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Utilities commission discusses water pipe project

Line replacement is proceeding "ahead of schedule"

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Director Gerald Haney updated the utilities commission about the cast iron water pipe replacement currently underway in downtown Grayson at the commission's regularly scheduled June meeting. Haney provided the commission with maps which highlighted the week-by-week progress on the project, and reported that the project was still running ahead of schedule.

"About half of Landsdowne

Avenue is now complete," Haney told the commission. "The main line is installed through the Shady Lane entrance. There is no water on part of that line yet, but that will be in the next phase. They will continue down Landsdowne to College, then the last segment will be the block from Second back to main Street where they will have to cross US 60."

Haney pointed out that the construction company had not patched the road yet where there was no water put on the pipe and the pipe tested. The reason, he explained, was so the road didn't need to be torn up again if they found issues when testing the pipe.

"There are still a few areas that remain to be blacktop

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Director Gerald Haney shows the utilities commission a picture of a rock trencher used by Opell Excavating to improve the speed and efficiency of the iron water pipe replacement project in the City of Grayson. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

KCU announces capital campaign

Uses \$3 million to cancel mortgage debt

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Kentucky Christian University held a special event on Tuesday, June 24, to announce a new capital campaign. This is a 7-million-dollar campaign, the first 3 million of which was used to make the university debt free. Another two-million-dollars of those funds will be used to

expand the programs Kentucky Christian University already has in place, with that expansion aligning with the school's responsibility to be relevant to the churches. The final two million of the campaign will be used to focus on upgrading student spaces around the KCU campus.

KCU President Terry Alcorn told those gathered at the event that he was pleased to announce a fairly ambitious capital campaign that would help move the university forward while maintaining its core values and

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Kentucky Christian University President Terry Alcorn symbolically burns mortgage papers at an event last Tuesday after CFO John Dundon announced that KCU's institutional debt has been eliminated as part of their \$7 million capital campaign. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Ambulance Board discusses supervisors' quarters and budget

Fails to address allegations relating to staffing dismissals

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Carter County Ambulance director Tim Woods informed the board at the June meeting that new cameras were being installed in the station. Woods also reported that all of the bedrooms had locks installed and that the vehicle the board had voted to purchase from

Boyd County at the previous meeting was now in service and performing well. Other vehicle updates and concerns included the news that air conditioning on one chase vehicle had malfunctioned and needed repaired. The repairs were done, and the vehicle is back in service at this time, Woods told the board.

"That's the only expense we've had," Woods told the board. As for future expenses, Woods said a 'blend door' for the air conditioning was needed for the vehicle purchased from Boyd County, and parts were being ordered.

Woods said that he hired a

new employee and had sent out letters to inform other applicants for that position that they had not been hired. He also informed the board that he had removed a couple of employees from the part-time roster that either were no longer needed or had become problematic.

"You win some and lose some," Woods told the board, and referenced some employees quitting recently. "So right now we are trying to recoup."

Woods did not directly address letters sent to some of the dismissed employees which were shared with Carter County Times and which claimed that

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Weekly arrests report

The following individuals were arrested and booked into the Carter County Detention Center over the past week. This list includes local arrests only. It does not include federal inmates being housed at or transported through the detention center.

- Charles Kouns, 54, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, charges unavailable, arrested and booked June 22.
- Michael Porter, 42, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked June 22.
- Diego Cortes, 30, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of careless driving, failure to use or improper signal, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked June 23.

- Katie Carpenter, 36, of Web-ville, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), and for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, and failure to appear, arrested and booked June 23.
- William Elliott, 48, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on three counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked June 25.
- Kris Adams, 33, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a parole violation (for a technical violation), arrested and booked June 25.
- Jose Mendoza, 30, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, third degree terroristic threatening, second degree un-

lawful imprisonment, and third degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, arrested and booked June 26.

- Andrew Watkins, 38, of Delphia, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a parole violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked June 27.
- Michael Lyons, 32, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of procuring or promoting the use of a minor by electronic means, and distribution of obscene matter to minors, arrested and booked June 27.
- Maynard Howard, 54, of Isonville, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of speeding 18 MPH over limit, careless driving, reckless driving, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and failure to

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This Week's Obituaries

Naomi Stallard Fannin, 90
Marvin Elwood Stamper, 86

Vivian Clayton Stamper, 84

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LIFESTYLE



It's Fourth of July on a stick: Skewers make your party a breeze

The Fourth of July is the time to celebrate with fireworks, family and, of course, food. This year let's make the celebration even easier and more fun -- by taking everything on a stick. No plates? No problem! Whether you're hosting a backyard BBQ, heading to a picnic or attending a block party, these skewers will keep everyone happily munching without the mess.

When it comes to holiday fare, I love a good kabob. Kabobs are the ultimate finger food; they're easy to eat while mingling or watching the fireworks. They're customizable, delicious and fun to make. You can go savory, sweet or a combination

of both, and the best part? They require no plates! Just grab and go.

Here are some kabob ideas that will impress your guests and make cleanup a breeze.

Diva Tip: Soak bamboo skewers in water for 30 minutes before using.

•The Appetizer Skewer. Let's start with something light, fresh and oh-so-flavorful. Mini Caprese Skewers are as simple as they get -- just cherry tomatoes, mozzarella balls and fresh basil leaves, all threaded onto skewers. They offer a burst of tangy goodness with every bite. For an extra touch of elegance, drizzle them with a little balsamic glaze before serving. These skewers are a perfect appetizer. They're vibrant, simple and a refreshing break from the heavier grilling options.

•The Dessert Skewer. Want to add a little sweetness to your menu? These Firework Fruit Skewers will do the trick! Thread fresh strawberries, blueberries and banana slices onto skewers for a patriotic burst of red, white and blue. Brush the banana slices with lemon juice to prevent browning. To take these skewers over the top, brush them with melted coconut oil and toss them on the grill for a minute or two to add a smoky,

caramelized sweetness that's simply irresistible. Serve with ice cream or glazed doughnuts. (Trust me on this!)

•Now, for the star of the show: the All-American Chicken Sausage Skewers. These skewers are a true crowd-pleaser, combining the savory goodness of chicken and apple sausage (or your favorite sausage) with the vibrant colors of red peppers, earthy mushrooms and sweet red onions. It's a simple but flavorful combination that also looks gorgeous on the platter and captures the spirit of the Fourth of July -- celebrating all things fresh, bold and fun.

ALL-AMERICAN CHICKEN SAUSAGE SKEWERS

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 20 minutes

- 4 chicken and apple sausages (or your favorite sausage variety)
 - 1 red bell pepper, cut into chunks
 - 1 red onion, cut into chunks
 - 8 large mushrooms, halved or quartered
 - 2 zucchini
- Olive oil for brushing
Salt and pepper to taste
Fresh herbs (such as parsley or thyme) for garnish, optional



Skewers make Fourth of July celebrations simple, delicious and plate-free! (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

Preheat your grill to medium-high heat.

Slice the sausages into 1-inch pieces. You want them to be bite-size for easy skewer assembly. Thread the sausage pieces onto the skewers, alternating with chunks of red bell peppers, red onion and mushrooms. Lightly brush the skewers with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

Place the skewers on the preheated grill, turning occasionally until the sausage is cooked through and the vegetables are tender with a slight char (about 8-10 minutes).

Once done, remove from the grill and cool. Sprinkle fresh herbs over the top for added flavor and color, if desired. Serve

immediately or store in the fridge until ready to serve.

So, fire up the grill, grab your skewers and let the good times roll -- no plates, no problem!

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

Organizing DIY

Ever feel like you are stuck in a world of clutter and need help?

Well, you are not alone. Life can move so quickly that one day, out of the blue, we are surrounded by things that have suddenly accumulated without us realizing it.

There are so many resources to access that will give you the guidance you need to declutter without the expense of hiring a professional, which of course just cut me out of the picture, but I'm here to let you in on some secrets for doing it yourself at a very low cost.

First of all, time really is your friend. You can manipulate it to give you more, and I've said this before, by planning ahead. Now, to sufficiently reemphasize, the time you take to write things down, the

less stressful it will be to take things on.



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

Here are some resources that will give you that motivation to bring order into your home.

1. Talk to friends. Find out what they have done to declutter. You'll be surprised at how much people are willing to offer helpful insights.
2. Use the internet. Look up keywords like decluttering, or DIY home organizing, or organizing tips and tricks. This is actually a fun way to spend some time looking at all sorts of ideas and pictures that can really make an impact.
3. Commit. Yes, getting things out of the way requires a commitment to the decluttering process.
4. Put things in their proper place. This goes along with commitment since we have to create new

habits to alleviate the drop-and-run mentality that we are so used to. You will find that if you put things away after you use them, the clutter will eventually become more manageable.

5. Rearrange. Not everything is destined for the trash or donation pile. Taking a few minutes to rearrange a shelf or cupboard is a great way to feel that you have accomplished so much in a short time.

6. Think before you buy. If you are looking to buy any type of storage to help you with your decluttering efforts, save your dollars by doing your research to find just the right size, shape, and capacity before you shop. As we add more and more to our schedules, clutter will always happen. So, rethink how your things live in your home and how they impact your peace of mind. Small steps 'will' take less time but with huge results.

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

Joyful Noise

Abundant life

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell
for *Carter County Times*

A professor gave a balloon to every student with instructions to write their name on it and throw it in the hallway. The students were given five minutes to find their own balloon. No one found their balloon. The professor told the students to take the first balloon they found and to hand it to the person whose name was written on it. Within five minutes, every-

one had their own balloon. The professor said to the students, "These balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's happiness, we will find ours, too."

Isaiah 41:6 says, "They helped everyone his neighbor: and everyone said to his brother, 'Be of good courage.'" We can be encouraged through others that will bring us happiness. Many things can steal

our happiness, our joy, our strength, our hopes, and dreams. It is good to have family and friends to encourage you along the way and to tell you to be of good courage. But just know that God had the real answer of peace, hope, and joy.

In John 10:10 Jesus said, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Unlike a thief, the Lord Jesus does not come for selfish reasons. He came to give, not to get. He comes

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P'Simer recognized for academic work

MSU student awarded Certificate of Merit for top-scoring research

By Savannah Jackson
for *Carter County Times*

Kaitlyn P'Simer, an MSU Senior from Carter County majoring in History, has won the Certificate of Merit. This award was given in recognition of top-scoring research at the 2025 Celebration of Student Scholarship. P'Simer's winning poster presentation, "Soldiers and Spies: a Lady's Guide to Serving in the Civil War," examined different paths taken by women to aid their side during the Civil War.

According to Dr. Benjamin Fitzpatrick, Kaitlyn's faculty mentor, "Highlighting the continuing evolution of Civil War scholarship, Kaitlyn's research for 'Soldiers and Spies: A Lady's Guide to Serving in



Kaitlyn P'Simer (submitted photo)

the Civil War' challenges traditional narratives of the Civil War with an insightful examination of the often-overlooked roles that women, both black and white, played during the Civil War. The experiences of women such as Loreta J. Velazquez, Belle Boyd, and Rose O'Neal Greenhow, showcases the complexity of women's roles both on the battlefield and on the home front during the conflict."

P'Simer said the work had been both rewarding and "eye-opening." "Exploring the untold

stories of women in the Civil War has been an eye-opening journey—one that highlights resilience, courage, and the complexity of history," P'Simer said. "Receiving the Certification of Merit for the 2025 Celebration of Student Scholarship is not just an acknowledgment of my work but a testament to the importance of amplifying voices that history has overlooked. I am very grateful to Dr. Fitzpatrick for being my faculty mentor, I could not have done this without him."

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers were unevenly steady. Prices were ranging from 2.00 lower to 2.00 higher with limited comparisons. Yearling steers and heifers were mixed with prices ranging from 5.00 lower to 6.00 higher with limited comparisons. Demand was moderate in most markets as extreme heat affected cattle movement and demand. Slaughter cows were unevenly steady and slaughter bulls were mostly steady with moderate demand and limited comparisons for slaughter classes.

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

Week ending 6/28/25

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	392.92	420.65	333.53
400-450 lbs	390.43	400.28	327.8
450-500 lbs	381.10	394.29	317.81
500-550 lbs	363.55	374.80	305.47
550-600 lbs	353.01	359.60	296.93
600-650 lbs	330.52	338.87	283.11
650-700 lbs	318.42	333.41	273.09
700-750 lbs	307.06	311.59	260.02
750-800 lbs	297.19	308.69	254.54
800-850 lbs	302.52	282.52	242.84
850-900 lbs	281.93	285.86	241.89
Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	373.77	397.73	296.68
350-400 lbs	374.95	388.96	297.93
400-450 lbs	354.66	365.86	291.77
450-500 lbs	345.59	354.64	285.38
500-550 lbs	328.07	334.47	269.72
550-600 lbs	318.26	326.21	260.99
600-650 lbs	299.87	306.44	248.10
650-700 lbs	287.41	290.76	242.24
700-750 lbs	290.08	274.16	230.36
750-800 lbs	268.34	259.92	233.99

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	145.00-170.00	150.00-196.50	132.00-153.00
Boners	125.00-176.00	155.00-196.00	130.00-159.00
Lean	120.00-163.00	140.00-177.00	103.00-139.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	175.00-217.00	195.00-245.00	130.00-182.50

May 22, 2025 Bowling Green, KY			
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 207			
Kids Selection 2	52-53 lbs	220.00-330.00;	66 lbs 360.00.
Selection 2-3	58 lbs	285.00.	
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 652			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2	57 lbs	250.00;	60-67 lbs 240.00-245.00;
	76-77 lbs	225.00-227.50;	89 lbs 210.00;
	96 lbs	215.00;	108 lbs 217.50.
Choice 2	58 lbs	240.00;	64 lbs 232.50;
	75 lbs	202.50;	87 lbs 202.50.
Wooled-Choice and Prime 1-2	73 lbs	255.00;	91 lbs 210.00;
	116 lbs	212.50.	Choice 2 56 lbs 237.50;
	75 lbs	230.00	
Week ending 6/28/25			
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.05-4.48	4.24-4.54	3.78-4.49
Soybeans	9.78-10.83	10.23-10.92	10.87-12.05
Red Winter Wheat	4.41-5.57	4.78-5.72	4.46-5.51

Arrests from A-1

use or improper signal, arrested and booked June 27.

- Travis Prince, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place, arrested and booked June 28.
- Joseph Eaves, 30, of Emmalena, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of public intoxication on a controlled substance, theft by unlawful taking or disposition – automobile valued at more than \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000, and theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, arrested and booked June 28.
- Tommy Roar, 35, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the

influence of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana, arrested and booked June 28.

- Jayshawn Hunt, 28, of Pontiac, MI, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of trafficking in a controlled substance (carfentanyl or fentanyl derivatives), possession of drug paraphernalia, theft of identity of another without consent, and on a warrant as a fugitive from another state, arrested and booked June 28.
- Tabitha Shenett, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, arrested and booked June 28.
- Willie Greenhill, 38, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of failure

to appear, arrested and booked June 29.

- Andrew Hall, 42, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked June 29.
- Lois Amburgey, 59, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked June 29.
- Jeremiah Blevins, 37, of Morehead, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked June 29.
- Jerri Horsley, 57, of Naples, ME, arrested by Kentucky State Police, as a fugitive (warrant not required), arrested and booked June 29.
- Michael Porter, 42, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for

drug court, arrested and booked June 29.

- Christopher Cantrell, 47, of Ashland, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of no registration receipt, no registration plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, failure to produce an insurance card, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, arrested and booked June 30.

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

- **7/2: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **7/3: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **7/3: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **7/4: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **7/5: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **7/5: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **7/7: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **7/7: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **7/7: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **7/7: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **7/8: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Location TBD
- **7/8: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **7/8: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall
- **7/9: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **7/9: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson

Tourism passes budget

Shifts focus to "general tourism" instead of sports park

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The tourism commission for the city of Grayson met in a special meeting last week (June 25) to discuss the budget for the upcoming year. The commission reviewed the budget for both the tourism commission and

for Grayson Sports Park at the meeting.

"We have income from various events," Commission President Daniel White told the commission.

Some of those events included the Easter Egg Hunt, the Block Party, and Hometown Holidays. White also mentioned the transient room tax, which provides the largest amount of income directly into the tourism account. The amount of the transient room tax is estimated to be \$58,000 next year.

"We have added a line (to the budget) this year," White told the commis-

sion. "This is a portion of the restaurant tax that is being put directly into the tourism account."

"We have always said that we are a tourism board and not a sports park board," White told the commission. "And I think this represents our commitment to Grayson Tourism in general. We are still funding the sports park, and we still have a lot of initiatives to tackle in that area. But this is the beginning of seeing some of those funds moved for general tourism in Grayson. We need to be supporting the broader picture and what our role

in that is."

White then shifted the focus to the amount of funding.

"Total income is estimated to be \$188,000," White said.

White told the commission that the expenses for the tourism account reflect an increased commitment to advertising and marketing and is budgeted at \$45,000. That increase, White said, was the result of numerous previous discussions.

Capital expenditures, White discussed with the commission, was set at \$85,000 and is primarily intended for work to be done at the Blue Goose property. The budget allowed for \$20,000 to sup-

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Water from A-1

patched," Haney told the commission, and said the pipe testing was the reason that part had not been completed.

"Pomeroy, Fourth Street, and Third from Pomeroy to Carol Malone is all operating on the new water line," Haney told the commission. "They made the final two tie-ins by Main Street and Pomeroy by the First Church of Christ. They are making great progress. And, if you'll notice, there are a bunch of fire hydrants that have black plastic bags over them. This is because they are out of service or will no longer be in service."

Eliminating the old hydrants was a major side benefit to the iron water pipe replacement project. The new hydrants will manage water flow much better and improve the

efficiency of the city's fire department when they respond to fires. The new pipe and the new hydrants will not necessarily increase the water pressure on the lines, but the flow will be much improved over the older pipes that have built up sediments inside, functionally decreasing the inner diameter of the pipes carrying that water.

Haney told the commission that he had been presented with the second pay request from Opell Excavating, the company responsible for the project, in the amount of \$237,812.28. The commission voted to pay the second pay request.

After asking if any commissioners had questions about the project, Haney pointed out that he had received questions concerning blue pipe

in various areas of the project.

"I got questioned yesterday about the little, small blue pipes sticking up," Haney told the commission.

"Those are the pigtails indicating the customers new service that will be hooked up," he explained. "It's basically a marker indicating that they have already made that tap and it's ready to go. Once the line gets charged with water and the test comes back good and clean, those people will be connected to the line. Their old meter will come out and be replaced."

The project is progressing to the point where the final stages, such as cleanup, will become more noticeable, Haney said.

Haney attributed at least part of the success of the project to the machine

used by Opell Excavating to trench. The machine is capable of digging through multiple layers of asphalt and concrete, eliminating the need for workers to use special saws to first cut through those materials, then that material needing to be pulled up by other equipment.

"That rock trencher is essentially cutting through the blacktop and getting the trench to the depth of the new pipe. And Landsdowne has concrete under it," Haney pointed out. "There are places where it is going through four to six inches of asphalt and then another ten inches of concrete."

The project is currently ahead of schedule and is slated to be completed by the end of August 2025.

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Joyful Noise from A-2

that people may have life in Him that is meaningful, purposeful, joyful, and eternal. We receive this abundant life the moment we accept Him as our Savior.

This word "abundant" in the Greek is perisson, meaning "exceedingly, very highly, beyond measure, more, superfluous, a quantity so abundant as to be considerably more than what one would expect or anticipate." In short, Jesus promises us a life far better than we could ever imagine, a concept reminiscent

of 1 Corinthians 2:9 that says, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

As you expect great things from God (this abundant life that He has promised), always remember, "Father knows best." Whether God gives you the desires of your heart or not, keep a grateful heart. If there's a delay, see it as an opportunity to grow in patience. If you can't un-

derstand things, don't lose hope. God has a plan.

There are many reasons why you should trust God. He knows you by name (Isaiah 43:1). He will fight for you (Exodus 14:14). He thinks about you (Psalms 139:17). He has plans for you (Jeremiah 29:11). He is your refuge (Psalm 62:6-8). He is always with you (Matthew 28:20).

Stop surviving and begin thriving, and step into this abundant life. Jesus so willingly gave up His life for you and I. Begin to search the scriptures to find

out what is yours.

Amen! So be it!

JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests: Pastornaomi-4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHoprayer. Services: 10am Sunday and Joyful Kids Class at 10:30am, 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm.

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Pet of the Week

Andy is a male shepherd mix, around 3-years-old. He is good with other dogs, walks on a leash, and knows basic commands. Andy'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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**CITY OF GRAYSON
CODE ENFORCEMENT**

If you are planning on building in the city limits of Grayson, a building permit is required and you must first apply for the permit and submit building plans.

This includes commercial, residential, etc. properties including any alterations to a current structure and the building of new structures.

Other projects that require a permit are improvements such as porches, decks, fences etc. Signs in the city also require an application and permit.

Any contractors operating in the city limits are required to obtain a business license and remit employee documentation.

Code Enforcement will also be targeting parking violations with special focus, but not limited to, handicap parking spots and Fire Lanes.

Please contact Grayson Code Enforcement Officer Joe Hammer with any questions or assistance in obtaining the proper permits between the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM Monday – Friday in person at 302 E. Main St. Phone (606) 474-6651. You can also contact by email at jhammer@graysonky.net

KCU from A-1

goals. "This campaign is designed to address three key areas we believe that we have to keep our finger on as an institution," Alcorn said. Alcorn addressed the clearing of debt, saying it was of a crucial benefit because the weight of debt is never something an individual or institution chooses to carry. "So, we choose to make the elimination of debt our first priority in this capital campaign," he said. "The second two million will go toward launching a world class distance learning program. Much of that will be within the Keeran School of

Bible Ministry," Alcorn continued. "But there will be other programs throughout the campus that will also be involved in that expansion." "The final two million dollars will go toward upgrading student spaces around the campus," Alcorn told the crowd. "We take great care of our campus, but there are times when we need to upgrade things. And we thought this would be a good time to invest in some of those upgrades." "God has opened up his floodgates already, and his blessings have flowed even before we launched the public portion of this campaign,"

Alcorn said. "We have already received over five million dollars in actual gifts and commitments. And I just want to say that we are stunned by God's graciousness." Alcorn told those attending the event that he believed the university should not be passive or calm and content with where they are as an institution, but rather aggressively move forward with the distance learning and the campus upgrades. "We need to continue to find better ways to serve not only our students, but the churches that send them to us. Now is the time for us to aggressively move forward to fulfill our

mission. God is moving in a big way at KCU, and we are excited to share some of that good news with you." Alcorn was joined in his remarks by KCU Chief Financial Officer John Dundon. "Thank you for joining us on what is truly an historic day for Kentucky Christian University," Dundon said to those attending the Tuesday event. "Since 1919, KCU has stood as a Christ-centered institution committed to preparing men and women for service to the church and to the world. For over a century we have carried this mission with deep

conviction." "Today, along with President Alcorn and the entire KCU community, I am honored to participate in the public launch of this campaign for Kentucky Christian University, entitled 'For the Good of the Cause.' This initiative is a bold and prayerfully considered seven-million-dollar campaign that has already shaped KCU's future," Dundon said. "I am proud to say that KCU's institutional debt has been completely paid off," Dundon announced. "As of today, this very moment, Kentucky Christian University is debt free." The announcement

was greeted with energetic applause, and Dundon said the elimination of that debt will allow the university to fully commit to its future. "This is more than a financial milestone - it is a spiritual breakthrough," Dundon said. "It is a release, a recentering, and a renewal of our mission. It opens the door to increase student scholarships, strengthen academic programs, and expand online and graduate education. And it will deepen our service to churches and the communities across this region and beyond." Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

EMS from A-1

"(t)his decision has been made due to changes in staffing needs and restructuring." Nor did he address questions about dismissing staff while the service is regularly looking for more employees to fill roles. Other dismissed employees said they believed they were let go as part of a "purge" following previous allegations of sexual harassment by other staff members and letters sent to public officials highlighting those claims and other issues. One of the employees to reach out to the Carter County Times

claimed employees were written up for "negativity" and "hate speech" for questioning staffing and leadership decisions. Further questions about the issue were directed to the attorney for the ambulance board. In spite of those issues, Woods told the board that concerning personnel they were doing really well, and his supervisors were doing a good job on daily operations. "They are also doing a real good job scheduling, so we may sometimes have to cut back to three trucks after 8 or 9 pm. What I

have started doing, which is going to be really helpful with overtime as well, is the day truck comes in and the 12-hour truck comes in at 7 am and works until 7 pm. The 24-hour crew comes in at 8 and works until 8 am the next day," Woods said. "We are trying a lot of new things," Woods continued. "June was a really big month for us with the supervisors being off the road. The problem is I don't have a place to put them, so they are sleeping on the couch right now." Woods said there

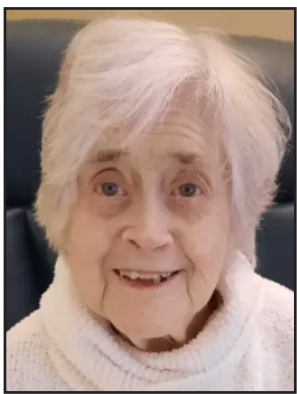
were a couple of options to be discussed and considered to resolve that problem. Building an external building to serve that purpose would be expensive, he told the board. But rearranging the available space also has its challenges. One option was to purchase a prefab building to use for supply storage, but the need for climate control would necessitate insulating and installing heat and AC, at a cost Woods roughly estimated at \$15,000. The other option would be to dedicate a portion of existing space, then wall it

off to make the necessary sleeping quarters. That option would be less than the \$15,000 estimate but would not serve the function as well. Woods was advised to get estimates for both options, and the board would consider how to proceed from that point. The board also discussed the benefits of in-house versus external billing as well as part time and full time personnel. Meeting times and frequency were also discussed, and the general consensus among board members was that there

were too many things the board needed to address on a regular basis for them to only meet bi-monthly or quarterly as they had previously considered, so it was decided that regular monthly meetings would continue. In other business, the ambulance board had the final reading of their budget for the upcoming fiscal year. After discussion, the budget passed by unanimous vote. Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

OBITUARY

Naomi Stallard Fannin 1935 - 2025



ing, and reading her Bible. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by two sons, Howard Fannin, Douglas Fannin; two brothers, Calvin Stallard, Raleigh Stallard; three sisters, Elsie Stallard, Wilma McGrier and Shirley Clark. She is survived by two grandchildren, Jordan Fannin, Lacey Fannin, both of Olive Hill, Kentucky; several nieces and nephews, along with many family and friends who will sadly miss her. A graveside service was held 11 a.m., Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Bethel Cemetery, Route 2, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Todd Antrobus officiating. Family and friends served as pallbearers. Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Naomi Stallard Fannin.

Naomi Stallard Fannin, age 90, passed away June 22, 2025, at St. Catherine's Manor in Washington Court House, Ohio. She was born April 16, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois, a daughter of the late Arthur and Amy Marie Stallard. Naomi worked at Carter Caves State Resort Park and Greenbo State Park for many years as a cook. She enjoyed gardening, cook-

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Marvin Elwood Stamper 1938 - 2025



Marvin Elwood Stamper, 86, of Olive Hill, KY entered into rest Monday morning, June 9, 2025, at Muncie, IN. He was born September 2, 1938, in Carter County, KY, as a son of the late Jesse and Grace Brinegar Stamper. Marvin, a Christian, attended James Chapel Community Holiness Church and First Baptist Church in Olive Hill, KY. He was saved at James Chapel Church in April 2006, and Baptized in Smith Run Creek in May 2006. Marvin went to a one-room schoolhouse on Lower Trough Camp in his youth, then attended and graduated from Olive Hill High School. After finishing his education, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He then worked and retired from Indiana Bell Telephone Company as a lineman and installation tech. Marvin was also a 63 year member of the Olive Hill Masonic Lodge #629. In his free time he enjoyed fishing, gardening, bee-keeping, Bluegrass music, and spending time with his

family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Baker Stamper; one son, Mitchell Alan Stamper; two sisters, Arile Stamper, and Ola Mae Stamper; two brothers, James Stamper, Leonard Lenville Stamper; one nephew, Ronald Stamper; and his mother and father-in-law, James C. and Virginia Baker. He is survived by three grandchildren, Meredith (Ross Carpenter) Stamper, of Yorktown, IN, and Mitchell Stamper of Muncie, IN; three great-grandchildren, Corbin Carpenter, Piper Carpenter, and Major Stamper; one sister, Dixie Singh; one sister-in-law, Debbie (Teddy) Harman of Olive Hill; and his daughter-in-law and caregiver, Myschael Heritage of Muncie, IN. Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:00 AM, Saturday, July 5, 2025, at the Duvall & Moore Funeral Home & Cremation Service with Bro. Adam Buckler officiating. Burial will follow in the Baker #2 Cemetery with military honors. Visitation will be 9:00-11:00 AM, Saturday, July 5, 2025, at the Duvall & Moore Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 149 Whitt Street, Olive Hill, KY. Friends and Family will serve as pallbearers. Online condolences can be made at www.duvall-landmoore.com

Vivian Clayton Stamper 1940 - 2025



Vivian Stamper, 84, of Grayson, KY, passed away Thursday, June 26, 2025, at The Lantern at Morning Point in Russell, KY. She was born on August 27, 1940, in Macedonia, IA; the daughter of the late Walter and Verda Lembke Clayton. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Stamper; a brother, Orlan Clayton; a sister, Barbara Barker; and a son-in-law, Steve Kuhner. Vivian was a Christian and a local business owner, being part owner of Stamper Carpet Sales and having previously owned Silver Threads Fabric Shop in Grayson. Vivian has been very active in her commu-

nity, serving as secretary of the Kentucky State Homemakers Association. She has made numerous quilts for Community Hospice and participated in the Quilts of Valor organization. She is survived by a son, Terry (Nora) Stamper of Grayson, KY; a daughter, Debbie Kuhner of Grayson, KY; two sisters, Carol Higginbotham of Florence, KY, and Juana Barnes of Anaheim, CA; seven grandchildren, Jessica, Heather, Jennifer, Erica, Emerly, Steven, and Elisha, and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be on Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. at the Sparks Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Everman Cemetery at Gregoryville. Visitation will be on Thursday, July 3, 2025, from 1:00 P.M. until service time at the funeral home. Online condolences at www.sparksfh.com. A live webcast will be available on our website at 2:00 P.M.

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AS WE SEE IT

Is Thomas Massie doing the right thing?

Representative Thomas Massie has put a huge target on his own back by standing up and opposing the administration's "One Big Beautiful Bill."

The President has promised to get Massie defeated in his next primary, with his loyalists going as far as establishing a new Political Action Committee (PAC) – Kentucky MAGA – specifically dedicated to gatekeeping Massie's challengers and assuring no one splits the votes during the primary.

"If you want to be part of an effort to defeat Massie you will go through us. And the Trump political operation will run the campaign," former Trump campaign manager Chris LaCivita, a Virginia based political consultant, said of the PAC he co-founded with New York based pollster Tony Fabrizio to unseat Massie.

If you noticed the two guys working so hard to unseat Massie aren't from around here, you aren't alone.

But while the pair working to unseat him aren't from here, Massie is. So, he understands what is at stake for his constituents, better than a couple of rich guys from New York and just south of the D.C. beltway ever could.

And what's at stake is money – lots of it. Massie, whether you agree or disagree with him, is a fiscal conservative. His opposition to the president's budget bill is predicated mostly on the nearly \$4 trillion (that's trillion, with a "t") it is projected to add to the national debt over the next ten years.

Adding that kind of debt to our already sizeable deficit isn't what Massie has campaigned on, or ever supported. So, it's no surprise that he'd oppose this budget. And he isn't alone. Republican Senator Rand Paul has indicated he will vote no for the same reasons. Meanwhile Senator Mitch McConnell, who is stepping down at the end of his term, appears to support the budget, reportedly telling colleagues that voters concerned about cuts to Medicaid in the bill would, "get over it."

But while McConnell may believe voters will "get over it" – and frankly has nothing to lose if they don't – the situation for the thousands of Kentuckians who depend on Medicaid or Medicaid related programs could be more serious than a primary vote.

It's a central concern of voters across the country, particularly in rural areas. That's because even if you aren't a Medicaid recipient, a number of other state-based insurance programs are funded, at least in part, through the Medicaid program. In Kentucky this includes the KCHIP program for children.

It will also disproportionately hurt rural hospitals who serve these populations. According to some reports, up to 35 rural Kentucky hospitals are at-risk of closure if the Medicaid cuts in the budget bill are passed. These include hospitals offering specialty services that are utilized by people across the region and the state.

And their closure won't just impact the folks on Medicaid who rely on them. Working people, who rely on the hospitals in their communities for emergency and continuing care, could be hurt. If you live in Olive Hill and visit a specialist at St. Claire in Morehead or have taken your kids there for emergency stitches or to set a broken bone – they're one of the hospitals listed at risk. So is Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa.

The closure of those hospitals won't just mean loss of care for those who rely on Medicaid, and a longer trip to find a doctor for those with private insurance. It will have a ripple effect through the entire community. These hospitals are often among the largest employers in the communities they call home. When they close, the people who work there will lose their jobs. Some of them will have to move. Restaurants and other businesses that support the workers will go out of business. That will mean fewer payroll taxes collected by local governments, and an increased tax burden on the folks who remain, along with declining services as communities struggle to close their own funding gap.

It may not be something Mitch thinks his colleagues need to worry about. But it's something Thomas Massie and Rand Paul are thinking about. Not because they're pro-socialized healthcare or proponents of the welfare state. Nothing could be further from the truth.

But because they're realists. They're fiscal conservatives. And no matter how you cut it – from the trillions added to the federal deficit, to the devastation hospital closures would have on local economies – the current budget bill doesn't make economic sense.

So, are Massie and Paul right to oppose it? Yes. We think so.



Here's why you might become concerned about AI - artificial intelligence!

(Reprinted from July, 2023)

Like you, I'm seeing and hearing lots of comments about artificial intelligence and what it could mean for the future.

I know, for example, that schools have established technology safeguards to determine if research papers or other creative writing is being done through computer software rather than a human brain.

Some of the demonstrations of artificially recreated speaking and singing voices, plus instrumentation, are nothing less than amazing. I suspect that some of the direct mail I receive is being written by a computer.

Professional screenwriters, now on strike, say they fear being replaced by AI-generated scripts. A middle-aged college professor told me that he expects to be replaced by AI when he retires, if not before!

As an old newspaper reporter, I decided to investigate this new IT marvel by asking ChatGPT, a generative AI, to write an essay on ending gun violence in the U. S. Below are excerpts of 186 words from an AI-written piece which appeared on my home computer in less than two minutes, much to my surprise, and without my assistance.

III. Fostering Community Engagement:

A. Implement Violence Prevention Programs: Investing in community-based violence prevention programs can provide at-risk individuals with alter-

native paths away from violence. These programs should focus on education, conflict resolution, and mentorship, empowering individuals to make positive choices and seek nonviolent solutions to conflicts.

B. Strengthen Gun Violence Restraining Orders: Enacting legislation that allows temporary removal of firearms from individuals deemed a threat to themselves or others can prevent potential acts of violence. Establishing clear guidelines and due process safeguards will ensure the rights of individuals are protected.

C. Conclusion: The journey to ending gun violence in the United States requires a comprehensive approach that encompasses gun control measures, mental health initiatives, and community engagement. By implementing stricter regulations on firearms, investing in mental health resources, and fostering community programs, we can create a safer society for all. It is crucial for policymakers, communities, and individuals to work together, transcending political divisions, to prioritize the safety and well-being of every American. Only through collective effort can we strive for a future where the devastating impact of gun violence is no longer a haunting reality.

Keith Kappes can be reached at keithkappes@gmail.com



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

The thing about birds

You know what's nice about birds?

They live in their own world, just soaring above the melee down here. They sit in the branches of trees and sing. The cardinal does not engage in war. The bluebird doesn't know what famine is, nor does an owl. There are few moments as precious as those spent in solitude, listening to wrens, robins, and doves over morning coffee. As our world grinds toward artificial chaos, a mallard floats in a pond, unaware.

Maybe we envy birds because they've stayed free while we've built a world that traps us in screens, in debt, in hatred we never asked for.

As the red-tailed hawk dives for its next meal, it doesn't care about outrage or tribalism. It doesn't have a Facebook overrun by bots to keep it angry. There are no bird politicians. There's no predatory algorithm for a great blue heron.

If they don't check Twitter, why do we? Birds don't hate their neighbors based on misinformation. They don't shoot them because their feathers are a different color.

To a bird, a gas station sign hanging in the sky is just a place to perch and commune. To a warbler, a puddle is a bath—not something to avoid because it

might ruin our \$250 shoes. The Whippoorwill may sound blue, but that's just his call—not a product of economic collapse. An oriole doesn't know what it's like to miss a car payment because the electric bill came due first.

As nature sings above us, we ignore its cries.

Birds may live above the fray, but not beyond its consequences. They're often seen as symbols of freedom, yet they live under threat. They're early warning signs of habitat loss and warming climates. The mallard floats in water that's slowly heating. The cardinal nests in trees edging toward

extinction.

Ask a killdeer about stillness. About healing. About hustle. About matching the vibes on LinkedIn.

An American goldfinch would never. Birds don't care about elections, or money, or status.

They live for what nature asks of them. An eagle doesn't know that some kids go hungry when school's out for the summer.

A grackle doesn't have to take its shoes off to fly. While billionaires fly private and politicians squawk, the rest of us are just trying to find five minutes of peace. And sometimes, that moment of

See BIRDS on A-6



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CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Kentucky Power Company's Application for Approval of an Amended Environmental Compliance Plan, Recovery of Additional Costs Through Amendment of the Company's Tariff E.S., and for All Regulatory Approvals Necessary to Continue Taking Capacity and Energy from its Coal-Fired Mitchell Plant After December 31, 2028

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Kentucky Power Company will file on or after June 30, 2025 an application with the Public Service Commission of Kentucky seeking approval of its amended environmental compliance plan to add Project 23 to Kentucky Power's existing environmental compliance plan (Compliance Plan) and seeking all required regulatory approvals for Kentucky Power to make the investments necessary to continue taking capacity and energy from its Mitchell Plant after December 31, 2028. Kentucky Power also will seek approval of amendments to its Tariff E.S. (Environmental Surcharge) to reflect the Compliance Plan and to implement a revised Environmental Surcharge to recover the costs of the Compliance Plan. Kentucky Power's application has been assigned case number 2025-00175.

Project 23 comprises the installation of a flue-gas desulfurization biological treatment system with ultrafiltration at the Mitchell Plant, which was installed and fully in-service as of August 4, 2024, and is currently being paid for entirely by Wheeling Power Company, the other 50% undivided owner of the plant. Project 23 is required for compliance with the Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guidelines Rule issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in order to allow its Mitchell Plant to continue operating as a coal-fired generating facility after December 31, 2028.

The Environmental Surcharge rate changes monthly. The most recent Environmental Surcharge rate for the April 2025 expense month, which was billed in June 2025, was 6.0495% of revenue for residential customers and 10.2106% of revenue for all other classes. Using the April 2025 rate, the addition of Project 23 would result in an estimated increase in the Environmental Surcharge rate from 6.0495% to 8.1162% for residential customers and from 10.2106% to 13.6990% for all other classes.

Kentucky Power is proposing that the changes to the Environmental Surcharge associated with Project 23 go into effect with the January 2026 billing cycle, which begins December 31, 2025. The impact on the total monthly bill amount for residential customer classes is estimated to be an increase of 2.02%, and the impact on the total monthly bill amount for non-residential customer classes is estimated to be an increase of 1.99%. For the average residential customer using 1,189 kWh per month, the increase in the customer's total monthly bill is estimated to be \$3.68.

Information regarding the effect on customer bills by customer classification is presented in the table below:

Customer Classification	Annual \$ Increase for Class	Annual Percent Change	Annual Average Usage (kWh)*	Monthly Average Usage (kWh)*	Monthly Average Customer Demand (kW)*	Current Monthly Average Bill \$*	Proposed Monthly Average Bill \$	Monthly \$ Increase	Monthly Percent Increase
R.S.	\$5,772,231	2.02%	14,268	1,189	0	\$ 181.74	\$ 185.42	\$ 3.68	2.02%
S.G.S. - T.O.D.	\$7,331,585	1.99%	15,156	1,263	0	\$ 221.33	\$ 225.74	\$ 4.41	1.99%
M.G.S. - T.O.D.			50,556	4,213	2	\$ 642.10	\$ 654.88	\$ 12.78	
G.S.			19,560	1,630	6	\$ 283.24	\$ 288.88	\$ 5.64	
L.G.S.			826,176	68,848	216	\$ 9,973.75	\$ 10,172.26	\$ 198.51	
I.G.S.			37,781,100	3,148,425	5,411	\$ 250,003.87	\$ 254,979.76	\$ 4,975.89	
M.W.			219,096	18,258	27	\$ 2,523.03	\$ 2,573.24	\$ 50.22	
O.L.			684	57	0	\$ 16.45	\$ 16.78	\$ 0.33	
S.L.**			660	55	0	\$ 13.43	\$ 13.70	\$ 0.27	

* Based on 12-months ending May 2025

** Number of lamps, not customers

Any person by timely written request for intervention filed with the Public Service Commission may request leave to intervene in the Commission proceeding to review Kentucky Power's application. The motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and shall establish the grounds for the request, including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within 30 days of the initial publication of this notice the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.

Written comments on the Company's proposals may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to the address listed above or via the Commission's website: <https://psc.ky.gov>. The rates and terms of service contained in this notice are the rates and terms of service proposed by Kentucky Power; the Commission may order rates to be charged and/or terms of service that differ from the proposed rates and terms of service contained in this notice.

Any person may examine the Company's application at Kentucky Power's offices located at 1645 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky 41101; 12333 Kevin Avenue, Ashland, KY 41102; 1400 E. Main St. Hazard, KY 41701; and 3249 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY 41501; or by visiting the Company's website: www.kentuckypower.com.

A copy of the Company's application and any related documents Kentucky Power may file with the Public Service Commission may be examined Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at the offices of the Commission at the address listed above, or through the Commission's website: <https://psc.ky.gov>.

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Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602
502-564-3940

Birds from A-5

clarity comes with the birds. For working-class people, stillness is a luxury.

Parks, birdsong, and nature are a public good—underfunded, overlooked, but vital.

The house sparrow doesn't live in a world built on urgency. One where choosing peace over hatred feels like rebellion.

Consumerism tells us to chase more.

Birds remind us that enough is already here.

A bird doesn't drop bombs.

A goldfinch doesn't shoot up a school.

A bald eagle doesn't know what state propaganda is.

Maybe we could learn something from

our feathered friends—especially the lovebirds.

Maybe it's time we remembered how to fly.

Not for glory. Not for power.

Just to break free of a world designed to keep us low to the ground.

Contact us at news@cartercountytimes.com

Tourism from A-3

port fairs and events that will take place throughout the year. General operating expenses throughout the year were anticipated to be about \$15,000. White said

that total expenses for the year were projected to be \$188,000.

The commission also discussed the sports park budget.

"We are projecting a restaurant tax revenue of \$1,054,900," White said. "That is higher than the current year to date, but that does include the reduction of the \$110,000 that is being moved over to the tourism account. We anticipate providing \$922,000 restaurant tax income directly to the sports park, and there is an additional \$130,000 in concession revenue and \$20,000 in field rentals for a total of 1.3 million dollars."

Expenses for the sports park included administration fees of \$24,000, a consistent bond payment of \$424,000, and payroll expenses. White said there has been a lot of discussion involved in projecting the payroll (their second largest expense) at the sports park following the resignation of the former park manager, and the necessity of breaking the lion's share of his duties into two separate positions. Those changes, White told the commission, were reflected in the \$236,000 listed. Total payroll expense is listed in the budget at \$322,000.

Sports Park Capital Expenditures are budgeted at \$324,000. This reflects

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GIS EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE

Rattlesnake Ridge Water District (RRWD) is requesting proposals for GIS location and placement of meter equipment. The equipment is intended to help locate lines, valves, meters, etc. and to provide Rattlesnake Ridge Water District with more accurate representation of their system. Any company interested in being considered in providing Rattlesnake Ridge Water with these types of services may do so by sending a statement of qualifications, to Mr. Steve Ison, Chairman, RRWD, 5302 S State Highway 7, Grayson, KY 41143. Proposals must be received by 1:00 P.M., local time, Thursday July 9th 2025.


Sources of funding for this project will come from The Cleaner Water Act Grant through KIA.

RRWD reserves the right to reject any and all responses, to waive any technicalities, and to negotiate with the respondent who most nearly meets the project requirements. RRWD is not responsible or liable for any costs incurred by consultants replying to this request. RRWD is an equal opportunity employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms.

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 Ronald E Cum Jr, Executor, in the Estate of: Ronald E Cum. Attorney for Estate, Hon. W Jeffrey Scott, July 23rd, 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.




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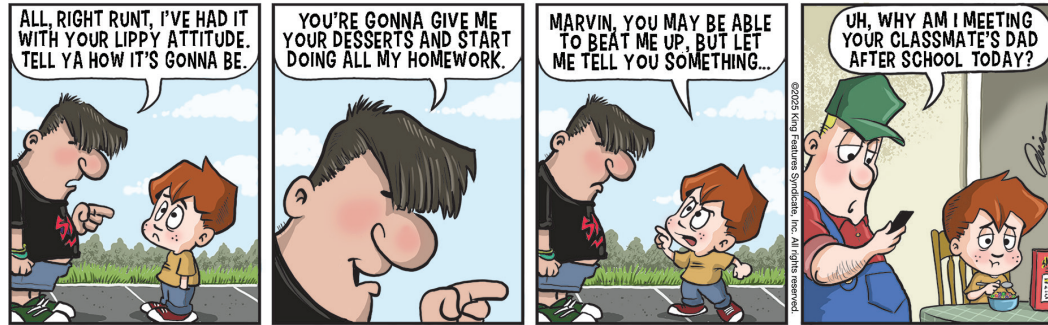
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projects such as pickleball and basketball courts, and grant matching funds. Concession expenditures were listed at \$71,000, with an expected net return of \$70,000. After further discussion, budgets for the tourism commission and the sports park were voted on and approved.

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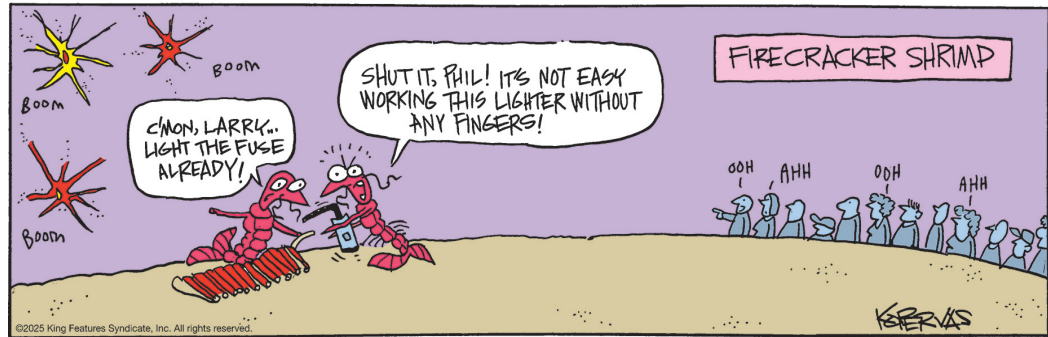
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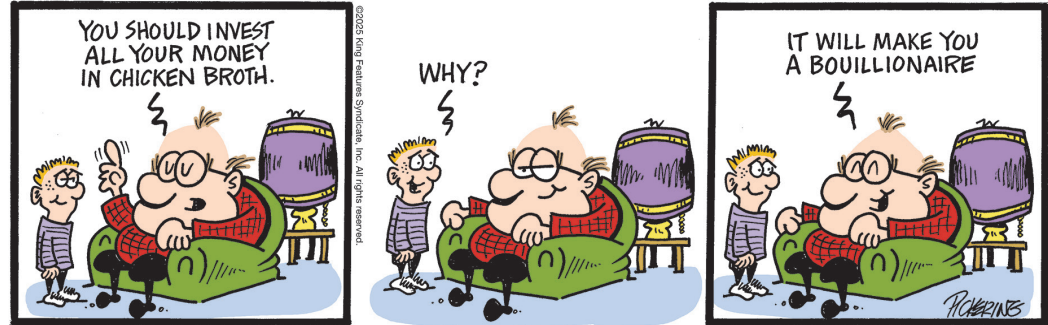
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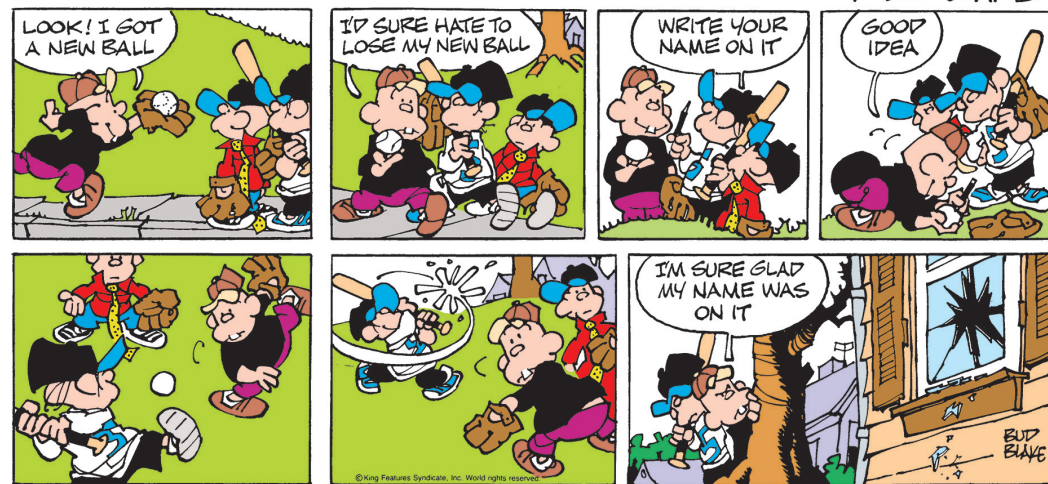
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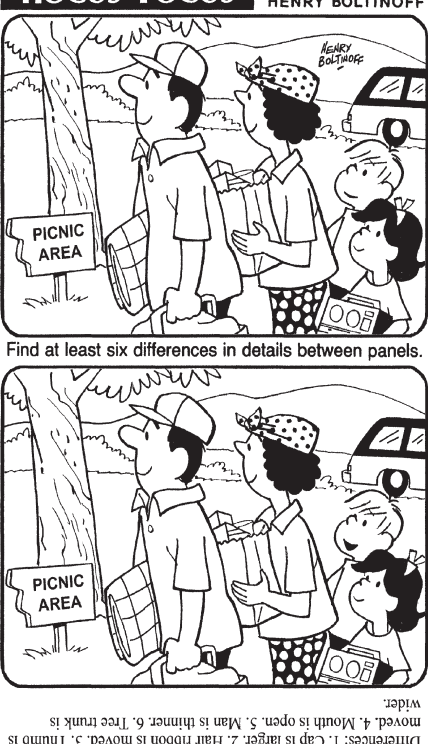
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: C equals N

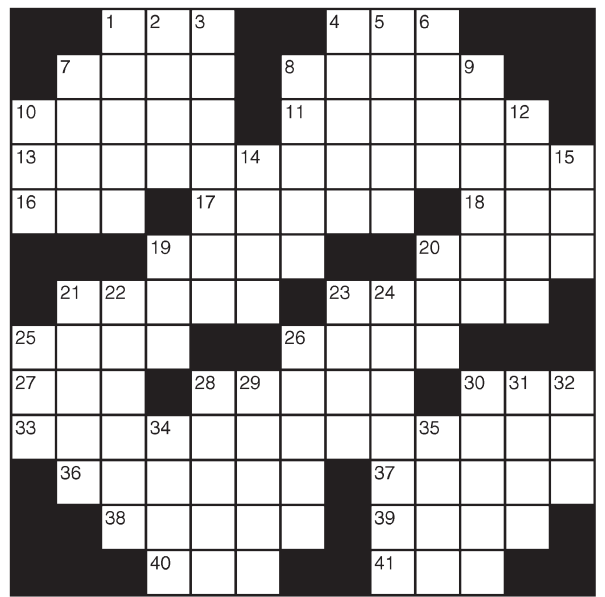
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JMFNH MFAYTA XRB'T MC
MGARBFYAL BC M WHNYAMAYSH
WHARBN: LBJM BCB.

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Condo coolers
 - 4 Mornings, briefly
 - 7 Malaria symptom
 - 8 Daub
 - 10 Florida city
 - 11 Research
 - 13 Nocturnal birds
 - 16 Actor Cariou
 - 17 English horn cousins
 - 18 Actor McShane
 - 19 Stumble
 - 20 Part of A.D.
 - 21 Exams for future attys.
 - 23 Yearns
 - 25 Deception
 - 26 Cousin's mom
 - 27 --ray Disc
 - 28 Soaks up the sun
 - 30 Prefix with gram or center
 - 33 Ancient
 - 36 "Hard as nails," for one
 - 37 More bizarre
 - 38 Auto style
 - 39 Clarinet insert



- 40 Ballot markings
 - 41 Corn serving
 - 8 Sailing vessel
 - 9 Judge's decision
 - 10 Hooting bird
 - 12 Blueprints
 - 14 Kimono ties
 - 15 --cone
 - 19 Levy
 - 20 Busy insect
 - 21 Lounges
 - 22 Mecca residents
 - 23 Sci-fi's
 - 24 By the beach
 - 25 "Westworld" airer
 - 26 Wan
 - 28 Back of a 45 record
 - 29 Book of maps
 - 30 Church leader
 - 31 Begged
 - 32 Leb. neighbor
 - 34 Visa rival, briefly
 - 35 Inventor's inspiration
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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

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

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the bar where Homer Simpson hangs out?
- MUSIC: What are the first names of the Jackson 5?
- MOVIES: What prop is found in almost every scene in "The Fight Club"?
- ANATOMY: What does the term "hallux" refer to in human anatomy?
- GEOMETRY: What is the perimeter of a circle called?
- LITERATURE: What is Ron Weasley's patronus in the "Harry Potter" book series?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many tusks does a warthog have?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many states does the Pacific Crest Trail cross?
- SCIENCE: What is a common name for iron oxide?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in WWII?

- Answers
1. Moe's Tavern
 2. Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael
 3. A Starbucks coffee cup
 4. The big toe
 5. Circumference
 6. Jack Russell Terrier
 7. Four
 8. Three (California, Oregon, and Washington)
 9. Rust
 10. George H.W. Bush

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Answers

King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

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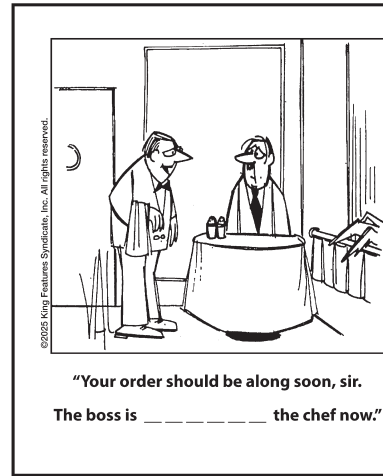
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Solution

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

Answer

Removed singer and avant-garde artist who's an authority on a meditative method: Yoga Ono.



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!

Think **PONIE**

Lament **GIVERE**

Scold **DICHE**

Agile **HILET**

TODAY'S WORD

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

- Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.
- Ice cream spoon ___ C ___ Rapper Dogg ___ N ___
 - Patriotic silversmith R ___ Very strict S ___
 - Electrical energy P ___ Steeple T ___
 - Coil ___ G Short footrace ___ T ___
 - Edible fruit part ___ L ___ Just picked ___ R ___
 - Smallest finger ___ N ___ Pansnickety ___ C ___
 - Vacationer's complex ___ S ___ Official account ___ P ___
 - Hair snarl ___ A ___ Prickle ___ I ___
 - Tire pressure tool ___ G ___ Hospital wrap ___ Z ___
 - Navigate a canoe P ___ Lone Ranger's chair S ___
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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.

	+		-		=	5		
+		+		+				
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=		=		=				
5	22	5						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Even Exchange

Answers

1. Scoop, Spoon
2. Revere, Severe
3. Power, Tower
4. Tangle, Tangle
5. Spring, Spunt
6. Picky, Picky
7. Report, Report
8. Gauge, Gauge
9. Gauge, Gauge
10. Paddle, Saddle

Join Us for Olive Hill Trail Town's Next Meeting

Volunteers Needed for Trail & Depot Grounds Maintenance

Olive Hill Trail Town invites community members and outdoor enthusiasts to our next monthly meeting on July 5, at 9 am. We'll gather at the historic Depot (140 Railroad Street) to discuss upcoming trail projects, maintenance plans, and community events that highlight Olive Hill's natural beauty.

Our trails and Depot grounds thrive when neighbors lend a hand. We're looking for volunteers to:

Clear overgrown sections and repair trail markers

Rake, weed and mulch flower beds around the Depot

Clean up litter and perform light landscaping

No prior experience is required. Just bring sturdy shoes, work gloves, and a can-do spirit. We'll provide refreshments.

Volunteering isn't just about work; it's a chance to strengthen neighborhood connections, learn trail stewardship skills, and take pride in preserving Olive Hill's outdoor heritage for families and visitors alike.

To RSVP, contact Stevie Clay at (606) 225-0845 or email clay.stevie@olivehill-trailtown.com.

Can't make the meeting? Let us know and we'll coordinate a volunteer workday that fits your schedule.

We're a grassroots initiative dedicated to developing and promoting Appalachia's scenic trails while fostering sustainable tourism and healthy living in Olive Hill. Join us and help write the next chapter of our community's outdoor legacy. Visit olivehilltrailtown.com to learn more, how to donate for the cause, view trail maps or explore upcoming events.

If you are 65+ years old or if you are 100% disabled

Stop by the PVA office in the old courthouse or give us a call at 606-474-5663 to see if you qualify for the **Homestead Exemption**. This exemption is a discount for older or disabled taxpayers on the home in which they reside.

Leslie Kiser-Roseberry, Carter County PVA
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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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- ✓ Those related by birth, marriage or adoption
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- ✓ Those not receiving kinship care benefits
- ✓ Those who do not have a household income exceeding 150% of the national poverty level within the year

WHAT DOES IT PROVIDE?

- ✓ Information and Assistance
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STAGE TIME	ALL TIMES EST (PM)	STAGE TIME	ALL TIMES EST (PM)	STAGE TIME	ALL TIMES EST (PM)
The Carl Bentley Band	2:00 - 2:45	Keith Prater & Lacy Creek	1:00 - 1:45	Hillbilly Tradition	12:00 - 12:45
Southridge	3:00 - 3:45	Authentic Unlimited	2:00 - 2:45	David Parmley Band	1:00 - 1:45
Tommy Webb Band	4:00 - 4:45	Dave Adkins Band	3:00 - 3:45	The Edgar Loudermilk Band	2:00 - 2:45
		SUPPER BREAK	4:00 - 5:00	The Kevin Prater Band	3:00 - 3:45
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The Carl Bentley Band	6:00 - 6:45	Keith Prater & Lacy Creek	5:00 - 5:45	Hillbilly Tradition	5:00 - 5:45
Southridge	7:00 - 7:45	Authentic Unlimited	6:00 - 6:45	David Parmley Band	6:00 - 6:45
Tommy Webb Band	8:00 - 8:45	Hammertowne	7:00 - 8:15	The Edgar Loudermilk Band	7:00 - 7:45
Ralph Stanley II & The Clinch	9:00 - ????	Dave Adkins Band	8:30 - 9:15	The Kevin Prater Band	8:00 - 8:45
Mountain Boys		Lonesome River Band	9:30 - ????	Ralph Stanley II & The Clinch	9:00 - ????
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Line Up & Schedule Subject to Change

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