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From Carter County, with love

Small-town businesses and neighbors unite to deliver hope and healing to tornado survivors in Laurel County

By Miranda H. Lewis
Carter County Times

Last Friday marked one week since a deadly tornado ripped through several communities in Kentucky, leaving devastation in its wake. Seventeen people lost their lives in Laurel County alone. As the sun rose on May

17, the people of Carter County were already rallying—not only with words, but with action.

What began as a heartfelt effort by MaKaylen Genung of The Olive Branch Market in Olive Hill quickly grew into a county-wide mission of compassion. Genung, moved by the news of the tragedy, organized a donation drive that would go on to impact hundreds of families in Laurel County. She was joined by small business owners, farmers, and residents alike, all contributing whatever they could to help people they had never met.

“From the time I started the market, I knew that I wanted our mission to be around serving our community,” Genung said. “The

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Local business owners work together to load vans with donated supplies as part of a community-wide relief effort for tornado survivors in Laurel County. (Photo by Miranda H. Lewis, Carter County Times)

Streets and sirens

Fiscal court discusses road removals, additions, and fire needs

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Carter County Fiscal Court voted to remove Gimlet Creek Road from the county maintenance schedule during their regular May meeting. FIVCO informed the court that the grant they had applied for, based on House Bill 723, had

been awarded. The grant will pay the \$500,000 matching funds for the EDA Grant for the Autism Center if the EDA Grant is awarded. The Genesis CBDG Grant was also discussed, and a public hearing will be held on June 2, 2025.

Barry Webb of the Webbville Fire Department discussed the emergency siren at Willard with the fiscal court, and shared concerns about its operations.

“The fire department used to test that siren every Wednesday to make sure it was working,” Webb said. “In the past little over a year the department was notified that the siren was put on a radio frequency and was tested

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Barry Webb, of the Webbville Fire Department Board, addresses fiscal court concerning the emergency siren in Willard. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Spreading kindness, one can at a time

Local student builds community food pantry in Olive Hill

By Miranda H. Lewis
Carter County Times

In a small corner of Olive Hill, nestled between the city park and the utilities building, a simple wooden box stands tall with a powerful message: Take what you need, leave what you don't. It's called Faith's Blessings, and it was built with heart, vision, and a deep desire to help by 17-year-old Alivia Wagoner, who will soon begin

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Alivia Wagoner proudly stands beside Faith's Blessings the community food pantry she designed and built to serve Olive Hill residents in need. (Submitted photo)

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.

- Taylor Tabor, 25, of Thibodaux, LA, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of endangering the welfare of a minor, arrested and booked May 19.
- Charles Burnett, 27, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible injury, arrested and booked May 19.
- Toni Kiser, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, and

failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked May 19.

- Lorey Lowe, 60, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault with minor injury, and violation of a Kentucky emergency protection order/domestic violence order, arrested and booked May 20.
- Thomas Leslie, 68, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a probation violation for a felony offense, and a probation violation for a misdemeanor offense, arrested and booked May 20.
- Paul Marcum, 45, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of second degree criminal abuse of a child 12 or under, arrested and booked May 21.
- Shawn Perry, 50, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), and third degree criminal trespass, arrested and booked May 21.

- Scotty Skaggs, 57, of Limestone, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued between \$1,000 and \$10,000, and being a persistent felony offender, arrested and booked May 22.
- Jordan Pennington, 26, of Prestonsburg, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of second degree manslaughter, and first degree promoting contraband, arrested and booked May 22.
- Michael Salyers, 39, of Ashland, arrested by Boyd County Jail, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked May 23.
- William Fomby, 28, of Louisville, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, controlled intake, charges unavailable.

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This Week's Obituaries

Garnet Louise Kilgore Butler, 82
Roger Lee Carper, 71

Gary Phillip Hanshaw, 76

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LIFESTYLE



Divas ON A DIME By Patti Diamond

Celebrate summer in style with classic Crab Imperial

Summer is nearly here, and with it, all the special occasions that call for something a little extra (without totally breaking the bank!). Whether it's a backyard birthday, a beachside bridal shower or just Tuesday on the patio with friends and chilled wine, sometimes you want to serve something that says this moment matters.

Introducing Crab Imperial -- a dish so luxurious it practically wears pearls. Born in the coastal kitchens of Maryland in the late 1800s, Crab Imperial is one of the East Coast's most elegant

ways to showcase its prized blue crab. This isn't a crab cake. This is tender, sweet crab meat folded into a creamy, savory sauce, tucked into ramekins, topped with a golden breadcrumb crown and baked until bubbly. It's rich, delicate and timeless.

A Few Words About Krab

Now, let's address the crustacean in the room. Real crab can be pricey, and you might be tempted to substitute imitation crab -- aka krab with a "k." I get it! I use it in plenty of recipes myself. But not here. This dish is a treat, and you deserve the real thing.

That said, this recipe is a clever way to stretch a pound of crab meat to feed up to eight people. If you need to extend it further, add another egg yolk and a half cup of extra breadcrumbs to bulk it out without sacrificing flavor. And if you do buy imitation crab for other recipes, look for versions made from wild-caught Alaskan pollock -- it's the most sustainable option.

CRAB IMPERIAL

Yield: 8 appetizer servings

Total Time: 30 minutes

1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon sugar

1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning + more for garnish
1 teaspoon Italian parsley, finely minced
1 large egg lightly beaten
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
1 pound (16 ounces) jumbo lump crab meat
1 teaspoon butter, melted
1 tablespoon panko breadcrumb
Lemon wedges, toast points, sliced baguette or crackers for serving

Preheat oven to 350 F.

In a mixing bowl, stir mayonnaise, egg, sugar, Old Bay, lemon juice and parsley together, and blend well. Gently fold crab meat into the sauce, being careful not to break up crab meat any more than absolutely necessary.

Divide portions among the baking dishes of your choice, using ramekins or small casserole dishes. You can make four 6-ounce (practically a meal) servings or eight 3-ounce appetizer servings.

In a small bowl mix the melted butter with the breadcrumbs. Sprinkle this lightly over each portion, then top the crab imperial with a dash of Old Bay.

Bake in 350 F oven for 20 minutes as the tops turn golden brown, or until a thermometer



Crab Imperial is rich, golden, and surprisingly easy to make at home. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

gets an internal reading of 165 degrees to be sure the egg in this recipe is fully cooked.

Optional but highly recommended: Pour a glass of something cold and celebratory. Sparkling wine pairs beautifully, but honestly, even lemonade feels festive with a bite of this indulgent delight.

While Crab Imperial is often served as a luxe appetizer, it can also be the star of a special-occasion meal. Try spooning it over grilled chicken breast or steak for a showstopping entree, or use it as a filling for mushrooms. Serve it alongside a crisp green salad, seasonal grilled vegetables

or a chilled asparagus platter for an elegant summer supper. For brunch, pair smaller portions with poached eggs and toasted English muffins -- essentially a Maryland-style Benedict. And don't forget the drinks: Champagne or a buttery chardonnay is classic, but a dry rosé or citrusy mocktail would be just as lovely.

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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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

Gardening in the rain

So, you get up excited about pulling out the rakes, charging up your weed eater, and gathering soil and seeds, and then you look outside, and... it's raining.

Yep, that seems to be the way things go these days. Now you have to take whatever time you have between storms to actually try to do some gardening. I have had the same issue this spring waiting for a sunny day to take out weeds and mow the lawn, but there are things you can do inside to prepare for planting while

you wait for the weather to cooperate. These tips will help give you the satisfaction of working in your garden any time you want.

Set aside an area on a porch, or in a basement, or even space in your kitchen for having pots, potting soil, seeds, and plants. I realize this won't get the yard ready for planting, but allowing seeds and plants to get started will make things much easier when going to plant them in the ground.

Use the internet to search out planting guides to give you the answers to what to plant and when.



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

Organize your garden tools. It's important to look for a space where you can hang the right size hooks and shelves to help keep everything together and easy to access.

When there has been a break from the rain, I have been doing some weed whacking and even when it does get cloudy I look outside and see the blooms on my blackberry bush, on my Golden Gal, and that my Crepe Myrtle is actually growing into a tree.

It's such a wonderful time of year, so play in some dirt, whether you are inside or out. It's so amazingly liberating.

It's as simple as that!

Send your questions and comments to me at info@confusionsolution.com

Joyful Noise

Answered prayers

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell
for Carter County Times

Have you ever prayed for something and then anxiously waited for the answer to come the same day?

Something we will learn from the Word of God is to be specific with our requests. Do not generalize your prayer requests by asking for breakthrough or open doors. Ask for breakthroughs in a specific area. Scripture says, "If you say to THIS mountain be removed, it will be moved." Name that mountain or whatever you want God to do for you, so that when the answers come you will know for sure that this is what you prayed for.

Get Bible verses for each request. Without the Word of God, your prayer is a religious exercise.

Take time to find Bible verses that align with your prayer requests. Don't rush to pray. Word preparation is key. God honors His Word and He is moved when you pray according to His will.

"This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us," 1 John 5:14.

Pray by faith, believe what you pray for. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. When you pray, believe that you have received your answer even before you have it in your hands. Do not doubt your own prayers. Do not try to figure out how God will do it. Do not limit God with your thoughts or feel that it's too difficult for God to do. With God all things are possible. Have this mindset when you go to God in

prayer.

Say what you will do with your answer. Tell God why the request is important and what you will do with it. Is it to help yourself or for others? Is it to help in the household of God? What you are seeking for, is it to the glory of God? Be open and tell God what you will do with the answer you seek for. He is your Father and He wants you to share things with Him, whatever it is.

Avoid negative self-talk. Between the time you pray and when you get your answer, watch what you say! Do not talk against what you prayed for. Instead thank God for answers to your prayers. Remember that you are snared or taken by the words of your mouth. So,

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Black cherry trees around livestock

Black cherry trees grow in abundance across Kentucky's landscape. These trees are an important timber and wildlife species, yet can cause cyanide poisoning in livestock. The leaves of the trees, especially wilted ones, are high in cyanic acid, which can kill livestock by depriving them of oxygen.

You can reduce the likelihood of livestock losses from wild black cherry trees by cutting them out of fencerows. Make removing cherry trees that pose a risk, such as those that could potentially lose branches or are in poor condition, a high priority. Leaving healthy, well-pruned trees to become a potential timber source may be an option to consider. Remember to check fencerows periodically for new trees that are inevitable from seed carried by birds.

If you are going to take out a tree, it is important to do it properly to reduce sprouting and recurrence because black cherry trees have a propensity to sprout from the cut stump and roots.

The quickest way to reduce or eliminate sprouting is to properly use herbicides that are labeled for controlling black cherry in pasture or fencerows.

These herbicides are systemic, meaning they will travel throughout the plant and have the potential to kill all or a portion of the root system so that sprouting is reduced or eliminated.

You can apply herbicides in one of two methods - foliar spray or "cut stump" applications.

Many herbicides are labeled for foliage application of brush and trees if the trees are small enough to allow spray coverage of all or a large majority of the leaves. This technique involves spraying a diluted concentration of herbicide to cover the foliage.

Foliar applications work best after trees have fully leafed out until one or two weeks prior to leaf fall. The treated tree should remain in place until all the foliage has browned, ensuring that the herbicide has entered the root system. Check product labels for restrictions on pasturing and entry into treated areas. Generally, livestock should not be allowed access to areas where trees have been sprayed until the trees have been removed or wilting foliage is no longer present.

For larger trees, "cut stump" treatment is an effective method for preventing regrowth. Several

herbicides, including some with glyphosate, triclopyr, and dicamba, are labeled for stump applications. After cutting the tree, immediately apply a concentrated herbicide solution to the fresh stump, following label directions. Timing is crucial—apply the herbicide within an hour to maximize effectiveness. If the stump has been cut for several weeks, recutting at least two inches down to expose fresh, live wood can improve absorption.

This method generally presents less environmental risk than foliar spraying, as it targets only the intended plant with minimal overspray or unintended exposure. However, caution is necessary in cases where root grafting could transfer herbicide to nearby cherry or ornamental trees. It is possible that the treated cherry trees may be root grafted to an adjacent black cherry or ornamental/cherry tree. Instances have been documented where a herbicide has moved from a treated tree to another of the same species or genera through a root graft. While this is not a high probability, in areas where other cherry trees are present, you should consider mechanical removal of the tree.

If you do not want to use herbicides, you can expect sprouting, and you'll probably have to cut

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Olive Hill Elementary authors receive books

By Katie Barker
Carter County Times

First graders at Olive Hill Elementary School (OHES) had their book reveal last Thursday, where they got to showcase their newly published books to friends and families. Each class wrote their own book, with each student having a page in it. The book tells what each student wants to be when they grow up and why they want to have that career. Some students said they wanted to be cops, veterinarians, teachers, football players, and for one student president.

"I want to be president when I grow up. We had to draw a picture and write about what we wanted to be. So, I drew me as president," Luka Black said.

Each student's writing was accompanied by a picture that showcased what they wanted to be. Chelsea Carter is one of the first grade teachers at OHES and she explained how proud she and the other teachers were of all the students.

"Our students have worked so hard on writing and illustrating their aspirations of what they want to become one day," Carter said. "I am so proud of all

of these amazing authors and illustrators."

Families and friends were able to go around to each student to see what they wrote and ask them to read it to them. They were able to see and hear the goals these first graders have when they get older, as well as the talents they have now.

Each student was presented with a certificate saying that they are now a published author along with a copy of their newly published book.

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Willia Flannery wants to be an Empower Athletic Coach when she grows up. (Photo by Katie Barker, Carter County Times)



Luka Black showcasing his new book. (Photo by Katie Barker, Carter County Times)

Arrests from A-1

able, arrested and booked May 23.

- Darrel Anthony, 20, of Louisville, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, controlled intake, charges unavailable, arrested April 3, booked May 23.
- Libryant Knox, 24, of Cincinnati, OH, arrested by Jefferson County Detention Center, controlled intake, charges unavailable, arrested and booked May 23.
- Joshua Pugh, 34, of

Campbellsville, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, controlled intake, on charges of third degree terroristic threatening, arrested July 12, 2024, booked May 23.

- Thomas Dawes, 25, of Richmond, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, controlled intake, charges unavailable, arrested and booked May 23.
- Thomas Blackburn, 42, of Russel Springs, arrested by Kentucky Department

of Corrections, controlled intake, charges unavailable, arrested May 1, booked May 23.

- Bobby Barker, 65, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on four counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked May 25.
- Gerald Porter, 42, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked May 25
- Kenneth Lambert, 39, of

Argillite, arrested by Carter County Jail, weekend, arrested and booked May 25.

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.

Pantry from A-1

her senior year at West Carter High School.

Alivia's passion project was born out of a long-held concern for the well-being of those in her community struggling with food insecurity.

"Growing up I never personally struggled with knowing where my next meal would come from, but I knew many people who did," Alivia said. "Food bonds people, forms childhood memories, and reminds us of home. So, when I saw others struggle with access to food, it broke my heart. That concern drove me to look for a way to help, and I created Faith's Blessings."

The pantry's location is no accident. Placed thoughtfully within a five-minute walk from a low-income housing community, it's accessible to those who need it most. Its name carries a personal significance, too.

"I chose the name Faith's Blessings from a mix of my own middle name, 'Faith,' and the intention of the project—to bless those in need," Alivia shared.

The design and construction of the pantry was a family and community effort. Alivia

credits her father, Jason Wagoner, with helping bring her vision to life.

"During the design and building process I had help from my dad, who guided me through the construction of the blessing box," she said. "I also had help during the installation from David Skinner and Craig Utley."

The project was funded through a combination of anonymous donations, a GoFundMe campaign, and building materials provided by generous local donors. With community backing from the start, it's no surprise that the pantry has already begun to thrive.

"The community has been very responsive to the pantry—from those donating food to those in need using the pantry," said Alivia. "It's maintained by me and stocked with help from charitable donations from community members. Non-perishables are preferred, but fresh foods are also appreciated."

The pantry operates on a simple yet powerful principle: take what you need, leave what you don't. This exchange of generosity and dignity is exactly what Alivia hoped

to inspire.

"The most rewarding moment for me was checking the pantry a few days after it was implemented and seeing new foods that had been placed inside, and others that had been there a few days before were gone," she recalled. "To know that someone had taken and someone else had given warmed my heart. To see the cycle of kindness I hoped to start flourish in real time was such a rewarding moment."

Faith's Blessings is more than a food pantry. It's a symbol of what one person can do when led by compassion and purpose. For Alivia, it's also a way to encourage others to take action, no matter how small it may seem.

"I hope that this project encourages someone else to be the change that they want to see. Though it may feel small, those small changes add up to make a big difference."

To Alivia, kindness is more than just a word, it's a lifestyle.

"Kindness to me is thinking of others, lending a helping hand, and showing love to others," she said. "Faith's Blessings is the epitome of kindness

to me—acknowledging the needs of those struggling and doing what we can to help them."

Seeing the pantry being used and supported by her neighbors has been an affirming experience.

"When I see people in my community using or contributing to the pantry, it makes me proud to be from such a loving, kind community," she said. "It also gives me hope that people are still kind in a world that often forgets about others."

Looking ahead, Alivia plans to continue her journey of helping others through a career in healthcare.

"I plan to go to Morehead State, majoring in biology, and then pursuing further education in a career in medicine," she said.

Alivia's pantry may be small in size, but its impact is immeasurable. Faith's Blessings stands as a beacon of generosity, a symbol of hope, and a reminder that true change begins with compassion—and the courage to act on it.

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CALENDAR

- **5/28: Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers** | Call 474-6686 to schedule an appointment to pick up your cards
- **5/28: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **5/30: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **6/2: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **6/2: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **6/2: Ag Advancement Council @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **6/2: Ag Development Board Council @ 7 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **6/3: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **6/3: Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Board meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **6/3: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: Making Chapstick from Beeswax, Speaker: Morgan Murphy
- **6/5: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **6/6: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **6/6: Hike & Learn @ 9:30 a.m.** | Daniel Boone Forest Visitor Center | Visit carter.ca.uky.edu/events/hike-learn-13 for more info.

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Pet of the Week

No new Pet of the Week due to the holiday. Congratulations to Oliver and all of the other dogs who found their forever homes over the holiday weekend.

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

Ambulance board discusses rates and vehicles

Legislature could allow 911 billing rates to increase by nearly \$1,000

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Carter County Ambulance Board reported its income for the month of April at \$368,75.94, which was \$69,665.40 more than budgeted and \$69,665.94 more than the same month of the previous (2024) year. Expenses for the month were reported as \$348,068.46, and \$71,267.46 more than budgeted and \$55,882.68 more than the same month the previous year.

The monitors purchased by the ambulance board were \$48,850, and that amount was included in the financial report. Payroll expenses represented 68 percent of expenses, or \$245,280.51, which was \$15,280.51 more than budgeted, and \$18,614 more than the same period the previous year. Un-scheduled overtime for the month of April was .84 percent, decreased from the previous month's 1.59 percent. The year-to-date percentage of unscheduled overtime was 4.5 percent. This includes a correction in unscheduled overtime reported for the month of March 2025.

Director Tim Woods told the board that he had been presented with a great opportunity to purchase a vehicle for the ambulance service. Woods said that

one of their part-time paramedics, who served as the Emergency Management contact in Boyd County, made him aware of some vehicles that department intended to eliminate. This gave Woods the opportunity to purchase a 2015 Interceptor that was in good condition with 86,000 miles on the odometer.

Woods told the board that the Explorer he drives daily has an odometer reading of 207,000 miles and the pickup driven by Mike Wears has 228,000 miles on its odometer.

"The vehicles are getting older," Woods told the board. "One of the things I'm looking at is a possible restructure of how we do things. I'm seriously considering taking supervisors off the road and putting them in a supervisor's vehicle."

The vehicle in question is one currently driven by Boyd County Emergency Management, and Woods said that the vehicle was offered to him for \$5,000.

"I think it would be a good addition," Woods said.

The high mileage of the other two vehicles currently in use could result in engine failure at any time for either of those vehicles. Similar vehicles, based upon research by Wears, could have a price tag in excess of thirty thousand dollars.

Moving on to ambulances, Woods reported that the number seven vehicle had experienced engine failure. Woods said he had priced a replacement engine, but he thought the amount was exceedingly high.

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Cherry Trees from A-2

several times to exhaust the food supply to the roots which could take several years.

For more information contact your Carter County Cooperative Extension Service. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status

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Upcoming Events:

- Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers – Call 474-6686 on May 28th to schedule an appointment to pick up your card. To register for a card you'll need to provide name, address, birthday, and income information.
- Ag Advancement Council – June 2nd @ 6:00 PM

- Ag Development Board – June 2nd @ 7:00 PM
- Little Sandy Beekeepers Association – June 3rd @ 6:30 PM; Topic – Making Chapstick from Beeswax; Speaker: Morgan Murphy
- Hike & Learn – June 6th in Rowan County. Visit carter.ca.uky.edu/events/hike-learn-13 for more information.

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

Tornado from A-1

night of the tornado, I had been up all night, watching the live feeds and weather alerts... Not only because it was in our home state, but one could tell from the reaction of several meteorologists that this would be catastrophic come daylight. I didn't know exactly how at the time, but immediately knew we had to step in and help in some way."

Among the first to answer the call was Emily Baier, owner of BaierHaus in Grayson.

"Emily had reached out to me, letting me know she was eager to help in any way she could," Genung recalled. "She's a fellow businesswoman with a similar faith-based mission, and I knew her location would be a perfect way to join efforts and get both ends of the county hand in hand with gathering goods... She went above and beyond, extending hours for donation drops, and even going on her own run to load her truck bed up the morning of our journey."

BaierHaus quickly became a hub for donations, alongside other generous

small businesses including Lewis Land and Cattle Farm, Events by Beck Balloons & Gift, Whimzi Works, Silver Spur Ink, Rudy Fest, and A & K Pools. These businesses not only collected and organized physical donations but also helped pack and prepare items for delivery.

In addition to the local efforts, individuals from both nearby and out of state contributed monetary donations and essential relief supplies—totes, tarps, contractor bags, baby formula, hygiene items, protein snacks, and more. After consulting contacts in London, Genung learned what was most needed:

"The top needs were non-perishable foods, totes, and tarps for property cleanup and distribution," she explained. "I also knew that along with itemized donations, I wanted to be serving food on-ground—letting these survivors know they weren't in this alone, while being able to assist with any direct needs."

By Thursday night, the team had received nearly \$4,000 in monetary donations, 70 cases of water,

25 totes of supplies, and enough food to prepare over 600 lunches.

"Olive Hill always exceeds my expectations any time there is a need, no matter how big or small," Genung said. "The initial response on social media was overwhelming and far exceeded outside of our surrounding counties due to the sharing of our town's people. Just in four days, we raised close to \$4,000 in donations alone—and nearly doubled that when counting all items donated. People from neighboring counties told me they've never seen a community step up like Olive Hill does."

On the morning of delivery, Genung posted: "We have three vans that have been filled to the brim, prayed over, & heading to London, Kentucky to spread the love of Carter County to our fellow holler folk."

"Along with donations and our people, these vans are also filled with a ton of emotion, as we head to grounds that are full of complete devastation that we've never witnessed firsthand. Please continue

to pray for our journey, & that God will land us where He needs us most today."

Upon arrival in Laurel County, Genung was directed to Sunshine Hills—an area described as one of the hardest hit.

"There was no preparing," she said. "I stood in the middle of this exact neighborhood, by myself, with my sleeping one-year-old in our van. Seeing single shoes, toys, and pages of books in the rubble—knowing these were homes of families just like mine, just five days prior."

Despite the destruction, the compassion of survivors left a lasting mark.

"I grieve every night for these people, and all that's left to still mend in their lives," she said. "Survivors, who had just lost everything they'd worked their entire lives for, were asking if it were too much to take a lunch and a tote. Nothing will truly open your eyes more than the complete gratitude of a survivor of a tragedy."

The team fed over 600 meals to displaced families, first responders, and weary individuals shelter-

ing in emergency centers or sleeping in vehicles. The response reaffirmed Genung's belief in the importance of showing up.

"When interviewed by WSAZ," she said, "they asked me why we were joining such efforts, being two hours away from the worst hit areas. I told them, 'Kentucky is Kentucky, and I know they'd do the same for us.'"

"Moments like these are reminders that small town support comes from within, and that's why we'll continue to support ours in all that we do," she continued. "My people were the definition of olive branches this past week—spreading hope to God's people; to our neighbors."

Gabe Lewis of Lewis Land and Cattle echoed that sentiment:

"In the midst of devastation, we witnessed overwhelming compassion. The strength of our small towns was on full display," he said. "This is the spirit of Appalachia—quiet, kind, and full of love in action."

For Baier, the experience became deeply personal. She remembered

the prayer over donations before departure and a heartfelt moment with a former Laurel County resident now living in Grayson:

"She said, 'My new town is helping my hometown,'" Baier said. "We hugged, cried, and just stood there in that gratitude. It was beautiful."

What started as a grassroots effort in two small towns turned into something much larger—a living testimony of what it means to be Kentucky Strong. The residents of Olive Hill, Grayson, and beyond didn't just send supplies. They sent love, dignity, and the assurance that Laurel County is not alone.

As Genung wrote: "Kentucky proud, until we are Heaven bound. Keep praying for our people."

And as Carter County proved—when hearts are full and hands are willing, even the smallest towns can move mountains.

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EMS from A-3

"But even if we put an engine in it, that is the vehicle that has had problems with the AC and had been in the shop with those issues at least five times," Woods said. "We do have a 'bone yard.' But putting an engine in with a lot of miles on a vehicle that has

other problems doesn't make much sense."

"We looked at remounting," Woods added.

The price on that would be about \$185,000 or \$234,00 depending upon which bid they accepted, if they chose to do so. Both bids included eliminat-

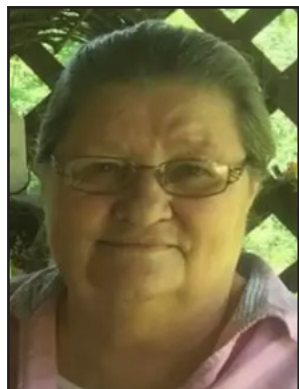
ing the top mounted AC system that had caused trouble and necessitated frequent repairs. Purchase of a new truck through Crestline would start at approximately \$189,000 for a two-wheel drive or approximately \$234,000 for a four-wheel drive.

The board also revisited the proposed increases in 911 billing rates. Director Woods said that 911 had suggested a raise in rates due to four separate raises in Medicare allowances. Woods was advised that if certain legislation passed in the State of Kentucky,

and the board raised their prices by that full amount, it would be essentially raising rates from \$850 to \$1,800 and give customers a substantial 'sticker shock.' Woods said he didn't want to be below the state average, but that he also didn't want to increase

the cost beyond what county residents could afford.

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OBITUARY**Garnet Louise Kilgore Butler**
1942 – 2025

Garnet Louise Kilgore Butler, age 82, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, May 22, 2025, at Uk-St. Claire Healthcare Center in Morehead, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Sunday, November 8, 1942, in Fitch, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Leonard and Eva Thomas Kilgore.

Garnet was a member of Rose Ridge Apostolic Church for 44 years and loved going to church. She enjoyed singing, going to yard sales and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Donald Ray Butler; one daughter, Brenda Alexander; one brother, Doug Kilgore; three sisters, Nana Naomi Kilgore, Shirley Webb and Judy Mauk.

Garnet is survived by one son, Donald (Karen) Butler of Olive Hill, Kentucky; four grandchildren, Jeff (Jessica) Alexander, Tabitha (Winston) Grisam, David Stillwell, Eric Stillwell; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Granville (Linda) Kilgore of Alger, Michigan, Ernie Kilgore of Camp Dix, Kentucky; two sisters, Jewell (Lowell) Webb and Sharon (Johnny) Pennington all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 12 noon, Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Rose Ridge Apostolic Church, 1102 Rose Ridge, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Johnny Pennington officiating. Burial followed in the Kilgore Cemetery, on Rose Ridge in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2025, until the service hour at Rose Ridge Apostolic Church.

James Perry, Davey Stillwell, Jeff Alexander, and Andrew Alexander served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Garnet Kilgore Butler.

Gary Phillip Hanshaw
1948 – 2025

Gary Phillip Hanshaw, age 76, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Friday, May 23, 2025, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Thursday, July 22, 1948, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Stirl and Dorothy Bledsoe Hanshaw.

He enjoyed farming, taking care of all his farm animals and dogs, going to the beach, fishing, hunting, family get together's and spending time with his children especially his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years, Ollie Janie Middleton Hanshaw; one brother, Donald Ray Hanshaw; three sisters, Lena Hanshaw, Jean Hanshaw and Audrey Hanshaw.

Gary is survived by one son, Phillip Dewayne (Lanny) Hanshaw of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Audria Lynn Lewis of Olive Hill, Kentucky; 5 grandchildren,

Zachary (Emily) Lewis, Shannon (Travis) Barker, Kayleigh (Brian) Wagoner, Nathaniel Hanshaw, Cade Oppenheimer; 8 great grandchildren, Landon, Allie, Emma and Willow Lewis; Raelynn, Layla, Ensley and Navey Barker special friends, John Paul and Ruby Middleton, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Kenny Mauk and Brother Bobby Day officiating. Burial will follow in the Binion Cemetery, in Elliott County.

Friends may visit from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2025, and after 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 28, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Zachary Lewis, Cade Oppenheimer, Nate Hanshaw, Landon Lewis, Brian Wagoner, Travis Barker, Matthew Bowling and Billy "Pee-Wee" Williams will serve as pallbearers.

Jeff Layne, Dallas Middleton, Carlos Middleton and Larry Knipp will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Gary "Phillip" Hanshaw.

Roger Lee Carper
1953 – 2025

Roger Lee Carper, 71 of Grayson, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at his residence.

Roger was born on Sunday, September 6, 1953 in Grayson, Kentucky, son of the late Frank Carper and Laura Messer Carper. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one sister, Janet Skaggs, Carter City, three brothers, James Carl Carper, Bill Carper, and John David Carper, one sister in law, Mary Carper and two brothers in law, Dallas Claxon and Robert Williams.

Roger is survived by his wife of 47 years, Pat Parker Carper, two sons,

Zachary (Hannah) Carper of Ashland and Derrick (Kem) Carper of Columbus Ohio, three grandchildren, Laurie, Quinton and Kellen. Also surviving, two brothers, Lovell (Debbie) Carper, Michael (Elsie) Carper both of Grayson and one sister, Shirley Williams, Cannonsburg, Kentucky, one brother in law, Robert Skaggs and one sister in law, Dottie Carper.

Roger was retired from CSX Railroad, Russell, Kentucky. He was a member of the Carter Christian Church.

Roger enjoyed watching the Kentucky Wildcats in person or on TV but his biggest enjoyment was spending time with his grandchildren.

At his request a private memorial service will be held at a later time.

Donations may be made to Hospice Care Center, 1480 Carter Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky, 41101.

Grayson Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Roger Lee Carper.

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First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Guest Editorial

Bearing flowers and tradition, the next generation takes on the duty of Decoration Day

By Tracy Staley

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While their friends are cannonballing into the city pool this weekend, my sons will spend the day in an Eastern Kentucky cemetery, placing flowers on the graves of relatives they never knew.

We are going back home on Decoration Day — a folk tradition practiced by generations of Appalachians and Southerners dedicated to visiting cemeteries where their families are buried to clean and decorate their graves, and often to attend a religious service and dinner on the cemetery grounds.

Like most who grew up in Eastern Kentucky, I've been practicing various rites of Decoration Day all my life. I loved the reunions, playing with my cousins, and filling plates of food and desserts. Although, I admit: I have often seen the other parts of Decoration Day as an unnecessary effort, one I had little interest in carrying on. What good was there in spending money on artificial flowers for people who would never know you made the gesture?

Yet this year, something changed. Perhaps it was turning 40, or the reckoning of the pandemic, or both, that made Decoration Day seem urgent and important not only to observe, but to pass down to my children.

As my perspective changed, my interest grew and sent me seeking answers, both historical and personal, about the cultural tradition, its origins, and why I felt a sudden urge to drag my three children to a cemetery on their first week of summer vacation.

What Is Decoration Day?

In Ohio, the streets of my small town are lined with tiny American flags. Living near a military base, with many active-duty and retired U.S. Air Force neighbors, I am keenly aware of the reverence paid to Memorial Day. Each year, I'd find myself asking my friends, "We always called it Decoration Day. We decorated everyone's graves. Did you?" The answer was, with rare exception, no. Secretly, I worried if somehow I had incorrectly celebrated a patriotic holiday. Was this the same as not knowing I needed to illuminate a flag at night or take it down in the rain? Did we get this wrong? Had we expanded it selfishly to include everyone when we should have been only honoring those who died in battle?

For insight, I turned to the book "Decoration Day in the Mountains," by folklorist Alan Jabbour, founding director of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

Jabbour's thorough exploration of Decoration Day relieved me of my concerns and filled me with a new appreciation for history and rituals.

Decoration Day, Jabbour wrote, actually inspired Memorial Day, pre-dating any post-Civil War celebration in the South or North. Before the war, Appalachians and Southerners were already practicing what they called Decoration Day, also called "a decoration," which involved an annual "cleaning of community cemeteries, decorating them with flowers, and holding a religious service in the cemetery, often with 'dinner on the ground.'" Families spent weeks leading up to Decoration Day making buds and petals from bright crepe paper, cleaning the cemeteries.

His research also softened my other silent concern that Decoration Day was tied up in celebrating the Confederacy. Jabbour explains that two early and unrelated celebrations of the Confederate dead — one in Charleston, South Carolina, and the other in Petersburg, Virginia — both using the word "decoration" and both using flowers, led Jabbour to conclude that organizers of the events each drew upon an existing tradition.

After reading Jabbour's book, I called my grandmother, with whom I had tagged along to the cemetery, reunions and flower-buying expeditions. It was she who had carried the duty of Decoration Day to me, and I wanted to know why.

"I was kindly like your youngins"

One question from me about Decoration Day transports my grandmother back to her childhood — and ties me to the generations that came before me.

"Can you tell me what you remember about Decoration Day?"

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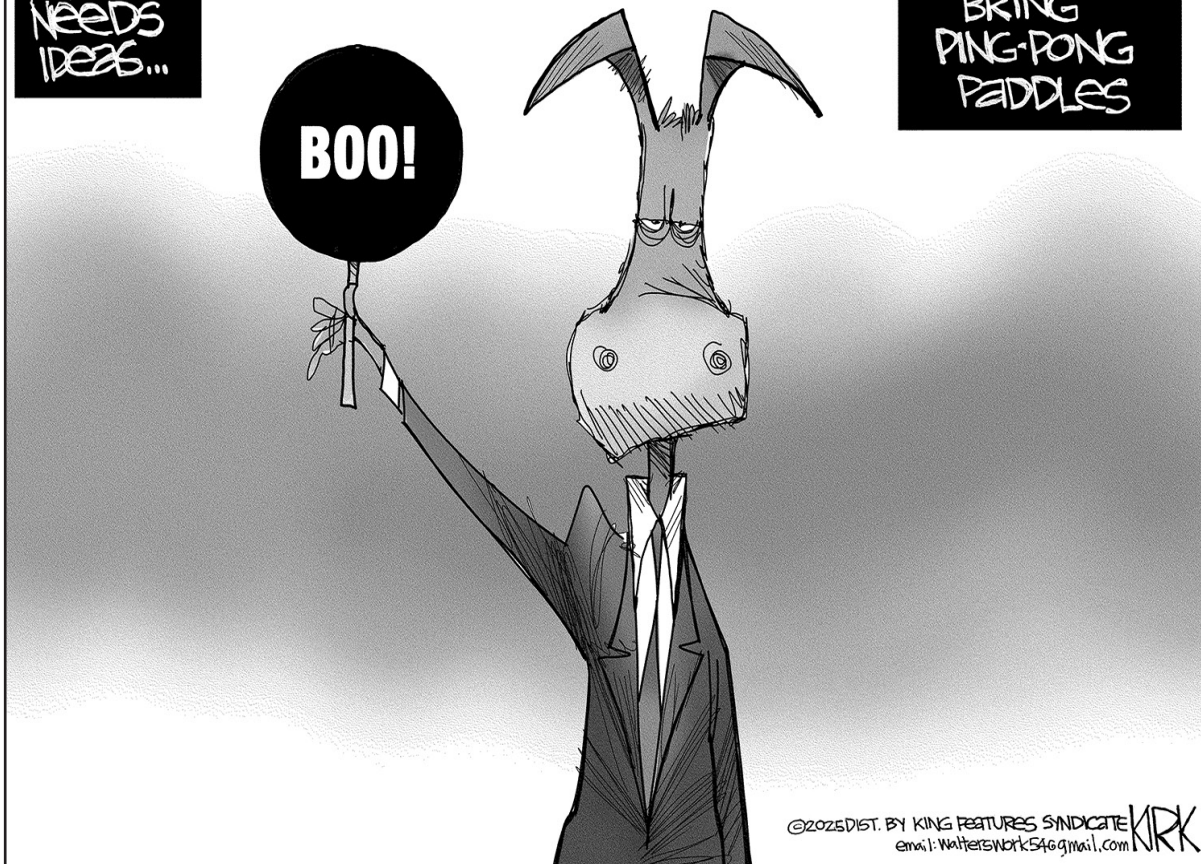
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WHEN AMERICA NEEDS IDEAS...

...DEMOCRATS BRING PING-PONG PADDLES



Where do we find such men and women that we honor this week?

Tiny American flags fluttered in the breeze at public and private cemeteries, covering the ground like spring flowers. We should be humbled by the sight of so many red, white and blue symbols of personal courage and patriotism.

Not all of them mark the grave of someone killed in combat but each one does mark the final resting place of someone willing to die for their country...our country. Special thanks go to those who plant the little flags in memory of departed comrades and loved ones.

Many of us attended Memorial Day events this week and no doubt noticed with sadness that the number of World War II veterans grows smaller each year. We are losing hundreds of them each day. Most have reached their 90s.

Men who shouldered a rifle now carry a cane. Men who drove trucks, landing craft and tanks now steer a two-wheeled walker. Men who flew in airplanes and sailed in ships now ride in wheelchairs.

Men who stood ramrod straight now struggle to stand fully upright. Men who could see like an eagle

now are lucky to see at all.

Women who nursed the wounds of war now receive nursing care. Women who fed the warriors now struggle to feed themselves.

The World War II vets are not much older than those who fought in Korea. They are followed by those who went to Vietnam...to the Gulf War...to Iraq and Afghanistan...many for multiple tours of duty as the fight against terrorism drags on and on.

One might wonder where we find these gallant men and women who wear our nation's military uniforms. We find them right here at home in what President Ronald Reagan so aptly described as "the freest society man has ever known".

They don't serve for money or medals. They serve to defend the birthright of freedom we all share as Americans. To each, we gratefully say thank you for keeping us free.

(Reprinted from 2016)

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Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

Love the people. Hate the game.

I'm in Barcelona for work this week, and everyone wants to talk about Trump. Last week it was Dublin, before that London. We've cut up chatting about music, hoisting drinks as musicians ripped through traditional ballads in Ireland, but the conversation always comes back to the same thing: "We used to look up to America."

I met a guy who played the market in the Cobblestone in Dublin; he told me he was appalled at how the bond market was doing in between traditional Irish music. I met French folks in London who said they were scared to visit the U.S. because they didn't know what would happen to them on our soil. And once my south side of Chicago accent comes out here in Barcelona, I have been asked what it's like to live "there" — as if being an American is now a soiled enterprise.

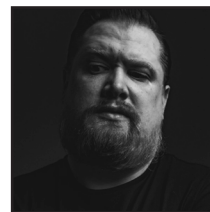
For many of you, you'll shrug: what does a snail-eating Frenchman matter? Or who cares what they believe in England? And for the most part, that

assumption is correct; who cares? But it does tarnish the caveat, the cool of being an American, that the whole world is looking at us in revulsion. If you had to ask most folks, they'd rather have more friends than enemies, but lately, it feels like we cheer the opposite.

I haven't seen rampant homelessness. I haven't seen people complaining about going to the doctor because, for the most part, it's free over here. And before you come at me with speculation on country size, yadda, yadda, none of these countries are financing two wars for other countries to feed a brutal machine that spits people out. I don't know who I'll meet next while over here. But when I tell them I'm a journalist, everyone has something to say to me. I've heard, "I love Americans. I hate your government."

And you know what? That's how most of us feel, too.

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Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

Editor's Note: Are you a conservative writer?

Last week we put out a call — not for the first time — seeking submissions from moderate centrist and conservative columnists. We received several responses to our social media posts from folks expressing interests. But, unfortunately, that's about as far as it went.

Some asked about the requirements, then never responded. Some provided promising samples, then thought better of



Jeremy D. Wells
Editor
Carter County Times

attaching their name to anything political that could potentially impact future career or social interactions. Others lost interest as soon as they found out none of our columnists are paid positions.

That's the thing about our columnists that we love, even (or especially) when we don't agree with them; they're passionate professionals in the writing field, and they're sharing

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Letters must include a verifiable address, along with the phone number and signature of the writer. Letters submitted via e-mail need only include a phone number in lieu of a signature.

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General interest guest columns are welcome. For details email editor@cartercountytimes.com.

Deadlines

The deadline for news copy and letters to the editor is noon on Monday prior to publication. The deadline for display and classified advertising is 5 p.m. on Monday prior to publication.

Sirens from A-1

by radio once per week. But that's never happened there."

Webb said he wasn't sure if it was outdated or bad equipment, but even when the fire department responds to a call, he noted, it is difficult to get in contact with dispatch. He said that there are apps for the phones, which help with the initial response, but once the fire fighters are on a call they face challenges with enough service to communicate. There are instances, he said, where they can pick up another county's dispatch then get transferred to Carter County.

Another issue Webb brought before the court was that Willard is in the Webbville fire district, which is based in Lawrence County, but covers Carter County down to the pallet mill at John's Run.

"We have never received any funding from Carter County at all," Webb said. "We were always told by the fire commission that we weren't in Carter County, but we are now."

Webb said they had recently set up administrative offices, a training center, and substation in Willard. He said roughly 30 percent of their calls went to Carter County. (Editor's note: Carter County Fiscal Court has voted in past years to distribute funds to the

Webbville FD, along with the other fire departments that operate within the county. Webb may have been discussing direct disbursements from the fire commission funds rather than county funds.)

In other business, Carter County Clerk Mike Johnston told the fiscal court that maintenance upgrades – which are good for around 5 years – were scheduled to update the drives in the county's voting machines. The fiscal court voted to spend roughly \$12,000 required to satisfy the recommended maintenance upgrades, going beyond the bare minimum (roughly \$8,000) the county was required to perform in order to secure an accurate election process. County voting machines include a battery back up in the event of power failure.

Johnston also presented the fiscal court with a check for \$42,000 for the balance of the clerk's settlement. The settlement left roughly \$2,000 in that particular account to satisfy any county bills that had not been satisfied.

County Judge Executive Brandon Burton suggested to the court that those particular funds be returned to the clerk's office. The funds, he suggested, might be used for the clerk's office to hire another staff member to assist in the of-

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CARTER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Carter County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for the 2025/2026 fiscal year for items listed below. Sealed bids will be accepted from May 20, 2025, until June 9, 2025, at 3pm. :

Fuel	Bulk-gasoline, diesel, propane
Oil	Various weights
Fluid/Lubricants	DEF, etc
Asphalt	Pick up and delivered laid
Paving	Emulsion and chip seal oil
Pipe	Various sizes
Limestone	Various sizes-both at plant and delivered to Road Dept.
Haul rate	By mile per loaded ton
Heavy equipment	Rate per hour including fuel and operator

A more detailed list is available at the Judge Executives' office, 300 West Main Street, Room 227, Grayson, KY 41143. All sealed bids will be opened and awarded, June 9, 2025, during the Fiscal Court meeting at 6pm..

Brandon Burton
Judge Executive

PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance amending the Carter County budget for fiscal year 2025, to include unanticipated receipts from FEMA, Federal NRCS, Transportation Cabinet, County Road Aid, Surplus Equipment Sales, Mineral Tax, EM Services, 911 User Fee and State Grants in the amount of \$1,703,208.56 and increasing expenditures in the area of Reserve for Transfer was adopted by Carter County Fiscal Court on May 21, 2025. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the county judge/executive during normal business hours.

fic's operation, especially in the Olive Hill office. The court voted to not accept the clerk's settlement.

The fiscal court also voted to begin the process of extending Finch Lane (County Road 1540) 2.06 miles. A bid was also accepted for a Kubota Excavator from State Equipment in the amount of \$97,800 with a four-year extended warranty, and including a trade in of the existing Kubota excavator being replaced by the county. The extended warranty adds \$4,200 to the purchase price. The court also voted to accept road bids until June 9.

In a separate, special meeting, the court voted to

approve the 2025 budget. The court also held the second reading of the 2026 budget. The 2026 budget can be voted on in the June 2025 meeting.

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Joyful Noise from A-2

guard your mouth. It is vital that you speak only the end result, and what you desire! Speak as if every word you say will come to pass. If you aren't speaking faith, then don't speak at all.

Forgive others. When you bear a grudge or are unforgiving, God will not hear your prayers. If some-

one sins against you, go and settle with the person. Do not hide sins in your heart so that your prayers will not be hindered. As Jesus has forgiven your sins, learn to forgive others.

We have learned that God's timing certainly isn't our timing. God is not bound by a clock or calendar. After we pray,

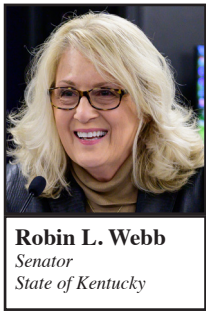
we must patiently wait with thanksgiving and praise. When you pray the right way, you will see the answers to your prayers manifest.

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Legislative update

FRANKFORT—With spring in full bloom across eastern Kentucky and the days turning warmer and longer, the people are preparing for the work ahead. This time of year reminds us that while one season ends, another begins. Although the 2025 Regular Session concluded in March, back in Frankfort the work on behalf of Kentuckians does not pause. The way the legislature proceeds will look quite different.



Robin L. Webb
Senator
State of Kentucky

Since adjourning the session, it has been a particularly busy time in the district—from graduations to agriculture events and groundbreakings, from finalizing long-awaited projects to celebrating new investments in our district. Several notable events occurred across the district over the past month, including two exciting ribbon cuttings to spotlight the value of local partnerships and public investment in our schools.

At Cannonsburg Elementary, students, educators, families, and local leaders gathered to celebrate the reopening of the school following a two-year, \$11.8 million renovation. With expanded classrooms, a new cafeteria and library, upgraded safety infrastructure, and long-overdue facility improvements, this project marks a significant step forward for education in the region. The majority of the funding—over \$7 million—was awarded through state investment, which reinforces the importance of our shared

commitment to public education. When students took the stage to thank us, it was a powerful reminder of why this work matters.

That same day, I joined community leaders at Boyd County High School for the ribbon cutting of the new Career and Technical Center, which is another critical investment in our region's future. This facility will offer students hands-on training and career preparation in a range of fields and equip them with the tools they need to pursue opportunities right here at home. I was proud to support this project alongside Boyd County Schools and local government partners. Together, these efforts reflect our determination to invest in infrastructure that uplifts students, strengthens families, and builds the foundation for long-term economic growth throughout the district.

Looking toward June, legislators will soon return to Frankfort as we enter what is known as the interim joint session. This phase of the legislative calendar is not a break from duty. It is a period of deeper focus before the next session commences. This is when lawmakers review past legislation, examine pressing issues, and study the policy decisions that shape everyday life across the commonwealth.

For me, this interim is a time to listen, ask better questions, and prepare. With a 60-day budget session on the horizon in 2026, the work we do over the next several months

will influence how we invest in education, health care, public safety, and rural economic opportunity. This is where the foundation is built. I plan to take an active role in that process.

During the regular session, the General Assembly debates and votes on bills. The pace is fast, and decisions are made quickly. The interim slows that pace down. It gives us time to look closely at the effects of laws already passed and to gather information about the challenges ahead.

Interim committees meet jointly with members of both the House and Senate. They hear from experts, review data, and consider testimony from Kentuckians affected by state policy. This is when ideas are refined. This is when better policy begins to take shape.

I serve on five interim joint committees. These are not ceremonial roles. Each committee meets regularly to consider real issues that affect families, workers, and communities across the commonwealth. Below is a summary of the work ahead.

Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture: In our part of the state, agriculture is more than a job. It is a way of life. This committee focuses on farm safety, conservation programs, food systems, and rural economic development. We also review policies involving crop insurance, disease control, and livestock health. I will be watching closely how recent changes in funding affect access to grants and loans that support small and family-owned farms. This includes attention to the administration of the Tobacco Master Settlement funds and the role

of the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy. Rural prosperity begins with smart investment in agriculture, and I will continue to advocate for that.

Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue: This committee reviews how Kentucky raises and spends public dollars. We examine budget forecasts, tax structures, and state investments in infrastructure, education, and health services. Every policy depends on how the budget is constructed. This interim will be critical in shaping the next biennial budget. I will continue pushing for equitable funding across regions and fairness in state resource distribution. The needs of rural communities deserve full consideration.

Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary: The justice system involves real people and serious decisions. This subcommittee reviews funding for the courts, public defenders, corrections, and law enforcement. I will focus on access to justice in rural areas. That includes ensuring our courthouses are funded, our victims are supported, and our mental health services for justice-involved individuals are not overlooked. Budgeting for justice requires more than numbers. It requires a commitment to fairness and dignity.

Interim Joint Committee on Families and Children: This committee focuses on services that help Kentuckians meet their basic needs. That includes support for children and adults in crisis, nutrition programs, foster care, and child protection. These services are essential in rural areas where access

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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Grayson will be holding a public auction on May 30th, 2025, at noon, at the City impound lot located at 591 East 5th Street, Grayson, Kentucky.

Preview of the vehicles will be by appointment only, beginning 72 hours before the day of sale. Vehicles are sold "as is", without title (unless indicated), all sales are final. The City of Grayson reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

JOB POSTING

Name of Position: Grayson Sports Park Business Manager

General Summary: The Grayson Sports Park Business Manager will be responsible for the financial management, operational efficiency, and growth of the sports park facility. They will oversee budgeting, revenue generation, staff management, and marketing efforts. Along with ensuring the park operates smoothly and achieves its financial, operational and growth goals.

Qualifications: High school diploma; 2-4-year college degree preferred in Business, Recreational Administration or Sports Management

2-5 years minimum past supervisory and management experience, along with business operations, budget development, and Quick Books knowledge are preferred.

Excellent customer service skills are required. Basic computer program knowledge and social media skills are preferred.

Special Work Conditions: Indoor/outdoor work during all seasons; weekend/night/holiday work is required. Due to the Park Business Manager being in a management position, "on call" and "as needed" work is required.

Position Wage: This is a full-time position. The wage will be negotiated at the time of hire. Health Insurance, 401K employer match and paid vacation are available after a probationary period.

The employee agrees to the wage negotiated at time of hire and understands that regular wage increases are not guaranteed. Any wage increases will be approved by the Grayson Tourism and Convention Commission.

Key Job Responsibilities:

Financial Management: Assist in developing and managing the park operating budget, including revenue forecasts and expense controls. Monitor financial performance, generate reports, and analyze key financial data. Manage accounts payable and receivable, including check processing and assisting in bank account reconciliation.

Operational Management: Oversee daily operations, including scheduling events, managing staff, and ensuring facility maintenance is held to a high standard. Manage contracts and agreements with vendors and partners. Implement and track park performance financially and ensure operational efficiency.

Staff Management: Hiring and supervising staff. Assisting in scheduling and work assignments along with the park maintenance manager. Evaluate staff performance, provide feedback, and address performance issues. Ensure a positive work environment and address employee concerns.

Marketing and Sales: Develop and implement marketing strategies to attract new programs and tournament hosts as well as working to retain the successful existing hosts. Identify and pursue new revenue streams and sponsorships. Manage sports park patron relations and address inquiries and complaints.

Facility Management: Ensure the park is safe, accessible, and well-maintained. Assisting along with park maintenance manager in the oversight of facility upgrades, repairs, and maintenance. Including but not limited to mowing, weed eating and trash collection. Help to ensure compliance with all relevant regulations and safety standards.

Community Engagement: Build and maintain relationships with local community groups and organizations. Participate in community events and initiatives, representing the Grayson Sports Park at local meetings and events.

Reporting and Analysis: Prepare reports and presentations for tourism board members. Analyze data and trends to identify opportunities for improvement and growth. Ensure accurate record-keeping and secure data management.

Applications can be obtained at the Grayson City building and via the website graysonssportspark.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations. Be it ordained by the Carter County Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2026 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purpose indicated.

GENERAL Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,181,498.97
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	35,000.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	103,600.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	2,500.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	25,000.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	201,802.17
9000	ADMINISTRATION	1,625,665.75
Total GENERAL Fund		4,175,066.89

ROAD Fund		
6000	ROADS	2,485,112.21
7000	DEBT SERVICE	2,066,842.90
9000	ADMINISTRATION	421,715.00
Total ROAD Fund		4,973,670.11

JAIL Fund		
5100	PROECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,322,911.33
7000	DEBT SERVICE	30,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	1,212,638.67
Total JAIL Fund		3,565,550.00

LGEA Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	24,500.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	399,174.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	169,400.00
6100	ROADS	20,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	288,850.00
Total LGEA Fund		901,924.00

CDBG Fund		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	200,000.00
Total CDBG Fund		200,000.00

FORESTRY FUND Fund		
5100	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	21,650.00
Total FORESTRY FUND Fund		21,650.00

CLERK STORAGE FEE Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	85,000.00
Total CLERK STORAGE FEE Fund		85,000.00

OPIOID FUND Fund		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	574,413.00
Total OPIOID FUND Fund		574,413.00

ENHANCED 911 Fund		
5100	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	369,249.46
9000	ADMINISTRATION	113,626.04
Total ENHANCED 911 Fund		482,875.50

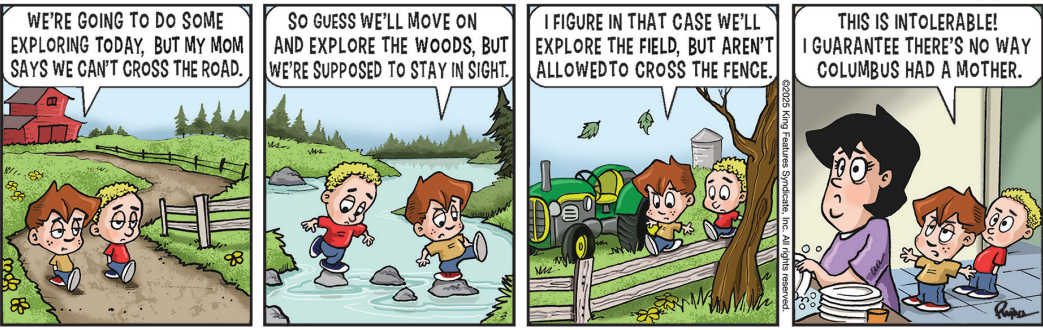
Adopted by the Carter County Fiscal Court this the 21 day of May, 2025.

/s/ Brandon Burton
County Judge/Executive

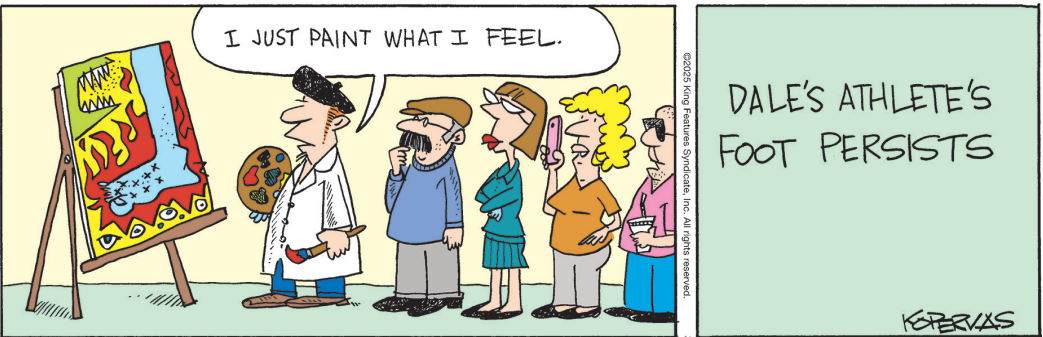
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

Amber Waves



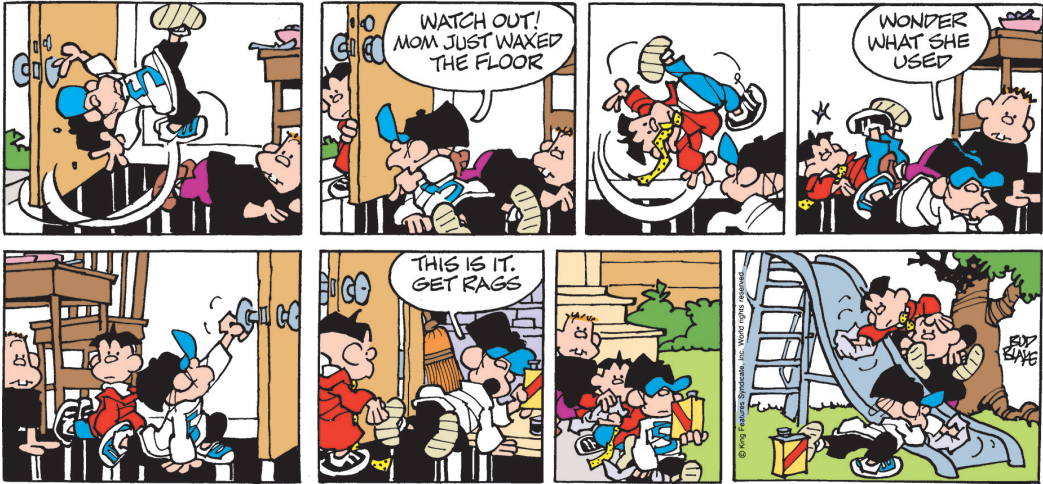
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The Spats



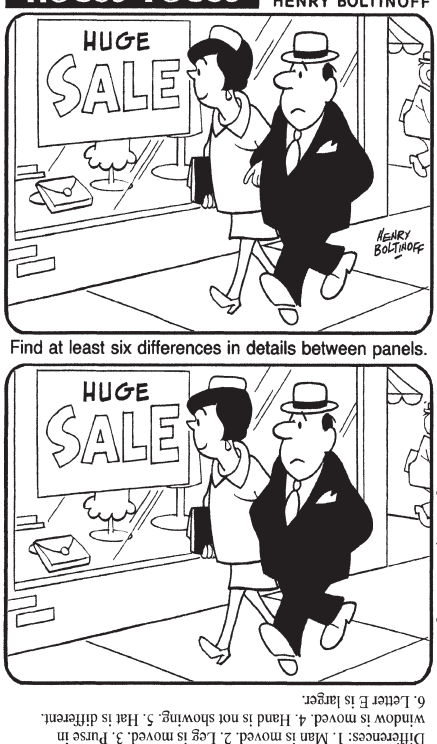
TIGER



OLIVE



HOCUS-FOCUS



Just Like Cats & Dogs



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: J equals T

QXFRATE JZOT QARW CRWT-
YRED BUR BRZKE KSGT JR
YTVRWT X CURAJ-RAETA VRRG:
"S YTKSTFT S VXO QAD."

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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!

Trial
RELOAD
 Rim
GLEED
 Cloak
LAMENT
 Brutal
CURLE

TODAY'S WORD

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. Give permission | _____ W | Metallic mixture | _____ Y |
| 2. Actor Matthau | W _____ | Stammer | F _____ |
| 3. Fake | _____ Y | Use one's cell | _____ E |
| 4. Rabbit enclosure | _____ T | Premonition | _____ N |
| 5. Dismal | _____ L | Snap into | _____ R |
| 6. Female sibling | _____ S | Child caregiver | _____ T |
| 7. Perky | _____ I | Attractive | _____ O |
| 8. Stove dial | _____ M | Shere Khan, e.g. | _____ G |
| 9. Come to an end | _____ E | Pursue | _____ H |
| 10. Homer's youngest | _____ G | Black and white crow | _____ P |
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GO FIGURE!

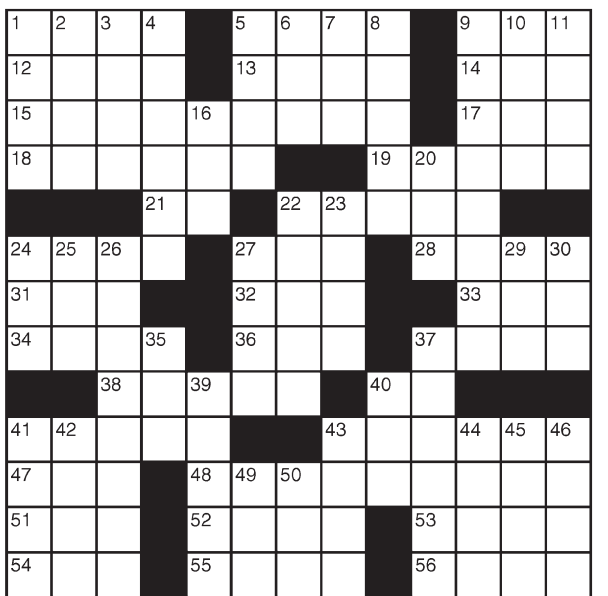
The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each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

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sprint
- 5 Dalai —
- 9 Humorist
- 12 Twice cuatro
- 13 Done with
- 14 Here (Fr.)
- 15 Impulsive
- 17 Born abroad?
- 18 Sweetheart
- 19 Sequence
- 21 Freudian concept
- 22 Ersatz chocolate
- 24 Lascivious
- 27 "Wham!"
- 28 Rain-delay cover
- 31 MSNBC's Melber
- 32 Night before
- 33 "Goshi!"
- 34 Gasp for air
- 36 Scale members
- 37 Despot
- 38 Tub outlet
- 40 Battery size
- 41 Laugh track sounds
- 43 Author Lurie
- 47 "I love," in Latin
- 48 Tropical cooler
- 51 Writer Harper
- 52 Theater award



- 53 Length times width
 - 54 "For shame!"
 - 55 Frees (of)
 - 56 Legendary loch
 - 9 Motormouths
 - 10 Frozen drink brand
 - 11 Level
 - 16 Cover
 - 20 Hogwash
 - 22 Witch group
 - 23 Dazzles
 - 24 Napkin's place
 - 25 Geological period
 - 26 Namibia's capital
 - 27 Gilpin of "Frasier"
 - 29 Actor Stephen
 - 30 Apiece
 - 35 — -la-la
 - 37 East Asian country
 - 39 Silents star Mary
 - 40 Hearty brew
 - 41 Sentry's cry
 - 42 Iowa city
 - 43 Citrus drinks
 - 44 Beget
 - 45 Small bills
 - 46 Secret-protecting docs
 - 49 Slugger's stat
 - 50 Succor
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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ACRONYMS: What do the acronyms "AM" and "PM" stand for?
2. TELEVISION: What is the name of the Jack Russell Terrier in the sitcom "Frasier"?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which vice president won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007?
4. MOVIES: How many Infinity Stones are in "Avengers: Endgame"?
5. U.S. STATES: In which state would you find the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What is Scotland's official national animal?
7. LITERATURE: Which cities are the settings for Charles Dickens' novel "A Tale of Two Cities"?
8. SCIENCE: Which two planets in our solar system have no moons?
9. HISTORY: Who was the first woman Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which branch of the U.S. military uses the recruiting slogan, "It's not just a job; it's an adventure"?

- Answers
1. Ante meridiem and Post meridiem
 2. Eddie Crane (real name is Moose) (before noon and after noon)
 3. Al Gore, vice president to Bill Clinton, won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in climate change
 4. Six
 5. Idaho
 6. The unicorn
 7. London and Paris
 8. Venus and Mercury
 9. Nancy Pelosi
 10. The Navy

LANDLORD

Today's Word

1. Ordeal 2. Ledger; solution

SCRAMBLERS

S	N	I	O	C
E	C	N	I	S
S	E	N	C	A
E	C	N	C	D
D	E	C	A	P
D	E	C	A	P
D	E	C	A	P

Solution

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

Favored tune from some answer

body who would like to become a short-order cook: "I Believe I Can Fly."

King Crossword

Update from A-6

can be limited by geography, staffing shortages, or weak infrastructure. I will work to ensure federal dollars are used effectively and that state policies meet the real-world needs of families in my district.

Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Energy: Kentucky's future depends on responsible management of our natural resources. This committee reviews issues tied to water systems, utilities, environmental protections, and energy development. I continue to support a balanced approach. We must protect our land and water while also recognizing the role of energy and natural resource jobs. Flood mitigation and water infrastructure investment will be key issues in this interim. I will be a strong voice for smarter, forward-looking policy in these areas.

In addition to interim joint committees, I serve on several statutory committees established under Kentucky law or authorized as permanent

subcommittees of the Legislative Research Commission. These committees meet regularly to review complex financial, infrastructure, and agricultural matters. Their proceedings are open to the public and the press.

Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee: This committee is tasked with reviewing how state dollars are spent on capital construction and public infrastructure. That includes oversight of emergency repair accounts, the leasing or purchase of state-owned properties, and bond issuances for both state government and local school districts. I will continue to monitor how capital investments are allocated and whether they are serving the long-term needs of our communities.

2026-2028 Budget Preparation and Submission Committee: As Kentucky prepares for the biennial budget, this committee plays an important role in setting the framework for how agencies draft and submit their

spending plans. The committee provides guidance on budget instructions, formats, and requirements to ensure consistency and accountability across government. This work will help shape the foundation of the 2026 budget session, and I intend to approach it with the seriousness it deserves.

Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee: This committee reviews the use of Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funds, with a focus on agricultural development, public health, and early childhood investments. We evaluate grants and loans issued by the Agricultural Development Board and examine how those resources are being used to diversify farm income, support rural communities, and advance long-term planning for Kentucky agriculture. I remain committed to preserving the original intent of these funds and ensuring they reach the people and programs they were designed to help.

The legislative process works best when people are involved. Interim Joint Committee meetings are open to the public. They are also streamed online and archived for review. Anyone can watch, read, or participate.

Over the next few months, these issues will be a focus, and listening to constituents to hear what is working and what is not is vital to how we move forward on them. That feedback shapes how I serve. Being a public servant means showing up, following through, and carrying local voices into every conversation in Frankfort. Whether we are talking about roads, rivers, classrooms, or courtrooms, the goal is good policies that serve the people where they live.

The interim session may not make the headlines, but it is where thoughtful work begins. I look forward to continuing that work with care and with the same commitment I brought to the regular session.

Writer from A-5

what they share out of a real love for our community, our society, and our state. Often, those opinions and passions aren't even political. But when they are, it draws the attention of folks whose own partisan passions have been ignited by their rhetoric.

So, to balance our center left Independent contributor, and our regular contributor who openly identifies as a Democrat, we're asking for contributors who identify as conservative, center-right, or centrists. It doesn't have to be very often at all. Even one column per month would add some interesting perspective and alternate views. And it

doesn't always have to be political. In fact, it's important to me, personally, that we have places outside politics to connect.

It's the spoonful of sugar that helps the medicine go down, so to speak. So, this is our plea – once again – for someone to share this important point of view. To begin building bridges on our opinion page. To do, in print and in our communities, what we complain about folks failing to do in D.C. To engage, honestly and openly, and with respect; especially when we disagree.

Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

You can visit legislature.ky.gov to find the full 2025 Interim Calendar. The site includes meeting schedules, livestream links, and documents from past discussions. You can also contact my office directly to share your views, ask questions, or get help with a specific issue. I can be contacted by email at

SD18@cm.kylegislature.gov or through the General Assembly Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. Kentuckians with hearing loss can use Kentucky Relay by dialing 711.

Decoration Day from A-5

"From the old days?" "Yes."

"It used to be a big day for people. When I was a little girl, my grandma would start in her spare time ... and make crepe paper flowers. She usually made them out of bright red and turquoise and bright pink and white crepe paper. They would make a bud, and cut out petals, and take a knife to the petal and scrape the end of it to make it lay down and curl. They would have their wire, and put that bud on the end of the wire, and start with the little petals and tie them on.

"It was about two-and-a-half miles to that

cemetery. Grandpa would always walk, and grandma would be on the horse. She would have a basket full of fried chicken, maybe fried pies, and cake, just food like that. And me, I was always running. We cut through the hills instead of going on the main road ... we'd come down so far out of that hollow and then cut through the hill. When you go through the hills there's wild honeysuckle, the prettiest orange, and as you go up through there, there are pine trees ... and it smells like pine all the way through there. It was where grandma's babies were buried, ones who died when they were born,

and her son who died when he was 21. They'd sing, decorate graves, and talk, a lot of them hadn't seen each other in a month or a few weeks.

"They had a preacher; he always, at least to me, preached too long. I would get so hot and tired that I just wanted to hurry up and get gone. ...

"I'll be honest with you, I was kindly like your youngins, I never was still. As far as standing around and watching what everybody did, I just sure didn't. But I do remember decorating the graves. I think it's important to decorate."

Hearing her stories

made it clear: Decoration Day, for me, was the remembering, linking myself and my children to the generations before us.

As I grow older, and as a pandemic has brought the fragility of life into clear focus, I'm buoyed by the remembering, by the traditions that connect the present, future, and past. To quote Alan Jabbour, "At the deepest spiritual level, a decoration is an act of respect for the dead that reaffirms one's bonds with those who have gone before."

And so today, my children will carry the flowers over the hillside to the graves of their great-grand-

father, great-great grandparents, and other relatives.

We'll make sure to place a small bouquet on the stone of my grandfather's little brother, who died as an infant.

They'll listen to our stories as we walk around the cemetery, and I hope, feel connected to the people who came before them.

They will get hot, tired,

and bored. Like their great-grandmother 80 years before them, they will want us to hurry up and get gone.

But someday, maybe they will want to come back.

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