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Tree giveaway draws huge crowd

Conservation district gives away more than a thousand fruit, nut, and flowering trees

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

The Carter County Soil Conservation District held their annual tree giveaway last week, handing out nearly 1,200 trees to almost 120 families and individuals. The Friday morning giveaway included fruit trees like persimmon, wild plum, and

pawpaw, as well as mast crops like chestnut oak, white oak, and red oak. It also included native decorative trees like the Kentucky coffee tree and flowering dogwood. Each participant was limited to ten saplings, with two per bag, meaning they could choose up to five varieties.

The trees were distributed on a first come, first served basis, however, and folks began showing up more than an hour before the 10 am giveaway's scheduled start time for their chance to get first choice.

For some, like Robert Craft, that meant fruit trees. Craft, who found out about the event through social media, said he was looking mainly for persim-

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Crowds stood in long lines, and heavy rain, to get their choice of saplings. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Olive Hill council chooses board members

Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Code Enforcement, and Tourism members chosen

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The City Council of Olive Hill met in a special session on April 23, at the Olive Hill Police Station with the formation of boards on their agenda. Mayor Jerry Callihan presided at the meeting, and council members Eric Rayburn, Chris Bledsoe, Kirk Wilburn, Tony Williams, and Shannon Leadingham were present in person. Councilman Shane Tackett joined the meeting virtually.

The council discussed the appointing of various members for several city boards during the meeting, including the Planning Commission, the Board of Adjustment, the Code Enforcement Board, and the recently established Tourism Board.

Proposed members for the Planning Commission were Jeremy Rayburn, Brittany Rayburn, Justin Dixon, Cara Dixon, and Carolyn Callihan.

Proposed members for the Board of Adjustment were Justin Wagoner, Justin Dixon, and Jeremy Rayburn.

Proposed Members for the Code Enforcement Board were Ryan Raybourn, Sarah Hylton, and JD Rayburn.

Proposed members for the Tourism Board were Jeremy Rayburn (Mayor Choice), Brittany Rayburn (Mayor Choice), Lisa Burton (Chamber), and Car-

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(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Grayson Council discusses renovations

Considers leasing office space for duration of revamp

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The City of Grayson held a special meeting last Thursday, April 24, to discuss a possible lease agreement with Member's Choice Credit Union (MCCU). The agreement would provide space to house city government offices during a potential renovation of the Grayson City Building, in order to prevent interruptions to city businesses.

The city council also discussed their KCL Unemployment dividend, pricing



Customers and celebrants fill the lobby of the Member's Choice Credit Union on the day of their ribbon cutting. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

from Enterprise Rental, and a future workshop to consider the city's budget for the coming year.

City clerk Dawnita Lewis also announced to the council that in July she will be the City

of Grayson's first ever Certified Municipal Clerk. Lewis will graduate with the certification in July, and the council and the mayor congratulated her on the

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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.

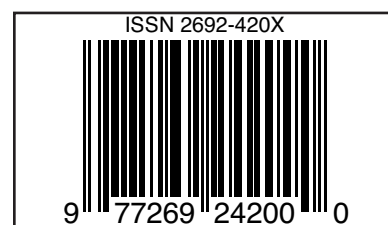
- Christopher Schumacher, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of first degree strangulation (domestic violence related), arrested and booked April 21.
- Cody Lyons, 32, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked April 21.
- Thomas Harper, 61, of Olive Hill, arrested by Rowan County Detention Center, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked April 22.
- Jason Psimer, 48, of Olive Hill,

arrested by Rowan County Detention Center, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), four counts of failure to appear, and a charge of second degree escape, arrested and booked April 22.

- Cody Adkins, 38, of Rush, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree strangulation (domestic violence related), and fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible injury, arrested and booked April 22.
- Keith Stevens, 35, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of first degree wanton endangerment, and attempted murder, arrested and booked April 23.
- Dylan Carter, 20, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of knowingly abusing/neglect of an adult, arrested and booked April 23.

- Megin Jones, 36, of Flatwoods, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked April 23.
- Katherine Jessie, 32, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, failure to or improper signal, and failure to appear, arrested and booked April 23.
- Michael Flannery, 46, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked April 23.
- Sherry Blevins, 47, of Olive Hill, arrested by Boyd County Jail, on a charge of second degree criminal abuse of a child 12 or under, arrested and booked April 24.
- Cody Lyons, 32, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, no registration receipt,

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This Week's Obituaries

William Kenneth Applegate, 84
Beatrice Mae Castle Mabry, 89

Arnold Oney, 773

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operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, failure to produce an insurance card, failure to maintain required insurance, first degree criminal mischief, and two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked April 24.

- Nathan Navarre, 36, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County District Court,

weekender, arrested and booked April 25.

- Timothy Griffith, 32, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked April 25.
- Ryan Handley, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked April 25.
- Joseph Burton, 49, of

Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and driving on a DUI suspended license – first offense, arrested and booked April 26.

- Isaac Walker, 22, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, disregarding a stop sign, and failure to

notify clerk of residence or name change, arrested and booked April 27.

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.

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olyn Callihan (Restaurant). Three other members were proposed by the council due to the absence of a Hotel Board. Those members were Sue Wilburn, Robyn Adkins, and Kristen Bledsoe.

Following the discussion and nominations, a motion was made by Rayburn to accept nominations. The motion was

seconded by Williams, and was then passed by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0.

City boards are crucial to the smooth operation of the city, with each board dealing with specific concerns and issues. Most city government boards meet once per month, and most of those meetings (excluding the executive sessions portion) are open to the

public and are advertised in the paper of record in the county those boards serve, typically a minimum of 48 hours before the meeting in question is to be held.

Residents of Olive Hill are encouraged to attend these meetings, as well as serve on the boards. Both mayor Callihan and the Olive Hill City Council

stressed that those serving on the boards should be residents of the city they serve, because this will ensure that board members have a vested interest in the operation and government of Olive Hill.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

Olive Hill discusses beautification and annexation

Adds Route 2 BP to city limits, discusses expanded parking

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Olive Hill City Council met in regular session on April 15, at their new venue inside the Olive Hill Police Station with an agenda aimed at expanding and improving the city. Council members Eric Rayburn, Shane Tackett, and Kirk Wilburn were present in person. Councilman Tony Williams was present via video conference. Council members Shannon Leadingham and Chris Bledsoe were absent. Olive

Hill Mayor Jerry Callihan presided.

The council had the second reading of Ordinance 2025-03, annexation of Rt 2 BP into city limits. That ordinance was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. The annexation came at the request of GK Real Estate, LLC, the owners of record of the property. The property is contiguous to the city boundary and is urban in nature or suitable for urban development without reasonable delay, which makes it desirable for the city to annex and is beneficial to both parties.

The annexation is a matter of public record and documentation is available upon request from the City of Olive Hill.

In the open discussion portion of the meeting one council member proposed a Beautification Project to the council. That council member,

Eric Rayburn, presented a Beautification PowerPoint to the council, and in that presentation broke down the project into phases of implementation.

The project would begin with the city purchasing a green space to convert into parking in the downtown Olive Hill area. Phase one of the plan would also provide assistance to downtown businesses to remove scrub greenery, weeds, clean the exterior of their buildings, and also assist with a fresh coat of paint.

“I have already spoken with several property owners,” Rayburn said. “They are very interested and want to be involved in the process.”

Rayburn said that one goal of the project is to make the properties in question a ‘blank canvas’. Then, once the cleaning and painting is finished, the next step would be

to add sign boards with mural style paintings made by students from local schools.

“The sign boards will allow us to move the paintings if repairs need to be made to the structures,” he said. “We could even use these to cover damaged windows until they could be replaced, then relocate the paintings to a different location.”

The Beautification Project, combined with the efforts and community enrichment proposed by other community organizations such as Trail Town, should combine to give the city a more friendly and accessible appearance.

The Beautification Project, Rayburn said, could be funded through Olive Hill’s new Tourism Commission, and as such would be designed to make

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mons.

“I’ve got pawpaws out the yin-yang,” he said, noting that he sells around 50 pounds of the native fruit every fall.

But he’d like to establish some persimmons on his farm as well. He said the fact that these were native varieties was important to him too.

“I’d much rather have something that’s supposed to be in this area, versus something that’s been brought in or been cultivated,” he said, adding that he’s been battling non-native invasive plants like honeysuckle on his property.

Craft’s cousin, Larisa Biggs Tackett, said she was hoping to get some persimmon as well, but she wasn’t as particular.

“Oak if I have to,” she teased. “I’m pretty far back in this line.”

She said she just liked trees, and wanted to do her part to help “clean up the air.”

Kate and Jeff Hopewell said they were hoping to get fruit trees as well.

“Plums and persimmon,” Kate said.

“The persimmon, the wild plums, the coffee

trees, and stuff like that,” Jeff added. “I already live on an established farm, so we have the oaks and stuff like that.”

He said he was looking for the fruit trees to “fill in” areas on the property where they didn’t have hardwood, and that he hoped they would limit the popular varieties, such as “the persimmons and the pawpaws and stuff like that to two per person.”

Unfortunately for the Hopewells, most of the fruit trees were gone by the time they reached the front of the line, but they left with some Kentucky coffee tree, and Jeff said they were able to offer suggestions to Conservation District board member Tracy Prichard about making the distribution of those popular varieties more fair in the future.

Those looking for nut trees were in luck though.

Lisa Swint went away with chestnut oak, because she didn’t have many on her land and said she wanted to contribute to propagating the species.

Meanwhile Raymond McGuire said he was getting oak “strictly for the deer.”

He said the acorns are a good food source for the deer and other wildlife, “and besides, they make good lumber.”

FFA volunteer Eric Barker, with the West Carter FFA, said that he and his fellow volunteers, West Carter’s Kelsey Wilson and Shelby Williams, and East Carter FFA’s Kendall Brammell, were helping, “because we’re FFA. Basically, that’s what we do. We run around the community, and do stuff like this.”

Andrew Buckwalter, who works as a forester with the National Wild Turkey Federation through the conservation office, said he’s “normally in the woods,” for his work, but added, “if I can do outreach programs like this, to help give landowners trees and maybe repopulate their years... it’s just a good thing to do.”

He said the fact that the trees also help feed wildlife, like turkeys, is also a plus.

“This is a big wildlife outreach,” he said. “Part of it too is that we’ve got a lot of nut producing plants here. We’ve got lots of fruit producing plants. So, it’s just nice to see the

community wants to get involved in all that stuff too.”

He said he was also surprised by the response, with the line stretching all the way down the sidewalk and around the front of the Extension office.

“I didn’t anticipate such a turnout, so that was nice,” Buckwalter said. “That was really cool. I didn’t realize how popular this event was.”

Soil Conservation’s Courtney Bond said they had some oak saplings, and Kentucky coffee tree left, and they would have them available at the Soil Conservation office until they ran out or the trees were no longer viable.

“With it being the weekend, hopefully they survive,” Bond said.

She also thanked the FFA volunteers, the board members who showed up to help, and all the folks who braved the weather to claim trees.

“I appreciate everybody that helped out,” she said.

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CALENDAR

- **5/1: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **5/2: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **5/5: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **5/5: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **5/6: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **5/6: Rattlesnake Ridge Water Distict Board meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **5/6: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: Honey Bee Aggression: A Drink from the Magic Well
- **5/12: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **5/12: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **5/12: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **5/13: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Johnny's Pizza
- **5/13: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **5/13: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall

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periences can lead to growth and maturity.

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need for accountability and perseverance.

The Proverbs illustrate the consequences of making wise or foolish choices, emphasizing that actions have repercussions, and that following wisdom leads to positive outcomes while straying from wisdom leads to negative ones. It highlights the importance of thinking carefully before acting, and avoiding impulsive decisions, especially when dealing with temptation or difficult situations. The Proverbs also emphasize

the role of trust in God, urging readers to have faith that He will guide them through life's challenges and reward those who seek His wisdom.

Some things life has taught us are that we never lose friends; we only learn who the true ones are. The most dangerous liars are those who think they are telling the truth.

Some things we have learned are that you can't and won't please everyone. So, it is okay to cancel the commitment. It's okay to not answer that call.

It's okay to change your mind. It's okay to want to be alone. It's okay to take a day off. It's okay to do nothing. It's okay to speak up and it's okay to let go. You have learned that you are the one to protect your energy and peace.

Time is slow when you wait. Time passes fast when you are late. Time is endless when you are in pain. Time is long when you are bored. Every time, 'time' is determined by your feelings and your psychological conditions and not by clocks.

Life doesn't wait for you to be okay. Get up every day and keep pushing through. Take good care of yourself. If something happens to you, the world will move on. Work in silence and celebrate in private. Be silent. Don't regret your past; learn from it and improve. You'll find peace when you mind your own business and let the other person mind theirs.

Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." With the Lord's help, keep learning the life les-

sons that matter the most! Walk the walk that pleases Jesus! Amen! So be it!

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accomplishment.

Mayor Troy Combs spoke to the council concerning the potential lease of offices at the Member's Choice location in Grayson, and said that he had been negotiating said proposed lease in anticipation of future need. Combs also said that he would not move toward finalizing the lease until the council thought that such a lease would be worthwhile and beneficial.

"But I am all about weighing our options and

giving the council the best options we have," Combs said. "We are trying to make our city better and our facilities better," he told the council. "And so, I have negotiated on behalf of the city a rate of \$1,500 per month, should we want to rent from Member's Choice Credit Union."

The original proposed lease was for the amount of \$3,000.

"It is a new space and a lot of square footage," Combs told the council. He had made a

conditional offer to MCCU for the \$1,500 amount, he said, and was asked if a \$2,000 lease would be acceptable.

"I told them with utilities and other expenses I did not believe we would do that," Combs said. Member's Choice then authorized the \$1,500 monthly lease payment.

Combs explained that the lease would be necessary if the council decided upon renovations to the existing building, so that city employees

and customers would not be forced to continue operations on site while experiencing the dirt, noise, and potential health risks that the renovations would entail. "We would need a different administrative space, though I suppose you could work from a single room while renovations are being done on other parts of the building," Combs told the council. "But it would be difficult."

Several council members voiced opinions

that an engineer should be called in to assess exactly what repairs should be made before agreeing to a lease. Current known issues include replacing the flooring in two rooms in the city building, as well as some work needing to be done on the second floor of the building. No decision was made during the meeting.

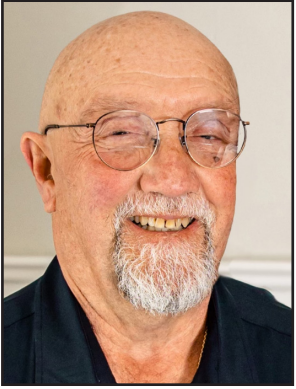
In a related item on the agenda, Combs informed the council that there was \$12,000 in a KLC Unemployment account at

Member's Choice Credit Union. Combined with the dividend of \$6,000 on the account, the total worth of the account would be \$18,000. Combs told the council that those funds would come close to covering the rental of the MCCU administrative space should the council decide to use those funds for that purpose.

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OBITUARY

Arnold Oney 1951 – 2025



30yrs; Arnold was foreman, steward, general foreman, superintendent, and safety supervisor. Arnold worked for Enerfab as field safety for 10 years. Arnold was currently working as a safety supervisor for New River Electric.

Arnold is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Marsha Lynn Rice Oney; a daughter, Aleigh (Elijah) Oney-Zimmerman of Lexington; three grandchildren, Bennett Edward Zimmerman, Peyton McComes and Silas McComes; his mother-in-law, Joyce A. Rice; father-in-law, Kenny (Charlene) Rice; four brothers-in-law, Rodney (Candi Kouns) Rice, Kevin (Jeanie) Rice, Chuck Rice and Chad (Heather) Rice; and a host of friends and extended family who all mourn his passing.

Funeral services were 2 pm Monday, April 28, 2025 at the Malone Funeral Home with Bro. Donald Damron and Bro. Keith Smith. Burial followed in the East Carter County Memory Gardens. Visitation was from 11 am Monday until the service hour.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.malonefuneralhome.com

Arnold Oney, 73, of Grayson went to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday, April 24, 2025 in Logan, WV.

Arnold was born October 4, 1951 in Grayson, KY a son of the late, Amos and Stella Jean Miller Oney. In addition to his parents, Arnold was preceded in death by a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Oney.

Arnold was a graduate from Elliott County High School class of 1969. Arnold was a member of Oak Grove Church of Christ. Arnold was an avid UK Basketball Fan and enjoyed collecting knives. Arnold worked in construction for 44 yrs; as a field Boilermaker with the Local 105 for 30 yrs, Arnold graduated from apprenticeship in 1978, in

William Kenneth Applegate 1941 – 2025



William Kenneth Applegate, lovingly known as "Kenny," passed peacefully into Heaven on April 21, 2025, at the age of 84. Born on February 15, 1941, in Grayson, Kentucky, Kenny lived a full and meaningful life, marked by love for family, service to his country, and simple joys that brought him happiness.

Kenny proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army, embodying the values of dedication and resilience. Following his service, he spent the majority of his professional career at Grange Insurance, where he was known for his strong work ethic, kind heart, and unwavering dependability.

Above all, Kenny loved spending time with his family. Whether it was enjoying a round of golf, casting a line on a peaceful lake, or simply being present for life's small but meaningful moments, Kenny found joy in the everyday. His warm smile, quick wit, and steady presence will be deeply missed

by all who knew him.

Kenny shared a deeply special bond with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter—his pride and joy. He found immense happiness in watching them grow, celebrating their achievements, and being a constant source of love and encouragement in their lives. The time he spent with KC, Emma, and little Valerie brought him the greatest joy, and his legacy of love, laughter, and wisdom lives on in them.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents and siblings—Mary Rogers, Robert Applegate, and Frank Applegate. He is survived by his children Kenneth "Mark" Applegate (Lauren Maddern) and Amy Hall (Tony Hall); grandchildren Kenneth Charles "KC" Schaiable and Emma "Emily" Mays (Chris Mays); and great-granddaughter Valerie Clark. Kenny is also lovingly remembered by his siblings Fred Applegate (Debbie Applegate) and Nell Baird (David Baird).

A life well lived and a legacy carried on through the love of his family—Kenny will remain forever in our hearts.

Calling hours were held from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 27th, with a service immediately following at 2:00 PM at Newcomer Funeral Home, 3393 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123.

Beatrice Mae Castle Mabry 1936 – 2025



Beatrice Mae Castle Mabry, age 89, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at her son's residence.

She was born Sunday, February 2, 1936, in Lawrence County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late James Monroe and Vessie Mae O'Brian Castle.

Beatrice enjoyed going to church, dancing, traveling. She loved being a Mother to her children and spending time with her neighbors, family and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 50 years, Richard Newton Mabry; one grandson, Austin Ryan Gilbert; one great-grandson, Carlos Dean Mabry; three brothers, Thomas Castle, Hoyt E. Castle, Aubrey Eugene Castle; six sisters, Adeline Castle, Jewel LeMaster, Victoria Blair, Maxine Hurst, Janet Bishop and Louverne Castle.

She is survived by six sons, Rick (Velda) Mabry of Elliott County, Ron (Glenna) Mabry of Olive Hill, Kentucky; Timothy (Kelly) Mabry of Elliott County, Lonnie Phillip

Mabry of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Dennis Stacey Mabry of Cynthiana, Kentucky, Christopher Shawn Mabry of Grayson, Kentucky; nine daughters, Judy (Charles Ray) Barker of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Sandra Johnson of Grayson, Kentucky, Sheila (Chester) Markwell of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Amy Menix of Grayson, Kentucky, Tammy (Steve) Newell of Elliott County, Kentucky, Tina Mabry of Grayson, Kentucky, Kimberly (J.D.) Holbrook of Elliott County, Kentucky, Lisa (Brian) Appleman of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Shavon Mabry of Crown City, Ohio; 59 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren, one brother, Lonnie Paul Castle of Pontiac, Michigan, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Friday, April 25, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Josh Mabry, Brother Justin Wagoner and Brother Elijah Wagoner officiating. Burial followed in the Mabry Family Cemetery, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2025 and after 9 a.m., Friday, April 25, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Beatrice's grandsons served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Beatrice Mae Castle Mabry.

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Guest Editorial

Memory Days is almost here

By McClain Dyer
Grayson Memory Days Committee

Grayson Memory Days is right around the corner! The committee and I are so excited to share with you all the items we have on this year's schedule. I would like to give thanks to all our sponsors and committee members who have put in lots of demanding work to make this event possible. And the committee would like to thank our chairperson, Michelle Boggs. Grayson Memory Days could not have been planned without Michelle, she is very resolute and enthusiastic about this event and the committee, and our sponsors are incredibly grateful for her hard work.

Grayson Memory Days events start on Saturday May 17 at 5 pm with the Annual Miss Memory Days Pageant in the East Carter High School Gymnasium. This event is brought to you by the East Carter High School Cheerleaders. Contact East Carter High School to receive signup sheets. Also starting on that Saturday is the Memory Days Scavenger Hunt sponsored by Walking on Sunshine and Bit o' Times Treasures on Main Street. They have lots of local business involvement and prizes, so make sure to add this to your must dos! For more information contact Pamela Howard at Walking on Sunshine in Grayson. Bit O' Times Treasures is also accepting items to be displayed during the week of Memory Days. If you would like to display old photos, veterans' memorabilia, or brochures for your organization or program also contact Pam Howard.

On the following day, Sunday, May 18, at 2:30 pm, the Quilts of Valor will be doing their annual presentation at First Church of Christ.

For the official start of Memory Days on Thursday, May 22, First Light Home Care will be putting on the first Golden Age Gala at 4Ever After Events from 11 am – 1:30 pm. This will be a gala for senior citizens in Grayson. Come on out in your Sunday best and dance!

Window judging by the Homemakers will begin at 1:30 on Thursday. Our Vendor Market and Food Squares will be open throughout the day with official openings by 4 pm. The Carter County Poetry Society will be cohosting a Poetry Slam with Holler down the Holler at 6 pm at the Grayson Gallery. Also at 6 on Thursday the Opening Ceremonies will begin. Opening Ceremonies this year will be featuring the East and West Carter Bands, as well as performances by Avery Hall and Emily Wolfe (Stephens), guest speakers Senator Robin Webb, and Mayor Troy Combs. Immediately following the Opening Ceremonies, Dance with Hope will be performing. Ending the night with City Heat at the Go Radio stage!

On Friday May 23rd the Friends of the Library will be having the annual Booksale, for more information you can contact Diane Wiengert at (606)316-9705. The Duane Suttles Memorial Day Barbecue at the Grayson Fire Department will be taking place from 4 pm until it's gone. This event is brought to you by the First National Bank of Grayson. Food is at no charge, but donations are encouraged. The Grayson Gallery and Art Center will be putting on their monthly show at 6:00 pm featuring student art pieces from East Carter High School. Also, at 6 pm Center Stage Studio will be performing on the Go Radio Stage.

Immediately following Center Stage Studio at 7 pm Grayson Memory Days will be having a Battle of the Band's competition. Registration is open now on the Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce Website under the Memory Days Hub. The winner of the competition will be awarded the opening spot on Saturday!

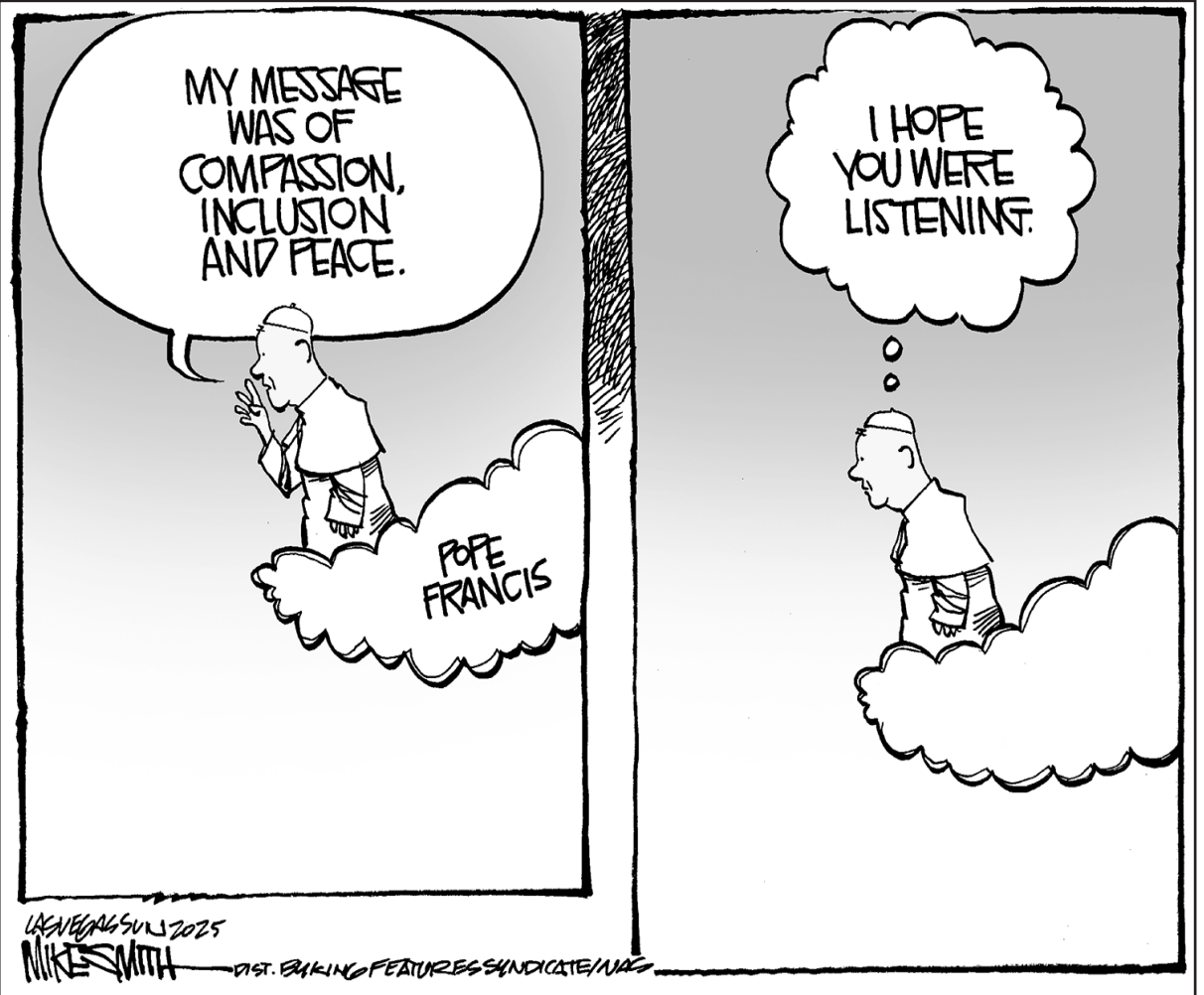
Saturday the 24th is jam packed with lots of events and fun! Starting the day at 6:30 am with the 5K Run and Walk sponsored by the East Carter High School Football Team. Registration is \$20 and to ensure a t-shirt registration must be completed by May 10.

Contact Kaylee Archey at (606) 694-1971 for more information. At 10 am the Annual Dog Jog brought to you by All Creature Veterinary Care will be taking place. The Memory Days Car Show brought to you by the Carter County Cruisers in the Prichard Elementary School parking lot starts at 9 am. Heroes for Higher's Batman will be meeting kids from 11:30 to 12:30 at the Gazebo in the Veterans Park. The gallery will be having the Gallery Artis Market Sale from 10 am – 2 pm also on Saturday.

The Annual Memory Days Parade will begin at 1 pm. Lineup will begin at 11 am. If traveling with a large float or trailer, please take State Road 1947 all the way out to the US 60 intersection and travel up Main Street to avoid congestion on

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The Dinky Hill was our next best thing to a real mountain

(Reprinted by request from January 2015)

Seeing and touching the "dinky" locomotive at the old Hitchins school brings back memories of growing up in that community in the 1950's.

Any kid who ever lived in Hitchins knew about the Dinky Hill which rose a few hundred feet behind the "Blue Camps", our neighborhood's name because all of the company-owned houses originally were painted blue.

Folks who lived on the other side of the Dinky Hill were in the "Clay Camps" and the other housing area near the company's coal mines at the end of the same ridge was called the "Coal Camps".

A new road eventually took vehicle traffic over the summit where we had camped, built forts, played war games, chased wild game, ran from snakes while picking blackberries and pretended we were explorers on the highest mountain range.

My preference was the side of the Dinky Hill that was closest to home where we could hear Mom calling us to supper. Even then, I tried never to miss a

meal.

We had a nifty rock cliff to climb, despite the occasional snake enjoying the warm, sunlit surface. We even used ropes tied around us like real mountaineers.

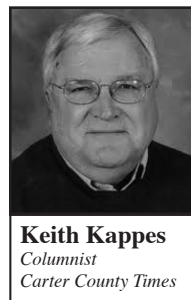
We once tried to send smoke signals from the rock ledge but were too slow and the blanket caught fire. I don't recall how we explained the hole in Granny's blanket, but I do remember how we put out the fire.

I liked to camp where we could see the back porch light that Mom always left on when we were "mountaineering" on the Dinky Hill.

That light meant safety, food and a warm, dry bed when it rained.

Most of all, it was my connection to the person who gave me life and loved me unconditionally – even when I didn't live up to her expectations.

That was long ago but many times over the years I've found myself looking for that porch light.



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Carter County Times

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Shhhhhhh

There is a sacred solace in people just shutting up. We need those moments alone. Because life ain't doing most of us any favors. There's a never-ending stack of bills. The kids are unbelievably annoying. They want pizza, but you don't have pizza money. The whole politics thing is a nightmare. People you used to like are weird, and no one can talk about anything that doesn't involve an opinion beyond something relatable, like how they want their steak cooked. (Any other answer than medium rare, and you're a psycho. But, it's easier to joke about steak than talk about why you bawled alone in the truck today.)

We're all neck-deep in the waters of indifference, stuck with the burden of navigating life with a broken grocery cart wheel. The term, "smoke 'em if ya got 'em," rings truer every day. Every day, we all need that extra two or three minutes in the car where no one talks, asks for anything or needs anything. The silence is enough. And then, when you get out, the horrors persist.

Instead of being a major bummer, I wanted to relay a small bit of hope that resilience without witness is possible. Sometimes, there are those stories that connect us; even if the species isn't the same, the heart remains true.

Valerie, a miniature dachshund, has been found safe after surviving 529 days alone in the wilderness of Kangaroo Island, South Australia. Valerie split in November 2023 during a family holiday at Stokes Bay when the little criminal broke free from her pen and ran into dense scrub. Her disappearance sparked a

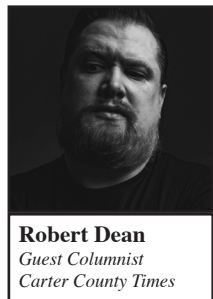
lengthy and high-profile search involving volunteers, conservationists from Kangala Wildlife Rescue, and locals.

Despite the island's large and wild terrain, known for its untouched nature, Valerie was eventually spotted through camera surveillance and successfully rescued using traps and lures. The little goof outsmarted wedge-tailed eagles, Australia's largest birds of prey who primarily hunt mammals such as wallabies and possums and are known to scavenge carrion. Rosenberg's goanna is a five-foot-long lizard that's basically a little cousin of a Komodo Dragon, and along with those lizards, a plethora of venomous snakes, and feral cats who'll murder anything in sight call the island home. (Makes you wonder why anyone wants to vacation in a spot like this in the first place, but hey, we have bears and rattlesnakes.)

Valerie was spotted on camera and lured back into a kennel using treats and her favorite toys. And now, she's back home with her family. During that time fending for her life, the house dog became wild, like in the movies. This is one brutal little animal. How she survived is a feat of resilience that is commendable.

We're all out here doing our best, and stories like these act as small reminders that if a dog can survive alongside goannas, we can still chug a beer with the neighbor we think is a little weird. Or if you feel like the chips are stacked against you, maybe you need to accept that the world isn't the problem, it's you. We've all met a lot of those people – not always the victim, but always the problem.

See **SHHHHHHH** on A-6



Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

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The Times welcomes all letters to the editor.

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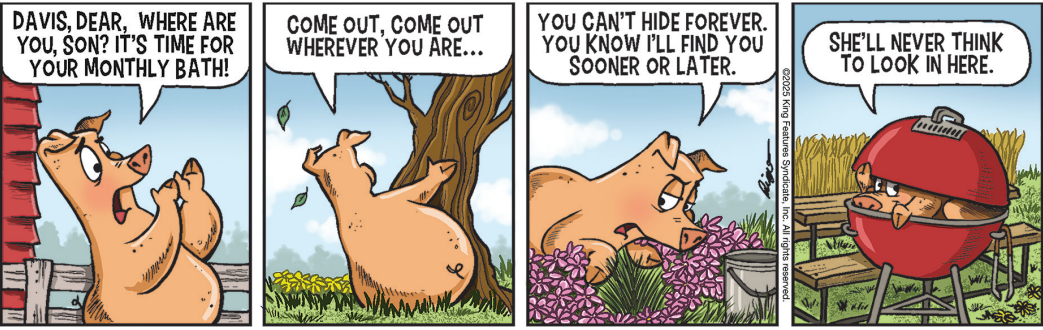
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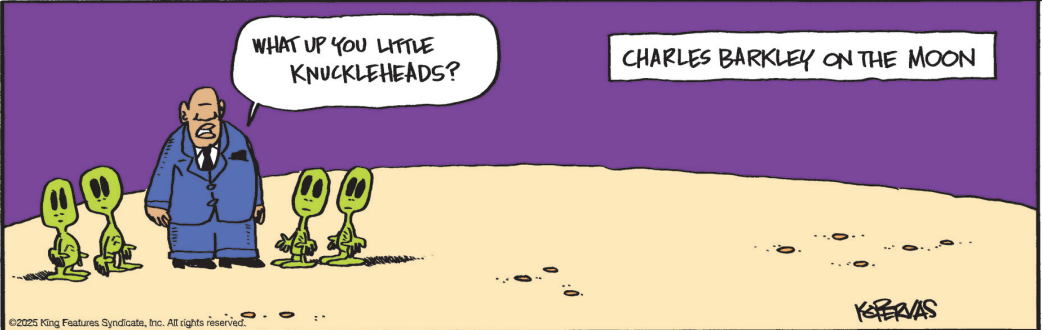
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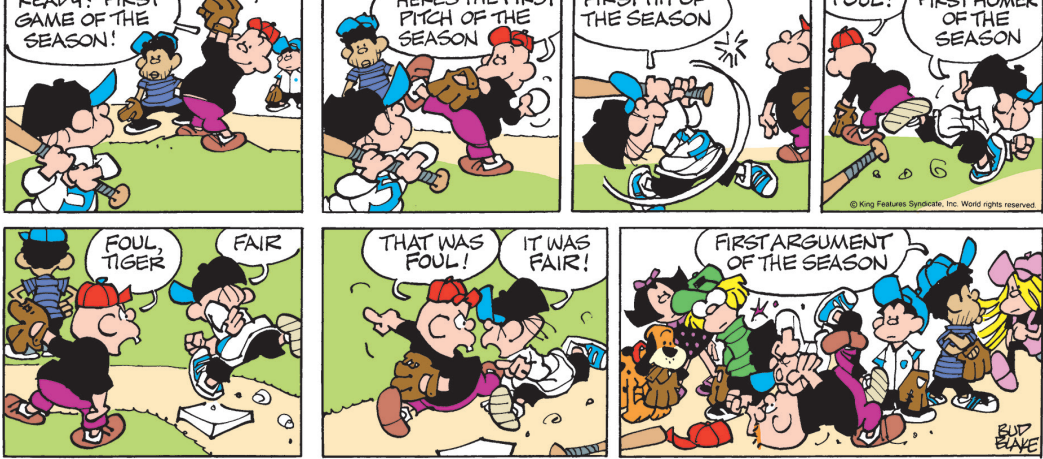
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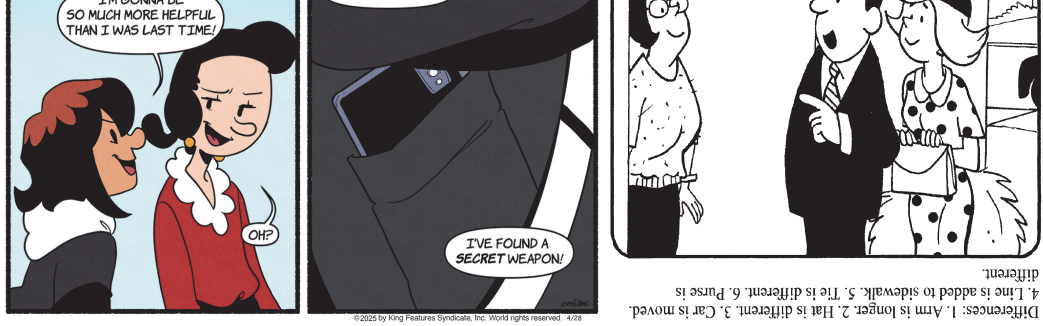
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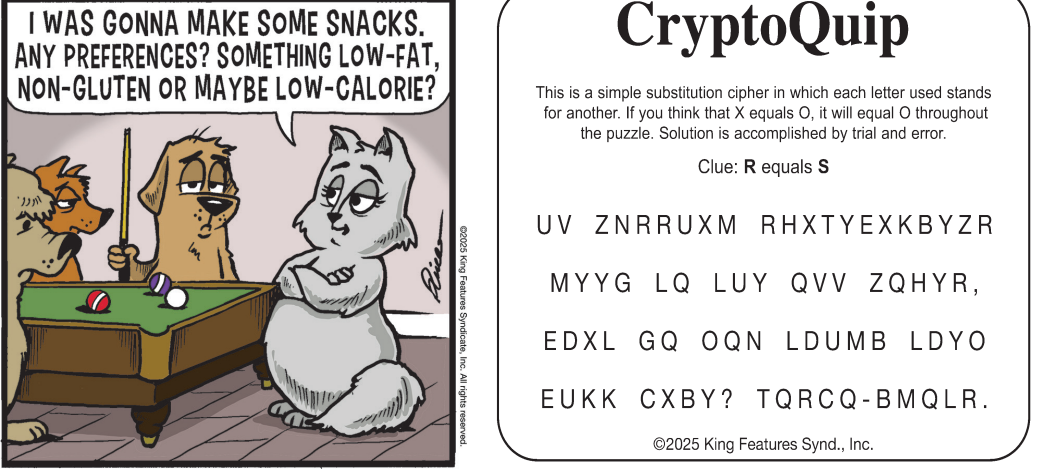
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CryptoQuip

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: R equals S

UV ZNRRUXM RHXTYEXKBYZR
 MYYG LQ LUY QVV ZQHYP,
 EDXL GQ OQN LDUMB LDYO
 EUKK CXBY? TQRCQ-BMQLR.

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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!

Squirm: G I F T E D
 Stifle: K O C H E
 Empty: R E B A R N
 Motive: A C U S E

TODAY'S WORD: _____

"You'd think the _____ would WANT to cool off on a hot day!"

Even Exchange

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. Consent to	_____ W	Metallic mixture	_____ Y
2. A couple of times	_____ C	Hay bale string	_____ N
3. O'Neal's "Moon"	_____ P	More ashen	_____ L
4. Most peculiar	_____ D	First born	_____ L
5. Curved out	_____ X	Carry goods	_____ Y
6. Sugary	S _____	Aviary sound	T _____
7. Mime Marceau	_____ C	Phenomenon	_____ V
8. Clamor	_____ I	Vikinglike	_____ R
9. Earth's neighbor	_____ U	Flues	_____ T
10. Disclaimer	_____ V	Food server	_____ T

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 German sausage	6 Hoops great Curry	11 More minuscule	12 Succeed	14 Ridiculous	15 Eventually	16 Bygone bird	17 Valleys	19 Pensioned (Abbr.)	20 Taking action	22 Label	23 Corrida bull	24 Tennis star Rafael	26 Dessert that jiggles	28 Violin tuner	30 Novelist Deighton	31 "The Peasant Dance" painter	35 Everglades wader	39 Give temporarily	40 Lumber unit	42 Wrestling style	43 "Nasty!"	44 Thread holder	46 Damage	47 South Carolina river
7 Catches some rays	8 Tolkien creature	9 Christie sleuth	10 Arm bones	11 Shakespeare's "— of Athens"	13 Rockies range	18 Trail the pack	21 Recorded	23 Zesty flavors	25 Pants part	27 Director Spike	29 Smooth writing imple-	31 Ecstasy	32 Summaries	33 Detangle	34 Brit's restroom	36 Ado	37 Inbox fillers	38 Civil wrongs	41 Arose	44 Ooze	45 Cowardly Lion portrayer	48 Ring decision	50 Arctic explorer John	

DOWN

1 Actress Ryder	2 Tacit	3 Estuary	4 Dispatch	5 Pick up the tab	6 Classic catalog giant
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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which actor was nominated for an Emmy for the same character on three different sitcoms?
- MOVIES: Who was the first actor to refuse an Oscar award for Best Actor?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which modern city is in the shadow of the active volcano Mount Vesuvius?
- FOOD & DRINK: What gas is used to create seltzer water?
- SCIENCE: What is the center of an atom called?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who are the six men who have made a career Grand Slam in pro golf?
- ANATOMY: What is the largest artery in the body?
- LITERATURE: For which category is the O. Henry Award given?
- ASTRONOMY: Which star system is nearest to our solar system?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have died in office?

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Here's the Plan

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Simple: B A S I C
 Savory jelly: B A S I C
 Nutmeg or curmin: B A S I C
 Breadth: B A S I C
 Plays first card in bridge: B A S I C
 It may be smart: B A S I C

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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King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

Answers

SCRAMBLERS

Neighbors Today's Word

1. Fidget 2. Choke; solution
 3. Barrer; 4. Cause

Answers

Answers

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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Even Exchange

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Memory Days from A-5

Grayson side streets.

Registration for the parade begins on May 1 and will be done on the chamber website and Facebook page. The parade will be led by our Grand Marshall Becky Walker.

After the parade, the Veterans Association will be having a memorial service in the Veterans' Park.

All are invited to come and honor the memory of our local veterans. The Memory Days Committee with The UK Extension office have partnered to create student art contest. Immediately after the parade on the Go Radio Stage the winners of the contest will be announced. Make sure to walk around town to

see all the amazing pieces students have submitted. That evening the Winner of the Battle of the bands will take the stage as our opening act, then Grayson City Councilman Dustin Burchett and Kentucky Clear will be our headlining act.

On Sunday May 25th the Mike Phillips Memori-

al Bluegrass show, brought to you by the Commercial Bank of Grayson, Smithfield, Members Choice Credit Union, along with Rudy Fest and WUGO Go Radio, begins at 4 pm. The performers include Adalyn Ramey, Dreydon Gordon and Friends, Hammetowne and the Lonesome River Band.

With all these exciting events taking place, its sure to be one of the best years yet! The committee and the Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following groups and organizations for their support and help with bringing this event about: The Grayson Tourism Commission, City of Grayson Police Depart-

ment, Fire Department, Street Department, and Emergency Management, Main Street Businesses, and The UK Extension Office, as well as all our sponsors.

Indictments: 4/11/25

The following indictments were returned by the Grand Jury of the Carter Circuit Court on April 11, 2025. An indictment is not a determination of guilt or innocence. It is simply a charge that an offense has been committed and indicates that a case is pending on the charges listed. All defendants have the presumption of innocence until found guilty in a court of law.

Though it is a part of the public record, the Carter County Times does not make a habit of printing the names of minor children or the victims of alleged crimes, except under exceptional circumstances.

- Robert Affolter, 42, of Grayson, from April 1, 2018, through February 28, 2025, committed the offense of flagrant non-support by failing to support his minor children, and accumulating an arrearage of \$5,124.50, a Class D Felony.
- Wade Bailey, 25, of Salyersville, from February 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, committed the offense of flagrant non-support by failing to support his minor child, and accumulating an arrearage of \$3,625.35, a Class D Felony.
- Richard Blanton, 38, of Morehead, from September 1, 2022, through February 28, 2025, committed the offense of flagrant non-support by failing to support his minor child, and accumulating an arrearage of \$5,381.83, a Class D Felony.
- Kerry Blevins, 41, of Grayson, through February 28, 2025, committed the offense of flagrant non-support by failing to support her minor child, and accumulating an arrearage of \$3,251.45, a Class D Felony.
- Sherry Blevins, 47, of Olive Hill, on or about August 6, 2024, committed the offenses of criminal abuse in the second degree, victim 12 or under, by wantonly abusing an infant, of whom she had custody, placing the minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony.
- Dakota Brewster, 29, of Olive Hill, on or about January 31, 2025, committed the offenses of burglary, second degree, when he knowingly entered the

victim's outside entrance into the basement of their home while fleeing from law enforcement, a Class C Felony; fleeing or evading police, second degree, on foot, when he fled from law enforcement on foot, knowing he had active warrants, also causing injury to the law enforcement officer, a Class D Felony; and resisting arrest, a Class A Misdemeanor.

- Jacob Clifton, 24, of Elkhorn City, on or about March 14, 2025, committed the offenses of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he unlawfully possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, a Class D Felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.
- Bobby Dunn, 41, of Flatwoods, from September 1, 2011, through February 28, 2025, committed the offense of flagrant non-support by failing to support his minor child, and accumulating an arrearage of \$28,587.45, a Class D Felony.
- Austin Kilgore, 22, of Olive Hill, on or about February 6, 2025, committed the offenses of theft by unlawful taking over \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 by taking property belonging to another, with intent to deprive them of their property, a Class D Felony; attempted theft by unlawful taking over \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 by taking property belonging to another, with intent to deprive them of their property, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, first degree, by intentionally destroying property belonging to another, causing more than \$1,000 in damage, a Class D Felony; fleeing and evading police, first degree, motor vehicle, when with intent to elude he disregarded an officer's directions to stop, creating a substantial risk of serious physical injury or death to officers, a Class C Felony; burglary, third degree, by unlawfully entering the property of another, with intent to commit a crime, a Class D Felony; leaving the scene of an accident and failing to render aid with physical injury by having an accident with an automobile and fleeing the scene without rendering aid, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal trespass, third degree, by knowingly and unlawfully entering or remaining on premises belonging to another, a Violation; and wanton endangerment, first degree, by wantonly engaging in conduct which created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to an officer of the police, a Class D Felony.
- Austin Kilgore, 22, of

Olive Hill, on or about September 2, 2024, through September 3, 2024, committed the offense of receiving stolen property over \$1,000 but under \$10,000 by being in possession of a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe, and knowing it to be stolen, a Class D Felony.

- Anthony Light, 53, of Grayson, on or about February 22, 2025, committed the offenses of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, drug unspecified, when he possessed a schedule one or schedule two narcotic, a Class D Felony; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when he possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, an Class D Felony; possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, third degree, drug unspecified, by knowingly and unlawfully possessing a schedule four or schedule five drug, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, second offense, a Class A Misdemeanor; and operating a motor vehicle on a public roadway without an operator's license, a Class B Misdemeanor.
- Paul Marcum, 45, of Olive Hill, on or about August 6, 2024, committed the offenses of criminal abuse in the second degree, victim 12 or under, by wantonly abusing an infant, of whom he had custody, placing the minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony; and a second case of criminal abuse in the second degree, victim 12 or under, by wantonly abusing an infant, of whom he had custody, placing the second minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony.
- Brianna Maynard, 31, of Louisa, on or about February 19, 2025, committed the offense of menacing, by intentionally placing another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury, a Class B Misdemeanor; public intoxication, when she appeared in a public place manifestly under the influence of a controlled substance or other intoxicating substance, excluding alcohol, to the degree that she may endanger herself or other persons or property, or unreasonably annoy persons in her vicinity, a Class B Misdemeanor; theft of mail matter, when she stole a package delivered by mail from a local veterinary business, with the intent to deprive

the owner thereof, a Class D Felony.

- Jacqueline McClurg, 42, of Olive Hill, from February 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, committed the offense of flagrant non-support by failing to support her minor children, and accumulating an arrearage of \$4,108.00, a Class D Felony.
- Martin Moore, 42, of Sandy Hook, on or about March 22, 2025, committed the offense of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, fourth or greater offense, a Class D Felony.
- Jonathan Owens, 22, of Morehead, from November 1, 2023, through February 28, 2025, committed the offense of flagrant non-support by failing to support his minor child, and accumulating an arrearage of \$3,300.00, a Class D Felony.
- Andria Parker, 31, of Olive Hill, on or about February 5, 2025, committed the offense of criminal abuse in the second degree, victim 12 or under, by wantonly abusing an infant of whom she had custody, placing the minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony; a second case of criminal abuse in the second degree, victim 12 or under, by wantonly abusing a second infant of whom she had custody, placing the minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony; a third case of criminal abuse in the second degree, victim 12 or under, by wantonly abusing a third infant of whom she had custody, placing the minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony; and criminal abuse in the second degree, by wantonly abusing a minor child, of whom she had custody, placing the minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony.
- Matthew Parker, 32, of Olive Hill, on or about February 5, 2025, committed the offense of criminal abuse in the second degree, victim 12 or under, by wantonly abusing an infant of whom she had custody, placing the minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony; a second case of criminal abuse in the second degree, victim 12 or under, by wantonly abusing a second infant of whom she had custody, placing the minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony; and criminal abuse in the second degree, victim 12 or under, by wantonly abusing a third infant of whom she had custody, placing the minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony.

injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony; a third case of criminal abuse in the second degree, victim 12 or under, by wantonly abusing a third infant of whom she had custody, placing the minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony; and criminal abuse in the second degree, by wantonly abusing a minor child, of whom she had custody, placing the minor child in a situation that may cause them serious physical injury, or causes torture or cruel punishment, a Class D Felony.

- Glenda Psimer, 47, of Olive Hill, on or about April 3, 2025, committed the offense of tampering with physical evidence by concealing evidence which she believed would be in an official proceeding, a Class D Felony; and possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense, when she possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, a Class D Felony.
- Amos Reynolds, 36, of Olive Hill, on or about March 15, 2025, committed the offenses of assault, fourth degree, no visible injury, by intentionally causing physical harm to another by assaulting her, a Class A Misdemeanor; falsely reporting an incident, by knowingly giving false information to a dispatch and/or law enforcement regarding an assault, trying to implicate another, a Class A Misdemeanor; and falsely reporting an incident which generates an emergency response, by knowingly causing an emergency to be transmitted to law enforcement, giving false information regarding an assault, trying to implicate another which the false report generated an emergency response by law enforcement, a Class D Felony.
- April Richmond, 28, from December 1, 2023, through February 28, 2025, committed the offense of flagrant non-support by failing to support her minor children, and accumulating an arrearage of \$4,740.00, a Class D Felony.
- Derrick Rivers, 49, of Morehead, on or about September 2, 2024, through September 3, 2024, committed the offense of receiving stolen property, over \$1,000 but under \$10,000 by being in possession of a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe, knowing it to be stolen, a Class D Felony.
- Steven Sharp, 43, of Evansville, IN, on or about January 2, 2025, committed the offense of failure to comply with the sex offender registration when he did not update his current address in accordance with KRS 17.510, a Class

D Felony.

- Kevin Smith, 53, of Charleston, WV, on or about November 8, 2024, committed the offenses of forgery, first degree, by falsely completing a written instrument on a local materials company, with intent to defraud and deceive the corporation of its property, a Class C Felony; a second case of forgery, first degree, by falsely completing a written instrument on a local materials company, with intent to defraud and deceive the corporation of its property, a Class C Felony; criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree, with knowledge that it is forged and with intent to defraud, deceive, or injure another, he uttered or possessed a forged check from the local company, a Class D Felony; and a second case of criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree, with knowledge that it is forged and with intent to defraud, deceive, or injure another, he uttered or possessed a forged check from the local company, a Class D Felony.
- Brandon Walker, 50, of Morehead, on or about September 2, 2024, through September 3, 2024, committed the offense of receiving stolen property, over \$1,000 but under \$10,000 by being in possession of a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe, knowing it to be stolen, a Class D Felony.
- Tyler Vance, 30, of Grayson, from December 1, 2015, through February 28, 2025, committed the offense of flagrant non-support by failing to support his minor child, and accumulating an arrearage of \$5,544.27, a Class D Felony.
- Michael Zornes, 38, of Olive Hill, on or about March 26, 2025, committed the offenses of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, second offense, when he possessed methamphetamine, a schedule two narcotic, while having a previous conviction for possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony; possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; endangering the welfare of a minor when he, being the person legally charged with the care or custody of a minor, failed or refused to exercise reasonable diligence, by acts of possessing drugs readily available inside his residence and engaging in felonious behavior creating a substantial risk of physical or emotional injury, a Class A Misdemeanor; and burglary, third degree, by unlawfully entering a building of another with intent to commit a crime, a Class D Felony.

UK King's Daughters to acquire Tri-State Regional Cancer Center, expand radiation oncology services

ASHLAND — UK King's Daughters will acquire Tri-State Regional Cancer Center (TSRCC), expanding its oncology services to include radiation therapy.

The acquisition was approved by the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees Healthcare Committee on Thursday and approved by the UK Board of Trustees today, Friday, April 25. It

will include the 8,224 sq. ft. facility, located at 706 23rd St., Ashland, and equipment including two lead-lined vaults for radiation therapy and two linear accelerators (medical devices that deliver high-energy radiation to treat cancer). Tri-State Regional Cancer Center radiation oncologists Jeffrey Lopez, M.D., and Terry Justice, M.D., will be employed by King's Daughters Integrated Practices following

the transition.

"We are delighted to welcome Tri-State Regional Cancer Center to King's Daughters," King's Daughters President and Chief Executive Officer Sara Marks said. "While we have always worked closely with TSRCC, this brings long-term surety for the practice, their patients and our community. This will be a significant addition to our oncology program, serving patients

who require this important treatment."

Tri-State Regional Cancer Center has been serving patients since 1985. Dr. Lopez and his wife, Kelly, joined King's Daughters in 1989 and purchased the practice in 1991. TSRCC has developed exceptional cancer care through collaboration with King's Daughters and UK HealthCare's Markey Cancer Center. Radiation oncology services

are accredited by the American College of Radiology.

"Over the past 36 years it has been our great privilege to work alongside such an outstanding team at Tri-State Regional Cancer Center," Lopez said. "We are proud to have made a lasting impact in the lives of so many.

"As we join UK King's Daughters, we are confident that the legacy of exceptional care and compassion that defines this center will

only grow stronger. We look forward to this exciting next step and continuing to serve our community."

The acquisition is expected to close July 1, 2025. The TSRCC staff and patients should experience a seamless transition and patients will have no changes or interruptions in their care.