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Fiscal court subsidizes skate rink

County will continue to maintain Buck Road

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

During their regular meeting last month, the Carter County Fiscal Court moved to help the city of Grayson fund an ice skating rink for the holiday season with opioid abatement funds.

The court voted on funds for the ice skating rink, as proposed by Grayson Tourism. Rene Parsons spoke to the court, informing them that Grayson Tourism Director Lana Axtell had reached

out to her to determine if the rink could be funded through opioid settlement money. Parsons informed the court that due to the fact that it could be used year-round, and help with rehabilitation, it did fall under the statutes that regulate how those funds can be spent.

The total cost of the project, Parsons informed the court, would be in excess of sixty thousand dollars. But Grayson Tourism was only asking the Fiscal Court to contribute fifteen thousand, with the balance of the needed funds being supplied by the City of Grayson and Grayson Tourism. The money requested was a one-time investment, and the City of Grayson Tourism would be responsible for all costs

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Grayson Mayor Troy Combs works with city employees to put together the ice rink before its grand opening this past Saturday. (Submitted photo)

The Olive Branch Market: A family-run labor of love

A new hub for local goods and sustainable living

By: Miranda H. Lewis
Carter County Times

Nestled in the heart of Olive Hill, The Olive Branch Market is an exciting new destination designed to connect consumers with the very best local producers and artisanal products. With a focus on supporting small businesses and promoting a holistic, sustainable lifestyle, this vibrant market has the potential to become the go-to place for high-quality, locally sourced goods.

Unlike traditional grocery stores, The Olive Branch Market offers a unique shopping experience where non-perishable items meet fresh, local options. With an emphasis on Kentucky and Appalachian Proud products, the market seamlessly blends the convenience of name-brand options with a rich variety of locally made goods. From hearty snacks to homemade jams, customers will find an array of farm-to-table offerings that reflect the spirit of the community.

At the core of the newest shop on Railroad Street is its focus on supporting local artisans and vendors. From herbs and vitamins to homemade jelly, local honey, gourmet cheese, and sandwich spreads, the market of-

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The Genung family (submitted photo)

Memories of Christmas

Webb reflects on importance of community

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Kentucky State Senator for District 18 (Boyd, Carter, Greenup, Lewis) Robin Webb has a lot of fond memories of Christmas in Carter County. Many of those memories, she said, revolve around spending time at her grandparents' home in Grahns, when her grandmother would cook, and the family would go hunting. Extended family would come in from Ohio, she said, and

they would all enjoy spending time together.

"It was pretty simple," Webb said. "A lot of old-fashioned food and candy, and maybe candy canes."

Webb also said that neighbors used to go all out when she was younger.

"It was a big time for the neighbors," she said. "People would go to each other's houses on Christmas Eve, and even on Christmas Day. There was a lot of fellowship, and mom would always have a snack table ready. It was a time for family, but also a time for your neighbors."

She also remembers that Christmas lasted longer than Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

"Of course, when you're in school it lasted the whole break," Webb said. "People were always coming in and out, and if we had snow there was sleigh riding. And there were always games and hot chocolate. We even had bonfires and roasted marshmallows."

"There were Christmas plays at church," Webb continued. "Choirs, and local school bands had concerts going on, not to mention basketball tournaments. And there used to be a Santa that would come to your house and visit sometimes, before bringing the gifts. The gifts were the highlight, of course."

"When I was really young, I

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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.

- Tera Wilburn, 48, of Olive Hill, arrested by KDFW, on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and first degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), arrested and booked December 1.
- Jessica Hickman, 40, of Olive Hill, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 2.
- Katelyn Roach-Fisher, 28, of Patriot, OH, self-surrender, charges unavailable, arrested and booked December 2.
- Amanda Bear, 44, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a

charge of operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, arrested and booked December 2.

- Dawn Puckett, 43, of Soldier, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of failure to use or improper signal, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, disregarding a traffic control device - traffic light, and driving on a DUI suspended license, arrested and booked December 3.
- Brian Eitnrear, 37, of Ashland, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, and no brake lights, arrested and booked December 4.
- Gregory Marshall, 64, of

- Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of failure to use or improper signal, disregarding stop sign, disregarding traffic control device - traffic light, failure to wear seat belts, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, no registration receipt, and failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked December 4.
- Derek McDavid, 54, of Olive Hill, arresting agency not listed, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 5.
- James Segraves, 55, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 5.
- Gary McDavid, 57, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 5.
- Russell Brown, 28, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County

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This Week's Obituaries

Renea Lee Hicks Fannin, 60
Bronston Edmond Hamm, 51
Louise A. Lewis Henderson, 89

Debra Kay Hargett Hicks, 70
Timothy William James, 60
Robert John Marcum, 51

Amanda Mae Wadkins, 98

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LIFESTYLE



Bake smarter, not harder: A do-it-all cookie recipe

What if I told you there's a cookie recipe so versatile, you'd never need another? Meet my go-to dough. Whether you crave butter chocolate chip, peanut butter or double dark chocolate, this one recipe has you covered. With just a few tweaks and add-ins, you can create unique cookies for every occasion -- or just a quiet night at home being a dough-mestic diva with a glass of milk.

This dough can be made in quantity, divided into portions, and frozen plain (or with add-ins) for up to 3 months. To bake, thaw in the fridge overnight and add your mix-ins before baking. Refrigerate dough for up to 5

days or freeze baked cookies for up to 2 months.

THE ALL-IN-ONE COOKIE DOUGH

Yield: 6 dozen
Total Time: 1 hour 25 minutes

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

In a large bowl, cream the butter and both sugars together. Add the baking soda and salt, then beat on high for about 3 minutes until fluffy. Mix in the eggs one at a time, followed by the vanilla, until smooth. On low speed, gradually add the flour, about 1/2 cup at a time, until just combined. The dough will be soft. At this point, stir in your chosen mix-ins by hand and refrigerate the dough for 1 hour (minimum) to firm up and blend flavors.

At the time of baking: Preheat your oven to 375 F. Line cookie sheets with parchment paper. Drop heaping tablespoonfuls of dough onto a cookie sheet, spacing them about 3 inches apart.

Bake for 9-11 minutes, until the edges are golden brown. Let cookies cool on the sheet for 2 minutes before transferring them to a cooling rack.

Diva Tip: The base recipe makes about 5 1/2 cups of cookie dough. You should be able to get 88 small cookies (1 tablespoon-size scoops), 44 medium cookies (2 tablespoon-size scoops), 29 large cookies (3 tablespoon-size scoops) or 22 XL cookies (1/4 cup-size scoops).

The Cookie Collection to Mix, Match, Munch!

To a batch of cookie dough add:

Best Chocolate Chip: Add a 1 (12-ounce) bag of milk chocolate chips, (1 1/2 cups). For extra indulgence, go for 2 cups. Add 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans.

Maple Pecan: Add 1 cup chopped pecans and 1/2 teaspoon maple extract. Roll cookies in demerara sugar and press pecan halves (optional) into cookies before baking.

Peanut Butter Cookies: Add 1/2 cup peanut butter and 1 cup chopped roasted peanuts (salted or unsalted, your choice). Press cookies with a fork to make the obligatory crosshatch pattern.

Double Dark Chocolate



One dough, endless possibilities -- bake smarter with this versatile cookie recipe! (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

Delights: Add 1/3 cup unsweetened dark cocoa powder and 1 (12-ounce) bag (1 1/2 cups) dark chocolate chips.

For 30 more recipe variations, visit my website at divasonadime.com/the-all-in-one-cookie-dough-30-variations.

Make Your Cookie, Your Way

For a fun, interactive twist on holiday baking, try scooping the plain dough into 1/4 cup portions and letting each guest or family member create their own big cookie! Set up a cookie decorating station with a variety of mix-ins; chocolate chips, sprinkles, dried fruit or even

candy bits, and let everyone craft their perfect cookie. After they've added their desired mix-ins, simply bake the cookies for 10 to 13 minutes, depending on size.

It's a fun, hands-on activity that's perfect for sleepovers, family gatherings or any event where everyone wants to get creative and enjoy a homemade treat.

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Joyful Noise

Good tidings of great joy

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell for Carter County Times

"Glad tidings" is an old-fashioned phrase that means to share important news or information that is likely to be welcomed. If someone says, "I bring you good tidings!" it probably means they have information to share that you'll probably like.

The phrase "good tidings" is often used in the context of Christmas. For example, in the 16th century carol, "We Wish You

a Merry Christmas", there is a line that goes "Good tidings we bring to you and your kin". In the King James Bible, Luke 2:10 features the phrase "good tidings of great joy" when an angel delivers news of the Savior's arrival.

Christmas is a time when we remember a wonderful story in the Bible from the shepherds that were watching over their flock at night. I'm sure that night wasn't any different than any other night. Maybe they count-

ed all the sheep to ensure there were no strays that had wandered off. They might have been checking the sheep for any injuries and tending to their needs. Later there was supper around a fire eating their bread and cheese. They were keeping their eyes open for any wild animals that may be lurking nearby. Just the normal routine evening, nothing out of the ordinary.

All of a sudden, out of nowhere, an angel appeared unto them and

the glory of the Lord was bright all around them, and they were really afraid. Luke 2:10-11, "And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.'"

The good tidings of great joy that the angel delivered to the shepherds and that the angel declared to them was, "For unto you this day is born in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

The angel goes on

to tell the shepherds the babe would be wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. Suddenly there were with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The shepherds talked among themselves about what had just happened to them. They decided to go check out the news from the angels and found it so. They found Mary and Joseph and the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. The shepherds were telling many people what they had witnessed and seen. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her

heart.

A seven-hundred-year-old prophecy given by Isaiah had come to pass. Yes, it was "good tidings" of great joy to all people. Jesus Christ is the source of great joy for all people. He is central to God's plan for His children. Amen. So be it.

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Extension Notes

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Gifts that brighten the dreariest day

A popular present during this season of gift-giving and receiving can be blooming houseplants. Not only are they economical, but they promise to brighten a dreary winter day.

A poinsettia is probably the first plant that comes to mind when we think of the holiday season. What we call "flowers" are really the poinsettia's brightly colored, leaf-like bracts. The actual flowers are the small and unremarkable-looking reproductive parts in the center of the bracts. Poinsettias come in a wide variety of solid colors and marbled patterns.

A semi-tropical plant originating in Mexico, poinsettias are not fond of extreme temperatures. The best location in your home is away from heat registers, cold drafts and direct sunlight. Cooler home temperatures will prolong their color. Check their soil daily and water when it feels dry. Water sparingly, especially if the pot is enclosed in a wrapper and cannot freely drain. It is difficult to overwinter a poinsettia and bring it into flower next year. Sadly, it is best to dispose of these plants or compost them when "flowers" fade.

Christmas cacti, named for the season in which they bloom, are humid-

ity loving plants, which reflects their Brazilian coast origins. Keeping the soil evenly moist and locating them with other plants, which raises humidity, will prolong bloom time. These plants prefer moderate light with a small amount of direct sun, so placing them near an east-facing window is ideal. Under these conditions, Christmas cacti will often continue growing and produce flowers next year, but the blooms may come anytime between November and February.

Another popular holiday plant is amaryllis. Its lush blooms come in solid white, red, pink or multi-colored. Amaryllis love light, so place them near a bright sunny window. Water thoroughly, but let the soil dry out between waterings. The act of flowering will deplete the energy of the bulb, but if you cut back each stalk when it's finished blooming, the bulb will renew its energy stores through the leaves. When the weather turns warm and danger of frost is past, move the plants outdoors, first to dappled shade and gradually to brighter sun. In early fall, withhold water to encourage the plants to go dormant. Start watering again about six to eight

weeks before you want blooms.

Not all plant gifts come in the form of colorful blooms. Rosemary, often trimmed into the shape of a small Christmas tree, is also a popular and practical gift at this time of year. Set it in a cool, sunny location and keep the soil moist but not saturated. Rosemary will fill your room with a fresh, woody scent as well as provide you with cuttings for your holiday cooking and beyond. You can also move rosemary outdoors to the garden in spring, but be sure to bring it back indoors before the first freeze.

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

Upcoming Events
• Winter Door Swag Workshops – December 12th & 16th @ Noon – Call 474-6686 to register.

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers sold 6.00 to 8.00 higher and heifers 2.00 to 4.00 higher with exceptions sharply higher for feeder classes. Yearling steers and heifers had limited comparisons this week but appeared to be trending higher. Demand was good to very good for all feeder and yearling classes with best interest for weaned packages. Trends for slaughter cows were mixed this week with price trends ranging from 8.00 lower to 8.00 higher and slaughter bulls were mostly steady to 2.00 higher with exceptions to 8.00 higher. Demand was moderate to good for all slaughter

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/> **Week ending 12/7/24**

STATE AVERAGES			
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	339.96	308.54	244.71
400-450 lbs	323.02	301.80	244.57
450-500 lbs	316.28	297.38	236.48
500-550 lbs	300.55	282.25	232.87
550-600 lbs	295.13	269.33	225.27
600-650 lbs	263.28	252.34	216.30
650-700 lbs	270.46	243.04	212.98
700-750 lbs	246.70	239.83	202.44
750-800 lbs	259.17	236.43	197.98
800-850 lbs	243.70	228.91	192.85
850-900 lbs	231.21	220.41	188.79
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	277.50	254.68	215.56
350-400 lbs	279.47	262.43	211.30
400-450 lbs	278.89	253.44	205.95
450-500 lbs	272.79	247.03	199.89
500-550 lbs	260.04	244.24	192.22
550-600 lbs	252.51	240.31	190.91
600-650 lbs	237.04	225.90	186.05
650-700 lbs	244.28	223.27	181.41
700-750 lbs	230.95	213.99	177.27
750-800 lbs	220.83	209.64	177.22

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	102.00-130.00	115.00-152.00	97.00-119.00
Boners	80.00-127.00	113.00-154.00	90.00-120.00
Lean	80.00-123.00	113.00-114.00	60.00-111.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	131.00-157.00	150.00-176.00	110.00-145.00

Nov 14, 2024 Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 309

Kids: Selection 1 56 lbs 307.50. **Selection 1-2** 84 lbs 262.50. **Selection 2** 51-59 lbs 242.50-302.50; 70 lbs 262.50; 83 lbs 212.50. **Selection 2-3** 77 lbs 182.50.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 1,086

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 56-59 lbs 285.00-300.00; 68 lbs 245.00-255.00; 76-78 lbs 237.50-250.00; 83 lbs 275.00; 91 lbs 187.50; 114 lbs 157.50.

Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2 80-88 lbs 170.00-182.50; 95 lbs 195.00; 119 lbs 165.00; 127 lbs 150.00.

Week ending 12/7/24

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
GRAINS			
Corn	4.15-4.58	3.91-4.45	4.19-4.83
Soybeans	9.24-10.30	9.04-10.26	12.01-13.17
Red Winter Wheat	4.72-5.62	4.74-5.55	5.59-6.42

Arrests from A-1

Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked December 6.

- Jordan Fannin, 30, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 6.
- Brenda Daniels, 52, of Grayson, arresting agency not listed, for failure to appear, arrested and booked December 6.
- Kaitlynn Williams, 22, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for

failure to appear, arrested and booked December 7.

- Jeremiah Keeton, 48, of Ashland, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of first degree wanton endangerment, third degree assault of a police or probation officer, menacing, alcohol intoxication in a public place, tampering with physical evidence, and first degree disorderly conduct, arrested and booked December 8.
- Paul Marcum, 45, address unknown, arrested by

Grayson PD, on a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance, arrested and booked December 8.

- Cheranda Boggs, 33, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on charges of second degree forgery, and theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, arrested and booked December 9.
- Michael Hedge, 52, of Olive Hill, arrested by

Grayson PD, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked December 9.

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.

Market from A-1

fers a curated selection of unique, high-quality items. It also boasts a range of handcrafted bath products, including shower steamers and bath bombs – ideal for enhancing your self-care routine.

For those seeking nourishing, protein-packed snacks, you'll find local summer sausage, snack sticks, and other hearty options to fuel your day. The market features farm-fresh beef, artisanal breads, and kitchen essentials like apple cider vinegar, tallow, and lard. And for the eco-conscious, low-toxic candles add a gentle touch to your home, all while supporting local artisans.

This new hub isn't just a place to shop – it's a place to connect.

As owner MaKaylen Genung explains, "At Olive Branch Market, we want to create community fellowship, small business collaboration, and local convenience for our people. Olive Hill residents shouldn't have to drive 30+ minutes for healthy, daily-use products. We know our support comes from within our community, and so should our daily intake. Beef, eggs, and honey straight from our own soil. Artisan goods and fresh foods straight

from the homes of our local families. Simple labels and wholesome products, for a simple life and wholesome town – that's the goal."

Genung's journey to opening The Olive Branch Market was deeply personal.

"Before becoming a stay-at-home mother, I gained my master's degree in social work and was working in the field as a director at a medical day facility," she shares. "It was clear there, and even prior throughout my schooling, that community development was where my heart was. Due to growing my family, I stepped away from social work and started a catering gig that allowed me to work alongside my children."

After catering for nearly three years, Genung's focus shifted.

"My views and goals started to change, as did society as a whole. A rocky health journey led me down a holistic path, where I learned healing began with diet and natural wellness. Chasing a diagnosis was not getting to the root causes. The similar needs within our community were so evident, and so many were hungry for a

change," she recalls. Genung's love for small-town life fuels her mission.

"For me, nothing beats living in a small town, where a lot of things will always remain the same. We can still stick to our roots while working to better our town for our children and their children," she says. "I want those in our community to know we deserve access to healthy and affordable foods. We deserve local resources that promote stress management, decrease chronic disease and lingering symptoms, and get us back to our self-sustained ways."

The Olive Branch Market strives to create a space where everyone – both consumers and producers – can thrive.

"It's all about the power of knowing where your products come from, whether you're buying nourishing food, handmade goods, or environmentally friendly items," says Genung. "By supporting local businesses, we ensure that shoppers can enjoy fresh, nourishing foods and sustainable products while making a tangible difference in the lives of small-scale producers."

The market is built on

a shared belief in the value of modern conveniences combined with the artistry of local craftsmanship. The Genungs have created a space where both community members and visitors can come together to celebrate the joy of living well. As they effortlessly blend the love for local products with a commitment to well-being, the market isn't just a shopping experience – it's a movement toward a more connected, sustainable future.

If you're looking for a way to support small businesses while embracing a healthier, more sustainable lifestyle, this vibrant new hub has a range of options to explore.

Whether you're a long-time local or a first-time visitor, The Olive Branch Market is waiting for you – your new destination for local pride, sustainability, and healthy living. Your invited to join the Genungs in celebrating the beauty of craftsmanship, community, and the art of intentional living at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 13.

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Bringing history to life

God's Little Wonders first annual living history museum event

By: Miranda H. Lewis
Carter County Times

On Friday, November 22, God's Little Wonders (GLW), a local homeschool co-op, brought history to life with a spectacular Living History Museum event, where students had the opportunity to showcase their research and creativity by portraying historical figures from across the ages.

Participants, from elementary to middle school age, researched and presented historical figures that piqued their interest. The outcome was a vibrant and captivating assortment of characters from different backgrounds, including Native Americans, politicians, musicians, royalty, and beyond.

The students worked for weeks leading up to the event to prepare their costumes, research their



(Photo by Miranda H. Lewis, Carter County Times)

chosen figures, and craft thoughtful presentations that would both educate and entertain their audience. Each participant transformed into a living representation of their historical subject, standing in character to deliver insightful and often fascinating accounts of their figure's life and contributions.

From the regal to the revolutionary, the young historians took on roles ranging from Chief Powhatan and Pocahontas to King Tut and Walt Disney. Other students embodied influen-

tial musicians like Loretta Lynn and Dolly Parton, as well as political figures and historical trailblazers who shaped the world we live in today.

Parents, friends, and family members were invited to the event, giving the young presenters an opportunity to share their hard work and newly gained knowledge in an interactive, engaging way. As visitors moved from one display to the next, they could ask questions and engage with the students, adding an extra layer of

depth to the experience.

"We wanted the students to feel empowered by their research and to understand the lives and legacies of the people they studied," said Miranda Lewis, an instructor at GLW. "It's an opportunity for them to not just memorize facts, but to truly embody these historical figures and connect with history in a personal way."

The Living History Museum was more than just a presentation of facts;

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CALENDAR

- **12/11: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **12/12: Winter Door Swag Workshop @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Call 474-6686 to register
- **12/16: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **12/16: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **12/16: Winter Door Swag Workshop @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Call 474-6686 to register
- **12/16: Carter County Board of Education @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Board of Education office
- **12/17: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **12/17: Olive Hill City Council @ 6 p.m.** | Olive Hill Senior/Community Center
- **12/19: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **12/19 Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Johnny's Pizza
- **12/20: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **12/21: Friends of the Library meeting @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **12/23: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **12/23: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **12/23: Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson

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Pet of the Week

Trixie is a seven month old mixed breed pup. This cute girl is very playful, and loves attention. Her \$100 adoption fee includes rabies vaccination and being spayed. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her or call 475-9771 for more information.

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

Don't be a dummy

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OBITUARY

Louise A. Lewis Henderson

1935 – 2024



Louise A. Lewis Henderson, age 89, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, entered into rest, Monday, November 25, 2024, at her residence.

She was born Wednesday, April 17, 1935, in Carter County, Kentucky, to the late Edward and Alma Wilburn Lewis.

Louise was a member of Olive Hill Methodist Church, where she played the piano for 60 years and was a Sunday School teacher for 50 years. She enjoyed going out to eat and traveling.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 12 years, Leslie A. "L.A." Henderson, Jr.; two stepsons, David Henderson, James Henderson; three

brothers, Gene Lewis, Billy Lewis, Jack Lewis and one brother-in-law, Earl Stephens.

Louise is survived by one step-son, John Henderson of Morehead, Kentucky; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren and one sister, Eileen Stephens of Olive Hill, Kentucky; nephews, Rodney Stephens, Rocky (Tammy) Stephens; great nephews, Eric Stephens, Jeffery Oney Jr., Jesse Stephens; great niece, Shannon Leadingham; great-great nephews, Brody Stephens, Wylie Shutte; great-great nieces, Harmony Stephens, Tomi Shutte, Cade Oney and Emerson Oney; special aunt, Pearl Barker, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Graveside services were held 1 p.m., Friday, November 29, 2024, at Stephens Cemetery, Flannery Cemetery Road, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother John Lambert officiating.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Louise A. Lewis Henderson.

Debra Kay Hargett Hicks

1954 – 2024



Debra Kay Hargett Hicks, age 70, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Monday, December 2, 2024, at UK-St. Claire Healthcare surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Saturday, June 26, 1954, in New Castle, Indiana, a daughter of Glenda Roseberry Hargett of Olive Hill, Kentucky and the late Orby Paul Hargett.

Debbie was a member of Soldier Church of God. She enjoyed working in her flowers, going to Pigeon Forge on vacations, baking, making candy and spending time with her grandchildren.

Debbie is survived by her loving husband of 18 years, Gary Hicks; three sons, Shawn (Mira) Hatton, Michael (Jennifer) Hatton, all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Phillip (Jennifer) Hicks of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; 7 grandchildren,

Novaleigh Hatton, Amos Hatton, Ava Grace Hatton, Ansley Faith Hatton, Lauren Hicks, Lainey Hicks, Luka Hicks; 2 great-grandchildren, Grayson Hicks, Ivy Hicks; two brothers, Keith (Kim) Hargett, Byron (Jackie) Hargett all of Olive Hill, Kentucky along with several nieces and nephews who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 12 noon, Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Byron Hargett and Brother Clifford "Tippy" Price officiating. Burial followed in the Hargett Cemetery on Greasy Creek.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, December 6, 2024, and after 9 a.m., Saturday, December 7, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Shawn, Michael, Dennis, Keith, Byron, Timothy and Shawn Amos served as pallbearers.

Phillip Hicks, C.E. Bond and B.J. Bond served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Debra Kay Hargett Hicks.

Amanda Mae McCleese Lore Wadkins

1926 – 2024



Amanda Mae McCleese Lore Wadkins, age 98, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2024, at King's Daughter Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

She was born October 5, 1926, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late William David and Mallissa Parker McCleese.

Mae was a member of Smith Creek Christian Holliness Church and was the wife of a minister. Together, they attended many churches and she loved going to church and praising her Lord. Mae never had any children, but was a mother to every child in her life. She enjoyed canning, gardening, and especially spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Samuel Lore and

her second husband, Ben Wadkins; four brothers, Forest McCleese, Albert McCleese, Charlie McCleese, Ray McCleese, her twin; one sister, Bessie McCleese.

She is survived by special nephew and his wife, who she lived with, David and Betty McCleese; special great niece, Jazmine McCleese along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Roy Lands officiating. Burial will follow in the McCormick Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2024, and after 9 a.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Allen Stevenson, Ronnie Buckler, Brayden Nance, Cody McCleese, Steven McCleese, David McCleese and Keith McGlone will serve as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Amanda Mae McCleese Lore Wadkins.

Timothy William James

1964 – 2024



Timothy William James, age 60, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, November 7, 2024, at Salyersville Nursing and Rehabilitation in Salyersville, Kentucky.

He was born Friday, July 31, 1964, in Rowan County, Kentucky, to the late Clifford and Mary Leadingham James Middleton.

Timmy enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, William Ray James; one daughter, Angela Kay James; four brothers, Donald Ray

James, Jackie James, Johnny James, Henry James and one sister, Maggie Kitchen.

He is survived by one son, Billy James of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Judy Salyers of Grahn, Kentucky; 5 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Robert of Ashland, Kentucky, Scotty James, Alvin James and Clyde James all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; five sisters, Barb Ferguson of Ashland, Kentucky, Loretta Dahmer of Ohio, Teresa Leadingham of Grahn, Kentucky, Margie Garvin and Amanda Hanshaw both of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends that will sadly miss him.

At the request of Timothy's family there will be no service at this time.

Burial will be at a later date in James Cemetery in Grahn, Kentucky.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Timothy William James.

Bronston Edmond Hamm

1973 – 2024



Bronston Edmond Hamm, age 51, of Ashland, Kentucky, passed away Friday, December 6, 2024.

He was born January 30, 1973, in Anderson, Indiana, a son of Annette Bailey Hamm of Ashland, Kentucky and the late Wade Hamm.

In addition to his father he was preceded in death by one brother, Anthony Wade Hamm; paternal grandparents, Arlie and Blanch Hamm; maternal grandparents Parish and Geniva Bailey; one nephew whom he loved dearly, Anthony Wade Hamm Jr. Bronston adored his

dog, Buddy. He loved to hunt turkey and deer, work in his garden. He enjoyed helping his nephew in their sporting events when they were younger. Bronston will be truly missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by one sister, Lori (Ron) Willett of Ashland, Kentucky, along with a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and friends who will miss him dearly.

Memorial services will be held 7 p.m., Thursday, December 12, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Sister Anita Wells officiating.

Friends may visit after 6 p.m., Thursday, December 12, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Bronston Edmond Hamm.

Renea Lee Hicks Fannin

1964 – 2024



Renea Lee Hicks Fannin, age 60, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2024, at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

She was born Sunday, August 2, 1964, in Rowan County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Tennyson and Dora Tackett Hicks.

Renea loved going to church, cooking for her family, traveling, going out to eat, making crafts and spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one step son, Bobby Fannin; one sister Linda Cervinski.

Renea is survived by her husband, Vernon Fannin of Olive Hill, Kentucky; four step sons, Tommy Fannin, Jason Fannin, Justin Fannin and Keith Fannin all of New Castle, Indiana; thirteen step grandchildren; six step great grandchildren; two brothers, Anthony (Pricilla) Hicks and Keith

(Gypsy) Hicks both of Olive Hill, Kentucky; five sisters, Helen Hilderbrand of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Debbie (Harold) Waggoner of Ashland, Kentucky, Trish Stevens, Darla Bromwell and Brenda (Terry) Rayburn all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one brother in law, Raymond Cervinski; along with several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews along with many family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Clyde Holbrook and Brother Jason Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Garvin Ridge Cemetery in Olive Hill.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, December 9, 2024, and after 9 a.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2024, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Tyler Stevens, Chad Cervinski, Ryan Bromwell, Edman Hicks, Tommy Fannin, Bobby Russell, Ryder Bromwell and David Dillon served as pallbearers.

CE Bond, BJ Bond, Johnny Russell and Wayne Russell served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Renea Lee Hicks Fannin.

Robert John Marcum

1973 – 2024



Robert John Marcum, age 51, of Rush, Kentucky, passed away Monday, December 2, 2024, at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, Kentucky, following a long illness.

He was born Friday, May 11, 1973, in Boyd County, Kentucky, a son of Connie Smith Marcum Cumpston (Jimmy) of Ashland, Kentucky and the late James Foster Marcum.

Robert was a member of Trace Wesleyan Church in Rush, Kentucky and a former employee of AK Steel and a concrete finisher for Local 132 Washington Court House in Ohio. He loved listening to music, riding his four wheeler and motorcycle, traveling to the beach, going to Gatlinburg and spending time with his family.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 27 years, Cristy Rice Marcum and one daughter, Josie Marcum.

Robert is survived by one son, James Garrett Marcum of Rush, Kentucky; one daughter, Crista Marcum of Fredericksburg, Virginia; one brother, Bill McLaughlin of Rush, Kentucky; one sister, Amber (Jeremy) Damron of Maryville, Tennessee; step-mother, Reana Marcum of Rush, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 12 noon, Friday, December 6, 2024, at Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 49 McCoy Road, Grayson, Kentucky, with Brother Walter Wilcox officiating. Burial followed in Webbville Cemetery.

Friends visited after 10:30, Friday, December 6, 2024, until the service hour at Grayson Funeral Home.

Robert's family and friends served as pallbearers.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Robert John Marcum.

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Guest Editorial

Deny, delay, depose

By: Robert Dean

Deny. Delay. Depose. That's what was written on the bullet casings that killed United Healthcare CEO Brian Thompson. No one gasped. There is no outrage, and there is no manhunt.

You probably said, "this is when gun rights make sense" under your breath, having experienced firsthand the cruelties of living in a country with a healthcare system so broken it breeds street justice. United Healthcare raked in a staggering \$22.4 billion in profits last year while denying over 44.7 million claims for reasons like "lack of pre-authorization," "incorrect documentation," or services "not medically necessary." That figure doesn't include the 45,000 people who also died because they couldn't afford health insurance. A cancer diagnosis or high blood pressure shouldn't bankroll a CEO's nine-million-dollar paycheck just to appease investment ghouls. I have insurance and still can't afford to buy new glasses or get a broken tooth fixed, but hey, at least I got an email today telling me that if I take a daily walk, I'll lower my chance of heart disease.

The internet didn't mourn Thompson's assassination; it rejoiced with celebratory memes instead of fist-shaking outrage. Do you think those New York cops are pounding the pavement for a guy more likely to be seen as a hero by many who watched their parents waste away from illnesses insurance refused to cover? Doubtful. Sure, they might find him, but this won't be the case of anyone's career. (Fun fact: that \$22.4 billion? It wouldn't even cost half of that to end world hunger.)

Thompson catching a bullet is a reflection of American life: people are fed up with the status quo. Trump didn't win because he's a passionate reflection of the American people. He's a guy who craps in a golden toilet and refers to people as "the help." Trump won because the majority of the population is exhausted with politicians who think Beyoncé and her backup dancers represent their best interests while most Americans can't afford rent. That's why the left failed miserably this election. Outside of his cult, people don't love Trump; they hate feeling disillusioned every time they take a breath.

They see an outsider (who was fundamentally a terrible president) as an outlier to disrupt a stagnant system. How most people don't understand how a tariff works against their own self-interests is perplexing, but I digress – this isn't about him. It's about greed.

Should CEOs be scared? Ideally, yes. Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield just announced a new policy set to take effect in February 2025, which imposes arbitrary time limits on the coverage of anesthesia services. The company claims the change is aimed at reducing costs and preventing overbilling. Yet the American Society of Anesthesiologists has expressed concerns, arguing these time caps will jeopardize patient care. This policy prioritizes profits over lives, burdening patients with unexpected out-of-pocket costs and discouraging necessary medical procedures.

What kind of Draconian nonsense is this?

Between in-network, out-of-pocket, out-of-network, PPO, HMO, gold and silver plans, and deductibles, it's clear the American healthcare system is an elaborate scam. Ask any nurse or doctor you know how they're feeling, how they handle their workload and mental health, and most will tell you, "not great." Every hospital in America is grappling with a staffing crisis, and no one but the system is to blame.

The insurance game is a racket – a mechanism to abandon us and keep us sick.

Thompson's death is more than a headline; it's a sign. Americans are done tolerating a system that treats cancer patients like credit scores. They're sick of CEOs who transform healthcare into hedge funds. Justice caught up to one CEO in the streets.

When will justice catch up to the system? Oh, wait. There is always a buck to be made. So probably never. Hopelessness sucks. There is always a new suited vampire who doesn't care if your grandma lives or dies. They care about a summer house. And they wonder what the working class thinks of the elites.

(Editor's Note: The original police report stated the bullet casings had, "Deny, Defend, Depose" written on them. That's since been updated to indicate it was "Delay" instead of "Defend." The opinions of contributors are not necessarily those of the Carter County Times or its staff members.)



How will history judge his father for pardoning Hunter Biden?

As a proud, lifelong Democrat, I was disappointed to see President Joe Biden break his promise about pardoning his son, Hunter Biden, on federal firearm and tax evasion charges.

Yet, as a father of sons myself, I feel I understand why he made that hard choice to spare his only living son, a recovering drug addict, from the shame and personal danger of a prison sentence.

President Biden rationalized his change-of-heart decision on the basis of his belief that the younger Biden had been prosecuted because of political pressure before and during the 2024 presidential election.

Ironically, that is essentially the same complaint that President-elect Donald Trump and his supporters have voiced repeatedly during the former president's prosecution and convictions on various charges.

It is a sad commentary indeed that accusations of political prosecutions affecting either party's candidates, aptly labeled as weaponizing the U. S. Department of Justice, appear to have some merit.

If so, our nation's commitment to the rule of law, as mandated and guaranteed by our constitution, is in real danger. That could spell disaster for the future of

our country and must not be allowed to happen.

Surprisingly, by disavowing earlier threats to seek retribution against his political enemies, President-elect Trump could become the champion of efforts to strengthen the rule of law.

Perhaps more importantly, it would reassure the more than 48 percent of Americans who didn't vote for him that he is not the petty, vindictive man portrayed to varying degrees by his opponents in all three of his presidential campaigns.

As for political legacies, President Biden's positive record of 40-plus years of service in the Senate and the White House most likely won't be enough to keep his name from being tarnished because he pardoned his son.

Mr. Trump promised Americans that he would "fix" problems in their daily lives. Making sure that the U. S. Department of Justice is non-partisan going forward would be a great place to start.



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Learning about leadership

In 2013, I had the privilege of participating in Leadership Kentucky, an organization that annually selects approximately 50 Kentuckians to explore the diversity of our Commonwealth and enhance their leadership skills.

I applied at the suggestion of a friend, but honestly didn't expect to be selected. Not only was I younger than the typical participant, but lacked experience in local or regional leadership programs, which many applicants had. To my surprise, the selection committee saw beyond these factors and welcomed me into the program.

When the class roster was shared, I'll admit I felt out of place. While I recognized a few names, a quick Google search revealed the remarkable accomplishments of the others. They were leaders in their respective fields, and I couldn't help but feel like an imposter. I was convinced I didn't belong and wasn't entirely wrong. Yet, my knack for participating in conversations—whether knowing what I was talking about or not—helped me blend in.

My skepticism about the program wasn't limited to my qualifications. For years, I had dismissed the concept of "leadership development" as corporate jargon—a catchy phrase with little substance. I believed leadership was innate, a quality you either possessed or lacked, much like being right-handed or left-handed. While people could adapt, true leadership, in my mind, couldn't be taught.

The year before, I attended the 50th-anniversary

reunion of the U.S. Men's Olympic Basketball Team at Georgetown College. It was there that I met Johnny Bach, a legendary college coach who had served as an assistant for the Olympic team. At 88 years old, Coach Bach was still brimming with passion. We struck up

a conversation, with him as happy to share stories as I was to absorb them. At one point he shared a piece of wisdom that I'll never forget: "Some teams, you lead to victory," said Bach. "But most of the time, you have to get behind them and DRIVE them to victory." That philosophy resonated with me. It reinforced my belief that leadership required a certain grit and determination—a willingness to propel others forward when necessary.

With that perspective, I approached Leadership Kentucky expecting it to be a series of personality tests and self-assessments aimed at identifying strengths and weaknesses. Having taken similar tests in high school and college, I wasn't particularly excited. To me, they always felt like glorified parlor tricks of palm readers, revealing the "great mysteries" of life by leaning on broad generalizations and playing the odds.

To my delight, Leadership Kentucky defied my expectations. There were no Myers-Briggs tests or scripted exercises like them. Instead, the program followed a threefold approach: fostering intimate and candid conversations with accomplished speakers, immersing us in the unique challenges and opportunities of Kentucky's diverse regions, and building a network

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Leadership from A-5

of camaraderie among participants.

Through this experience, I came to understand that leadership defies a single definition. Coach Bach's approach—driving others to success—may work in one context, while a quiet example or a compelling story might inspire in another. Leadership, much like art, is difficult to define, yet unmistakable when encountered. Leadership isn't about possessing a title or delivering a

keynote; it's about knowing when to act, when to guide, and when to step back and let others shine. It's found in the smallest gestures—a willingness to listen, the courage to take a stand, or the patience to build consensus. Leadership is fluid, shaped as much by the moment as by the person.

Justice Potter Stewart famously remarked in a Supreme Court opinion that while he couldn't define obscenity, "I know

it when I see it." The same can be said for leadership. It's not a static checklist of traits but a dynamic force that adapts and grows. It's found in classrooms, on factory floors, in boardrooms, and around kitchen tables. You know it not because it announces itself but because it makes an impact—often quietly, but always powerfully.

Leadership Kentucky taught me that true leadership doesn't come from a manual or a seminar; it

comes from embracing who you are, where you are, and how you can best serve others. It's not about climbing a ladder but about building bridges. And as I reflect on my time in the program, I realize that leadership isn't about whether you think you belong in the room—it's about what you do once you're there.

History from A-3

it was a celebration of learning and discovery. The students' ability to dive deeply into history and bring it to life for others was a testament to their hard work, passion, and curiosity.

For GLW, this event was a highlight of the homeschool co-op's year, encouraging a hands-on approach to education and fostering a love of history that will stay with the stu-

dents long after the event concluded.

As the event came to a close, students proudly took their place among the historical figures they had researched, exchanging feedback and stories with their peers. Parents left with smiles, impressed not only by the students' depth of knowledge, but by the enthusiasm and confidence they demonstrated.

The success of the first

Living History Museum has left the homeschool co-op eager to make it an annual tradition.

"This event was such a hit, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive," said Shawna Caudill, teen leader. "We're already brainstorming ideas for next year."

Reflecting on the event's impact, it's clear that bringing history to life through interactive learn-

ing has been a rewarding experience for students, families, and the community alike, emphasizing the importance of education in understanding the past to shape the future.

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Christmas from A-1

got a lot of horse stuff and cowboy stuff," she said. "And a little air rifle. As I got older, I still got horse stuff for Christmas and rifles and other hunting gear. Things relating to the outdoors, and possibly an animal like a calf or something. That's still the sort of things I get for Christmas," Webb laughed.

The main thing about her Christmas memories, she said, was remembering the reason for the season, the celebration of the birth of Christ. And on the heels of those memories was the

fact that everyone came together during Christmas to share the love of the season together.

"I guess what I miss the most is people having more time to enjoy the season, and the reason for it," Webb said. "I think now we are a little too rushed. And being rushed, you lose the connectivity with the people in your community. A lot of people have to travel now," she said. "And you have more kids that have to split time between parents."

"People live farther

away and spend more time on the road," Webb said, acknowledging that sometimes logistics plays a large part in the reduced amount of times family and friends can spend together during the holidays, and even other times of the year.

"But it has also become more of a time for a 'mini' vacation rather than a time to spend with family and reflect."

But she still sees communities and individuals coming together in their own way.

"I like to see communities come together," Webb said of the current Christmas season observances. "I have been in Ashland, Greenup, and Grayson," she said. "We have a had a great time decorating trees and the sense of community has been great."

Webb also said that the holiday brings out peoples' innate sense of civility, and people try their best to be nice to one another.

"Especially after COVID, I think we all need to get out and reconnect with our neighbors,"

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Final Settlement Bethany L. Crum, Administratrix, in the estate of: Derrick Scott Ison. Attorney for Estate, Hon Brandon Music, January 15th, 2025, 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.

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Olive Hill to hold Citizen Fire Academy

Staff Report
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The Olive Hill Fire-Rescue will hold their first annual Citizens Fire Academy beginning the first Monday in January, and continuing each Monday through February, from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Olive Hill Fire-Rescue department on Tygart Street in Olive Hill.

Anyone 18 or older with "a desire to get out of their comfort zone, and learn in both a classroom and hands-on setting," is invited to participate in

classes on topics such as the history of fire service, personal protective equipment, victim search & rescue, fire dynamics, fire ground operations, hazardous materials, vehicle extrication, and emergency medical first response.

This eight-week course is designed to give you a chance to experience what it is like to operate as a member of a firefighting agency.

For more information, contact Jeremy Rodgers at j.rodgers@cityofolivehill.com

Webb said. "We need to interact on a more personal and interactive level. I think that makes us not only a better society, but better people."

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Creating new Christmas traditions

Kentucky Main Street wants you to join the Peppermint Trail

FRANKFORT – This holiday season, Team Kentucky invites you to jingle all the way along the Kentucky Main Street Peppermint Trail. Twenty-three Kentucky Main Street communities, including Grayson, are preparing to spread joy and magic along the Pepper-

mint Trail – an initiative to increase visitation to small towns, local businesses and artisans during the Christmas season.

"The Peppermint Trail is a great way for travelers to explore our New Kentucky Home as we come together to celebrate our great downtowns and support local businesses during the Christmas season," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "Let's embrace the spirit of giving by supporting our Kentucky Main Street communities."

From now until December 24, visitors can enjoy local foods and shop for unique gifts as they stroll through the heart of down-

town areas of Kentucky Main Street communities. The Peppermint Trail offers a chance to experience authentic holiday traditions such as tree lightings, parades, ice rinks and more while showing our New Kentucky Home spirit and supporting local communities.

New this year is the "Peppermint Passport," featuring Kentucky Main Street communities along the Peppermint Trail. Collect stamps from at least four communities along the trail and drop off your passport to enter for a chance to win a prize package valued at \$1,000.

Participating commu-

nities include Bardstown, Beattyville, Campbellsville, Carrollton, Grayson, Guthrie, La Grange, London, Maysville, Middlesboro, Morehead, Murray, Paducah, Perreville, Pikeville, Pineville, Salyersville, Scottsville, Shelbyville, Springfield, Taylorsville, Tri-Cities of Cumberland (Cumberland, Benham and Lynch) and Williamsburg.

The Kentucky Main Street program was created by the Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office in 1979 to reverse economic decline in central business districts through historic preservation and redevelop-

ment of commercial buildings. The Kentucky Main Street program builds on the New Kentucky Home initiative by revitalizing downtown communities to attract new visitors.

Earlier this year, the Governor announced that 2023 was the best year on record for tourism, with \$13.8 billion in economic impact and 95,222 jobs. This followed a record-breaking 2022 when he announced that tourism had generated more than \$12.9 billion in economic impact and secured 91,668 jobs in Kentucky that year.

In November 2023, Gov. Beshear announced

that the commonwealth broke an all-time record with nine new tourism development projects set to generate an estimated \$292.1 million in economic investment. These projects are also expected to create 550 jobs once operational. Through October 2024, nine tourism development projects have an estimated investment of \$251.5 million. The projects will provide 352 full-time jobs and 1,326 part-time jobs once operational.

For more information, visit heritage.ky.gov.

OHCAH offers music classes

Inter-generational string orchestra goal of program

Musical legend, and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member, B. B. King once said, "The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away

from you."

Just think about that: life-long dividends are achieved by acquiring a new skill, leaning a new hobby, or gaining knowledge about a previously unknown subject. Such things are priceless!

The Olive Hill Center for Arts and Heritage (OHCAH) is excited to offer just such an opportunity: learning a musical instrument, particularly the violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Elaine

Brunelle, already teaching violin and piano, will be starting an inter-generational string orchestra, for individuals aged 9 through adult. Brunelle's career spans 40 plus years, and includes being the former Director of Orchestras for Fairfield County Strings and Keyboards, a non-profit based in Lancaster, Ohio. Their programming included working with students of all ages, and presenting a season of five concerts. She has played profession-

ally as an orchestral and opera musician. Additionally, she has had unique opportunities to play with such musical legends as Trans-Siberian Orchestra, the Henri Mancini Orchestra, Andreas Bocelli, Roberta Flack, Crystal Gayle, Loretta Lynn, Amy Grant, YES, Kansas, and many others.

"Anyone with a great attitude and a desire to learn the violin, viola, cello, or string bass, in a group setting, is wel-

come to participate," says Brunelle. "We'll start at 'square one,' and grow from there. If you already have musical experience, this will reinforce your knowledge and improve your skills."

Brunelle stresses that no prior musical experience is necessary.

"My dream is to provide our community and surrounding areas with an opportunity to play beautiful music for all to enjoy, and to expand the cultural fabric of our area."

If you don't have an instrument, very reasonable rental opportunities will

be available through Old Town Violins in Lexington, KY.

The group will rehearse at OHCAH, and will present area performances as occasions arise. An informational meeting is planned for Monday, December 16, at 6 p.m. Please feel free to contact The Olive Hill Center for Arts and Heritage at (606)207-1480 for any additional information.

And remember the words of Ben Franklin: "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear picked to lead Democratic efforts to win governorships in 2026 midterms

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

FRANKFORT (AP) — Looking to strengthen his foothold in national politics, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear is taking on a lead role for Democratic efforts

to win governorships in the 2026 midterm election — when a majority of states will be electing governors, including a crucial set of presidential swing states.

Democratic governors on Saturday picked Beshear as chair-elect of

the Democratic Governors Association for 2026. He will serve as vice chair in 2025, when Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly will continue serving as the group's chair. Voters in Virginia and New Jersey will elect governors next year.

His selection sets up Beshear to play a lead role in candidate recruitment, messaging and fundraising for 2026, when the DGA says governorships are up for grabs in 36 states, including the presidential battlegrounds of Arizo-

na, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

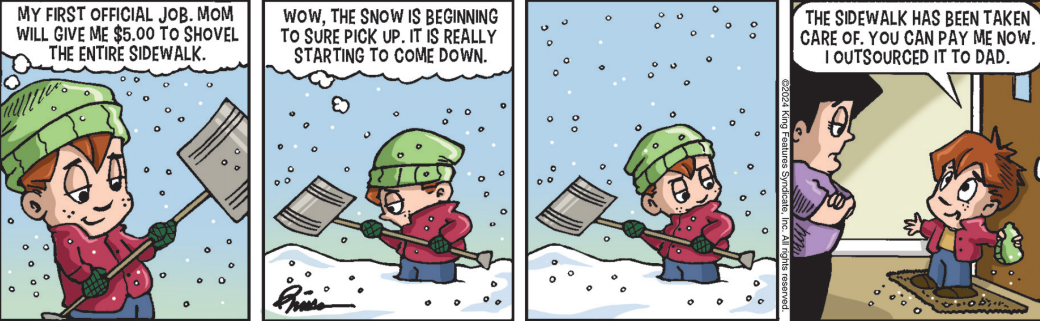
The assignment will raise Beshear's profile within the national party as Democrats try to rebound from bitter losses last month, when Republicans

swept the White House and both chambers of Congress. Beshear is one of several Democratic governors who are the subject of early speculation as potential contenders

See **BESHEAR** on A-8

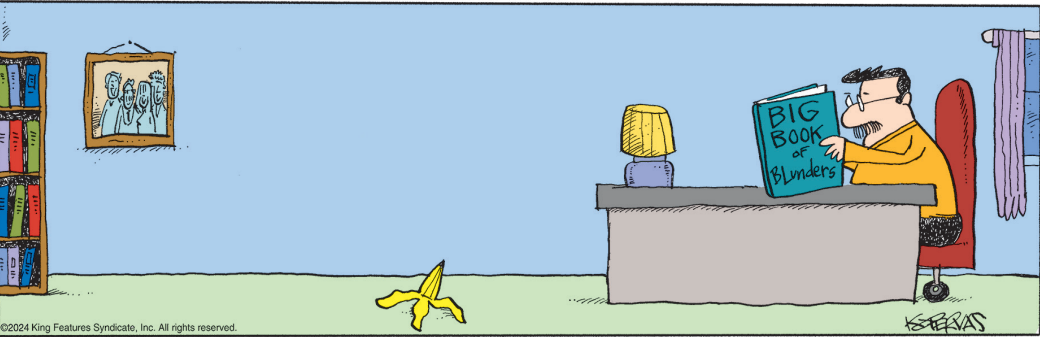
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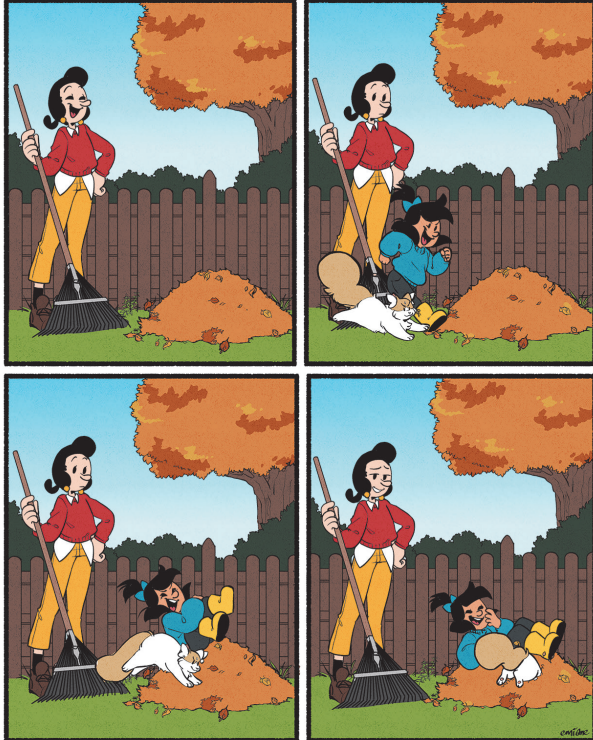
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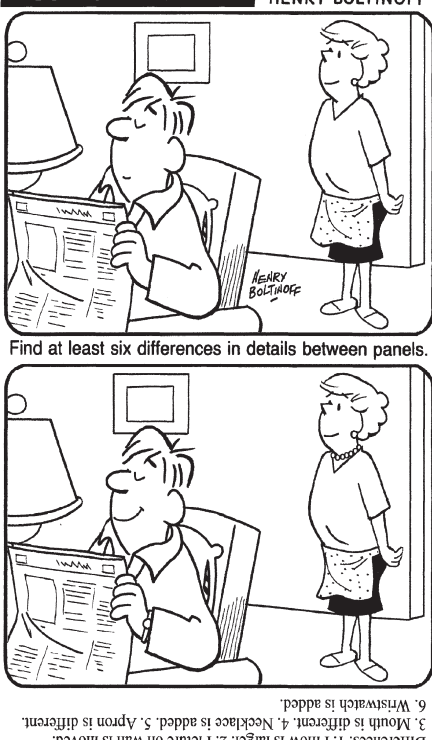
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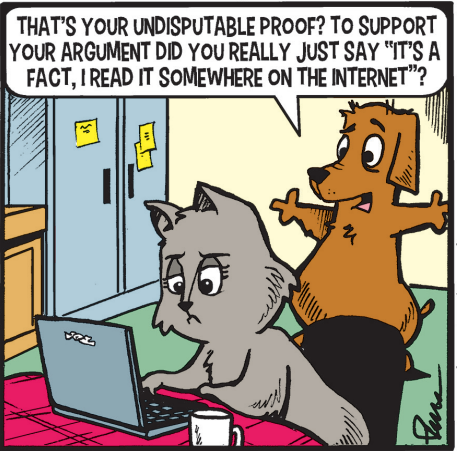
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals O

SVJ JXFIDXGQ SXHGIUTHE
SOIKOIU XU HXK T CTNI FQ
KYUNIQ KX DI JYMMYCIHK?
FXTJK MIUKVTHCQ!

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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!

Switch **WASP** _____
Enseue **RAISE** _____
Smooth **MYCARE** _____
Prance **VORTAC** _____

TODAY'S WORD

_____ except for the sink!

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.

- Rowland's Potter _____ R _____ Hale _____ D _____
- Lone Ranger's steed _____ I _____ Serving tray _____ A _____
- Thirsty cloth _____ L _____ Steeple _____ R _____
- Baseball hit man _____ A _____ Toast topping _____ U _____
- Sticky tag _____ B _____ Boutonniere location _____ P _____
- Use one's ears _____ E _____ Boxer Sonny _____ O _____
- Make a call _____ H _____ Inclined to _____ R _____
- Silent _____ E _____ Homemade blanket _____ L _____
- Heap _____ T _____ Hovel _____ H _____
- Hand gun _____ L _____ Engine cylinder _____ N _____

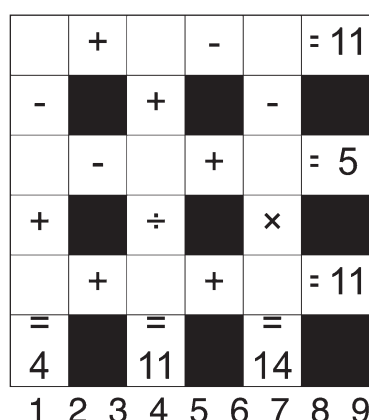
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GO FIGURE!

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

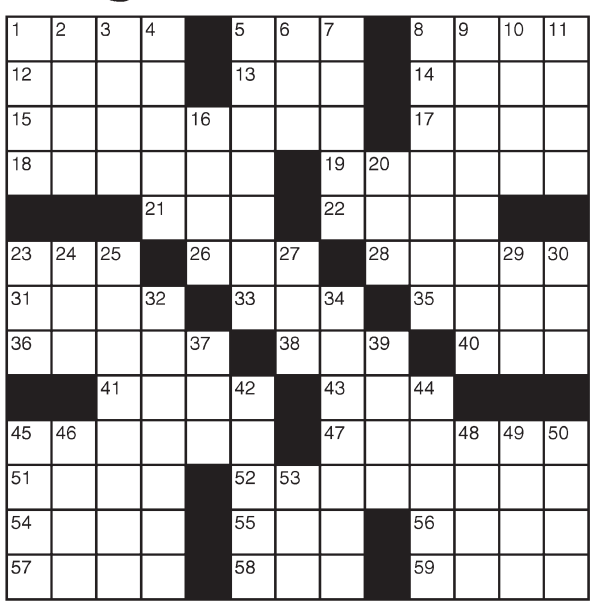


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King Crossword

ACROSS

- "Waterloo" group
- Financial pro
- Sci-fi vehicles
- Starring role
- Royal Highness
- Worn-down pencils
- Nose and mouth covering
- Move like a butterfly
- Short sock
- Curved fasteners
- Shoe width
- Tropical tree
- Santa's helper
- Highland hat
- Prettify
- Painter Joan Lipinski
- Coffee vessel
- A few
- Glasses, slangily
- Bro's kin
- Compass dir.
- And others (Lat.)
- Goal
- Filmed anew
- Lubricate
- Mountain ht.
- Gathering organized via social media
- Jai —
- Sailor
- Skater Lipinski
- Chorus syllables
- Govt. lender
- ABA member
- Spectacular lunar phase
- Last write-up
- Bygone fliers
- Bump into
- Sheepish remark
- German river
- Sass
- Comp for a foodie
- "— Miniver"
- "Skyfall" singer
- French vineyard estate
- Formerly known as
- Math ratios
- Invite to one's loft
- Develops



- Falls
- Blue
- Round Table titles
- Certain jobs
- Maestro Zubin —
- Genuine
- Big name in scat
- Latin 101 word
- Type
- Online auction site
- Science room

DOWN

- Romeo
- Legume
- Support
- "Skyfall" singer
- French vineyard estate
- Formerly known as
- Math ratios
- Invite to one's loft
- Develops
- Spectacular lunar phase
- Last write-up
- Bygone fliers
- Bump into
- Sheepish remark
- German river
- Sass
- Comp for a foodie
- "— Miniver"
- LBJ's successor
- Formerly known as
- Math ratios
- Invite to one's loft
- Develops

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Weekly SUDOKU



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 FAILS to KINDS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

FAILS

KINDS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

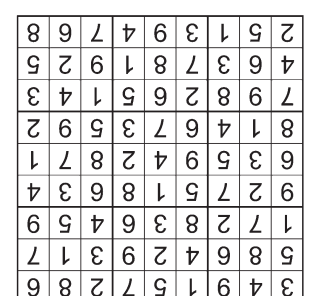
- LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie?
- MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the eighth day?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Kalahari Desert located?
- HISTORY: Who was the first African-American justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?
- BIOLOGY: What is the process called in which a nonreproductive cell divides in two?
- MOVIES: In the movie "Elf," what is the name of Santa's sleigh?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest mammal on Earth?
- U.S. STATES: Where did the first organized celebration of Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) take place in the U.S.?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet is the smallest in our solar system?
- TELEVISION: Which 1980s-1990s TV family sitcom had a holiday episode titled "A Very Tanner Christmas"?

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- Answers
- "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"
 - Eight mads a-milking
 - Southern Africa
 - Thurgood Marshall
 - Miosis
 - The Kringle 3000
 - The blue whale
 - Mobile, Alabama
 - Mercury
 - "Full House"

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Swap 2. Arise; 3. Creamy; 4. Cavort; Today's Word
EMPTY

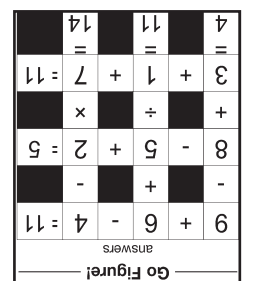
WORD LADDER
Answer
FAILS, FALLS, FILLS, FINES, FINDS, KINDS



Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

King Crossword

Answers
Solution time: 24 mins.



- Answers
- Harry, Hardy
 - Silver, Silver
 - Towel, Tower
 - Batter, Butter
 - Stack, Shack
 - Listen, Liston
 - Phone, Phone
 - Quilt, Quilt
 - Stack, Shack
 - Pistol, Pistion

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Beshear from A-6

for the party's presidential nomination in 2028.

After gaining his new role at DGA, Beshear said in a statement that Democrats can win anywhere by focusing on "fundamental challenges families are facing every day" — continuing a theme he advanced in a New York Times opinion piece outlining a way forward for Democrats after the November election.

In the opinion piece, Beshear said Democrats can win back voters without abandoning the party's values on divisive social issues. But the focus, he said, should be on core issues — good jobs, affordable health care, education, public safety and good roads and bridges.

"Earning trust and

showing people you care about them also require that we talk to people like normal human beings," he wrote. "And that we are not afraid to share our 'why.' For me, my why is my faith, and I share it proudly."

Beshear, the son of a popular former Kentucky governor, has won three statewide elections in deeply red Kentucky — once for attorney general and twice as governor. Now term limited, his tenure as governor ends in late 2027. He was in the running to be Kamala Harris' running mate this summer but lost out to Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz. Beshear became a surrogate for the ticket during the campaign, stumping in places like

Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan and New Hampshire.

During his first term as governor, Beshear mostly avoided criticizing Republican Donald Trump, not wanting to rile Bluegrass State voters who overwhelmingly support Trump. Beshear, who won reelection in 2023, took a more aggressive tone against Trump this year while he was vying for his party's vice presidential nod and then as a campaign surrogate.

Beshear has projected unifying themes and presided over record-setting economic development but has sparred with Kentucky's Republican supermajority legislature on a host of issues. His vetoes

are routinely overridden, and GOP lawmakers credit their business-friendly policies for the economic growth.

Responding to Beshear's new role, Republican political strategist Scott Jennings said the "supposed nonpartisan governor" will now be spending time on partisan politics, but he expressed doubt that the new role will have much of an impact on the governor's political future.

"It certainly gives him more contacts with donors and party people but I don't think it's a potential springboard or albatross," Jennings said Monday in a statement.

After Trump won back the presidency, Beshear

said he would work with the incoming administration when it's good for Kentucky and "stand up" against it when the policies are bad for the state.

The governor has raised concerns about the president-elect's threats to impose stiff tariffs on foreign imports.

"We just had an election that was significantly about inflation and other core issues," Beshear said recently. "My hope is that a president that ran on decreasing inflation and making things more affordable won't put policies into place that will raise prices. Because that's what happens with tariffs."

Beshear's ability to win in tough terrain for Democrats, appealing to swaths

of urban, suburban and rural voters, makes him the right fit for the DGA posts, said Democratic political strategist Mark Riddle. As for his future, Beshear will spend time with party leaders, strategists and donors, enabling him to "expand his reach around the country and make his argument and see if folks are willing to listen," he said.

Regardless of the midterm results, it's a prime opportunity for Beshear, he said.

"Win or lose, if he's out networking and building relationships, it's a total win," Riddle said Monday. "Obviously if Democrats lose in the midterm, they have a whole host of other, larger problems."

A timeline of the fatal shooting of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson and search for his killer

By Michael R. Sisak and Cedar Attanasio
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — After days of searching through security footage, following up on a deluge of tips and even sending scuba divers to the bottom of a lake, police on Monday announced the arrest of a suspect in the killing of UnitedHealthcare's CEO outside a Midtown Manhattan hotel last week.

The hunt began in the hours after Brian Thompson was gunned down on the sidewalk early Wednesday morning, with the suspected shooter slipping away from the scene and riding a bike to Central Park, before taking a taxi to a bus depot that offers service to several nearby states.

On Monday morning, a tip from a McDonald's around 233 miles (375 kilometers) away in Altoona, Pennsylvania, led police to arrest 26-year-old Luigi Nicholas Mangione, who authorities say was carrying a gun believed to be the one used to shoot Thompson.

Here's what we know so far about the shooting and subsequent search.

Nov. 24

10:11 p.m. — The suspected shooter arrives in New York City on a Greyhound bus at the Port Authority terminal. The bus originated in Atlanta and made six or seven stops on the way to New York. Police could not immediately determine where he got on the bus.

The man then takes a

taxi to the area of the New York Hilton Midtown and is there for about a half hour.

About 11 p.m. — The man takes a taxi to the HI New York City Hostel at 891 Amsterdam Ave., where he stays until the morning of the shooting. He presents an ID that police believe to be fake. Two roommates in a shared room that had bunkbeds never saw his face, police said, because he kept his mask on.

When speaking with an employee in the hostel lobby, he briefly pulled down his facemask and smiled — a moment captured on surveillance images that have been widely circulated by police.

Nov. 29

The man was checked out of the hostel, where guests are automatically checked out if they don't show at the desk by a certain time. Police don't believe he stayed someplace else and checked back into the same hostel the next day.

Dec. 4

About 5:30 a.m. — The suspected shooter leaves the hostel well before dawn.

5:41 a.m. — He appears on video at 54th Street and Sixth Avenue walking back and forth in the area of the Hilton hotel where UnitedHealthcare's parent company, UnitedHealth Group, is holding its annual investor conference.

Police deduce that he rode a bicycle to the Hilton because it took him such a short time to get there. "Could he have stolen the

bike? These are things we're still looking into," NYPD Chief of Detectives Joseph Kenny said.

At some point, he went to a nearby Starbucks and purchased a bottle of water and at least one energy bar before returning to the hotel.

6:44 a.m. — He shoots Thompson as the executive arrives alone, on foot, having walked from a hotel across the street. The man flees.

6:48 a.m. — The man enters Central Park by bicycle at the 60th Street and Center Drive entrance. It's in the park and away from security cameras that police believe he discards a gray backpack.

6:56 a.m. — He leaves the park at West 77th Street and Central Park West, still on the bicycle.

6:58 a.m. — He passes another camera on 85th Street and Columbus Avenue, still on the bicycle.

7 a.m. — He's at 86th Street, no longer with the bicycle.

7:04 a.m. — He enters a taxi northbound at 86th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

7:30 a.m. — He's near the George Washington Bridge and the bus terminal there. It offers commuter service to New Jersey and Greyhound routes to Philadelphia, Boston and Washington.

After the attack, investigators find the words "delay," "deny" and "depose," written in permanent marker on ammunition at the scene. The words mimic a phrase used by insurance industry critics.

Skate from A-1

after the initial collaboration of funds. The Fiscal Court voted unanimously to contribute the requested funds.

The ice rink was opened for use by the public on Saturday.

As part of the scheduled business for that November 11 meeting the county also worked to resolve current issues with Buck Road. After hearing from both affected residents on the county road, it was voted that the road would remain on the county maintenance register. The disputed turnaround would be reestablished based upon the previously recorded location and be of ordinance directed dimensions. In other business, the court voted to approve the Genesis CDBG Contract.

The Carter County Fiscal Court held their regular December meeting on Monday evening, with all magistrates in attendance. The first item on the

agenda for the December meeting were the public hearings for Nicholas Road, Matthew Hill, and Kitchen Cemetery Road Number 2 to be removed from the county maintenance schedule. All roads were voted to be removed in part or in total from the schedule. The court voted to adopt Title 6, and a bid of \$220,000 from Leshar Trucking was accepted for a Mack triaxle truck the county had moved to surplus for sale. The bid met the reserve the court had set for the vehicle.

The court also approved the Sheriff's State Advancement Application, and approved the judge executive to sign the application. The Sheriff's State Advancement Bond was also approved, as was the Sheriff's 2025 budget. The bond is a yearly process which helps the sheriff's department operate during the early months of the year and is repaid each

year without a carryover balance of any sort.

The court also discussed the need for a CDL driver due to the fact that one of the drivers working for the county will be retiring at the beginning of the year, and there is another driver who is expected to be retiring sometime during 2025. The position will be advertised in the newspaper for at least two weeks, and the court hopes to interview potential candidates and make a decision at the next scheduled Fiscal Court meeting. All qualifications and other details will be made available in the posting for the position.

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Dec. 6

Kenny and Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch reveal that investigators believe the gunman left New York City on a bus. Investigators say he entered the George Washington Bridge Bus Station but have not found video of him leaving or getting on a bus.

"It could possibly be a disgruntled employee, or a disgruntled client," Kenny says of a possible motive in a briefing.

Police find what they say is the man's backpack. Its contents are not disclosed.

Dec. 7

Police continue to search Central Park; scuba divers are seen scouring a pond. The NYPD releases additional photos showing the suspected shooter next

to and in the back seat of a taxi. In both images he is seen wearing a blue, medical-style face mask.

Despite recovering a fingerprint from the Starbucks purchase and sending items for DNA testing, police have yet to publicly identify the suspect.

Dec. 8

Scuba divers are again seen at a Central Park pond. Police decline to comment on the investigation.

Dec. 9

9:14 a.m. — Police in Altoona, Pennsylvania, are dispatched to a McDonald's to respond to reports of a male matching the description of the suspect in the shooting.

Luigi Nicholas Mangione, 26, is taken into custody on unrelated charges, according to the Altoona

Police Department.

Mangione had a gun believed to be the one used in last Wednesday's shooting, as well as writings suggesting "ill will toward corporate America," Kenny said on Monday. He also had clothing and a mask similar to those worn by the shooter and a fraudulent New Jersey ID matching the one used to check into the Manhattan hostel, Kenny said.

This story has been updated to correct the words written on the bullets. They are "delay," "deny" and "depose," not "deny," "defend" and "depose." A law enforcement official previously told The Associated Press the words were "deny," "defend" and "depose."



The Carter County Times will not publish a paper on Wednesday, December 25. We will return with a new edition on Thursday, January 2.

MERRY CHRISTMAS