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EMS medical director accused of inappropriate behavior

Allegations unrelated to work for Carter EMS

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

The doctor serving as medical director for Carter County EMS has been accused by nursing staff and patients of a hospital in Louisa of inappropriate behavior with female patients. In addition, the staff at Three Rivers Medical Center accused the doctor of over prescribing sedative drugs to female patients, and taking a

special interest in patients with a history of "sexually illicit behaviors," among other incidents of questionable conduct.

Dr. Gregory Spears agreed to an order with the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) last month that stops short of suspending his license, but restricts his interaction with patients. The agreement requires a board approved chaperone to be present during any sensitive examination of a patient, or any interactions with patients who are fully or partially disrobed. The chaperones must sign all medical logs related to these interactions, and Spears is also required to keep a list of any

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Dr. Gregory Spears, MD, appears in his profile photo from Doximity. (submitted photo)

Tourism reflects on Hometown Holidays

Will make decisions on Blue Goose in the coming year

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Grayson Tourism Commission began their regular December meeting with a report from tourism director Lana Axtell.

"I feel that Hometown Holidays was a huge success," Axtell told the commission.

Axtell told the commission that the event went very well, even with the minor 'hiccups' that are always present in events of that size. She also told the commission that there will be a meeting to discuss the particulars

of the event sometime after the first of the new year.

"We made around two thousand dollars on the Festival of Trees," she told the commission, adding that the funds will be distributed accordingly.

Axtell also reported on the success of the new skating rink which the Tourism Commission is currently allowing local entities to use for fundraising.

"The group doing the fundraising made \$555 on the first day," Axtell reported.

She reminded the commission that currently they are not charging for use of the skating rink, but that she receives reports from the groups who use it so she can track how well the rink is doing and gauge community support. That support, she said, is very encouraging and due to

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Staying above board

Grayson holds special meeting after questions about transparency

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The City of Grayson held a special, called meeting on December 18, 2024, to clarify the month's previous meetings.

"In the interests of being complete, and ensuring that everything is above bar, we are going to go ahead and read all

the ordinances a second time," Mayor Troy Combs said. "And even though we read them at the last meeting, this reading will constitute the official second reading."

The concern, he said, was that perhaps the notice of the last meeting had not given the public enough time to attend the meeting. The special, called meeting was to give the public both clarification and sufficient advance notice.

The first issue addressed was a second reading of the City of Grayson 2025 lease agreement with Commercial Bank. The ordinance approved the execution and delivery of a lease agreement with the Commercial Bank of

Grayson for a principal amount of \$150,000 to finance a portion of the cost of the acquisition, construction, and installation of a municipal sidewalk. The ordinance also provided for the execution of documents related to the lease and designations regarding said lease.

The second ordinance covered was the City of Grayson leash ordinance, concerning animals within the city limits. The ordinance provided for the control of animals within the city limits, for the protection of the public and the animals, and penalties for violation of the ordinance. The ordinance, which is available in

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(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

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.

- William Greer, 22, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of speeding 26 MPH or more over the speed limit, reckless driving, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 16.
- Eric Davis, 34, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), arrested and booked December 16.

- Staci Porter, 25, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 17.
- Larry Burton, 65, of Fultz, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, and on two counts of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) second offense, arrested and booked December 17.
- Robert Jones, 47, address unavailable, arrested by Elliott County Sheriff, on a parole violation (for a technical violation), arrested and booked December 18.
- Terry McKenzie, 54, of Morehead, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 18.
- Tiffany Esteppe, 34, of More-

- head, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked December 19.
- Marlena Stanford, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 19.
- Robert Barker, 27, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, arrested and booked December 20.
- Shannon Waggoner, 45, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of trafficking in a controlled substance (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives), leaving the scene of an accident - failure to render aid or assistance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and first

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This Week's Obituaries

Avery Winford Binion, 65
Chris Lydell Binion, 65
Helen Francis Bond, 92
Dianna Gail Barker Collins, 73

Lowell Gene Elliott, 82
Austin Edward Esteppe, 28
Dorse Ray Middleton, 75
Jackie Jo Miller Rayburn, 71

William Roy Sparks, 78
Willa Jean Smith Stamper, 90
Clyde Andrew Wilson, 85
Roger Lee Zornes, 79

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LIFESTYLE



Stuffing mix magic: Easy turkey meatballs for dinner or a party hit!

When the week between Christmas and New Year's hits, we're all caught in a strange limbo. All the cookies, sweets and party treats create a lawless wasteland of dietary anarchy. The big holiday feasts are behind us, but the New Year's celebrations are still to come. Whether you're preparing a cozy family dinner or gearing up for a festive gathering, this recipe for turkey meatballs will have you covered.

What makes these meatballs stand out? We're skipping the usual breadcrumbs and spicing things up with a seasonal shortcut -- boxed stuffing mix!

Soaking the mix in milk creates a panade -- similar to the technique in Italian meatballs -- making them irresistibly tender and moist. It's an unexpected twist that gives these meatballs loads of flavor with little extra effort. Plus, using ground turkey makes them a lighter option after all those heavy holiday dishes.

Why stop at just meatballs when you can go all-out with holiday vibes? Pair these tender turkey meatballs with a tangy, cranberry-based dipping sauce that brings the whole dish together. The sweet-tart flavor of cranberry, brightened with a hint of orange, adds a festive flair and makes every bite feel like a celebration.

Serve them as a quick, satisfying dinner over rice or pasta, or pop them on hoagie rolls, or a crusty baguette for a meatball sandwich, or pop them on toothpicks for an irresistible party bite. No matter how you serve them, you'll have a crowd-pleaser that's as easy to make as it is to eat.

HOLIDAY TURKEY MEATBALLS

- Yield: 80 meatballs
Total Time: 35 minutes
- 2 large eggs
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 (6 ounce) box turkey stuff-

- ing mix
- 2 pounds ground turkey, 85/15 fat content
- 1/4 cup onion, finely minced or grated
- 1/4 cup flat leaf parsley, finely minced, packed
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper, or more to taste

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

In a large bowl, combine eggs and milk, then add to stuffing mix. Let this sit for about 5 minutes to allow the stuffing to absorb the milk mixture. Add turkey, onion, parsley, Parmesan, garlic and pepper. Mix gently with your hands until well combined. Use a spoon or scoop to measure heaping tablespoons of the mixture, and roll into balls. Place on prepared baking sheet and bake for 18-20 minutes or until they reach 165 F.

CRANBERRY DIPPING SAUCE

- 1 (12 ounce) bag cranberries, frozen or fresh
- 1 zest and juice medium navel orange
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar



Turkey Meatballs are the perfect bite-size crowd-pleasers for your holiday gatherings. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

- 1 cup water
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon butter

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine cranberries, orange zest and juice, both sugars, water and salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce to low and simmer for 10-15 minutes, until cranberries break down.

Remove from heat and stir in the vinegar and butter. Blend for a smooth texture or mash with a potato masher for a rustic take. Serve with meatballs.

If making sauce from scratch doesn't appeal to you, then simply combine one (15 ounce) can cranberry sauce with a (12

ounce) bottle of chili sauce for a delicious low-effort option.

So, whether you're juggling post-holiday fatigue or planning a New Year's bash, these Holiday Turkey Meatballs will make your life a little easier -- and a lot more delicious. That's a win in my book. Here's to ringing in the New Year with style and a full belly!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at DivasOnADimeDotCom. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com
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Joyful Noise

Happy New Year 2025!

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell for Carter County Times

Some people are more than ready to cross over to a new year! Just like birthdays, you really don't feel any different the next day. The mind can play tricks on you in believing it will be different. We put off until tomorrow things that need to be attended to now. See, tomorrow never comes. We must realize the future is behind us and tomorrow may never come for some. Today is the day, now is the time to do the things you need to do. Procrastination is a bummer! It just prolongs things. We have all been there and done that countless times. Sometimes, we need to give ourselves a good pep talk, encouraging ourselves to get up and get moving. Many will make New Year's Resolutions just to be disappointed again after a few days or weeks or months. We set ourselves up for disappointment so many times.

In whatever we do, as children of God, the Bible

tells us to run this race with patience. Patience is a fruit of the Spirit. Patience is a virtue that so many of us have need of. We live in a world where everyone wants everything like "now"! You pull up at the drive through window for your favorite hamburger meal or chicken meal picturing it being handed to you within two minutes in the little bag, all hot and ready to devour. You are very disappointed when you pull out cold fries!

What do we expect this life to be? Like the drive through where nothing is truly homemade? Rushing through life is enough to wear down the human spirit. No wonder we feel a mess physically, mentally and emotionally let alone spiritually.

If we truly want life to be good, then we must do it God's way. The Bible tells us to do all things in moderation. The Bible tells us if we want perfect peace then we are to keep our minds stayed on Jesus. The Word tells us to cast all our cares upon Jesus for

He cares for us. The Word says, "I am the God that healeth thee." I could list several pages of promises made to us from the Bible.

The book of Proverbs is filled with much wisdom that we need to walk this walk of life. The Bible says if you lack wisdom, ask me and I will give it to you liberally. It even tells us how to eat, manage our finances, raise children, have peace of mind that passes all understanding and even about joy in our soul that is unspeakable and full of glory. The Word tells us how to receive Jesus and walk in His Word as the way, the truth and the life. Wow!! So, patience will surely bear fruit in your life if you do life God's way.

Stop the crazy life that is consuming you today. Pull that Bible out, dust it off, and get into it everyday searching for all the treasures that has been there in plain sight. Start your day with Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in all you do. End your day with Jesus. Sleep in His

care every night. I guarantee you will wake up fresh and ready to be fruitful each morning. Jesus is your strength, and He said I will never leave you nor forsake you. So don't give great attention to the things you can't change, hand them over to Jesus who is our burden bearer.

In Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah prophesied seven hundred years before Jesus was born saying, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son

is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

How can you be a failure daily when you have a true relationship with the Wonderful, Counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace!!

Forget the long list of New Year's Resolutions that only frustrate you year after year. Just plan on having a closer intimate relationship with Jesus filling yourself up daily reading and meditating on the

Word of God along with prayer. You can start living your best life one day at a time. Patience pays off! Mark Hankins said, "Repetition is the watering process for revelation knowledge," (Ephesians 1:17-23). Amen! So be it!

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

No trends are available as most markets are closed for the holidays.

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

Week ending 12/28/24

STATE AVERAGES	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs		337.75	
400-450 lbs		321.58	
450-500 lbs		316.46	
500-550 lbs		302.91	
550-600 lbs		291.99	
600-650 lbs		272.36	
650-700 lbs		262.54	
700-750 lbs		246.65	
750-800 lbs		244.02	
800-850 lbs		237.56	
850-900 lbs		232.23	
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs		297.13	
350-400 lbs		299.26	
400-450 lbs		283.42	
450-500 lbs		274.51	
500-550 lbs	225.00	256.60	
550-600 lbs		253.22	
600-650 lbs		237.92	
650-700 lbs		232.50	
700-750 lbs		220.44	
750-800 lbs		218.67	

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	110.00-129.00	121.50-137.00	100.00-100.50
Boners	111.00-129.00	120.00-149.00	105.00-111.00
Lean	105.00-119.00	120.00-143.00	90.00-109.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	138.50-153.00	147.00-176.00	

Dec 12, 2024		Bowling Green, KY	
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 301			
Kids: Selection 1	53 lbs 315.00; 74 lbs 290.00.	Selection 1-2	93 lbs 255.00.
Selection 2	48 lbs 257.50; 54 lbs 280.00; 68 lbs 255.00; 125 lbs 235.00.		
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 1,225			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2	55-58 lbs 310.00-315.00; 67-69 lbs 245.00-275.00; 72-76 lbs 230.00-250.00; 87 lbs 192.50; 91-96 lbs 202.50-207.50; 109 lbs 195.00; 118 lbs 150.00.	Choice 2	50-58 lbs 300.00-315.00; 67 lbs 287.50; 75-77 lbs 227.50-242.50; 90 lbs 190.00.

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.33-4.76	4.22-4.68	4.06-4.75
Soybeans	9.10-10.23	8.92-10.18	12.19-13.48
Red Winter Wheat	4.76-5.30	4.68-5.34	5.53-6.44

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Extension Notes

Bring your garden inside

If the thought of facing a long winter without straight-from-the-garden freshness makes you sad, weep no more. It's easy as tomato pie to grow your own produce indoors.

There are a number of indoor gardening systems on the market today. They range in price and require anything from 2 square feet in space all the way to a multi-tiered 5-foot wide rack of shelving and grow lights. But if you don't have the money or space to invest in one of these systems, don't worry. There's plenty you can do without them.

The biggest challenge people usually face when growing plants indoors is light. Some plants, like tomatoes, which can be grown in a pot indoors, require close to 10 hours of

light a day. You might not be able to get that much light relying on windows alone. However, if you have a table or deep windowsill, you can position a grow light over your plants. Grow lights are bright, wide-spectrum

lights that approximate sunlight. They come in all price ranges and styles, from desktop to hanging versions. You can also use a full-spectrum fluorescent light if you have a fixture nearby. There are also LED plant lights that are a bit more expensive but use less electricity than fluorescent lights. Incandescent bulbs do not emit the right spectrum of light for plant growth.

Containers should have proper drainage. Greens and some herbs only need

a few inches of depth, while tomatoes will require a 12-inch deep pot. Use potting soil, which has better drainage, rather than garden soil.

Here are some easy plants to consider growing indoors this winter:
• Scallions and garlic greens - For scallions, also known as green onions, you can cut off the tip with the roots and place it in a glass with about an inch of water. When the roots are 2 or 3 inches long, plant them in potting soil in a shallow container. You can either harvest the green tops and let the plant continue to grow or use the entire green onion. For garlic greens, plant a garlic clove in a few inches of potting soil mix. You won't be able to grow bulbs, but the green portion tastes garlicky

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Rebecca Konopka
Carter County
Extension Agent

Arrests from A-1

degree criminal mischief, arrested and booked December 20.

- Isaias Delgado, 28, of Hamilton, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a parole violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked December 20.
- Angela Stapleton, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance, alcohol intoxication in a public place, and failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked December 20.
- Windy Reaper, 49, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, for drug court, arrested and booked December 20.
- Shawn King, 41, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked December 21.

- Felicia Havens, 37, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 21.
- Bruce Sexton, 51, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 22.
- Nathan Hicks, 34, of Morehead, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 23.
- Jacklin Horne, 39, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of second degree assault – domestic violence, arrested and booked December 23.
- Timothy Hammons, 40, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of speeding 10 MPH over limit, excessive window tinting, and operating

a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked December 25.

- Curtis Winkleman, 39, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of receiving stolen property valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, arrested and booked December 25.
- Michael Smith, 40, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of menacing, arrested and booked December 26.
- Windy Reaper, 49, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, for drug court, arrested and booked December 27.
- Jon Fleming, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked December 28.
- Damon Barido, 22, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of second

degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), disregarding a stop sign, operating on a suspended or revoked operator’s license, reckless driving, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and five counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked December 28.

- Patricia Staten, 56, of Louisa, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 29.

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.

Grayson from A-1

full upon request from the City of Grayson, contained language that stated no dog shall be allowed to become a nuisance. It further states that a person will be guilty of cruelty to animals in the second degree if they intentionally or wantonly subject an animal to cruel mistreatment due to abandonment.

The ordinance is in full compliance with Kentucky Revised Statutes and does not apply to hunting, fishing, or trapping. It also provides regulations

for vaccinations such as rabies, the required identification of dogs and cats, fines for violations, etc. Identification of animals is not a requirement to purchase a license for those animals.

Another resolution covered by the city in the special meeting was the city street resolution. The resolution officially recognized that the roads listed (a full list is available upon request) fall under the city’s maintenance and are an official part of the city

road system.

The city also held the second reading for the resolution concerning compensation for elected officials. The resolution stated that the city council had reviewed Ordinance 05214 and determined that ordinance to be invalid. The council found that it was obligated by KRS 83A.0701 to set compensation for the elected officials of The City of Grayson by a valid city ordinance. The new and valid ordinance sets that compensation

for the mayor at \$32,000 per year payable in equal monthly installments and the compensation for council members under the new ordinance will be \$6,000 per year payable in equal monthly installments.

All ordinances were voted on and accepted by the council. These ordinances, as well as past ordinances, are a matter of public record and can be obtained upon request.

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Tourism from A-1

community support she has extended the days that it is open for use. Any group interested in making use of the ice-skating rink should contact Axtell directly for scheduling.

The Commission also discussed the Blue Goose Project at length, with Commissioner Deana Miller providing the commission with up-to-date results from her research. The Commission had discussed the need to hold going forward with

the project in November’s meeting until a reevaluation of the potential costs and construction and/or renovation goals could be reassessed. Miller said that she would prepare a strategy for the next meeting for the commission to consider and determine how best to proceed.

“We need to have a meeting with stakeholders,” Miller said. “And we need to decide if we are going to renovate or demolish.”

In other business, the commission entertained a motion to turn over their financials to a financial entity for management after suitable research into options was performed. Officer elections were also held during the December meeting. Daniel White was elected as Commission Chair, Mindy Click was elected as Secretary, Robin Wentz was elected as Vice Chair, and Deana Miller was elected as Treasurer.

The City of Grayson

Tourism Commission is dedicated to promoting tourism for the city and to attracting visitors from around the state and the region. Meetings are open to the public and are regularly posted. Anyone interested in attending the meetings can contact the Grayson City Building during regular business hours.

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Burger Barn to be featured on America’s Best Restaurants

OLIVE HILL – Local restaurant The Burger Barn will be hosting a visit from America’s Best Restaurants (ABR) in mid-January 2025.

America’s Best Restaurants, a national media and marketing company focusing on bringing atten-

tion to local, independently-owned restaurants, will bring its ABR Roadshow to the restaurant on January 14th. Popular dishes will be highlighted, along with an extensive on-camera interview with owners Shawn Spears and Tonya Judd about the restaur-

ant’s special place in the community. The episode will be aired extensively on social media channels at a later date.

The Burger Barn opened in fall 2024, as Judd wanted something in the community that was family-friendly and had

great food and service.

“Everyone who has the chance to visit our restaurant should, because when you come in we do our very best to make you feel as if you are a part of our family,” manager Kayla Hanson notes. “[We] will

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Garden from A-2

and serves as a good substitute, either raw or sauteed.

- Carrots - Small carrots are easy to grow in potting soil. Sprinkle the seeds on top of the soil in a pot or long window box, lightly cover with damp peat moss and water well. And don’t throw away those carrot tops. They’re edible and nutritious and can be used in soups and sauces and even smoothies.
- Salad greens - Spread the seeds across the top of a 2-inch to 4-inch deep con-

tainer filled with potting soil. Lightly press them into the soil and mist to keep the seeds moist. Wait until the leaves are at least 4 inches long and then harvest the leaves starting from the outside of the plant. These plants will keep producing all season long, if you harvest them leaf by leaf.

- Herbs - Basil, chives and parsley are extremely easy to grow indoors. Parsley demands more humidity, so misting the plants will help them flourish. Use an organic

fertilizer to help your herbs reach their full potential.

For more information about indoor gardening, 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:

- Little Sandy Beekeepers - Tuesday, January 7th @ 6:30 PM – Topic: Catching Swarms
- Ag Advancement Council – Monday, January 13th @ 6:00 PM
- Extension Council & District Board Meetings - Tuesday, January 14th @ 10:00 AM

CALENDAR

- **1/2: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **1/3: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **1/6: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **1/6: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **1/6: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **1/7: Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Board meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **1/7: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: Catching Swarms
- **1/7: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **1/8: AT&T Hybrid Customer Service and Sales Call Center Hiring Event @ 10 a.m.** | 826 East Park Dr, Grayson
- **1/8: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **1/13: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **1/13: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **1/13: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **1/13: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **1/13: Ag Advancement Council @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office

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Pet of the Week

Callie is a one-year-old female mixed breed. She weighs 37 pounds, is very friendly, and walks on a leash. Callie has already been spayed, and is up to date on her shots. 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.

Yes, it can happen to you

Don't risk it.

DUIs are expensive and may cost you your license or your life. Never drink and drive. Always buckle up.

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

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OBITUARY

Austin Edward Estep

1996 – 2024



Austin Edward Estep, age 28, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Friday, December 20, 2024, as a result of injuries sustained in automobile accident.

He was born Tuesday, November 26, 1996, in Fayette County, Kentucky, a son of April Newland Bryan of Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Austin enjoyed cooking, playing video games, playing with his niece and nephews and spending time with his family and his cats, Sable and Queen Mab.

Austin was preceded in death with a very special friend, Hunter Wallace.

In addition to his moth-

er, he is survived by one brother, Eric (Erica) Estep of Middletown, Ohio; one sister, Anna (Steven) Middleton of Olive Hill, Kentucky; maternal grandparents, Jack and Christine Leadingham of Grayson, Kentucky; five nephews, Alec Estep, Paxton Middleton, Liam Estep, Nixon Middleton, Waylon Middleton; one niece, Kinley Middleton, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

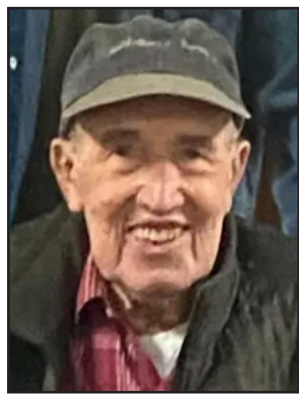
Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Highway 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky with Brother David Rayburn officiating. Burial followed in Newland Family Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 24, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Austin Edward Estep.

Dorse Ray "Dorsey" Middleton

1949 – 2024



Dorse Ray "Dorsey" Middleton, age 75, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Friday morning, December 20, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Thursday, July 14, 1949, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Arnold Ray and Gaythel Reynolds Middleton and stepfather Erskine Walker.

Dorsey was of the Church of God faith and a farmer, as well as a retired painter. He enjoyed watching his cattle and pigs, going to the market and spending time with his family, especially his granddaughter, Alix, whom they had raised as their own.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 44 years, Mary Louise Holbrook Middleton; one son, Scottie Ray Middleton; one daughter-in-law, Alecia Middleton and one sister, Janie Hanshaw.

Dorsey is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Revitta and Donald Beller of Grayson, Kentucky; one son and two daughters-in-law, Jonah and Eunice May Middleton of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Cammy Middleton of Sandy Hook, Kentucky; 7 grandchildren, Kasha (T.J.) Hinkle, Tiffani

(Daniel) Fraley, Donald "Bub" (Leah) Beller, Devon Middleton, Joshua (Mackenzie) Middleton, Paloma Gollihue and Alixandrea Middleton; 6 great-grandchildren, Zoey Fraley, Conner Beller, Integra Hinkle, Kinzie Fraley, Jurnee Beller and Leon Fraley; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dallas and Lisa Middleton, Carlos and Vera Middleton all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Geraldine and Larry Knipp of Winchester, Kentucky, Della and Jeff Layne of Worthington, Kentucky. He leaves many other family members and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 3 p.m., Monday, December 23, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Highway 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Bobby Day and Brother Jason Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Middleton Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Sunday, December 22, 2024, and after 9 a.m., Monday, December 23, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Donald Ray "Bub" Beller, Devon Middleton, Joshua Middleton, Daniel Fraley, T.J. Hinkle, Ben Markwell, Andy Savage and J.T. Stevens served as pallbearers.

Dallas Middleton, Carlos Middleton, Larry Knipp, Jeff Layne, Gary Hanshaw, Chris Barker and Aaron Howard served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Dorse Ray "Dorsey" Middleton.

Lowell Gene Elliott

1942 – 2024



Lowell Gene Elliott 82 or ask him and he is 39 and holding, of Grayson, KY, gained his angel wings on December 20, 2024, with his loving family surrounding his bedside. He was born October 5, 1942, the son of the late Ovellon Curtis Elliott and Sylvia Charlene Sparks.

Other than his parents, Lowell was greeted at Heavens Gate with open arms by a son, Keith Allen Elliott, granddaughter Snowy Brooke Hall, son in law Johnny Lee Hall, father and mother in law, Otto and Belle Steele. Others that proceeded him in death, a brother Arlin Lee Elliott, sisters Linda Johnston, Fay Elliott, brothers and sisters in law John & Alice Steele, Alberta & Milford Cotton, Patricia Elliott.

Lowell's survivors include his wife of 62 years, the love of his life, Cloma Jewell Steele Elliott, 3 children, Cloma Jean Hall, Loretta (Ernie) Hall, Lowell (Angel) Elliott all of Grayson, KY. A brother Glen Elliott of Mansfield, Ohio; 8 grandchildren, Johnny (Franciscia) Hall, Kristy (Jeremy) Thompson, Michael (Torie) Hall, Rebecca Hall, Tabitha Stewart all of Grayson, KY, Kyle (Jamie) McCown of Lexington, KY, Trey (Trevia) Elliott, Quincy Elliott all of Grayson, KY. 16 great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren and twin boys on the way. Brother and Sister in laws George (Ada) Steele, Clarence Steele, Sue (Bob) Doeger. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that will mourn his passing.

Lowell could do anything that he set his mind too a jack of all trades you might say. He worked for

Evans Funeral Home in Russell, Ky. Henderson Funeral Home in Olive Hill, Ky. He done Carpentry work, mechanic work, drove a dump truck, drove a school bus for Carter Co. School systems, and also farmer. In the warm summer months you would find him out working in his huge garden, or washing and waxing his car and truck. He drove a church bus hauling children to and from church. He loved going to church, even at the sickest moments in his life he would say it is Sunday. He loved working with the children, and doing things with them. He was a member of the Iron Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

Lowell spending with his family, joking around and picking on them, especially the ones that would pick back with him. It tickled him to death to get something over on his grandchildren. He would tell them to feel my head and see how bad it hurts, and he told them for many years that he was 29 until they could do the math and then called him on it and he had to move his age up to 39. If you set down beside of him he would smack their leg and say Wide Open and cover his up and say Closed so they couldn't smack his leg back. He loved playing with hair and running his fingers through it, this is just a few memories that we all have of him and will never forget. There is so many more that we could write a book of them. He was a people person and he loved making things and giving them to people that he alone the way.

While every one was at his bedside he told them all that he loved them and he said I'm going home. What a beautiful time of rejoicing we shall have (When we all get to Heaven) He loved everyone and everyone that ever meet his loved him.

Lowell Elliott, Trey Elliott, Eddie Barker officiating. Visitation Sunday December 22, 2024, 5:00-9:00 p.m. and from 9:00 until time for services at 2 on December 23, 2024.

Obituary by Cloma Hall

Clyde Andrew Wilson

1939 – 2024



Clyde Andrew Wilson, age 85, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Monday, December 16, 2024, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Tuesday, September 26, 1939, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Clyde and Marie Stevens Wilson.

Clyde was the former owner of Olive Hill Gulf Station. He loved taking care of his yard, building and laying rock, and spending time with his family, especially his grandson, and his faithful dog, Patches.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack Wilson, Gary Wilson and two sisters, Jean Wilson and Catherine Wilburn.

Clyde is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Janet Mullins Wilson; two daughters, Tammy (Ron) Evans, Lisa "Beach" Wilson all of Lexington, Kentucky; one grandson, Tyler Wesley Evans; one brother, Roger Wilson of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 4 p.m., Saturday, December 21, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel 17277 West US Highway 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky with Brother J.C. Bond and Brother Marcus McCleese officiating. Burial followed in the Garvin Ridge Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 2:30 p.m., Saturday, December 21, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Tyler Evans, Ron Evans, Mike Wilson, Tony Wilson, Allen Wilson, Kevin Thompson and Kaden Wilson served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Clyde Andrew Wilson.

Willa Jean "Jeannie" Smith Stamper

1934 – 2024



flowers, feeding the birds and spending time with her family.

She is survived by two sons, Terry Lynn Stamper of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Allen (Janet) Stamper of Ashland, Kentucky; two brothers, Dale Smith, James Earl Smith both of East Lynn, West Virginia; four grandchildren, Carla Stamper, Kaula Stamper, Derek Stamper, Bradley Stamper; nine great-grandchildren, Sebastian Dean, Kiersten Dean, Rhylee Wagner, Jaxon Wagner, Lealand Jase Sholars, Paisley Stamper, Harlyn Stamper, Mable Stamper and Jada McGuire, along with many other family and friends who will miss her dearly.

Funeral services were at 12 noon, Monday, December 23, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Dave Poplin officiating. Burial followed in the Jr. O.U.A.M. Cemetery, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 23, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Willa Jean "Jeannie" Smith Stamper.

Willa Jean "Jeannie" Smith Stamper, age 90, of Ashland, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at UK Kings Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, Kentucky.

She was born November 23, 1934, in East Lynn, West Virginia, a daughter of the late Homer and Dora Merritt Smith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Donald Lee Smith, Bobby Dean Smith and Homer Smith Jr.; four sisters, Fredia Faye Curry, Julie Smith, Shirley Lester, Judy Taylor.

Jeannie was a Christian and loved listening to Dailey Bread Devotional. She worked in sales at McMeans Pharmacy and Stecklers clothing.

Later in life, she was a stay at home mother and enjoyed her animals, being outdoors, working in her

William Roy Sparks

1946 – 2024



William Roy Sparks, age 78, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, December 14, 2024, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born January 15, 1946, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late John and Susie Seagraves Sparks.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Gary "Mitch Sturgill; two sisters, Virginia Ruth Isaacs and Sharon Kay Gollihue.

William is survived by his loving wife of 4 years, Kay McClave Sparks; one son, Buddy Sparks of Grayson, Kentucky; three daughters, Vicki Sturgill, Vanessa (Allen) Haywood, Gina Damron (Frankie Rice) all of Grayson, Ken-

tucky; 11 grandchildren, Dustin Reid, Jonathan Justice, Kassie Landis, Cody Bush, Nicholas Sparks, Megan Sparks, Chase Rowe, Cameron Rowe, Angelique Sparks, Lydia Combs, Delilah Combs; 11 great-grandchildren, Alexis Branham, Kaydence Branham, Jamison, Greyson and Claire Landis, Kaden and Katelyn Bush, Kyleigh Evans, Ryan and Carmen Justice and Baby Bush; three brothers, John Lessis Jr. of Grayson, Kentucky, Jack Sparks, Glen Sparks both of Ashland, Kentucky; four sisters, Anna Riddell of Grayson, Kentucky, Gwen Dickerson of Versailles, Kentucky, Wilma Rice of Grayson, Kentucky, Geneva LaValley of Grayson, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

At the request of the family, a service will be held at a later date with burial to follow in the Big Sinking Family Farm Cemetery in Carter County, Kentucky.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services are honored to serve the family of William Roy Sparks.

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OBITUARY

Jackie Jo Miller Rayburn

1953 – 2024



Jackie Jo Miller Rayburn, age 71, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, December 22, 2024, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Friday, May 1, 1953, in Aiken, South Carolina, to Jackie B. Miller of Olive Hill, Kentucky, and the late Marcella Ison Miller.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by one brother, David Shan Henderson.

Jackie Jo was a member of Globe Christian Church, Eastern Star, Red Hat Society and Cattleman's Association. She enjoyed shopping, traveling, going to check the cattle with Billy Joe, spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her father, she is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, William "Billy Jo" Rayburn; one son, William "Billy Jack" Rayburn and his wife, Megan La'Rae of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Hollie Marcella Rayburn Nelson and her husband, Joseph Morgan Nelson of Louisville,

Kentucky; 6 grandchildren, William Ashton Rayburn, Noah Jack Rayburn, Eian Dale Porter, Dalton Michael Rayburn, Makinze Jo Rayburn and Kaylee Brooke Rayburn; one brother, George Keith Miller of Olive Hill, Kentucky; two sisters, Elizabeth Bea (Carl) Waits of Nicholasville, Kentucky, Marca Mae (Phillip) Budzenski of Carmel, Indiana, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Saturday, December 28, 2024, at Globe Christian Church, 79 Church Drive, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Aaron Rayburn and Brother David Rayburn officiating. Burial followed in the Rayburn Family Cemetery.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, December 27, 2024, and after 9 a.m., Saturday, December 28, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Christian Church, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Kelly Perry, Eian Porter, Raymond Rayburn, Phillip Budzenski, Noah Rayburn, Ashton Rayburn and Dalton Rayburn served as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Claire Hospice, 201 Lyons Avenue, Morehead, Kentucky 40351.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Jackie Jo Miller Rayburn.

Helen Francis Bond

1932 – 2024



Helen Francis Bond, age 92, passed away Monday, December 23, 2024 at Galion Avita Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Born on November 13, 1932, in Fullerton, Kentucky to Ollie and Ottie (Underwood) Perry, she had been a Shelby resident since 1955. A 1950 graduate of Olive Hill High School, Helen went on to marry Kenneth Bond, on December 31, 1950. As a full-time homemaker Helen was dedicated to maintaining a beautiful home and creating a nourishing and loving environment for her children and grandchildren. Later in life, Helen's nurturing and caring nature was perfectly suited for becoming a grandmother, which she absolutely cherished. She loved spending time with her family, making lasting memories together. She also enjoyed attending auctions and collecting various items.

She is survived by her children Vickie Wollerton of Attica, Sandy

(Bob) Ramsey of Shelby, K. Doug (Cindy) Bond of Crestline; 10 grandchildren Robin (Paul) Willman, Becky Jenney, Sarah (Mads) Vanggaard, Tracy Bond, Natalie (Michael Kahn) Bond, Angela (Jonas) Bond, John Bond, Scott Ramsey, Hali (Kevin) Baker, Stephanie (Brandon) Criddell; 11 great grandchildren Molly Ramsey, Austin Hawksworth, Camron Criddell, Lexy (Jacob) Goshe, Mason and Shane Willman, Ella and Lucca Vanggaard, Theodore and Camille Khan-Bond, River Bond; sister-in-law Sonja Perry and numerous other relatives.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years; two children, Dickie Allen Bond and Terry Bond, two brothers David and Pat Perry, and a son-in-law George Wollerton.

Friends visited the family at the Barkdull Funeral Home & Crematory in Shelby Saturday, December 28, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Funeral services immediately followed at 1:00 PM with interment held at Oakland Cemetery.

In place of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society of Richland County at 3025 Park Ave W, Mansfield, OH 44906.

Online condolences can be made at www.barkdullfuneralhome.com.

Chris Lydell Binion

1959 – 2024



Chris Lydell Binion, age 65, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, December 21, 2024, at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, Kentucky, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Tuesday, May 12, 1959, in Boyd County, Kentucky, a son of late Robert and Rena Cox Porter. He was blessed to have been raised by his maternal grandparents, Truman and Alberta Kiser, who considered him as their own.

Chris was a member of Henderson Branch Church and was always organizing Gospel Music events. He enjoyed watching UK Basketball, going out to eat

and spending time with his family and friends.

Chris is survived by his loving wife, Karen Mosier Binion; two daughters, Tia Brooke Collins (Kevin Queen), Amanda Garris all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; 2 grandchildren, Kaylee Collins, Aubree Garris; one brother, R.D. (Donella) Porter of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one sister, Theresa Hanshaw of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Thursday, December 26, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Mick Nolen, Brother R.D. Porter and Brother Jason Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Olive Hill Memorial Park.

Friends visited after 11 a.m., Thursday, December 26, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Chris Lydell Binion.

Roger Lee Zornes

1945 – 2024



dren; two great grandchildren; along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Roger loved to attend church and spend time with his multiple church families praising the Lord. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hanging out with his beloved dogs, going to historical sites and museums and tending to his Martin birds, but his favorite thing was spending time at the farm mowing and gardening on his tractor. He was an honorary member of the Holy Rollers Ministry where he loved to go out in the community and do the Lord's work.

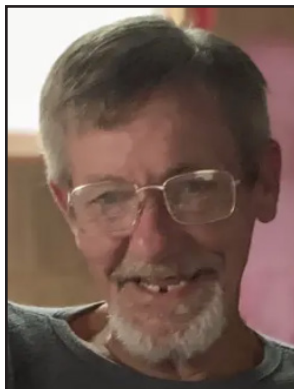
Funeral services were held 2 p.m., Sunday, December 29, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Terry Cooper, Brother Kyle Burchett officiating. Burial followed at Roger's Farm Cemetery.

Friends visited after 12 noon, Sunday, December 29, 2024 until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Roger Lee Zornes.

Avery Winford Binion

1959 – 2024



Avery Winford Binion, age 65, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, December 21, 2024.

He was born August 21, 1959 a son of the late Russell Binion and Beatrice Littleton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Avery Binion; two granddaughters, Nevaeh Binion and Clarissa Binion.

He is survived by four sons, Carl Hamm

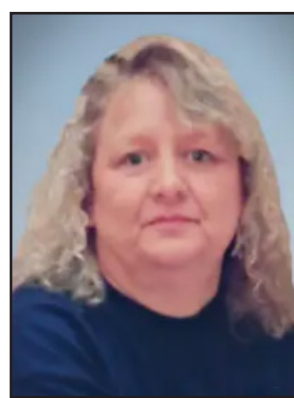
of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Eddie Hamm of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Jack Binion of Paducah, Kentucky and Billy Binion of Olive Hill, Kentucky; three daughters, Destiny Wright of Flatwoods, Kentucky, Haley Binion of Flatwoods, Kentucky and Skyler Binion of Cattlettsburg, Kentucky; twenty grandchildren; several great grandchildren; seven brothers, Wayne Binion, Brian Martin, Russell Binion, Marty Binion, Dany Ray Binion, Allen Binion and Timmy Binion; three sisters, Sandra Holt, Rita Binion and Vada Lynn Parsons.

There was a celebration of life at Avery's home at 3 p.m. Monday, December 30, 2024. Family and friends were welcome to attend.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Avery Winford Binion.

Dianna Gail Barker Collins

1951 – 2024



Dianna Gail Barker Collins, age 73, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Friday, December 27, 2024, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Sunday, October 7, 1951, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Jerry and Faye Bledsoe Barker.

Dianna enjoyed taking rides, watching her cats, antique shopping and spending time with her family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Grace Bryant.

She is survived by her loving husband of 19 years, Harran "JC" Collins; one son, Raymond (Carmen) Bryant of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Heather (Joe) Hedge of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one stepson, Timothy (Kadetta) Collins of Bowling Green,

Kentucky; 4 grandchildren, Chelsea (Patrick) Haddix, Hallie (Willie) Conn, Hannah (Shelton) Kouns, Jacob Bryant; 5 great-grandchildren, Emma, Remi, Myles, Addi and Alona; two brothers, Jim Barker of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Jerry (Kim) Barker Jr. of Olive Hill, Kentucky; three sisters, Della Withrow, Sandy (Nick) Wilson, Joan Barker, all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Todd Antrobus officiating. Burial followed in the Family Cemetery.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Monday, December 30, 2024 and after 9 a.m., Tuesday, December 31, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Nick Wilson, Jacob Bryant, Shelton Kouns, Willie Conn, J.C. Zornes and Patrick Haddix served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Dianna Gail Barker Collins.

Burger from A-3

go out of our way to do whatever we can to accommodate you with whatever you might need."

The rustic, barn-like interior features wood paneling, extensive greenery, and wall decor of vinyl albums, pictures and posters. A garage door leads to a covered patio. The menu showcases an all-American array of not just burgers and sandwiches, but upscale choices of pasta, steaks, chicken and seafood dishes.

Popular menu items that may be featured on the episode include the USA burger, topped with lettuce, red onion, tomato and cheese; the farm-raised catfish dinner, five hand-battered pieces served with hush puppies, coleslaw, and seasoned fries; and the house sirloin, served with garlic-herb butter. The hibachi chicken dinner, with choice of rice or noodles, is also a nice alternative to traditional American food, Hanson says.

Giving back to the area is high on their priority list, and during the holidays The Burger Barn offers a free Thanksgiving and Christmas meal to anyone who would like it, drawing hundreds of patrons.

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ary 14th from 9 am to noon EST. The press is invited to attend. The restaurant's finished episode premiere date will be announced on their Facebook page and will be featured on America's Best Restaurants' website.

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AS WE SEE IT

Remembering Jimmy Carter

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Jimmy Carter's presidential legacy is a complicated one. Decried by some as ineffective and overly idealistic, it's at least safe to say he took office at a complicated time in American history – and foreign policy in particular.

I'm not here to talk about Jimmy Carter as a president, though. I was in Kindergarten when he lost the race to Ronald Reagan, so my firsthand memories of his presidency are limited. There are other historians better equipped to deal with his presidential legacy than I could ever be.

What I would like to talk about, briefly, is Jimmy Carter as a person.

For as long as I can remember there was a signed, framed photograph of the man hanging in the hallway of my grandparents' home. Carter, my grandmother would proudly tell you, was the last person from either major party she voted for in a presidential election.

She still voted in local and state elections. She still voted, as far as I know, for Senators and Congressional seats. But she refused to make a choice between the "lesser of two evils" that the rest of us feel compelled to make every four years. If she couldn't have another president with the integrity of Jimmy Carter, she said, she wasn't going to vote for any of them.

She felt so strongly about Carter and his character that, after the 1980 election, she wrote him a letter reflecting her disappointment that he wouldn't be able to continue in the role. That, I was told as a child, is where the signed photo came from. Carter responded to her letter not with the standard boilerplate form letter. Many folks receive those types of letters, along with signed photos, after writing to public figures.

What my nan received was a personal, hand-written response, thanking her for her kind words and her support.

At a time when the President of the United States was dealing with an electoral loss, and the reality of his new lame duck status, no one would have blamed him for sending out the standard generic form letter. Not even, I'm sure, my grandmother. But that isn't what President Carter did. He took the time to read, and respond, in a way that made a distinct impression on her and – by proxy – her grandchildren. (Or, at least, on this grandchild.)

His dedication to public service after he left office, including his volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity, is well known. He also served as an ambassador for Shriners Children's Hospitals, and continued his advocacy for energy efficiency and environmental protection.

All of that volunteer work, on its own, would make him worthy of remembrance and recognition. But for me it will always be that letter, that time he took out of his day – when he was himself undoubtedly disappointed with the end of his time in the Oval Office – to console and encourage a supporter that I think of first when I think of Jimmy Carter.

It wasn't something he did for the cameras. It wasn't something he did for publicity. It wasn't something he did for any other reason than it was the decent, human thing to do.

That, I think, sums up Jimmy Carter the person better than anything else. He exemplified the kind of plain human decency that is sorely lacking not just in politics, but American society in general.

With his passing, while we may argue over whether we lost a good president, there is no doubt that we lost a good man. I can't think of a better legacy myself.

Letter to the Editor: Thanks from Christmas at the Depot

I would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" to all who participated in "Christmas at the Depot"

To our sponsors, those who set up to hand out free items, those who donated toys or money, those who decorated, & those who volunteered in any way.....THANK YOU, for making Christmas at the Depot a huge success!

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Thank you all for coming!
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Lisa Conley



"SO HE'S ALSO A SORE WINNER?"

Remembering two of my heroes who lived to be 100 years old

Flying home from Utah last weekend after participating in the funeral of Ray Hobbs, my father-in-law of more than 50 years, became an even sadder journey when I saw a CNN news alert.

It was the first announcement of the death of former President Jimmy Carter at his home in Plains, Ga., earlier that day.

I was struck by the coincidence that both of these 100-year-old men had been heroes of mine and that each possessed certain characteristics that had endeared them to others.

Both were men of strong Christian faith who shared a love of family, of country, of military service and of helping others. And both were proud Democrats, another positive in my eyes.

Yet they came from vastly different backgrounds. President Carter became wealthy as a peanut grower in Georgia, attended the U. S. Naval Academy, and later served as governor of the Peach State before entering the White House.

Ray Hobbs, better known to his nearly 150 living descendants as Grandpa Hobbs, came from a blue collar background and had a high school diploma. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and earned an officer's commission as a B-17 bomber pilot.

Following World War II, he returned to Utah to help raise his six children by working in the newspa-

per industry and owning his own auto salvage business. Like Carter, his wife died before him.

Both men faced but overcame misunderstandings in their personal lives. Jimmy Carter was perceived negatively by many America's voters because of inflation, high gas prices and the Iran hostage incident. As a result, he lost his bid for a second term. Yet, he and his wife devoted the rest of their lives to public service, winning him the Nobel Peace Prize and other accolades.

Ray and his crew arrived in England just before the war in Europe ended. They did not fly any combat missions. Not sure their hard work and training had made a difference, they later learned that their dangerous flights to drop food in "Operation Chowhound" had saved tens of thousands of civilian lives in Nazi-occupied Holland.

Ray became a folk hero to many in his later years as an honored veteran of the 95th Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force. Earlier this year, he was resident host of the group's annual reunion, held alternately in the U.S. and England.

May they both rest in peace.



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Kudos to the City of Grayson

Last month our editorial board admonished the City of Grayson for failing to give our newsroom, the staff of local radio station WGOH/WUGO, or the public adequate notice of their rescheduled council meeting. While we didn't think the action was an intentional attempt to obfuscate or deceive the press or the public, it was important to us that we recognize the situation and call the city to task for the oversight.

To their credit, the city government didn't react in a defensive manner, or with excuses. Rather, Mayor Troy Combs and his staff responded with an appropriate level of contrition and a dedication to future transparency. To make sure the actions taken in that previous meeting were above board they rescheduled another special meeting, where they voted a second time on the items covered in the meeting that local media had been unable to attend.

Importantly, this included the second reading of a leash law and measures to hold pet owners accountable for abandoning or otherwise failing to take responsibility for their pets. This is something that the city has needed for quite some time. While the long running debate over the responsibility for animal control, and what role the county's animal control officer should play in picking up stray and nuisance animals

within city limits, is sure to continue, the city has drawn a firm line in the sand with this new ordinance.

It's the kind of leadership the city deserves, and exemplifies a distinction that Mayor Combs has made since the beginning of his tenure between the ideals the city should adhere to – never letting the county forget that they have a duty to county taxpayers no matter where they live – and the reality of problems within city limits that the county has refused to address.

Combs has exhibited a willingness to compromise with the county if necessary, in order to address these animal control issues, and when the council and fiscal court were unwilling or unable to compromise to take the bull by the horns and do what was necessary to keep people and pets safe.

This started with establishing temporary animal shelter facilities to hold abandoned or nuisance animals until they could be transported to the county

See KUDOS on A-8



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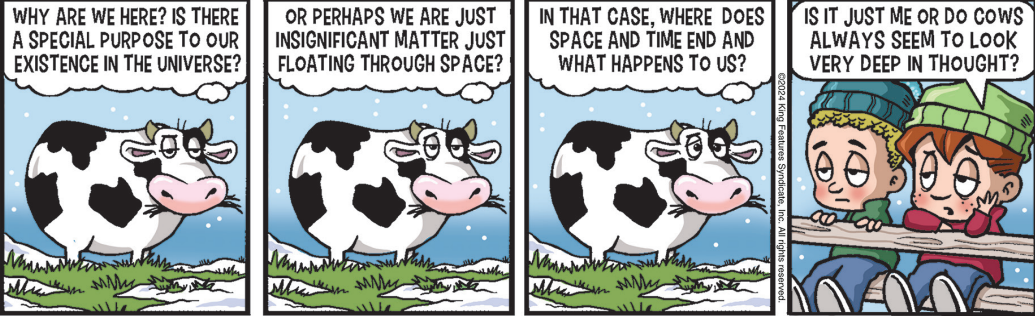
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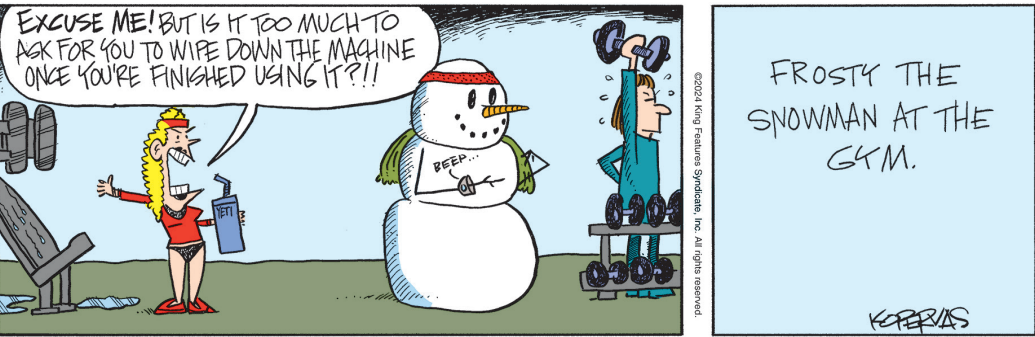
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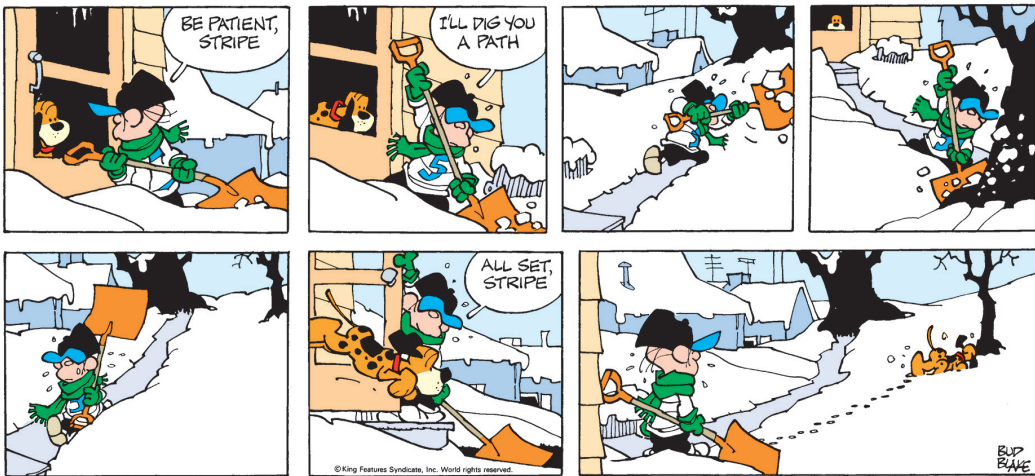
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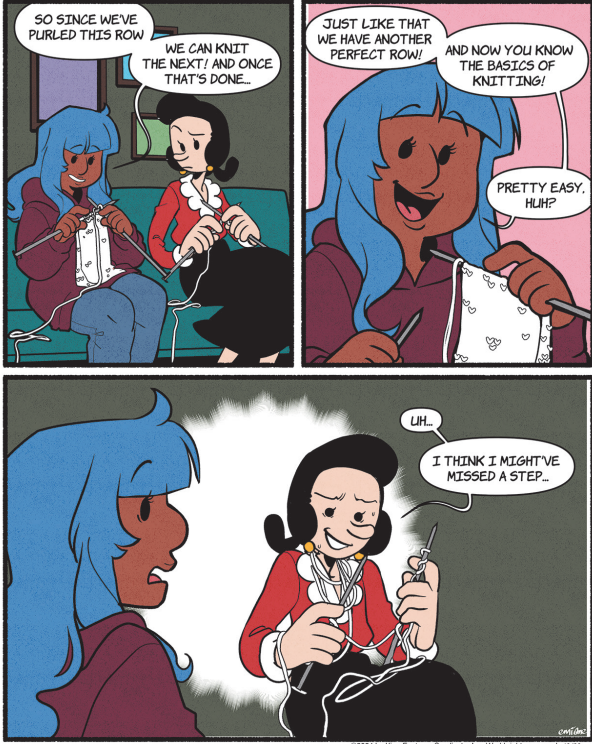
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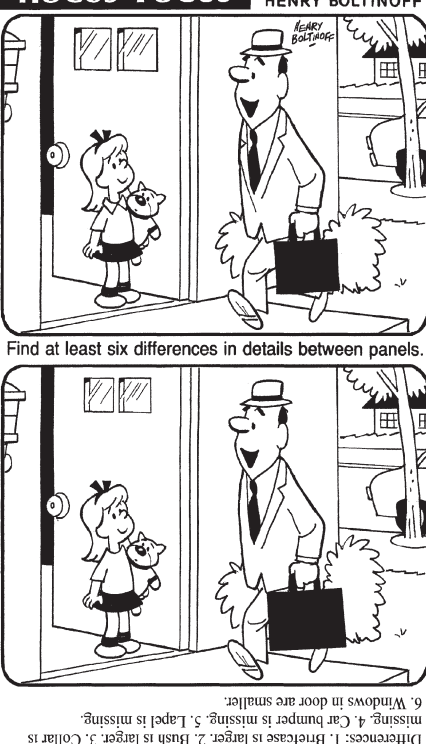
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HOCUS-FOCUS



Just Like Cats & Dogs



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: B equals L

MR M UZDZ NT RMBB LBB
 NGZY Z N ZYN NXHZY UMNG
 CTC-LEMJME YTBXNMTCY, M'J
 JZEBLDZ "HLYZY BTLJZJ!"

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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!

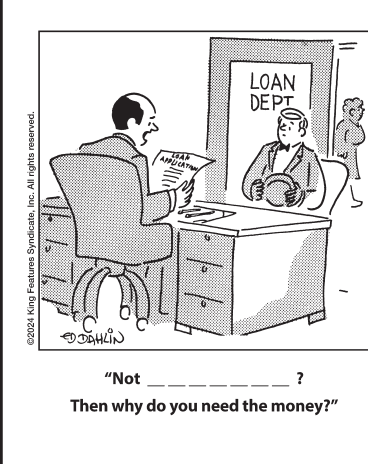
Theft **SITHE**

Noble **LARGE**

Phony **MASH**

Intense **RANTED**

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.

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|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Switch gears | ___ H ___ | "Blank Space" singer | ___ W ___ |
| 2. Swap | ___ D ___ | Smattering | ___ C ___ |
| 3. Late night host | F ___ | Eight pints | G ___ |
| 4. Fitting | ___ R ___ | Thrust | ___ L ___ |
| 5. Forward-facing | ___ N ___ | Rime | ___ S ___ |
| 6. Prove false | ___ T ___ | Deny | ___ S ___ |
| 7. Seinfeld or Lewis | J ___ | Commuter boat | F ___ |
| 8. Ladle | ___ P ___ | Nappy | ___ A ___ |
| 9. Room and ___ | ___ O ___ | Whiskers | ___ E ___ |
| 10. Painter's prop | ___ A ___ | Ford's lemon | ___ D ___ |
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GO FIGURE!

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

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

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

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Even Exchange

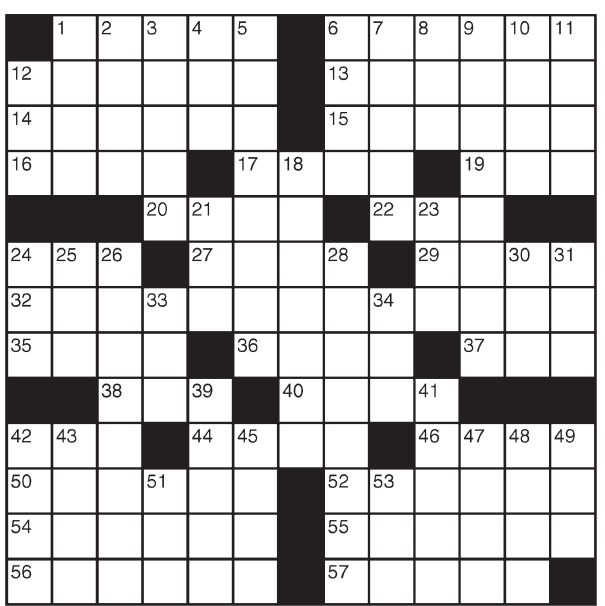
ANSWERS

1. Shift, Swift	6. Raffle, Refuse
2. Trade, Trace	7. Jerry, Ferry
3. Fallon, Galton	8. Dipper, Diaper
4. Proper, Propel	9. Beard, Beard
5. Front, Frost	10. Esabel, Esabel

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Wash thoroughly
- 6 Black Sea port
- 12 Saudi neighbor
- 13 Reacts to a pun
- 14 Baseball's Roberto
- 15 Attack verbally
- 16 - -pedi
- 17 Barrel bottom bit
- 19 - tree
- 20 Use a stun gun
- 22 California's Big -
- 24 Director Brooks
- 27 Campbell of "Scream"
- 29 Eve's guy
- 32 Citrusy flavoring used in baking
- 35 Pedestal part
- 36 Actress de Matteo
- 37 Pro vote
- 38 Decade parts (Abbr.)
- 40 "No seats" signs
- 42 Food additive
- 44 Help a crook
- 46 Like custard
- 50 Venetian marketplace



- 7 Pulls request
 - 8 Very long time
 - 9 The "S" of SNL
 - 10 Crisp cookie
 - 11 Hammett pooch
 - 12 Candied veggie
 - 18 Undo
 - 21 Director Lee
 - 23 Former Mideast gp.
 - 24 '60s chic
 - 25 Mound stat
 - 26 "Bad Romance" singer
 - 28 Physical effort
 - 30 Super serve
 - 31 NYC subway overseer
 - 33 Fish-fowl link
 - 34 Eastern "way"
 - 39 Squelched
 - 41 Factions
 - 42 Hosp. scans
 - 43 Ninny
 - 45 Physiques
 - 47 Pace
 - 48 Neutral color
 - 49 QB's gains
 - 51 Blue
 - 53 "Levitating" singer
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Weekly SUDOKU

	3		6	4		1	9	
			1					
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	4	5		8				9
3			5			2		4
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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WORD LADDERS

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

TRACK

BLAND

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of cake is named after a British queen?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the family dog on "The Simpsons"?
- ANATOMY: How long does a human red blood cell exist?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where is New Year's celebrated first each year?
- ADVERTISING: Which company sponsors a 13-foot-long Weinermobile?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many pints are in a quart?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the dance performed in the "Rocky Horror Picture Show"?
- BIOLOGY: What does the term ectothermic mean?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country has the longest coastline in the world?
- LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Canterbury Tales"?

Answers

- Victoria Sponge Cake
- Santa's Little Helper
- About 120 days
- The island of Kiribati in the Oceanic nation of Kiribati
- Oscar Mayer
- Two
- The Time Warp
- Coldblooded, when body temperature is regulated by the environment
- Canada
- Geoffrey Chaucer

SCRAMBLERS

MARRIED

Today's Word

1. Heist 2. Regal; solution

3. Sham; 4. Ardent

WORD LADDER

Answer

TRACK, CRACK, CLACK, BLANK, BLAND

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

CryptoQuip

Answer

declared "Bases loaded!"

these test tubes with non-acidic solutions, I'd fill were to fill all answer

EMS from A-1

chaperones utilized and present them to the KBML upon request. These restrictions will remain in place indefinitely.

Spears is also required, at his own expense, to perform a professional fitness for duty assessment, as well as to participate in a professional boundaries course.

These actions came after nursing staff at Three Rivers expressed several concerns about his conduct. These included, "the frequency and duration of his visits to female patients' rooms," the amount of the sedative Midazolam prescribed and the frequency it was prescribed to female patients, "the number of rectal exams performed on female patients," and collecting a urine sample via catheter when the patient was able to walk. In addition, they reported unprofessional comments about giving his wife "gummies" which allowed him to "do whatever I want, and she doesn't even know," and expressing a desire to administer Ketamine to his wife.

Ketamine is a powerful sedative with a rapid onset that can cause temporary amnesia in those it is administered to. It has been described as a potential

"date rape" drug in some literature.

In his response to the complaints Spears dismissed the discussion of his wife as "guy talk" and claimed the Midazolam was used in agitated and violent patients who were exhibiting drug-seeking behavior.

Three patients of the hospital also issued complaints to Three Rivers over Spears' conduct. One patient reported that Spears performed a pelvic exam with a nurse present before later returning and repeating the exam without gloves. She stated that Spears "molested her." Spears said he returned to the room to inform the patient she had either bed bugs or lice in her pubic area, and the patient wanted to retaliate against him for the unwelcome news.

The grandmother of another patient, a 14-year-old girl, who presented with abdominal pain, alleged that Spears was pushing on her stomach "way below the panty line." A third patient, whose father brought their concerns to the attention of hospital staff, spoke with a staff member and revealed that Spears, "came into her room and took her panties down and kept rubbing her privates."

Three Rivers Medical Center informed Spears via letter in August of the immediate termination of his clinical privileges and staff membership. He addressed the KBML panel on November 21, where he made the comments about violent drug seeking behavior leading to sedation and the "guy talk" statement. He only addressed one patient complaint, "stating that she was a known methamphetamine addict who would become violent if not provided with pain medication."

It was not clear from the documentation if this was the same patient who accused Spears of performing a pelvic exam without a glove and who he claimed was retaliating because she was unhappy with his finding of bed bugs or pubic lice.

The KBML did find sufficient evidence to act against Spears by entering into an agreed order to restrict his ability to practice, which Spears acknowledged by signing the agreement. Spears, his counsel, the chair of the inquiry panel, and assistant general counsel of the KBML signed that agreement on December 6, and it was filed on December 12.

Spears reportedly held an in-person training at the Grayson station on December 19, nearly two weeks after entering into the agreement with the KBML. While nothing in the KBML agreement restricts Spears — whose medical specialty is emergency medicine — from conducting such trainings or serving in an advisory or directorate role, the same cannot be said for the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS). The KBEMS requires a medical director to hold a current and unrestricted medical license in order to practice in state. While Spears does still have a medical license, the restrictions placed upon his license by the KBML might disqualify Spears from serving as the Carter County EMS medical director or performing the duties of that role.

Carter County EMS director Tim Woods confirmed on Monday afternoon that he had been informed of the restrictions on Spears license on Friday, December 27 — more than a week after Spears had completed the recent in-person training at the Grayson station and two weeks after the report was filed on December

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

FIVCO Area Development District (FIVCO ADD) & Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (AAAIL) is requesting proposals for Title IIIID Evidence Based Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Services to be provided within the seven senior centers across Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, and Lawrence counties.

The complete Request for Proposals package can be obtained by sending an e-mail to nicole@fivco.org or visiting www.fivco.org. The deadline for receipt of submissions is **Wednesday, January 15th, 2025, no later than 4:00 p.m. EST.**

Submissions will be reviewed by representatives of FIVCO ADD and ranked on the basis of written materials as set forth in the RFP package. FIVCO ADD reserves the right to schedule interviews with any or all respondents or to reject any or all proposals. Kentucky Relay Service for the hearing and speech impaired: 1-800-648-6056. Local, minority, and female-owned firms are encouraged to respond.

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Pursuant to Application Number 022-9521

In accordance with 405 KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Josh Burge Trucking, 274 Good-year Drive, Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164-8766, intends to apply for a non-coal surface clay mining permit affecting approximately 34.60 acres located 0.86 miles north of Gesling in Carter County Kentucky.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.13 miles south of the junction with Kentucky 2 & 7 and Zornes Branch and located on Buffalo Creek. The Latitude is 38 degrees 26 minutes 34 seconds. The longitude is -83 degrees 04 minutes 51 seconds.

The proposed operation is located on the Tygarts Valley U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour method of mining. The surface is owned by Bobbie Dean Ramey.

The application will be on file for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Frankfort Office, 300 Sower Boulevard, 2nd floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. Written comments, objections or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, 2nd floor, Frankfort, KY 40601, within 15 days of the date of this advertisement and briefly summarize the issues to be raised at the conference.

12. When asked if Spears would continue in his role as medical director for the ambulance service Woods said he had no further

comment on the situation at this time.

Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

How American presidents have planned their own funerals

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jimmy Carter's memorial journey will end at his house in the tiny town of Plains, Georgia, where he grew up on a peanut farm. That is where his wife, Rosalynn, was laid to rest last year in a burial plot that they chose years ago.

But before Carter reaches his humble final destination, there will be an interstate choreography of grief, ceremony and logistics that is characteristic of state funerals. Ever since the nation's founding, America has bid farewell to former presidents with an intricate series of events weaving together long-standing traditions and personal touches.

Funerals often are planned by the presidents themselves, who usually have years after leaving the White House to ponder how they want to be memorialized.

"They are very much involved in the planning process, and the decisions that they make tell us a lot about who they are, how they see the presidency, and how they want to be remembered by the American people," said Matthew Costello, senior historian for the White House Historical Association, who co-wrote a book called "Mourning the Presidents: Loss and Legacy in American Culture."

Carter had more time to plan than most. He lived for 43 years after his presidency ended, the longest post-presidency in U.S. history, before dying

Sunday at 100.

Many details of his funeral remain under wraps, at the discretion of the family and military units that are responsible for carrying out the plans. Most presidents lie in state in the U.S. Capitol, and there is usually a service at Washington National Cathedral.

President Joe Biden let slip last year that Carter had asked him to give a eulogy. ("Excuse me, I shouldn't say that," Biden admitted.)

Biden said Sunday his team is working with Carter's family and others "to see to it that he is remembered appropriately, here in the United States and around the world." Carter's son Chip is his main point of contact, though Biden said he has spoken with all the Carter children.

He described a process underway "that will take a little time" but will result in a "major service in Washington, D.C." for Carter, which Biden scheduled for Jan. 9.

Sometimes former presidents help with even the smallest details.

Jeffrey Engel, director of the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, recalled meeting with George H.W. Bush shortly after the former president revised the seating chart for his funeral.

"And I said, 'Is that weird? You know, it's your own death,'" Engel recalled. "And he said, 'You know, you do it every three months. You kind of get used to it.'"

President Dwight Eisenhower, who commanded

Allied troops during World War II before becoming a politician, wanted to be buried in an \$80 government-issued casket. Apart from a glass seal that was added to the design, it was indistinguishable from the casket of any other soldier.

Details of the processions also can reflect aspects of a president's life. Ronald Reagan's casket was carried up the west steps of the U.S. Capitol, which face his home state of California. When Gerald Ford died, his casket was brought through the House side of the building, a nod to his years as a lawmaker.

The job of carrying out presidential funerals falls to the Joint Task Force-National Capital Region, which includes 4,000 military and civilian personnel. The unit said in a statement that it "is privileged to provide this support on behalf of the nation."

Presidential funerals can leave lasting marks on the American consciousness. One of the most memorable descriptions of George Washington — "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen" — came from a eulogy that was widely reprinted when the country's first leader died.

After John F. Kennedy was assassinated, his son John Jr. was photographed saluting the casket. Kennedy's casket was transported down Pennsylvania Avenue on the same caisson that carried Abraham Lincoln after he was assassinated a century earlier, and a riderless horse was included in the procession.

Kennedy's was the first presidential funeral to be

widely televised.

"Technology has made mourning in a way more accessible, more democratic. More people have the opportunity to take a moment and reflect upon what this person meant," Costello said. "And I think it also opens the door to more people being involved in the grieving process."

In many democratic countries, the head of state and the head of government are two different people. The United States combines both roles, ceremonial and chief executive, into the office of the presidency.

"Since we have no national figure other than the president, we've essentially taken all the traditional weight and civic emotion that is put on to the death

or the birth of a wedding for a sovereign or a king and placed it on the heads of the presidents," Engel said. "And there aren't that many of them, to be honest. So whenever one of them passes, it's unusual and a big deal."

He described funerals as a moment to remember "that we're all in this together" and "this man was the president for all of us, whether you're a Republican or a Democrat."

However, in today's divided politics, state funerals can produce awkward, even tense, moments.

During George H.W. Bush's funeral in 2018, the audience included President Donald Trump. He shook hands with former President Barack Obama, his predecessor, but did

not interact with Hillary Clinton, who he defeated in the 2016 election, or her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

"These funerals are always political," Engel said. "Whatever happens in the Carter funeral is going to be political, frankly, whether people around the Carter family want it to be or not."

Associated Press video journalist Nathan Ellgren contributed to this report.



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facility, as well as designating individuals who could enforce animal control regulations within city limits.

This latest action is the culmination of those efforts, and finally gives the city the necessary legislation to deal with the problem and those contributing to it. It might not

be the action that's most likely to hold the county to task for their responsibility to the city, but it's the one that's most likely to keep the people of Grayson, and their pets, safe from dangerous animals and those who harbor them.

Sometimes idealism has to take a backseat to practicality, for the good

of the people. With the passage of this leash law, as well as their response to the transparency concerns from local media, the city has exhibited that they are willing to do the right thing for their citizens. For that, I commend them.

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