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Creating second chances

West Carter group helps prevent overdose deaths

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

There is a lot of symbolism in the overdose prevention campaign being spearheaded by West Carter's student-led Community Problem Solving (CMPS) group. Their theme for this year's campaign is "Making Your Time Here Safer" or MYTHS. But it wasn't enough just to tell people to be safe and avoid drugs. It

wasn't enough to just teach them how to be safe if they do use drugs. The Community Problem Solving Group wanted to give them the tools to be safe.

This meant a plan for distributing Narcan to prevent opioid related overdose deaths in the Olive Hill community. The converted newspaper boxes being used for the project won't just contain Narcan though. They'll also contain instructions for using the lifesaving opioid blocker, as well as test strips to check substances for both fentanyl – a potent narcotic which Narcan works to counter – and xylazine, a non-opiate sedative and muscle relaxant which does not respond

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Brody McCleese (left) and Nico DeBord (right) stand behind one of the Narcan dispensing stations their group is planning to deploy around Olive Hill. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Replacing century old pipes

Grayson utility commission approves bid of \$1.2 million

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Grayson Utilities Commission voted last Friday (February 28) on contractor bids for the project to replace pipes in the city that have been in the ground for nearly 100 years. Director Gerald Haney presented the commission with the finalized bids for the project, with Opell

Excavating LLC submitting the lowest bid at \$1,233,615. The Commission voted unanimously to award the project to Opell Excavating.

The project will consist of replacing approximately one mile of six-inch water pipes in the city. The project includes re-connecting all the services, new fire hydrants, new gate valves, and capping the old pipes (which will be left buried) with mechanical valves. Haney told the commission that the project was a five-month contract, or roughly 150 days.

Haney said the commission has had positive results with pre-

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Crews work on broken utility lines along US 60 in this file photo. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

How does opioid funding work?

KACo opioid settlement specialist explains process

By: Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Lauren Carr, the Opioid Settlement Adviser at the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) in Frankfort, has been in her current position for thirteen months. Prior to taking that position, Carr was involved with her local county substance use prevention coalition.

"I worked with our local health department," Carr said.

"I have done harm reduction, youth coalition and youth empowerment."

Carr said her passion for the field began when she tragically lost her brother to a fentanyl overdose in 2011, and she has worked since then with the goal of mitigating and when possible preventing the catastrophic damage done by opioids.

Carr said that when the opioid settlement came through, her county turned to her because she was already involved in the work of opioid abatement. At that point Carr reached out to a national organization, National Association of Counties (NACO) to get more information.

"They have an Opioids Solutions Leadership Network," Carr said.

At that point Carr was selected as a county employee, along with three other county judge executives; Dan Mosely from Harlan County, Reagan Taylor from Madison County, and Gary Moore from Boone County.

"When I came from my positions as 'boots on the ground' to more local government, I saw that sometimes the subject matter experts are not the decision makers," Carr said. "Unless your public official has a background in public health or addiction, then maybe they don't have the information they need. And so KACo decided to bring someone, me, on full time."

"The opioid settlement funds

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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.

- Jennifer Hamm, 45, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked February 23.
- Gregory Carroll, 63, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked February 24.
- Rocky Slone, 47, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked February 24.
- Dawson Thornton, 22, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked

- February 24.
- Donald Hayes, 38, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of third degree terroristic threatening, second degree criminal mischief, and harassment with physical contact – no injury, arrested and booked February 24.
- Randi Eldridge, 34, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of second degree disorderly conduct, fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, and custodial interference, arrested and booked February 24.
- Joshua Hill, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, no registration plates, no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, and failure to illuminate head lamps, arrested and

- booked February 27.
- Joshua Hill, 38, of Grayson, arrested by the Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked February 28.
- Melissa Pennington, 40, of Hitchens, self-surrender, week-end, arrested and booked February 28.
- Dusty Tolliver, 31, of Denton, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of driving on a DUI suspended license, arrested and booked February 28.
- Chanda Rodgers, 38, of Flatwoods, arrested by KDFW, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 1.
- Leslie Eldridge, 33, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 1.
- Crystal Clay, 32, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, and three

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LIFESTYLE



The Muffuletta: A New Orleans classic you can make at home

Laissez les bon temps rouler! Mardi Gras is here, and what better way to celebrate than with a taste of New Orleans? Enter the Muffuletta -- a Big Easy classic that's as indulgent as its birthplace.

A true Muffuletta (or Muffaletta, depending on who you ask) starts with a wide, round Sicilian loaf, topped with sesame seeds and a soft texture like focaccia or ciabatta. But the real magic happens inside. This sandwich is a symphony of Italian cold cuts, provolone cheese, and the pièce de résistance: a briny, garlicky olive salad that soaks into the bread, making every bite unforgettable.

If you can eat a Muffuletta

without a little oil running down your arm, I hate to say it, but it wasn't made right!

The Muffuletta was created in 1906 at Central Grocery on Decatur Street in New Orleans when a Sicilian deli owner suggested combining cured meats, cheeses and preserved vegetables inside bread instead of serving them separately. Today, it's a beloved New Orleans staple.

One of the best things about a Muffuletta? It gets better with time. As it rests, the olive salad seeps into the bread, enhancing every layer. That's why it's ideal for parties -- make a few, wrap them up and slice them open as needed. Late-arriving guests? No problem! They might just get the best slice.

A Sandwich with Personality

What makes a Muffuletta truly shine is the olive salad -- it's the heart and soul of this sandwich. If you plan ahead, let the salad sit overnight in the fridge. This extra step allows the flavors to meld, giving you an even more robust bite. And if you fall in love with it (which you will), make a big batch! Stored under a thin layer of olive oil in a sealed container, it'll keep in the fridge for months, ready to transform your next sandwich, salad or

even pasta dish.

While an authentic Muffuletta can be pricey at a deli, making one at home is easy and economical. Here's how to get that signature flavor without breaking the bank:

MUFFULETTA SANDWICH

Yield: 4-6 servings

Total Time: 1 hour 15 mins. to overnight

- 1/2 cup marinated mixed olives
- 1/4 cup roasted red peppers
- 1/2 cup Italian giardiniera mix (pickled vegetables)
- 1/2 teaspoon dried Italian herbs
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup Italian dressing, or oil and vinegar
- 1 (9 inch-10 inch) round loaf of Italian or French bread
- 1 1/2 pounds mixed Italian deli cold cuts, like salami, bologna, soppressata, ham
- 1/2 pound sliced provolone cheese

In a small food processor, mince the olives, peppers, giardiniera, Italian herbs, garlic and Italian dressing.

Slice the bread in half horizontally and gently press inside to make room for the filling.

Generously spread the olive



A Mardi Gras classic with Italian cold cuts and briny olive salad. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

mixture on both sides of the bread. Artistically layer the cold cuts and provolone inside the bread. Place the top back on the sandwich and press down.

Wrap the sandwich tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least one hour, or preferably overnight for maximum flavor. Slice it into wedges and serve while playing Dixieland jazz (optional but highly recommended).

Variations to Suit Your Style

- Heat Lovers: Use jalapeño-stuffed olives or add a dash of red pepper flakes.
- Vegetarian Option: Swap out the meats for grilled eggplant, zucchini and roasted red pep-

pers.

The Muffuletta isn't just a sandwich, it's a celebration of bold flavors and rich history. Whether you're celebrating Mardi Gras or just craving something amazingly delicious, this New Orleans classic brings festivity to your table year-round. Don't forget the napkins!

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](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com.

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Joyful Noise

Little children make a difference (Part 2)

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

"No sir, but she was always at our house. When Bob here was sick, she nursed him so tenderly, and her hymns would calm him when nothing else worked. She did that for everyone in the neighborhood. What she's been to us, only God Himself knows. And now she's gone."

Dr. Gordon entered the small room where Annie lay at rest. Beside the coffin, an elderly woman wept.

"I never thought she'd go before me. She came every evening to read and sing to me. Her prayers, oh, those prayers, they brought to me Jesus. You could almost feel Heaven just listening to her."

A man gently placed his arms around her shoulders.

"Mother, come home now. We will see her again."

"I know, I know. She told me she'd wait for me at the gate."

The room fell quiet as Dr. Gordon prepared to lead the service. Flowers surrounded Annie's small body. A young girl stood nearby, lost in grief, having

placed a single dandelion in Annie's hands.

When the service had ended, people lingered, one after another stepping forward for a final look. It seemed no one could bear to let her go.

The next day a man knocked at Dr. Gordon's door.

"I'm Annie's uncle. She wouldn't rest until I promised to join the church. I'm here to keep that promise."

Matthew 19:14. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

I want to encourage everyone who is involved in the children's ministry at your church. Please don't take it lightly thinking it's not important enough. God has called you into an important part of a child's life through the church, the body of Christ. They are your little flock, and you have been commissioned to lead them through the love of Jesus. You are important in your church under the leadership of your pastor.

There are four things Jesus taught about children's ministries. One day, Jesus's disciples came to him with a question, "Who

is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" (Matthew 18:1) The parallel passage in Luke 9:46-48 reveals that the disciples had been debating among themselves as to which of them would be the greatest. It's as if each of Jesus's followers is asking, "Will it be me?"

Jesus responded to their self-indulgent questions in the Bible by telling them to prioritize children. He answered his disciples by telling them to: 1) become like children, 2) welcome children, 3) protect them, and 4) value them as a kingdom priority.

Jesus sees children differently. Little ones are valuable to Him. Each child should be respected as one of God's precious little ones. They should not be seen as a bother or a nuisance to be taken into some shabby room for someone to babysit while "big" church goes on.

In one sense they are just a miniature church that needs a shepherd to love them and lead them to Jesus. You are to teach children with the whole Bible. Encourage them to develop a Biblical mindset and Christian worldview. Encourage children to give

their hearts to Jesus by leading them to recognize their sinful nature and to respond in repentance and faith in God. Encourage them to trust in the promises of God. Fix up the classroom in fun colors, books, posters, etc. Teach them in a fun way a child can understand. Invest some creative time in making the class exciting. Pray! Plan! Play! They will be excited to come.

Annie Graham is a true story, and I hope and pray it will inspire all

children's ministry teams and every Sunday school teacher! You have a high calling, and you do make a difference! Make it count. Pray for the children in your classes. You are not a church babysitter. You are their shepherd, and they are your little sheep. How many little 'Annie Grahams' might there be in our churches that would go out do the work of Jesus in their own circle of friends and even adults all because you invested in their lives? Nothing is more precious

than the faith of a child! Amen! So be it!

JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests to: Pastornaomi4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHoprayer. Services: 10am Sunday and Joyful Kids class at 10:30am. 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

The were no price trends available this week as most markets were closed the previous week and those opened had severely limited receipts. However, reporters noted active markets with strong undertones and good buyer participation. Demand was good to very good with best demand for long weaned and preconditioned cattle.

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

Week ending 3/1/25

STATE AVERAGES			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	360.53	325.71	318.89
400-450 lbs	354.23	298.87	306.53
450-500 lbs	341.48	299.78	301.53
500-550 lbs	317.42	288.13	282.14
550-600 lbs	309.74	281.85	273.12
600-650 lbs	291.25	261.72	260.50
650-700 lbs	275.94	260.74	249.74
700-750 lbs	262.14	245.69	232.57
750-800 lbs	257.65	245.55	234.05
800-850 lbs	248.94	240.04	218.95
850-900 lbs	244.41	220.00	213.99
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	330.15	294.55	277.66
350-400 lbs	327.64	293.36	276.40
400-450 lbs	309.77	287.66	269.92
450-500 lbs	296.77	281.92	266.61
500-550 lbs	284.77	260.10	250.98
550-600 lbs	273.91	254.42	240.64
600-650 lbs	255.27	236.95	227.55
650-700 lbs	247.87	235.10	222.46
700-750 lbs	240.68	234.88	212.22
750-800 lbs	233.57	213.64	207.35

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average High Low		
	Breakers	123.00-156.00	131.00-166.00
Boners	120.00-148.00	130.00-178.00	90.00-137.50
Lean	100.00-139.00	119.00-163.00	90.00-120.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average High Low		
	Yield Grade 1&2	136.00-172.00	160.00-190.00

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Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 88

Kids: Selection 1 54 lbs 420.00; 63-69 lbs 375.00-420.00. **Selection 1-2** 55 lbs 420.00; 65 lbs 380.00; 100 lbs 275.00. **Selection 2** 55 lbs 360.00; 68 lbs 325.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 820

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 53-57 lbs 345.00-375.00; 66-69 lbs 320.00; 74-78 lbs 307.50-315.50; 88 lbs 270.00; 90 lbs 250.00; 105 lbs 232.50; 125 lbs 210.00; 150 lbs 167.50. **Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2** 75 lbs 305.00; 93 lbs 255.00; 100 lbs 205.00; 110-115 lbs 180.00-205.00; 135 lbs 180.00; 162 lbs 165.00.

Week ending 3/1/25

GRAINS			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.48-5.07	4.81-5.26	3.60-4.31
Soybeans	9.27-10.69	9.47-10.83	10.53-11.58
Red Winter Wheat	4.79-6.02	5.24-6.24	4.76-5.86



Extension Notes

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Grow a more successful garden with a fun calendar

Gardening is a rewarding experience that

starts with careful preparation.

provides fresh produce and a deeper connection to nature. The Growing Your Own - GARDEN calendar from Plan Eat Move—a part of the University of Kentucky College



Rebecca Konopka
Carter County
Extension Agent

of Agriculture, Food and Environment Cooperative Extension Service—is an excellent resource to guide both novice and seasoned gardeners through the planting and harvesting seasons. With monthly recommendations and engaging activities, the calendar helps individuals and families plan a productive and enjoyable gardening experience.

can be both educational and fun. This interactive approach encourages engagement while helping gardeners visualize plant placement and spacing for optimal growth. The calendar provides a detailed month-by-month breakdown of what to plant and when to harvest. Beyond planting and harvesting, the calendar incorporates family-friendly

activities to make gardening even more enjoyable. Keeping a garden journal allows individuals to track planting dates, growth progress and harvest yields.

Children can add their own observations through drawings or short descriptions. Taste tests with homegrown produce introduce youth to different flavors while emphasizing the benefits of fresh food. Creative activities, such as making DIY garden markers with craft materials, add a personal touch and help with plant identification.

Success in gardening often comes down to simple, consistent practices. By following the guidance in the Growing Your

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Arrests from A-1

counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked March 2.
 • Charles Wayne Reynolds, 56, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Circuit

Court, for contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked March 3.
 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.

Opioid from A-1

come from a lawsuit,” Carr explained. “It’s a national settlement, and in Kentucky it comes out to a little less than a billion dollars.”
 “That money isn’t grant money or state money,” Carr continued. “That money goes to the attorney general, and the attorney general created an Opioid Advisory Commission. The commission is made up of nine voting members, and they oversee the funds. But they only grant out fifty percent.”
 “In Kentucky the breakdown is fifty percent goes to municipalities (cities and counties), and the other fifty percent goes to the state,” she added.
 Carr said the money going to municipalities is based upon how many prescriptions were written, the number of overdose deaths, and population.
 “So, allocations to each county are different based on that formula. The National League of Cities has a portal where you can type in your zip code, and it will give you an estimate of what your county received,” she explained.

Carr said that how funds are awarded at that point are determined by the county’s fiscal court. “KACO does not receive any funds,” she said, “and no funds pass through us.”
 “An abatement fund is pretty much just saying that it isn’t tax money or revenue, but it is money set aside for opioid remediation,” Carr said. “Remediation is to mitigate the harm done by the opioid crisis. It’s a broad range from treating Opioid Use Disorder to preventing further harm, and providing services to those impacted, such as children who have lost loved ones or who are now living with their grandparents and things like that.”
 “It just has to have a nexus to opioid remediation,” Carr added.
 Most of the spending is related to one of 29 strategies in the KRS Statute 15.291, subsection 5, Carr said.
 “If you’re not a lawyer, it’s hard to read that,” she said. “But there is an exhaustive list on the national settlement, which

is easier to understand.”
 Carr said that counties are allowed to use the opioid funds in their existing budgets to expand eligible programs such as those in jails that help individuals reenter society with a ‘fresh start.’
 “Opioid abatement funds can be used for a wide variety of things,” Carr said. “They (counties) could contract with a local nonprofit or third party. For instance, if they wanted to go through the local health department to set up or expand a program in schools, they could do that.”
 Carr said that one of the things funded with opioid abatement money was a prevention program called Better Without it.
 “It’s a Youth Prevention Program based around the question of how do you keep people from falling in the water? You have to build a bridge, but you still have to catch the ones who are falling in the water. It’s very important to look at where your needs are and where your gaps are to determine how these funds can best be used. We just

need to be strategic and plan how these funds can best be used.”
 She said KACO can help by providing information and resources for those charged with distributing the funds.
 “We have a resource library, and we provide technical assistance,” Carr said. “We can work with counties to try to determine what you can and can’t do. Counties have an opportunity to tackle this problem in a different way.”
 One of the things Carr said that the Opioid Advisory Commission is promoting is for counties to establish their own advisory groups to help determine the county needs. Those groups could be made up of people who are involved in treatment, people from local schools, or local officials that could make recommendations to local fiscal courts on how abatement money should be spent.
 Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

So, Capt. Kirk, Machete, and Angel walk into a bar...

Lexington Comic and Toy Convention to welcome Shatner, Trejo, and more

By Charles Romans
 Carter County Times

The Lexington Comic and Toy Convention is returning for 2025 this weekend at the Central Bank Center in downtown Lexington. Fans of the popular convention can expect to be immersed in the best that pop culture has to offer whether that be celebrity autographs and panels, comic creators that have defined or are

redefining the comic industry, or vendors showcasing memorabilia from movies, video games, and of course the toys we grew up with – or currently enjoy. Wherever fans are on the pop culture landscape, LCTC definitely has the things you are looking for; and can help you find what you don’t know you’re looking for yet.
 Jarrod Greer, owner of the Inner Geek stores in Ashland, Kentucky and Huntington, West Virginia, started the convention on March 24, 2012, and has committed himself and his talented team of staff and volunteers to making the convention bigger and better each year. The main reason behind this is that although Greer runs

the convention, he is first and foremost a fan. And everyone on his team is also a fan of numerous ‘layers’ of the pop culture fabric.
 “The goal was always to make a convention that we would want to go to,” Greer said. “We try to fill it up with all the creators, artists, wrestlers, and celebrities everyone wants to meet.”
 This year’s lineup includes celebrities like David Boreanaz, known for his roles in Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Angel, Bones, and as Master Chief Petty Officer Jason Hayes in SEAL Team. Boreanaz will be appearing Saturday only, but will be available for photo ops and autographs. Veteran actor Danny Trejo will be

in attendance this year, and fans will recognize him from everything from the Spy Kids franchise to Desperado, From Dusk till Dawn, Con Air, Reindeer Games, and Grindhouse. Trejo is also well known for his voice work in video games like the Grand Theft Auto franchise, Fallout, and Call of Duty.
 Friday and Saturday only, the man who defined ‘the final frontier’ and beyond, William Shatner will be available for photo ops and autographs. Shatner is well known for his many iconic roles in movies and television, and has left his indelible mark on films such as Judgement at Nuremberg, and in many television roles including

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Garden from A-2

Own - GARDEN calendar, gardeners can cultivate a thriving space that not only produces nutritious food but also fosters family bonding. Gardening is a journey filled with learning, patience and the satisfaction of harvesting what was planted. Whether tending to a small backyard plot or a larger garden, these seasonal tips and activities provide the foundation for success.

Pick up a calendar at the Carter County Extension Office or to access the guide online, visit <https://tinyurl.com/calendar-garden>.
 Contact the Carter County Extension office for more information on how to create a successful garden. 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:
 • Beef Quality Care & Assurance Training – Friday,

March 7th @ 10:00 AM – Call 474-6686 to register.
 • Private Pesticide Applicator Training – Monday, March 10th @ 5:30 PM – Call 474-6686 to register.
 • Backyard Apple & Pear Care – Monday, March 17th @ 6:00 PM – Cost is \$40 and participants receive either two pear or apple trees. Call 474-6686 to register.

CALENDAR

- **3/6: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/7: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **3/7: Beef Quality Care & Assurance Training @ 10 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Call 474-6686 to register
- **3/10: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **3/10: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/10: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **3/10: Private Pesticide Applicator Training @ 5:30 pm.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **3/10: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **3/11: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Johnny's Pizza
- **3/11: Extension Council and District Board meetings @ 3 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **3/11: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall
- **3/11: Homeschool group meeting @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **3/12: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **3/15: Friends of the Library meeting @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill

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Pet of the Week

Tabor is a female lab mix, believed to be around three-years-old. This good girl is very friendly, gets along well with other dogs, and walks on a leash. Her \$100 adoption fee includes rabies vaccination and being spayed. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her or call 475-9771 for more information.
 Shelter hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday by appointment.

Going out tonight?



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

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Legislative update

FRANKFORT— The fifth week of the legislative session was another busy one in Frankfort, filled with meaningful discussions, important recognitions, and visits from dedicated leaders across the district.

I was especially proud to welcome Cody Plank, CRNA, of Ashland and president of the Kentucky Association of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (KyANA), along with Evan Harris, faculty member at Murray State, and Jarred Carpenter, a University of Louisville student, to the Senate floor. Through Senate Resolution 94, we formally recognized their contributions to the healthcare field, ensuring that their work and advocacy received the attention it deserves. Cody has been a strong presence in Frankfort for years, and I've always known he would emerge as a leader in his profession.

This week also marked Kentucky Cities Day at the Capitol, bringing together local officials from across the district to have their voices heard. I had the pleasure of visiting with Greenup city officials, Ashland Police Chief Todd

Kelley, and other local leaders who work tirelessly to serve their communities. It was a special moment to welcome Grayson city officials, including my son and mayor of Grayson, Troy Combs, to the Capitol. Having my daughter,

Lindsey, in Frankfort to introduce them before the Senate made the moment even more meaningful. I'm incredibly proud of the work our local officials do to support our communities, and I appreciate the opportunity to recognize them in the halls of our commonwealth's Capitol.

I also had the honor of speaking at the Energizing Eastern Kentucky: A Collaborative Effort for Our Future event, where I discussed the critical intersection of energy and economic development for our region. These are issues close to my heart, and it was encouraging to see so many engaged leaders from the energy sector, area development districts, and local governments—including County Judges Sparks and Hall—working toward a stronger future for Eastern Kentucky. Ensuring that our energy resources drive economic growth while

supporting our workforce and communities remains a top priority, and I appreciated the opportunity to contribute to this important conversation.

In legislative developments, a bill I am sponsoring, Senate Bill (SB) 58, recently advanced through the Senate State and Local Government Committee with bipartisan support. This legislation offers a commonsense solution for families with loved ones who have disabilities, ensuring they can plan for the future without jeopardizing critical benefits like Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income. Too many families worry about what will happen to their children or dependents when they are no longer able to provide direct care. SB 58 allows members of Kentucky's state-administered retirement systems to designate a special needs trust as a beneficiary of their retirement benefits. This simple but significant change will help ensure financial security for some of our most vulnerable citizens while protecting access to essential assistance programs.

Outside of our continued work in committees, the Senate advanced a number of bills off the floor in the fifth week as our workload grows heavier and the days grow longer. Bills passing our chamber include:

Senate Bill 19 requires a daily one- to two-minute moment of silence in Kentucky public schools for student reflection, prayer, or other quiet activities, with parents informed before implementation. I supported this bill because a moment of reflection can provide clarity and peace at the start of the school day. It passed 30-6.

Senate Bill 60 prohibits government agencies from restricting actions or refusals based on sincerely held religious beliefs, raising the evidentiary standard to clear and convincing evidence. I voted in favor, and it passed 29-7.

Senate Bill 129 helps address the housing shortage in Jefferson County by allowing local governments to hold blighted, tax-delinquent properties for up to five years to encourage redevelopment. I supported this measure, which passed 34-3.

Senate Bill 100 strengthens regulations on the sale of tobacco, nicotine, and vapor products by requiring retailer licensing, enforcing penalties for sales to those under 21, and supporting youth vaping prevention programs. It passed 33-3.

Senate Bill 71 seeks to shift control over public library board appointments by granting county judge-executives the authority to appoint board members, with fiscal court

approval, across most of Kentucky. I opposed this measure because it strips libraries of their independence, opening the door to censorship, funding cuts, and decisions made by individuals with no real understanding of how libraries serve the public. Despite these concerns, it passed 22-11-1.

Senate Bill 4 would regulate the use of artificial intelligence (AI) within Kentucky's state agencies to ensure ethical and transparent practices. It establishes an Artificial Intelligence Governance Committee to develop guidelines for AI use, emphasizing public disclosure, employee training, and data protection. I supported the measure, which passed the 30-3.

A number of bills and resolutions advanced with full bipartisan support during the fifth legislative week, including: SB 25, SB 50, SB 27, SB 121, SB 65, SB 83, SB 178, SJR 28, SJR 55, SB 169, SB 57, SCR 61, SB 174, SB 176, and SB 245.

All the measures granted passage by the Senate will now go to the House to continue their journey through the legislative process. For an in-depth review of the bills passed thus far, I encourage you to visit the Legislative Record at LEGISLATURE.KY.GOV. There, you can also review the progress of

other legislation and delve into all the bills filed this session.

Time moves fast in a 30-day session, and with 20 days behind us, we are officially in the home stretch. The Kentucky Senate has spent the bulk of this session advancing its own legislative priorities, carefully crafting policies, and setting the stage for debates on issues that matter to our constituents. Apart from the state income tax reduction in House Bill 1, much of our chamber's focus has been on Senate-driven legislation.

With just eight legislative days remaining before the veto period, we will soon begin welcoming a wave of House bills for our consideration. This marks a pivotal moment—where two chambers with different approaches and priorities must align, negotiate differences, and determine what ultimately makes it across the finish line.

The next few days will be fast-paced, unpredictable, and critical. Bills that have spent weeks in committee will either gain momentum or stall under scrutiny. Some will be amended, refined, or combined. Others will face their final vote. The process is deliberate, sometimes frustrating, but always essential—this is how legislation is shaped into law.

■ Pipes from A-1

vious construction projects Opell had completed for the city, notably the Hannah Lane Project and the Malone Lane Sewer project. He also said that the bids on the projects were very competitive, and that the commission also had positive results contracting with BP Pipeline LLC.

The Commission also heard the auditor's report, which stated there were no non-compliance issues and no control weaknesses

to report, meaning the financial statements were accurate as reported. The commission voted to accept the audit as read.

Haney told the commission that Grayson has had a challenging winter.

"Just for the month of February we have had 11 water leaks, and five of those resulted in a boil water advisory," Haney said. "Most of those were on main lines, and very few were on service lines."

"We had two different line breaks on East US 60 going toward Cribbs Hill," Haney continued. "The first occurred near Dean Greene's, in the junkyard area."

Haney explained that when the original water lines were installed by a creek, the creek was probably much narrower. But with time and erosion the creek bed had widened and had caused other issues in the recent past. Haney said

that fortunately there was enough space to move the line somewhat and repair the break, but more permanent measures will be needed in the near future.

"That whole line from where you turn off at from 1910 all the way to Tark Hill needs to be replaced," Haney told the commission.

A week after the first break Haney mentioned, there was another break at Tark Hill.

"When it broke at Tark Hill it was under water and we couldn't repair it until the next day," he said.

Haney said those lines were probably installed in the 1970's, and that there needs to be a plan made to replace them.

Overall, in spite of the challenging winter, Haney said he believed the water system was performing well. Fire fighters were able to access hydrants while fighting the recent

fire at the Shangri La Motel in Grayson, and the hydrants operated for several hours and used 37,900 gallons of water without any appreciable difference in water storage tank levels.

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Kentucky Senate hopeful Daniel Cameron praises Trump, criticizes his mentor, Mitch McConnell

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

FRANKFORT (AP) — Republican Senate candidate Daniel Cameron lavished praise Monday on Donald Trump and criticized his mentor Sen. Mitch McConnell, reflecting the president's dominance within the GOP and setting an early tone for what looks to be a competitive primary for a Kentucky Senate seat in 2026.

In a campaign video, Cameron said McConnell was "flat out wrong" for opposing a trio of presidential nominations, chastising the seven-term senator who helped launch Cameron's career in politics.

Seeming to part ways with McConnell on a key national security issue, Cameron declared "enough is enough" when it comes to U.S. funding for Ukraine in its war with Russia. McConnell has championed support for Ukraine and lumped Russia among adversaries he calls an "axis of aggressors" posing a fundamental threat to America and its allies.

Cameron's remarks came on the third anniversary of Russia's invasion and at a time when U.S. policies on Russia and Ukraine are shifting dramatically under Trump. They signaled a remarkable shift in power away from Kentucky's senior senator, who announced

last week that he won't seek reelection after his long tenure as a power broker leading his party in the U.S. Senate.

"I'm going to be the type of senator that stands up for your constitutional rights and is going to support President Trump's 'America First' agenda," Cameron, a former aide to McConnell and later the state attorney general, said in the video.

Cameron's campaign cast the video as an official campaign launch, though he confirmed last week that he was in the race shortly after McConnell revealed his plans to retire next year.

Cameron's willingness to break with McConnell reflected the senator's diminished status even in Kentucky, the state he has represented since the mid-1980s and where he helped orchestrate the GOP's rise to power. It also signaled the value of a Trump endorsement, seen as potentially decisive in determining who wins the GOP primary next year.

"They're all kissing Trump's behind and doing their best to look like they're the most Trump person, which is really discouraging when we're talking about a constitutionally independent office," former Kentucky state Sen. Whitney Westerfield, a Republican and Trump critic, said by phone Monday.

As for McConnell's

influence in Cameron's career, Westerfield said: "I don't think his political career would be where it is without McConnell."

Westerfield said he saw that influence firsthand. After narrowly losing his campaign for Kentucky attorney general in 2015, he was prepared to run again in 2019 until being warned the McConnell camp was ready to run a blistering primary campaign against him, he said. Westerfield pulled out and said Monday he thought the pressure was meant to benefit Cameron.

Elsewhere in Kentucky's Republican ranks, U.S. Rep. Andy Barr has signaled he would announce his plans soon and said he's been encouraged by support he's already received as he considers a Senate run. Businessman Nate Morris has signaled his strong interest in the Senate race, too.

The state's two Democrats holding statewide office— Gov. Andy Beshear and Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman — have both said they will not enter the race. A top legislative Democrat, state House Minority Floor Leader Pamela Stevenson, recently filed to raise money for the Senate race.

Cameron's ties to McConnell reach back to Cameron's college days, when he was part of the McConnell Scholars Program at the University of Louisville. Cameron later worked as McConnell's general counsel.

On the night Cameron was elected as Kentucky's first Black attorney general in 2019, Cameron said that McConnell had "changed the trajectory of my life" by urging him to run for attorney general.

"I'm proud to call him a friend, I'm proud to call him a mentor," Cameron said.

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Guest Editorial

An existential threat to Kentucky's community newspapers

By Scott White
The Woodford Sun

Community journalists across Kentucky are raising alarms about House Bill 368, which would end a requirement to publish legal notices in local newspapers. The measure cleared the Kentucky House 62-30 on Feb. 26.

Jane Ashley Pace, immediate past president of the Kentucky Press Association and publisher of *The Oldham Era* and the *Henry County Local*, recently wrote that HB 368 would decrease government transparency and could cost some smaller, rural counties their local newspaper.

The following is an edited version of a column published in the *Woodford Sun* written by Sun managing editor Scott White.

Just when you think things are turning around. . .

The Kentucky General Assembly is considering House Bill 368, which, if passed into law, would pose a very real threat to the *Woodford Sun's* ability to stay open. Let me explain.

As many of you know from prior columns, we here at the Sun have been laser-focused on saving this county's 156-year-old voice from extinction. This is not crying wolf — community newspapers in Kentucky and around the country have been failing at a steady rate.

The Sun has not turned a profit since 2015. We are a bare bones staff. Even so, our publisher Ben Chandler is committed to keeping this newspaper locally owned, locally focused and open. We are the sole source of Woodford County hard news, features, community doings, local sports and you name it. Everything we print is relevant to anyone living or doing business in or enjoying Woodford County.

Even being small, I am pretty proud of the job we do, and based on what many of you call, text or email me or stop and tell me, most folks agree.

I can't tell you how many folks have stopped me to say, "You guys can do it, we need the Sun. Don't sell or close. The Sun is indispensable."

Many of you have renewed for two years. Many seniors ignore the discount price and pay the full amount. Some of you have increased the number of times you advertise — or increased the number of times you run an ad.

Thank you.

And, according to data from the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, there are a lot of you out there supporting the Sun.

The institute reports out of 120 community newspapers in Kentucky, we are 30th in community penetration at 29% — which represents the percentage of residents who read our paper. This is calculated by totaling the average in-county mail and single-copy sales numbers on our annual postal statement and dividing that total by the number of housing units, a datum that is updated annually by the Bureau of the Census. This means a third of this county's population regularly reads the Sun.

And though our advertising revenues are not what they were even five years ago, they are improving. You accepted without complaint an increase in the cost from 75 cents to a dollar. Subscriptions, both new and renewals, are up.

Now, about HB 368.

HB 368, sponsored by Rep. Jennifer Decker, R-Waddy, and awaiting action in the Senate, would allow local governments and others to remove legal notices from newspapers and place them on government websites. These are things like notices of meetings, proposed ordinances, master commissioner sales, estate filings, utility rate increases; just turn to our classified page and you will see some.

We don't make a ton of money off of these, but this does account for a portion of our revenue. The possible loss of this, now, is a real threat, and we are nearly there. Sadly, many of our colleagues around the state are in even worse shape, where the loss of this revenue would put them out of business.

Though I get and hear the criticisms of the media, the reality is do you really want to live in a country without a free and independent press? Let me be more specific. Should residents of Letcher County have to live without the award-winning Mountain Eagle? Or, Georgetown without the News-Graphic? Or, Frankfort without the State Journal? Or, Versailles and Midway without the *Woodford Sun*?

That said, it's important to also remember there are public policy reasons with roots in the free press provisions of the

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"IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY DELICATE OPERATION."

36 years later, will Pete Rose finally get a chance for the Hall of Fame?

Major League Baseball's spring training season turned into the silly season last week when we learned that Commissioner Rob Manfred is about to be upstaged by President Donald Trump in how Pete Rose's reputation should be remembered.

Manfred likely is seeking redemption for his role in the shameful treatment of Rose, the former Cincinnati Reds' player and manager and the greatest baseball player of all time, in my opinion.

Manfred drove the last stake in Pete's final opportunity for exoneration in 2015 when he denied No. 14's application for reinstatement, a plea for justice that had gone unanswered for 13 years.

In case you're not into big league baseball, here are some of Pete Rose's credentials: 17-time All-Star; baseball's career leader with 4,256 hits; holds the major league record for games played, 3,562, and plate appearances, 15,890. He was the 1973 National League MVP and played on three World Series winners.

The saddest part of this story is that the man nicknamed "Charlie Hustle" died last September at the age of 83. Under baseball's current rules, a player on MLB's ineligible list can never be elected to the Hall of Fame.



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

But the catalyst behind this latest effort more likely was a social media comment last week by President Trump that he plans to issue "a complete PARDON of Pete Rose" in the next several weeks.

Trump noted that Rose had admitted to gambling on baseball but that he had never bet against his team during 1985-89. Rose admitted to being a hardcore sports gambler.

No mention was made of Rose's income tax evasion case from 1990 in which he pleaded guilty and served a five-month prison sentence. In reality, that is the only crime for which Rose would be eligible for a presidential pardon.

In my opinion, Rose was a victim of the gambling paranoia that gripped baseball after the Black Sox scandal of the 1919 World Series. He was treated cruelly and disrespected, despite his great skills as a player.

I also believe that Commissioner Manfred's previously unknown effort to revive the case was leaked to the media in an effort to keep President Trump from getting all or most of the credit for spotlighting the injustice done to Pete Rose.

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Turn off the TV and breathe

As my nine-year-old ran around the soccer pitch this morning, the shouts of the parents were a mixture of Chinese, Spanish, Spanglish, and some standard-issue white guy hollering. The cavalcade of yells for their kids to strike the ball into the net served the same purpose: we're all here to win, to see these boys develop into something better than we are. The world is complicated right now. Trying to climb out of the six-foot grave of the news feels impossible. It's appropriate to sit in the garage, open a Miller Lite, and let the heaviness wash over you, because it usually feels like there's no respite. And that's OK. It's OK to be tired, and wanting something more than gloom is OK. It's felt like a long 2025; we're only in month three. Egg prices aren't coming down, and neither is gas.

It feels like leaving the house costs \$20, and the unemployment rate is climbing faster than the anticipation part of a thrill ride. It's not thrilling.

So, who could blame you if you need an extra minute in the car, staring into the void before you clock into work? Or if the glass of merlot is a little fuller than usual? People on both sides of the aisle are feeling the squeeze of life. Nothing feels normal. We're all in a cocktail shaker—meaner, warier, keeping to our own lane.

The culture wars continue by blaming DEI initiatives as a convenient scapegoat while healthcare costs are still stratospheric. I still owe \$700 for an ER

visit to monitor my blood pressure. The idea of being "working homeless" is all too close to reality. Only the people down in the ashes can rebuild.

The cigarette breaks feel longer. The videos of puppies playing make the heart feel a little lighter.

We need that.

You're not crazy, and you're not weak. The world is hard right now. The news cycle is relentless; it feels like we're swimming in circles, and life costs more and gives less. I look at my bank account at least three times a day to keep track of what's hit, what I know is coming, and if stopping for snacks will equal an empty gas tank.

Not everything is fixable. There's so much pressure to be informed, have an opinion, and be ready to talk about it. And that's not counting being present for your family, friends, and community. No one can carry all that weight all the time. Everyone's got a cousin or a sibling who has enough drama for two of you. Some days, getting through the day is a win enough, so enjoy that extra-long shower.

24-hour news cycles are meant to exhaust you. They profit from outrage. Panic is their product. The more you rage, the more they profit. You're the one sitting through yet another commercial for a hard-on pill with enough side effects to kill a rhino.

Put your phone on mute. Say "no thanks" to the doom of the television's glare. Not every battle is yours. If you've got that little piece of heaven, grab

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Comic from A-3

Star Trek and Boston Legal, and starred in one of the most memorable episodes of The Twilight Zone. Currently William Shatner is host and executive producer of The UnXplained on the History Channel.

Comic creators will also be out in force at this year's convention. Comic Legend Jim Shooter will be available to meet fans, and is joined by fellow comic powerhouses John Romita, Jr., and Bob Hall. Multi-talented Michael Watkins, who has 20 years of experience in comics and illustration with work for Marvel, DC, Image, Dynamite, Dark Horse, and Upper Deck will be on hand to share his experience and amazing artwork. Watkins is also the CEO and Editor in Chief of Highburn Studios. Veteran comic artist Jay Leisten, who has worked across a spectrum of characters from Tombrainer and Witchblade for Top Cow to Wolverine and Spiderman for Marvel Comics will be available to fans for artwork and autographs through Sunday.

"I've met some of my best friends at conventions," Greer said of his years doing LCTC, and that list includes both guests and regular

attendees. "It's sort of like this big fraternity, and people become like family. You might only see them once or twice a year, but you're really glad when you do see them. And that's what we want this convention to be; a big family reunion you look forward to all year long."

The show begins tomorrow, and runs through Sunday, March 9. There is a change to ticketing this year at the convention because it has moved to an online ticket model and there will not be any tickets sold at the box office. The link for tickets is available through the LCTC website at <http://www.lexingtoncomiccon.com/>, with options including a single day or a weekend pass.

Visitors to the convention should also be prepared with both cash and cashless options. Most vendors at the convention prefer cash payments, and some celebrities deal exclusively in cash for autographs, photos, etc. However, the Central Bank Center Food Court and kiosks operated by the Central Bank center are cashless, and do not accept cash.

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Cameron from A-4

McConnell's decision on the 2026 race, Morris bluntly said it was time for McConnell to retire. He ripped into the senator for opposing three Trump

nominations and accused his potential GOP rivals of lacking the backbone to speak out about the McConnell votes.

KFC is leaving its ancestral home as parent company moves its corporate office to Texas

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE (AP) — Kentucky Fried Chicken is being uprooted from its ancestral home state in a shake-up announced Tuesday by its parent company that will relocate the chain's U.S. corporate office to Texas.

The food chain now known as KFC — launched by Colonel Harland Sanders and his secret blend of 11 herbs and spices — will be based in Plano, Texas, and about 100 KFC corporate employees will be relocated in the next six months, said Yum Brands, which owns KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut.

The relocation of KFC's corporate office from Louisville brought a quick response from political leaders in Kentucky.

"I am disappointed by this decision and believe the company's founder would be, too," Gov. Andy Beshear said in a state-

ment. "This company's name starts with Kentucky, and it has marketed our state's heritage and culture in the sale of its product."

Beshear, a Democrat, said he hopes Yum rethinks moving KFC employees out of Kentucky. Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg also expressed disappointment with the corporate reshuffling of workers to Texas, noting that the brand "was born here and is synonymous with Kentucky."

Yum said the move is part of its broader plans to designate two brand headquarters in the U.S. — in Plano and Irvine, California. KFC and Pizza Hut will be headquartered in Plano, while Taco Bell and Habit Burger & Grill will remain based in Irvine, the company said. Yum added that 90 U.S.-based employees who have worked remotely will be asked to eventually relocate to the campus where their work occurs.

Yum and the KFC

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**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

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on February 4, 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 1:00 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: 190 Jones Memorial Drive, Olive Hill, KY. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 230, Page 760, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 043-20-06-013.08.

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Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**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:

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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.)

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Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00239**

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

GREGORY BLAKE HALL AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RHONDA CAMPBELL DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on September 17, 2024, 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 **12th day of March, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

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Description of the Property: 664 Glancy Fork, Denton, KY 41132. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 449, Page 542, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

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Honorable John P. Thompson
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Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 21-CI-00193**

RTL-KY, LLC PLAINTIFF

VS.

**ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC DEFENDANT/
CROSS-CLAIMANT**

VS.

HAL DAVID SMITH; VICTORIA LEIGH SMITH; LIEN SOLUTIONS, LLC; AND COUNTY OF CARTER, KENTUCKY

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on February 4, 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 **12th day of March, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:10 a.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% 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: 202 Maple Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 100, Page 608, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-10-50-009.00.

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

Foundation will maintain corporate offices in Louisville, the company said. The governor and mayor said they were grateful those jobs are being retained in Kentucky's largest city.

"I've asked to meet with the Yum CEO soon and am heartened Yum will retain its corporate headquarters and 560 employees here," Greenberg said in his statement. "I will work tirelessly with Yum's leadership to continue growing its presence in Louisville."

Employees being shifted will receive relocation and transition support, the company said.

Yum said that designating two brand headquarters is meant to foster greater collaboration among its brands and employees.

"These changes position us for sustainable growth and will help us better serve our customers, employees, franchisees and shareholders," Yum CEO David Gibbs said in a news release.

Yum also announced it would provide a \$1 million endowment to the University of Louisville's College of Business to fund Yum-sponsored scholarships. And the company said KFC will continue its brand presence in Louisville with the goal of building a first-of-its-kind flagship restaurant.

KFC's ties to Kentucky run nearly a century deep. In 1930, at a service station in Corbin, Kentucky, Sanders began feeding travelers and spent the next nine years perfecting his blend of herbs and spices, as well as the basic cooking technique, KFC's website says.

And the goateed entrepreneur's likeness is known globally, having been stamped on KFC restaurant signs and chicken buckets. There are now over 24,000 KFC outlets in more than 145 countries and territories around the world, the brand's website says.

What to know about Fort Knox's gold depository

By Rebecca Reynolds
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE (AP) — President Donald Trump says Elon Musk will be looking at Fort Knox, the legendary depository in Kentucky for American gold reserves, to make sure the gold is still there.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent says there is an audit every year and that "all the gold is present and accounted for."

The United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox has stored precious metal bullion reserves for the United States since 1937 and has become synonymous for secure and

well protected. Along with protecting gold reserves, Fort Knox is currently also used as the Army's human resources command center, and it hosts the Army's largest annual training event each summer.

"We're going to open up the the doors. We're going to inspect Fort Knox," Trump said in a speech to Republican governors Thursday evening.

"I don't want to open it and the cupboards are bare," he added.

Fort Knox history and location

The Army post is about 35 miles south of Louisville and encompasses

109,000 acres in three Kentucky counties — Bullitt, Hardin, and Mead.

Camp Knox was established during World War I and became an artillery training center, according to the Army post's website. It was made a permanent installation in 1932 and has been known since then as Fort Knox. The first gold arrived at Fort Knox in 1937 with the 1st Cavalry Regiment called on to guard the shipment.

With the outbreak of World War II in Europe, the Army created the Armored Force at Fort Knox, and thousands of soldiers were ordered there and introduced to the tank. For

nearly 80 years, the post was known as the "Home of Cavalry and Armor."

In 2005, the Army decided to move the Armor Center and School to Fort Benning, Georgia, and the Human Resource Command Center of Excellence was established at Fort Knox. In 2013, ROTC Cadet Summer Training was consolidated at Fort Knox. The post hosts the Army's largest annual training event each summer.

How much gold is stored at Fort Knox?

According to the U.S. Mint, current gold holdings at the US Bullion Deposi-

See **FORT KNOX** on A-8

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to party rules, the quadrennial Reorganization of the Carter County Republican Party will take place on March 8, 2025 at 9 a.m. in the Fiscal Courtroom at the Carter County Courthouse, 300 W Main St, Grayson, KY 41143

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.

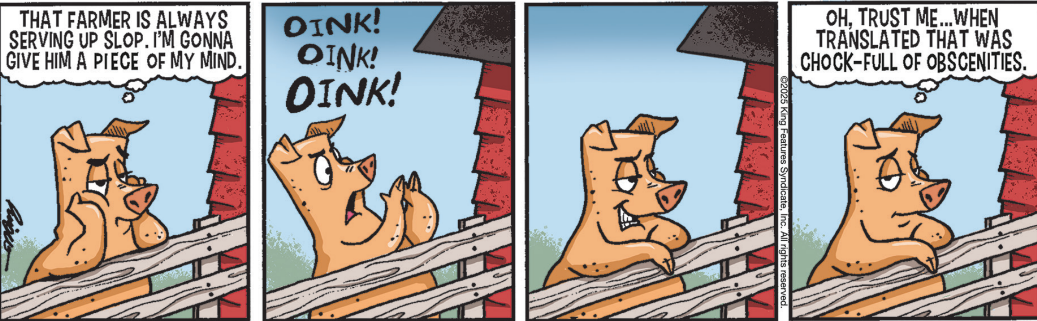
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



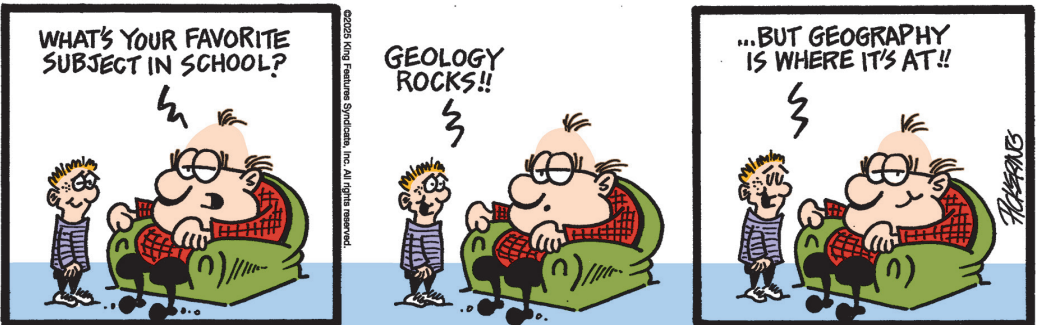
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by Gary Kopervas



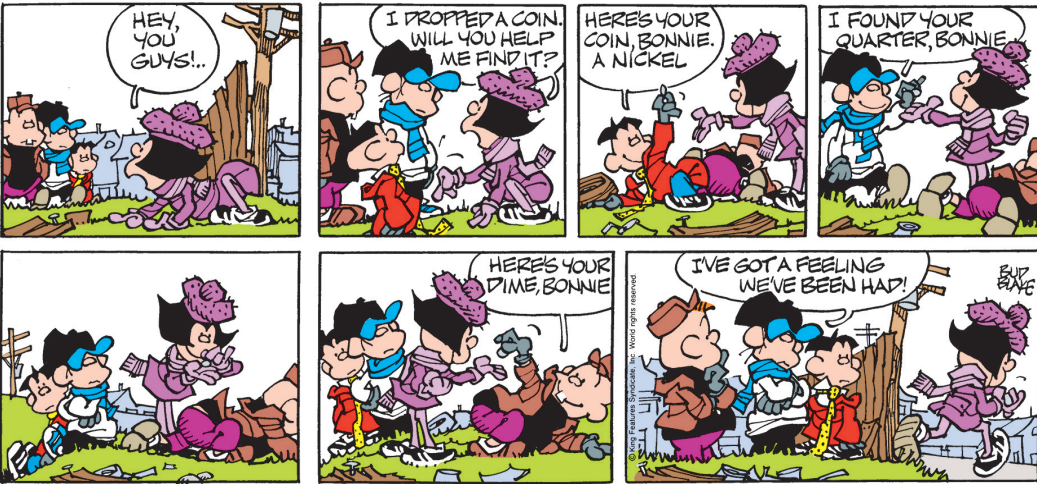
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by Jeff Pickering



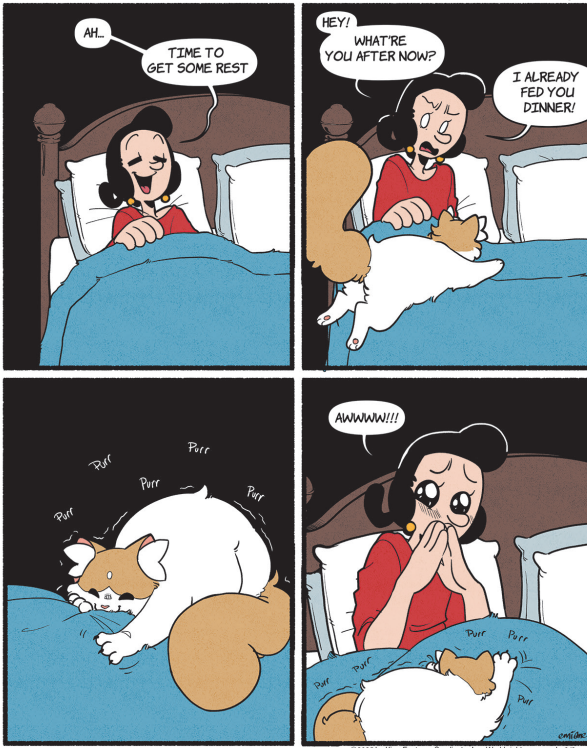
TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



OLIVE

By Emi Burdge



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



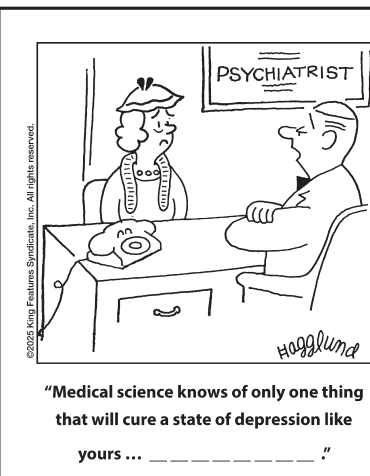
CryptoQuip

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

Clue: A equals G

MW Q BGSL YQEE EGAH
 DYSVRYVSG MD YHCCEMTA
 HBGS, M DVCCHDG WHEXD UQL
 GTRHVTYGS YVUNEMTA NEHRXD.

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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!

Dismay **ARCHING**

Cheat **CAMPS**

Push **LOPPER**

Sacred **INVIED**

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.

- Hazard ___ G ___ Ballerina, e.g. ___ C ___
- Observe ___ A ___ Sabrina or Wendy ___ I ___
- Colorado River dam ___ V ___ Kelly or Astaire ___ F ___
- Kid's dad ___ I ___ Playground antagonist ___ U ___
- Wayward ___ T ___ Household mission ___ D ___
- Agile ___ I ___ Paul Bunyan's product ___ U ___
- Gossamer ___ R ___ Luster ___ N ___
- Huck's creator ___ W ___ Casey Jones' vehicle ___ R ___
- Attic space ___ R ___ January birthstone ___ N ___
- Tempest ___ M ___ Tale ___ Y ___

GO FIGURE!

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★
 ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Rug cleaner, briefly
- 500 sheets
- Nursery cry
- de-France
- "Prometheus" actor Idris
- Tehran's country
- Pottery
- Weeb
- Ecol. watch-dog
- Church meet-ups
- Mellow yellows
- Calendar abbr.
- Train unit
- Actress Catrall
- Rural buildings
- Pharmaceutical
- Crosses (out)
- Cranny
- "The Stranger" author
- Drone
- Roman 1006
- Judge in 1995 news
- Polite denial
- Height
- Sunbather's goal
- Part of N.B.
- Mob bully

DOWN

- London's Old
- Pub serving
- Part of the brain
- Comment
- Inventor Whitney
- Grade-school basics
- Brick worker
- SUV's kin
- Location
- Crumbly earth
- Common conjunctions
- Mimic
- Male swan
- Outlet letters
- Actress Kate
- Half dozen
- "Whatever"
- Lothario
- PBS science show
- Nonfat



Weekly SUDOKU

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

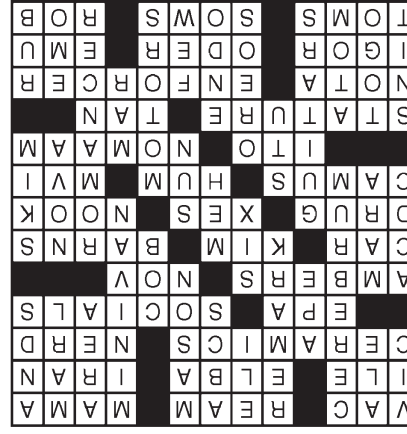
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆
 ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

FiveSpot™

Instrumental

P	I	A	N	O

It's softer in Italy
 Yogurt option
 What Caesar spoke
 Michigan city
 Schnitzel, for example
 Fancy glass



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- LITERATURE: Who lives at 4 Privet Drive?
 - TELEVISION: Which 1980s sitcom featured the Keaton family?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first American-born president?
 - COMICS: What is Deadpool's profession?
 - AD SLOGANS: Which makeup company's slogan is "Maybe she's born with it"?
 - HISTORY: Which battles marked the beginning of the American Revolution?
 - INVENTIONS: The 1904 World's Fair introduced which fluffy confection?
 - MOVIES: In which year were the first Oscars awarded?
 - MEASUREMENTS: What does 1 gallon of water weigh?
 - GEOGRAPHY: What are the colors of the Italian flag?

- Answers**
1. Harry Potter and the Dursley family
 2. "Family Ties"
 3. Martin Van Buren, born after the Revolutionary War
 4. Mercenary
 5. Maybelline
 6. Battles of Lexington and Concord
 7. Cotton candy
 8. 1929
 9. 8.34 pounds
 10. Green, white and red

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word solution
 1. Chagn 2. Scamp; 3. Propel; 4. Divine

E	T	F
T	E	F
T	N	F
N	I	L
N	A	T
N	I	P
O	A	N

FiveSpot™

Answer

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

CryptoQuip

Answers

If a very tall Lego encounter tumbles blocks over, I suppose folks may structure its topping.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

Fort Knox from A-6

tory at Fort Knox are 147.3 million ounces. About half of the Treasury's stored gold is kept at Fort Knox. Has the gold ever been removed? The Mint says only very small quantities have been removed to test the purity of the gold during regularly scheduled audits. Except for these samples, no gold has been transferred to or from the depository for many years. The gold's book value is

\$42.22 per ounce. Just how secure is Fort Knox? The depository is very secure. The actual structure and content of the facility is known by only a few, and no one person knows all the procedures to open the vault. What is known publicly is that the facility was built in 1936 using 16,000 cubic feet of granite, 4,200 cubic yards of concrete, 750 tons

of reinforcing steel and 670 tons of structural steel. The facility is heavily guarded and has broken its strict policy of not allowing visitors only three times. Has anyone been allowed to see the gold reserves? In 1974, the US Mint opened the vaults to a group of journalists and a congressional delegation so they could see the gold

reserves. The Treasury secretary allowed the visit after persistent rumors that the gold had been removed. Until then, the only person other than authorized personnel to access the vaults was President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Since then, the vaults have been opened one other time: In 2017, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin visited with Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin and congress-

sional representatives. Current Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has said he would happily arrange an inspection for any senator who is interested in seeing the vaults. Fort Knox in popular lexicon The gold depository at Fort Knox has a reputation for being impenetrable, which has gained it a place in popular culture. As early as 1952, a Looney Tunes

cartoon featured Bugs Bunny and Yosemite Sam digging for gold at Fort Knox. Fort Knox has also been featured in the plot of movies such as the 1964 James Bond spy thriller "Goldfinger" and the 1981 comedy "Stripes," which was partially filmed at the post.

Chances from A-1

to the lifesaving drug. Another planned addition is medicine deactivation pouches, so that folks can effectively neutralize and dispose of their unused opioid medications. The boxes, which will be climate controlled to keep the Narcan from overheating and going bad, will also contain a QR code that links to a website with the location of other MYTHS boxes. This way, West Carter student Nico DeBord explained, if the first box a person tries is out of Narcan, deactivation pouches, or test strips, folks can see where the next closest box is and visit it. And the art on these boxes? It follows a graffiti theme, to discourage vandalism, and every box is marked with the image of a phoenix. That fabled bird, which is consumed in fire before being reborn from the ashes, not only fits the MYTHS theme, but represents the second chance that Narcan offers those who have overdosed. It's a lot of symbolism. But what isn't symbolic is the impact the opioid epidemic and overdose have had on the lives of these students. "I grew up in a home with an addict," student

Brody McCleese explained. "I saw her basically just deteriorate. So, I was like, if we can prevent this, if we can prevent more harm, let's do that." DeBord said it was a concern echoed by the wider community, inside and outside of the school. "When asking anyone in our town, we would go up and say, 'What do you think the biggest problem here is?' (and) they'd go, 'Drugs and overdoses.' Just because it's so bad around here. So, we asked, 'What if we put Narcan out?' Like, how they do the (little lending libraries) around town, and we kind of developed it from that." Throughout the process they've figured out the logistics of where to place the boxes – securing permission from private property owners and working with city council to secure permission to place some of their boxes on public property. They've also brainstormed plans for keeping the Narcan within safe temperature ranges, eventually coming up with an idea to equip the boxes with digital thermometers and solar powered fans to facilitate circulation on warm days, or to pull the opiate blocker if temperatures get too hot.

They've also faced some minor pushbacks, from council members and others who have asked questions and expressed concerns about children getting into the Narcan. But DeBord and McCleese say that isn't an issue they worry about – Narcan isn't dangerous if it's administered to someone who hasn't overdosed, resulting in vomiting at worst – at least not as much as the consequences of overdose. "I've had people in my family die because of it (overdose), and so it's something that affected me a lot when I was little," DeBord said. "If I can prevent any child from going through something similar, by just having that readily available and having them know how to use it, in order to do it properly and save a life, that's really important to me personally." "We know people are still going to (use drugs)," McCleese added. "So, if we can save their life, to maybe give them that redemption and be able to solve their problems and get away from drug use and addiction, we just saved lives." DeBord added that the overdose prevention method also seemed the more practical route to take.

"There were two ways we could approach it," DeBord said. "It was preventing overdose and making drug related safety better, or preventing drug use, which we know is going to be incredibly hard to do, and not obtainable at all. So, we felt like we could make more of an impact if we're doing harm reduction, and helping people to be safer, as opposed to stopping the problem altogether. We won't have much success in that." Helping them to just be safe and survive, though, can give someone another chance to clean up their act for good. "Coming back to the MYTHS thing, the Phoenix has symbolized rebirth and restart for centuries," DeBord continued, "and the big thing that we hope to do is – if someone overdoses, they have a chance to still survive with the use of Narcan. And overdosing is very scary, and it can often lead people to get clean. We just want them to be able to have that experience that they wouldn't have otherwise. Because at least it's a chance." It isn't just their parents and older relatives either. Despite seeing firsthand the impact on their parents' and grandparents' genera-

tions, a lot of kids are still willing to experiment. "It's even bad in our generation," DeBord noted. "It surprised me how many kids in the school do hard drugs, and it's like, if we can help them in any way, that's all we can want." DeBord and McCleese emphasized that this isn't their project alone, either. They were just the ones with a free period to discuss the project. Other members of the CMPS group include Jordan Richmond, Sawyer Maggard, Skyler Gearhart, Lindsey Stone, and Jady Toliver. The group's sponsor, Chris Blankenship, explained that CMPS is an outgrowth of the school's academic team, and that there is a competition level to the CMPS as well. They will be judged on their project and presentation at the state level, with an opportunity to continue on to higher levels of competition if they place well. It's also educational on many levels, Blankenship explained, integrating everything from civics and social studies lessons in the students' interactions with government entities, to the engineering aspect of establishing climate control in the boxes, and the tech-

nology aspect of building and maintaining a website to show the locations of other nearby boxes. "They've gone through the process of dealing with local government, with regulations in the medicine, distribution, and health and human services," Blankenship said. "They've gone through and had to figure out problem solving, as far as what they actually needed, what they're allowed to put out, what is shelf stable, the temperature constraints, and the actual container of things. It evolved quite a bit." But more important than the competition, for the students, is the outcome. This isn't just another academic exercise for them. They want to save lives. Because, as DeBord and McCleese pointed out, every dose of Narcan represents a life saved, and another chance to rise from the ashes of your old life and pursue a better tomorrow. Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

CCA offers martial arts classes

Staff Report
Carter County Times

Starting this evening (March 5) retired police officer, United States Marine, and tenth degree black belt Danny Lane will begin teaching classes in karate and Israeli Krav Maga at Carter Christian Academy in Hithcins. The six week course will run from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. for elementary and middle school students, and from 4:45 to 5:45 for high school students. Classes will be

held on March 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 27, and April 7, with April 9 a demonstration and graduation event. Those who successfully complete the course will be certified in Level 2 in Krav Maga and a yellow belt in the World Martial Arts Federation, Lane explained. Lane, who has trained in martial arts for 57 years, including with the legendary Chuck Norris, explained that pre-registration and signature of a liability release is required.

For more information, payment details, and to request documentation, email dannylanemartialartist@gmail.com. Each class is limited to 20 participants, and the cost for all sessions is \$75 per person. A portion of funds raised will be donated to Carter Christian Academy.

Breathe from A-5

a cup of coffee and let the sound of nature heal you. A good hot dog matters. Our humanity isn't for sale. You're not going to

fix immigration, and you aren't going to be on a podium arguing against a rival tomorrow, either. Call your mom. Say hey

to an old friend. Lay on the floor for an extra five with your dog. You're doing your best, and that's good enough.

Newspapers from A-5

federal and Kentucky constitutions for governments to be required to publish certain matters in the newspaper and not just on government websites. Placing legal notices in newspapers increases transparency, holds public officials accountable, and decreases the risk of mischief by those officials and bureaucrats. When a legal ad is placed in a newspaper, it is placed in the local newspaper, it is dated, and cannot be changed after the fact. In addition, it is placed on a website managed by the Kentucky Press Association where all legal notices in Kentucky can be found easily at kypublicnotices.com. When the Sun publishes a legal notice, it is in the paper, on our website and on the digital paper. HB 368 seeks to have entities including county and city governments place public notices on their own websites, yet many have

only one employee, if any, and often can't keep their current websites updated. As good as the new sites run by the City of Versailles and Woodford County are, they are managed by just one or maybe two employees who have myriad other responsibilities. Is it reasonable to expect a local government, even as good and responsible as we have, to make sure required legal notices are posted and maintained in a timely fashion? Given the risk of mischief, is it worth it? I suspect some of you know who Al Cross is; he made his name as both a state government reporter for the Courier-Journal where he became a columnist and then as the executive director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at the University of Kentucky, from where he just recently retired. Al is also considered one of

the most informed, keen and prescient observers of Kentucky politics and is a regular on KET's election night coverage. Al is also a good friend of mine and Ben's, a very good friend and subscriber of the Sun, and someone whom I regularly solicit for his views and thoughts on how we operate. Here is what Al recently emailed me about HB 368, "All in all, (last week's edition of the Sun) was a newspaper that could be an excellent vest-pocket argument against HB 368, which would lead to the death of some Kentucky newspapers by allowing local governments to post public notices on their websites instead of local newspapers — which once got maybe 7 (percent) to 8 percent of their revenue from public notices but are now likely in the neighborhood of 20 percent." Well, we aren't 20%, but it's north of 7%.