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Reynolds pleads guilty to reduced charges

Judges orders no unsupervised contact with minors

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

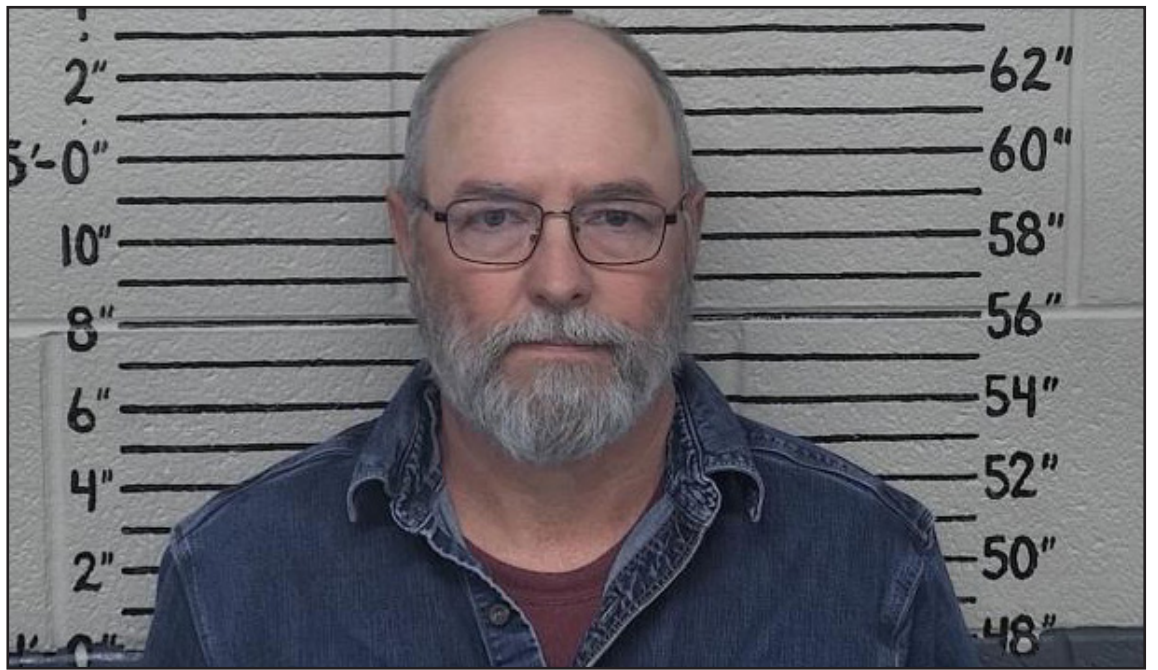
Charles Wayne Reynolds entered a plea of guilty on Monday morning to a charge of third degree unlawful transaction with a minor. The change of plea came after mediation which led to an agreement that would reduce the original felony charge of first degree sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years of age. Reynolds' new charge, a misdemeanor, made him eligible for conditional

discharge.

Under the agreement, reached March 5, Reynolds will be sentenced to 12 months – the maximum allowed for the misdemeanor he pleaded guilty to – with the sentence being conditionally discharged for two years. During that time Reynolds' will be on supervised probation, however he will not be required to undergo sexual offender treatment as he would if pleading guilty to the original charge.

Judge Rebecca Phillips also reminded Reynolds that, even though he wasn't pleading guilty to a sexual abuse charge, his record isn't eligible for future expungement because his crime involves a minor. She also reminded him that if he violated

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Charles Wayne Reynolds was originally charged with sexual abuse of a victim under 12, but pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of unlawful transaction with a minor. (submitted photo)

Building community with groups and events

Kiwanis and Memory Days organizers speak to chamber

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Father Marc Bentley spoke at the Grayson Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 11, and shared some of the things the Kiwanis Club does for the community.

"The Kiwanis Club was founded in 1915," Bentley said. "It was founded with the goal to

serve children and communities around the world. Our motto is 'Serving the children of the world.' That really is our focus," he told the Chamber. "We have over 445,000 members around the world dedicated to that motto."

Bentley broke those numbers down a little further, telling the chamber that the Kiwanis membership is made up of not only 178,000 adults but also 167,000 youth organizations, proving that the Kiwanis members include a broad range of ages.

"Kiwanis organizations and family clubs are around the world, with many different groups all the way down to Key Club."

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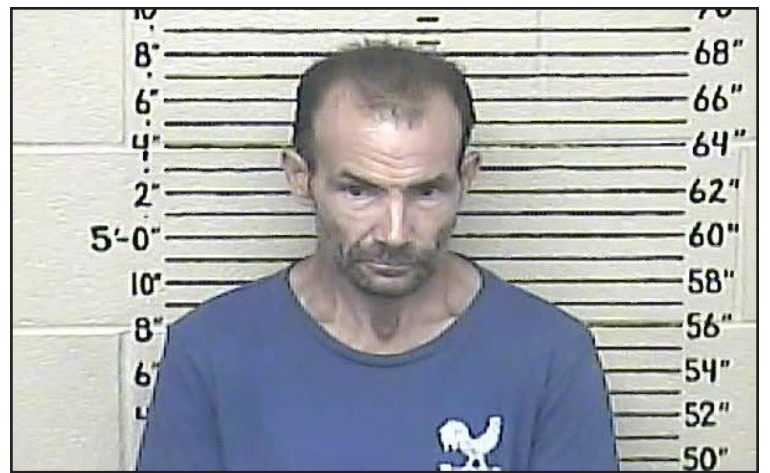
Father Marc Bentley addresses the Grayson Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Jackson pleads guilty to abuse of corpse

Failed to report death in a timely manner

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Carter County Circuit Court Judge Rebecca Phillips accepted a guilty plea from Jason Jackson, on January 31, on a charge of abusing a corpse. She sentenced Jackson to a year in prison on the charge, at the recommendation of the Commonwealth. The crime, a Class D Felony, could have carried a penalty of up to five years, but the judge and the prosecutor agreed that it wasn't a common crime, and that Jackson's actions in this case



Jason Jackson (submitted photo)

weren't those typically seen with this charge.

"We don't see this charge very often," Commonwealth's attorney Brandon Ison noted, adding, "it's not what he did, it's what he didn't do."

What Jackson failed to do was report the death of his partner in a timely manner. Because of this lack of timely reporting, the family wasn't able to hold regular funeral services and, Ison

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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.

- Charles Bryant, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, reckless driving, failure to maintain required insurance, failure to produce insurance, failure to produce an insurance card, and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, arrested and booked March 10.
- Steven Franklin, 28, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) causing minor injury, arrested and booked March 10.

- Brenda Baier, 64, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, arrested and booked March 11.
- Chanda Rodgers, 38, of Flatwoods, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of third degree trespassing, arrested and booked March 11.
- Jessica Prichard, 51, of Florence, arrested by Department of Corrections, on a probation violation for a technical violation, arrested and booked March 11.
- April Richmond, 27, of Emerson, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, on four counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked March 11.
- Michael Ramsey, 33, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked March 11.

- Celina Duncan, 41, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked March 12.
- Kevin Gose, 61, of Rush, arrested by Grayson PD, on six counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, and two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked March 12.
- Jordan Knell, 19, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, serving a warrant for a parole violation, arrested and booked March 12.
- Angela Lucas, 56, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, charges unavailable, arrested and booked March 12.
- William Yeager, 64, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked March 12.

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This Week's Obituaries

Donald R. Brewster, 95
Bobby Ray Easterling, 88

Kenneth Mark Knipp, 82
Katie Eulane P'Simer Schaffer, 82

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LIFESTYLE



Rich in flavor, light on the wallet: Meet Mujadara

Are you ready for a culinary journey to the Middle East? Buckle up, buttercup, and bring your taste buds, because today, we're making Mujadara (moo-zha-DAH-rah), a simple, satisfying dish of lentils, rice and caramelized onions that prove frugal can also be fabulous.

Mujadara has been enjoyed across Lebanon, Jordan and Syria for centuries, and for good reason. It's hearty, flavorful and budget-friendly. Traditionally known as a "poor man's meal," don't let the name fool you -- as with most "peasant food," this dish is so comforting and delicious, it'll make you feel like royalty. Think of it as the Middle Eastern equivalent of mac and

cheese: cozy, familiar and always a hit.

At its core, Mujadara is a lesson in culinary alchemy. A handful of pantry staples -- lentils, rice, onions and spices -- transform into something far greater than the sum of their parts. The secret? Those deeply caramelized onions. They add a richness that takes this humble dish to the next level.

For this version, I've opted for brown rice over white to boost the nutritional value, though white basmati works too. Just check the recipe notes for adjustments. The lentils provide protein, the rice offers fiber, and the onions bring an irresistible depth of flavor and sweetness that ties it all together.

Mujadara is best served with a dollop of yogurt or a drizzle of tahini sauce, a scattering of fresh herbs and, if you like a bit of heat, a spoonful of your favorite spicy sauce. You can enjoy it hot, warm or at room temperature, making it an excellent make-ahead meal.

Mujadara (Lentils and Rice with Caramelized Onions)

Yield: 4 generous servings
Total Time: 45 minutes

- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons Kosher salt, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 5 cups water
- 1 cup brown basmati rice, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup brown or green lentils, rinsed and drained
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 large yellow onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions, divided
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley, divided

Plain yogurt, for serving (or tahini sauce for a vegan option)

In a large saucepan, combine garlic, bay leaves, cumin, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and black pepper with water. Bring to boiling over medium-high heat.

Stir in the rice, reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 10 minutes.

After 10 minutes, add lentils and stir. Return to a simmer, cover and cook until liquid is absorbed and grains are tender (about 20-23 minutes).

Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until deeply car-



Mujadara proves lentils, rice and caramelized onions are a match made in culinary heaven. www.JasonCoblentz.com

melized and crisp at the edges (about 20-30 minutes). Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate and sprinkle with remaining salt.

When the lentils and rice are done, drain excess water if needed, remove bay leaves and mash garlic cloves against the pot's side. Add 3/4 of the green onions and cilantro, fluff with a fork and adjust seasoning.

Transfer to a serving dish, top with caramelized onions and garnish with remaining green onions and herbs. Serve with yogurt or tahini sauce.

Diva Tips - Rice Swap: If you use white basmati rice, cook the lentils first for 10 minutes before

adding the rice to ensure both cook evenly.

Whether you're looking for a nutritious meatless meal or just want to expand your global recipe repertoire, Mujadara is a must-try. Simple, satisfying and steeped in tradition, it's proof that the best meals don't have to be complicated -- or expensive.

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

The choices/decisions we make

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell
for Carter County Times

Have you ever had to make a choice or a decision that later just turned out bad? That decision tormented you for days and months, or even years. A big part of life is about making choices daily. Sometimes, we have one or more choices to choose from and sometimes there are none to choose from. There are times when we may need someone else to decide on our behalf. Other times we may need to seek wise counsel. We are all in this together. Some are better at it than others.

Often parents may say these one-liner quotes to their children to help them make better choices/decisions.

- "You can be mad without being mean."
- "You are in charge of your body, and I am in charge of mine."
- "How can this 'oops' help us learn today?"
- "You have already

asked, I have already answered. Sorry if you do not like the answer."

"You do not have to be friends with everyone, but you must be friendly."

"If we make the commitment we must show up."

"Teamwork makes the dream work."

I like these one-liners that we as adults could choose to practice.

"Fear doesn't stop death; it stops life."

"If it costs you your peace, it's too expensive."

"People only see the decisions you made, not the choices you had."

"Never take criticism from someone you wouldn't take advice from."

"The magic you are looking for is in the work you're avoiding."

"Ships are safe in the harbor, but that's not what they are built for."

"Ambition without distraction turns into anxiety."

"To live a life most people don't, you must be

willing to do what most people won't."

"You can do anything, but not everything -- focus."

"If you want to make the wrong decision, ask everyone."

"Those who don't move won't notice their chains."

"It's okay to live a life most people don't understand."

"If someone could only see your actions and not hear your words, what would they say your priorities are?"

"No risk, no story!"

Whatever choices you have or decisions you must make, always know that the Bible is your guide. There are scriptures to help us make wise decisions along with prayer.

Proverbs 3:5 - Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. James 1:5 - If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be

given him. Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Philippians 4:6 - Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Isaiah 30:21 - And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. 1 John 5:14 - And this

is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us. James 3:17 - But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. Isaiah 41:10 - Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Proverbs 3:6 - In all

thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

How wonderful to know that when we acknowledge and seek God first, about many things, He has promised to direct our path! Amen! So be it!

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers sold mostly 5.00 to 10.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Demand was good to very good for feeder classes with best interest was shown for weaned and preconditioned feeders. Yearlings were 2.00 to 5.00 higher with good to very good demand. Slaughter cows sold steady to 3.00 lower and slaughter bulls were mostly steady with good to very good demand for slaughter classes.

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

Week ending 3/15/25

STATE AVERAGES			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	387.01	375.24	338.98
400-450 lbs	386.33	366.37	328.41
450-500 lbs	365.84	351.89	313.78
500-550 lbs	334.56	329.17	292.73
550-600 lbs	330.17	317.06	286.93
600-650 lbs	306.06	294.70	269.98
650-700 lbs	294.82	285.29	257.45
700-750 lbs	279.85	269.14	243.07
750-800 lbs	267.78	262.83	236.22
800-850 lbs	256.73	250.38	227.14
850-900 lbs	243.57	239.68	221.54
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	346.88	330.99	296.96
350-400 lbs	352.28	331.12	294.43
400-450 lbs	330.86	322.22	279.10
450-500 lbs	315.86	304.06	272.72
500-550 lbs	297.76	287.12	260.39
550-600 lbs	289.73	274.27	255.19
600-650 lbs	270.19	255.41	235.60
650-700 lbs	260.14	250.36	228.94
700-750 lbs	240.07	239.75	217.16
750-800 lbs	230.57	238.20	216.44

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	125.00-148.00	130.00-165.00	118.00-132.00
Boners	120.00-149.00	131.00-174.00	92.00-148.00
Lean	72.00-135.00	104.00-154.00	65.00-122.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	140.00-171.00	161.00-210.00	120.00-159.00

Mar 13, 2025 Bowling Green, KY
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 174
Kids: Selection 1 56 lbs 407.50; 74 lbs 345.00. **Selection 1-2** 95 lbs 257.50. **Selection 2** 48 lbs 212.50; 55 lbs 330.00; 70 lbs 254.50.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 471
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1: 50 lbs 400.00. **Choice & Prime 1-2** 50-55 lbs 330.00-337.50; 65-67 lbs 340.00-342.50; 74-75 lbs 335.00-352.50; 100 lbs 285.00; 113 lbs 262.50. **Choice 2** 49 lbs 325.00; 57 lbs 327.50; 64 lbs 340.00; 75-78 lbs 310.00-340.00; 95 lbs 140.00; 100 lbs 295.00; 130 lbs 235.00.

Week ending 3/15/25

GRAINS			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.43-4.82	4.30-4.79	3.84-4.48
Soybeans	9.03-10.37	8.99-10.44	11.14-12.14
Red Winter Wheat	4.80-5.72	4.61-5.60	4.59-5.50

Extension Notes

Tips for beef sire selection

The overall goal of a beef cattle operation is to increase net income by balancing what is spent on the operation with how much income it generates. A beef producer can accomplish this goal by increasing income while minimizing additional costs, or reducing costs while trying to maintain income.

Participants in a recent Bull Value Assessment Program offered by the

FIVCO Cooperative Extension Offices learned that one way to do this is to improve herd genetics through individual bull selection.

You should assess four primary characteristics when considering a purchase. These are reproductive soundness, structural soundness, visual evaluation and performance characteristics.

Having a breeding soundness exam done is the best way to deter-

mine a bull's reproductive soundness. While passing this exam means he should have the physical soundness to breed and settle cows, it does not measure desire. Observe bulls for their interest in females in heat.

Indications of structural soundness are that the bull moves without pain or discomfort and has appropriate angles at weight-bearing joints.

Visual observation is one way to evaluate important traits. These can include disposition, color,

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Cavel Bush "sells" a bull during a mock auction as part of the recent Bull Value Assessment Program. (submitted photo)

Arrests from A-1

- Jeremy Stewart, 50, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of rear license not illuminated, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, and failure to appear, arrested and booked March 12.
- Chanda Rodgers, 38, of Flatwoods, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, no registration receipt, no registration plates, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked March 13.
- Jaylin Clark, 19, of Georgetown, arrested by Elliott County Sheriff, on a parole violation for a technical violation, arrested and booked March 13.
- Kadeem Nelson, 34, of Charlotte, NC, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of attempted murder, and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, arrested and booked March 13.
- Paul Sammons, 59, 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), failure to wear seat belts, no registration receipts, no registration plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to maintain required insurance, and obstructed vision or windshield, arrested and booked March 13.
- Triston Runyon, 19, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of reckless driving, no operator's license, failure

- to register transfer of a motor vehicle, no registration plates, no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, failure to maintain required insurance, and failure to use or improper signal, arrested and booked March 13.
- Jacob Steagall, 30, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on seven counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, and two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked March 13.
- Heather Suarez, 42, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, and three counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked March 14.
- Brenda Baier, 64, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, arrested and booked March 14.
- Jacob Clifton, 24, of Elkhorn City, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, and first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), arrested and booked March 14.
- Melissa Pennington, 40, of Hitchens, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked March 14.
- Josh Hollingsworth, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, charges unavailable, arrested and booked March 14.
- Scott Garvin, 55, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for Drug Court, arrested and booked March 14.
- Chase Burchett, 25, of Olive

- ive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of violating a Kentucky Emergency Protection Order/Domestic Violence Order (EPO/DVO), arrested and booked March 14.
- Mary Mays, 38, of Clearfield, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of theft of identity, and theft by deception – includes cold checks, arrested and booked March 15.
- Renita Moore, 42, of Pasadena, TX, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault (dating violence) with no visible injury, arrested and booked March 15.
- Amos Reynolds, 36, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible injury, filing a false incident report with law enforcement, and filing a false report which generates an emergency response, arrested and booked March 15.
- Ryan McBride, 26, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of failure to appear, first degree rape (with \$100,000 cash bond), and first degree strangulation (non-domestic violence), arrested and booked March 15.
- Raymond Dearfield, 61, of Hitchens, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), arrested and booked March 15.
- Stephen Parker, 42, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 15.
- Roger Criswell, 71, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of no registration plates, no registration receipt, failure to produce an in-

- surance card, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked March 16.
- Dylan Roe, 21, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of speeding 26 MPH or more over the speed limit, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and reckless driving, arrested and booked March 16.
- Thomas Duncan, 35, of Richmond, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked March 16.
- Avalena Barrett, 41, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 16.
- Clayton Puckett, 55, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked March 16.
- Scott Garvin, 55, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for Drug Court, arrested and booked March 16.
- William Huff, 68, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of rear license not illuminated, failure to wear seat belts, license not in possession, no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked March 16.

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.

for all the small businesses in the area as well," Smith said. "We offer a wide variety of things for small business such as group insurance and key person insurance."

The latter, key person insurance, protects the company against the loss of an individual or individuals that are crucial to that business' operation.

McClain Dyer from the Memory Days Committee

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5K and Memory Days

Grayson Council discusses upcoming events

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Pam Lewis, President of Fostering Possibilities,

addressed the Grayson City Council at their regular meeting on March 11, and discussed a proposed 5K charity run.

"On April 26 we are hoping to host a 5K here in town," Lewis told the council. "So, we are requesting to close Pomeroy Street and go down by Kentucky Christian University and up the ceme-

tery loop and back from 7 until 8:30 in the morning." The route would bring runners back along Lansdowne, she told the council. It would also include the Second and Third Street junctions.

Mark Smith of the Western and Southern Life Insurance Agency, located in Russell, Kentucky, also addressed the council.

"We hope to become a resource not only for the City of Grayson but also

Beef from A-2

muscling, horned/poled, body capacity, structure, sheath and testicular development.

Expected calf performance is a primary reason to buy a bull. If replacement females will be retained, the first decision will be the breed's productivity level. When the breed is determined, selection among bull performance should be based on the expected progeny difference whenever possible. There is no such animal as the "best bull," because selection should be based on what you need to get from the bull.

Remember that as you select to improve one trait you often lose ground in

another trait. For example, selecting for increased growth usually inadvertently increases cows' mature size and maintenance when retaining replacements. Balancing cows' productivity levels and energy requirements is extremely difficult and if done improperly likely will result in decreased reproduction. Before you buy a bull, consider what you want to produce and what resources (primarily nutrition) you have available.

Bull selection has an important long-term economic impact on your herd. Selecting the right bull for your operation involves setting production goals, analyzing your

resources and management and locating the bull that best fits your situation. While this process will take time and effort, it can generate significant financial rewards when properly done.

For more information on selecting a beef sire and other management decisions for your beef cattle operation, contact the 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:

- Hike & Learn – Friday, March 21st @ 1:00 PM – Carter Caves State Resort Park
- Northeast Area Livestock Association - Tuesday, March 25th @ 6:00 PM – Topic: 2025 Eastern KY Hay Contest...Developing a Strategy to Win
- Starting Seeds Lunch & Learn – Friday, March 28th @ 11:30 AM

CALENDAR

- **3/20: Community Baby Shower @ 10 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **3/20: First Day of Spring Hike guided by Camila Haney @ 1 p.m.** | Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center
- **3/20: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/20: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce @ 6 p.m.** | Giovanni's Pizza
- **3/21: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **3/21: Hike & Learn @ 1 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **3/24: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **3/24: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/24: Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/25: Northeast Area Livestock Association @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: 2025 Eastern KY Hay Contest... Developing a Strategy to Win
- **3/25: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **3/26: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **3/28: Starting Seeds Lunch & Learn @ 11:30 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **3/28: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center

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

Chloe is a one-year-old female shepherd mix. She knows basic commands, is good with other dogs, and is spayed and up to date on shots. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her or call 475-9771 for more information.

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

The drinks were cheap

The ride home wasn't

Never drink and drive. Always buckle up.

A message from the City of Grayson and the Grayson ABC office

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Bipartisan legislation to expand animal health services heads to Governor's desk

FRANKFORT — With unanimous, bipartisan support, Senate Bill (SB) 69—legislation to modernize Kentucky's veterinary laws and expand access to essential animal health services—has passed the General Assembly and is now on its way to the Governor's desk for signature.

Sponsored by Senator Robin Webb (D-Grayson) and co-sponsored by Senator Jason Howell (R-Murray), the bill ensures that Kentucky remains a leader in animal care and agriculture by recognizing and regulating highly trained allied animal health professionals. The legislation establishes the licensing and oversight for equine dentists and animal chiropractors, improving access to specialized care while maintaining strong veterinary standards.

"This is a common-sense step forward for Kentucky's agricultural economy and the health and well-being of our animals," said Senator Webb. "By modernizing our approach, we maintain access to the best possi-

ble care while upholding the highest professional standards."

The bill creates an advisory board to oversee these newly recognized professionals and ensure they operate safely and effectively under appropriate guidelines. It also updates regulatory processes to streamline veterinary care and improve record-keeping standards across the industry.

"Kentucky's deep-rooted connection to the equine and agricultural industries means we must always be working to strengthen and modernize our approach to animal health," added Webb. "This bill strikes the right balance by increasing access to expert care while ensuring strong oversight and accountability."

SB 69 passed the Senate earlier this session with unanimous support, 36-0. On the final legislative day before the recess, the House voted unanimously to approve the measure, 88-0. The bill now awaits the Governor's signature to be signed into law.

Community from A-1

"They devote around 7.7 million hours of community service per year. And they have 1.3 million service projects they dedicate themselves to each year. That's a huge impact around the world," Bentley said. "The average Kiwanian impacts the life of 106 children. Can you imagine the impact our club can have," Bentley asked, "in this county if one Kiwanian impacts 106 children?"

The Kiwanis Club of Carter County was founded in 2017, Bentley told the chamber. Unfortunately, it was not long after that the COVID19 pandemic hit, which unfortunately shuttered the doors of many businesses. The goal now, Bentley said, is to revitalize the Carter County Kiwanis Club.

"Our club is new," Bentley said. "But in many ways, I consider that a blessing. We aren't set in our ways, and we are still open to new ideas. We can determine the kind of club we want to be and decide which projects we want to pursue. The things that we support determine how we want to serve the children and their families."

"We want to be the group, the people, where if our young people and their families need something, they turn to us first," he added.

"Our key objectives are serving the youth, strengthening communities, and fostering leadership. Not just for young people, but for adults as well," Bentley said. "And we do that in three key ways; donating to local youth programs, direct service projects, and

service learning programs." Educational programs focusing on youth and community service help the Kiwanis to assist the youth and their communities to move forward, Bentley said, by being responsible and engaged in their communities.

"I think all of you want young people who are active, responsible, and engaged citizens," Bentley told chamber members.

The Chamber of Commerce also discussed the upcoming Memory Days event. McClain Dyer told the chamber that there would be some updates and changes to the annual event.

"We want to refocus it around the honor and memory of our veterans," Dyer told the chamber. "It is going to be more about the meaning of the holiday and less about the glitz and glamour — though there will be that too."

Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Mike Nelson said that he and all the chamber were excited to see what 2025 Memory Days has to offer.

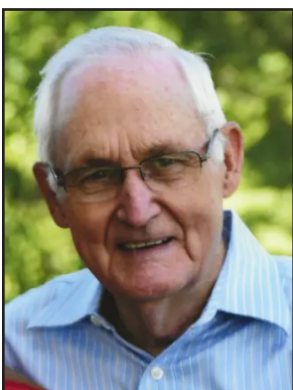
"This is year 54 for Memory Days," Nelson told the chamber. "It's May 22-25 this year, and our theme is 'A Walk Down Memory Lane'. That opens up a lot of interpretation for Memory Days from years past, and I would really like for people to show up and dress the part."

Nelson said that sponsorships are also still available for the upcoming event.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

OBITUARY

Bobby Ray Easterling 1936 – 2025



Bobby Ray Easterling, age 88, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Friday, March 14, 2025, at UK-St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead, Kentucky, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Saturday, May 9, 1936, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late John and Lucy Meade Easterling.

Bobby was a member of Upper Tygart Freewill Baptist Church and loved going to church. He enjoyed cutting wood and spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Robert Wayne Reynolds; three brothers, Johnny Easterling Jr., Billy Easterling, James Easterling; six sisters, Opal Stevens, Geneva Bryant, Mary Debord, Kate Hedge, Phyllis Easterling and Virginia Easterling.

Bobby is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Rita Roe Easterling; one son, Ronnie (Lynn) Easterling; two daughters, Regina Reynolds, Connie (Larry) Furnish all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; 8 grandchildren, Megan (Brian)

Sammons, Amber Reynolds, Cassie Easterling, Stacey (Josh) Dyer, Bonita Easterling, Ashley (Seth) Conn, Chandler (Hannah) Easterling, Ethan Easterling; 5 great-grandchildren, Dezirae Patton, Destinee Sammons, Noah Pennington Marcus Pennington and Xavier Easterling; one brother Gary (Phyllis) Easterling; two sisters, Joyce Jones, Judy Conn all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; a very special friend, Eugene "Gene" Rayburn, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him. Bobby always told everyone "he was going home" and now he is home.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Ronnie Easterling, Brother Steven Mabry and Brother Phillip Roe officiating. Burial followed in Easterling Debord Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Monday, March 17, 2025 and after 9 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Brian Sammons, Josh Dyer, Chandler Easterling, Ethan Easterling, Wendell Logan, Mike Bryant served as pallbearers.

A host of family and friends served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky, is honored to serve the family of Bobby Ray Easterling.

Katie Eulane P'Simer Schaffer 1942 – 2025



Katie Eulane (nee P'Simer) Schaffer, age 82, of Crestline, passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at Ohio Health Mansfield Hospital. Born September 18, 1942, in Olive Hill, Kentucky, she was one of ten children of the late Clyde and Ella Gladys (Burchett) P'Simer and graduated from Olive Hill High School in 1960. Katie worked as a substitute nurse at Ontario Elementary School and substitute teacher at Mansfield Senior High School. She also worked as a home health aide for several years. She worked in the library at MANCI and the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library. Katie enjoyed sewing, crafting and reading in her free time.

She is survived by three children, Brian (Sandy) Schaffer of Mt. Gilead, Robert (Elizabeth) Schaffer of Mansfield and Kimberly

Schaffer of Warrensburg, NY; three grandchildren, Garrett Schaffer, Christine Burrows and Pierce Byrne; a brother, Gayle P'Simer; three sisters, Gladys Gessel, Wanda Benzing and Brenda Kahl; two brothers-in-law, Jim Gillam and Harold Satterwhite; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Geneva (Judd) Satterwhite, Loveda Satterwhite, Lodea (Forrest) McCleese, Mary Opal Gillam and Nancy (Benton) Kilgallin; four brothers-in-law, Jay Benzing, Albert Maynard, Hubert Buckner and Laneau Jordan; and a sister-in-law, Lois P'Simer.

The family received friends from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Wappner Funeral Directors, 100 S. Lexington-Springmill Road. Additional visitation was held at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West Highway 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Terry Dean followed at 12:00 p.m. Katie was laid to rest in P'Simer Cemetery, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Kenneth Mark Knipp 1942 – 2025



Kenneth Mark Knipp, age 82, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, March 13, 2025, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born October 3, 1942, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Paul and Eva Barker Knipp.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years, Rosa Ellen Bryant Knipp; one grandson, Dakota McDaniels; four brothers, Marvin Knipp, Curtis Knipp, Ralph Knipp and Lowell Knipp; three sisters, Ester Huntsman, Gaythal Bryant, Janet Roe and one daughter-in-law, Gloria Knipp.

Kenny was a member of Grahn Hill Freewill Baptist Church for 20 years and loved going to church. He enjoyed farming, hunting and spending time with his family.

Kenny is survived by one son, Steven Knipp of Sandy Hook, Kentucky; four daughters, Rosalie (Dewain) Woolum of Denton, Kentucky, Kim-

berly (Randy) McDaniels, Tericia Knipp, Tammy (Josh) Wicker all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; 6 grandchildren, Steven McDaniels, Andrew Conn, Kyle Conn, Matthew Deason, Michael Deason, Crystal Littleton; 5 great-grandchildren Gracie Holbrook, Brently Littleton, Westen Littleton, Ollie Conn and Avery Conn; one brother, Gary Knipp of Grayson, Kentucky; one sister, Maxine Roe of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Monday, March 17, 2025, at Grahn Hill Freewill Baptist Church in Grahn, Kentucky, with Brother James Taylor and Brother Jimmy Barker officiating. Burial followed in Barker Cemetery on Cottonwood Lane in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 6 p.m., Sunday, March 16, 2025, with church service beginning at 7 p.m. and visitation after 9 a.m., Monday, March 17, 2025, until the service hour at Grahn Hill Freewill Baptist Church.

Matthew Deason, Andy Conn, Kyle Conn, Steven McDaniels, Ethan Barker and Brent Littleton served as pallbearers.

Michael Deason served as honorary pallbearer.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky, is honored to serve the family of Kenneth Mark Knipp.

Donald R. Brewster 1930 – 2025



Donald R. Brewster, age 95, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born January 21, 1930, in Lincoln County, West Virginia, to the late Rufus and Dorothy Cremeans Brewster.

Donald enjoyed reading, political discussions, doing yard work and spending time with his bulldogs.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Brewster, James Brewster, Ronald Brewster.

He is survived by four sons, Wesley Jones, Chalmers Jones both of Columbus, Ohio, Donald

Brewster Jr. of North Carolina, James E. Brewster of Florida; 8 grandchildren; 1 great grandchildren; two brothers, Edward Brewster, Roger Brewster both of Logan, West Virginia; two sisters, Betty Hendrix of Kentucky and Judy Ooten of Virginia, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Friday, March 21, 2025, at Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 49 McCoy Road, Grayson, Kentucky with Brother Ralph Perry officiating. Burial will follow in East Carter Memory Gardens in Grayson, Kentucky.

Friends may visit from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025 and after 9 a.m., Friday, March 21, 2025, until the service hour at Grayson Funeral Home.

Military Honors will be conducted at the graveside by Kenova American Legion Post 93.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Donald R. Brewster.

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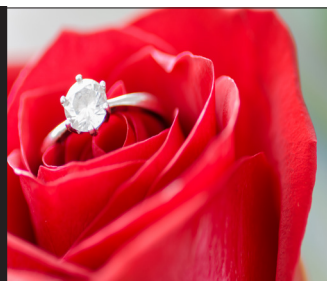
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Guest Editorial

Secrecy gives the government control. FOIA can restore the power imbalance

Lauren Harper, Daniel Ellsberg chair on government secrecy
Freedom of the Press Foundation

Excessive government secrecy takes many forms, including denying or ignoring FOIA requests and deleting data from websites.

These tactics prevent the public from meaningfully participating in self-government in every area secrecy touches, from domestic policy discussions on climate change, to foreign policy debates around international aid.

Sunshine Week, the annual celebration of the public's right to know, reminds us that the federal Freedom of Information Act, which allows the public to request the release of government information, is our best tool to counter this excessive secrecy and hold officials accountable.

But FOIA is in trouble, and we need congressional help to fix it.

Request backlogs continue to grow, and it often takes years to receive documents — if you get them at all. Delays are compounded by the fact that many FOIA offices often don't have the resources they need to perform their jobs efficiently. To make matters worse, President Donald Trump's administration has ordered agencies to plan for "large scale reductions in force," which could further hobble FOIA offices, if not halt their work entirely.

The challenges are steep. But we must continue our work to protect and strengthen FOIA, because when it works, it's powerful. Here are just a few examples:

• **FOIA makes us ask tough questions about what the government does in our name.** The New Yorker's investigative podcast, *In the Dark*, used FOIA to obtain key records on the 2005 massacre of two dozen civilians in Haditha, Iraq, at the hands of U.S. Marines. The releases included photos of the carnage that the military tried to bury, and helped journalists build a database of 781 possible war crimes committed by the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. These revelations prompted Senators Elizabeth Warren and Chris Van Hollen to ask the Defense Department inspector general if the agency was following the rules for addressing war crimes.

• **When SCOTUS closes a door, FOIA opens a window.** Bloomberg reporter Jason Leopold's FOIA lawsuit for FBI records about its investigation into Trump's classified documents case got an unexpected boost from the Supreme Court's presidential immunity ruling. U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell recently ruled that the SCOTUS decision, as well as Trump's firing of the FBI officials working on the case, undercut the bureau's arguments that the documents must stay secret. Howell said the FBI's arguments "crumble with no more weight than dust and just as little persuasiveness," and that the presidential immunity could "open doors" for FOIA requests.

• **FOIA can help us make decisions about what we eat.** I always like to tell the story about the Food and Drug Administration FOIA release that showed a popular blended Parmesan cheese contained absolutely no Parmesan — but it did contain wood chips. I usually tell this story as a joke, but as federal food regulations are poised to undergo massive changes, it's clear that FOIA's ability to provide access to food safety information is no laughing matter.

I'd argue it's likely that the current administration knows how impactful FOIA can be, and that's exactly why the Department of Government Efficiency is trying to hide its records from FOIA, and why FOIA staff at key agencies have been fired en masse.

In spite of these challenges, the public will continue to file FOIA requests, appeals, and lawsuits to win the release of important information.

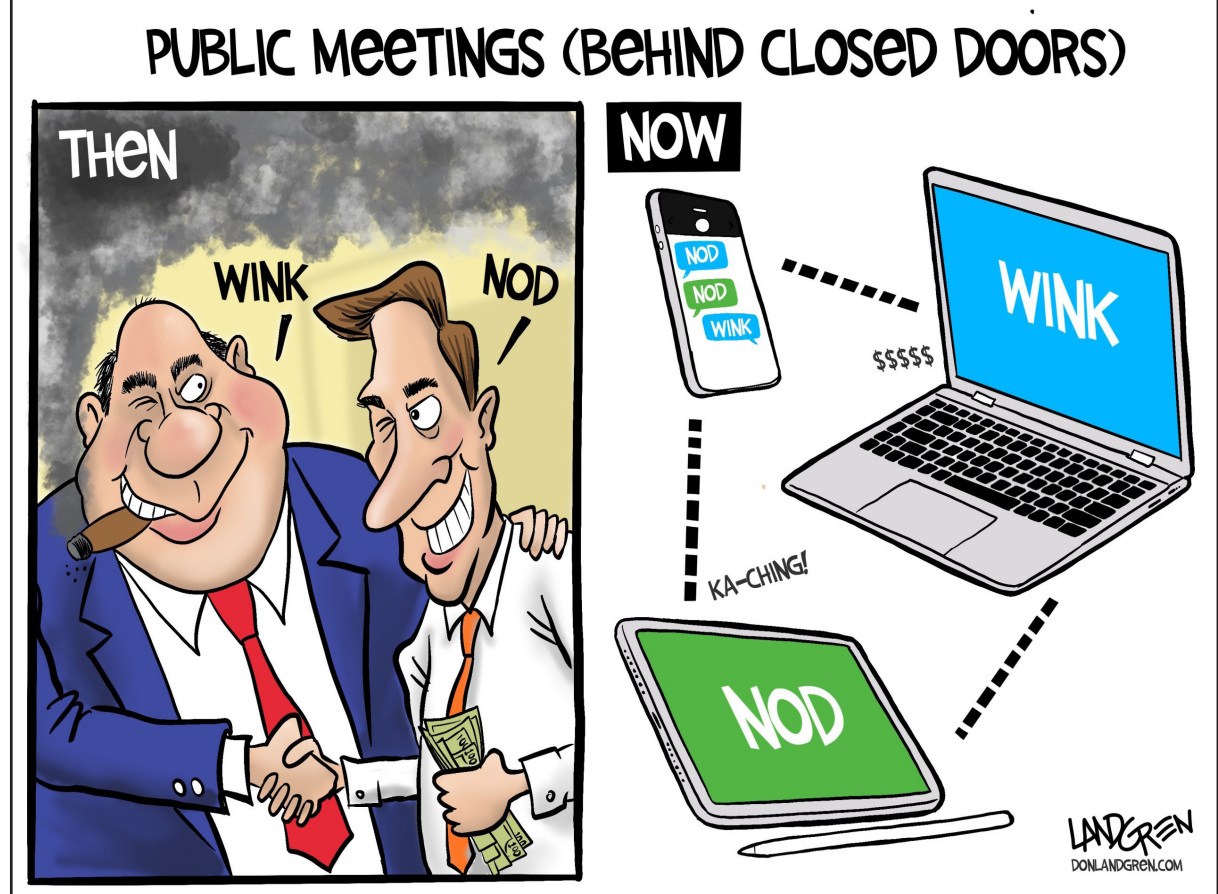
But we need more help to fix FOIA's systemic problems, especially under an administration hostile to its implementation.

We must ask members of Congress, whose own access to government information may be compromised, what it's doing to ensure we all have the tools we need to scrutinize the government?

Answers to this question could look like Congress passing new FOIA amendments that require agencies to post more kinds of records proactively, passing a law that makes DOGE explicitly subject to FOIA, or holding regular hearings de-

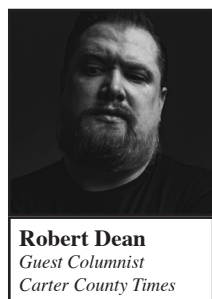
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Twenty bucks and change

I don't know where you live, but leaving the house costs \$20 in Austin, Texas. And to be honest, I don't think whatever place you call home is that far off, either. I just went to the grocery store to grab some things. While "girl dinner" is alive and well, I'm doing a "broke journalist meal," where I eat celery sticks with ranch, trail mix, water, and coffee. Doing the math of how much I could put in my tank versus what I could buy is a delicate mix because I only have so much until I get paid on Friday. And as much as I want to feel special about my subtraction of thought on whether I should buy lunchmeat, I'm not special. Many people are doing more dire math about stretching longer with less. A lot of us are tired of deciding which flavor of ramen is going to spike our blood pressure.



I really try to not make this column about the Adventures of Donald Trump and how his most cultish followers refuse to see what a terrible job he's doing, but boy howdy, do they make it impossible to ignore. We have to discuss the economy, tariffs, and cutting government jobs. It's a nightmare out here. According to a recent Wall Street Journal article, Trump refuses to rule out recession as he's revising the economy in his vision, which isn't very comforting. The tariffs are unpopular and affect American jobs. It's a weird take to slam taxes on your direct neighbors and blame fentanyl despite the proof showing that's not what's causing the markets to nosedive and the country to feel like it's on its tippy toes looking into the mouth of a volcano. He announced them and walked them back,

and, in April, will walk them back again, citing they'd made some agreement. All hat and no cattle, as they say in the Lone Star State.

Then there's the blind celebration of Elon Musk — a nerd who didn't invent PayPal, who keeps blowing up rockets to no avail, and who has a company of garbage electric cars — overseeing the cutting of government jobs due to "wasteful spending." We could cut the military budget for endless war, but the grim reaper has rent due. Instead, we hosed park rangers, people at the Veteran Affairs, Social Security, and the Food and Drug Administration. While his DOGE team reports savings of \$105 billion, conservative and libertarian think tanks estimate the actual impact to be under \$10 billion, with meaningful savings closer to \$2 billion, representing approximately 0.03% of the federal budget.

Sick, bro. That pound of turkey I was eyeballing was \$12.

All that pomp and circumstance for 0.03% and a mass layoff of 80,000 VA employees. In 2024, Raytheon reported a net profit of \$50.13 billion. Raytheon makes bombs. And now, eighty thousand people with families are seen as nothing but a number who get "better luck next time, pal." Military industrial complex locks in another W while the American worker gets the shaft. Guess bombs are the new "brew your coffee at home" or even better, they're the new avocado toast.

When did cruelty become the national pastime of America? Despite being unable to prove these

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Grayson from A-3

addressed the council and invited the mayor and all the elected officials in the city to be part of the opening ceremonies for the May event.

“You are all invited to attend the opening ceremony and sit on the stage,” Dyer said. “And if you would like to have any speaking engagements, just let me know. We would be happy to accommodate that.”

Dyer told the council that he had extended invitations to representatives in Frankfort as well.

“I have heard back from Senator Webb, and she will be attending,” Dyer said. “I have also reached out to the Governor’s special advisor Rocky Adkins, and he said he would get back with me soon.”

“This year we are going to center our opening ceremonies around the honor of the holiday,” Dyer told the council.

The theme will be ‘A Walk Down Memory Lane,’ Dyer confirmed, and told the council that there would be a wide variety of merchandise and exciting events. He also said that this year during the opening ceremonies there will be a presentation honoring veterans.

An update to the city ordinance regarding mobile homes was presented to the council by City Attorney Jason Greer.

“Planning and Zoning had a meeting a week ago,” Greer told the council.

“There was some suggested changes and amendments to the requirements for manufactured homes.”

Greer provided the

council with copies of the proposed changes, but said the primary changes would be to the footers and roof pitches.

The changes would not affect any mobile home already set up in the city limits and would only apply to those brought into the city after the ordinance/changes were adopted. The council voted to postpone any vote until they had ample time to review the proposed changes.

Mayor Combs also discussed with the council the possibility of leasing space at the Member’s Choice Credit Union in Grayson temporarily. The lease would be for the purpose of relocating administrative city offices so that much needed renovations could be made to the current city building. Combs said that Member’s Choice was receptive to the idea, and there was a precedent of the Boyd County Clerk having offices in their Canonsburg location. The council postponed any vote



City Council meeting (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Corpse from A-1

said, the “sister wanted some action.”

Judge Phillips clarified that there was no desecration of the corpse in this case, but that because Jackson failed to notify anyone of the passing in a timely manner his negligence amounted to abuse of a corpse. The judge also waived any fines or restitution in the case.

In other action closing out the month, Phillips accepted changes of plea from Sherman Henderson, sentencing him to a total of two years and one day on charges of first degree wanton endangerment, second degree disorderly conduct, menacing, and resisting arrest. Phillips sentenced Henderson to the longer sentence on the wanton endangerment charge, and 60 days each, to run concurrently with the other sentence, on the other three charges.

The Commonwealth’s attorney acknowledged that the mother didn’t want to press charges in this case, but that the Commonwealth chose to proceed given the seriousness of the charges and the defendant’s past history. Sherman has a string of arrests, stretching back to 2003, for similar charges of menacing, assault, and public intoxication.

In addition to his jail sentence, the court ordered Henderson to have no

unlawful contact with his victim.

Phillips sentenced Elizabeth Moore to a total of seven years on charges of first degree trafficking in methamphetamine, three counts of endangering the welfare of a child, facilitating organized crime, and tampering with physical evidence. Moore received the longest sentence on the trafficking charge, five years each on the charges of tampering with evidence and facilitating organized crime – a reduced charge from the original charge of engaging in organized crime – and one year each on the charges of endangering the welfare of a minor. Phillips ordered the charges to run concurrently, for a total sentence of seven years. Those seven years, however, were to run consecutive to her unserved time for a previous sentence which Moore was on parole for at the time of her arrest.

“There’s no excuse for profiting off the addictions of others,” Phillips said, while wishing Moore the best and hoping she would use her time to turn her life around.

Kalo Price entered a plea of guilty to charges of identity theft, third degree fleeing or evading police, and possession of drug paraphernalia, with a second drug paraphernalia charge and a charge of

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to KRS 241.066, KRS 241.067 and KRS 241.068, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control gives notice of the following vacancies in the City of Olive Hill:

- a.) One (1) Quota Retail Package Liquor Licenses

Applications for these quota vacancies will be accepted by the Department for a period of thirty (30) days following this announcement.

Allyson Taylor, Commissioner
Maggie Woods, Distilled Spirits Administrator
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
500 Mero Street, 2NE33
Frankfort, KY 40601

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 178.050 there will be a Public Hearing **APRIL 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Fiscal Courtroom to add **Mockingbird Lane** to County Road Maintenance.

WANTED

Local Surveyor. Wanting old plats, maps and drawings to scan. Looking for plats, maps and drawings of the Town of Grayson Kentucky, Shivel Addition and Eastern Kentucky Railroad. Please contact Donald L. Cooke P.E., L.S. at 606-474-9285 or e-mail me at donaldpels@windstream.net.

until further information about the location being suitable for the needs of the city and pricing could be obtained.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 22-CI-00383**

NEW REZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF SALE

RACHEL PARSONS, A/K/A RACHEL STEPHENS; CACH LLC OF COLORADO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR EVOLVE BANK & TRUST; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF EDDIE PARSONS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CIERRA PARSONS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DESTINY PARSONS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDDIE PARSONS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RACHEL PARSONS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF EDDIE PARSONS; JUSTIN DAVIS; SAMANTHA DAVIS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF EDDIE PARSONS; C. P., A MINOR; DESTINY PARSONS DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on January 8, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **26th day of March, 2025 at or near the hour of 1:05 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6.125% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 807 Kibbey Street, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 146, Page 791, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-20-05-022.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00223**

FEDERATION OF APPALACHIAN HOUSING ENTERPRISES, INC. PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF SALE

UNKNOWN HEIR(S) OF SHIRLEY THOMPSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY THOMPSON; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT(S) OF 190 JONES MEMORIAL DRIVE; CONSTANCE MARIE BOGGS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CONSTANCE MARIE BOGGS; CITY OF OLIVE HILL, KENTUCKY; CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

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Description of the Property: 190 Jones Memorial Drive, Olive Hill, KY. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 230, Page 760, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)

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Carter County, Kentucky

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is intended to inform residents of Carter County, Kentucky that the Carter County Fiscal Court is in the process of closing out the Genesis Recovery Project. The project was funded in part by the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program. A public hearing will be held at the Carter County Courthouse, Room 201, on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 10:00 am. The purpose of this hearing is to review past use of funds and program performance. If there are any questions or comments about the project, please direct them to the following:

Brandon Burton
Carter County Judge Executive
300 W. Main Street, Ste. 227
Grayson, KY 41143
606-474-5366
TDD 1-800-648-6057

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Comment Due Date

Written comments will be received up to the date of the hearing, April 3, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR RATTLESNAKE RIDGE WATER DISTRICT GENERATOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION

Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Board of Supervisors is seeking sealed bids for the supply, delivery, and installation of a four (4) 36kW, 3-phase, 277/480 Volt, diesel powered standby generator, three (3) 24 kW single-phase, 120/240 Volt, diesel-powered, standby generators, and seven (7) 200 Amp, Service Entrance Rated, 3-phase Automatic Transfer Switch with NEMA3R enclosures at seven (7) pump stations, as well as annual generator maintenance services to be quoted as an optional and separate line item. This project will be partially funded through FEMA’s 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Companies desiring to provide services can access the Request through the DFS Procurement Portal (“Portal”) at dfs.bonfirehub.com or at www.erassist.com/work/. Bid submissions are due no later than 12:00 PM on March 31, 2025 through the online Portal. Bids will be opened publicly at the Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Board of Supervisors Meeting on April 1, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Office, 5302 KY-7, Grayson, KY 41143. All addenda will be posted in the Portal and all questions regarding the IFB are to be submitted within the Portal. For questions regarding Portal registration or navigation, please email: procurement@erassist.com. Rattlesnake Ridge Water District is an equal opportunity employer.

CLERK’S NOTICE OF FIDUCIARIES ACCOUNTING

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

Final Settlement Caroline Sue Cooper, Executrix, in the estate of: Lois Evaline Newland. Attorney for Estate, Hon W. Jeffrey Scott, April 16th, 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.

Final Settlement Tammie Schertzer, Administratrix, in the estate of: Wayne Burgess. Attorney for Estate, Hon W. Jeffrey Scott, April 9th, 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.

Final Settlement Sandra Rayburn, Administratrix, in the estate of: James Arnold Manning, April 30th, 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Carter County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for the purchase of a new or used Ford F550 Dump Truck. Sealed bids are to be turned in to the Judge Executive’s Office located at 300 West Main Street, Room 227, Grayson KY 41143 no later than April 14, 2025 at 3pm. Please call the road foreman Jason Carroll at 606-316-8096 for further information. Bids will be opened and awarded April 14, 2025, at 6pm at the Regular Fiscal Court meeting.

The Goose and the Phoenix

Tourism Director Lana Axtell shared some

upcoming events with the Tourism Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 13.

“Everyone knows the first quarter is kind of slow,” Axtell told the commission. “But I wanted to share with you some of the things I had planned on sponsoring.”

“One of those things is that Kentucky Christian University in June will

be having Ricky Skaggs, and I’ll be giving a \$2,000 sponsorship on that. And they will be having another concert in August which will be Josh Baldwin,” Axtell said. “Some folks from the Chamber of Commerce approached me if they could get a headliner for Memory Days, if I could go in half with them. Which would be about \$5,000,” she

continued.

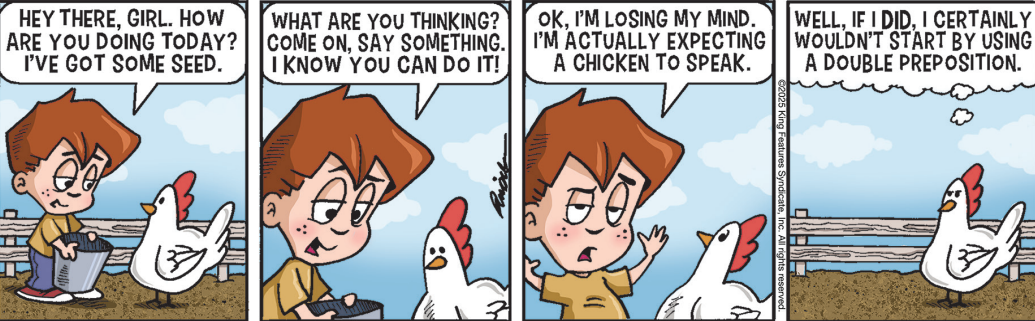
Currently the Chamber of Commerce does not have a headliner, Axtell told the commission. And if they do not get a headliner, Axtell said her plan was to give space in the Blue Goose building for free and add a \$500 sponsorship.

Axtell added that she is gearing up for the Easter Egg Hunt which is scheduled for April 19 at Prichard Elementary

See GOOSE on A-8

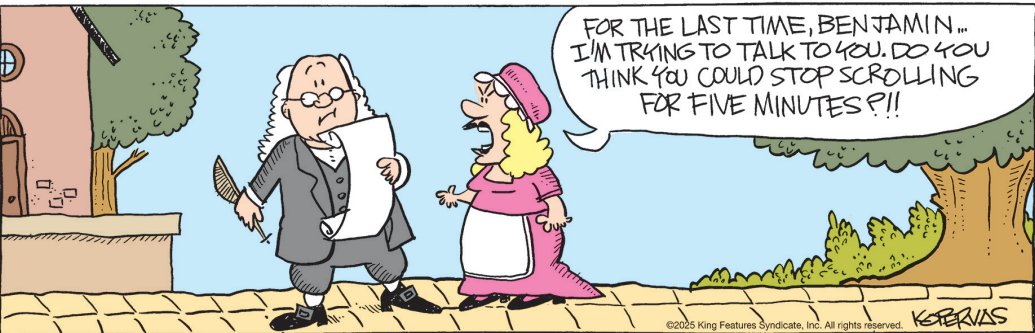
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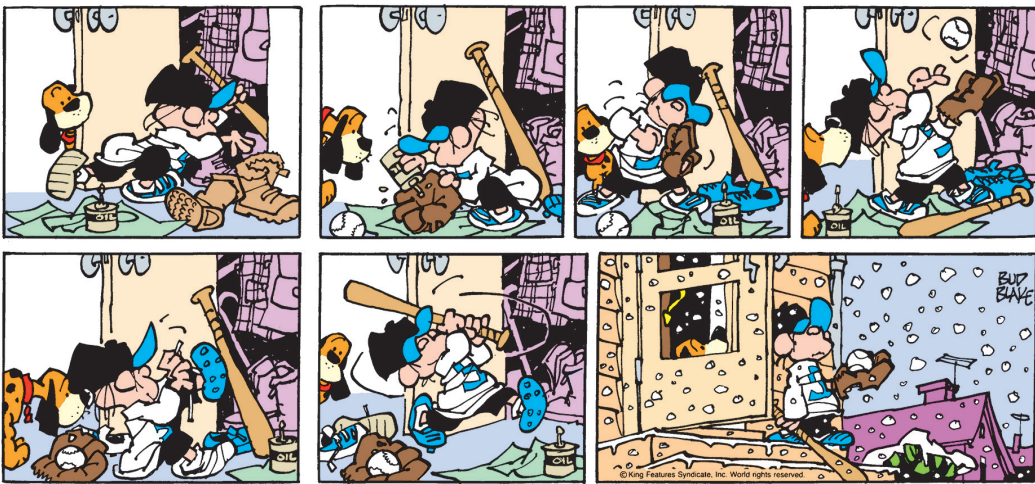
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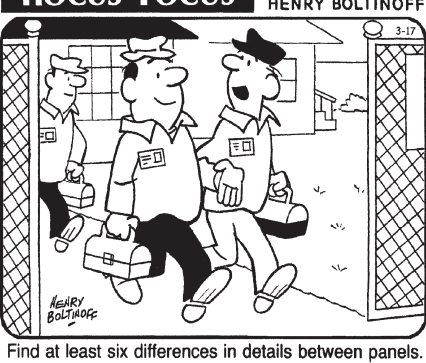
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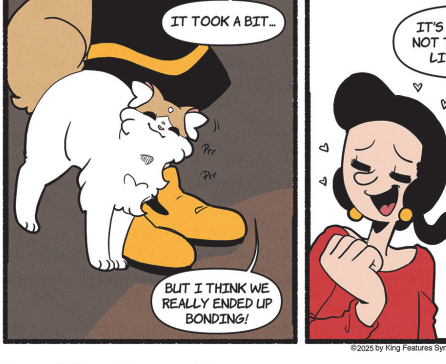
HOCUS-FOCUS

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: H equals M

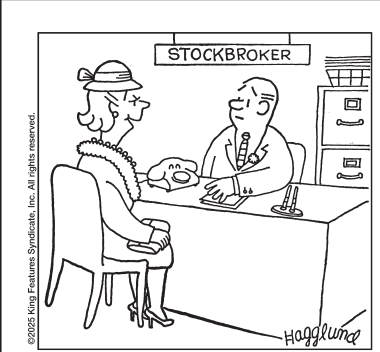
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IPZZPRKB O XOZCK OHPQDG
PL HPDKV LZPH HK, TY YFK
HV BKIGPZ-TD-XOR?

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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!

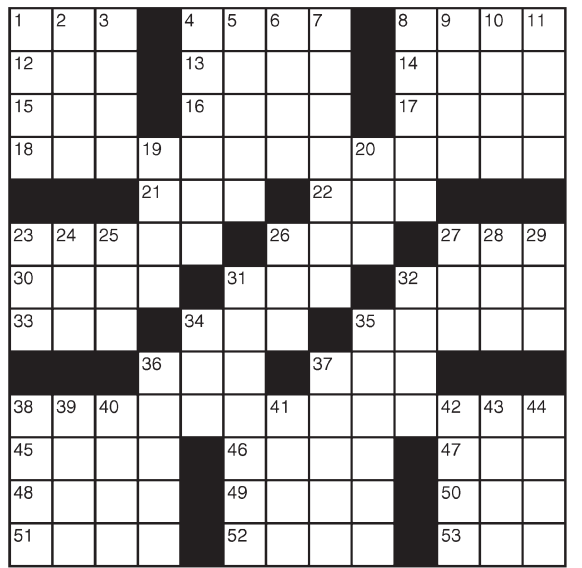
Spring PALE
Deride CORNS
Degree TEXTEN
Answer LOVES
TODAY'S WORD



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Huck's raft-mate
- 4 Peeve
- 8 "Phoey!"
- 12 Docs' bloc
- 13 List-ending abbr.
- 14 Bassoon's kin
- 15 Dyeing vessel
- 16 Video-streaming brand
- 17 Radiate
- 18 Vulnerable spots
- 21 Physique
- 22 Youngster
- 23 "Taste!"
- 26 Chaps
- 27 Brit. sports cars
- 30 Stretches (out)
- 31 Polite address
- 32 Hawaiian coast
- 33 Speck
- 34 Aunt, in Mexico
- 35 Nodded off
- 36 Cyndi Lauper's "— Bop"
- 37 Tennis feat
- 38 Spinning disks used by ceramic artists
- 45 Latin love
- 46 Authentic



- 8 Thesaurus compiler
- 9 Competent
- 10 Hammer or sickle
- 11 Gives a darn?
- 19 Nile wader
- 20 Sweetie
- 23 "Dilbert" engineer
- 24 MGM rival
- 25 Still
- 26 Soccer's Hamm
- 27 "The Simpsons" barkeep
- 28 Econ. statistic
- 29 Plopped down
- 31 Western ranges
- 32 Swiss artist Paul
- 34 "That'll be — day!"
- 35 Drag
- 36 Vegas area
- 37 Cognizant
- 38 Fraction
- 39 Sharif of film
- 40 Author Morrison
- 41 Pants part
- 42 Physical
- 43 Classic Kinks song
- 44 Bath bar

DOWN

- 1 Coffee, slangily
- 2 Apple since 1998
- 3 Calc. or trig
- 4 Red wine
- 5 "— you so!"
- 6 Bogus
- 7 Befuddle

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Weekly SUDOKU

1	4	8	3	6				
3	2	5	1	4	7	9		
	9			2				1
	5	4						
	1	9	3		4			
				5				9
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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					Type of paper
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Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was Time Magazine's First Man of the Year in 1927?
- MOVIES: Who was the male lead in the film "Risky Business"?
- LITERATURE: In which novel does the character of Emma Woodhouse appear?
- LANGUAGE: What does the acronym "sonar" stand for?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the Dukes' car on the show "The Dukes of Hazzard"?
- HISTORY: The first atomic submarine was built in which decade?
- GEOGRAPHY: What modern-day country is in the area known in ancient times as Lusitania?
- MEDICINE: What disease is caused by a deficiency of Vitamin A?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president's image appeared on a dollar coin in 1971?
- MATH: What does the symbol "r" stand for in geometry?

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- Answers
1. Aviator Charles Lindbergh
 2. Tom Cruise
 3. "Emma" by Jane Austen
 4. Sound navigation and ranging
 5. The General Lee
 6. 1950s
 7. Portugal
 8. Night blindness
 9. Dwight D. Eisenhower
 10. Radius

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Leap 2. Score; solution

T	R	O	B	V
A	B	O	A	D
R	A	B	I	D
D	A	I	A	R
D	A	I	L	V
V	I	E	L	D

Answer

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

Answer

King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

CryptoQuip

Being that my son's wife borrowed a large amount of money from me, is she my debtor-in-law?

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.

- Very talkative ___ D ___ Fret ___ R ___
- Rosie's target ___ T Danube or Thames ___ R
- Next to B ___ Inhabit R ___
- Striped feline ___ G ___ Rome's waterway ___ B ___
- Military task ___ L Keep back ___ N
- Lion's group ___ D ___ Blue ribbon, e.g. ___ Z ___
- Mental well-being S ___ Make-up table V ___
- Egypt's city ___ O Scotland's terrier ___ N
- Thermometer unit ___ G ___ Pronouncement ___ C ___
- Youngster ___ D ___ Spicy stew ___ 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.

	+		×	7	= 77			
+		-		+				
		-	÷		= 4			
×		+		×				
	+		-		= 3			
=		=		=				
60	11	54						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Go Figure!

60	=	11	54			
5	+	4	-	6	=	3
	×		+		×	
9	-	1	+	2	=	4
	+		-		+	
3	+	8	×	7	=	77

ANSWERS

- Even Exchange
- ANSWERS
1. Wordly/Worly
 2. River/River
 3. Besides/Beside
 4. Tiger/Tiger
 5. Detail/Detail
 6. Pride/Pride
 7. Sanity/Sanity
 8. Cairo/Cairo
 9. Degree/Degree
 10. Child/Child

Reynolds from A-1

any terms of his probation he would serve the entire 12 months, with no credit for time served. Phillips told Reynolds that she was going along with the Commonwealth's recommendation, reached in mediation with the victim's family, but noted the fact that Reynolds had also been arraigned on Monday in a separate case, on a charge of wanton endangerment involving

the discharge of a firearm, didn't give the court great confidence. Reynolds pleaded not guilty in that case, and was scheduled to reappear on April 21. In addition to the two years of conditional discharge, Reynolds was ordered to have no contact with the victim in the first case until after she had turned 18 – the family informed the judge that the victim was currently seven

years old. Phillips also ordered Reynolds to have no unsupervised contact with any other minors, to neither possess nor use any firearms, and to have no contact with the victim in his wanton endangerment case. Reynolds, as noted following his arrest and court appearance on these most recent sexual abuse charges last year, also had

a previous arrest for sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years of age stemming from a 2003 incident. He received five years of diversion after entering a plea deal in that case, according to court records shared with the Carter County Times by individuals associated with the 2003 case. Judge Phillips also set a trial date of July 8 for Joshua Lewis on charges

of first degree rape and first degree sodomy, and scheduled mediation for Bruce Barnett on charges of first degree rape, first degree strangulation, and fourth degree assault. Like Reynolds, Barnett also has a second, unrelated case before the court; this one involving possession of heroin, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The judge also heard a

request for bond modification for Bobby Wages, who is charged with first degree sexual abuse, and third degree sodomy – but the Commonwealth expressed reluctance to lower bond in the case. Phillips scheduled a follow up on April 21. Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

Free hearing screenings and diagnostic tests at Carter County clinic

LOUISVILLE — Heuser Hearing Institute's innovative KY HEARS program is bringing accessible hearing healthcare to the Genesis Recovery Kentucky Center in Carter County on March 20. The team will attend from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The address for this event is 400 C W Stevens Boulevard, Grayson, KY 41143. KY HEARS is conducting a scheduled full clinic with diagnostic testing. In addition, guests can complete five-minute

self-guided hearing screenings, and team members will be available to answer questions about hearing healthcare. KY HEARS will also offer free earplugs, educational materials on hearing health and protection, and branded items like pens and hand sanitizer. Attendees can stop by the center anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Founded as the Louisville Deaf Oral School in 1948, Heuser Hearing Institute is a non-profit organization

in the Greater Louisville and Southern Indiana region providing access to comprehensive hearing, speech, language and balance disorder services to all ages. Partnering with Heuser Hearing Institute, KY HEARS offers mobile clinics with hearing tests and assistive technology. With a new office opening in Inez, KY in May and plans for growth, KY HEARS is on a mission to ensure hearing care reaches every corner of the state.

Grayson Gallery submits call for work

March show to highlight women in the arts

Staff Report Carter County Times

The Grayson Gallery and Arts Center will be presenting their 12th annual "Women in the Arts" art show, sale, and celebration in honor of Women's History Month during their Final Friday show on March 28. They are currently accepting submissions

from any female artist, in all mediums and on any subject. Entertainment will be provided by the Appalachian Ladies Revue, and female owned caterers will also have their work showcased during the event. Artists may submit up to three pieces each, of any size, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 or Monday, March 24. Artists may also arrange other times for drop off with prior approval from the gallery director or volunteers. Work must be ready to hang, or otherwise display for sculpture or

3D pieces, with the artist's name, title, and price (or marked NFS for pieces that are not for sale). For more information look for the Gallery on Facebook, at https://www.facebook.com/GraysonGalleryArtCenter, or email them at graysongallery@gmail.com. The gallery's monthly Final Friday Art Walk events are always free and open to the public, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the last Friday of each month. Contact us at news@cartercountytimes.com

Goose from A-6

beginning at 11 am. Other events scheduled are Raiders Run Scavenger Hunt (a ride on June 14), Christmas in July, Rally for Recovery (July 26), The Octoberfest Pageant (October 4), Octoberfest (October 25) and Hometown Holidays which will run from November 29 through January 3 of 2026. Sports Park Manager Grant Harper gave a report to the commission about the new season at the park. "We are getting ready to get going," Harper said. "Last weekend we hosted the 16 region softball panorama. We had nine teams down there and it was a good event." "Last night," he continued, "we hosted the East Carter Baseball

scrimmage with Fairview, and we have Eastern Elite Soccer practicing three nights a week." This, he said, was in addition to the 28 softball teams scheduled to play there on the weekend following the meeting. Harper said there was a lot going on in the sports park, with more being scheduled regularly as the warm weather increases outdoor sports and other activities. The 28 teams in the softball tournament were from around the tristate area, Harper told the commission but pointed out that as the season progresses there will be teams coming from farther away. "Usually that happens around May," Harper said, as people start to tie their

vacations into the travel sports. Given the extended school year, Harper said that he expects the travel numbers to increase drastically during the months of June, July, and August. "We have a lot of good tournaments, and I believe we will have some big numbers," Harper said. "We now have five Eastern Elite Soccer games scheduled at the park. Our first official hosted soccer game will be on April 12, and I ordered three different sized goals so we can host three different age groups." Currently they are planning to mark out soccer fields, and Harper said it was exciting to get that new chapter of the

sports park started. The tourism commission also discussed the ultimate fate of the Blue Goose building, as well as future plans for the space in downtown Grayson. "I believe the consensus of the group," Tourism Chair Daniel White told the commission, "is to move forward with the issuing of an RFP for demolition of the Blue Goose building that exists currently." White referenced a working meeting held by the tourism commission

the previous day, where numerous alternatives were discussed. Part of what was discussed was the demolition of the building (originally the Brown's Mobile Homes Building) and the reclamation of the land and preservation of the existing green space, turning the entire site into a green space initially. "The discussion revolved around our vision for the place," White said. Consecutively, or shortly after the demolition, the consensus was to move forward with identifying design build

firms to conceptualize what a potential new building could look like in that space. "The goal is to have the work (demolition) completed and grass sewn by mid-September to have a green space ready for Octoberfest." The Commission voted unanimously to proceed, pending approval by the City of Grayson at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com



The Blue Goose building. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

FOIA from A-5

manding to know why the Justice Department is not ensuring agencies are complying with the law, and what steps it will take to ensure compliance. Securing access to information requires the

public to be persistent, and to demand the same level of consistent attention from our elected officials. And it demands our attention yearround, and year-after-year. Lauren Harper is the

first Daniel Ellsberg chair on government secrecy with Freedom of the Press Foundation. She can be reached at lauren@freedom.press.

Change from A-5

cuts were mandatory or beneficial, people online applaud them as if this was a mandate from heaven. It shouldn't be the worker who bears the brunt of greed, yet here we are. Musk also has been trying to slash Medicare and privatize Social Security. Let's be clear, Social Security is a right that working people paid into. So, why are some people so eager to please this lecherous cabal of cretins who don't care about us whatsoever? Tell the lady next to me at the self-checkout counting her change for some groceries. Bet she's very

sympathetic. Then, it circles back to the family, who are just trying to get something to put on the dinner table. With groceries on the rise, we should be conversing about what it means to get taken for a ride. The country voted for this. But where's the upside beyond seeing Elon look like a big dork with a chainsaw and Trump come off like a child when speaking about Ukraine? I want to be able to grab an omelet at the dinner; I was told eggs would be cheaper on day one. It's long past. I'll be here eating my \$16 dinner.

Back in 2015 – the high for our little oval-shaped delights? \$2.15. If you're gonna send us up the river on action, do it, or get off the pot, as my mother likes to say. The egg timer isn't just ticking, it's going to explode like a lot of our patience for a "Great" America. The views of columnists do not necessarily reflect those of the Carter County Times or its staff. Send comments and letters to the editor at editor@cartercountytimes.com, or respond in our comments section online.

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