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ECMS celebrates Veteran's Day

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

East Carter Middle School hosted a Veteran's Day event on Monday, to honor all who have served. The guest speaker for the event was Jimmy Kozee, who served in the United States Marine Corp from 1992 until 2004. Kozee shared some of his experiences from his time in active military duty, and what Veteran's Day means to veterans.

"The military has been a big thing for me," Kozee said. "I served a couple of years in Japan, Somalia, and Iraq. I got to travel all over the world, and it has been a very special part of my life. But not only that, I started a family while I was in the Marine Corp. My wife is probably one

of the best-looking gunnery sergeants you'll ever see. And my son was born in Camp Lejeune."

"We live in the greatest country in the world," Kozee told the audience. "And there is no question about that whatsoever."

Kozee said that because of that, the students assembled there and all across the country can be whoever they choose to be.

"There is nothing that can stop you except yourself. You have the freedom to do that, and we have the freedom to have ceremonies like this. We have freedom to worship and freedom to vote."

"Other countries do not have this," he continued. "I have been in several countries where they don't get to make their own

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Veterans Jene Manley (Navy) and Richard Dallaire (Army National Guard) receive handmade quilts from the Carter County Quilts for Veterans Group (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Sacks, pancakes, and a winning attitude

Tackett recognized as Region 3 Player of the Year

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Wins are how we usually measure success in sports. It's a convenient rubric after all, and easy enough to follow and understand. But it's not the only measure of athleticism or sportsmanship. Recognition by your teammates and coaches is always nice too.

But when it's recognition from your opponents? That's extra special. And it's right where West Carter Middle School line-

man Lucas Tackett found himself at the end of this season. Lucas, the son of Justin and Katrina Tackett, was recognized as the Region 3 Seventh Grade player of the year.

"It's voted on by the other coaches in the state," explained the elder Tackett, who works with the coaching staff for both the high school and middle school teams. "Not too many linemen get it."

He explained that every year each team's coaches send in four names for consideration, and they are voted on in ranked choice by the coaches of other teams in the region.

"We've never had one make it," he said of the recognition, noting that the coaching staff

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West Carter Middle School seventh grader Lucas Tackett has been chosen at the Region 3 Seventh Grade Player of the Year. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Fishermen and fishers of men

KCU breaks ground on fishing team facility

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Kentucky Christian University recently broke ground on the construction of a thirty foot by one-hundred-eighty foot facility that will support one of their growing college sports teams. The new facility will house fifteen of the boats used by KCU's fishing team and will also serve as a secure place for students to store all of their fishing gear between meets.



(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

"Boats have a lot of parts on them, and those parts are all expensive," David Manning, KCU Athletic Director said. "This new facility will give the students more security and protection, not

to mention peace of mind. They can store their boats and work on them if they need to. You might as well say it's their locker room."

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Weekly arrests report

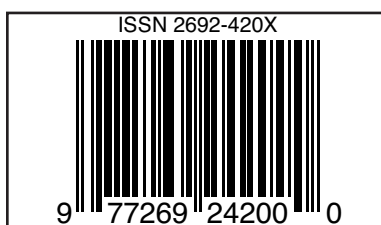
The following individuals were arrested and booked into the Carter County Detention Center over the past week. This list includes local arrests only. It does not include federal inmates being housed at or transported through the detention center.

- Eric Taylor, 42, of Vanceburg, arrested by Rowan County Detention Center, on a charge of flagrant non-support, arrested and booked November 4.
- Morgan Porter, 24, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault with minor injury, arrested and booked November 4.
- Teresa Bush, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked November 4.
- William Prater, 55, of Matewan, WV, arrested by Kentucky State

- Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked November 6.
- Michael Ludwig, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and failure to appear, arrested and booked November 6.
- Leonardo Gomez, 19, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place, arrested and booked November 6.
- Genaro Garcia, 23, of Barbourville, KY, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of failure to or improper signal, speeding in a school zone, no operator's license, failure to wear seat belts, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, failure

- to mention required insurance, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked November 6.
- Wyatt Caskey, 39, of Morehead, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked November 6.
- Estill Stamper, 53, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), one headlight, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked November 7.
- Alvin James, 55, of Perryville, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), arrested and booked November 7.
- Kristin Moore/Crothers, 41, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson

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This Week's Obituaries

Stephanie Lynn Butler, 25

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LIFESTYLE



Ditch the can, keep the comfort: Green bean casserole from scratch

Forget everything you know about the classic green bean casserole -- this year, we're taking it up a notch! With fresh green beans, a made-from-scratch mushroom sauce and crispy fried shallots, this upgraded version is richer, more vibrant and packed with flavor. No cans, no mystery ingredients -- just wholesome, real food that puts the canned stuff to shame.

We're starting with fresh green beans, blanched to maintain their crisp texture and deep color, ensuring each bite is flavorful. Say goodbye to canned cream of mushroom soup and hello to a luscious sauce made with fresh mushrooms, browned

for natural umami, plus half-and-half, stock, flour and a bit of butter for the perfect creaminess.

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

Yield: 6-8 servings
Total Time: 45 minutes

- 2 pounds green beans (fresh or frozen)
- 1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced or quartered
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 cups half-and-half (2.8-oz.) package of French's Onions OR 1 recipe Crispy Fried Shallots (below)

To blanch fresh beans: In a large saucepan, bring a gallon of water and 1 tablespoon of salt to a boil. Add the beans and blanch for 5 minutes. Drain and transfer to a bowl of ice water to halt cooking. Drain again and set aside.

For frozen beans: Thaw, drain and press out extra moisture for best results.

To make the casserole: Melt

the butter over medium-high heat in a large, oven-safe skillet (10 to 12 inches). Add the mushrooms, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the mushrooms release their juices -- about 5 minutes. Stir in the garlic and cook for another 2 minutes.

Sprinkle the flour over the mixture, stirring to coat the vegetables, and allow the flour to absorb any liquid. As you cook, the flour will lightly brown at the bottom of the skillet -- that's what you want.

Pour in the chicken broth, scraping up the browned bits with a spatula. Let it simmer for 3 minutes. Reduce the heat to low, add the half-and-half, and cook, stirring occasionally, until thickened -- about 10 minutes, or longer for a thicker consistency.

Remove from heat and mix in about a quarter of the shallots (or onions) along with all the green beans, stirring well to coat. Optional: Transfer to a casserole dish. Sprinkle the remaining onions on top, then bake until bubbly, roughly 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve warm.

CRISPY FRIED SHALLOTS

Yield: 6-8 servings
Total Time: 45 minutes



Made from scratch and packed with flavor -- this Green Bean Casserole is the real deal. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

- 12 ounces shallots (about 3 large)
- 1/4 cup cornstarch (or corn flour)
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- Pinch salt

Using a mandolin, thinly slice shallots into rings, about dime-thick. Toss in cornstarch until coated, separating the rings. Heat 3 inches of oil in a deep saute pan over medium heat. Working in batches, fry shallots for 3-5 minutes until golden, stirring to keep rings separate. Transfer to a paper-towel-lined tray with a slotted spoon and sprinkle with salt. Repeat until all shallots are fried. Save the flavorful oil for other recipes this season!

If Thanksgiving Day is busy, prepare the green beans, mushroom sauce and fried shallots in advance. Store separately, then assemble and bake just before dinner for an easy side dish.

Voila! You'll have a creamy, comforting green bean casserole that's a little indulgent -- perfect for the holidays!

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 DivasOnADimeDoCom. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com
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Joyful Noise

Jesus is the life

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell for Carter County Times

In John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is telling us how we can find life and dismissing all other false claims. John 14:6 is one verse in the Bible that we should not only know but with great joy also make the foundation of our faith.

To better understand the meaning of John 14:6 we first need to look at what led to Jesus saying these words. I am the way the truth and the life. Jesus is saying that it is through Him and only Him that the following will and can happen. Jesus uses "I

am" to describe himself in several other verses. In John 6:48 Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." In John 8:12, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying 'I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.'" Jesus tells us in John 10:9, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." In verse 11 Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

By saying, "I am," Jesus was stating that He is the true God. The "I am" is a name of power and great authority. The way. Notice

He doesn't say He's "a" way, but the way. All other paths will not lead to life, only Jesus will. The truth. Again, Jesus isn't claiming to be "a" truth, rather the truth. Jesus is not only true; He is truth itself. The life. Jesus gives us a way to find life that is completely and utterly opposed to what the world tells us. The world tells us that the good life is found in appeasing our own desires. Jesus says the good life is found when we lay down our life. In Jesus alone is where we can find life and life abundantly.

When Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life," He was not saying that He was one way to God among many.

He was telling us that no one comes to the Father except through Him. In other words, the only way to eternal life is through Jesus. All other paths will never lead to what they promise. Jesus is inviting us into a richer and more prosperous life. It's a life that is only found in Him that we could never find on our own. John 14:16 teaches us that if you want a life full of love, joy, peace, patience, faithfulness, kindness, and goodness then you need to start following Jesus. No one and nothing else can provide that.

In what direction is your life heading? If you know that you are heading

the wrong way, repent and redirect your life to get on the right path. Don't let anyone or anything other than Jesus define truth for you or you will end up believing what is untrue. So many people tend to think the good life is found in things other than Jesus. Sure, they satisfy us for a moment, but those things can quickly fade, and then we will need more and more and more.

Thank God, Jesus has a better way. He shows us in His Word that the good life is found in Him alone. So, if you find you are prioritizing things over Jesus, refocus your life. Set the course of your life to the

One who says, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." It's in Him alone that we find true life. Start living your best life now in Jesus! Amen! So be it!

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Turkey talk

It is that time of year when talk turns to turkeys. Technically, there is only one breed of turkey, with several varieties, although many people incorrectly refer to these varieties as breeds.

Turkeys are raised only for meat. They are not raised for egg production, as with chickens, ducks and quail. As a result, turkeys do not produce very many eggs.

The most common type of commercial turkey raised in the United States is the Broad-Breasted White. It has a larger breast than the other varieties of turkeys.

The term "heritage turkeys" refers to naturally mating turkey breeds native to the Americas. These varieties date back to early colonial times. They are Beltsville Small White, Bourbon Red, Jersey Buff, Narragansett, Royal Palm, Slate, Standard Bronze and White Holland. Heritage turkeys grow at a much slower rate than Broad-Breasted Whites. The result is a smaller bird but one with a more balanced dark-to-white meat ratio; a more intense, sometimes gamey flavor;

and a thicker layer of fat surrounding the breast.

A young male turkey is called a Jake, and a young female is called a Jenny, while a baby turkey is a poult. Older females are called hens, and older males are called toms. Adult males are sometimes called gobblers.

Turkeys have brightly colored growths on their throat called caruncles and a flap of skin that hangs over their beak called a snood. They also have a wattle, which is a flap of skin under the beak. You will see all of these things turn bright red when a tom is upset or courting a female.

As turkeys get older it is easier to tell the toms from the hens. Toms are typically larger overall than hens and have larger snoods and caruncles than the females.

There are two species of turkeys, both native to the Americas: the North American (Meleagris gallopavo) and the Ocellated (Meleagris ocellata) turkey. The North American wild turkey is the species from which all domesticated varieties of turkeys

originated. The Ocellated turkey, sometimes called the Mexican turkey, is native to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico.

Raising wild turkeys is illegal in some states, including Kentucky. The prohibition includes domestic strains of wild birds. The law is meant to protect native populations.

The wild turkey was first domesticated by the Aztecs. Turkeys provided a source of protein, and the feathers were used for decorative purposes. Very little genetic selection was used with these early domesticated turkeys. The explorers took these turkeys back to Europe with them.

After some early genetic selection in Europe, these turkeys were re-introduced into America with the first settlers. While the initial genetic selection of domesticated wild turkeys occurred in Europe, the different varieties were developed in the United States, with the possible exception of the White Holland.

Many options are available for those interested in starting a small flock of turkeys. If fast growth and good feed efficiency are important, the commercial strains of turkey are your best option. The Midget White, a smaller version of the Broad-Breasted White, is well suited for small

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers sold mostly 2.00 to 4.00 higher with exceptions up to 8.00 higher. Heifers were mostly steady to 3.00 higher. Yearling steers sold steady and yearling heifers were mixed with trends ranging from 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher. There was good demand for all feeder and yearling classes with active buyer participation showing best interest for weaned and preconditioned packages. Slaughter cows and bulls were unevenly steady with trends reported from 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher throughout the week.

Courtesy of https://www.kyagr.com/ Week ending 11/9/24

STATE AVERAGES			
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	317.39	306.20	257.34
400-450 lbs	300.40	289.39	247.62
450-500 lbs	285.99	281.74	247.82
500-550 lbs	269.76	269.59	240.38
550-600 lbs	264.12	265.90	236.05
600-650 lbs	251.60	253.81	229.12
650-700 lbs	250.82	248.74	225.54
700-750 lbs	239.78	240.92	220.50
750-800 lbs	232.97	236.38	217.20
800-850 lbs	230.59	232.59	213.67
850-900 lbs	220.11	240.81	208.76
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	258.73	263.23	214.60
350-400 lbs	255.43	255.74	218.66
400-450 lbs	248.67	250.10	218.40
450-500 lbs	245.30	242.25	215.37
500-550 lbs	237.32	239.01	209.91
550-600 lbs	233.15	234.81	205.29
600-650 lbs	223.72	227.20	200.43
650-700 lbs	221.58	219.59	197.11
700-750 lbs	207.16	212.09	192.11
750-800 lbs	199.48	209.32	188.40

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	108.00-129.00	115.50-144.00	100.00-117.00
Boners	106.00-128.00	115.50-141.00	90.00-114.00
Lean	85.00-126.00	105.00-135.00	50.00-114.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	130.00-159.00	150.00-174.00	100.00-149.00

Oct 24, 2024 Bowling Green, KY
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 163
Kids: Selection 1 60 lbs 300.00; 74 lbs 252.50. **Selection 2** 54 lbs 270.00; 70 lbs 260.00. **Selection 2-3** 46 lbs 212.50.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 633
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 53-59 lbs 282.50-305.00; 65-68 lbs 257.50-272.50; 76 lbs 252.50-265.00; 86-88 lbs 232.50-265.00; 118 lbs 205.00.
Choice 2 56 lbs 277.50-280.00; 66 lbs 267.50; 75 lbs 240.00; 88 lbs 220.00.
Wooled-Choice 2 48 lbs 235.00; 60 lbs 200.00; 91 lbs 245.00.

Week ending 11/9/24			
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
GRAINS			
Corn	3.72-4.96	3.70-4.29	4.13-4.73
Soybeans	9.02-10.45	8.80-10.14	12.33-13.51
Red Winter Wheat	5.04-5.19	4.84-5.19	5.37-6.23

Arrests from A-1

PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked November 7.

- Ashley Harmon, 40, of Carlisle, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear, arrested and booked November 7.
- Terry Davis, 44, of West Liberty, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a parole violation (for technical violation), arrested and booked November 7.
- William Sloas, 53, of Olive Hill, arrested by Boyd County Jail, on charges of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, and on a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked November 7.
- Nellie Hall, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked November 7.
- Bobby Harris, 19, of Grayson, arrested by

Grayson PD, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked November 8.

- Glen Russell, Jr., 37, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a parole violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked November 8.
- Robert Fosson, 59, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a parole violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked November 8.
- Harmond Montgomery, 50, of Hamlin, WV, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked November 8.
- Whitney Kingrey, 25, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible injury, arrested and booked November 8.
- Steven Literall, 45, of

Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked November 9.

- Tristan Shoemaker, 22, of Catlettsburg, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked November 10.
- Dakota Valandingham, 25, of Grahn, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked November 10.
- Paul Chavez, 35, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked November 10.
- Michael Salko, 35, of Mt. Sterling, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of inadequate silencer (muffler), no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, and driving on a DUI sus-

pending license – second offense, arrested and booked November 10.

- Parish Hamm, 30, of Morehead, arrested by Rowan County Detention Center, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested November 8, booked November 11.
- Dalton Thomas, 26, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, for drug court, arrested and booked November 11.

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.

Veterans from A-1

choices. They are told what they have to do. And they are forced to do what they are told to do. So, count your blessings.”

Kozee said that at one point all of the veterans at the event had stood in front of a recruiter not knowing what the future held.

“But they signed a piece of paper that said whatever did come they would be there to defend freedom. And I’ll bet if you put us all on a bus right now, we would still be ready to

defend freedom. That’s the culture we live,” Kozee said.

It is that dedication, he explained, that willingness even after the enlistment period is over, that makes veterans who they are. It is also what makes veterans appreciate the support that the community, the friends, neighbors, and other Americans in general give to them.

“I want to thank everyone for this ceremony,” Kozee said. “I want to

thank the staff and faculty of East Carter Middle School for everything you have done.”

Kozee added that the best way to thank a veteran is to take full advantage of the freedoms for which they fought. That and to perpetuate the values of courtesy and respect which come with a dedication to the ideals upon which the United States was founded.

During the ceremony honoring veterans, members of the Carter

County Quilts for Veterans presented two veterans with handmade quilts. Sue Tackett and Cozetta Bond from that group spoke, and the two veterans presented with quilts at the ceremony were Jene Manley (Navy 1967 to 1971 stationed on Carriers in Europe) and Richard Dallaire (2006 to 2008 Army National Guard – Army Global War on Terrorism).

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Tackett from A-1

was pleased to have one of their kids recognized this year, especially one who is focused mostly on defense.

“Linemen usually don’t have a lot of stats,” Justin Tackett explained. “Defensive linemen do, and he’s got a total of seven and a half sacks this year, and close to 33 tackles and 13 tackles for loss.”

Offensively though, he noted, the job of the lineman is to protect the runner. They mostly get noticed, he said, when they fail to do so. When they do their job well the recognition is on the quarterback or a running back who carries the ball. But their job is still essential. Having that contribution recognized means a lot to Lucas,

who said he’s preferred defense since starting in flag football at age four.

But it was his offensive play that helped get him noticed, Justin noted.

“Their job is to protect somebody. They protect the quarterback. They protect the running back. But he actually got voted on as an offensive player, and the only thing I can think of is we run the ball right behind him.”

With Lucas leading the charge for the runners, he said, the middle school team, “had two players that ended up rushing a combined 2000 yards together. That’s pretty good for middle school.”

He said he believes his son’s attitude and sports-

manship also contributed to the recognition.

“I’ve got several videos where he pancakes a kid, then he helps them back up,” Justin noted. “He’s a very humble kid.”

He noted an opposing coach made a point of approaching him after a recent All-Star game to comment on that sense of no-nonsense humility.

“He said, ‘One thing I loved about that boy is, he got a fumble recovery, and he acted like nothing happened.’ Because linemen never touch the ball. He got the recovery, and he was like, ‘Here you go.’ He’s just very humble, and I’ve tried to teach him that.”

Lucas said he enjoyed

testing himself against other players.

“Just the concept of it,” Lucas said, noting that it’s more than just “shoving guys around.”

The younger Tackett, soft spoken throughout the conversation, also wished to express his thanks to his teammates and the West Carter coaching staff for the opportunities to play and for putting his name forward.

“I’d like to say thanks to my coaches, for being behind me,” he said. “And my mom for supporting me and my dad for pushing me.”

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KCU Gala helps fund tuition

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Kentucky Christian University held a Gala Fundraising event on Saturday, in the school’s Lusby Center Gymnasium. For the event, the gymnasium was turned into a

fine dining spot for guests to enjoy a meal and dinner music provided by Beth Hardwick, a Junior at KCU and Biology Major.

The event was opened by the Dean of Keeran School of Bible and Ministry Dr. Rob Shoaff, and The KCU Worship Collec-

tive, with KCU students Alicen Jude, Evan Loudereback, Elijah Robinette, Hope Robinette, and Fred Dubreus performed for the guests. Guests were also greeted by KCU President Dr. Terry Allcorn, and Director of Development Danny Stamper, who in-

troduced the special guest speaker Alan Robertson.

Many will remember Alan as the older brother on the popular A&E Network television series Duck Dynasty but might not know that he also served in both a full time

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Turkey from A-2

farms.

If you are looking at raising heritage turkeys there are several varieties to choose from. The Bourbon Red was developed in Kentucky and is suitable for small flocks.

If you would like to enter your turkeys in poultry shows, purebred varieties are required. Choose one of the eight varieties recognized by the American Poultry Association in their

Standard of Perfection. The Royal Palm turkey is primarily an ornamental variety, but any of the other varieties are well suited to the small flock.

For more information contact the Carter County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or

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Upcoming Events

- Northeast Area Livestock Meeting – Tuesday,

November 19th @ 6:00 PM; Topic – Understanding Seed Tags; Speaker: Dr. Jimmy Henning, UK Forage Specialist

- Commercial Pesticide Applicator Continuing Education Training – Friday, November 22nd – 9:00-3:30 - Virtual via Zoom – Call 474-6686 to register.
- East KY Hay Contest Awards – Tuesday, November 26th @ 5:30 PM

CALENDAR

- **11/13: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **11/15: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **11/16: Friends of the Library meeting @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **11/18: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **11/18: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **11/18: Carter County EMS Board Meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County EMS Station
- **11/18: Carter County Board of Education @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Board of Education office
- **11/19: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **11/19: Northeast Area Livestock Association @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: Understanding Seed Tags; Speaker: Dr. Jimmy Henning, UK Forage Specialist
- **11/19: Olive Hill City Council @ 6 p.m.** | Olive Hill Senior/Community Center
- **11/21: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **11/21: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Giovanni's of Olive Hill
- **11/22: Commercial Pesticide Applicator Continuing Education Training @ 9 a.m.** | Zoom | Call 474-6686 to register.

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Legislative update

FRANKFORT— This past week, Kentuckians, alongside millions of Americans, participated in one of the most fundamental tenants of our republic: voting. Whether it was for local offices



Robin L. Webb
Senator
State of Kentucky

investments are critical for advancing essential infrastructure, housing, and public safety, fueling community development and local economies. Additionally, lawmakers explored the

ongoing challenges within our judicial system through a detailed update on the Judicial Branch Budget. Despite expanded funding for mental health courts and essential salary enhancements under House Bill 264 (2024), persistent budgetary challenges remain, exacerbated by inflation and rising operational costs.

Lastly, members reviewed the implementation of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Power Excise Tax, established by House Bill 8, which has generated \$338,209 in revenue since its January 2024 rollout. This tax supports the growth of sustainable transportation infrastructure and marks a significant step forward in securing funding to keep Kentucky moving toward a greener future.

At the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, our discussions were marked by innovative approaches to balancing ecological stewardship and economic development. A standout topic was the proposal to introduce F1 hybrid largemouth bass to Paintsville Lake, an initiative that could transform the area into a sought-after fishing destination, boosting local tourism and community vitality. The initiative is emblematic of how Kentucky can blend community engagement with sustainable resource

management.

Additionally, State Auditor Allison Ball presented an audit of the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund (KHLCF) Nature License Plate Fund. The fund, which has grown to \$1.6 million, demonstrated robust financial health and compliance—a positive signal for the many stakeholders invested in Kentucky’s conservation efforts.

The committee also addressed wildlife health concerns, notably the presence of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Ballard and Breckinridge Counties. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources provided an update on surveillance strategies and responses, emphasizing the need for ongoing vigilance in managing wildlife diseases such as Hemorrhagic Disease (HD) and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). These efforts are essential for preserving wildlife health and managing threats, such as invasive species and tick-borne illnesses.

In another meeting, the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture, members heard a presentation led by Commissioner Jonathan Shell that spotlighted both the opportunities and hurdles facing our pork and dairy sectors. Ranking 16th in the nation for pork production and producing over 120 million gallons of milk annually, these industries contribute over \$220 million in farm receipts. However, their growth depends on strategic legislative support and infrastructure investments.

A key concern was about the impact of new NFPA fire safety regulations, which require fire sprinkler systems in livestock barns. While ensuring animal welfare is paramount, the estimated

costs of \$9 to \$15 per square foot present a significant burden, especially for family farms. The committee acknowledged the importance of finding legislative solutions to balance safety with economic practicality, ensuring that biosecurity and operational viability are not compromised.

Commissioner Shell advocated for economic incentives and infrastructure development as legislative priorities for the 2025 Regular Session. Such measures are vital for bolstering rural economies, supporting family farmers, and safeguarding the future of Kentucky’s agriculture.

Lastly, the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee met and had critical discussions centered around updates on Kentucky’s juvenile justice efforts. Agency updates highlighted progress within the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), focusing on the Family, Accountability, Intervention, and Response (FAIR) Team outcomes, enhanced judicial training, and trends in youth detentions. Notably, while overall detention rates decreased from their 2006 peak, a 7% rise was reported from January to September 2024 compared to the previous year, revealing regional disparities that merit further examination.

The Volunteers of America presented on their restorative justice initiatives aimed at rehabilitative rather than punitive responses, stressing the importance of fostering positive behavioral changes and community reintegration. Their programs have proven effective in diverting youth from court proceedings and addressing the root causes of offenses. Challenges such as achieving consistent staff buy-in and

OBITUARY

Stephanie Lynn Butler 1999 – 2024



Stephanie Lynn Butler, age 25, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

She was born Tuesday, August 31 1999, in Boyd County, Kentucky, to Steve Butler and Michelle Vernatter Butler, both of Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Stephanie enjoyed skating, watching movies, traveling, going out to eat and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Lou Smith Vernatter.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her companion of 4 years, Kaden Elliott; two sisters, Crystal Moore of Morehead, Kentucky, Misty Butler of Ashland, Kentucky; paternal grandparents, Albert and Betty Miller Butler; maternal grandfather, Jack Vernatter; special nephews, Landen and Dakota; a special niece, Kyra, many aunts and uncles, along with many other family and friends that will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Mark Cox officiating. Burial followed in Biggs Hill Cemetery.

Friends visited after 11:30 a.m., Saturday, November 9, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Stephanie Lynn Butler.

implementing system-wide cultural changes were noted as areas needing continued focus.

The conversation on juvenile probation outlined critical flaws in traditional models, which rely heavily on surveillance and sanctions that often lead to high rates of probation violations and disproportionate impacts on minority youth. Emphasis was placed on adopting developmentally appropriate, individualized probation conditions that prioritize positive reinforcement, behavior change, and training for probation officers to better engage with youth and address their unique needs. The call for reform

included integrating fair, equitable practices and ensuring that probation regulations do not impede educational and social development.

From strategic investments that fuel communities and support our judicial system to innovative ecological and agricultural solutions that honor traditions while paving the way for an innovative future, Kentucky’s path forward is one of opportunity and determination. It is through these collective efforts—grounded in the values of service, stewardship, and fellowship—that we can build a stronger state and nation.

Old Book Lady

We've moved, Olive Hill!

By Diane Wingert
Carter County Times

Big news for the Olive Hill branch! We have moved from the top floor of the old high school to the original library of the elementary school on the hill. This was the original

library, built in 1971, and is a great space. So, come see us on the hill in Olive Hill when we reopen next week.

We are more accessible to the public now as well. No elevator or stairs. Just park, get out, and come in. We have easy access and

improved parking, so our goal has been reached.

Thank you to the Olive Hill Center for Arts and Heritage for allowing us to move. Thank you to the Carter County Public Library Board members for allowing us to move. And thank you to all who

have helped us to move. We would not be able to do all this by ourselves, so thank you!

We are already planning many activities for our new location. In November we plan to have a Potluck Thanksgiving Meal. For December we plan to have a big Christmas party, with gifts, food and loads of fun!

There are many more

things happening at your Carter County Public Library too.

Look for all our upcoming activities on Facebook or our website, where there will be many different programs announced. So, be on the lookout for all we will be offering to the community.

And be sure to stop by next Tuesday, November 19, when we will be

having a grand reopening at our new location. Come join us any time from noon to 6pm. We will have cake, drinks, and great fun that day to celebrate our awesome move. We can hardly wait to see all the people and show off our new location!

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Fishing from A-1

Manning said that if the students aren’t eating or in class, they will be at the new facility working on their boats and hanging out.

Manning said the fishing program at Kentucky Christian University currently has twenty-one students involved, with two coaches and volunteers. The involved students are both male and female, and Manning said the program is poised to grow with the added incentive of the availability of fishing scholarships. And the beauty of the sport, Manning said, is that you can compete on even

footing regardless of the size of the school. KCU typically places between eleventh and thirteenth in nationwide rating among roughly three hundred schools.

The school did not need to purchase property for the construction but was instead able to make use of land it already owned. The cost of the new facility, however, comes to around \$165,000.00, Manning said. But that cost won’t have to be absorbed by the school due to a generous donation from the parents of one of the students, Reese Kinney, whose donation will completely

cover the price of the new facility.

“It was so exciting when Reese’s parents, Josh and Amy, got in touch with us about wanting to build a proper place to put these boats,” KCU President Terry Allcorn said at the groundbreaking ceremony. “We’ve always appreciated the members of

the Bass Fishing Team,” Allcorn continued. “You always bring your boats and that’s a big deal to us. And we’re really excited to have a good place to store them and keep them safe. We are very grateful for that opportunity and really appreciate you all coming out for this groundbreaking.”

Allcorn said the building was completely paid for with donations and volunteer labor, and the school was fortunate to have such wonderful donors and volunteers.

Grayson Mayor Troy Combs said he was happy to be at the groundbreaking ceremony, and happy to see the young people involved in the now six-year-old program.

“It brings people to our community, and if there are people in our area who

want to pursue this option, they can now do that,” Combs said. “And I love to see KCU growing. On behalf of the city, we want to do everything we can to assist and collaborate, and hope to continue to do that going forward. And we want to wish you ‘Good Fishing.’”

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Guest Editorial

Why local newspapers hold trust while national media slips

By Dean Ridings, CEO | *America's Newspapers*

The recent decision by The Washington Post and Los Angeles Times to skip endorsing a presidential candidate has put the issue of media trust in the spotlight — and it underscores just how differently local newspapers are perceived from their national counterparts.

America's Newspapers, the leading trade association for local newspapers nationwide, understands that local newspapers hold a unique place of trust within their communities, especially when compared to national media, social media and cable news. Recognizing this critical distinction, America's Newspapers commissioned a national study to quantify how local newspapers continue to earn and retain the trust of their readers, even as skepticism about media in general grows.

The 2024 America's Newspapers Trust Study shows that while public confidence in national news sources is declining, local newspapers remain a trusted source for communities across the country. More than half of Americans see their local newspaper as their most reliable news source, citing the transparency, ethical standards and community focus that are unique to local journalism.

Unlike national media outlets, local journalists are active members of the communities they cover. They're present at town hall meetings, reporting on school boards and investigating local government. This closeness fosters a relationship of accountability that simply doesn't exist with national media, which can feel distant or disconnected from the everyday lives of their readers.

Transparency is a defining characteristic of this trust. According to the study, 61% of Americans say transparency is the most critical factor in determining trust in media, and more Americans rate local newspapers as the best at upholding these standards. This level of accountability is not just a practice; it's a necessity. Local journalists live in the same communities as their readers, which means they are answerable to the people they serve. Local newspapers prioritize showing readers exactly where their information comes from, clearly identifying sources and detailing how stories are reported. This transparency, rooted in their close connection to the community, allows local newspapers to earn trust in ways that national media can't.

Beyond reporting on the critical issues that impact local families, local newspapers play a crucial role in supporting democratic engagement and civic accountability. According to the study, 85% of Americans believe that local newspapers are essential to sustaining democracy, and 74% worry that losing their local paper would significantly hurt their community. Local newspapers provide critical insights into local decisions that impact everyday life — issues that national media simply can't cover in the same depth or with the same understanding.

While local newspapers continue to be recognized as the most trusted media, there are still significant challenges. The impact of the overall erosion in trust in media certainly has a negative impact on local newspapers, who too often get lumped in with the rest of "the media." And, without question, local newspapers continue to be impacted financially by the shifting advertising models and the actions of Big Tech companies over the years. The financial impact makes it difficult to adequately staff local newsrooms in far too many areas across the country. Newspaper closures, and the resulting news deserts, have severe consequences for these communities, and there often isn't another media source in the area to compensate for the newspaper's loss. Legislation to support local newspapers is critical to maintaining these trusted, vital media leaders.

America's Newspapers remains dedicated to supporting these efforts and reinforcing the vital role that local papers play in making sure every community has a voice. In a time when skepticism of media is high, it's essential to distinguish local newspapers from the larger media landscape. Local newspapers aren't part of "the media" that people often view with suspicion. Instead, they're committed members of the community, present in readers' lives, and devoted to ethical, transparent journalism.

While national media outlets navigate their own trust challenges, local newspapers stay deeply rooted in their communities, providing the kind of honest, accountable reporting that helps ensure an informed, connected and engaged community.

For more information about the America's Newspapers Trust in Media Study, visit: <https://member.newspapers.org/trust-in-media.html>

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Veterans Day is how we Americans show gratitude for our freedom!

Veterans Day will have come and gone by the time you read this but showing respect and appreciation for our men and women in military uniforms must never stop.

From the ceremonial wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery to the planting of miniature flags on the graves of deceased veterans in local cemeteries, we show our patriotism and pride as a free nation by remembering those whose absence reminds us that freedom is not really free.

And we honor the living veterans with parades and other events and special treats like free meals at local and nationally franchised restaurants. Most of all, we say "thank you for your service" as sincerely as possible.

Veterans Day is very personal to me and I awoke with a smile knowing that my 100-year-old father-in-law would soon be enjoying a free breakfast at a classy restaurant near his home in Utah. A former B-17 bomber pilot in World War II, old Ray exemplifies the spirit of the "Greatest Generation".

Invited to share his military service with middle school students later that day, he no doubt gave them his standard comment that the real American heroes

in wartime are those who don't come home but rest in honored glory in American military cemeteries around the world.

On Veterans Day and often at other times, I find myself grieving the loss of my best childhood friend, Ernie, who died defending the American embassy in Saigon, and my brother-in-law, Jerry, who died 44 years after his exposure to agent orange defoliant in Vietnam.

As a nation, we also owe a huge debt of gratitude to the millions of American men and women who have survived their military service and to those who are serving in today's even more dangerous world.

I'm proud of my nearly 22 years of service, primarily part-time in the Kentucky Army National Guard. One reason is that the profile of a minuteman on Kentucky's special license plate for National Guard members reminds us of who were America's first soldiers.



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Carter County Times

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Disillusionment

This week's guest editorial, on the importance of local newspapers and how they differ from "the media" at the national level, was exactly what I needed to see when it came across my feed. See, I've been having a rough week.

No, it isn't because of the election. It's more to do with what was going on in the leadup to last Tuesday, and what's been going on since. One of the things that has been obvious since 2016 is that President-elect Donald Trump is not a fan of the national media — or the "fake news" as he so famously calls it. Though I doubt very seriously he's had publications like the Carter County Times in mind when he has criticized "the media," that criticism has had a trickle-down effect. (More so than any tax cuts for the wealthy have ever had, at least.)

While he might not have meant for that criticism to impact locally focused media outlets and reporters, in several ways it did.

And it has continued to do so since then. While covering events as innocuous as Memory Days I've had people refuse to talk with me. Not because they are bashful, or because they don't want their name or picture in the paper, but because they "don't trust the media."

Apparently not even to ask them something as benign as "How did you like the parade?" It's something everyone in local media has become accustomed to over the last 8 years. We have to continually work to maintain your trust, and that isn't

necessarily a bad thing. It's something every reporter should be cognizant of and working towards anyway.

I was ready for a possible increase in those types of struggles and interactions.

What I wasn't prepared for was the vitriol from those on the left, who have decided this most recent Trump victory is the fault of the media as well, and that any and all of us working to deliver unbiased and objective news deserve anything bad that happens to us as a result.

Never mind that media skepticism is already high among the president-elect's most vociferous supporters, so any extra criticism the media might have chosen to level at him would have ultimately fallen on deaf ears — or, more likely, further embolden his base. Many of them already believe the media (and here I'm talking national media) is fake news, after all.

And it was Trump's appeal to his base that won the election this time around. He galvanized the folks who supported him, while the Democrats floundered from a lackluster Joe Biden, to a complete upending of the ticket, to then squandering any excitement that change may have generated by building a campaign aimed more at courting the handful of disillusioned Republican and Independent voters than appealing to the base that put Biden and Harris in the White House four-years ago.

I guess in their anger and disillusionment with the loss of that base — which the numbers seem to indicate

See *DISILLUSIONMENT* on A-6



Jeremy D. Wells
Editor
Carter County Times

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Gala from A-3

and volunteer ministry at the White Ferry Road Church in West Monroe, Louisiana, for over 35 years. He pastored the church for over 22 years before returning to the family business, Duck Commander, and at that point began appearing on the show. Robertson and wife Lisa have co-authored three books, and Robertson is now the host of Blaze TV's Podcast 'Unashamed' with his father Phil and brother Jase Robertson.

"I love ministry, and I love education," Robertson said. "So, I love what you are doing and I'm really excited to be here. It's a blessing."

Robertson shared his family story, as well as his own personal story with the gala guests. The stories he shared focused on wandering from the true path, and fortunately ended with redemption. One quote he used from his father Phil Robertson, "never leave home without your wife or your Bible," would not

have been given to him by his father in his father's younger years. Robertson told of his father having strayed so far from the true path that he actually threw everyone out of the house. But fortunately, Robertson said, his father came back to God and was a changed man with unwavering faith.

Robertson also told of his own dark journey at a young age and compared himself to the Biblical story of the Prodigal Son. His teenage years led him down a path of darkness, Robertson told the crowd. He left his home and went to New Orleans, Louisiana to "find himself," but by his own admission that was where he truly lost himself.

"I found myself one Sunday morning on the wrong end of a jealous husband's crowbar," Robertson said. "I probably should have died that day, but I didn't because the Almighty wasn't through with me."



(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

In his own words he "looked around the pignen of his own making" and realized that he did not want to be in that place. Fortunately for Robertson a police officer took the time to speak to him and advised him to go home. He did return home and was surprised at the open armed welcome he received, which lead to his redemption. Robertson's message, woven through the stories of family trials, failures, and successes,

was that redemption was always possible.

The message that Robertson brought to the gala meshes well with the Kentucky Christian University's mission of education and grounding in faith. Students can pursue a top-notch education while being grounded in faith-based studies as well at a university that cares for them in the same way families care for each other. The gala fundraiser itself is proof of that, with

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I, Patrick D. Trent, represent no one in this action. Rather, I have been appointed by the Court as "Warning Order Attorney" for the Unknown Heirs, if any, of George W. Ramey, to publish this message to inform the above-named Defendant(s) of the pendency of this case. I further advise that: (a) you may acquire additional information about this matter by consulting with the Carter County Circuit Court Clerk about this case, and; (b) that if you are an interested party and take no action within fifty (50) days from October 25th, 2024, a judgment may be entered against you.

All interested parties are welcome to contact my office at (606) 738-6437 with any additional questions. Thank you.

all the proceeds going toward student tuition so that students are able to learn without the additional worry of how they

will be able to pay for that education.

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Raiders take on Rowan County

Middle school boys bring home championship win

By Katie Barker
Carter County Times

The East Carter Raiders eighth grade team faced the Rowan County Vikings Thursday night in the EKC 8th grade championship; coming out on top with a 40-8 win.

The raiders started off strong receiving kickoff and making their way down the field with

a strong offense. Levi Ruffin (#15) scored the first touchdown of the night putting the Raiders on the board making the score 8-0. The Vikings would counteract however, running in for a touchdown tying the game with two minutes left in the first quarter.

The Raiders weren't done though, with quarterback Lawson Wilder throwing a pass to Ruffin who ran in for another touchdown. The kick from Julian Sanders was good making the score 16-8 with about two minutes left.

The Raiders defense were dominant throughout the whole game making stops and holding the



(Photo by Katie Barker, Carter County Times)

Vikings at only 8 points. They came up on a huge play during the first quarter when they caused a

fumble, recovered by #52 Conner Rogers. This gave the Raiders another shot at a touchdown which they

capitalized on. A handoff to #21 Frankie Williams helped the Raiders extend their lead with another touchdown making the score 24-8 with about a minute left in the first quarter.

The raiders came back out in the second quarter with the same momentum and extended their lead 32-8. This came from QB pass to #10 Izak Kitchen which resulted in an eight yard gain putting the Raiders at the one yard line for a first and goal. Ruffin ran it in for another touchdown bringing the game to halftime.

The Vikings received the second half kickoff, but the Raiders defense was

strong enough to hold them off getting them the ball back which led to another touchdown. This came from #8 Bryson Matney who ran the ball in from about the 25 yard line making the score 40-8.

The Raiders would cause two more fumbles towards the end of the game, recovering both of them and winning the game 40-8.

The Raiders became the 8th grade EKC champions and ended the season 12-1, with 8th grader Bryson Matney receiving recognition as offensive MVP.

"It's all about the players, they work hard and got the job done," said head coach Junior Salmons.

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Comets shine against the Royals

Seventh graders finish undefeated season with championship win

By Katie Barker
Carter County Times

The West Carter Middle School seventh grade football team took on the Mason County Royals in the 7th grade EKC championship at Kentucky Christian University last Thursday night. The Comets would come out victorious with a 30-6 win.

The Comets started off the night strong getting the first points on the board with a rushing touchdown from #35 Jordan Barker that made the score 8-0 before the first quarter ended. The Comets defense were

able to hold the Royals and cause a turnover on downs with a defensive play coming from Gabe Davis and Lucas Tackett. The Comets were able to score another touchdown with a fake pass from #13 Kyler Brasington, who handed it off to Barker for another touchdown. Barker also ran in for the 2 point conversion making the

score 16-0. The Comets defense held the Royals at the half, causing a fumble recovered by Tackett. This gave the Comets another chance to extend their lead before halftime. Brasington threw it to #11 Easton Kitchen, who caught it and ran before getting stopped around the 10 yard line with one second left. This gave the

QB time to pass it to #2 Kobe Stamper, giving the Comets a 22-0 lead at the half.

The Comets kept the momentum going after halftime with a rushing touchdown by Brasington and a 2 point conversion by #12 Isaiah Roe put the score 30-0 in the third quarter.

The Comets defense

were able to hold the Royals, only allowing them one touchdown, making the score 30-6 at the end of the third quarter.

This score would hold, giving the Comets an undefeated season with a 10-0 record and making them EKC 7th grade champions. Brasington won Of-

fensive MVP for the game in the trophy presentations after the game.

"This was a dominant season with this group... never shed a tear, whined, complained, just kept battling and the end result was a championship," Coach Chris Barker said after the game.

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(Photo by Katie Barker, Carter County Times)

Disillusionment from A-5

stayed home rather than support a Harris-Walz ticket – they needed someone to lash out at too. And, once again, "the media" made a convenient whipping boy.

I can understand that too, even if I don't agree with it.

What I absolutely was not prepared for, however, was to have folks on both sides laughing at jokes about building the gallows for the reporters. I wasn't expecting a friend of 30 years to tell me that, "When the fascists come for you, you'll all deserve it for not doing more to prevent this."

But that's not the role of media; be they national media or locally operated newspapers. Our job isn't to tell you what you should think, or

how you should vote.

Our job is to tell you what is happening. To tell you what your elected officials, and those who aspire to that office, are saying. Our job is to provide you with objective facts and data, so that you can make an informed choice that aligns best with your ideals, inclinations, and convictions.

For papers like this one, that means focusing on what's going on in the communities around you – not trying to sway you on who you should pick for president. If a local newspaper endorses a candidate or issue – as we did on Amendment 2 – it should be a local candidate or issue. Because those are the issues

that impact us where we live, and these are the candidates we know and work with regularly.

I've been disillusioned this week, as family and longtime friends and acquaintances across the political spectrum have jumped on the media hate bandwagon. It's made me question why I bother at all. But somewhere deep beneath all that angst, I know why I do it. I know why this paper has value. I know the importance of a free and independent press.

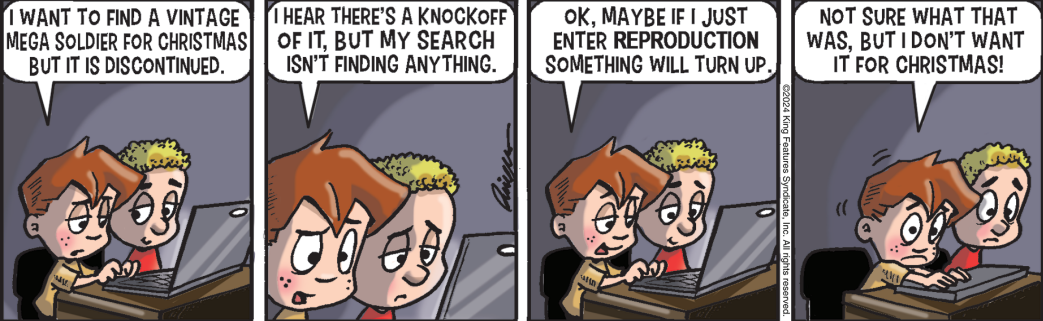
I just hope you all feel the same way and continue to find value in it too, regardless of how any of us voted.

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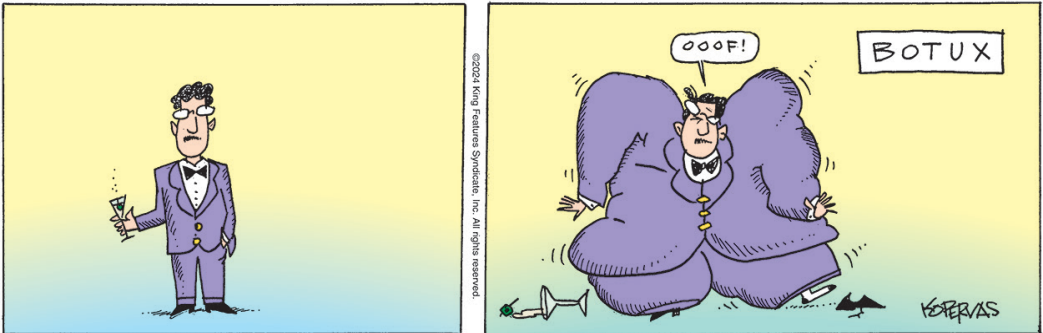
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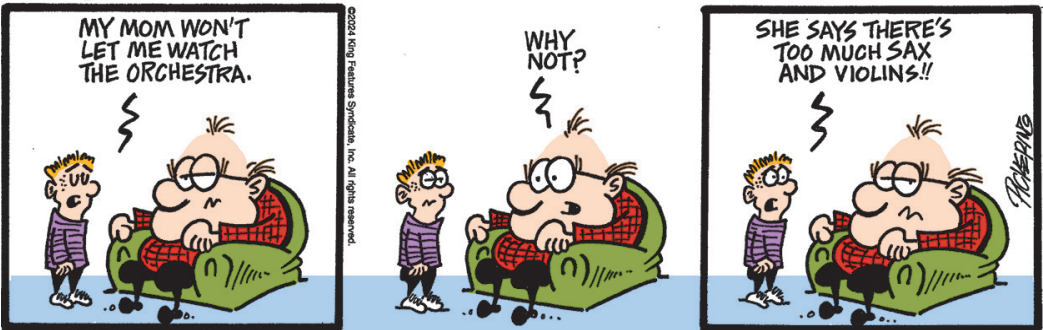
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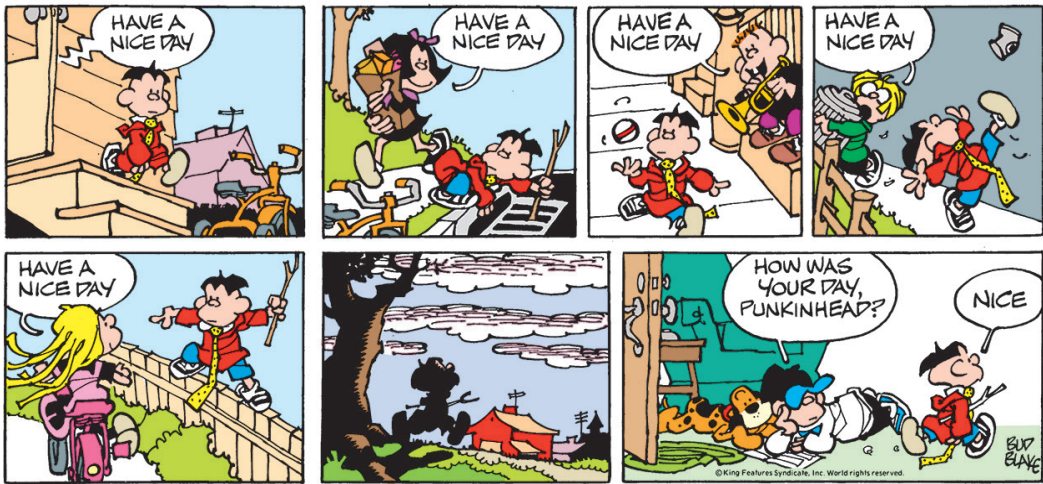
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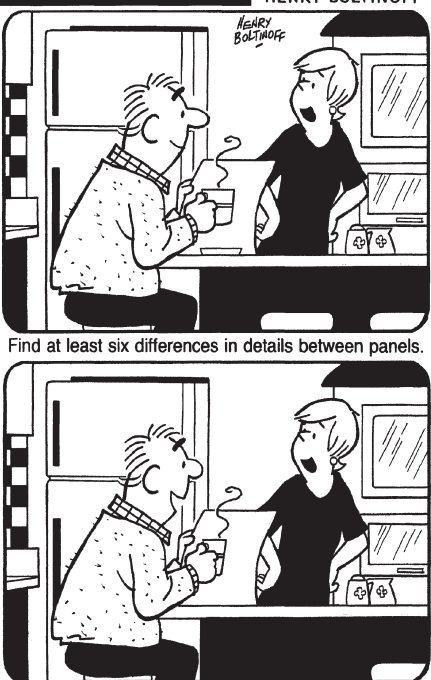
OLIVE

By Emi Burdge



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals F

RK SDF CMRVCSWP QGCHCQSWHL
 CHW PHCDM FFM SGW LCVW
 QCHSFFM KHCWV, R'P QCUU
 SGWV QWU VCSWL.

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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!

Taunt **PINES**
 Feral **TUBER**
 Adhere **TICKS**
 Rule **RENIG**

TODAY'S WORD

"You know what did it? I prepared a home-cooked meal for him ... in a _____."

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered cell contains two clues. 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.

- Delay leaving ___ I ___ More time-consuming ___ O ___
- Sound of thunder ___ M ___ Flintstone's neighbor ___ B ___
- Fake ___ H ___ Large spring blossom ___ E ___
- Scorch ___ G ___ From the time of ___ C ___
- Chess pro M ___ Spring holiday E ___
- Echo ___ P ___ Warm up leftovers ___ H ___
- Line of vehicles ___ O ___ Communicate ___ E ___
- Early philosopher ___ A ___ Mickey's canine friend ___ U ___
- Necklace ornament ___ T ___ Gym closet ___ R ___
- Pancake mix ___ A ___ Sour-tasting ___ I ___

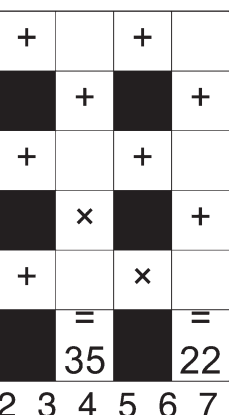
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GO FIGURE!

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!



Even Exchange

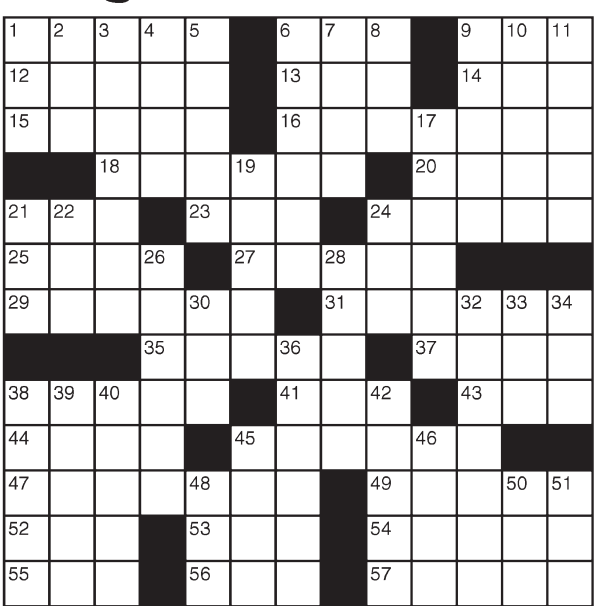
ANSWERS

- Lighter, Longer
- Rumble, Rubble
- Phony, Punny
- Singe, Since
- Master, Easter
- Repeat, Repeat
- Convey, Convey
- Plato, Pluto
- Locker, Locker
- Batter, Batter

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Platters
- Chum
- Club —
- Put on — (act)
- Expert serve
- Navarro of "The View"
- Gettysburg general
- William on "Star Trek"
- Vatican term
- Folklore monster
- Blackbird
- Airport screening org.
- Offered one's seat
- Taverns
- Plant life
- Perfect place
- Zesty dips
- Blood line?
- Model in a bottle
- Future oak
- Luau instrument
- Canine greeting
- Wander
- Pencil end
- Subtle variation of color
- Spanish snacks
- Feedbag morsel



- Memo letters
- Levels
- SSW opposite
- Feeling down
- Transmits
- Tony winner
- Salonga
- Chutney fruit
- January, to Juan
- Challenged
- Sums
- Equally distant
- Dhabi precedent
- Rebel Turner
- Madrid Mrs.
- Went easy on
- Japanese seaport
- Bit of physics
- Hone
- Football filler
- Suntan lotion letters
- Overblown
- Incendiary crime
- "Over There" composer
- Egg-shaped
- Park, Colorado
- "May It Be" singer
- Roof edge
- Conditions
- Moreover
- Snake's sound

DOWN

- River blocker
- British verb ending
- NPR's Ari
- Musical finale
- Used a broom
- Computer language
- Needing a massage

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 MIXED to SIZED in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

MIXED

SIZED

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Solution time: 26 mins.

King Crossword
 Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: In the movie "The Shawshank Redemption," what is Andy Dufresne's occupation before he was imprisoned?
- LITERATURE: Which of Shakespeare's plays features the characters of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern?
- TELEVISION: Which 2000s TV drama starred a character named Jack Bauer?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy's maiden name?
- HISTORY: Which dynasty built the Forbidden City in China?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the mythical creature who is half man and half horse?
- CHEMISTRY: What is aqua regia?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient region of Mesopotamia mostly located?
- ANATOMY: Where are the alveoli located?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is hummus mostly made of?

- Answers
1. Banker
 2. "Hamlet"
 3. "24"
 4. Bouvier
 5. Ming Dynasty
 6. Centaur
 7. A corrosive mixture that can dissolve gold
 8. Iraq
 9. Lungs
 10. Chickpeas

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Snake; 2. Brite; solution

3. Stick; 4. Reign

Answer
 MIXED, MIRE, AIRD, AIDED, SIDED, SIZED

WORD LADDER

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

If two animated characters are drawn on the same cartoon frame, I'd call them cell mates.



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