker about their appearance, and often got messages from him late at night.

Soon after the initial reports, a group for young Democrats in Kentucky called on Grossberg to resign.

A month later, the Lexington newspaper reported on new allegations from three more women who described problematic interactions with Grossberg. Those allegations included inappropriate, harassing or sexually-tinged text or direct social media messages, the newspaper said.

Whites has pushed back against the allegations publicized. On Thursday, she said Grossberg had not been contacted by the

governor.

"At this point, Rep. Grossberg is allowing the ethics commission to do its job," Whites said. "Many of the statements against him in the ethics proceeding were false or inaccurate or taken out of context."

At his news conference Thursday, the governor said the allegations are "very concerning and have only become more concerning as more allegations have come forward."

"Everybody deserves to be free of harassment of any kind," Beshear said. "And every workplace should be professional."

Under state law, legislative ethics complaints and investigations by the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission are

confidential until resolved in a public hearing, said Emily Dennis, the commission's acting executive director. As a result, the commission cannot confirm whether it has received a complaint or whether Grossberg is under investigation, she said.

Grossberg was elected to the Kentucky House in 2022 when he defeated longtime Democratic state Rep. Tom Burch. During his first term, Grossberg has been an outspoken supporter of civil rights, gun control and legal access to women's reproductive rights, including abortion, and he frequently denounced antisemitism.

Republicans have supermajorities in both of Kentucky's legislative chambers.

# US Justice Department says Kentucky may be violating federal law for lack of mental health services

By Dylan Lovan  
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LOUISVILLE (AP) — Kentucky is likely violating federal law for failing to provide community-based services to adults in Louisville with serious mental illness, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a report issued Tuesday.

The 28-page DOJ report said the state "relies unnecessarily on segregated psychiatric hospitals to serve adults with serious mental illness who could be served in their homes and communities."

The Justice Department said it would work with the state to remedy the report's findings. But if a resolution cannot be reached, the

government said it could sue Kentucky to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"People with serious mental illnesses in Louisville are caught in an unacceptable cycle of repeated psychiatric hospitalizations because they cannot access community-based care," Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke said in a release Tuesday. Clarke, who works in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, also led an investigation into civil rights violations by the city's police department.

The report said admissions to psychiatric hospitals can be traumatizing, and thousands are sent to those facilities in Louis-

ville each year. More than 1,000 patients had multiple admissions in a year, and some spent more than a month in the hospitals, the report said.

"These hospitals are highly restrictive, segregated settings in which people must forego many of the basic freedoms of everyday life," the report said.

The lack of community and home-based services for the mentally ill in Louisville also increases their encounters with law enforcement, who are the "primary responders to behavioral health crises," the report said. That often leads to people being taken into custody "due to a lack of more appropriate alternatives and resources."

The Justice Department acknowledged the state has taken steps to expand access to services, including crisis response initiatives and housing and employment support.

"Our goal is to work collaboratively with Kentucky so that it implements the right community-based mental health services and complies with the (Americans with Disabilities Act)," a Justice Department media release said.

A spokesperson for Gov. Andy Beshear's office said state officials were "surprised by today's report."

"There are sweeping and new conclusions that must be reviewed as well as omissions of actions that

have been taken," James Hatchett, a spokesperson for the governor's office, said in a statement to AP Tuesday. "We will be fully reviewing and evaluating each conclusion."

Kentucky has worked to expand Medicaid coverage and telehealth services along with launching a 988 crisis hotline, Hatchett said. The governor also attempted to implement crisis response teams, but that effort was not funded in the 2024 legislative session, Hatchett said.

The report also acknowledged an effort by the city of Louisville to connect some 911 emergency calls to teams that can handle mental health crises instead of sending

police officers. A pilot program was expanded this year to operate 24 hours a day.

"The lack of community-based mental health services is a nationwide problem that leaves far too many individuals without critical, lifesaving care," Kevin Trager, a spokesperson for Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg, said in statement. The mayor hopes to work with state government to improve care in Kentucky "but ultimately, cities like Louisville need our federal partners to help provide comprehensive resources and investments if we are to make the meaningful progress we all want," Trager said.

# Indictments

The following indictments were returned by the Grand Jury of the Carter Circuit Court on August 9, and released last week. An indictment is not a determination of guilt or innocence. It is simply a charge that an offense has been committed and indicates that a case is pending on the charges listed. All defendants have the presumption of innocence until found guilty in a court of law.

Though it is a part of the public record, the Carter County Times does not make a habit of printing the names of minor children or the victims of alleged crimes, except under exceptional circumstances.

- Bruce Barnett, 53, of Grayson, on or about July 23, 2024, committed the offenses of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed heroin, a schedule one narcotic, a Class D Felony; possession of a

controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, a Class D Felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

- Austin Dewese, 25, of Olive Hill, on or about August 22, 2023, committed the offenses of theft by unlawful taking, automobile, valued at more than \$10,000.00 but less than \$100,000.00, by taking a 2018 Kia Optima, with intent to permanently deprive the owner of their property valued over \$10,000.00, a Class C Felony; and burglary in the second degree, by knowingly and unlawfully entering the dwelling of another with intent to commit a crime, a Class C Felony.

- John Fields, 55, of Grayson, on or about July 12, 2024, committed the offense of theft by unlawful taking, automobile, valued at more than \$10,000.00 but less than

\$100,000.00, by taking a 2003 black F-350, with intent to permanently deprive the owner of their property valued at over \$10,000.00, a Class C Felony.

- Craig Fryer, 36, of Grayson, on or about June 27, 2024, committed the offenses of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, second offense, two or more grams of methamphetamine, by knowingly and unlawfully trafficking in a schedule two narcotic while having a prior conviction for trafficking in a controlled substance, a Class B Felony; cultivation of marijuana, more than five plants, by having in his possession five or more plants with intent to transfer or sell, a Class D Felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.
- Billy Jerkes, 58, of West Carrollton, Ohio, on or about June 2, 2024, committed the offense of public intoxication, when he appeared in a public place manifestly under the influence of a controlled substance, or other intoxicating substance,

excluding alcohol, to the degree that he may endanger himself or other persons or property, or unreasonably annoy persons in his vicinity, a Class B Misdemeanor; resisting arrest, by using physical force against a peace officer who was arresting him, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle, by being in possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in the right, front passenger seat area of a motor vehicle while it was located on a public highway, Interstate 64, a Violation; and possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, a Class D Felony.

- Haley Kiser, 24, of Olive Hill, on or about April 27, 2024, committed the offenses of wanton endangerment, first degree, by wantonly engaging in conduct which created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to another, a Class D Felony; and endangering the welfare

of a minor, when she, being the person legally charged with the care or custody of a minor, failed or refused to exercise reasonable diligence in the control of such child, by selling drugs within the residence, creating a substantial risk of physical or emotional injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

- Derrick Laney, 36, of Grayson, on or about July 7, 2024, committed the offenses of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, a Class D Felony; and public intoxication, when he appeared in a public place manifestly under the influence of a controlled substance, or other intoxicating substance, excluding alcohol, to the degree that he may endanger himself or other persons or property, or unreasonably annoy persons in the vicinity, a Class B Misdemeanor.
- Charles LeMaster, 63, of Grayson, on or about July 23, 2024, committed the offenses of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense,

when he possessed heroin a schedule one narcotic, a Class D Felony; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, a Class D Felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

- Tony Staggs, 53, of Olive Hill, on or about July 23, 2024, committed the offense of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, a Class D Felony.
- Chris Thornton, 67, of Grayson, on or about July 23, 2024, committed the offenses of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed heroin, a schedule one narcotic, a Class D Felony; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, a Class D Felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

# Militia group member sentenced to 5 years in prison for Capitol riot plot

By: Michael Kunzelman  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — A militia group member who communicated with other far-right extremists while they stormed the U.S. Capitol was sentenced on Wednesday to five years in prison.

For weeks before the Jan. 6, 2021, riot, Kentucky electrician Dan Edwin Wilson planned with others to attack the Capitol and stop the peaceful transfer of presidential power from Donald Trump to Joe Biden, according to federal prosecutors.

Wilson told U.S.

District Judge Dabney Friedrich that he regrets entering the Capitol that day but "got involved with good intentions."

"Our country was in turmoil," he said. "I believe it still is."

The judge said there is "no question" that Wilson intended to interfere with

the congressional certification of Biden's 2020 electoral victory over Trump.

"He's not being punished for what he said that day. His comments are reflexive of his intent," the judge said.

Prosecutors recommended a five-year prison sentence for Wilson, who

pleaded guilty in May to conspiring to impede or injure police officers. He also pleaded guilty to illegally possessing firearms at his home.

Wilson was arrested in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on May 2023. Law enforcement seized six firearms and approximately

4,800 rounds of ammunition when they searched his home. Wilson had a criminal record that made it illegal for him to possess the firearms.