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On the trail of Bigfoot

Carter Caves host cryptid hunt

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Patrons of Carter Caves State Park were treated to a special 'hunt' last week as the park organized a search for everyone's favorite cryptid creature, Bigfoot. But why, Bigfoot? Because the legendary creature has actually been spotted inside the park, according to reports collected by event organizers and others.

"We've had several people come to us and say they have spotted Bigfoot on Box Canyon Trail," event organizer Autumn Barnett said.

The idea for the hike was a

joint effort of Barnett and Rachel McClurg, and was held on the same trail, giving patrons an opportunity to not only keep a watchful eye out for the reigning 'hide-n-seek' champion, but also learn a little bit about the creature indigenous people named Tsul 'Kalu, Yeao, and Sasquatch – among others. Barnett said the Bigfoot hunt was part of the park's efforts to come up with more creative things to inspire people to get out and visit one of the area's natural wonders.

"We know a lot of people are really into Bigfoot, so we wanted to test it out," Barnett said.

And the park passed the test with flying colors, seeing over 160 individuals and families turn out for the Tuesday night event. Barnett said they were surprised

by the turnout, especially on a weeknight, but it was the best of surprises. The event saw local participants but also individuals and families from other parts of Kentucky, as well as West Virginia and Tennessee.

Barnett said that in the interest of attracting more people to the park, they have also been hosting similar paranormal events. For instance, Carter Caves is currently hosting a weekly Ghost and Legends Tour.

"We take people in by lantern light to Salt Peter Cave," Barnett explained. "And we talk about local legends and ghost stories that revolve around that cave."

The event is also an opportunity for people to share their own experiences, Barnett said.

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Back row, left to right, Brenna Plummer, Amanda Plummer. Front row, left to right, Izzie Plummer, Archer Imel (nephew), and Ellie Plummer. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Lacing up their work boots

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Joshua and Jared Ravenscraft of Morehead saw the devastation left in the wake of the tornado that recently tore through neighboring counties. The brothers are business owners in Morehead, and operate New Frontiers, an Appalachian Apparel Company they started in 2016. The company specializes in outdoor apparel from jeans to shirts and all sorts of outerwear.

"When we started in 2016, we noticed there weren't any brands at all in Eastern Kentucky that represented the region in a positive way. We always heard the stories with negative connotations about coal country

as hillbillies," he said.

And often hillbillies were portrayed in a predominantly negative manner. So, when the brothers started their apparel company, he said, they wanted to shine the light on the positive things on the region.

"It's one of the most beautiful regions in the world," Ravenscraft said of Appalachia. "We have Red River Gorge just down the road and Cave Run Lake, Carter Caves, and Grayson Lake in Grayson. And then you have North Carolina and West Virginia, and well we just called it 'God's Country.' We have always been inspired by where we are from," he said.

"That's what the brand tries to

See **BOOTS** on A-4

Simmering success

Local teen turns passion for natural living into blooming business

By Miranda H. Lewis
Carter County Times

At just 17 years old, Harper Sexton of Olive Hill is already making waves in the world of holistic home goods – and simmering her way into the hearts of the community – with her handmade brand, Simmer & Co. A soon-to-be senior at West Carter High School, Harper is the

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Harper Sexton, 17, stands proudly behind her Simmer & Co display at a local vendor event in Ashland. With handmade simmer pot blends, beeswax candles, and a passion for natural living, Harper shares her unique creations—and her entrepreneurial spirit—with the community. (Submitted photo)



Jared Ravenscraft retrieves a flag from tornado wreckage in Laurel County. (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.

- Carrie Hamm, 39, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of failure to appear, giving an officer false identifying information, and two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked June 2.
- Geronimo Guzman, 25, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of speeding 20 MPH over limit, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, no registration receipt,

- failure to produce an insurance card, no operator's license, and careless driving, arrested and booked June 3.
- Boyd Salyers, 49, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of driving on a DUI suspended license, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked June 4.
- Phillip Roar, 47, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on two counts of failure to appear, and two counts of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked June 4.
- Scott Tabor, 53, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on three counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, and a single count of failure to appear, arrested and booked June 4.

- Dorothy Sparks, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, charges unavailable, arrested and booked June 4.
- Danny Adkins, 67, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, license not in possession, possession of marijuana, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, failure to or improper signal, no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, and three counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked June 4.
- Patricia Baier-Carter, 54, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked June 4.
- Jacob Colley, 23, of Grayson, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), and charges of failure

See **ARRESTS** on A-3



This Week's Obituaries

Daryl Clinton Back, 72
Robert Allen Holbrook, 99

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LIFESTYLE



It's soup-er savings: Broccoli & potato soup to the rescue

Let's talk about that moment. You know the one. When it's the end of the month, the fridge is giving tumbleweed vibes, the budget is stretched thinner than a dollar-store trash bag, and yet ... folks still want dinner.

What's a Diva to do? Wait! What is that in the sky? Is that a soup-er hero? Why, it's Broccoli and Potato Soup to the rescue! It says, "I'm humble, hearty, quietly heroic, and I'm here to save you and your dinner!"

This is the soup I turn to when I need something plentiful and filling on the table fast. It's also the soup I lean on when someone says they're stopping by and I ha-

ven't been to the store in a week. Because every ingredient in this soup is a pantry or freezer staple that won't spoil if it sits tight until you need it. Russet potatoes? Check. Frozen broccoli? Check. Carrots, celery and onion? The holy trinity of thrifty flavor. But wait! There's more!

Now here's the frugal magic trick: Instead of cream, this recipe uses evaporated milk. It's shelf-stable, budget-friendly and creamy as all get-out. It blends beautifully with the potatoes and gives the soup that silky, creamy texture without tipping your grocery bill into "why-did-I-buy-organic-cream?" territory.

And if you think soup is a winter only affair, allow me to nudge you gently. This one is also shockingly delicious served cold. Think of this soup as vichyssoise's less fancy cousin, the one who shows up in a thrifted cardigan, knows how to stretch a dollar and still manages to taste amazing. Creamy, comforting and totally unpretentious -- just the way we like it.

BROCCOLI & POTATO SOUP

Yield: 6 servings
Total Time: 30 minutes

- 3 tablespoons olive oil or butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped

- 1/2 cup celery, minced
 - 1/2 cup carrot, shredded
 - 1 (16-ounce) bag frozen broccoli cuts, 5 cups
 - 3 pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
 - 1 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1 teaspoon thyme
 - 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 - 2 cups chicken or vegetable broth/stock
 - 3 cups water
 - 1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk
 - 1 cup cheddar cheese, or cheese of choice, grated
- Green onions, finely sliced (optional garnish)
Cheese, grated (optional garnish)

Heat oil in a soup pot over medium-low heat. Add the onion, celery and carrot; cook for about 3 minutes, or until softened.

While that's cooking, open the frozen broccoli and separate some of the "prettier" florets to add at the end of cooking. Place the remainder of the broccoli and all the potato into the pot. Add garlic, thyme, salt and pepper. Stir, then add stock and water.

Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Cook uncovered for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally,



Delicious hot or cold, and always easy on the wallet. (Photo credit: www.JasonColblentz.com)

until the veggies are completely tender.

Once the veggies are tender, remove from heat and add the evaporated milk. Using an immersion (stick) blender, blend soup until smooth (or in batches with a countertop blender).

Add the reserved "prettier" broccoli florets and return to the heat for 2 minutes, or until just cooked through. Remove from heat, stir in the cheese and adjust seasoning to taste.

Ladle into bowls and top with your favorite garnishes.

Add a crisp green salad and some crusty bread, and you've got a lunch -- or dinner -- that looks like you had a plan all along.

It's affordable. It's adaptable. And it's proof that with a few smart staples, and a soup-er hero recipe, you're never more than 30 minutes from a satisfying meal.

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

My stuff

"What do I do with stuff I no longer want?"

There are many options for getting rid of things that you no longer want or need. First, there is selling what you own. Keep in mind that nothing is worth what you paid for it. This is difficult for some since anything we have invested in we think should be sold at the value we place on them. Unfortunately, that isn't the case. If you want to sell, do so with the mindset that whatever price you are able to get is better than keeping it. Look to see what others are selling on the second-hand market that might be similar to your items. The desire to rid yourself of

things from your home is better than trying to make a profit. It can also take a toll on your time to list, and search, and wait. If you are looking to sell furniture, look into consignment shops who will sell your stuff for you taking a small a percentage for their services. It's an option that gives you the freedom of selling things without the work. Make sure you ask any donation center if they pick up as well.

Your second option, and one that is the most meaningful, is to donate. Now, that being said, be sure the items you are donating are in good condition and do some research to check with local charities or churches to see what

they are looking to receive. Not all places take everything. Get receipts for your donations because it may seem like a small ask, but you don't know if you will be donating again throughout the year which could lead to a contribution to deduct from your taxes. Also, check with family or friends to see if what you don't need could be of use to someone else.

The last thing is to simply throw it away. I say 'last' because, even though it's easy, landfills aren't the best option, it just may be the only one.

The fact that you are downsizing what you own is powerful. Being careful of how things are removed from your home, especially things that could benefit others, and keeping things out of our landfills is equally powerful.

It's as simple as that! Send your questions and comments to me at info@confusionsolution.com

Joyful Noise

Casting all your care upon the Lord

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

Anyone who loves to fish knows that you have to "cast" your line out into the water for the fish to bite. The definition of cast means "an act of throwing something forcefully."

A very familiar scripture to us is 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."

Don't worry about how God will work things out. You just focus on getting

closer to Him and He will handle the rest. Just learn how to "cast" your cares upon Him. Throwing them upon Him and leaving them there. We don't reel them back in. The Lord can't help us if we refuse to let it go.

Psalms 55:22 -- "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Isaiah 41:10 -- "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God:

I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Matthew 11:28 -- "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

In 1 Peter 5:7, this verse concludes the thought begun in verse 6. Christians must humble themselves under God's mighty hand, trusting Him to exalt us at exactly the right time. We must quit the work of seeking our own glory, to accept the work of serving and submitting to others.

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Ways to protect yourself from the sun

The sun is important for farmers' careers and livelihoods, but the sun's powerful rays do not always shine to your benefit. Since you spend most of your time outdoors, you are at increased risk of not only getting suntans but also sunburns and skin cancers compared to other segments of the population.

While they may seem like a harmless part of your occupation, suntans are your bodies' defense mechanism against too much sun and can cause your skin to prematurely age. Premature aging results in skin changes such as freckles, rough skin and wrinkles.

Sunburns happens when your body receives too much of the sun's radiation. Besides being painful, a sunburn can cause the skin to blister. This is a sign of a second-degree burn.

Skin cancers occur when our bodies get too many ultra-violet rays. The three most common types of skin cancer are basal-cell carcinoma, mel-

anoma and squamous-cell carcinoma. Basal-cell and squamous-cell carcinomas are the most common kinds of skin cancers, and when caught early, the great majority can be cured.

Melanoma is far more dangerous, as it can spread to other parts of your body including your organs. If not caught early, melanoma can be life threatening and even deadly. Melanomas appear as tan, brown or black spots and often appear near a mole or dark spot on the skin.

While anyone can get skin cancer, those of you with fairer complexions are at the greatest risk. This is because your skin cells contain less of the brown pigment melanin, which helps block damaging UV rays. This means you get burns and freckles easier than other skin types.

It is important for you to be aware of the warning signs of skin cancer and perform a self-check each month for signs of a potential skin problem. Warning signs include changes in

color, size and shape of moles or dark spots on your skin. These spots may also ooze or bleed or cause pain, itchiness or tenderness. Your hands, feet and under your nails are particularly sensitive to sun exposure.

The good news is you can lower your risk of getting skin cancer by reducing your exposure to the sun. The sun's rays are the most powerful between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., so you may want to move field work to the early morning or later in the afternoon to avoid the sun. When outside, wear a wide-brimmed hat, long-sleeved shirts and pants. Use sunscreen with a sun protective factor (SPF) of at least 15 on any exposed part of your body. Reapply sunscreen throughout the day so the sunscreen stays effective. Remember to wear sunscreen regardless of the weather. The sun's rays are present whether the day is sunny or cloudy.

If you notice any changes to your skin, contact a dermatologist or your primary care physician. More information on the effects of sun exposure is available at the Car-

See SUN on A-3

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers sold unevenly steady. Yearling steers and heifers were lightly tested with limited comparison. Demand was moderate to good for all feeder and yearling classes with best interest for long weaned thin fleshed calves suitable for grass. Slaughter cows and bulls sold mostly steady to 5.00 'higher with good to very good demand.

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

Week ending 5/30/25

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	424.56	434.15	332.55
400-450 lbs	408.45	408.60	320.87
450-500 lbs	396.41	392.76	322.83
500-550 lbs	370.91	367.77	301.20
550-600 lbs	360.01	362.29	296.50
600-650 lbs	338.92	335.39	281.69
650-700 lbs	322.58	330.10	275.31
700-750 lbs	301.25	302.25	260.98
750-800 lbs	295.37	292.35	247.00
800-850 lbs	285.68	279.08	236.46
850-900 lbs	275.57	276.61	228.08
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	389.38	387.11	298.18
350-400 lbs	395.47	378.17	298.60
400-450 lbs	375.05	360.73	291.40
450-500 lbs	347.60	346.88	284.42
500-550 lbs	329.21	332.80	271.96
550-600 lbs	330.35	322.04	264.44
600-650 lbs	302.46	295.35	243.85
650-700 lbs	288.30	285.46	244.21
700-750 lbs	273.49	267.77	221.27
750-800 lbs	265.59	257.76	220.93

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	137.00-170.00	158.00-193.00	129.00-159.00
Boners	135.00-170.00	151.00-197.00	125.00-161.00
Lean	110.00-161.00	137.00-177.50	105.00-145.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	159.00-217.00	188.00-246.00	140.00-189.00

May 22, 2025		Bowling Green, KY	
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 215			
Kids Selection 1	52-53 lbs 370.00-415.00;	65 lbs 360.00;	70 lbs 380.00.
Selection 1-2	85 lbs 285.00;	130 lbs 275.00.	Selection 2-3 50 lbs 255.00;
			85 lbs 220.00.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 1,202			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2	57 lbs 240.00-245.00;	65-67 lbs 237.50-277.50;	
	74-75 lbs 250.00-29.00;	86 lbs 267.50;	93 lbs 235.00;
	110 lbs 245.00.	Choice 2	
50-55 lbs 270.00-272.50;	64 lbs 267.50;	76 lbs 267.50;	87 lbs 257.50.
Woolled-Choice & Prime 1-2	53 lbs 250.00;	69 lbs 260.00;	92 lbs 260.00;
			111 lbs 235.00.

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
GRAINS			
Corn	4.20-4.82	4.40-4.82	4.16-4.68
Soybeans	9.79-10.82	9.90-10.77	11.40-12.48
Red Winter Wheat	4.39-5.37	4.12-5.45	5.93-6.93

Arrests from A-1

to appear, and first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (two or more grams of methamphetamine), arrested and booked June 5.

- Kathy McClaskey, 49, of Ironton, OH, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of possession of marijuana, second degree promoting contraband, and first degree promoting contraband, arrested and booked June 5.
- Ashley King, 38, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), and for failure to appear, arrested and booked June 5.
- Travis Roberts, 36, of Columbus, OH, arrested by Grayson PD, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked June 5.
- Gregory Mason, 51, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of speeding 14 MPH over limit, failure to produce an insurance card, no registration receipt, failure to wear seat belts, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, no brake lights, and driving on a DUI suspended

license, arrested and booked June 6.

- Elijah Littleton, 34, of Vanceburg, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued between \$1,000 and \$10,000, and first degree criminal mischief, arrested and booked June 6.
- Ronald Bland, 35, of Morehead, arrested by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked June 6.
- Courtney Fleming, 42, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of theft of identity of another without consent, theft by unlawful taking or disposition of contents from a vehicle valued between \$500 and \$1,000, and theft or receipt of a stolen credit/debit card, arrested and booked June 6.
- Dustin Owens, 19, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place, possession of alcohol by a person aged 18-20, and third degree unlawful

transaction with a minor, arrested and booked June 7.

- Brian Perry, 45, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked June 7.
- Richard Epling, 40, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of failure to wear seat belts, license not in possession, and failure to appear, arrested and booked June 7.
- Kennth Lambert, 39, of Argillite, self-surrender, charges unavailable, arrested and booked June 8.
- Jacob Bryant, 25, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, and first degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), arrested and booked June 8.
- Nicole Kauffman, 38, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia,

possession of marijuana, first degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), and prescription not held in a proper container, arrested and booked June 8.

- Raymond Bryant, 51, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, and first degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), arrested and booked June 9.
- Ashley Elam, 42, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of violating a Kentucky Emergency Protection Order/Domestic Violence Order, arrested and booked June 9.

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.

CALENDAR

- **6/11: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **6/16: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **6/16: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **6/16: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **6/16: Carter County EMS Board Meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County EMS Station
- **6/16: Carter County Board of Education @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Board of Education office
- **6/17: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **6/17: Olive Hill City Council @ 6 p.m.** | Olive Hill Senior/Community Center
- **6/19: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **6/19: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce @ 6 p.m.** | Commercial Bank - Olive Hill
- **6/20: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **6/21: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **6/21: Friends of the Library meeting @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **6/23: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686

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Senator Robin Webb selected as moderator of high-level wildlife conservation session

NCSL panel to feature legislative leaders from across the U.S.

FRANKFORT — The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has selected Sen. Robin Webb, R-Grayson, to moderate a national panel discussion on modern wildlife conservation during its 2025 summit in Boston, MA, in August.

The session will explore the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation

(NAMWC)—a framework built on principles of sustainable use, public benefit, and science-based management. Widely regarded as the world's most successful conservation approach, the model supports a \$150 billion outdoor recreation economy and more than 480,000 American jobs. It continues to shape modern policymaking and is partly funded by federal programs that reinvest hunting and fishing-related taxes into state-level conservation efforts.

A lifelong advocate for conservation and an avid sportswoman, Webb has long championed rural Kentucky's natural resources and outdoor

heritage. She currently serves on the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee, the Senate Agriculture Committee, and the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

"I'm honored to moderate this conversation and bring an Appalachian, conservation-minded perspective to the discussion," Webb said. "As someone who grew up in the woods and waters of eastern Kentucky, I understand how important it is to protect our fish and wildlife, sustain our ecosystems, and support the local economies that depend on them and the families who enjoy the great traditions associated with it."

The panel is part of the Natural Resources, Energy, and Environment track at NCSL's annual summit, which brings together lawmakers and policy leaders nationwide.

NCSL is a bipartisan organization that serves legislators and staff from states, commonwealths, and territories. It provides research, technical assistance, and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues. It is an effective and respected advocate for the interests of the states in the federal system.

Bigfoot from A-1

"I have had scratches and rocks thrown at me in Salt Peter Cave," she said, giving a personal example of a brush with the paranormal.

"We team up with a paranormal team out of Louisville called Serious Paranormal, and we have done two events with them," Barnett continued. "They are absolutely great. We did a tour in Cascade Cave, and the one around Memorial Day at Salt Peter Cave."

Barnett said that interest in the paranormal has proven popular in the area.

"We expected more people to be closed minded, but the exact opposite was true," Barnett said.

"Every event like this we have had has generated a lot of interest locally and throughout the region. And there are a lot of strange things that happen around the caves."

The public isn't typically taken through most parts of the caves, she said, and it is difficult to really 'know' what is happening in the unexplored regions.

"We are definitely going to be planning more paranormal expeditions with Serious Paranormal," Barnett said. "We are going to try to investigate the Lodge and make the Salt Peter Cave investigation a yearly event."

Barnett said for updates and upcoming events,

patrons can visit the Carter Caves website and Facebook page.

Amanda Plummer from Flatwoods took part in the Bigfoot event with her family, and shared their impressions of the experience. Daughter Ellie said her favorite part of the experience was actually searching for Bigfoot and practicing her Bigfoot howl. Daughter Izzie didn't mention whether she had perfected her own Bigfoot howl, but said she enjoyed the hike with all the other people as they searched for the illusive cryptid.

Plummer herself said that she was impressed by the turnout and the

wonderful job the staff at Carter Caves did putting on the event. She was also amazed by the amount of available Bigfoot t-shirts and bumper stickers.

Husband Brennan Plummer said that being in the woods with his wife and children is always fun.

"My girls are really into legends right now, so this was an all-around fun experience," he said. "And there were some Bigfoot enthusiasts there sharing their personal encounters," he added, which made the experience even more enjoyable.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

Sun from A-2

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genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

Upcoming Events:

- The Olive Hill Farmer's Market is located in the Save-a-Lot parking lot

and will open on Monday, June 16th at 3:00 PM. The Grayson Farmer's Market will open on Saturday, June 21st at 9:00 AM. The market is located in the shed behind the Extension Office.

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Pet of the Week

Casper is believed to be a Labrador and Great Pyrenees mix, and around three-year-old. He walks well on a leash, and is good with other dogs. Casper's \$100 adoption fee includes rabies vaccination and being neutered. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet him or call 475-9771 for more information.

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

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Joyful Noise from A-2

Then, when the time is right, our God will use His mighty hand to exalt us.

These are words of great encouragement, and maybe conviction, for those struggling to submit to harsh human authorities. It speaks to those serving year after year with little recognition. It encourages those providing for others of limited power or value in society. Natural human fear tells us we are wasting our lives, we are on the wrong path, that our choice to serve in humility without obvious reward is evidence that we may be

worthless, after all.

Peter writes that we should take that fear and cast it – throw it – onto our Father God. In fact, he tells us to take all our anxieties, everything that worries us, and to give it to the God who cares so deeply for us. This is not a promise that God will fix everything which worries us. God is not obligated to follow whatever script we write for Him. It's a promise that the mighty God will receive our worries, and care about them. He will carry them for us. He is trustworthy to handle them

Boots from A-1

encompass every day."

Ravenscraft said that the inspiration of Appalachia and its people is key to everything they do, and more especially what he and his brother are doing to help those affected by the tornado.

"That's part of what you do as a person and as a business is give back," he said. "And it's part of being a good steward of the region to reach out and help when there are things like floods and tornados."

"And it just seems like Kentucky has gotten hit harder than anyone else in the U.S. in the past couple of years from the Mayfield tornado to the multiple floods that have happened. Then you have the tornado that just hit in the London area. We always try to do the right thing and give back. It's instilled in us and part of being a Kentuckian. We help our neighbors."

Ravenscraft said that in the world of social media you see things as soon as they happen; and in some cases that can be a good thing. He said they were sitting at their house in Morehead, in the middle of a hailstorm, when they (he and his brother) were watching WKLT in Lexington. Ravenscraft said they were giving tornado warnings throughout, but the devastation could not be truly seen until the following morning. At that point both Facebook and the news were filled with shocking images.

"The tornado had flattened homes and killed people," he said, feeling the horror of it.

"Mutual friends and family members were posting these catastrophic images," he continued. "And then people started talking about helping out. People were making arrangements to go there and help people sort through what used to be their homes. And our customers were talking about it, and everyone was looking for volunteers."

"We decided to put our boots and go help," he said of the decision he and his brother made that morning. "And when we got there, they put us to work. They asked if we brought any equipment, and we told them we just had our two hands and gloves."

The two brothers were put to work sorting through the refuse that

used to be a living part of the town, helping however they could, including helping individuals who had lost everything to nature's rage salvage what few items of their lives remained.

"The path of destruction was 50 miles long," Ravenscraft said. "We went to Laurel County and London, in a neighborhood called Sunshine Hills. They got hit hard. We were going house to house, asking people if they needed help. Some folks lost everything, with their houses just flattened. Others were partial loses, but everything was damaged."

Ravenscraft said the physical devastation is difficult to explain if you haven't experienced it. And the emotional damage is even more difficult to grasp and assess. He said they spoke with an elderly gentleman who said his house had made it, but that his next-door neighbors had not been nearly as fortunate. The neighbors' home had been flattened, it's occupants pulled out by the tornado and flung across the neighborhood, their lives extinguished in the process.

"The cleanup is necessary," Ravenscraft said. "But I think that it's also important to go there for the sake of the people themselves to just talk to them. Having someone to talk to and giving a good support system means a lot too. It's so catastrophic and traumatizing event for these people. I think it helps for them to be able to talk to someone and to know that someone cares."

Ravenscraft said that he and his brother plan to volunteer to help again, making themselves available to do whatever tornado victims need. They also urge others to volunteer or to help out anyway they are able. The London/Corbin Airport Facebook page is a good place to check to see where volunteers are needed, he said. For those who can't volunteer on site, he said Governor Beshear's Team Kentucky page is a good place to donate toward immediate concerns such as funeral expenses and the demolition and eventual build back of homes and other structures.

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in the way that is best.

Peter's words are a command. It is not God's will for His children to continue to live under those burdens. Believing that God is mighty and cares for us should result in us regularly handing over our worries to Him.

There's a song that says, "Burdens are lifted at Calvary." Jesus paid it all

on an old, rugged cross a long time ago. He carried the burden of everything that would come against us upon His bleeding and bruised back so that you and I could go free. He gave His life that we might have life abundantly. Let go and let God do what He does best and that is loving you with an everlasting love. He has given us so

many precious promises in the Word of God. Rise up and pray and believe that God will do exactly what He said He would do in our lives. You must step out and receive what has already been paid for you. So don't reel your worries back in after you cast them on the Lord.

Amen! So be it!
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OBITUARY**Robert Allen Holbrook**

1926 – 2025



Devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, WWII Veteran, engineer, educator, deacon, and executive, Robert Holbrook, 99, of Lexington, Kentucky, was welcomed into his Holy Father's loving arms on June 4, 2025, just moments before the commencement of the funeral service for his beloved wife of 68 years, Evelyn.

He was born on May 2, 1926, in Carter County, Kentucky, to Walter and Leona Holbrook. He graduated High School in January 1944 and enrolled in the University of Kentucky's spring semester. After one semester of college, he received a letter from the President of the United States "inviting" him to report to Olive Hill's local draft board at 5:15 am on August 2, 1944, for training leading to service on the land or naval forces of the United States.

During his 2-year naval career, 1944–1946, SC3c Robert (Bob) Holbrook served aboard USS LST-621 in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign. His Naval awards include the Combat Action Ribbon, American Campaign Medal with 2 stars, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

Upon discharge from the military, Bob returned to the University of Kentucky in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. With only one semester remaining, he returned to Olive Hill, in 1951, to assist in the family hardware store, where he met the lovely and talented Evelyn Eloise Rice. After 3 years in the hardware business, Bob earned his BSME from the University of Kentucky in 1954. He worked in construction at the Atomic Energy Plant in Waverly, Ohio, then joined the Corps of Engineers, Huntington, West Virginia in 1955, before landing an engineering position at Lockheed Aircraft, Burbank, California in 1956.

Bob returned to Kentucky for Christmas, 1956, and wed the love of his life, Evelyn Eloise Rice on January 5, 1957 at Barrett's Creek Baptist Church in Grayson. Although they began what would become 68 years of marriage in sunny Southern California, it did not take long for the allure of the Bluegrass State to beckon them homeward, returning to Kentucky for good in 1957.

In 1958, Bob began a new career as an Educator, teaching Math at Boyd

County High School in Cannonsburg, Kentucky. In 1959, he relocated his small but growing family to Lexington and began teaching Mathematics and Physics at Bryan Station High School. After obtaining a master's degree from Morehead State University in 1965, he returned to a more engineering-focused career pursuit as the Head of Division of Maintenance for the Fayette County School system in 1966. He retired from the school system in 1991 and began volunteer pursuits to the benefit of the University of Kentucky as well as a succession of Southern Baptist Churches.

Bob and Evelyn had four children between July 1958, and March 1968: Flint, Eloise (deceased), Zane, and Faith. He was a devoted husband and father, teaching, training, and guiding each child, while working to provide for the family and build his career. They loved and enjoyed eleven grandchildren: Flint and Nathan Holbrook, Philip, Daniel, Thomas, and Elaina Cravens, Hannah, Hunter, Heath, Hayden, and Halle Holbrook. Bob was always happy to include and instruct a grandchild in whatever household repair or landscaping task was required around the house, but perhaps most enjoyed educating them during the many Shockey Tours of historic sites that he and Evelyn took the grandchildren on while the children were out of school.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Holbrook, his parents—Walter and Leona Holbrook, a brother—Walter Duval Holbrook, a daughter—Eloise Holbrook, and a grandchild—Philip Cravens. He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Flint and Beverly Holbrook and Zane and Latrell Holbrook, a daughter and son-in-law, Faith and John Cravens, ten grandchildren, Flint (Jade), Nathan (Lauren) Holbrook, Hannah (Gerald) Gangaram, Hunter (Mindy), Heath (Heather), Evelyn Eloise Rice. After 3 years in the hardware business, Bob earned his BSME from the University of Kentucky in 1954. He worked in construction at the Atomic Energy Plant in Waverly, Ohio, then joined the Corps of Engineers, Huntington, West Virginia in 1955, before landing an engineering position at Lockheed Aircraft, Burbank, California in 1956.

Funeral Services for Robert Holbrook will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, June 20, 2025, at Heritage Baptist Church, 4369 Lexington Road, Winchester, KY 40391. Visitation will begin at 11:00 am and extend until the hour of service. Following the service, a procession to Lexington Cemetery, 833 West Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky, will be followed by interment with Military Honors. Friends and family wishing to celebrate the full life of Robert Allen Holbrook are encouraged to make contributions in his honor to Heritage Baptist Church, Winchester, Kentucky. Rolan G Taylor Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Daryl Clinton Back

1953 – 2025



Daryl Clinton Back, age 72, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at UK-King's Daughter Healthcare in Ashland, Kentucky.

He was born Saturday, January 17, 1953, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Kenneth and Nanita McGlone Back.

Daryl was of the Baptist Faith and attended Kiser Branch Old Regular Baptist Church in Grahn, Kentucky, as long as he was able. He was a life long truck driver and enjoyed watching NASCAR, especially Dale Earnhardt, riding horses, listening to music and spending time with family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Kelli Back; one uncle, Luke Back, whom he cherished as a friend and father figure; many more cherished aunts and uncles; one brother-in-law and special friend, Jesse Binion and special friend, Mike Knipp.

Daryl is survived by his companion of 34 years,

Patricia Lynn Conn; one daughter, Christi (Nick) Padden; two grandchildren, Hudson Padden, Hayes Padden; two sisters, Brenda Binion, Debbie (Greg) DeHart all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; special nieces, Jessica Binion, Amy (Wayne) Russell; great-niece, Addie Russell; great-nephew, Gabe Russell; a special aunt, Earlene Gillispie; the mother of his children, Priscilla Porter Thompson; special life long friends, Ernie DeBord, Freddie Davis, Wayne Logan, and many other close friends, along with aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m., Sunday, June 8, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Eddie Barker officiating. Burial followed in Garvin Ridge Cemetery, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 11:30 a.m., Sunday, June 8, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Joe Gillispie, Gary Gillispie, Wayne Russell, Gabe Russell, John Harper, Mark Back, Wayne Logan and Nick Padden served as pallbearers.

Greg DeHart, Elbert Cole, Ernie DeBord, Holly Conn, Freddie Davis and Donnie Conn served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Daryl Clinton Back.

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Letter to the Editor

Olive Hill Riddle Quest: Week 2 is Here — And You Can Still Join the Hunt!

Week 1 of the Olive Hill Riddle Quest brought visual intrigue, with picture-only clues hidden throughout town. But some adventurers were left scratching their heads — and we get it! Each image wasn't the answer itself, but a hint to your next location. From one photo clue to the next, the visual trail led you forward.

Welcome to Puzzle Week 2!

This week's clues are word puzzles and riddles. You'll need to solve each one to discover the next location. No more picture-hopping — it's time to put your thinking cap on and follow the clues with your brain as much as Track Your Journey

Each clue includes a QR code that leads to our official Clue Tracker site. There, enter your email and download the Clue Compilation Sheet. This is your quest log. As you solve each riddle and find each location, fill in your sheet.

You Must Turn in Your Sheet to Win

To be eligible for the \$500 grand prize, your completed Clue Compilation Sheet must be turned in in person at the Olive Hill Homecoming Parade. If you don't turn it in, you're not in the running—so make sure to bring it with you!

All Clues Stay Up All Month

Did you just hear about the Riddle Quest? You're not too late! All clues from every week stay in place until the end of June. You can still go back, start from the beginning, and complete the game at your own pace.

It Only Gets Trickier

Week 3 will raise the stakes with ciphers, logic games, and scavenger-style challenges. But don't worry—if you missed a week, just start from Week 1 (go to <https://cartercountytimes.com> to find previous articles) and work through them all. Persistence wins the prize.

Don't forget: \$500 is on the line. The real treasure? The adventure you'll have along the way.

Let the Riddle Quest continue!

You may want to sit down for this puzzle.

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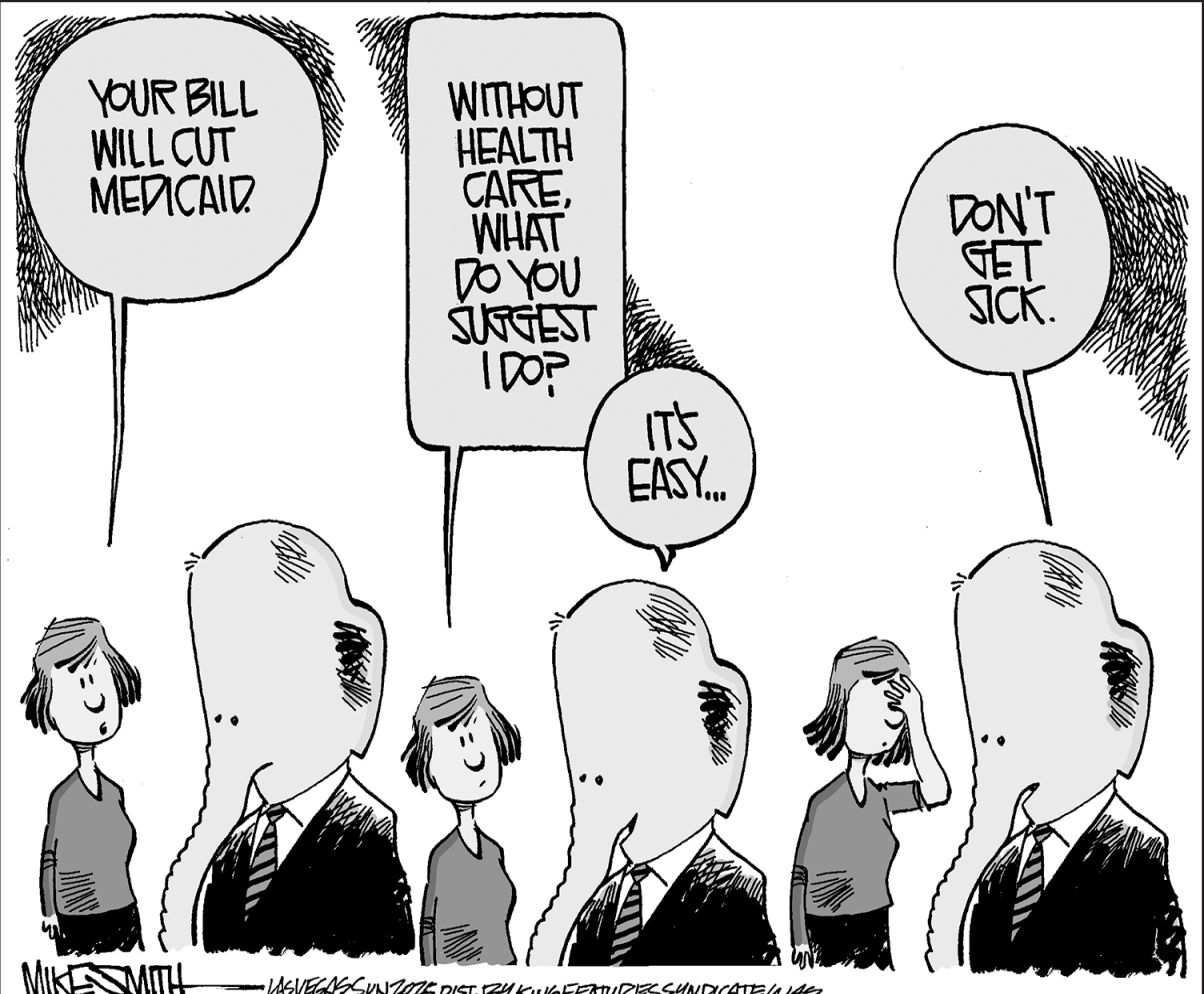
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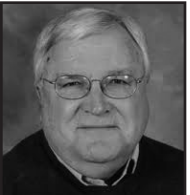
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State Sen. Robin Webb proved she has courage to make hard choices

A year ago, I might have been upset at my long-time friend, State Sen. Robin Webb, for giving up the Democratic Party to join the super majority Republicans in the upper chamber of the Kentucky General Assembly.

the Republicans in the Kentucky Senate and criticized by Democratic party leaders as a turncoat. No one



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

But, to my surprise, I didn't find it difficult to identify her in print as Sen. Robin Webb, R-Grayson, instead of D-Grayson. Like me and many other lifelong Democrats here, statewide and nationally, she sensed her party was losing touch with rural, basically conservative voters.

in Frankfort should have been completely surprised by her decision because her voting record during 10 years in the House and 16 years in the Senate clearly reflects her commitment to putting the best interests of her rural constituents ahead of her old party's position on various issues.

And the party's dismal showing in last year's presidential election and subsequent, unanswered questions about a possible coverup of former President Biden's health issues have raised serious trust issues.

These two sentences from her news release perhaps say it best:

In fact, rural and minority Democrats abandoned their party in such numbers that they became a major factor in President Trump's victorious sweep of the so-called swing states in the South and Midwest.

"First and foremost, I'm a mother, a rancher, and a lawyer with deep personal and professional roots in Kentucky's coal country. As the Democratic party continues its lurch to the left and its hyperfocus on policies that hurt workforce and economic development in my region, I no longer feel it represents my values."

I chuckled to myself when I read her quote to the news media, a paraphrased resurrection of Ronald Reagan's historic explanation for joining the GOP, that he didn't leave the Democratic Party, the party left him.

I have no doubt that Senator Webb will continue to fight effectively for the people of Carter, Boyd, Lewis and Greenup counties. After all, a woman with the courage to work as an underground coal miner is not afraid of anything.

As expected, Sen. Webb was warmly welcomed by

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Get off the couch and go

I hate to sound like some pinky-in-the-air diva when I say this, but you should really get out of your hometown. It's not about wanderlust. It's about escaping the echo chamber of your own assumptions. Leaving isn't about the destination—it's about learning you're not the center of the universe. And yeah, we need that. If you've been thinking about buying that plane ticket, consider this your push.

me, it was a memory carved into bone.

You can't manufacture that with an Amazon Prime delivery—or even a quick weekend trip. Sometimes it takes being way out of your element.



Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

After two weeks on the road, I feel like I left pieces of myself behind in every place I passed through and picked up something new in return. I've been all over this country: San Francisco to Mobile, Lexington to New York. Recently, I made it to Dublin, London, and Barcelona. What I took home wasn't a tacky gift shop sweatshirt—it was time. Time in moments. Time in motion. But you don't need a passport to shake your assumptions loose. Sometimes getting out of your own county is enough.

People will say, "I can't afford to travel," then drop \$200 on Jordans or blow through a weekend on vape refills. Look, I'm not trying to drag you into some self-righteous TED Talk, but stepping outside your life—even just for a little while—is good for you. It shows you how other people operate. It forces us to look inward when things don't go our way, when nachos aren't on the menu, or someone casually disagrees with everything you believe. There's value in being the outsider—even if "abroad" just means New Orleans.

Then there are the quieter moments. In Barcelona, I sat on a park bench eating a pastry from a shop that's been open since before most countries had borders. A guy sat down beside me with fresh soppressata, cheese, and bread. He looked over, motioned to share, and I made myself a bite. We didn't speak the same language—he couldn't understand my South Side of Chicago dialect any more than I could follow Spanish—but we watched the city go by together. Parents pushing strollers. Birds pecking at crumbs. The world, moving. For him, maybe it was just a Tuesday. For

And believe me, I live paycheck to paycheck. Ain't no commas around here. But the risk? Worth it. I don't want to leave a boring corpse. Seeing stuff has value—the absolute awe I felt staring up at the Sagrada Família in Barcelona was mind-blowing. Did I sacrifice a car payment to walk cobblestone streets in Dublin? Guilty. Will I have to eat cheaper? I will. On the flip side, I had probably the best Indian food of my life in London.

It's easy to say "I hate people." Honestly, look around—we live in a world where the Kardashians still have a chokehold on pop culture. But something shifts when you're laughing over a pint in Dublin, trading barbs with strangers who don't care about your backstory. Dubliners joke at everyone's expense, and if your skin isn't thick, you'll fold. As a classically

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PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE	
CHRISTOPHER CALDWELL; DEANNA PURSLEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTOPHER CALDWELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEANNA PURSLEY; COM- MONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, CARTER COUNTY; CITY OF GRAYSON, KENTUCKY	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 10, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 27th day of June, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:05 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 3.25% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.	
Description of the Property: 401 Bradford St., Grayson, KY. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 455, Page 213, Carter County Clerk's Office.)	
Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-70-05-007.00.	
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Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 23-CI-00383	
SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE	
LARANNA L. MAY F/K/A LARANNA L. BATES; ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on January 9, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 27th day of June, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:10 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 24-CI-00120	
ADS TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE	
ANGELA MORGAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANGELA MORGAN; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; AND COUNTY OF CARTER, KENTUCKY	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on April 22, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 27th day of June, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:35 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
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Description of the Property: 713 Perry Tabernacle Road, Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 500, Page 576, Carter County Clerk's Office.)	
Map/Parcel ID Number: 033-40-00-023.00.	
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Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 23-CI-00113	
COMMERCIAL BANK OF GRAYSON	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE	
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM TACKETT; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BARBARA TACKETT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BARBARA TACKETT; KIMBERLY TACKETT A/K/A KIMBERLY ADKINS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF LOT 34, 1045 STATE HIGHWAY 2078, OLIVE HILL, KY 41164; CITY OF OLIVE HILL, KENTUCKY; CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 10, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 27th day of June, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:30 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 10% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.	
Description of the Property: 1045 State Highway 2078, Lot 34, Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 257, Page 425, Carter County Clerk's Office.)	
NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.	
Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 24-CI-00087	
ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE	
HERBERT L. JONES; THERESA JONES; BURNELL JONES, JR.; LINDA OWENS; BYRON OWENS; BILLIE JO THOMAS, SR.; LATOYA SMITH THOMAS; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; JEFFERSON CAPITAL SYSTEMS, LLC; AND COUNTY OF CARTER, KENTUCKY	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on March 27, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 27th day of June, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:00 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.	
Description of the Property: 86 Blue Hall Lane, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 173, Page 21, Carter County Clerk's Office.)	
Map/Parcel ID Number: 008-20-00-020.00.	
NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.	
Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 22-CI-00271	
WINTRUST MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF BARRINGTON BANK AND TRUST CO., N.A.	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE	
STANTON GARVIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE (IF ANY) OF STANTON GARVIN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR NATIONAL MORTGAGE CENTER LLC D/B/A PRICE-LINEMORTGAGE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF COLLECTIONS	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 6, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 27th day of June, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:25 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
The aforementioned real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 3.875% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.	
Description of the Property: 1065 Blueberry Ridge, Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 102, Page 769, Carter County Clerk's Office.)	
Map/Parcel ID Number: 043-00-01-004.01.	
NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.	
Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 19-CI-00057	
COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, INC.	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE	
ESTATE OF ROBERT N. HENDERSON; AMY JO HENDERSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT N. HENDERSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMY JO HENDERSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT N. HENDERSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ESTATE OF ROBERT N. HENDERSON; AND VADA LOU HENDERSON	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 30, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 27th day of June, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:45 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 7.50% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.	
Description of the Property: 974 E. Midland Trail, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 287, Page 245, Carter County Clerk's Office.)	
Map/Parcel ID Number: 112-20-02-004.00.	
NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.	
Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 24-CI-00340	
HARLEY COOK	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE	
LEAH PRESTON; UNKNOWN AND/OR UNNAMED SPOUSE OF LEAH PRESTON, IF ANY; COUNTY OF CARTER	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on April 4, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 27th day of June, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:40 a.m., to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.	
Description of the Property: 968 Menix Road, Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 255, Page 712, Carter County Clerk's Office.)	
NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.	
Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 24-CI-00217	
PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE	
ESTATE OF GLENNA RUTH LAYNE BY AND THROUGH EXECUTRIX TONYA EDEN; CAVALRY SPV 1 LLC; KEITH LAYNE; MARTY EDEN; TONYA EDEN; TONYA EDEN AS EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF GLENNA RUTH LAYNE; UNKNOWN HEIRS/ DEVISEES/LEGATEES/BENEFICIARIES OF GLENNA RUTH LAYNE (DECEASED); UNKNOWN HEIRS/ DEVISEES/LEGATEES/BENEFICIARIES OF KEVIN LAYNE (DECEASED); UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GLENNA RUTH LAYNE (DECEASED); UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEITH LAYNE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEVIN LAYNE (DECEASED); UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TONYA EDEN; CITY OF OLIVE HILL; CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on February 4, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 27th day of June, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:15 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 4.5% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.	
Description of the Property: 720 E. Waugh Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 262, Page 532, Carter County Clerk's Office.)	
Map/Parcel ID Number: 043-10-10-009.00.	
NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.	
Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

KENTUCKY MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE WITH THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION A REQUEST FOR PARTIAL WAIVER OF THE PURPA OBLIGATIONS OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO PURCHASE ENERGY AND CAPACITY FROM QUALIFYING FACILITIES	
The Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency ("KYMEA"), on behalf of itself and its member utility listed below (the "Additional Authorizing Member"), hereby gives notice of its intent to file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") a request for partial waiver of certain obligations imposed on the Additional Authorizing Member through FERC's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 292.303(a), implementing section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. § 824a-3, as amended ("PURPA").	
KYMEA has a Joint PURPA Implementation Plan to jointly implement its and its members respective obligations under section 210 of PURPA and under Part 292 of FERC's Regulations. The Plan provides that (i) the members will interconnect with any Qualifying Facility ("QF") that appropriately requests interconnection with their respective electric distribution systems in accordance with PURPA; (ii) KYMEA will purchase the energy and capacity offered by the interconnected QFs at rates that comply with the requirements of PURPA; and (iii) the members will supply interconnected QFs with backup and supplementary power at rates that comply with PURPA. The Additional Authorizing Member that is the subject of this Notice is a party to this Plan. The upcoming filing with FERC regarding the Additional Authorizing Member will seek a waiver of certain obligations under Section 292.303 of FERC's Regulations which, if granted, would result in all purchases from QFs being made by KYMEA.	
Copies of the waiver request, including the Joint PURPA Implementation Plan, will be sent to interested parties upon request. KYMEA will also accept written comments on the waiver request. KYMEA intends to file for approval of the waiver request with FERC on or after July 15, 2025. FERC will publish notice of KYMEA's filing in the Federal Register following receipt of the filing. That notice will specify that any person desiring to be heard in this matter can make the appropriate filing with FERC.	
Inquiries concerning this matter should be addressed to:	
Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency 1700 Eastpoint Parkway, Suite 220 Louisville, Kentucky 40223 Phone: (502) 242-5635	
The Additional Authorizing Member: City of Olive Hill, Kentucky	

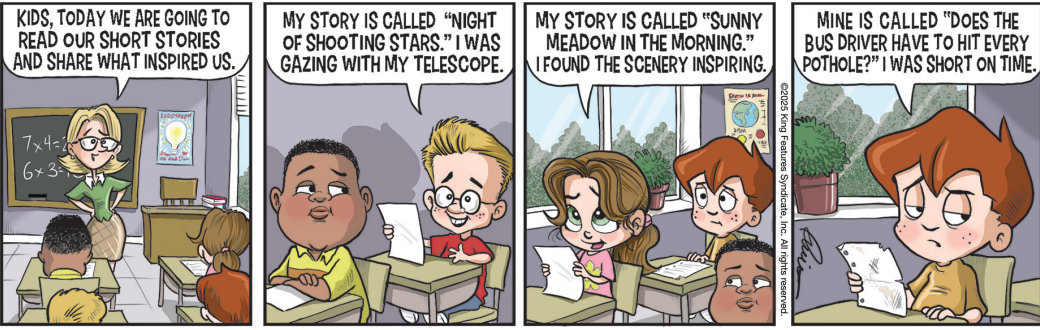
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 24-CI-00218	
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.	PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE	
LENA M. JOHNSON; CITIMORTGAGE, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN D. JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LENA M. JOHNSON; CITY OF OLIVE HILL, KENTUCKY; CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY	DEFENDANTS
Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on April 3, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 27th day of June, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:20 a.m. , to the highest bidder on the following terms:	
The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 4.75% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.	
Description of the Property: 620 Craig Street, Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 179, Page 262, Carter County Clerk's Office.)	
Map/Parcel ID Number: 043-10-10-003.00.	
NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.	
Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky	

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Richard Allen Dallaire and Whitney Nicole Dallaire, 117 Thompson Lane, Grayson, KY 41143 has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct a general merchandise retail store. The property is located at 7072 State Highway 1496, Grayson, KY 41143, at the intersection of State Highway 1496 and State Highway 1 and on the waters of Dry Fork. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF FIDUCIARIES ACCOUNTING
Upon requirements of Section 424.129 Kentucky Revised Statutes, the following fiduciary appointments have been filed with the Carter County District Court Clerk. Final Settlement James Kelly Caldwell and Michele James Mulvihill, Co-Executor, in the estate of Jack Kevin James. Attorney for Estate, Hon Brandon Music, July 9th, 2025, at 10:30am having been set as date of hearing, no cause for exceptions, having been shown, the settlement will be confirmed at date of hearing.

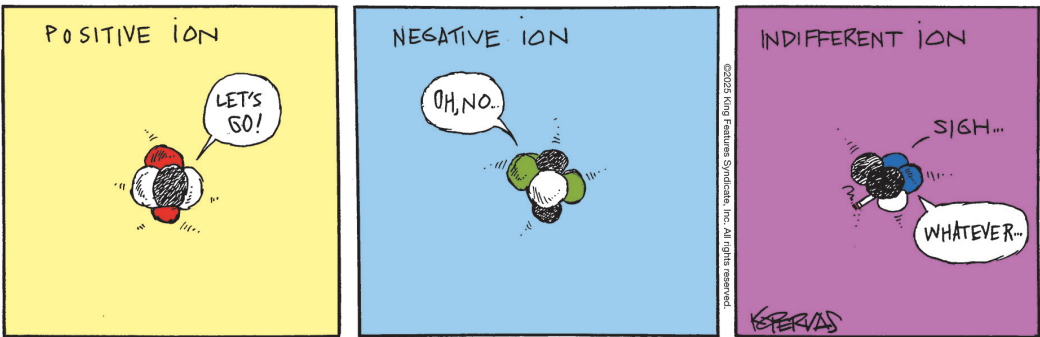
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



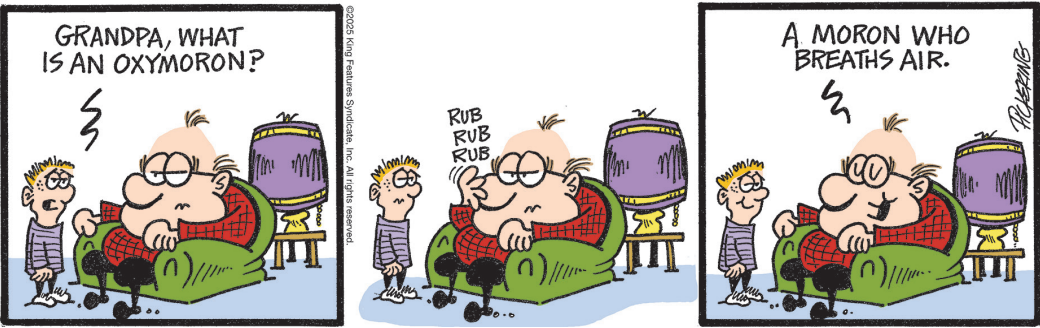
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



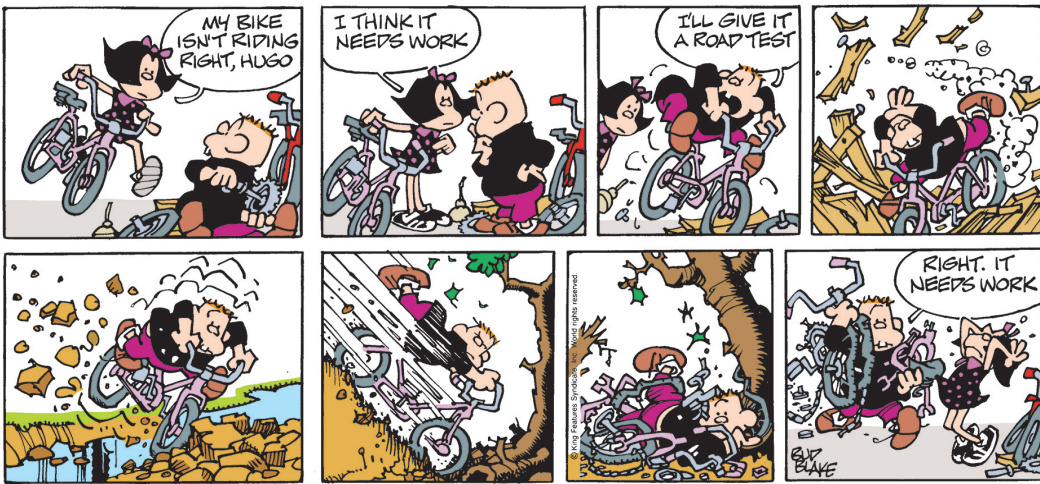
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



OLIVE

By Emi Burdige



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: A equals C

YWB FJ JNNFXDE GLDIWSUJ
 WDBO WY YWWI JSAG LJ
 AGNILP, AWBCO, CPXN LDI
 YNUL: AGNNJN-CNEELPJ.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Dismay **RAED** _____
 Flurry **TUGS** _____
 Drop **PLUMS** _____
 Restrict **SCORNE** _____

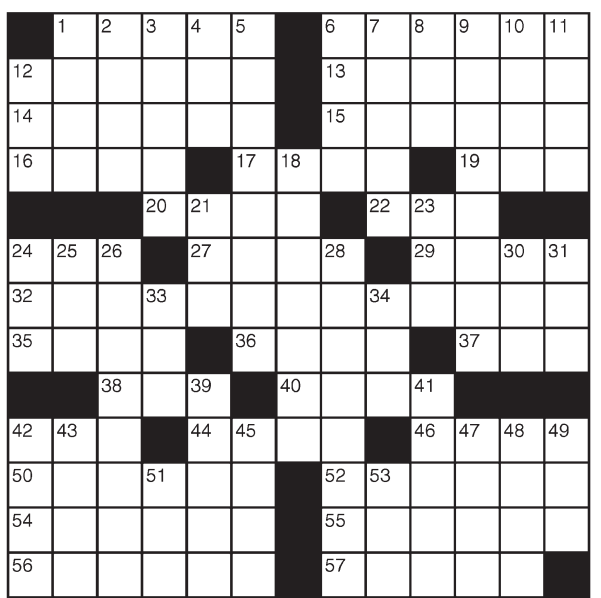
TODAY'S WORD

"Pick up a gift for my wife's birthday, and make sure it's something _____ so she'll think I picked it out myself!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bog
- 6 Sidesteps
- 12 Net defender
- 13 Swiss metropolis
- 14 "The Joy Luck Club" author
- 15 Porter
- 16 Cuban money
- 17 Despot
- 19 Mormon church, for short
- 20 "Shoo!"
- 22 Hot tub
- 24 Egyptian cobra
- 27 Curved molding
- 29 Ethereal
- 32 2002 Aerosmith single
- 35 Lamb alias
- 36 Salt formula
- 37 "Mayday!"
- 38 "Ain't — Sweet" (classic song)
- 40 Memorandum
- 42 Halloween mo.
- 44 "Star Wars" actor
- 46 Bulletproof garment
- 50 Enter



- 52 Asian capital
- 54 Expired
- 55 Roast hosts
- 56 Off the hook
- 57 Indulgent nana, e.g.
- 9 Captures again
- 10 Tube spot
- 11 Chumps
- 12 Hiatus
- 18 Pop rocker Gwen
- 21 Lettuce variety
- 23 Shriver of tennis
- 24 Mature
- 25 Part of RSVP
- 26 Immaculate
- 28 Accompanied
- 30 Classic car
- 31 Cen. parts
- 33 — -di-dah
- 34 Last (Abbr.)
- 39 Devour
- 41 Kick out
- 42 Folklore monster
- 43 Cajole
- 45 Abolitionist
- 47 "En garde" weapon
- 48 Crystal gazer
- 49 Poetic contraction
- 51 — de plume
- 53 I love (Lat.)

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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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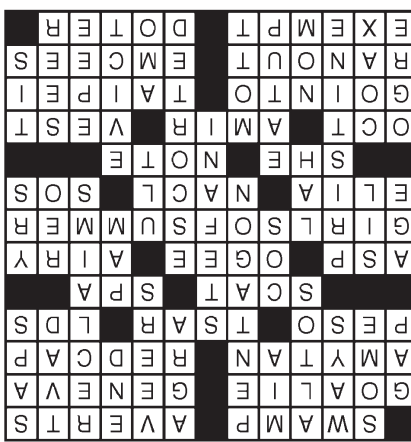
Let's Eat

T	A	C	O	S

- A hard or soft food choice
- Sunday dinner staple
- It gives you a foot up
- Prep for competition
- Empty
- Restaurant patron

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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Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- AD SLOGANS: Which retail chain urges consumers to "Expect More. Pay Less"?
- MATH: What is an obelus?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the last to own slaves?
- LITERATURE: Author Ian Fleming's Jamaican estate has the same name as which James Bond movie?
- TELEVISION: How many seasons of "Wheel of Fortune" did Pat Sajak host?
- SCIENCE: What are cordyceps?
- MOVIES: Which actor/comedian/filmmaker made his film debut in the movie "Donnie Darko"?
- ACRONYMS: What does the acronym BBC stand for?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only bird that can fly backward?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is a mirepoix?

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Answers

1. Target
2. The division sign
3. Ulysses Grant
4. "GoldenEye"
5. 41
6. A type of fungus or mushroom
7. Seth Rogen
8. British Broadcasting Corp
9. Hummingbird
10. A recipe base of onion, celery and carrots

SCRAMBLERS

T	A	C	O	S

Solution

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

CryptoQuip
 answer
 Folks seeking handouts only of food such as cheddar, colby, brie and fetta: cheese-beggars.

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

- Field gun _____ N _____ Arizona's Grand _____ Y _____
- Oasis attraction _____ T _____ Place a bet _____ G _____
- Thread _____ T _____ Planting season _____ P _____
- Pavlova act _____ A _____ Ammunition _____ U _____
- Within reach _____ N _____ Laurel's partner _____ R _____
- Knee or elbow _____ N _____ Roof beam _____ S _____
- Customer _____ N _____ Walk a beat _____ L _____
- Runway walker M _____ Swiss song _____ Y _____
- Of late _____ C _____ Confess _____ P _____
- Gold digger _____ N _____ Skinflint _____ S _____

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ANSWERS							

5.	Handy, Hardy	10.	Minor, Miser
4.	Ballet Ballet	9.	Recent, Repeat
3.	String, Spring	8.	Model, Yodel
2.	Water, Wager	7.	Patron, Parrot
1.	Canon, Canyon	6.	Joint, Joist
ANSWERS			

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Success from A-1

founder of the handmade fragrance brand rooted in natural ingredients and a passion for clean, intentional living. What began as a personal search for dorm-friendly alternatives to candles has grown into a creative business that's infusing homes – and hearts – with the warmth of natural living across the region.

"I started Simmer & Co as a way to save for college," Harper explains. "When I was looking into dorm life, I realized that most colleges don't allow candles. At home, I love having a candle burning—it's cozy and comforting. So, I began researching other ways to naturally fragrance a room."

That research led her to simmer pots—stovetop blends of fruits, herbs, and spices that gently release their aroma while

humidifying the air. After a few trial runs with ingredients from her own kitchen, Harper knew she was onto something special. Her family quickly became fans, and the idea for Simmer & Co was born.

"I knew other students and apartment renters might love this option, too," she said. "It felt like something worth sharing."

In December 2024, Harper officially launched Simmer & Co with a few handmade blends and a post on Facebook. At the time, many people didn't know what simmer pots were or how to use them—but that quickly changed. Her first collection featured cozy seasonal favorites like cranberry and cinnamon for the holidays. Since then, she's expanded her lineup to include year-round blends, wax melts,

and her newest favorite: beeswax candles poured into thrifted teacups.

This summer's best-seller? A nostalgic, sweet-scented orange creamsicle blend that's capturing hearts and memories in every pot.

More than just a fragrance company, Simmer & Co embraces wellness, sustainability, and simplicity. All products are free from synthetic fragrances, made instead with whole fruits, herbs, and essential oils. Many of the simmer blends can even be steeped into a tea.

"They're healthier to have in your home," Harper says. "They add moisture to the air, which helps with seasonal allergies and asthma. And since I use all-natural, compostable ingredients, they're better for the

environment, too."

Harper's love of crafting is matched by her entrepreneurial spirit—something that runs in the family. Her mother, Haley, runs a home bakery (Baked by Haley), and her aunt, Chelsea Burton, owns a photography business.

"They've both been inspiring examples," she says. "And my mom has helped so much behind the scenes with keeping me organized for events and planning ahead for each season."

While balancing school and business has its challenges – especially when estimating how much product to make for markets – Harper says the journey has already brought her proud moments. One standout came during an event in Ashland when a WSAZ news anchor stopped by

her booth.

"She bought something and came back later just to tell me how impressed she was. She said she wanted to have me on the show! That meant so much to me."

The community has also rallied behind Harper and her mission.

"Everyone has been so encouraging. The support means the world to me, and I'm grateful for every person who's tried a blend or shared a kind word."

You can find Simmer & Co products locally at The Olive Branch Market in Olive Hill and Brooklyn Belle Market in Morehead. Harper will also be a vendor at the Wild Roots Event on July 12 at the old airport campgrounds in Morehead. Online shoppers can reach her through the Simmer & Co Facebook page for local

delivery or shipping.

Looking ahead, Harper hopes to take Simmer & Co with her as she heads to college and expand into new communities.

"In a few years, I hope people everywhere are enjoying my blends as much as I do. I want to keep this dream alive wherever I go."

To other young entrepreneurs, she offers this advice: "Perfect your craft the best you can—and then just go for it. Nothing is perfect in the beginning, but you'll grow and learn as you go."

For Harper, success isn't just about what she builds for herself. "To me, success is when your journey inspires someone else to chase their own goals and dreams, too."

Contact the writer at miranda@cartercountytimes.com

Grayson library offers free tech help for seniors

By Courtenay Greer
Carter County Public Library

Do you need help with your technology? If your smartphone has you stumped, or your laptop

feels more like a mystery than a tool, the Grayson Branch of the Carter County Public Library is here to help! We understand that technology can be overwhelming – but you don't have to figure it out alone.

Our friendly staff is proud to offer free, one-on-one help to senior citizens who need assistance with phones, tablets, laptops, or other personal devices. Whether you're trying to send a text, download an

app, access your email, or join a Zoom call with the grandkids, we've got you covered.

There's no need to make an appointment - just stop by during our open hours, and we'll do our

best to assist you on the spot. If it's a bit more complicated, we'll schedule a time to work with you until the issue is resolved.

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•The Grayson Branch of the Carter County Public Library is located at 116 W Main St, Grayson.

Kentucky retailers prepared for record Father's Day spending, despite lingering economic uncertainty

FRANKFORT — Despite lingering economic uncertainty, retailers across Kentucky are geared up for what industry experts forecast will be record spending for the upcoming Father's Day holiday.

A recently released National Retail Federation (NRF) survey projects that consumers nationwide will spend a record \$24 billion this year ahead of the June

15 celebration — topping the previous record of \$22.9 billion in 2023.

"The Commonwealth's retailers are working overtime to provide great selection, value and service to help Kentuckians celebrate the special dads in their lives," said Tod Griffin, president of the Kentucky Retail Federation (KRF).

NRF's survey found that consumers plan

to spend an average of \$199.38 this year, up approximately \$10 from last year's figure of \$189.81. Nearly half of consumers (48%) plan to purchase a gift for a father or stepfather, followed by those purchasing gifts for a husband (25%), son (12%), brother (9%), friend (8%) or grandfather (6%).

The most popular gifts for dads in 2025 include

greeting cards (58%), clothing (55%), special outings (53%) and gift cards (50%). Subscription boxes and gifts of experience continue to rise in popularity. This year, 43% of shoppers plan to gift a subscription box, up from 34% when NRF first asked the question in 2019. Additionally, 30% of shoppers plan to give a gift of experience, up from

23% in 2019.

When it comes to shopping destinations, online (41%) remains most popular, followed by department stores (35%), discount stores (23%), specialty stores (22%) and local/small businesses (19%).

NRF's survey, conducted May 1-7, polled 8,225 consumers nationwide about their Father's Day

shopping plans.

The Kentucky Retail Federation is a non-profit trade association representing diverse businesses across the Commonwealth — from department and drug stores to boutique, hardware, apparel and building supply retailers.

For more information about the KRF, please visit kyretail.com.

"Other" voter registration continues to surge

"Other" registration outpaces Republican, Democratic registration combined for three

straight months

FRANKFORT — Secretary of State Michael Adams announced that Kentuckians registered under "other" political affiliations have bested Republican and Democratic

registrations combined for three straight months.

"As the Democrats move further left and the Republicans move further right, more voters are registering as Independent," said Adams. "Kentucky has a large and growing political center; candi-

dates should take note and court this growing bloc of voters."

In May, 4,157 voters were removed, including 3,173 who were deceased, 440 who moved out of state, 402 convicted felons, 65 who voluntarily de-registered, 49 voters adjudged

mentally incompetent, and 28 duplicate registrations.

Republican registration constitutes 47 percent of the electorate, with 1,582,699 voters. Republican registration gained by 1,026, a .07 percent increase. Democratic registration accounts for

42 percent of the electorate, with 1,391,172 voters. Democratic registration fell by 838, a .06 percent decrease. There are 361,168 voters registered under other political affiliations, making up 11 percent of the electorate. Other party registration jumped by 1,352, a .38 percent increase.

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trained smack-talker, I felt right at home.

If you're willing to max out a credit card on a PlayStation, maybe ask yourself if there's a better extended cut of life worth chasing. Like: what happens when someone across the world wants to know

about your hometown—about what makes you, you? That's your chance to raise your little hometown flag, but with perspective. Doesn't matter if you're in Paris, Texas or Paris, France; there's something powerful about sitting with someone you don't know,

sharing food, and realizing you're not as different as you thought.

Because when you tell your story to someone who doesn't know the plot, sometimes the story changes. And sometimes, that change is worth more than anything you'll find at

Foot Locker or GameStop. When life slows down, do you want to remember it by beating Call of Duty—or by knowing you took

a moment to explore not only the uncomfortable, but yourself?

I mean, that Indian food was so good. I'd pick that

if I were you.

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Safety Officer Lettie Marcum from the Hitchens Volunteer Fire Department recently applied for a grant through TC Energy's Build Strong program, which was awarded in the amount of \$5,000 to the department. The funding was utilized to purchase a new car hauler for their side-by-side vehicle,

facilitating transportation for calls requiring the side-by-side. Additionally, the funds was used to purchase three brand new Kenwood portable radios enhancing communication abilities to help better serve the fire dept district, which covers Willard, Hitchens and Denton.

Marcum and the de-

partment wished to extend a thank you to TC Energy, "for being a steadfast supporter of first responders."

"Companies like (TC Energy) play a vital role in maintaining public safety by awarding grants that enable the purchase of essential equipment," Marcum said.




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