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Celebrating the Fall, Y'all

Festival now in its eighth year

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Fall Y'all organizer Lisa Messer Conley finds herself as shocked as everyone else that the popular fall festival is entering its eighth year this year.

"I had to check it. I had to go back, just to double check," Conley said of the festival which she founded in 2017, while serving as Olive Hill Chamber of Commerce president. Since then, the festival has continued to change, grow and expand, adding a variety of vendors and new activities while sticking to three core themes; local vendors

and artisans, games and competitions, and live entertainment.

Conley said they've added more vendor spaces this year, to accommodate returning favorites and new vendors.

"Willie Davis will be back," Conley noted of the author whose works are based in and around Olive Hill. "He's coming back again and bringing some books."

Other vendors will offer woodworking, moss crafts, candles, jellies, preserves, candies, baked goods, soaps, jewelry, and various other items. While there may be some minor overlap, Conley said they've worked hard to make sure there's a wide variety of items on offer.

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Musicians perform at Fall Y'all. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Raiders barrel towards victory over Comets

East brings home big win in Battle for the Barrel

By: Katie Barker
Carter County Times

Neither rain, nor wind, nor a strong Comets defense were keeping the East Carter Raiders from taking home the barrel in the cross-county rivals' annual showdown Saturday night. After the game was delayed once due to severe weather, and then rescheduled and moved due to electrical outages, the East and West Carter teams finally went

head to head at Morehead's Jayne Stadium where the Raiders would come away with a 20-0 victory, bringing the barrel back to Grayson.

The Raiders set the tone for their dominance early, after receiving the kickoff and making their way down to the end zone halfway through the first quarter. Raider Landon Yoak, #20, ran the ball the final five yards into the endzone, getting the Raiders on the scoreboard. West Carter tried to respond by running the ball, and trying to connect on passes, but the Raider defense stymied all attempts, leading to a scoreless first quarter for the Comets.

The West Carter team came

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(Photo by Katie Barker, Carter County Times)

As long as there is food to give

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The food pantry at Grayson Freewill Baptist Church is fairly new, beginning in March of this year. But the spirit behind the outreach isn't new at all, according to organizer Pam Wilburn. Wilburn said that she raised her children in the church that is located on US 60 near the Extension Office, and that the church has always been conscious of the needs of the community. So, when Wilburn began to be concerned about her eighty-four-year-old mother having difficulties with food insecurity due to being on a fixed income, and the price of food taking drastic jumps over the past few years, she and her church decided to do something to remedy the problem.

"We started the Community



(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Outreach in March," Wilburn said. "I saw my mother struggling because times are hard for everyone, but for elderly people especially."

Wilburn thought there had to be some way she could help people like her mother, so she went on the internet and began

searching for food pantries.

"I found a food bank that our area is supplied by," Wilburn said. "I found God's Food Pantry in Morehead, and I sent them an application."

Like most food pantries, God's Food Pantry had criteria

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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.

- Ashley Shaban, 46, of Flatwoods, arrested by Greenup County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 23.
- Rodney Clevenger, 47, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts each of failure to appear, and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked September 23.
- Matthew Colegrove, 29, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked September 24.
- Jeffrey Hansen, 62, of Amherst, VA, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked September 24.
- Kayla Lewis, 36, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked September 24.
- Josh Hollingsworth, 46, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked

- September 25.
- Charles Buckler, 18, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of second degree disorderly conduct, and alcohol intoxication in a public place, arrested and booked September 25
- Zachary Barker, 37, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 26.
- Damon Barido, 22, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, and two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked September 27.
- Ian Gehringer, 29, of Flatwoods, arrested by Carter County Jail, failure to appear, and weekender, arrested and

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This Week's Obituaries

Ray V. Dehart, 88
Delbert Lee Hardeman, 82

Clifford "Sodbuster" Roe, 82

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LIFESTYLE



Elevate your mornings with breakfast burritos: A meal prep marvel

Start the day right with a wholesome breakfast that's easy to prep ahead. Breakfast burritos are your solution for busy mornings, offering convenience without sacrificing nutrition. Batch cook and stock up on these customizable burritos, filled with eggs, sausage, veggies and cheese. From fridge or freezer to microwave, they're ready in minutes, giving everyone a quick, healthy meal you can feel good about.

Of course you can put anything you want in your burritos. I like mine packed with lots of

protein and veggies. If you wish to minimize expense you could certainly add cooked rice and beans, or cooked potatoes pieces. You can swap in whole wheat, low carb or high protein tortillas for a nutritional boost. The recipe below costs under \$2 per burrito; they're cheaper than fast food and a bazillion times healthier. I'm pretty sure that's scientifically accurate. A bazillion.

Whether you're feeding toddlers, teens or anyone in between, adjust the burrito size based on appetites. For adults, dividing the sausage and egg mixture into eight portions provides generous servings.

Diva Tips: Ensure the tortillas are at room temperature or slightly warm for easier folding. Avoid overfilling them. Thaw and drain as much liquid as possible from the frozen onions, peppers and spinach before cooking. After cooking the sausage and egg mixture, spread it on a baking sheet to cool, letting steam escape to avoid soggy burritos. No soggy burritos!

GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST BURITITOS

Yield: 8-10 burritos

Total Time: 1 hour

- 1 pound mild pork sausage, or your favorite sausage

- 1 (16 ounce) bag frozen bell pepper and onion blend, thawed
 - 1 (10 ounce) box frozen spinach or kale, thawed and drained
 - 12 eggs
 - 1/2 teaspoon table salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
 - 2 cups (8 ounces) cheddar cheese, shredded
 - 1 package flour tortillas, burrito size, 8 or 10 count
- Freezer Supplies: parchment or wax paper, foil and 1 gallon zip top freezer bags

In a large pan over medium-high heat, brown the sausage until nearly cooked through. Add the chopped pepper and onion blend, and continue to cook. Add the thawed and drained spinach to sausage mixture. If you're adding any other chopped vegetables (like mushrooms, cooked potatoes, cooked broccoli) now's the time.

Meanwhile, whisk the eggs with salt and pepper, then add to the sausage mixture and cook. Slightly undercook the eggs, as they'll continue to cook off the heat.

Remove sausage and egg mixture from heat and spread it out on a baking sheet to cool to room temperature. While on the baking sheet, divide the mixture



Deliciously customizable breakfast burritos, ready to fuel your mornings! (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

into even portions.

I find it easiest to "assembly line" the burrito-making process. Lay out 8 or 10 pieces of paper; lay a tortilla on each piece. Place sausage and egg mixture on each tortilla and sprinkle with cheese. Wrap each into a burrito then wrap tightly in parchment or wax paper, wrap again with foil, and store in an airtight container or freezer-safe bag. Store burritos in the fridge for up to 1 week or freezer for up to 3 months.

For the best quality, thaw frozen burritos overnight before reheating. When you're ready to heat and eat, simply remove foil from burrito, leaving the paper. Absolutely reuse the foil. Place

burrito on a microwave safe plate and microwave for 1 to 2 minutes.

If reheating from frozen, use your microwave's defrost function for 3-5 minutes to thaw the inside, then microwave on high for 1-2 minutes. Cooking times may vary..

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

A merry heart full of joy

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

Proverbs 17:22 says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones." A cheerful heart causes good healing. What the Bible is telling us here is that your attitude, the way you approach the problems and trials of life, brings about good healing. The word merry means joyful or glad.

Proverbs 15:13 says, "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart, the spirit is broken." Proverbs 12:25 says, "Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop; but a good word maketh it glad." The word broken means browbeaten, defeated, demoralized, depressed, discouraged, disheartened, humbled, oppressed, overpowered, weak, heartsick. Jesus said, "the Spirit of the Lord is

upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted."

Our hope is in Jesus Christ. It is the confident affirmation that God is faithful, that He will complete what He has begun. To hope in God means to bind God's promises to yourself. Hope intentionally wraps His words and truth around your heart, mind and life.

Romans 15:13 says, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Hope means to have trust and confidence in God. Joy is a feeling of great pleasure and happiness. Believe means you have trust and confidence in God. Abound means to be full, overflow with, be overrun with, be jam packed.

Romans 12:12 says, "Rejoicing (to feel great joy or great delight) in hope (confidence in God); patient (uncomplaining, calm, long suffering accepting delays or problems without becoming anxious) in tribulation (oppression, affliction, distress, trouble); continuing instant (happening immediately) in prayer." James 12:2-3 says, "Consider (think carefully) it pure (perfect, simple, plain, true) joy (great pleasure and happiness and gladness), my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance (patience)." Psalm 28:7 says, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusteth (is confident) in Him, and I am helped; therefore, my heart greatly rejoiceth (feels great joy or great delight); and with my song will I

praise Him." Philippians 4:4 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again, I say rejoice (be joyful, be happy, be pleased, be glad, be delighted, be overjoyed, be thrilled, celebrate, make merry, jump for joy)."

In both the Old Testament and New Testament, the words translated as joy means much the same as the English word: gladness, cheerfulness, calm delight. True joy is the response of delight to what God delights in. Hebrews

12:2 says, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God."

It was with the joy that was set before Him, through His pain, through His griefs, through the cross and shedding His blood, that He did everything for me that I might have abundant life and everlasting joy. It is with joy, through my pain, through my sickness, through my griefs, through my trials, through my heartaches, through my loneliness, my weariness, that I can, and

I will, receive it by faith. John 15:11 says, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full (complete and running over, no lack)." AMEN! So Be It.

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week feeder steers sold 2.00 to 5.00 higher and feeder heifers steady to 3.00 higher with good to very good demand. Yearling steers and heifers sold steady to 3.00 higher with good demand. Markets were active this week with good buyer participation showing best interest for weaned and preconditioned packages. Slaughter cows sold 2.00 to 5.00 lower with exceptions to 10.00 lower and slaughter bulls were steady to 5.00 lower with light to moderate demand for slaughter classes.

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

Week ending 9/21/24

STATE AVERAGES			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	288.54	279.62	263.89
400-450 lbs	281.98	269.99	252.08
450-500 lbs	274.47	268.80	254.34
500-550 lbs	264.80	268.70	251.36
550-600 lbs	258.16	259.21	246.49
600-650 lbs	247.07	246.04	237.87
650-700 lbs	243.84	238.35	236.10
700-750 lbs	235.54	235.03	234.83
750-800 lbs	228.70	233.37	233.31
800-850 lbs	229.70	229.22	234.38
850-900 lbs	227.45	221.85	233.03
Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	252.02	243.73	228.64
350-400 lbs	249.66	244.24	232.35
400-450 lbs	242.36	245.42	231.07
450-500 lbs	239.40	238.55	231.48
500-550 lbs	234.42	232.75	225.85
550-600 lbs	231.70	227.52	224.58
600-650 lbs	224.46	221.42	223.03
650-700 lbs	222.78	215.50	219.55
700-750 lbs	218.89	208.47	211.07
750-800 lbs	213.37	202.55	211.39

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	104.00-138.00	121.00-154.00	101.00-125.00
Boners	106.00-138.00	122.00-159.00	85.00-122.00
Lean	83.00-128.00	96.00-140.00	72.00-120.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	130.00-166.00	155.00-189.00	100.00-149.00

September 12, 2024

Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 282

Kids: Selection 1 53 lbs 295.00; 73-77 lbs 272.50-290.00. **Selection 1-2** 93 lbs 267.50. **Selection 2** 54 lbs 275.00; 67 lbs 255.00; 87 lbs 230.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 121

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 54 lbs 270.00; 66-67 lbs 202.50-225.00; 72-75 lbs 180.00-222.50; 88 lbs 162.50; 91 lbs 170.00; 112 lbs 157.50. **Choice 2** 52-59 lbs 252.50-260.00; 68 lbs 205.00; 75 lbs 182.50; 86 lbs 182.50; 110 lbs 162.50.

Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2 81 lbs 222.50; 100 lbs 200.00; 130 lb

Week ending 9/21/24

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.39-3.93	3.50-3.92	4.10-4.82
Soybeans	8.87-9.86	8.87-10.05	12.16-13.35
Red Winter Wheat	4.54-5.19	4.85-5.52	5.26-6.34

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Fall is a good time to plant trees and shrubs

Fall is one of the best times to plant trees and shrubs in your landscape. Fall planting provides the plant with the opportunity to put its energy into root growth now and in the early spring, before it has to concentrate on producing leaves. Roots grow well in cooler soils, and the plant also does not need as much water once the leaves drop.

Granted, there is usually more plant selection in the spring, but with a simple search through local nurseries and catalog companies, you can usually find something that will fill your landscaping needs in the fall. At this time of year, you might even find good plant stock on sale.

Woody plants are sold in three different ways: container-grown, balled-and-burlapped and bare-root. Each has its own advantages and planting requirements.

Container-grown has

the advantage of having the entire root system intact. They are often less expensive to ship, because they are grown in a light, artificial soil. If you are not ready to plant just yet, they keep well in their container, as long as you water them regularly.

The disadvantage is that, once planted, their roots often take a while to break away from their planting medium into the surrounding soil. And because that medium dries out faster, watering is key to their survival.

Balled-and-burlapped trees and shrubs are usually much larger than container-grown plants. When the nursery digs the tree for sale, they cut the root ball and wrap it in burlap. You will need to keep these in a sheltered place outdoors until you plant them, and the sooner you plant them the less stressed the tree will be. Because of their heavy weight, it often takes more than one

person to move the tree and lower it gently into the hole. Dropping the soil ball into the hole will crack and break the roots.

Fruit trees and hedges are commonly sold as bare-root plants. Bare-root plants are normally kept in cold storage until they are sold. It is important to plant these promptly before they break dormancy. Because they are light, they are the most economical to ship, but the disadvantage is that they suffer a great deal of root loss when they are dug and the soil removed from their roots. Bare-root trees and shrubs have a higher survival rate if they are planted in the spring.

When choosing your site, consider not only where the plant will look good, but also where it will grow successfully. Keep in mind the mature size of the plant. It may look lonely planted so far from your house when it's young, but at maturity, you will be grateful that its roots aren't

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Rebecca Konopka
Carter County
Extension Agent

Arrests from A-1

booked September 27.

- Geoffrey Burchett, 46, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked September 27.
- Gregory Rivers, 44, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, fail-

ure to wear seat belts, careless driving, reckless driving, failure to produce an insurance card, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, and three counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked September 28.

- Melissa Pennington, 39, of Hitchens, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of speeding 5 MPH over limit, operating a motor

vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to or improper signal, failure to wear seat belts, and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, arrested September 28, booked September 29.

- John Dyer, 38, of Ashland, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible

injury, arrested and booked September 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.

Barrel from A-1

out in the second quarter with a strong connecting pass from Hayden Hall to Kadin Thompson to put the Comets at the Raider 25. The Raiders' defense didn't give the Comets any more ground though after a sack and forced fumble by the boys from East.

The Comets defense came back out strong with a sack from #0 Nathan Flannery but ultimately this wasn't enough to hold the Raider offense. Quarterback Quentin Johnson ran the ball for the Raiders second touchdown and completed a pass to #22 Gerrit Bellew for the

two-point conversion, taking the score to 14-0 at halftime.

The Comets received the ball to start the second half with Dwaylon Dean racking up some rushing yardage before ultimately being stopped by the Raiders' defense. Raider Allen Cooper then came in with a big sack causing a loss of two yards for the Comets. After turning the ball over on downs following another sack from Cooper and #59 Brayden Flatt, the Comets' defense succeeded in keeping the Raiders away from the endzone during the remainder of the

third quarter. Any hopes of a fourth quarter comeback, however, were short lived.

The Raiders came into the fourth quarter and capitalized on their momentum by scoring another touchdown, this one from Ryland Pfau who ran from about the 30 yard line into the end zone. This brought the Raiders' lead to 20-0 after the extra point attempt from Reece Bush was no good. Further comeback attempts from the Comets just couldn't overcome the Raiders' defense, sending the barrel back to Grayson for another year.

"We're tired of giving into what other people do and changing our formations to what other teams do. We just came out and did what we do best," Cooper said after the game.

The Raiders did exactly that on Saturday, putting them at three wins and two losses for the season. The Comets stand at two wins and three losses for the season. The Raiders play at home on Friday, hosting Bath County, while the Comets are away at Russell.

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Celebrating 50 years of dedication

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

It is said that if you work at something you love then you will never work a day in your life. Although that might not be universally true, enjoying a career you have chosen can make all the difference in the world. Bonnie Horton is a fine example of this. She is a Grayson native who began her career of choice before she even graduated from business school and has been at it quite some time. In fact, Horton technically began her career just before graduation – and when she told her business school professor that she had been offered a job at First National Bank, that professor 'tested her out'

and graduated her early. That was fifty years ago as of Thursday, September 19, 2024. Since then, Horton has worked her way up through the company to become the Chief Operations Officer for First National Bank. An impressive achievement, and one that (in spite of what Horton might prefer) has not gone unnoticed. Or unappreciated by those she has helped along the path of her career. Horton, who prefers to remain 'low key,' was pulled into the spotlight at a ceremony held in her honor at First National Bank's Grayson Branch.

Eric Kersey of First National Bank introduced the speakers who showed up for Horton's special day and had words of his own



Carter County Judge Executive Brandon Burton declares September 19 Bonnie Horton Day. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

to show his appreciation of her.

"When we first began putting this together Bonnie told me she was nervous and I asked her why," Kersey told those assembled in front of the bank on Thursday. "She said she had never really been in the spotlight. And

that speaks volumes about Bonnie. She has spent a fifty-year career making the people around her better. And it's hard to say thank you for everything she has done."

But difficult or not to put everything Bonnie Horton has meant to her coworkers; the day was all

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Trees from A-2

cracking your foundation or the branches are not interfering with gutters, windows or overhead utility lines.

You will want a site where the soil is deep, fertile and well-drained. Planting trees in compacted soils with a high clay content can result in surface roots, stunted growth and problems with diseases and insects.

Hand-digging the hole with a shovel is the best method. The roots must be able to penetrate all sides of the planting hole, so make sure that the sides of the hole are roughed up and not glazed or slick from using an auger or digging the hole while the soil is wet.

Remove all packing material from the root system and cut away all nursery tags and twine or wire. Then spread out or pull apart the roots. In container-grown plants, make vertical cuts with a sharp knife 1-inch deep at

four to six locations around the root ball. This action can prevent roots from continuing to circle, which can girdle the tree later in its life.

Plant the roots at the same depth they were previously grown, which will provide them with enough oxygen to take up water and minerals from the soil.

Fill the hole halfway with soil and water thoroughly. Fill the remainder of the hole with more topsoil and water the plant again. Generally, the best soil to use is the same soil the plant came from. Soil amendments such as peat moss and pine bark are expensive and do little to help the plant establish itself in the new spot.

Most newly installed trees and shrubs that die in the first two years die of improper watering; too much or not enough. If it does not rain at least 0.5 to 1-inch per week, water once a week in the cooler months of spring

and fall and twice a week during the hot, dry months. Watering during winter is generally not necessary for deciduous plants. Supplemental watering may need to continue into the second growing season. When you water, soak the root zone and do not water again until the root zone begins to dry. Proper watering during the time it takes to become re-established will help ensure your new tree or shrub will flourish for many years to come.

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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.
- Hike & Learn – Friday, October 4th @ 1:00 PM – Greenbo Lake State Resort Park Fern Valley Trail
- Extension District Board - Tuesday, October 8th @ 10:00 AM
- The deadline to request free hay analysis through the East KY Hay Contest is October 11th. Call 474-6686 to schedule your hay sampling.

CALENDAR

- **10/2: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **10/3: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **10/3: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **10/4: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **10/5: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **10/5: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **10/7: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **10/7: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **10/7: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **10/7: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **10/8: Extension District Board meeting @ 10 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **10/8: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Johnny's Pizza
- **10/8: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall
- **10/8: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **10/9: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **10/9: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson

Have an event to add to the calendar?
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Pet of the Week

Gypsy is a female boxer mix and weighs 35 pounds. She loves attention and walks on a leash. She is spayed and up to date on all of her vaccinations. Gypsy has a free adoption fee to an approved family. 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.

Don't be a dummy

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

Destroy your old documents the right way!

Join Us For
Community Shred Day
(Just Don't Tell Your Dog!)

Destroy your old documents and paper files securely so they don't end up in the wrong hands.

Main Office
208 E. Main Street, Grayson
Saturday, October 26
9am - 11:30am

Commercial Bank of Grayson

Dedication from A-3

about trying to do just that. And those who wanted to show their gratitude were not just coworkers, but members of the community and beyond.

Carter County Judge Executive Brandon Burton was the first speaker at the event and said he was grateful to be able to honor Bonnie Horton.

"She is a great asset to our community," Burton said. "And it's an honor to speak about people in our community and how hard they work. When you look around, you can tell how much she is appreciated and how much she is loved."

"The Governor's Office has asked me to present Bonnie with a Kentucky Colonel certificate. And also, I have a proclamation that was brought before me in the Fiscal Court to

approve," Burton added.

The Judge Executive then read the proclamation declaring September 19, 2024, Bonnie Horton Day in Carter County.

Grayson Mayor Troy Combs attended the ceremony to show his respect to Horton both as mayor and as a member of the community.

"Just in case you don't know, Bonnie isn't retiring," Combs told the crowd. "She's going to continue working."

He then shared with the crowd what he believed that sort of dedication meant to the city.

"Bonnie has been a citizen of this town and a taxpayer," Combs said. "And its people like her that have contributed to the longevity of our city, this bank, our county, and state. And she truly does deserve

recognition."

After congratulating Horton on her milestone, Combs awarded her the key to the city of Grayson. Combs also read a Citation of Recognition sent to Bonnie Horton from Senator Robin Webb and the Kentucky Senate.

There was no shortage of community leaders and Bank Officers who wished to congratulate Horton on her stellar career. And as each took their place at the podium, it was to share similar stories of the support, wisdom, and grace that Horton shared with everyone she worked with and every single customer she helped. In the end, at the insistence of her friends and coworkers, Horton herself took her inevitable turn at the speaker's podium.

"I'm not very good

at this," Horton began.

"Especially large crowds. But I just wanted to say how thankful and grateful I am for you all and this bank. This has been the best place to work. I have raised my kids and met many, many people in the community and coworkers past and present. I can't express the gratitude I feel for all this. You have made me feel very, very special. Thank you all."

Horton said that she truly loves her career and does not have any plans to retire any time in the near future because the bank, her coworkers, and the people in the community she serves are like family. And everyone loves spending time with family.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com



Silas Rayburn took this 10-point buck with a cross bow in Lewis County, during youth season. Silas is a first grade student at Upper Tygart Elementary. His parents are Bryan and Laura Rayburn.

Congratulations, Silas, on a very nice buck! (Submitted photo)

Getting there from here

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

There are grants for nearly every project a person could imagine.

Some grants are awarded by private foundations or charities, while others are awarded by state and federal governments. But each grant – and the entity

awarding that grant – have certain criteria regulating who qualifies as well as how the awarded funds can be used. When these factors are combined

with the fact that many individuals or entities may be applying for the same grant, securing a grant is much more complicated than simply requesting money. It pays – sometimes literally – to know the field and understand the game.

Renee Parson of Business Cultivation Foundation has spent a lot of time understanding both.

Parsons began the work that would lead to her current role in 2015, when her husband became the Pastor at Central Baptist Church in Ashland.

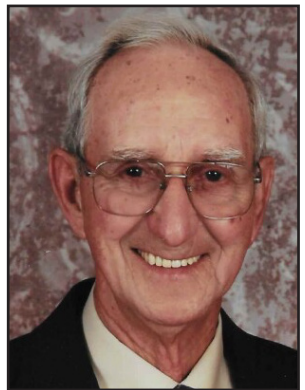
"The church was trying to do all of the traditional church ministries," Parsons said. "So, we decided to really get out there and see what the people there needed."

A lot of the problems

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OBITUARY

Ray V. Dehart 1936 – 2024



Ray V. Dehart, age 88, of Morehead, passed away Thursday, September 26, 2024, at UK-St. Claire HealthCare in Morehead.

He was born on June 8, 1936, in Rowan County, a son of the late Levi and Vada Jones Dehart. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 47 years, Aleta Dehart, who passed away November 23, 2007, and one son, Kevin Dehart. Also, seven siblings, Midford (Monique) Dehart, Eunice (Robert) Richardson, Virginia (Jerry) Rutherford, Margaret (Lester "Bud") Cox, Eddie (Beverly) Dehart, Fern (Richard) Williams and Paul Dehart.

Ray is survived by his daughter, Karen (Dana) Fultz of Olive Hill. Along with 2 granddaughters, Desirae and Shelby Fultz of Morehead, as well as two great grandsons, Dalton Hale and Crew Coleman also from Morehead.

Ray retired from Amtrak Railroad in Beech Grove, Indiana in 1998 after 25 years of service. After he retired, he enjoyed spending time with family,

friends, grandchildren and doing many of his favorite hobbies. Ray was a jack of all trades with many different hobbies. From fishing, to hunting, woodworking but most importantly he was a family man. He enjoyed sitting on the porch, drinking coffee and telling stories from his childhood that were sure to make you laugh. You were always guaranteed to hear a fishing story or two from him and he was always eager to take you fishing with him. He will be greatly missed by many.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 P.M. Monday, September 30, 2024, in the chapel of the Michael R. Gray Funeral Home in Morehead with Brother Junior Skaggs officiating.

Burial followed in the Fultz Cemetery in Carter County.

Visitation at the Michael R. Gray Funeral Home in Morehead was after 6:00 P.M. Sunday.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Fraley, Dana Lee Fultz, Larry Hignite, Curtis Coleman, Derrik Hale and Duane Dehart.

Honorary pallbearers were Dalton Hale and Crew Coleman.

The Michael R. Gray Funeral Home, 808 Old Flemingsburg Road in Morehead cared for all arrangements for Roy Vernon Dehart.

To view the online memorial and sign the guest book, please visit www.mrgrayfh.com.

Delbert Lee Hardeman 1942 – 2024



Delbert Lee Hardeman, age 82, of Laurel, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, September 26, 2024, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Sunday, February 15, 1942, in Lewis County, Kentucky, to the late Charles and Myrtle Hutchinson Hardeman.

Delbert attended Holly Freewill Baptist Church. He worked for Ruth Company for forty plus years along with other companies. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Glendell Hardeman, Bob Hardeman, Billy Hardeman and Charles Hardeman; one sister, Betty Ann Rucker.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-seven years, Doris Bloomfield Hardeman; family, Theresa and John Bradley, Toni Jo Thomas all of Vanceburg, Kentucky; Shannon Bradley (Brookln Adams) and

Gregory Lee Zornes and Jessica Zornes, four brothers, Jack (Kay) Hardeman of Maysville, Kentucky, Keith (Tammy) Hardeman of Morehead, Kentucky, Roger Hardeman of Vanceburg, Kentucky, Larry (Trish) Hardeman of Carthage, Indiana, three sisters, Bonnie (Des) Crow of Xenia, Ohio, Sheila (Stan) Terry of Ashland, Kentucky, Dawn Hardeman (Patrick McGinnis) of Maysville, Kentucky.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Jason Johnson and Brother Monroe Craig officiating. Burial followed in the Jordan Cemetery in Laurel, Kentucky.

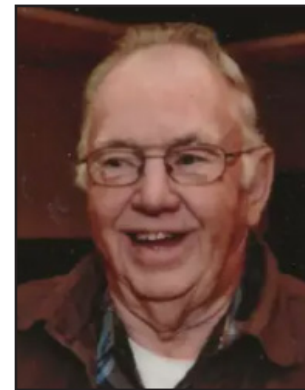
Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Monday, September 30, 2024, and after 9 a.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

JD Enix, Ronald Logan, Shannon Bradley, Butch Stevens, Kenneth Hunter, Ronnie Bradley served as pallbearers.

Keith Hardeman, Jackie Hardeman, Roger Hardeman and Larry Hardeman served as honorary pallbearer.

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

Clifford "Sodbuster" Roe 1942 – 2024



Clifford "Sodbuster" Roe, age 82, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at his residence, surrounded by his sons.

He was born Monday, May 18, 1942, in Carter County, Kentucky, to the late John Charles and Norma Counts Roe.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army and attended Providence Freewill Baptist Church. He retired from Local 798 with 58 years of service. Sodbuster was a lifelong farmer, and worked at Arvin's Muffler Shop in Indiana for one year. He loved going to church, working on his farm, gardening and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Rita Lynn Leasingham Roe; seven brothers, Hezekiah Roe, Homer Roe, Larry Roe, Hobert Roe, Bobby Lee Roe, Fred Hubert Roe, John Henry Roe; four sisters, Bernice Moreland, Lucy Mae Roe, Gertrude Roe and Eunice

Nutter.

Sodbuster is survived by two sons, Darrin Roe and Phillip (Tonya) Roe all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; 5 grandchildren, Jacob, Dylan, Robert Caleb, Isaiah; 1 great-granddaughter, Clementine; one sister, Rita (Bob) Easterling of Olive Hill, Kentucky; three brothers in law, Donald Frazier, Jewett Owens, George Kiser all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; four sisters-in-law, Alice Kegley, Vickie Mosier, Lana Kay Roe, Georgiana Roe, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Monday, September 30, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Bobby Day, Brother Ronnie Easterling, Brother Phillip Roe officiating. Burial followed in the Biggs Hill Cemetery, in Carter County, Kentucky.

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

Darrin Roe, Jacob Roe, Dylan Roe, Caleb Roe, Isaiah Roe and Terry Ernest, served as pallbearers.

George Kiser served as honorary pallbearer.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Clifford "Sodbuster" Roe.



Friday, October 4 Bath County vs East Carter

The Guns, Gold & Cash Pregame show begins at 7:04 PM on WGOH 1370 AM & 100.9 FM

All games can also be heard on wgohwugo.com and the Go Radio Grayson app.



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AS WE SEE IT

Please, be a good neighbor

It's been a rough week, for all of us. Torrential rains and strong winds brought down trees and flooded homes and communities across the region. Folks were left without electricity for days and – when electricity did start coming back on – some found their appliances damaged by the power surges.

Families lost groceries. Businesses lost inventory. And folks with loved-ones dependent upon electrically powered medical devices worried for their health.

Meanwhile events and appointments were cancelled or rescheduled as the rain, so desperately needed after our long, dry summer, continued to fall on those working to reopen roads, restore power and get us back to a sense of normalcy.

As of this writing (Monday evening) there were still over 1,000 Grayson Rural Electric customers without power. That's out of the more than 4,000 who were without power when the cooperative began reporting service updates on Saturday.

This doesn't include those on AEP/Kentucky Power or associated utilities who experienced power outages as well.

But, even with all that, Carter County got off pretty lucky this time. In the Asheville, North Carolina area, for instance, entire communities were swept away by flood waters tearing through the mountains, with hundreds lost and hundreds more missing and presumed dead. The loss is overwhelming. Families wait, and hope, and mourn, while rescue crews do what they can for those they can locate.

Devastating doesn't even begin to describe the situation. It's the kind of loss that makes anyone with any semblance of humanity, or the least shred of empathy, take pause. Or at least you'd think it would, until you get online.

There you'll see folks taking to opportunity to blame the victims for not being more prepared – as if hurricanes striking hundreds of miles inland, in the mountains, are a regular and predictable thing. Only slightly less odious are the folks who briefly acknowledge the devastation before using it as a segue for pushing their own political agenda.

There's a time and a place to discuss the man-made role in climate change and related severe weather. It's something we need to take seriously. But that time is not when more than 600 people are still missing and unaccounted for, and thousands more are without food, water and electricity. That place is not their devastated communities.

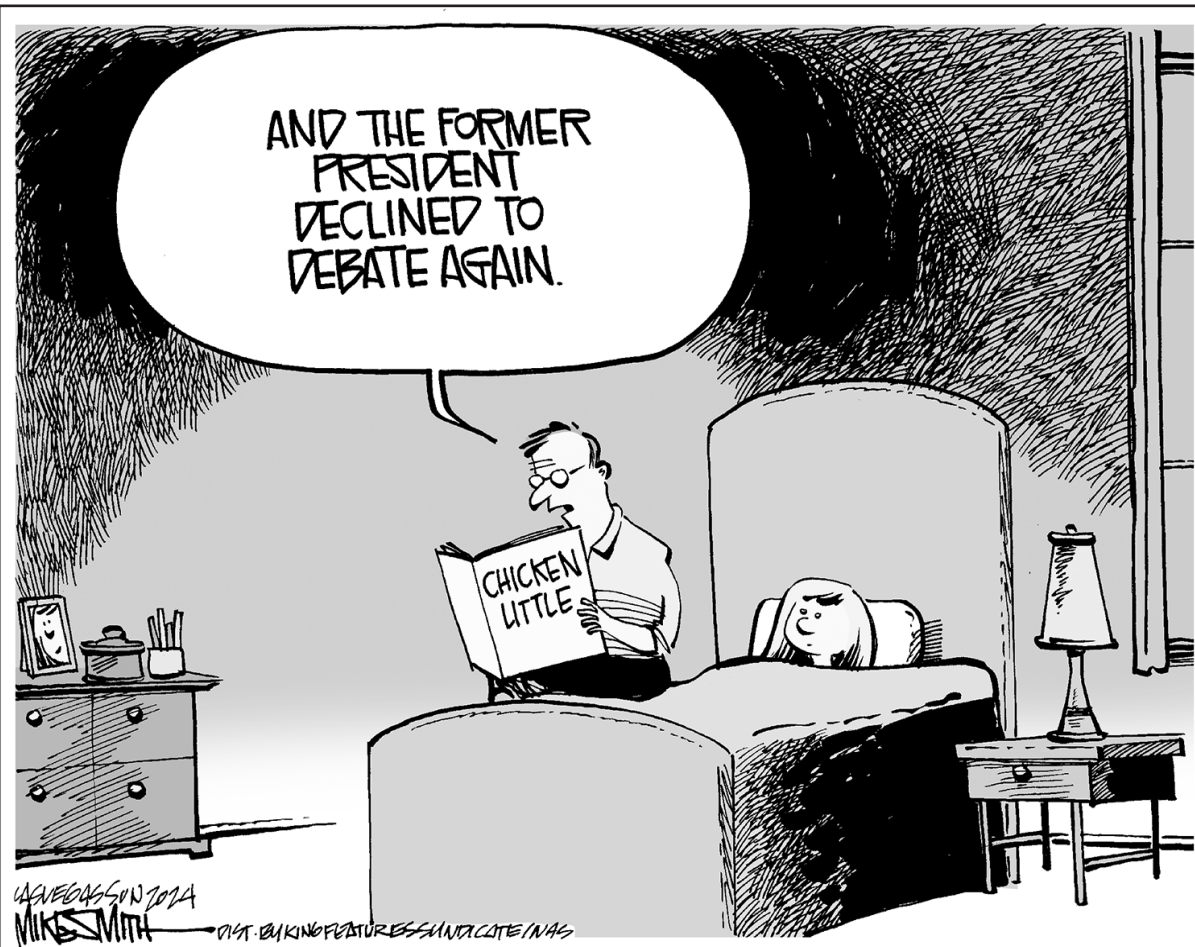
What we need to do now is to come together and help our neighbors out. If you have money to donate, donate it to folks working in those communities hardest hit. There are numerous resources online. Find one you can trust and give them what you can spare.

Closer to home, check on the folks around you. If your neighbors don't have electricity or hot water, offer to let them take a shower at your house. Let them charge their devices at your home so they can stay in contact with family, employers, and the folks working to restore their power. Cook them a hot meal, or take them a thermos of coffee while they work clearing trees. Let their kids use your Wi-Fi to watch cartoons or play a game.

You don't need a lot of money to do the right thing, and provide some peace and comfort to those around you who are struggling.

You just need to make the choice to be a decent human being, and to use the resources and skills available to you when you can.

Because we all need a good neighbor sometimes; and the only thing more rewarding than having one, might just be being one.



We must vote "NO" on Amendment 2 on Election Day on Nov. 5

It was two months ago this week that I first sounded the alarm about the danger to Kentucky's public schools if voters approve the proposed constitutional amendment to allow public funds to be used for private schools.

Specifically, what is identified as Amendment 2 on the general election ballot would change Section 184 of the Kentucky state constitution which says "no sum shall be raised or collected for education other than in the common schools" without a vote of the electorate.

Masquerading as a well-financed "school choice" issue, the proposed amendment would open the door for the Republican supermajority in the General Assembly to funnel money to the charter schools they approved in 2017 but have been unable to fund.

That funding would come from the money now being used to support 176 public school systems in our state. In other words, taxpayer money now going to local districts would be siphoned off to assist private K-12 schools where the average family income is about \$150,000.

Wealthy Kentuckians now paying thousands of dollars per year in tuition at private schools likely would see their costs go down. It is estimated that implementing a school voucher system in Kentucky

like the Florida model would cost more than \$1 billion yearly.



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

Here's another reason not to support Amendment 2. Among the 29 states that already have some form of vouchers for private schools, as much as 90 percent of those funds taken from public schools go directly to parents of students in private schools.

Most of our school districts serve rural counties. Few of those counties currently have private schools in operation. With free funding, many new private schools are expected to materialize. Already underfunded by national standards, many of our local public schools could not survive drastic budget cuts or the loss of students to unaccredited private schools.

We also should keep in mind that private schools are not required to measure and publicly report academic results or disciplinary matters or other accountabilities.

Finally, do we really want to change our state constitution to say it's good public policy to rob Peter to pay Paul?

Keith Kappes can be reached at keithkappes@gmail.com

Girl gamers

Nintendo recently launched their newest entry in the fan-favorite Zelda series – the Legend of Zelda: Echoes of Wisdom – and it's the first in the series to feature the eponymous Princess Zelda as a playable character. This, of course, drew the attention of female journalists and feminist commentators to discuss the paucity of female protagonists in video games and the tendency for games with female leads, like the Tomb Raider series, to pander more to the male gamer than the female.

And none of them were wrong. Female characters in games are still more likely to be the damsel in distress than the main, playable character. Most games are also still marketed heavily towards young men, particularly in genres like the first person shooter.

However, it seemed as though some of them were under the illusion that this was something truly groundbreaking when – while there is definitely room for improvement – there have been female leads in games since the earliest days of the home console. In fact, the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) which introduced the world to Zelda also introduced us to another game which would go on to lend its name to an entire genre. Metroid, the side-scrolling action-adventure game which along with Konami's Castlevania gave rise to the Metroidvania sub-genre, has featured female protagonist Samus Aran since its launch in 1986. While Super Mario Bros. 2, which was released in 1988, allowed gamers to play through the story as

Princess Toadstool (aka Princess Peach), it came two years after Metroid proved that if the gameplay and story were compelling, the gender of the main character was irrelevant. Samus, in her bulky, pixelated armor, also showed us that a female protagonist didn't have to wear impractical short-shorts and a tight tank top for male gamers to enjoy their games.

It isn't even the first game to include Zelda as a playable character if you include the non-canon Philips CD-i games or Nintendo's own Hyrule series.

Role-playing games (RPGs), which share elements with the Legend of Zelda series (the Zelda games more properly fit in the action-adventure genre), are an even better example of developers allowing gamers to play as characters they can identify with by letting them literally design their own player-character. Race, gender, name, and profession are all customizable in many RPGs. Even in games with named main characters, like Mass Effect's Commander Shepard, there is also often the choice to choose these elements.

In games like Dragon Age: Origins, from Mass Effect developer BioWare, these choices have a direct impact on the course of the game, encouraging gamers to play through multiple times, from different perspectives, if they want to experience everything the game has to offer. The differences in options available to male and female human nobles are just the tip of the iceberg. The complexity and stratification of dwarf and elf society, as well as prejudice towards

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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.

Final Settlement Renodia Caudill, Executrix, in the estate of: Marlin Oakley, Attorney for Estate, Hon. Brandon Hamilton, November 6th, 2024 at 10:30am having been set as date of hearing, no cause for exceptions, having been shown, the settlement will be confirmed at date of hearing.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Carter County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for 1 Mack Truck and 1 Low Boy Trailer. Sealed bids are to be turned in to the Judge Executive's Office located at 300 West Main Street, Room 227, Grayson KY 41143 no later than October 14, 2024, at 4pm. These vehicles have a reserve price which will serve as the minimum bid.

- 2024 Mack P164T – Last 4 Vin #3688, Reserve \$195,000.00
- 2001 Eager Beaver Trailer – Last 4 Vin #0001, Reserve \$20,000.00

Vehicle and Trailer may be inspected at the Carter County Maintenance Garage, please call the road foreman Jason Carroll at 606-316-8096 for further information. Bids will be opened and awarded October 14, 2024 at 6pm at the Regular Fiscal Court meeting.

Gamers from A-5

those born with magical abilities, all play a role in how non-player characters (NPCs) and companions in the game react to you and how the story plays out.

Of course, not every genre allows the kind of flexibility RPGs do, and while the gaming industry is eager to cast a broad net to catch as many customers as possible, portions of the fandom are still rife with toxicity. (Just Google reactions to Sony's Ghost of Yotei, the follow up to their critically acclaimed

Ghost of Tsushima, for some recent examples.) This is an important issue that game developers and gamers need to deal with.

But Echoes of Wisdom is no mere the first step on this journey than it is the end destination. It's important to keep that all in mind when you hear folks talking about the new game. Especially if they aren't gamers.

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Food from A-1

to follow. Typically, food pantries don't dispense food directly to the public. Rather, they rely on a network of nonprofit entities such as churches to collect the food from them, then see that the food makes it to the local individuals and families that are in need.

Wilburn filled everything out and qualified to receive the food, and together with her father-in-law Wayne Wilburn (who, fortunately, is a retired truck driver) she goes once a week to pick up food.

"They have things like apples and potatoes," Wilburn said. "They always have a lot of fresh produce, so we pick that up every week. Then we order canned food and other staples through the ordering system at God's Food Bank."

The produce is always free, she pointed out, but the ordered food has to be paid for. Some other things include Smithfield Hams that are donated to the food bank, and for the past two months Wilburn said they've received turkey breasts.

"They have different things that are free each week," she said.

Wilburn said the church didn't stop at one supplier, but also began working with Christian Appalachian Project out of Paintsville, Kentucky.

"They are a nonprofit as well," Wilburn said. "But they are a warehouse in Paintsville that gets overstock items from places like Walmart, Walgreens, or CVS. And you might get anything there. We went today (September 30) and got pallets of Pine-Sol cleaner. It really could be anything."

"I just asked them one day, 'Why don't you bring me a semi-truck of that stuff?'" Wilburn said. She told the warehouse that it would save her a lot of money – a huge benefit to her limited cash budget – if they could possibly deliver

it. To her surprise, they answered, "Sure. We can do that."

"So now they bring us a semi-truckload of product once per month," Wilburn said.

Wilburn said the company brought her an estimated \$10 thousand worth of overstocked toys. They were on six pallets, ten feet tall, of new Hasbro toys, she said. Those toys were divided with Project Merry Christmas and other groups, and the church's part was of course given out to the community.

"Sometimes they will bring shoes, and we will have a shoe giveaway," she said. "One semi was filled with paper products such as plates and cups, and we gave those away to other churches and school resource centers. It's so random what you might get. So, we just divide with the community. We try to be good stewards and share with other organizations such as local schools, because every group has needs."

Wilburn said that the Grayson Freewill Baptist Church and all its volunteers have a once-a-month giveaway, with the October 2024 giveaway set to take place on Saturday, October 5 from 9 until 11 a.m. Everything will be lined up on tables or on pallets, she said, and those going through the line will receive approximately \$250 worth of groceries.

When the program started in March, 123 families participated, and by September that number had grown to 370, Wilburn said. Currently there is no restriction as to who can come to the giveaway, she said.

"If you come and tell me you're hungry, I'm giving you food," she said. "We'll serve as long as we have it."

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Fall Y'all from A-1

"We have a lot of new things coming in this year, which tickles me, because you want a big variety," she said. "When I was placing vendors, it kind of fell in place. I don't like to put (similar) vendors together, and there's such a wide variety that it was like, 'Well, that was easy.'"

Community organizations will also be set up, with Meals on Wheels holding a pie-in-the-face fundraiser, the Friends of the Library holding a book sale, Kynect and other community groups hosting informational booths, and First Baptist Church manning a prayer tent.

"We've sold over 70 spaces," Conley noted. "This is the biggest it's ever been."

Musical entertainment will be provided by singer

Audra Foltz, worship group Cornerstone, and musician Chad Wolfe.

But Fall Y'all wouldn't be Fall Y'all without games, and this year adds some new ones to the mix of returning favorites. For instance, this year folks can play the human fruit machine for a chance at prizes. The concept is similar to a slot machine. On a cue from the player, the human fruit pickers will randomly select a piece of fruit from the options laid out in front of them. Every picker will have the same pool of fruit varieties to pick from and, if two or more of the fruits chosen by the pickers are a match, the player will win a prize.

While the silly fun of the bed races is out, due to changes to the state route that make it impractical

to close Tygart Street, the Family Calling Contest is returning.

Conley said the combination of volume, creativity, and humor involved in that event make it, like the bed races, just as much fun for the spectators as the participants.

"It's like the husband calling contests," she explained. "But you call anybody in your family. It's not just your husband. Husbands can call wives. Wives can call kids."

The lady who won last year, she said, had the crowd in stitches with her delivery. The only real rules involved in how you call are keep it family friendly, and you can't use a microphone – only your natural voice.

All in all, she said, it's shaping up to be a good

event as they head into their eighth year, and she's excited to see how the event continues to grow and change in the future.

Vendor sales begin at 10 a.m. this Saturday, October 5, at the Welcome Center lot located along Railroad Street in downtown Olive Hill, along with kid's games. Entertainment and other contests get started at 11 a.m., with all events wrapping up by 3 p.m.

For more information and schedule of events you can click the Fall Y'all ad online at cartercountytimes.com, check out their Facebook event for information and updates, or look for the full schedule in this issue.

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Getting there from A-4

facing the area were drug related, Parsons said. But beneath it all there was the underlying problem of generational poverty. To remedy this, Parsons began programs working with potential employers as well as helping residents earn GED's, learn to write resumes, and other skills needed to reenter the workforce.

Hope Central, Parsons' group, partnered with other agencies with the ultimate goal of helping people help themselves. Many of their clients were referred to The Neighborhood. In 2016 Parsons held a seat on the board of The Neighborhood, and in 2018 the group adopted her program.

"So basically, we moved from being a program in our church, to being the employment initiative program at The Neighborhood," Parsons said.

Following that move, Parsons resigned from her position on the board of The Neighborhood to run the program and fulfill

other duties, and it was during this time that she set up a program where excess clothes were bailed, helping secure a grant for that program from Coal Field Development out of Huntington, West Virginia. The program was successful, and yielded some revenue, but then things were upended by the COVID pandemic in 2020, and her position was dissolved.

Though no longer working that program, Parsons said that her goal has never changed. Collaboration is always the key, she said. When people work together and share knowledge and resources, more can be accomplished. Since the beginning she has worked with numerous individuals and companies as a certified grant writer and helped them discover not only what they need to thrive, but where to get it. And above all, she works to show each client how to achieve the most important objective, sustainability.

Currently Parson's nonprofit, Business



CEO Renee Parsons and COO Ada Porter of Business Cultivation Foundation at their new office in the log cabin near the city building in Grayson. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Cultivation Foundation (BCF), is working with the Carter County Fiscal Court and is speaking with both the City of Grayson and The Carter County Ambulance Board to help them determine what grants they qualify for and how to submit those grants in the best way possible. They are collaborating with Grayson Tourism as well, both renting and sharing space at the log cabin near the Grayson city building. The business grand opening is set for October 31, and Parsons said she plans a ghost tour, with all proceeds going to tourism.

Parsons said that BCF isn't just geared toward working with big companies or government entities. They are also available for individuals who might not have anything more than an idea of what they want to do – hence the 'cultivation' in the company name. Anyone should feel free to come in and talk about their idea or goal, Parsons said; because there is a good chance they can help you understand what it takes to realize both.

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Week In review: Housing, pensions, and healthcare

As of October 1, there are 30 days until Halloween, 35 days to election day, 58 days until Thanksgiving, 85 days before Christmas, and 98 days until the 2025 Regular Session. While I know that may surprise some of us, it drives home just how quickly time flies. And, just how important our legislative interim is to preparing for sessions. The

last full week of September was incredibly busy as interim joint committees (IJC's), statutory committees, and a task force met to work on topics we will consider when we convene on January 7. Before I begin my week in review, please let me know if you would like additional information about these topics, and

check out the archived committee meetings on the legislature's YouTube channel, @KYLRCCommitteeMeetings.

IJC on State Government: Legislators first discussed the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan in terms of membership, payments and claims by year, 2023 expenses, and expectations for 2024 and beyond. Members then heard overviews and status updates on the Kentucky Public Pensions

Authority, the Judicial Form Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System. Some of the commonly discussed topics included asset allocations, investment returns, cash flows, actuarial statistics, and the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act on plans and costs.

IJC on Health Services: Lawmakers revised two proposals that did not pass during the last session but are expected to be filed for consideration in



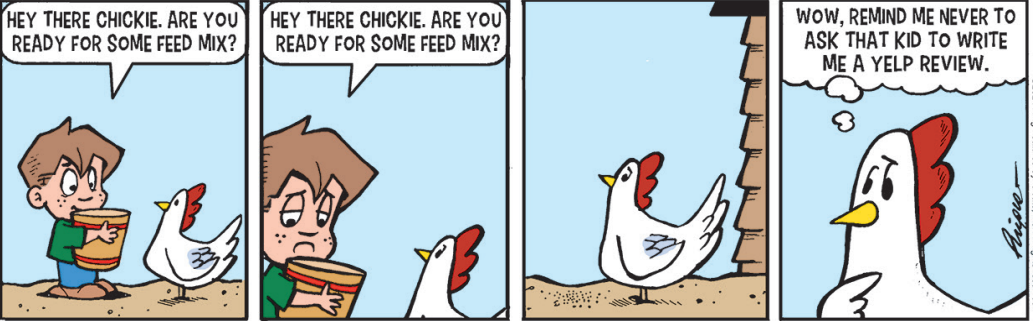
Patrick Flannery
Representative
State of Kentucky

2025. The first, SB 173, regarding Medicaid home and community-based waiver services. The committee also discussed a bill that would establish criteria to allow eligible physicians with a license to practice medicine in another country to practice within Kentucky. The Kentucky Academy of Physician Assistants spoke

and collaborative agreements with doctors to help alleviate this shortage. The Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities spoke on their struggles in compliance with federal minimum staffing standards. Finally, members discussed a bridge program for military medics to earn

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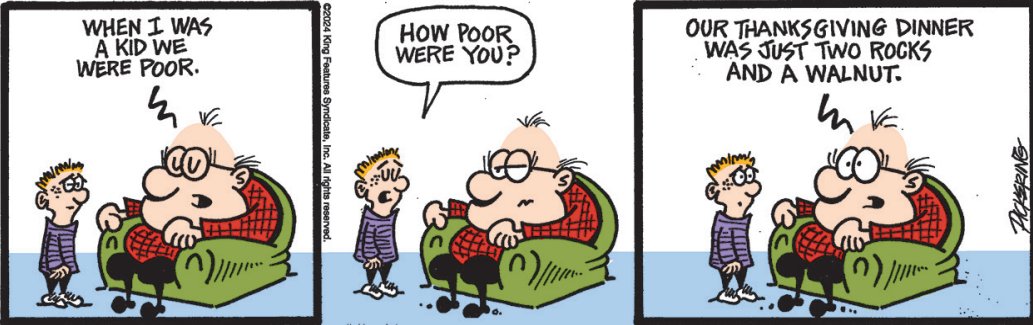
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Out on a Limb



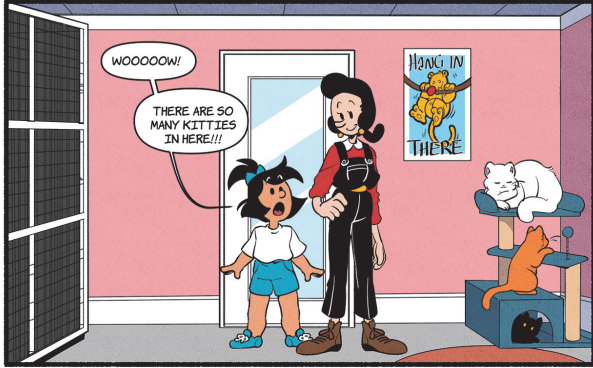
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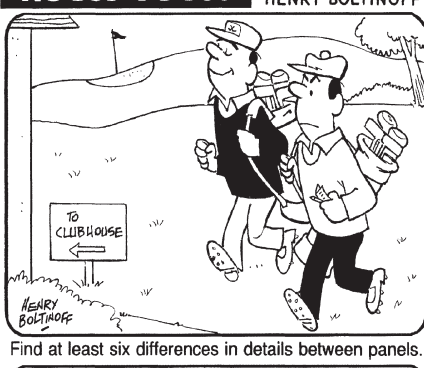
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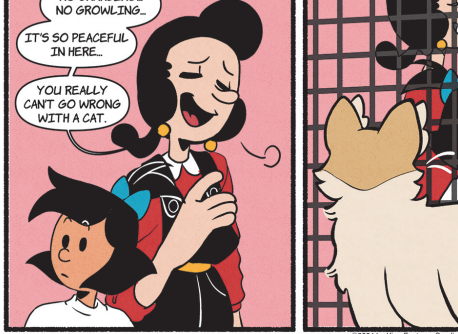
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HOCUS-FOCUS



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: S equals Z

J LZDP Z NGZSSM GPR UVJSSFM-
 NLZXPX ZVPZ VWU, CWH J
 YPPX ZDIJKJGU JH. JH'N Z
 CPZV HI RZFY IG.

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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!

Chic **GELATEN**

Cavort **ENPARC**

Ache **RAENY**

Hollow **UFLITE**

TODAY'S WORD

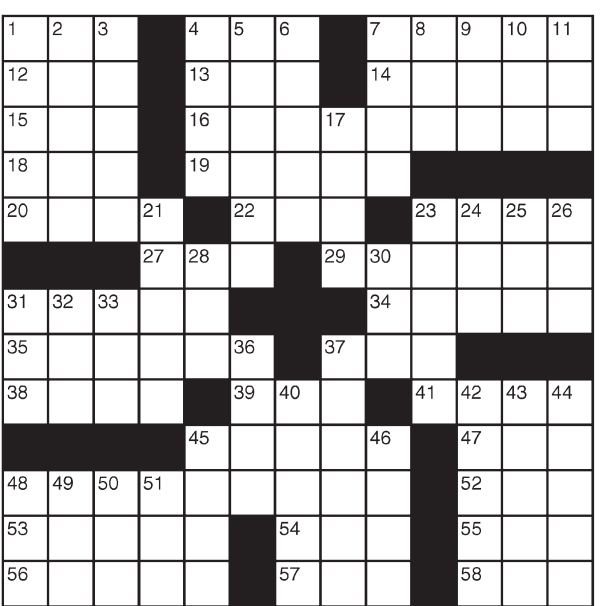


"I hate to complain, Alice, but my husband thinks you're not really _____."

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Buddy
- 4 Rm. coolers
- 7 Bashes
- 12 Epoch
- 13 Speck
- 14 Mowing sites
- 15 Goal
- 16 Handel compositions
- 18 Author Harper
- 19 Purse part
- 20 Trudge
- 22 Mess up
- 23 Prejudice
- 27 Mardi Gras VIP
- 29 Borneo beasts
- 31 Pocket breads
- 34 Harley rider
- 35 Delphi figure
- 37 In shape
- 38 Title for Helen Mirren
- 39 Gorilla
- 41 Wild guess
- 45 Cornell and Yale, e.g.
- 47 E.T.'s craft
- 48 Citrus drink
- 52 Carnival city
- 53 Sal of "Exodus"
- 54 Just out
- 55 Rage
- 56 Croc's kin
- 57 Hosp. areas



- 11 Snake's warning
- 17 Tropical tuber
- 21 Preprandial prayer
- 23 Entices
- 24 Pen filler
- 25 Get older
- 26 Old map letters
- 28 Immigrant's subj.
- 30 Hitter's stat
- 31 Group of seals
- 32 Nest egg acronym
- 33 Highland hat
- 36 Roof overhang
- 37 Birdseed holder
- 40 Steinyway product
- 42 Shroud city
- 43 Blazing
- 44 Greeted a bully
- 45 Borodin's "Prince —"
- 46 Gives a darn?
- 48 Texter's "Heavens!"
- 49 Estuary
- 50 Busy insect
- 51 Opposite of paleo-

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 CAUSE to NORSE in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

CAUSE

NORSE

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which animated film was the first to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture?
- SCIENCE: What is a common name for the Aurora Borealis?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the third U.S. president?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Maldives (islands) located?
- MUSIC: Who was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
- TELEVISION: What is Dorothy's job on "The Golden Girls"?
- MATH: Which number doesn't have a Roman numeral equivalent?
- LITERATURE: In the Harry Potter series of novels, what was Lord Voldemort's name before he changed it?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which dog breed doesn't "bark"?
- FAMOUS QUOTES: Who wrote the poetic line about fall, "Nature's first green is gold"?

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- Answers
- "Beauty and the Beast"
 - Thorned Lights
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - Indian Ocean
 - Aetha Franklin
 - Substitute teacher
 - Zero
 - Tom Marvolo Riddle
 - Basenji
 - Robert Frost, "Nothing Gold Can Stay"

TRYING

Today's Word

- Elegant
- France
- Yearn
- Futile

SCRAMBLERS

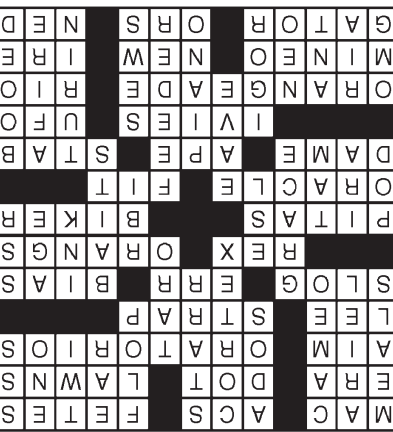
solution

PURSE, NURSE, NORSE

CAUSE, PAUSE, PARSE

Answer

WORD LADDER



Solution time: 26 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

I have a snazzy new grizzly bear to walk on. Keep avoiding it. It's a shaped area rug, but I have a snazzy new grizzly bear to walk on.

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.

- Garden plot _____ T _____ Dry out _____ R _____
- Tall _____ O _____ Southpaw _____ E _____
- Scrub _____ R _____ Talent investigator _____ T _____
- Sir _____ Raleigh W _____ Bridle _____ H _____
- Fingerless glove M _____ Infant feline _____ K _____
- Go pale _____ L _____ Tree limb _____ R _____
- Some future time _____ T _____ Pilsner _____ G _____
- Tailor's cord _____ D _____ Intimidation _____ T _____
- _____ monoxide _____ B _____ Milk container _____ T _____
- Acclimatize _____ A _____ Take as one's own _____ O _____

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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!

	+		×		= 78			
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	+		+		= 8			
÷		×		÷				
	+		÷		= 1			
=		=		=				
2		28		1				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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2	=	1	28			
2	+	7	÷	9	=	1
		×		÷		
1	+	4	+	3	=	8
		-		-		
5	+	8	×	6	=	78
		×		÷		

Go Figure!

Answers

1. Patch, Patch

2. Lofly, Lofly

3. Scout, Scout

4. Water, Heber

5. Mitten, Mitten

6. Branch, Branch

7. Label, Lager

8. Thread, Thread

9. Carbon, Carbon

10. Adapt, Adapt

Review from A-6

their degree and pursue a career in healthcare.

IJC on Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection: Members heard from the Kentucky State Police about efforts to improve statewide communications systems. The committee also discussed a proposal that would make it easier to allow military medics to put their experience towards registered nursing and licensed practical nursing programs. Lawmakers also heard from Volunteers of America Mid-States about the coverage of services they provide to veterans. A discussion regarding legislation to allow eligible National Guard and Reserve service members and their families to be buried at the state's veteran's cemeteries also received attention and members also heard testimony from eTMS regard-

ing their success treating PTSD and other illnesses.

IJC on Families and Children: Legislators heard from a variety of stakeholders and youth advocates in this month's meeting. First, the Kentucky Cancer Research Trust Fund, established by SB 82 in 2016, discussed the various research projects it oversees throughout the state. The organization has helped Kentucky become the national leader in psychosocial research. The Ronald McDonald House spoke about the organization's programs and its partnerships with Kentucky Children's Hospital and Norton's Hospital. Finally, advocates spoke on the effect of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) on individuals, the state, and the nation.

IJC on Economic Development and

Workforce Investment: Members heard testimony from Kentucky's adult education programs about the impact of funding, the effectiveness of adult education programs, program coordination, and GED outcomes. Members also discussed the TRAINS program and its impact on the labor market, sectoral training, and the state's talent pipeline. Finally, We Lead CS presented on their programs for students pursuing a career in computer science and their collaboration with local chambers of commerce to address tech workforce needs across the Commonwealth.

IJC on Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations: Members discussed the home inspection statute of limitations and the idea of putting a limit on the

time period in which a home inspector is liable. Members then discussed Eastern Kentucky University's Fire Safety Engineer Program, current barriers for graduates with fire safety engineering degrees looking to become licensed engineers in Kentucky, and solutions to the problem. Members then heard testimony about Delta-9 infused drinks and the potential need to further regulate the products to ensure that consumers are protected. Lastly, members discussed the employment application and licensing process for convicted felons and steps that could be taken to reduce barriers to entry into the workforce for these individuals.

IJC on Tourism, Small Business, and Information Technology: Lawmakers received an update from the Commis-

sioner of the Department of Parks on the status of several ongoing projects at state parks across Kentucky. Members then heard from local officials concerned about the lack of progress on improvements to Barren River Lake State Park. Lawmakers have allocated more than \$150 million towards infrastructure, upgrades, and renovations at parks, but progress has been slow and questions are consistently raised about the process used to select contractors and set timelines.

Kentucky Housing Task Force: Legislators heard from various stakeholders regarding the housing supply gap that Kentucky currently faces, and the possible actions that may aid in solving this problem. Prominent among the solutions discussed was the promotion of homes

that are manufactured instead of built on site. The purchase price and flexibility of these properties allows for these homes to be economically available for prospective first-time home owners. To promote these homes, it was recommended that members focus their research on zoning and other regulatory obstacles that affect the purchasing of these units.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via a new email address at Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Progressive learning

Hammer completes League of Cities training

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The rules which govern the operation of a city are subject to change, or at least being amended. Codes, ordinances, and basic operations all come before the city council to be voted upon, and depending upon how that vote goes, an ordinance or code will be adopted or in some cases even be removed from that city's 'operational manual' so to speak. Once in place, it is the job of the City Code

Enforcement Officer to investigate violations and issue citations if warranted.

Joe Hammer serves as both the ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) Administrator and the Code Enforcement Officer for the city of Grayson, the latter being a position he has held for three years. "Code Enforcement covers everything from issuing building permits, planning and zoning, to making sure people cut their grass," Hammer said. "Any type of city ordinance or city law falls under code enforcement."

That is a lot of ground to cover, and Hammer said that he looks forward to any training that helps him do his job better. There are many variables in code enforcement, he said,

including law and ethical behavior while enforcing that law.

"It isn't popular," he said. "But the codes are set in place to protect the residents of Grayson, even if they might not always feel they are being protected."

Hammer recently completed level two of code enforcement training through the Kentucky League of Cities and hopes to have the final level of training completed by next year. There is a lot to learn, he said, and the training is the best way to stay updated and current with procedures. Being current allows him to fulfill his duties in the most effective manner, Hammer said. It also allows him to advise the city council on how best to enforce codes. This

is especially crucial when a resident of the city brings a matter before the council. In those instances, Hammer's training helps him to assist them in the resolution of the issue.

Ethics and the rights of the city's residents are always at the front of his mind, along with the legal ramifications of any issue, Hammer said.

"A lot of what I do in the summer involves grass," Hammer said. "A resident might complain that their neighbor has let their grass get too high, and there is an ordinance for that. Years ago, you could grab a milk crate to stand on to look over someone's privacy fence to see if their grass was too high. But you can't do that now. This is America, and every American has a reasonable expectation of privacy."

Legally, Hammer said



Joe Hammer (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

that he can only inspect what he can see from the city street, and that without some other factor such as criminal activity that would then involve the city police, he isn't allowed to simply investigate private property at will.

"If the neighbors swear out an affidavit, I can work from that," he said. "But I can't just invade someone's property."

Hammer said that ultimately his job is all about

what is best for both the city and the residents of the city.

"Laws and ordinances are meant to keep everyone safe," he said.

And with every update to his training, he can be part of the solution and help eliminate the problems.

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8th Annual

"It's FALL Y'all!"

Vendor & Craft Festival

140 Railroad St; Olive Hill, Ky

October 5, 2024 10 AM - 3 PM

10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * VENDOR SALES BEGIN * KIDS GAMES BEGIN (end at 2 PM) <p style="font-style: italic; font-size: small;">Pumpkin Putt Putt, Spin the Wheel, Bean Bag Toss, Frog Pond, Ring Toss, Yard Pong, Darts, Bowling, etc.</p>
11:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * HAY BALE TOSS (Male & Female Div.) * "PIES FOR MEALS" BEGINS * Music by CORNERSTONE
12:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * FAMILY CALLIN' CONTEST (open to all ages)
12:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Music by CHAD WOLFE
1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * CORN THROW (13 yrs of age and up)
1:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Music by AUDRA FOLTZ
2:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * HAY BALE FLIP CONTEST (Male & Female Div.) * VENDOR BOOTH DECORATION CONTEST (Winner Announced)
3:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * "IT'S FALL Y'ALL!" ENDS

THANKS FOR COMING!!

*Line-up subject to change

