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## Stewart pleads guilty

### Ordered to pay \$24,000 in restitution for tourism theft

By Jeremy D. Wells  
*Carter County Times*

Helen Renee Stewart, the former Carter County Tourism treasurer, entered a plea of guilty to charges of theft by unlawful taking or disposition last Tuesday (March 18) and was ordered by Judge Rebecca Phillips to pay \$24,000 in restitution to the tourism commission. In addition to repaying the funds, Stewart – who will be formally sentenced in April – will have five years of supervised probation as a condi-

tion of her pretrial diversion deal. News of Stewart's embezzlement first came to light last June, when then tourism president Chris Perry was made aware that the commission's account had been overdrawn. Perry brought the issue to fiscal court's attention in July, after turning the issue over to Kentucky State Police.

Stewart was indicted in August on a Class C Felony charge of theft by unlawful taking of more than \$10,000.00, after which a full accounting of the misused funds was made available to the Carter County Times. Those documents showed that despite her initial claim to Perry that she "borrowed" no more than \$5,000 from the tourism account, Stewart's misuse of

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Renee Stewart appears before Judge Rebecca Phillips. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

## Board discusses school days

### Last day could be May 31 if HB 241 is approved

By Charles Romans  
*Carter County Times*

The Carter County School Board had a full agenda for its regularly scheduled meeting last Monday, March 17. The board heard reports concerning school safety, which included a potential weapon detection system, and options on how to protect students from unsafe drivers. Of particular concern to both school police and administration are drivers failing to yield right-of-way to school buses while students are both being picked up and dropped off. There was also an update on the construction of

the new high school, which is progressing on schedule.

A central topic of discussion for the evening was a state bill that would allow an amendment to the school year. House Bill 241 (pending the governor's signature) would allow the end of the school year to be set for May 30. Pending that passage, it would allow Carter County Schools to keep their Spring Break as scheduled and also schedule the balance of the 24-25 school year. The board voted unanimously to approve the schedule, pending the governor's signature.

West Carter will graduate on Friday, May 30, at 7 p.m. and East Carter will graduate on Saturday, May 31, at 10 a.m.

The board voted on bids for

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School bus safety was one topic of conversation, with concerns about drivers failing to yield right-of-way to buses when loading and unloading. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

## Preparing for mowing season

### Council approves mower lease, discusses grants and roadblocks

By: Charles Romans  
*Carter County Times*

Get your spare change ready! Olive Hill City Council began their March 18 meeting by approving roadblock applications from local sports teams and charities. Among those applying for the applications were the high school softball and baseball teams and Cosmic Cheer. The approval of a

roadblock application gives the organizations permission to set up at stop lights and other locations in town on designated weekends, during set hours, to solicit donations from passing vehicles.

The council also read a resolution for Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency (KYMEA) 225-02. The resolution read, in part, "a resolution of the City of Olive Hill appointing a Director and an alternate Designee to the Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency, otherwise known as KYMEA. Whereas the City of Olive Hill is a member of the Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency, and as part of the membership the city is required

to appoint a director to represent the city on the KYMEA Board..."

The council appointed Stephanie Thomas as the director, and Eric Rayburn as the alternate designee to that board. The resolution was set to take effect immediately upon adoption. Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

A representative from Trail Town made the council aware that the organization will be receiving a grant for \$159,000 to be used in the Firebrick Lake area. Trail Town also received a grant from state tourism which is most likely to be used around the Depot. Work related to these

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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.

- Cassandra Hall, 29, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of flagrant non-support, arrested and booked March 17.
- Patricia Baier-Carter, 54, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 18.
- David Richards, 63, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked March 18.
- Taylor Wiggand, 38, of Flat-

- woods, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 18.
- Scotty Justice, 32, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 18.
- Roger Fisher, 26, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of speeding 26 MPH or more over the speed limit, careless driving, trafficking in synthetic drugs, and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked March 19.
- William Jarvis, 52, of Ashland, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 19.
- Shannon Spillman, 23, of Hitchens, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of failure to produce an insurance card, endangering the welfare of a minor, operating a motor

vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked March 19.

- Harlee Estep, 28, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree sexual abuse, and procuring or promoting the use of a minor by electronic means, arrested March 19, booked March 20.
- Isaiah Shepherd, 21, of West Liberty, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of failure to wear seat belts, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, and failure to appear, arrested and booked March 20.
- Jacqueline Collins, 48, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked March 20.
- Patrick Young, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of oper-

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### This Week's Obituaries

Arbedella "Arbie" Gearhart, 87  
Vernon Gilbert, 81  
Glenda Merrell Roseberry Hargett, 90

Lisa Bradley Wagoner, 59  
Carl Lee Webb, 78

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# LIFESTYLE



## Spring cleaning for your fridge: A flavor-packed stir-fry

Spring cleaning isn't just for closets and garages -- your fridge could use a refresh, too. Instead of letting half-used veggies or leftover meat linger, turn them into something delicious with a stir-fry. This quick, easy meal transforms leftovers like roast veggies, steak, pork or chicken into a satisfying dish without wasting a thing.

Think of stir-fries as a blank canvas for getting creative with what you have on hand. The formula is simple: Start with a starch like rice or noodles, saute aromatics like onions, add your protein and veggies, then slather everything in a scrumptious

sauce. Best of all, you can use whatever leftovers you've got -- whether remnants of last night's roast or that last lonesome pork chop. Stir-fry turns odds and ends into a delicious meal.

To make your stir-fry truly shine, the secret is in the sauce -- homemade stir-fry sauce, to be exact.

Homemade stir-fry sauce is a total game-changer. It's not only cheaper and fresher than store-bought options, but it's also customizable to your taste. With just a few simple ingredients, you can create a sauce that brings flavor and excitement to any meal. It pairs perfectly with veggies, meat, tofu, shrimp or whatever proteins you have on hand, and it's a great way to use up those random leftovers. Plus, making it yourself means you control the ingredients, so it's healthier and budget-friendly. Keep a jar on hand, and you'll always be ready for a quick, delicious stir-fry!

### FLAVOR BOMB STIR-FRY SAUCE

Yield: 1 cup sauce; 4 servings  
Total Time: 5 minutes

- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 heaping teaspoon fresh ginger, peeled and grated or finely minced
- 1 heaping teaspoon garlic cloves, grated or finely minced

Whisk all the ingredients together. Adjust the ingredients to your preference. Add to your stir-fry and cook for 3 minutes to thicken. Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container for up to a week.

### LEFTOVER LUXE STIR-FRY

Yield: 4 servings  
Total Time: 20 minutes

- 3 cups rice, quinoa or noodles (your choice of starch)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1 small onion, sliced
- 1-2 cups leftover protein (chicken, beef, pork, tofu, etc.) or raw protein
- 4-6 cups mixed vegetables (e.g., broccoli, bell peppers, spinach, bean sprouts)
- 3 eggs, scrambled (optional)
- 1 cup stir-fry sauce (recipe included)

If you're not using leftover starch, cook your rice, quinoa



Turn your fridge leftovers into a vibrant, flavor-packed stir-fry in minutes. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

or noodles according to package directions.

Heat 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and stir-fry for 2-4 minutes. If using leftover protein, reheat with the onion and set aside. If using raw protein, cook it through before setting it aside.

Add the remaining 1 tablespoon vegetable oil to the skillet. Start with slower-cooking vegetables (e.g., broccoli, carrots, cabbage) and cook until tender. Add quicker-cooking vegetables (e.g., spinach, bean sprouts) near the end, cooking until just wilted. Scramble eggs in a bowl and add to the skillet. Break them up as

they cook. Combine everything: Add protein back into the pan and heat for 2-3 minutes. Drizzle with the flavorful stir-fry sauce, cook for 3 minutes to thicken the sauce and serve over your choice of starch.

With endless possibilities, stir-fry will clean out your fridge and create a fresh, flavorful meal in no time.

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## Joyful Noise

# How I fight my battles

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell  
for Carter County Times

God commands us over 300 times in the Bible; "Do not fear."

"Be anxious for nothing."

He wouldn't tell us this if He hadn't already given us the tools to fight back.

If anxiety feels like a battle you can't win, you're not alone, but you are not powerless either. God's Word is filled with truth to help you push back against fear and reclaim peace.

Anxiety may feel unavoidable, but it is not undefeatable. We experience worry, fear, and anxiety so often that they start to feel like just another part of life, something we must accept, much like a cold. But God didn't create us to live afraid, worried, and anxious. He has already given us the tools to fight back against the spirit of fear. Over 300 times, He tells us in His Word, "do not fear, or do not worry, and don't be anxious for nothing." That means we

have a choice and with God's help we can choose peace over panic, faith over fear.

There are many scriptures in the Word of God that will help us to fight worry, fear, and anxiety.

Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests know to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Matthew 6:34 says, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, do not depend on your own understanding, seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take."

Deuteronomy 31:6 says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them,

for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."

Luke 12:24-26 says, "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds. And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life's span? If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters?"

Matthew 6:25 says, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"

Peace is a gift. John 14:27 says, "I'm leaving you with a gift, peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

Psalms 34:4 says, "I sought the Lord and He answered me; He delivered

me from all my fears."

John 14:1 says, "Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me."

Joshua 1:9 says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

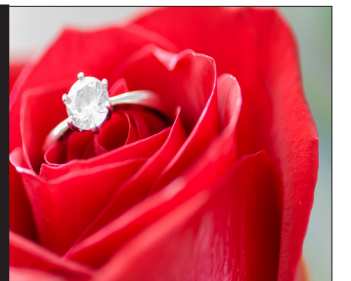
Be intentional in praying these scriptures and letting them become a part of your daily life. Prayer is talking to God His way by letting Him speak to you through His Word. Share everything with Him, your joys, your worries, your struggles, and hopes. Trust that He hears you and cares

for you. Stay away from things that pull you away from God. Be committed to the Lord and He will be faithful and committed to answer you when you call. Stay rooted!! Amen! So be it!

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## Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers sold mostly 4.00 to 8.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Heifers were steady to 5.00 higher with instances to 10.00 higher. Demand was good to very good for all feeder classes with active buyer participation. Yearling steers and heifers sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher with good to very good demand. Slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 higher and slaughter bulls were steady to 4.00 higher with good to very good demand.

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

Week ending 3/22/25

### STATE AVERAGES

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>Steers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
350-400 lbs	393.54	387.01	337.50
400-450 lbs	385.34	386.33	330.51
450-500 lbs	368.73	365.84	323.48
500-550 lbs	339.76	334.56	301.22
550-600 lbs	330.16	330.17	292.20
600-650 lbs	307.44	306.06	280.34
650-700 lbs	299.21	294.82	256.92
700-750 lbs	282.55	279.85	246.47
750-800 lbs	274.04	267.78	237.25
800-850 lbs	262.49	256.73	232.66
850-900 lbs	260.58	243.57	226.82
<b>Heifers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
300-350 lbs	350.92	346.88	293.46
350-400 lbs	355.76	352.28	293.58
400-450 lbs	336.58	330.86	281.83
450-500 lbs	319.54	315.86	274.32
500-550 lbs	302.57	297.76	261.19
550-600 lbs	291.09	289.73	250.26
600-650 lbs	265.72	270.19	235.49
650-700 lbs	261.31	260.14	231.48
700-750 lbs	248.02	240.07	216.44
750-800 lbs	244.53	230.57	212.82

### WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

	Average	High	Low
<b>Slaughter Cows</b>			
Breakers	126.00-148.50	136.00-169.00	119.00-135.00
Boners	120.00-149.00	131.00-170.00	100.00-139.50
Lean	95.00-137.50	120.00-155.00	94.00-124.00
<b>Slaughter Bulls</b>			
Yield Grade 1&2	140.00-174.00	165.00-202.00	120.00-157.00

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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 3/22/25

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>GRAINS</b>			
<b>Corn</b>	4.44-4.84	4.43-4.82	3.91-4.46
<b>Soybeans</b>	9.28-10.43	9.03-10.37	11.21-12.27
<b>Red Winter Wheat</b>	4.84-5.77	4.80-5.72	4.73-5.50



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# Carter County Farmer's Market prepares for upcoming season

The Carter County Farmer's Market is gearing up for summer with a series of important meetings and training sessions scheduled for March 31st at the new Extension Building.

The day will kick off with an optional Produce Best Practice Training (PBPT) at 5:00 PM. This voluntary food safety training is essential for vendors seeking sampling certificates. Following this, at 6:00 PM, the mandatory Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SrFMNP) and WIC training will take place. This training is required for vendors who wish to accept SrFMNP, WIC, and Double Dollar vouchers. All necessary forms and paperwork must be completed and submit-

ted during the meeting. Vendors planning to accept Senior and WIC vouchers should ensure they have an established email address before attending.

An organizational business meeting will follow the training sessions. Key agenda items include the election of officers, market managers, and board of directors. Current known vacant positions up for election include president, Grayson market manager, and directors. The meeting will also set the opening days, hours, and pop-up markets for the season.

Additionally, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will be at the Extension Office the following day to certify scales. Vendors are encouraged to bring their scales

to the meeting for certification and can pick them up after April 2nd.

For more information or any questions, vendors can contact the Carter County Cooperative Extension Service at 606-474-6686 or visit [www.carter.ca.uky.edu](http://www.carter.ca.uky.edu). 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:

- Starting Seeds Lunch & Learn – Friday, March 28th @ 11:30 AM



Rebecca Konopka  
Carter County  
Extension Agent

**Arrests** from A-1

ating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to wear seat belts, driving on a DUI suspended license, possessing a license when privileges are revoked, and failure to surrender a revoked operator's license, arrested and booked March 21.

- Sherry Clere, 60, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County District Court, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible injury, arrested and booked March 21.
- Josh Hollingsworth, 47, of Grayson, self-surrender, weekender, arrested

- and booked March 21.
- Melissa Pennington, 40, of Hitchens, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked March 21.
- Martin Moore, 42, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked March 22.
- Emily Hunt, 24, of Greenup, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked March 22.
- Stephanie Reffitt, 46, of South Shore, arrested by Kentucky State Police,

- on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked March 23.
- Spencer Burnett, 44, of South Charleston, OH, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of vehicular homicide when under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked March 23.
- Clint Caudill, 33, of Hitchens, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of flagrant non-support, and failure to appear, arrested and booked March 23.
- Greg Ison, 63, of Sandy Hook, arrested by

Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked March 24.

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.

**Mowing** from A-1

grants will begin with laying out trail markers for visitors to the area.

The city also passed a resolution of Designation of Applicants Agent for disaster relief funds. The resolution designated Mayor Jerry Callihan to "... Execute for and on behalf of the City of Olive Hill, a public entity established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, this application and to file it in the appropriate state office for the purpose of obtaining certain federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act... Or otherwise, available from the President's Relief Fund."

The resolution authorizes Mayor Callihan

to provide information to the state and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for all matters pertaining to federal disaster assistance, including all assurances and agreements.

Council also passed a motion to sell equipment on the surplus list.

Mayor Callihan informed the council that he could purchase a new Bobcat Commercial Mower for approximately \$17,000.

"We are selling all our junk mowers," Callihan told the council. "It's a lease/purchase agreement that will give us a new mower about every three years."

The attachments would not be part of the lease,

Callihan told the council, and would be owned outright by the city. The total with mower and attachments would come to approximately \$30,000, Callihan said.

The mower is a 72-inch mower that will be capable of handling all the city's needs, according to Callihan, and the monthly cost would be comparable to leasing a car. Depending upon the time of the lease, payments will fall in the range of 400 to 550 per month. It would come with a full warranty, Callihan told the council. The expense, he said, would be less than the maintenance and repairs to the old equipment now in use by the city. Council voted to approve the proposed

lease, and the cost of the new mower will be taken out of the street fund.

Council also considered a proposed ordinance to annex property on Route 2 which is contiguous to the current city limits. The property is owned by GK Real Estate LLC, and that company requested the annexation. The council was provided with surveys identifying the property and will vote when more research has been done, and a proper resolution has been drafted.

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**Stewart** from A-1

funds actually amounted to \$21,494.84 – including more than \$14,700 in cash withdrawals, \$2,800 on groceries, \$650 on clothing, \$545 on digital purchases, \$800 on personal utility bills, and various other purchases such as \$117 for a manicure and \$234 for restaurant meals and Door Dash deliveries.

While the \$24,000 in restitution exceeds the \$21,494.84 that Stewart admitted to taking, Assistant Commonwealth's

Attorney Barry Bradley explained, it reflects the cost to tourism in covering overdraft fees and operational loans taken out by tourism to cover existing commitments. The promise of recouping those funds is what led tourism to accept a plea deal with their former treasurer.

"Their (Tourism's) main focus was to get their funds back," Bradley explained.

As part of the deal that would see those funds returned to the tourism com-

mission, Stewart agreed to plead guilty to a Class D Felony, theft by unlawful taking up to \$10,000.00 – an agreement that made Stewart eligible for pretrial diversion.

Phillips told Stewart that if she successfully completed her diversion, she could be eligible for expungement after a set period of time. That outcome, however, is dependent on multiple factors; including successfully paying off the \$24,000 in restitution owed

to tourism, abiding by the terms of her probation, and staying out of further legal trouble. If she offends again during that time period, not only would Stewart have to serve out the remainder of the deferred sentence of five years, but she could also be charged as a persistent felony offender if charged with another felony count.

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# Working through it

## Ambulance board discusses illness, vehicles, and meeting schedule

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The Carter County Ambulance Board has been working through sickness to serve the county.

"We are holding our own," Director Tim Woods told the board. "But there has been a lot of sickness going around."

Woods said that in spite of sickness they are doing well, but compared it to moving forward two steps, then being forced to take one step back.

"We aren't losing ground," Woods said. "But we aren't progressing as fast as I would like."

Woods also reported that the vehicle that was damaged by hitting a deer

has been repaired and is in service. The repairs were economical, he said, and the vehicle looks close to new. Currently all the ambulance service's vehicles are operational and there are no large maintenance issues on the near horizon. Vehicle plans for the future could include renovating a truck the board already owns and adding it to the active fleet.

Woods told the board he would, "like to maybe wait a year," and scatter out expenses over different budget years.

"That way we can get a truck, then skip a year before we get another truck," he explained.

That would be his preference, he said. But there are growing maintenance issues that might necessitate acting sooner than he would prefer.

One of those issues that might become critical is on a 13-year-old vehicle (Number 7 Engine) that

has a heating and cooling system that is a separate, self-contained unit. The company that manufactured that unit has gone out of business, and most local companies find it difficult to continue repairing, mainly due to the lack of available parts. The system also is problematic to replace because it is roof mounted, and the ductwork is built into the walls of the ambulance 'box'.

In finance news, the board reported an income for the Month of February of \$264,810.46. This was \$55,690.46 more than budgeted, and was \$149,844.83 less than the same period of the previous year. Expenses for the month of February were \$310,588.85, which is \$27,787 more than budgeted, and \$62,398.77 more than the same month the previous year.

Payroll expenses were 66.60 percent of the year's expenses. Payroll expenses

for the month of February were \$250,430.97, which was \$20,430.97 more than budgeted and \$51,154.95 more than the same month the previous year. Un-scheduled overtime was 1.7 percent of the budget.

The Board also discussed changing the frequency of their scheduled meeting to bi-monthly rather than monthly. Any changes could not take effect until later in the year because some meetings, such as the June meeting where the board will vote on a budget, cannot be changed. Meeting frequency will be revisited sometime after the June meeting, but it is expected that the months of August and September will be skipped, with meetings then resuming on a bi-monthly schedule in October.

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# CALENDAR

- **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
- **3/31: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **3/31: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **4/1: Rattlesnake Ridge Water Distict Board meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **4/1: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **4/3: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **4/4: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **4/5: Spring Clothing Giveaway @ 8 a.m.** | Lower Grassy Church of Christ, Grayson
- **4/7: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **4/7: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **4/7: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **4/8: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce @ 12 p.m.** | Johnny's Pizza

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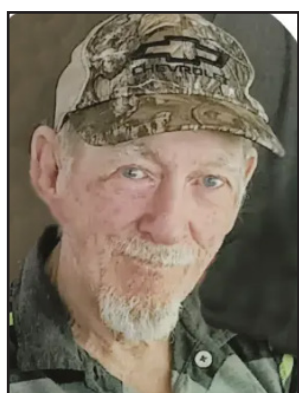
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# OBITUARY

## Carl Lee Webb 1946 – 2025



Carl Lee Webb, age 78, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2025, at his son's residence, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born April 28, 1946, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Kenneth and Ada Roseberry Webb.

He enjoyed fishing, trading, watching westerns, playing horseshoes, going to cookouts, and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Norbet Lee Webb; one brother, James Wilburn and seven sisters, Nancy Shepard,

Helen Rose, Collen Bays, Shelby Vasquez, Linda Vasquez, Lucille Brown, Denise Arthurs.

Carl is survived by one son, Mike (Kathy) Webb of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Angela Spencer of Charleston, West Virginia; 9 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Atonnia Jessie of Soldier, Kentucky and Naomi Crum of Mansfield, Ohio, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services will be held 12 noon, Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother David Rayburn officiating. Burial will follow in Bradley Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends may visit after 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

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

## Arbedella "Arbie" Gearhart 1937 – 2025



Celebrating the Life Of Arbedella "Arbie" Gearhart

Our beloved Arbedella Gearhart, age 87, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on March 20th, surrounded by her loving family. Born on September 1st, 1937, to the late Bessie and Wilford Roseberry in Soldier, Kentucky. Arbie lived a life full of love, faith, and community spirit.

A devoted member of Globe Christian Church, Arbie cherished every Sunday spent with her church family. Her commitment to community extended beyond the church as she was a proud member of the Upper Tygart Homemakers for over thirty years. Known for her inspirational spirit, Arbie owned and operated Gearhart's Hardware, a thriving local business in Globe, Kentucky.

Arbie's passion included spending quality time with her family, volunteering at Soup at 6, and indulging in Hallmark movies around the clock. Her unwavering faith in God was a cornerstone of her life, and she shared this faith generously with those around her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Captain Van Franklin Gearhart; two brothers, Cle Roseberry and Wilford Ray Roseberry; one sister, Lenora Hudson, and one grandchild, Dillon Depolo. Arbie leaves behind

a legacy of love through her surviving family; two daughters, Vanessa (Lorne) Gearhart of Olive Hill, KY and Caryn (Brandon) Kirkland of Lebanon, Tennessee; four sons, Michael (Patricia) Gearhart of Escondido, CA, Brian (Minda) Gearhart of Valley Center, CA, Gregory (Judy) Gearhart of Owingsville, KY, and Kevin (Shonna) Gearhart of Escondido, CA; two sisters, Guin Chapman of Knightstown, IN, and Nina Murray of Hagerstown, IN; 21 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 29, 2025, at Globe Christian Church, 70 Church Drive, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Pastor David Rayburn officiating. Burial will follow in Garvin Ridge Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

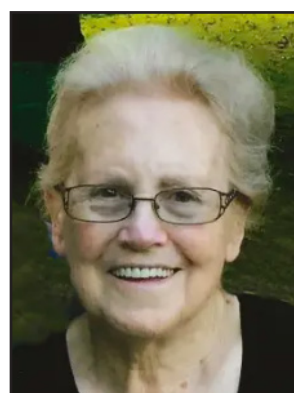
Friends may visit during the visitation from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025, and after 9 a.m., Saturday, March 29, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Christian Church.

The pallbearers will be Brian Gearhart, Michael Gearhart, Kevin Gearhart, Gregory Gearhart, Joshua Richmond and Cole Gearhart.

Honorary pallbearers include Lorne Gearhart, Brandon Kirkland, Austin Gearhart, Cody Gearhart, Hunter Depolo, Christopher Gearhart, Jeff Gearhart, Christian Cerrito, and Robert Becker.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Globe Christian Church's Soup at 6 Ministry, via PayPal@globechurchmissions, continuing Arbedella's legacy of community service and compassion.

## Glenda Merrell Roseberry Hargett 1934 – 2025



Glenda Merrell Roseberry Hargett, age 90, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Friday, March 21, 2025, at Community Hospice Care in Ashland, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Harlen and Georgan Sloan Roseberry.

As a Christian of 70 years, Glenda was a faithful member of Soldier Church of God, where she served as a Deacon's wife, found joy in serving others, singing at funerals, preparing meals for church events, and also serving as Sunday school secretary and treasurer for many years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 69 years, Orby Paul Hargett; one daughter, Debra Kay Hicks; one brother, Donald Roseberry; two sisters, Cora Sue Lyons and Deloice Jane Roseberry.

Glenda is survived by two sons, Orby Keith Hargett and his wife, Kimberly, Byron Hargett and his wife, Jacqueline, all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one son-in-law, Gary Hicks of Olive Hill, Kentucky; five grandchildren, Mary

Beth Waugh, Shawn Hatton, Michael Hatton, Carrie Varney and Timothy Hargett; nine great-grandchildren, Aiden Duff, Novaleigh Hatton, Christian Waugh, Ava Grace Hatton, Amos Hatton, Evelyn Hargett, Ansley Hatton, Maggie Varney and Alayna Hargett; one brother, Paul Roseberry and his wife, LaVerne of Jacksonville, Florida; two sister in laws, Elsie Gay Hargett and Oveda Hargett both of Olive Hill, Kentucky, special friend, Deloris Thomas, whom she loved like a sister and Mary Roar, along with many nieces, nephews. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and church family.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at Soldier Church of God, 37-41 Old Soldier Road, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Steve Madden and Brother Clifford "Tippy" Price officiating. Burial followed in Hargett Cemetery, in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky and after 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2025, until the service hour at Soldier Church of God.

Keith Hargett, Byron Hargett, Shawn Hatton, Michael Hatton, Timothy Hargett, Aiden Duff served as pallbearers.

Darrin Hargett, Dennis Hargett, Butch Hatton and Gary Hicks served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Glenda Merrrell Roseberry Hargett.

## Legislative update

FRANKFORT— In a frenzied sprint to the finish before the veto recess, the Kentucky General Assembly moved with remarkable speed, passing a wave of high-stakes legislation in its final four days of uninterrupted lawmaking.

Lawmakers advanced measures addressing disaster relief, Medicaid changes, worker protections, and more—decisive actions that set the stage for an intense final week of the 2025 Regular Session.

One measure I was particularly proud to see pass with unanimous, bipartisan support was Senate Bill 69, which modernizes Kentucky's veterinary laws and expands access to essential animal health services. This legislation, now on its way to the Governor's desk for signature, ensures Kentucky remains a leader in animal care and agriculture by recognizing and regulating highly trained allied animal health professionals. The bill establishes licensing and oversight for equine dentists and animal chiropractors, improving access to specialized care while maintaining strong veterinary standards. Additionally, it creates an advisory board to oversee these newly recognized professionals and ensure they operate safely and effectively under appropriate guidelines. Updates to regulatory processes will also streamline veterinary care and improve record-keeping standards across the industry.

This is a common-sense step forward for Kentucky's agricultural economy and the health and well-being of our ani-

mals. By modernizing our approach, we're ensuring access to the best possible care while upholding the highest professional standards. SB 69 previously passed the Senate with unanimous support, and on the final legislative day before the recess, the House followed suit. The bill now awaits the Governor's signature.

### Other Key Legislation Passed Before Recess

In addition to SB 69, several other measures passed in the final days before the recess. Some had overwhelming bipartisan support, while others sparked fierce debate and raised significant questions.

Among the bills I supported were:

- House Bill 2, which allows a sales tax exemption for gold and silver purchases. This measure aligns Kentucky with other states that have removed taxes on precious metal investments. The bill passed 32-6.

- House Bill 137, which requires air quality enforcement actions in Kentucky to be based only on data collected using EPA-approved or scientifically validated methods. This ensures regulatory consistency by aligning state enforcement with federal standards. The bill passed 31-6.

- Senate Bill 75, which lowers the minimum age requirement for carrying concealed deadly weapons from 21 to 18. The bill allows legally permitted individuals aged 18 and older to carry concealed weapons

See LEGISLATIVE on A-6



Robin L. Webb  
Senator  
State of Kentucky

## Vernon Gilbert 1943 – 2025



Vernon Gilbert, age 81, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, March 23, 2025, at his residence.

He was born September 13, 1943, in Cabin Creek, West Virginia, a son of the late William Ernest and Lula Dean Gilbert.

Vernon was a member of Bairtown Church of God and loved going to church. He enjoyed visiting with friends and spending time with grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Ammie Burton; seven brothers, Woodrow Gilbert, Elwood Gilbert, Elmo Gilbert, Ernest Gilbert Jr., Richard Gilbert, Delmar Gilbert, Elmer Gilbert; two sisters, Ona Gehrig and Evelyn Sparks.

Vernon is survived by his loving wife of

58 years, Maudie Lee Holbrook Gilbert; three sons, John (Leisa) Gilbert, Steve (Sandra) Gilbert all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Randy (Billie) Gilbert of Nicholasville, Kentucky; 2 grandchildren whom he raised as his own, Landon Lewis and Eathen Lewis; 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren; one brother Homer Gilbert of Ohio; two sisters, Naoma Lawhorn and Gerline Mays both of Ohio, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother John Gilbert, Brother Justin Wagoner, Brother Elijah Wagoner and Johnny Moore officiating. Burial will follow in McKinney Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends may visit from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday, March 29, 2025 and after 9 a.m., Sunday, March 30, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky, is honored to serve the family of Vernon Gilbert.

## Lisa Bradley Wagoner 1966 – 2025



Lisa Bradley Wagoner, age 59, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, March 16, 2025.

She was born Friday, March 11, 1966, in Rowan County, Kentucky, to Catherine Porter Bradley and the late Phillip Bradley.

Lisa enjoyed spending time with her brother, sisters, children and grandchildren.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Nevaeh Wagoner.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by one

son, Phillip Brock Porter of Olive Hill, Kentucky; two daughters, Michael Ann Porter of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Kosha Robbins of Cattlesburg, Kentucky; one brother, Phillip Wayne Bradley of Olive Hill, Kentucky; five sisters, Mary Greenhill, Glenna Jent, Rachel Bradley all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Patty Kilgore of Vanceburg, Kentucky and Sue Stevens of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Bobby Day officiating. Burial followed in Bradley Cemetery, in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Lisa Bradley Wagoner.

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## AS WE SEE IT

### Crime and punishment

Last week's story about Charles Wayne Reynolds and his plea deal certainly garnered a lot of attention, and prompted a lot of discussion on our social media profiles. We understand the frustrations and criticisms – especially considering the heinous nature of the crime he was originally charged with.

There was criticism of the judge and Commonwealth attorney, however, that we feel is at least a little unfounded. While the statements noting that Judge Phillips is not required to accept a plea agreement are true, she also can't compel a victim or the Commonwealth to press charges. The judge simply adjudicates the issues brought before them by the Commonwealth.

Likewise, the Commonwealth – while they are the ones who bring the charges and may continue to pursue them even if the victim doesn't wish to do so – is at least partially reliant on the cooperation of the victim (or, in the case of a minor, their family) to effectively pursue those charges. Without the victim's cooperation, their job is an uphill slog that is highly unlikely to result in prosecution.

They also only pursue mediation, of the sort that resulted in reduced charges in this case, with the consent of the victim or their family.

It's an imperfect system; one that very few people are satisfied with. But the flaws in the system are not the fault of Judge Phillips or of the Commonwealth Attorney's office.

We also feel that, despite what we can all agree is an extremely lenient sentence for a horrible and dehumanizing crime, Judge Phillips did take extra steps to mitigate the danger Charles Wayne Reynolds poses to the children of our community. In addition to ordering Reynolds to have no contact at all with the victim until after her eighteenth birthday – a period of more than ten years – she also ordered him to have no unsupervised contact with any minor.

A violation of these orders, or any other orders he may incur on the other charges he faces (Reynolds was also charged with wanton endangerment in an unrelated case, for brandishing a firearm), would result in his arrest and serving the full sentence for his crime.

True, that still wouldn't be the amount of time he could have received on the original charge of sexual abuse of a minor under 12. It's also true that despite having now made plea deals in two sexual abuse cases involving minors, Reynolds has not had to register as a sex offender and doesn't have to undergo any sex offender counseling.

But, the community now at least knows what Reynolds has been accused of, and they know what he made a plea deal to avoid. It is now up to his neighbors, friends, family, and acquaintances to determine how they interact with him moving forward.

The reason victims agree to go along with mediation and a plea deal are complex, but often it's done to spare victims the trauma of reliving their assault. Whatever their reasons for agreeing to these terms, we pray for healing and peace for the victim and their family. And we pray that no other children fall victim to these horrible crimes.

### Honoring fallen heroes

This week, our hearts are heavy with thoughts of the Stapleton family. Last month Carter County and the Olive Hill community said farewell to firefighter, former city councilman, and Olive Hill emergency management director Allen Stapleton. Then, last week, the family was forced to say goodbye to his son, Grayson Fire Department Captain and Carter County emergency management director, Adam Stapleton.

We had planned to present a memorial piece honoring Allen for a lifetime of duty to the community he called home. We were waiting for an appropriate time to approach Adam to talk about his father's memory – not too far out, but enough time that the immediate loss wasn't still so raw.

Now, that planned memorial piece, when it runs, will be for two.

We know it will come as small comfort to the family mourning their loss, but Allen and Adam were heroes. They had no superpowers. They didn't wear capes. But they gave of their time, of themselves, and of their resources to keep others in their communities safe.

John 15:13 says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

They may not have lost their lives in the line of duty, but that doesn't mean they weren't ready to take the risk. To their children, grandchildren, and loves ones – we're sorry. We mourn with you. Our communities were richer for their presence and poorer for their loss. They will be missed.

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"RUNNING MAKES YOU STAND STILL, YOU CAN REMEMBER FUTURE EVENTS AND DONALD TRUMP DOESN'T NEED FACT-CHECKING."

### What happened to the state I have loved and respected my entire life?

For nearly all of my 82 years of life, I have never hesitated to loudly and proudly proclaim that I am a native Kentuckian, an appreciative and loving son of Carter County.

But I am struggling to maintain that pride today as I review the shameful results of the 2025 session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

I am confident that Gov. Andy Beshear will veto all or most of the egregious legislation which looks and smells like racism, sexism and other evils, but I also expect the Republican-dominated House and Senate will easily override those vetoes and we'll have to live with the results.

Frankly, I am baffled by the notion that so many well educated, seemingly honest and respected men and women who serve as legislators could openly and eagerly agree to, in effect, turn back the clock to a time when wealthy, white Christian, heterosexual men made all of the rules...and nearly all of the money.

Why have we made it more difficult for people of color to get a college education by outlawing support of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI)? That same questions applies to women of all ethnicities seeking

admission to certain male-dominated careers.

Poor folks got the short end of the straw again this year with another reduction of the state income tax. Those who make the most always get to keep the most in a flat percentage tax scheme.

History was ignored this time when coal mining reclaimed some of its personal danger to workers when the legislature reduced the required number of emergency technicians in the mines.

If your drinking water comes from one of the state's 31,000 private wells or 156 public water systems relying on underground water you should be aware that the lawmakers have stripped away state-level protection of groundwater, wetlands and small unnavigable streams.

I could list other examples of new legislation that likely will be harmful, especially to those among us who are different, by choice or chance. I just didn't realize how close the American Dream is to being dead or on life support.

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**Keith Kappes**  
Columnist  
Carter County Times

### From the desk of the most ghoulish

This past week, DoorDash announced its partnership with Klarna, the buy now, pay later lender.

DoorDash customers, "will now be able to pay in full at checkout, split payments into four equal interest-free installments, or defer to dates that align conveniently with payday schedules." So, can someone pay for their Chipotle burrito in installments on a rough day? This is dystopian. We're now financing burritos. It's not just the system squeezing people—it's doing it while asking if they want to split the cost of their child's dinner into four payments. While the kids need to eat, this is the real problem in American society: we're all broke as hell, and now there's a payment plan for a turkey sub. It's hard for a working mom to have a few extra bucks before payday when the freezer's empty, but this entire process feels greasy.

We used to finance sofas. Now we're financing sandwiches. The normalization of debt culture isn't creeping in—it's already here. I know because I bought a bed using a predatory loan. I thought I could make the payments easily, but when other debts demanded attention, that expense ended up costing me double. What used to be reserved for big-ticket items like furniture or electronics is now applied to fast food and groceries. It's a trap that keeps people paying off small debts indefinitely.

According to a 2023 LendingClub report, 61% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, including nearly half of those making over \$100K a year. That's

the playing field Klarna is walking onto.

There's a clear dog whistle in who will use this service the most—and it isn't the family with a three-car garage in the suburbs. It's low-income folks already stretched thin. The promise of "interest-free" payments is misleading; late fees and penalties stack fast. It creates a predatory cycle where people are forced to rely on these services just to afford basics, and punished for the circumstances that put them there.

The buzzwords "flexible" and "convenient" offer Chinese food now, but come payday, that debt's coming straight out of the check—one that's likely already too thin.

This "convenience" is a Band-Aid solution to systemic economic problems, allowing corporations and policymakers to avoid addressing the root causes of financial insecurity: the minimum wage is still in the basement, rent is unmanageable, and car notes aren't back to pre-COVID prices. (I pay \$500 for insurance and \$500 monthly for my car.)

DoorDash and Klarna both benefit. DoorDash gets more orders. Klarna gets more users. And both profit off the financial struggles of everyday people. The ones using this option aren't looking for luxury—they're trying not to die broke and starving.

This isn't a lifeline. It's a leash. And Klarna? They're filing for their IPO soon. Wonder where they got the juice to do such a thing?

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**Robert Dean**  
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**Legislative** from A-4

without a license in the same locations as those with valid licenses. It also authorizes the Kentucky State Police to issue and renew concealed carry licenses for qualified applicants aged 18 and above. It passed 26-11.

- House Bill 45, which updates Kentucky's campaign finance laws by clarifying definitions, strengthening reporting requirements, and prohibiting foreign contributions related to ballot measures. Senate amendments refined the bill's language to specify that financial restrictions apply only to funds used for influencing Kentucky elections and ensure transparency in political advertising. It passed 30-6.

While I was pleased to support these measures, I opposed others that I believe undermine worker protections, public health, and responsible governance.

- House Bill 694 redirects employer contributions from retiree health benefits to the pension fund once the retiree health fund is fully funded. If the fund falls below 95%, employer contributions would return to it, and employee contribution rates would increase by 0.5% annually until full funding is restored. This shift could jeopardize long-term healthcare funding for retired teachers by diverting resources away from retiree health benefits, creating financial uncertainty for educators planning their retirement. Despite my "NO" vote, it

- passed 28-9.
- House Bill 196 reduces the number of required emergency medical or mine emergency technicians on duty at active coal mines. If 10 or fewer employees are working a shift, only one technician would be required instead of two. Coal mining is an inherently dangerous profession, and reducing the number of trained emergency responders on-site could compromise worker safety. Quick medical response times in life-threatening situations such as cave-ins, gas leaks, or explosions are critical, and this bill increases the risks miners face. The bill passed 30-7.
- House Bill 398 prohibits Kentucky from enforcing workplace safety standards that exceed federal OSHA regulations, limits third-party safety complaints, imposes financial penalties on the state for employer legal costs, and reduces the timeframe for filing workplace safety violations. By prioritizing corporate interests over worker safety, this legislation strips the state of its ability to enforce stronger protections and makes it harder for employees to report unsafe conditions. Kentucky already experiences higher-than-average workplace injuries and fatalities, and this bill would further endanger workers by reducing oversight and accountability. I opposed the measure, but it passed 28-9.
- House Bill 399 creates two new criminal offenses for interfering

with legislative proceedings—making disruptive conduct inside legislative buildings a Class A misdemeanor and repeated offenses a Class D felony. It also prohibits unauthorized entry into restricted areas of the Capitol. I voted against this bill because existing laws already address trespassing, disorderly conduct, and obstruction of government operations, making HB 399 unnecessary and excessive. Additionally, the bill lacks clear definitions of "disruptive conduct," which could lead to inconsistent enforcement and potential overreach by law enforcement. Despite my objections, the bill passed 30-7.

- House Bill 695 overhauls Medicaid policy, limiting the Department for Medicaid Services' ability to make necessary program adjustments without legislative approval. It eliminates expanded access to psychoeducational services, replacing it with a weak monitoring system that only flags behavioral health programs when spending spikes rather than when services are denied. It also forces Medicaid recipients into a mandatory work requirement program, which has been shown to cause coverage losses. Meanwhile, managed care organizations that failed previous reporting requirements will continue receiving contracts. A rushed amendment at the last minute prioritizes political control over patient care, putting thousands

of Kentuckians at risk. I opposed HB 695, but it passed 29-7.

In addition to the bills mentioned, all bills that were passed, enrolled, and delivered to the Governor can be found at 25RS Enrollment/Executive Actions by Date on the Legislative Record. There you can also find other information, such as bill summaries and full bill text, or find the status of specific legislation. For more, visit legislature.ky.gov.

As we move into the final stretch of the 2025 Regular Session when we return on March 27 and 28, I remain committed to advocating for policies that support Kentucky's working families, protect our agricultural industries, and ensure public safety. The coming days will be critical as we prepare to consider any potential veto overrides and finalize outstanding legislative business before the session adjourns.

I encourage you to stay engaged in the legislative process—your voice matters. Whether you're advocating for your community, your profession, or an issue close to your heart, your input helps shape the decisions that impact us all. Please reach out to share your thoughts and perspectives. I can be contacted by email at SD18@cm.kylegislature.gov or through the General Assembly Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. Kentuckians with hearing loss can use Kentucky Relay by dialing 711.

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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.

**Legal Notice Advertisement for Alcohol License**

Legal Notice Advertisement for Alcohol License Smokestack Discount Tobacco Inc. d/b/a: Smoker Friendly Express Mart #6 hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a (Quota Retail Package) license no later than August 31, 2025. The licensed premises will be located at 253 West Tom T Hall Blvd Olive Hill KY 41164. The owner and president is: Chris Patrick and Dannie Patrick 21977 West US Highway 60 Olive Hill KY 41164. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

**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](mailto:donaldpels@windstream.net).

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## Legal Notice Advertisement for Alcohol License

AM PM Olive Hill, Inc., Mailing address 914 13th Street, Ashland, KY 41101, Hereby declares intention to apply for a Quota Retail Package, NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package, Sampling License licenses no later than April 30, 2025. The business to be licensed will be located at 131 Jessica Lane, Suite E, Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164 doing business as AMPM Spirits, Wine and Tobacco 6. The Principal Officers and Directors are as follows: President, Pratik Patel of 1095 Woodtrace Dr., Russell, KY 41169; Vice-President, Miteshkumar Patel of 279 Bellefonte Rd., Flatwoods, KY 41139. Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

**School** from A-1

uninterruptable power supplies (UPS), in essence backup battery power to ensure continued operation of networks in the event of power brown outs, surges, or outages. This would add an additional uninterruptable power supply to each of Carter County's schools, with a total of 27 such UPSs. The board voted to accept the bid from CDW.

The board also discussed the possibility of

subsidizing mileage for extracurricular activities.

"I would like try this," board member Chris Perry told the board.

Perry said he believed the board was at a point where they could consider this, so that students would not be required to fundraise to pay for transportation to sporting events and other school extracurricular functions. Perry also said that it bothered

him that most of a student group's fundraising is dedicated to this, or that the students might be forced to drive their own personal vehicle to represent Carter County Schools.

"Let's try this for a year and see how it works out," Perry urged the board.

The board discussed the issue at length to determine a means of helping students to attend not only sporting events but aca-

ademic events as well. The issues with the expense included more than the fuel required for the vehicles, and the major expense was paying the wages of the bus drivers, which could be up to three times that of the fuel. Perry made a motion, to take effect in the 2025-2026 school year, that mileage is not charged for extracurricular trips for competitions (within the state), which include

both clubs and sports. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

The board also discussed the 2025-2026 school calendar, and which model to utilize. The discussion centered around recommendations from the calendar committee. The variable calendar is based upon school hours and would begin the school year on the Monday closest to August 26. This model

would give more flexibility to scheduling, but might necessitate an adjustment to staff contracts. The board voted to adopt the variable calendar for the coming school year.

Contact the writer at [charles@cartercountytimes.com](mailto:charles@cartercountytimes.com)

# Women in the Arts

Staff Report  
Carter County Times

The Grayson Gallery will present their 12th annual "Women in the Arts" event with a free opening reception for artists and the public on March 28 from 6 – 9 p.m. As a local opportunity for the celebration of Women's history Month across the U.S., the GGAC will host an evening of visual art, food and music; all by female creatives for their monthly Final Fridays Art Walk in Grayson. The dozens of pieces submitted will be on exhibit through mid-April and include a variety of

mediums and subjects from a woman's unique perspective. Live music, provided by Karen Combs and the Appalachian Ladies Revue will include three acts – \$5 Red, the Sugarbeats and Catrina Vargo – and will be performing throughout the evening. Catering by Laura, whose culinary treats always delight the crowd, is providing refreshments. In addition, four \$50 (or equivalent purchase) awards will be chosen: People's Choice (by popular vote); GGAC Board Choice, the Pen Lady's Prize and the Brandon Click Memorial. The GGAC is currently ex-

panding their Artist Market with a revamp of the retail space as well as more showcasing of the works available for purchase in-house. Hanging systems, flip racks, new shelving and display cases filled with affordable artwork will be highlighted this month and beyond. Many pieces are discounted with some up to 50% off. Funds from sales help the gallery, a 501c3 non-profit organization, with ongoing operations expenses.

Coming up in April is "Celebrate the Earth" with art focused on that theme; the Grayson area band Raised on Radio will take



Pauline Zornes, Acrylic (submitted photo)



Amy Rice, Acrylic (submitted photo)

the GGAC stage for the first time as the entertainment. May will bring back the East Carter High School art students' work for display and June will be the annual Pride in the

Arts show. For more information, call the gallery Info Line (outgoing announcements only) at 606-474-7651, email Dan Click, director at [grayson-gallery@gmail.com](mailto:grayson-gallery@gmail.com), or

look for the gallery's various Facebook pages and Instagram.

**Frontier Housing Seeking Bids for Pressure Washing Services**

Frontier Housing is accepting sealed bids for pressure washing services, including cleaning homes, offices, decks, hard-surface areas, and guttering in the spring and fall. Bidders must follow all safety and environmental regulations, carry appropriate insurance, and have experience providing similar services. Reliability and professionalism are essential.

All bids are due by **Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at noon** and can be submitted in person at **5445 Flemingsburg Road, Morehead**, or via email to [m.hamm@frontierky.org](mailto:m.hamm@frontierky.org).

For plats, directions, and bid packets, contact **Melette Hamm at 606-748-6428** or via email.

**Frontier Housing Seeking Bids for Mowing & Lawn Care**

Frontier Housing is accepting sealed bids for mowing, trimming, general lawn care, and bush hogging at rental properties and construction lots from April 1, 2025, to November 1, 2025. Bidders must follow all safety and environmental regulations, carry appropriate insurance, and have experience providing similar services. Reliability and professionalism are essential.

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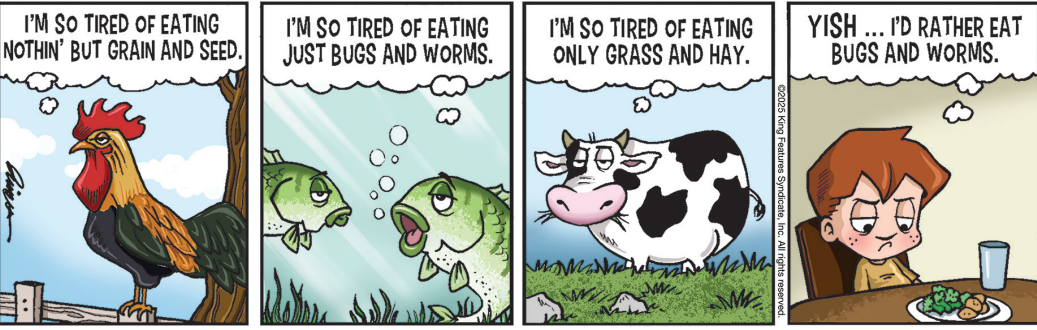
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by Dave T. Phipps



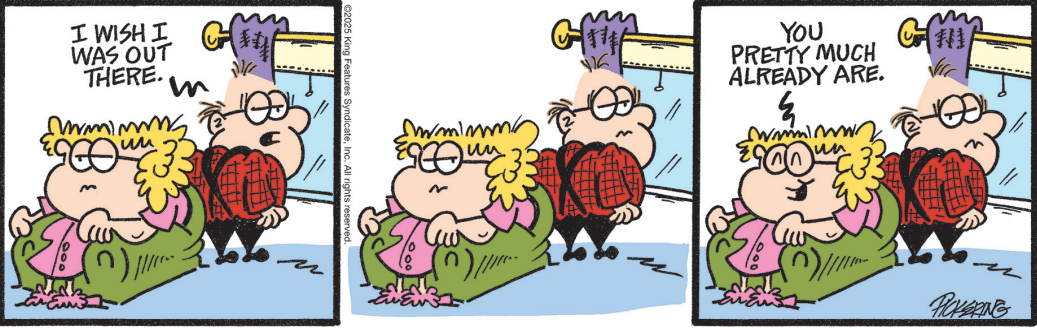
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by Gary Kopervas



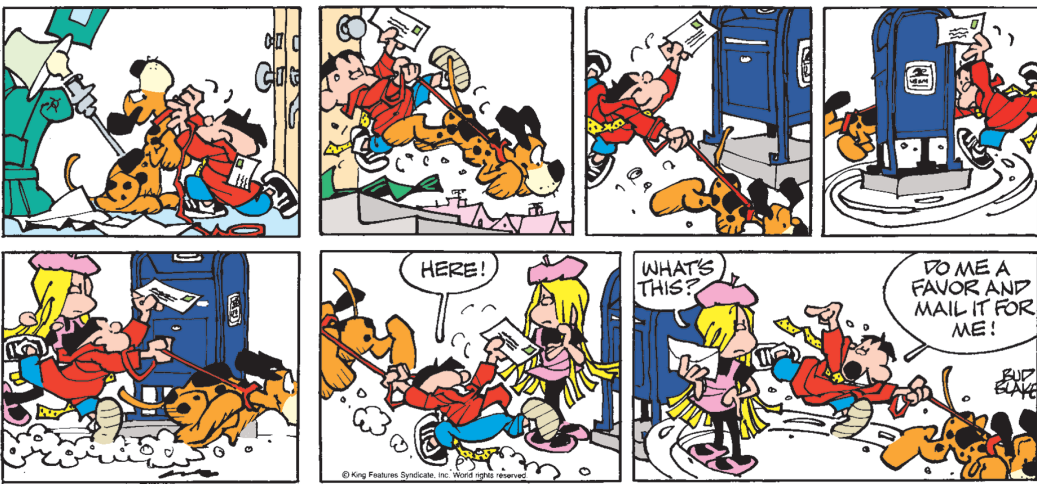
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by Jeff Pickering



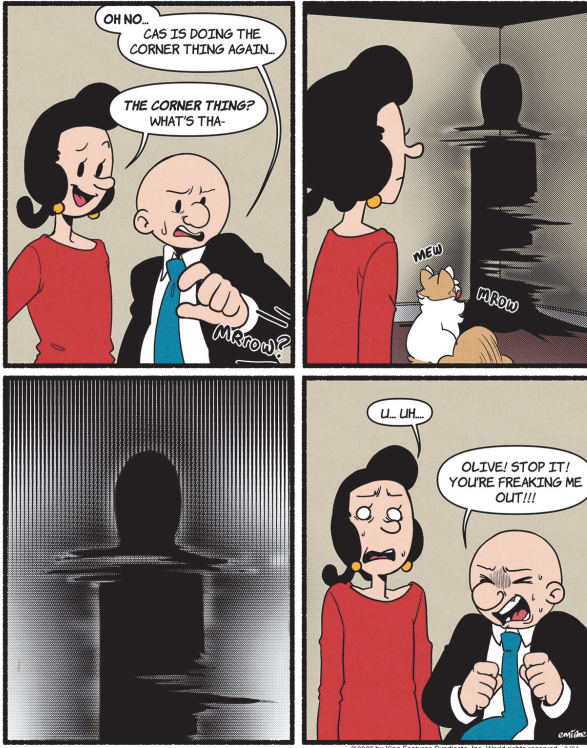
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by BUD BLAKE



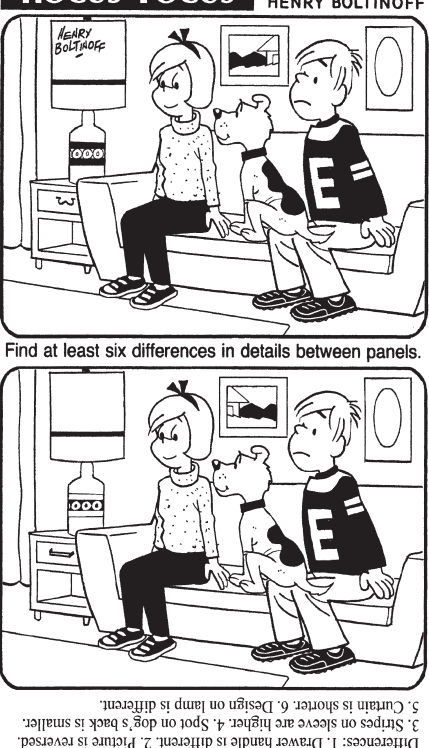
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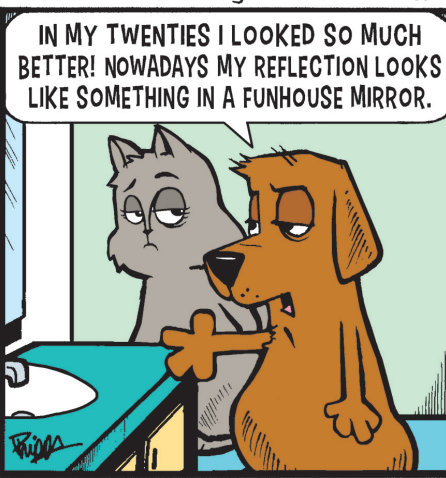
### HOCUS-FOCUS

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: I equals Y

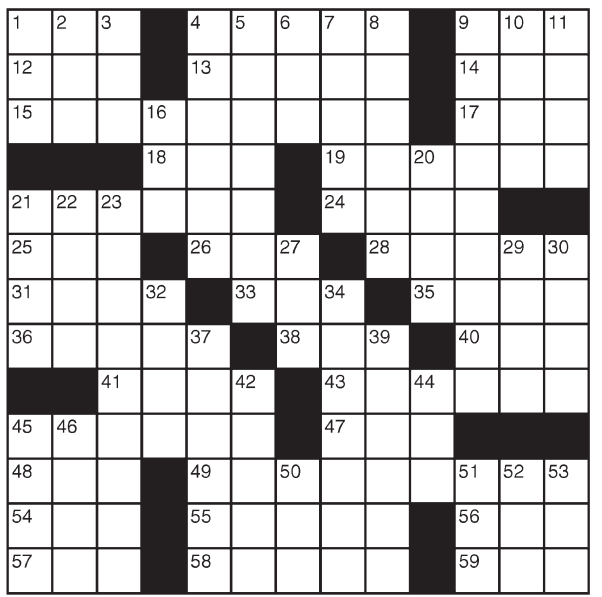
ITE FGOQKI HOS'M JZUU MWOM  
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UZMMZSV TCGF MWGFG.  
WG'U DEFQI FGHTVSZAODQG.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Menagerie
- 4 Embedded spies
- 9 "Frontline" aier
- 12 Year in Spain
- 13 Empathic words
- 14 Land in la mer
- 15 Unfortunate soul
- 17 "Wham!"
- 18 Ga. neighbor
- 19 Tabloid subjects
- 21 Cal — (baseball's "Iron Man")
- 24 Scored 100 on
- 25 Buckeyes' sch.
- 26 Crater edge
- 28 Succinct
- 31 Shakespeare title starter
- 33 LAPD alert
- 35 Peruse
- 36 Sasha's sister
- 38 With it, once
- 40 Summer mo.
- 41 Norms (Abbr.)
- 43 In a morose way
- 45 Concludes by
- 47 Tank filler
- 48 Zodiac cat
- 49 Precinct canine



### DOWN

- 11 Microwave
- 16 '60s Atty. General
- 20 Lusty look
- 21 Meander
- 22 Actress
- 23 Earns
- 5 South Pacific region
- 6 Restroom, for short
- 7 Writer Jong
- 8 Choose
- 9 Fantasy
- 10 Shapeless mass
- 11 Stitches
- 16 '60s Atty. General
- 20 Lusty look
- 21 Meander
- 22 Actress
- 23 Earns
- 27 Speedometer stat
- 29 Biblical king
- 30 Jittery
- 32 Poses
- 34 Imploring
- 37 Conforms
- 39 Locales
- 42 Pub seat
- 44 Employ
- 45 Exile isle
- 46 Inert gas
- 50 Brit's restroom
- 51 Flop
- 52 One — kind
- 53 Sailor

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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

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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## ? Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Mount Everest is part of which mountain range?
2. MOVIES: Which color film was the first to win an Academy Award for Best Picture?
3. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system is believed to be the windiest?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where is the U.S. Constitution stored?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of lemurs called?
6. TELEVISION: Which city is the setting for the dramatic series "The Wire"?
7. GEOLOGY: Which country has the most active volcanos?
8. LITERATURE: Which character in a Charles Dickens novel famously said, "Please, sir, I want some more"?
9. ART: Which Dutch artist is considered a master of light and shadow, creating dramatic effects in paintings?
10. SCIENCE: What is an ectothermic animal?

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## Five Spot™

On the Farm

P	L	A	N	T	Sow
					Flower part
					Fancy candle
					Dirt
					Part of the proceeds
					Charger or dobbins

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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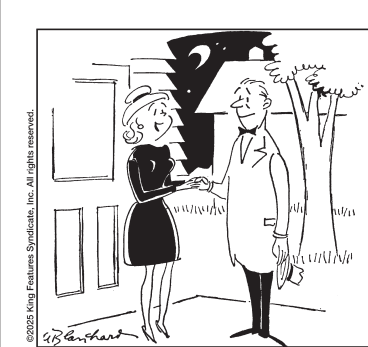
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Solution time: 22 mins.

## King Crossword

Answers

### 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!

Exalt	
EDYFI	
Lean	
NUGAT	
Anger	
EQUIP	
Grace	
DROAN	

TODAY'S WORD

## Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                        |           |                      |           |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Mr. Hood            | ___ B ___ | Pitcher's resin      | ___ S ___ |
| 2. Schubert's creation | ___ Z ___ | Disney and Whitman   | ___ S ___ |
| 3. Lure                | ___ C ___ | Every bit            | ___ R ___ |
| 4. Not very tall       | ___ O ___ | Tee or jersey        | ___ I ___ |
| 5. Hatchling           | ___ H ___ | Use a computer mouse | ___ L ___ |
| 6. Center              | M ___     | Play the violin      | F ___     |
| 7. Chap                | ___ E ___ | Trail                | ___ O ___ |
| 8. Rendezvous          | ___ Y ___ | Have faith in        | ___ U ___ |
| 9. Turtle's casing     | ___ L ___ | Ledge                | ___ F ___ |
| 10. Orion              | ___ T ___ | Long for food        | ___ G ___ |

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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.


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- Answers
1. Robin, Fosh
  2. Waltz, Wabis
  3. Endos, Entire
  4. Short, Shift
  5. Chick, Click
  6. Middle, Fiddle
  7. Follow, Follow
  8. Tyrol, Trust
  9. Shell, Shell
  10. Hunter, Hungry

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# 52 Years of "Choice"

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## January 22, 1973

Since Roe v. Wade in 1973; more than

# 65,000,000

babies lost their lives to abortion.

We are thankful for the US Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe V Wade in June 2022. Now, state legislatures are tasked with upholding the value of LIFE.

**We pray for an end to abortion!**

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord. The fruit of the womb is a reward.” - Psalm 127:3

## Join Our Efforts!

If you are a concerned pro-lifer who wants to do more to put an end to abortion, you are welcome to join us. Standard meeting time is 3rd Thursday evening at Rowan County Library.

Howard; Rodney & Barbara Howard; Markie & Jackie Howard; Dorothy & Paul Howell; Shirley Hylbert; Randall & Anna Ingram; Scott & Connie Ingram; Karen son; Maricruz Itzep; OkaLee Jackson; Tootsie Jenkins; Stanley Jenkins; Thelma Johnson; Alyce Johnson; Rebekah Johnston; Peg M Jones; Eric Jones; David & Kim Jones; Margaret Jones; Isaac Luke Jones; Phillip & Becky Justice; Harold Justice; Jimmy Justice; Rachell Justice; Tony Kazee; Bridgette Kazee; LaDonna Keaton; Matt Kegley; Kenny & Laura Kidd; Nancy Kidd; Shawn Kidd; Betty Kilgore; Justin Lane; Larry Lawson; Christie Leigh; Mike Leigh; Dreama Leigh; Bob Leigh; Joyce Lewis; Ricky & Jenny Lewis; Mark Lightfoot; Lauren Littleton; Corey Littleton; Isabella Littleton; Eleanor Littleton; Phillip E Littleton; Patricia A Littleton; Gill & Jean Litton; Dan Long; Barbara Long; Ronnie & Cherry Lyons; Monica Mabry; Joe Mabry; Shannon & Marsha Maggard; Matthew & Vanessa Maggard; Lynn Manner; Kenny Marshall; Marcie & Stanley Martin; Elaine Martin; Loretta Martin; Brent Maynard; Karen Maynard; Darla Maynard; Anthony & Barbara Mayo; Karen & Elmer Mays; Leslie Mayse; Joe McKenzie; Virginia McKenzie; Tiffany McKenzie; Jason McKenzie; Ashley McMahan; Penny Miller; Karen Miller; Don Miller; Dela Mock; Douglas Mock; Debbie Moore; Chuck & Joni Mraz; Patty Mullins; Tim & Yolanda Nickell; James Nickell; Alex Nickell; John Nickell; Timmy Nickell; Kevin & Tina O'Hair; Mitch & Rhonda Oney; Lucas Osborn; Shannon Parker; Pat Parks; Mr & Mrs Wendell Patrick; Terry & Marshia Patrick; Angela Pearo; Anna Pecco; Alan Michael Peck; Megan Peck; Karen Peck; Gregory Peck; Mr & Mrs Randall Peck; Edna Pennington; Nathan Pennington; Linda Pennington; Hildreth Pennington; Gene Pennington; Danny & Diane Pennix; James Perry; Linda Peters; Zoey Petre; Julia & Gene Porter; Douglas & Regina Porter; Lynn & Angie Porter; Larry & Odella Price; Travis Purcell; Lexie Purcell; Amanda Raybure; Cindy Rhodes; Tim Rhodes; Stephanie Rhodes; David Rhodes; Donna Rhodes; John Rhodes; Lonnie Riddle; Ron & Cathy Riley; Calvin & Joyce Roach; Brian Roark; Jessee Roark; Brian Douglas Roark; Regina Roberts; Michael Roe; Eula & Kenneth Roe; Anita Rose; Parich Royse; Rick & Regina Setters; Vernon & Kelli Shackelford; Timmy Simmons; Billie Simmons; David & Jonya Simmons; Rodney & Angela Simmons; Evan Skaggs; Kenny Skeans; Pat Skeans; Josh, Mollie, Silas & Jacob Sloas; Judy Slone; Bob Smallwood; Sandy Smallwood; Wallace & Charlene Small-wood; Jim Smallwood; Sidney Smith; Barb Smith; David Smith; David & April Smith; Derick Smith; Tony Red Smith; Nancy Sorrell; Ronnie Sorrell; Melissa Sorrell; Colin Sparks; Michael Spurlock; Tammi Spurlock; Randy Stacy; Linda Stafford; Sharon Stafford; Brad Stafford; Kelsie Stafford; Martin Stamper; Mary Stamper; Anna Stamper; James & Brenda Stegall; Lyn Stevens; Leroy & Ruth Ann

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Friends of Hope  
Greenwade Farm  
H & H Pawn  
Hope Enterprise Baptist Church  
Johnson First Church of God Judah  
Christian Fellowship  
Korea Church of God  
Laurel Gorge Enterprise Baptist Church  
Little Mary's Baptist Church  
Main Street Medical Associates, LLC  
Mt Pisgah Christian Church  
Newfoundland Community Church  
Spring Street Baptist Church  
Students for Life, Morehead Victory Christian Center

## Who is Northeast KY Right to Life?

NE KY RTL, Incorporated in 2009, is an affiliate of Kentucky Right to Life (KYRTL). Our organization serves as a volunteer, non-profit organization composed of grass roots people who value life. We are dedicated to protecting and fostering the most basic of human values, **LIFE ITSELF**. We believe every human life is valuable, from the moment of conception, because every human life is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27 and Psalm 139:13-16).

Contact us: NEKYRTL; P.O. Box 117; Morehead, KY 40351; 606-356-9988 ; NEKYRight2life@gmail.com