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School board welcomes new staff

Interim superintendent and new officers named

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Carter County Schools Superintendent Dr. Paul Green has now left the role he has held since October of 2021. Green announced his retirement at a special meeting on July 1, beginning the search for a replacement. While that process is still ongoing, the Carter County School Board welcomed interim superintendent Dr. Jennifer Fraley at its regular July meeting

on Monday evening. Dr. Fraley takes over from Green, and will serve as superintendent through the process of hiring a permanent superintendent.

The vacant position was posted on both the KDE and KSBA sites on July 8 of this year, and a search committee will be finalized by July 30. The application process for the position is set to close on August 15, and the second screening of applicants is expected to be complete by August 25. Candidate interviews are expected to take place around September 18, and a new superintendent is expected to be named around September 25.

Carter County Schools Police Chief R.D. Porter spoke to the

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'Officer Leo' is sworn in by interim superintendent Dr. Jennifer Fraley. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Rowdy the Rock Snake

Bayes General Store hosts community art project

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

When she painted and put down the first rock that would make up the head of the rock snake outside Bayes General Store in Willard, Kaitlyn Bellew hoped it would grow long enough to reach around the corner. Now that he's stretched around the corner, from his starting spot by the front door, and down a good portion of the outside wall, Bellew said she'd

like to see him keep growing.

"I hope (he keeps growing)," Bellew said. "I would like him to just go all the way around the building."

But while Bellew, who also paints the window displays at Baye's County Store, may have painted the first rock, she said she can't take the credit the rock snake – who they've nicknamed "Rowdy." She said the community and visitors, especially children, have contributed to his growth, and the idea came from her co-worker Rowetta Webb.

"She (Webb) wanted to start something," Bellew explained.

She said Webb saw something similar on social media and took

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Rowdy the Rock Snake stretches around Bayes General Store in Willard. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Doing it for the kids

Shriners Bluegrass Festival raises more than \$6K for hospitals

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

The Carter County Shrine Club's annual Shriners Bluegrass Festival regularly draws visitors from across the country (and sometimes even from abroad) to Olive Hill where they can partake of local culture and celebrate our Appalachian musical

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Hillbilly Tradition play Saturday afternoon at the Shriners Bluegrass Festival in Olive Hill. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

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.

- Samuel Borders, 42, of Lowmansville, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of public intoxication (excludes alcohol), menacing, resisting arrest, second degree disorderly conduct, first degree criminal mischief – residential rental property, and first degree criminal mischief requiring restitution/repair, arrested and booked July 14.
- Haven Arthurs, 27, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, serving a warrant for parole violation, and on charges of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance, and failure

- to appear, arrested and booked July 14.
- Steven Thomas, 29, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked July 14.
- Jason Duncan, 48, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked July 15.
- Harlos Byrd, 30, of Covington, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked July 15.
- Steven Litterall, 45, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, arrested and booked July 16.
- Benjamin Stone, 37, of

Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a hold for Drug Court, arrested and booked July 16.

- Stephanie Napier, 39, of Louisville, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked July 17.
- Russell Gough, 34, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked July 17.
- Patricia Perry, 50, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked July 17.
- Stephanie Swiney, 41, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked July 17.
- Joni Leadingham, 44, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, charges unavailable, arrested and booked

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This Week's Obituaries

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LIFESTYLE



Magical mango sherbet: The 2-ingredient dessert that's cooler than a tropical breeze

When the summer sun cranks up the heat, there's nothing more satisfying than a sweet, icy treat that doesn't require a trip to the tropics -- or a lengthy recipe. Enter the two-ingredient mango sherbet: a creamy, dreamy dessert that's as easy as it is refreshing.

This simple dessert has roots in various cultures. In the Philippines, a similar treat called mango float layers graham crackers, whipped cream and ripe mangoes for a no-bake delight. In Taiwan, mango shaved ice combines fresh mango chunks, condensed milk and mango ice cream atop shaved ice, creating a popular summer dessert.

While these versions offer their own unique twists, the two-ingredient mango sherbet stands out for its simplicity and speed.

- Why This Recipe Works
- Minimal Ingredients: Frozen mango chunks and sweetened condensed milk are all you need.
- Quick Prep: Blend the ingredients, freeze and enjoy. No ice cream maker required.
- Versatile Texture: Serve immediately for a soft-serve consistency or freeze longer for a scoopable treat.
- Budget-Friendly: Affordable ingredients make this a cost-effective dessert option when compared to the cost of a tropical vacation.

Ice Cream, Sorbet and Sherbet -- What's the Difference?

It's easy to get frozen desserts confused, but here's the scoop: Sorbet is a refreshing, dairy-free treat made from fruit puree, water and sugar -- pure fruity goodness. Sherbet, on the other hand, sneaks in a little dairy, typically in the form of milk or cream, making it creamier than sorbet but still lighter than ice cream. And ice cream? That's the rich, creamy classic made with milk, cream and often egg yolks, delivering a decadent, indulgent experience. So, when you're craving something fruity

and light, reach for sorbet. If you want something a little creamier, sherbet's your go-to. And for full-on indulgence, nothing beats a scoop of ice cream!

MAGICAL MANGO SHERBET

Yield: 6-8 servings
Total Time: 3 hours 5 minutes

- 4-5 cups frozen mango chunks
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

Combine the frozen mango chunks and sweetened condensed milk in a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth and creamy. For soft-serve texture, serve immediately. For a firmer consistency, transfer to a freezer-safe container and freeze for 3-4 hours. Scoop and enjoy!

This recipe is totally adaptable; you can experiment with other fruits like peaches or pineapples for a different flavor profile.

But wait, there's more! You can easily customize this simple mango sorbet by adding just a few extra ingredients. Toss in a cup of berries, and you've got a delightful mango berry sherbet. Craving something refreshing? Add a handful of fresh mint leaves for a cool, aromatic twist. Want a citrusy kick? A splash of lime juice and zest will do the trick! And if you're in the



Made in just five minutes, it's like a mini vacation for your taste buds! (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

mood for something you can hold in your hand, why not turn the mixture into popsicles? The possibilities are endless, and each variation is as easy as the original recipe!

While this dessert is indulgent, it does offer some nutritional benefits:

- Mangoes: Rich in vitamins A and C, fiber and antioxidants.
- Sweetened Condensed Milk: Provides calcium and protein.

While this dessert is fat-free, it contains quite a hefty amount of sugar. Enjoy it in moderation.

This mango sherbet is more than just a dessert; it's a mini getaway in a bowl. Its tropical flavor and creamy texture transport you to a sunny beach, all without leaving your kitchen.

So, when the heat hits and you're craving something cool, whip up this simple treat and let your taste buds take a vacation.

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*. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

The cost of organizing

I have been asked what it costs to organize a home.

The cost of organizing a home depends on many things, such as how many rooms are in the home that need attention and what the objectives are for completing a project.

For instance, if there is clutter in a living room, bedroom, or closet requiring some basic adjusting, and recommendations are all that is necessary, then it might take, on average, three to four hours. But, if the project requires more work to evaluate all the items that are located in a certain space and how to store or donate those items, that would be a much larger job requiring more hours.

Garages, basements, and homes that are un-

usually crowded can take from eight to twenty-four hours to complete, and are often quoted using package pricing.



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

This approach is designed to put limits on the amount of time, materials, and dollars necessary to complete the project. This way there are no surprises when it comes to paying, and preparations can be made for working out a payment plan in needed.

There are also cases where it is necessary to travel to a location. In these cases, the cost could include drive time, mileage, hotel stay, and materials. This type of situation usually comes up when someone is planning a move. It can often mean packing the home they are selling and unpacking when arriving at a new home. Moving jobs

are common and can lead to organizing movers and extra help.

There are so many situations, so it's important to talk to the organizers in the area and do some comparison shopping. Every professional organizer has their own pricing structure based on how much the market dictates expectations for service businesses. Rural areas range on hour from \$35.00 to \$50.00 with package pricing and payment plans for larger jobs. For large cities, the price per hour can reach upward to \$175.00 per hour.

My advice is to ask questions and be honest about what you want an organizer to do for you. Make sure they have experience, recommendations, and most of all compassion.

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

Joyful Noise

Who's in control?

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what's happening. Either pull out the Bible to see what God's answer is for the situation or pull on the Word of God that you have hidden in your heart, taking it to the Lord in prayer. It's not beneficial to just know the Word of God

only, but you must practice the Word of God that you know. That is where your true peace comes from.

There will always be challenges, situations and circumstances in life. As a Christian the Bible tells us how to run this race called life. Hebrews 12:1 says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and

let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

Be so confident in God's plan that you don't even get upset anymore when things don't go your way. When God gives you a new beginning, don't repeat old mistakes. God has already forgiven you. So why are you still carrying the guilt? No matter how lost you feel, God will guide your way. You don't

See JOYFUL NOISE on A-4

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold mixed with market trends ranging steady to 5.00 lower to steady to 5.00 higher throughout the week with good demand for all feeder classes. Yearling steers and heifers sold mostly steady to 3.00 higher with limited comparisons and good to very good demand. Buyers were active showing best interest for long weaned preconditioned packages. Slaughter cows sold mostly steady to 5.00 lower with instances to 10.00 lower and slaughter bulls were unevenly steady with prices ranging from 2.00 lower to 3.00 higher with good to very good demand for all slaughter classes. Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/> Week ending 7/19/25

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	410.44	405.00	318.77
400-450 lbs	390.40	405.00	321.81
450-500 lbs	381.31	368.18	305.80
500-550 lbs	360.52	355.00	297.41
550-600 lbs	351.96	354.28	289.97
600-650 lbs	334.43	328.00	271.35
650-700 lbs	334.15	313.53	266.27
700-750 lbs	319.43		254.82
750-800 lbs	303.48		243.54
800-850 lbs	291.33	279.36	238.75
850-900 lbs	298.62		235.56
Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	370.27	330.05	293.66
350-400 lbs	376.86	325.14	292.22
400-450 lbs	354.17	318.66	284.99
450-500 lbs	346.34	323.20	278.58
500-550 lbs	332.62	295.84	266.26
550-600 lbs	326.96	314.86	258.52
600-650 lbs	309.64	282.98	243.78
650-700 lbs	301.58	282.00	238.22
700-750 lbs	378.26	212.00	226.80
750-800 lbs	282.97		226.65

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows	Breakers	150.00-174.00	158.00-190.00
	Boners	131.00-174.00	150.00-190.00
	Lean	130.00-169.00	140.00-185.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
	Yield Grade 1&2	170.00-214.00	190.00-232.00

Jun 26, 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 7/19/25			
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.96-4.49	4.06-4.62	3.64-4.27
Soybeans	9.54-10.70	10.06-10.91	10.74-11.88
Red Winter Wheat	4.50-5.37	4.68-5.37	4.46-5.46

University of Kentucky Extension Notes

Ten or more farmed or forested acres in Kentucky?

Summer is a good time to update your agriculture water quality plan

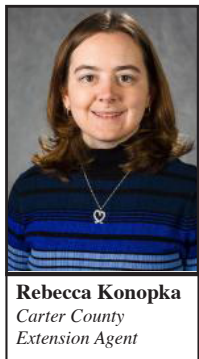
The Agriculture Water Quality Act was passed by the Kentucky Legislature in 1994, mandating that landowners with 10 or more acres in agricultural

production must develop a water quality plan. Ten or more acres of crops, livestock or trees that will be harvested qualify for a plan and implementation by law.

This plan documents the best management practices you're using to protect water resources. These best management practices

could include planned grazing systems, rotational grazing for livestock, filter or buffer strips around crop fields, animal waste manure storage structures and nutrient management plans. It should also include plans to

limit livestock access to water resources. See *WATER* on A-3



Rebecca Konopka
Carter County
Extension Agent



Laurie Preece (left) listens as Extension water quality specialist Dr. Amanda Gumbert (right) discusses the importance of clean water and demonstrates how to use a Secchi disk to determine water transparency during the recent Extension Yak & Learn trip on Grayson Lake on July 15th.

Arrests from A-1

July 17.

- Bryant Bowling, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance (with aggravating circumstances), no registration receipt, no registration plates, improper registration plate, failure to or improper signal, failure to wear seat belts, driving on a DUI suspended license, and display of an illegal or altered registration plate, arrested and booked July 17.
- Stacy Lane, 49, of Lebanon, TN, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of violating a foreign

emergency protection order/domestic violence order, arrested and booked July 18.

- Candas Boatwright, 43, of Campbellsville, arrested by Grayson PD, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked July 18.
- Joseph Burton, 49, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County District Court, weekender, arrested and booked July 18.
- Stephanie Vannatter, 40, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County District Court, weekender, arrested and booked July 18.
- Scott McClurg, 18, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for failure

to appear, arrested and booked July 19.

- Christopher Wages, 51, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence on a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, failure to produce an insurance card, and no brake lights, arrested and booked July 19.
- Nicholas Showalter, 33, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, charges unavailable, arrested and booked July 19.
- Shawn Terry, 46, of Grayson, arrested by

Carter County Sheriff, on charges of fourth degree assault with minor injury, interfering with communications, and third degree terroristic threatening, arrested and booked July 19.

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.

School from A-1

board of education about two new positions in the school police department and told the board that the two positions were filled by Eric Caudill and Shannon Salley.

“I have spent most of the spring and summer (collecting) any free money that I could get,” Chief Porter told the board. “We have completed the School Violence Protection Program Grant – that was \$430,000 – and we have a letter of endorsement for that. It has been sent in and is under review now.”

Porter said he had also applied for a grant of \$125,000 for the cost of hiring an additional officer, and had a letter of endorsement for that as well from Representative Hal Rogers. Porter said the chances of being approved for both grants were good.

But, he said, a third officer had already been approved and funded by fiscal court.

“We hired a third officer this year,” Chief Porter told the board. “I approached the Carter County Fiscal Court,” he said, explaining that the fiscal court had contracted for an officer using opioid abatement funds, and agreed to fund another officer.

“We entered into a new contract, and they are giving us two DARE officers,” Porter said.

Given this, Porter said that he would be able to place one officer on the East Side and the other on the West Side.

Porter said he also went through Operation Unite and was able to secure other benefits for the county school. One benefit was the purchase of a Ford

Explorer Dare vehicle.

“They also helped us fund another position,” Porter told the board.

“That is our Public Relations and K9 Officer.”

After being introduced to the board, Officer ‘Leo’ was sworn in by Interim Superintendent Dr. Fraley.

The board also received architectural and design updates concerning the progress of the new school, and everything was reported as being on schedule. Instructional Supervisor Nellie Wright updated the board on the Camp Carter Program.

“We had a great turnout this year,” Wright told the board. “We had 95 students during week one at Prichard Elementary. And we had 75 students during week two in Olive Hill.”

“Our week one theme was Adventures Above and

our students were able to hear from guest speakers from Fish and Wildlife. And they were able to attend a show at Star Theater in Morehead and a movie at Camp Landing. Our week two theme was Adventures Below, and they also had speakers from Fish and Wildlife, and they visited Carter Caves where they were able to tour Cascade Cave.”

Wright said that these activities were in addition to other fun activities such as students being able to create model wildlife habitats.

Additional reporting by Jeremy D. Wells, editor, Carter County Times

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

Dedicated to George

Grayson sidewalk project honors former mayor

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The City of Grayson recently finished a project that began in 2018. The now complete project is a sidewalk that runs along

See **GEORGE** on A-6



(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Water from A-2

streams. Additionally, the document should include information on the proper handling of herbicides and pesticides, as well as the maintenance of septic systems.

To implement a water quality plan, first look at the activities in your operation. You can use a web-based planning tool (<https://soilandwater.ca.uky.edu/awq>) to answer questions about the operation. By answering these questions, you can identify the appropriate best management practices needed. Then, you document that these practices are being used and properly maintained.

In many cases, proper practices are already in place, and creating an agriculture water quality plan provides a document stating that you are following proper procedures to

protect the water quality on your farm.

However, keep in mind that an agriculture water quality plan is not a voluntary document; it is a mandatory document required by the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act. Periodically review and update your plans to reflect changes in farming and forestry practices or land ownership. Additionally, a water quality plan is required by the local Soil and Water Conservation District if you plan to apply for state cost-share programs and the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy requires a water quality plan to apply for the CAIP cost-share program.

By implementing an agriculture water quality plan, you help protect both surface and groundwater from agricultural contaminants. Keeping the state's

water resources clean protects human and animal health and reduces the cost of treating drinking water.

For more information on the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act, please contact the Carter County Cooperative Extension Service or the Carter County Soil Conservation Service. Information is also available on the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act and Planning website at <https://soilandwater.ca.uky.edu/awq>. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information,

age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

Upcoming Events:

- The Olive Hill Farmer's Market is located in the Save-a-Lot parking lot and is open on Mondays at 3:00 PM and on Wednesdays & Saturdays at 8:00 AM. The Olive Hill Market will host a Kid's Day on July 28th from 3:00-4:00. The Grayson Farmer's Market will be open on Saturdays at 9:00 AM and on Thursdays at 2:00 PM and is located in the shed behind the Extension Office. The Grayson Market will host a Kid's Day on July 31st from 2:00-3:00. Youth will be able to participate in a variety of activities and receive \$5 in Kid's Bucks to spend at the market during the Kid's Day events.

CALENDAR

- **7/23: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **7/23: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **7/24: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **7/25: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **7/26: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **7/26: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **7/26: NEKY Democrats Picnic @ 1 p.m.** | Grayson Lake Marina, Shelter #3
- **7/28: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **7/28: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **7/28: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **7/28: Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **7/29: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **7/30: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **7/31: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed

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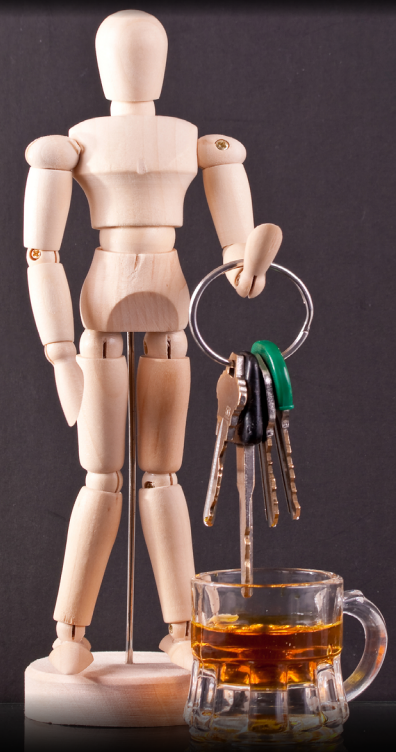


Pet of the Week

Arthur is a male mixed breed, about two-years-old. He is good with other dogs, walks on a leash, knows his basic commands, and is very friendly. Arthur'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.

Don't be a dummy



Don't risk it.

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A message from the City of Grayson and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Office

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Grayson Gallery presents their Summer Arts Celebration

Final Friday event features regional artists and musicians

By Dan Click
for *Carter County Times*

The Grayson Gallery & Art Center (GGAC) will present their Summer Arts Celebration event with an opening reception for artists and the public on July 25 from 6 – 9 p.m. Creatives from across the region will have dozens of pieces on display. Most will be for sale; and the commission proceeds are

part of the GGAC's funding. Live music will be by Redefined.

The best part? It's all free; with donations for the Gallery accepted at the door and tips for the band greatly appreciated.

There is never a formal dress code for Grayson Gallery events. But since it's summer, and temperatures are high, visitors are encouraged to come prepared to beat the heat by wearing season appropriate attire. Catering by Laura will provide refreshments. Hydration stations with bottled water will be available as well throughout the evening. The GGAC Artist Market will be open

for additional works with special discount sales, too. Layaway for Artist Market items is possible with a 20% down payment – just ask a GGAC board member for more information.

Awards and announcements will take place at approximately 7:45 p.m. during which gallery updates and volunteer opportunities will be shared, along with awards presentation.

Four, \$50 cash prizes and a blue ribbon will be given for awards in the People's Choice, the Pen Lay's Choice, a GGAC Board Choice and the Brandon Click Art Memorial categories.

Contact Dan Click, director, for more information and look for them on Facebook.

The GGAC is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation with limited funding by the City of Grayson. Space is provided by the Grayson Tourism & Convention Commission in the former Grayson Fire Department. The GGAC is located at 301 E. Third Street (aka Duane Suttles Blvd). In addition, the organization is the leader in the What's Next Eastern Kentucky's "Community Accelerator" program and is the official Arts & Entertainment venue for Grayson Main



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Street.
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Morehead Optimist Club sponsors ten students traveling to DC

MOREHEAD – Since 2010, a group of students from Rowan County Middle School have traveled to Washington DC to experience firsthand the plethora of history in our nation's capital. Now, fifteen years later, Kristin Hood, the Rowan County Gifted Coordinator is preparing for another group visit. Due to COVID restrictions, there was no group travel in 2020 or 2021, but 102 students and parent chaperones are packing their bags to leave Morehead on a charter bus in October. The Morehead Optimist Club is once again providing funding in the amount of \$9,500.00 for ten (10) students who might otherwise have been unable to make the trip because of finan-

cial constraints. The Optimist Club has contributed more than \$100,000 over the years to enable 130 kids to make the trip with ten scholarships each year. "This is one of the best programs that we sponsor," said Club President Bill Redwine. "Travel is such a very important part of the educational process, and we are fortunate to be in a position to help," he added. Kristen Hood added, "the Optimist Club makes it possible for ten kids to experience this, sometimes life altering experience, who might otherwise not be able to participate."

During the five-day trip, the students and their chaperones will visit such landmarks as the Capitol,

the National Gallery of Art, the Viet Nam War Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, Mt. Vernon, the Washington Zoo, and Arlington National Cemetery where they will participate in the laying of a wreath.

The Morehead Optimist Club has been supporting youth programs in Morehead and Rowan County since their founding in 1964. Other programs and service projects that the Club is involved in include youth sports, high school theatre, youth golf, cheerleading, "Respect for Law" and a host of other activities through charitable bingo at Cave Run Bingo.

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(submitted photo)

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Joyful Noise from A-2

need a perfect plan when you have a perfect God leading the way. Nothing will give you greater peace than letting God be in control. What are you afraid of losing when nothing in this world belongs to you? A poor man who is close to God is richer than the wealthiest man who is far from God. Look back and thank God. Look forward and trust God. Gratitude turns what we have into enough. God has already prepared the way. He's just preparing you through the different challenges you

face each day. Believe me, we all face something most days. You get to choose how you will handle it. My friend "Roggee" always says, "don't let others dictate to you," and that will include circumstances and challenges. God is the one we look to in faith and trust.

I want to share something I read about what happens in just one second here on earth. Every second four babies are born and two people die. Around 2.5 million emails are sent and

nearly 100,000 images are uploaded to Instagram. There are 28 football fields worth of trees cut down due to deforestation. Light travels around the globe more than seven times and in the 20 seconds or so of you reading this article the earth has received enough energy from the sun to charge your phone for nearly 20 million years, and it goes even deeper than that. The earth has traveled 230 kilometers through the galaxy every second. Someone somewhere just made a choice

that will change their life forever. A lot can happen in just one second. The real question is, "What will you choose to do with the time God has given you?"

How you respond to things you can't control really matters if you want the true peace of God. 1 Peter 5:7 says, "casting all your cares upon Him; for He cares for you." We cast our cares upon Him by calling upon God and He will save us. Then we are to trust Him by committing our ways to the Lord. Finally, we must give it to

Him with thanksgiving and rest!

Regardless of anything that causes you worry or anxiety, regardless of why or how it happened, you can choose to control your actions by throwing it over onto the shoulders of Jesus Christ. Surrendering to God, or "letting go and letting God," involves relinquishing control and trusting in His plan even when it is difficult. He is all power and wisdom. Choose to walk and talk with Jesus every step of the way and be at peace.

Amen! So be it!
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Olive Hill adds members to tourism board

City council discusses ordinances and grant opportunities

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The City of Olive Hill held its regularly scheduled meeting last Tuesday, July 15. The first item on the agenda the council addressed was the membership of the new Olive Hill Tourism Board. There had been seven members originally on the board, but two members had resigned before the board took any action. Initially, the board had decided to proceed with the remaining five members, but after consulting with the Kentucky



(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

League of Cities, it was determined that this was unacceptable. To resolve this, Olive Hill appointed two additional members to the board to bring the membership up to the required number of seven.

The city also held the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the operation of street legal special purpose vehicles on public roadways within the City

of Olive Hill. Such vehicles include ATVs, UTVs,

Mini Trucks, Pneumatic
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Guest Op-Ed

Now is the time to prioritize evidence-based, cost-effective opioid treatment

By William D. Hensley
Boyd County Jailer



William D. Hensley (submitted photo)

I was heartened to read recently that Kentucky has surpassed the \$1 billion mark in total opioid settlement funds secured to date. Across our Commonwealth, the opioid crisis has wrought devastation on individuals, families, and communities. While these settlement dollars cannot undo the suffering already endured, they can — and must — be invested in treatments proven to save lives and restore hope.

Importantly, a new Federal mandate now requires all correctional facilities to implement Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs, ensuring access to evidence-based therapies for inmates with opioid use disorder. At Boyd County Detention Center, we have already embraced long-acting injectable (LAI) buprenorphine — specifically Sublocade — paired with behavioral therapy to meet this mandate.

- Monthly provider-administered injections offer distinct advantages over daily sublingual films:
- Eliminate daily medication rounds and pharmacy pickups, freeing up correctional staff and medical personnel for other critical duties.
- Carry virtually zero risk of diversion, since the medication forms a solid subdermal depot and is regulated under FDA REMS safeguards.
- Remove the need for witnessed ingestion, sparing both officers and patients the logistical burden — and the stigma — of daily mouth checks.
- Maintain consistent plasma levels, smoothing out the peaks and troughs of craving and withdrawal and markedly improving treatment adherence.
- Demonstrate superior post-release outcomes, with one rural Maine facility reporting threefold higher engagement in community follow-up care and zero overdoses among Sublocade recipients.

These advantages translate not only into better health and safety behind bars, but also cost savings of nearly \$300,000 per patient in reduced emergency services and recidivism — a critical consideration as untreated opioid use disorder continues to cost Kentucky over \$700,000 per individual each year according to the recent Avalere Report.

With more than \$73 million incoming from the Purdue Pharma settlement, and under the new Federal MAT mandate, now is the time to prioritize evidence-based, cost-effective interventions like Sublocade. By directing funds toward LAI buprenorphine programs in our jails and treatment centers, we can help Kentuckians reclaim their lives, reunite with their families, and return to the workforce as healthy, productive members of our communities.



Will the loss of public radio-TV funding endanger Big Bird or Oscar The Grouch?

One of my favorite relatives, Uncle Richard, liked to joke about his efforts to lose weight. He often bragged about knowing the surefire, no fail method for dropping pounds that worked for everyone. It goes like this:

“If you put something in your mouth and it tastes really good, quickly spit it out!”

His little joke came to mind last week when Kentucky Educational Television (KET) announced that it would not televise next month’s Fancy Farm Political Speaking in West Kentucky.

If you follow politics and have lived in Kentucky for at least a year, you should know that the modest little barbecue to benefit St. Jerome Catholic Church has been the birthplace and/or deathplace for many statewide political careers in the Bluegrass State.

Always scheduled on the first Saturday in August, the Fancy Farm event gets unusually heavy news media attention and large, enthusiastic crowds who like to heckle the politicians, and the statewide exposure on KET adds to its impact with voters in both parties.

KET says the upcoming elimination of federal funding of public radio and television funding by Congress and the Trump Administration means they

can no longer afford to televise such an important public event.



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

Even worse, KET may be forced to reduce or eliminate other valuable programming. And that lack of funding also could become a severely damaging blow to Kentucky’s public radio stations like WMKY, which has served Carter and other area counties from its home base at Morehead State University for 60 years.

That reference to spitting out something good is intended to show that the opponents of public broadcasting are willing to take away the positive benefits of cultural and educational programming in order to punish what they claim is biased news coverage at the national level.

I can’t imagine Sesame Street not being available to future pre-schoolers like it was to my kids and grandkids or not being able to tune in shows like Antiques Roadshow, The NewsHour, This Old House and Nature.

And I never dreamed that someday Big Bird might be on the endangered species list.

Keith Kappes can be reached at keithkappes@gmail.com

Another day checking my bank account

Being an adult in 2025 is exhausting. If the car doesn’t need new shocks, the insurance bill looms like a storm cloud over a car note that feels downright perverse.

I know it’s an idealized America at this point, before something went wrong with the agreement made to the American people. Still, there was a time when someone could work at the local plant and, with one paycheck, buy a house, raise a few kids, take some vacations, and retire with a pension. Today, two full-time incomes barely cover groceries and gas.

Every check gets eaten by housing, gas, kids, old doctor bills, groceries — and that’s before the other bills or trying to be a human who wants a Snickers or a night at the movies.

In 1995, the average American worker made about \$45,000 a year in today’s dollars and could realistically afford a starter home, reliable healthcare through their employer, and help their kids with college without taking on crushing debt. Wages have barely budged, but housing costs have increased by over 800%, childcare costs have doubled, and even eggs feel like a luxury item.

Somewhere along the line, hard work stopped paying off the way it used to. We now live in a world where our neighbors start GoFundMe pages to help pay medical bills for cancer. Our insurance premiums keep rising, if we’re lucky enough to get coverage at all.

I was nearly killed in a car wreck. Guess who saw their insurance spike, even after being left with just a thousand dollars to replace a totaled car? The wreck wasn’t my fault. I was picking up takeout.



Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

We pay into health insurance through our paychecks, and half the time, we’re still left covering hundreds out of pocket. That leaves us with broken molars we can’t afford to fix or nagging knee pain we can’t afford to get X-rayed.

Perhaps the American Dream didn’t die, but it has definitely become unaffordable. People are working two and three jobs and

still struggling with burnout, mental health issues, and a growing distrust of a system broken by bad actors in suits on both sides — laying hands on a Bible while lying through their teeth.

Debt is everywhere, and everyone’s carrying the burden of just trying to keep the lights on while VISA and Mastercard keep getting richer.

What no one talks about is the quiet shame. The way people blame themselves for falling behind, like it’s a moral failure instead of a broken system. Anxiety, depression, burnout — these aren’t personal defects. They’re the natural response to a life spent running on a treadmill someone else controls. Working families suffer, and when that happens, communities begin to fray.

It’s not an unfair idea to question why we work so

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

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Account from A-5

hard for so little and wonder where all that money goes. When we go to work, we're selling our labor at a price per hour. But what does that look like for the folks sitting in the corporate suite?

They've never had dirt under their nails, but they sure know how to pick a pocket clean.

Rowdy from A-1

the idea from there. "She had me paint the head of the snake, and wanted everyone – adults and children – to just paint a rock," Bellew continued. She said more than 50 people had contributed to the rock snake in the days before the Fourth of July holiday. Those who contributed to Rowdy's growth by adding a rock, and then letting the staff know, were entered into a drawing for some small prizes that the store gave away over the Fourth of July holiday. But the prize drawing,

George from A-3

Robert and Mary Avenue, improving foot traffic both for visitors and residents of the city. The sidewalk was designed by Bell Engineering of Lexington and was funded by a federal Tap Grant. The grant funds covered eighty percent of the project, which cost approximately \$250,000. Construction began in the spring of 2024 by Jefferson Construction of Brooksville and was completed earlier this month.

Mayor Troy Combs presided over a ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the new sidewalk, but the mayor and the city used the event to honor the mayor who was leading Grayson when the project began. Former mayor George Steele (2006-2022) was kept in the dark about the nature of the event, never suspecting that he was being honored. Instead, the former mayor was told that he was needed for a wedding taking place on July 15 on the corner of East Main Street and Robert & Mary Ave. Steele was more flattered than offended by the subterfuge, but in typical fashion insisted upon giving everyone else the credit.

"Some might say that it is just a sidewalk, so what's the big deal?" Combs began the ceremony. "But we all know it's more than concrete and curb," he added. "It's connection. It connects neighborhoods, it connects people to schools and

Tourism from A-4

Tired Military Vehicles, or custom or modified vehicles with specified equipment and registration that meet inspection standards set by state law.

This ordinance does not include slow moving vehicles (such as golf carts) which are governed by a separate city ordinance. It also only applies to city streets and does not authorize their use on roads or trails where they are specifically prohibited. Many trails, such as those at the city lake, specifically prohibit the use of any motorized vehicle.

The city's grant consultant Jennifer Meade spoke to the council and gave updates on current grant progress.

"We have a small grant right now for ARC through the Center for Rural Development," Meade told the council. "It a capacity building grant, so we can get everything in line and all the metrics we need to apply for the big grants such as Brownfield Grants."

Tomorrow, I get to decide what bill gets paid and how much I can afford to spend on food – even though I have a full-time job.

Once again, the working man gets the screw job. Been there, done that.

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like the rocks adding to Rowdy's length, were really just a way to engage with and give back to the community, Bellew said. Especially the community's children.

Bellew said they'd like to see folks continue to contribute to Rowdy, even with the prize drawing closed, so that he can eventually wrap all the way around the building as she's hoped for.

"That'd be really cool," she said.

Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

parks, to local businesses, and most importantly, to each other."

"A sidewalk is a symbol of movement, of safety, and of accessibility," Combs told the crowd of Grayson residents. "And it is a symbol of our commitment to building a community where everyone, regardless of age or ability, can walk confidently and freely. It's a small piece of infrastructure. But it carries big values. Inclusion, sustainability, and progress."

"People often ask why we can't have more in our community," Combs continued. "And while there is nothing wrong with wanting more for our community, I think it's important to appreciate that which we have and that which we receive."

Part of that appreciation, Combs said, was to remember and honor those who are responsible for helping us have what we do.

"This sidewalk improvement did not happen overnight," Combs said. "It took vision. And it took the hard work of people who planned it, of engineers and construction crews, city council members, and of course mayors."

The mayor of Grayson then proceeded to thank all those responsible, beginning with Roger and Joanne Dunfee for applying for and securing the Tap Grant that made the project possible. Next,

"I am actually going to the conference in Chicago in August," Meade told the council.

The first thing Mead said she had done was a land utilization assessment for the Olive Hill Business District.

"I took the liberty of defining what we would call our central business district," she said.

Meade provided maps of essentially three blocks of the city.

"The bad news is that thirty-eight percent of your business district is blighted," Meade told the council.

Blighted property is generally defined as properties that can include structurally unsafe conditions, being a visual "eyesore," and unkept landscaping – such as overgrown lawns, uncontrolled weeds, dangerous conditions of trees, etc. Blighted properties might be inhabited, abandoned, foreclosed, or even vacant lots.

"That is a really high

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OLIVE HILL CLEARWELL REHAB AND REPAIR
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **OLIVE HILL CITY HALL**, located at **225 ROGER PATTON DRIVE**, until **AUGUST 1, 2025 at 2:00 PM** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:
The City of Olive Hill is accepting bids for the rehabilitation and repair of their existing clearwell. Work includes installation of a bypass pump and waterline and appurtenances.

The Project has an expected duration of 60 days.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **BLUEGRASS ENGINEERING, PLLC, 222 E MAIN STREET, GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY 40324, (859) 749-5420.** Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the office of the OWNER; **CITY OF OLIVE HILL CITY HALL, 225 ROGER PATTON DRIVE, OLIVE HILL, KY 41164, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 PM (LOCAL TIME)**

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be downloaded/ordered from the Issuing Office. Bidding documents can be purchased for \$150.00, which is nonrefundable. Contractor can choose between either hardcopy or electronic Bidding Documents. **All qualified BIDDERS must purchase a set of Bidding Documents and listed as a plan holder by Issuing Office, Bluegrass Engineering, PLLC.**

A pre-bid conference will not be held. All bids must be made on the required Bid Form and must be fully completed and executed with original signatures and corporate seals.

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Bidders must certify they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated or based on race, color, creed, or national origin.

Minorities and small businesses are encouraged to submit bids on this project.

The Contract will be awarded on the basis of the low evaluated responsive, responsible, best and qualified bidder unless all bids are rejected.

The City of Olive Hill reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids, for any reason deemed advisable by the City. The right is reserved by the Owner, in the exercise of its sole judgment to reject any or all Bids, and to re-advertise and award the Contract in the regular manner or to waive any informalities, irregularities, mistakes, errors, or omissions in any Bid received and to accept any Bid deemed to be responsive to this invitation and favorable to interests of the Owner.

The sealed bid for this project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: **"Sealed Bid for City of Olive Hill – Clearwell Rehab and Repair"**. If Bids are to be mailed, they should be mailed to the

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NOTICE TO CARTER COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Mike Johnston, Carter County Clerk pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2024 delinquent real property tax bills (certificates of delinquency) will be published in the Carter County Times on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. The list of certificates of delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8:30 am – 4:00 pm at the County Clerk's office located at 300 West Main Street, Room 232, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. This list may also be inspected on the Carter County Clerk website. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is <https://carter.countyky.gov/delinquent-taxes/>. The tax sale will be held on Friday, August 29th, 2025 beginning at 10:00 am. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by close of business day on Tuesday, August 19th, 2025. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office anytime prior to the tax sale. **Please Note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception.** Some delinquencies – although they have been advertised – will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 1134.504(10)(b). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's office at (606) 474-5188 extension 238.

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the mayor thanked Bell Engineering for designing and facilitating the project, then Jefferson Contracting for putting in the work to make the project a reality, and Brian Gillum for technical support and oversight.

"Mayor Steele," Combs addressed the former mayor of Grayson and honoree, "It was under your

administration that this project was first conceived. Without your vision, and the support of past and current councils, we would not be here today. It was your dedication that made this possible. And for this reason, on behalf of the City of Grayson, we would like to present you with this certificate dedicating

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

The Carter County School District keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The Carter County School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The Carter County School District may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request seven (7) years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Carter County School District may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

The Carter County School District has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district's "Child Find" system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The Carter County School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Carter County School District find any child who may have a disability and need

Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Carter County School District collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Carter County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call 606-474-6696, or send the information to:

**Director of Special Education
Carter County Schools
228 S. Carol Malone Blvd.
Grayson, Ky. 41143
Phone: 606-474-6696 ext. 20211**

**Section 504 Coordinator
Carter County Schools
228 S Carol Malone Blvd.
Grayson, Kentucky 41143
Phone: 606-474-6696 ext. 20103**

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of the Carter County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call 606-474-6696 or send the information to:

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Phone: 606-474-6696 ext. 20211**

"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Carter County School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and "Child Find" activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these Policies and Procedures may be obtained by contacting:

**Director of Pupil Personnel
Carter County Schools
228 S. Carol Malone Blvd.,
Grayson, Kentucky 41143
Phone: 606-474-6696 ext. 20103**

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Carter County School District provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible. If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel, the Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator at the address or phone number listed above for the Carter County Schools.


this stretch of sidewalk along Robert and Mary in your name."

The former mayor then addressed those assembled for the dedication.

"I was mayor of the City of Grayson for 16 years," Steele told the crowd. "And it was one of the most fun times of my life. It was fun because I

had the support of the best council you could ever want. I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to work with. And there is no way I could have accomplished anything without the help of those wonderful people."

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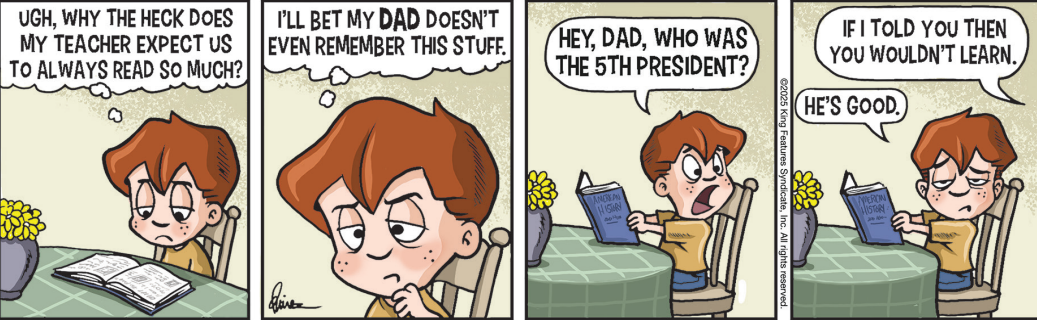
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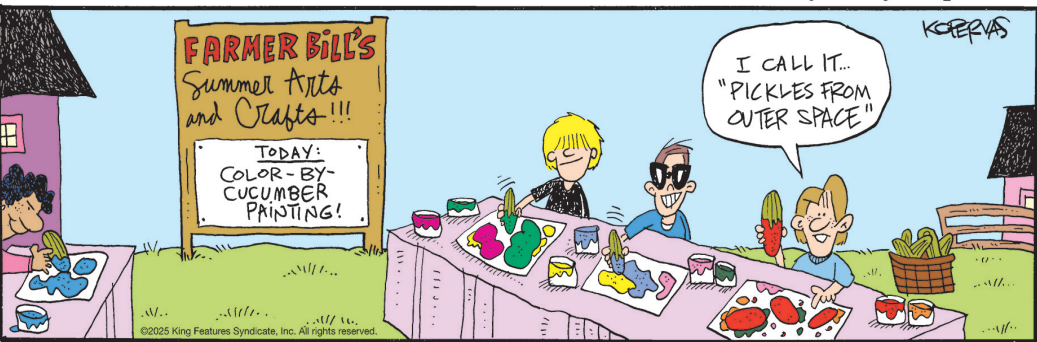
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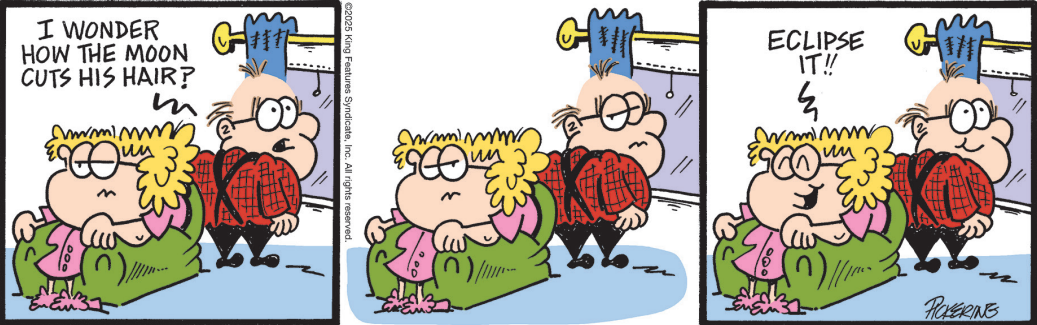
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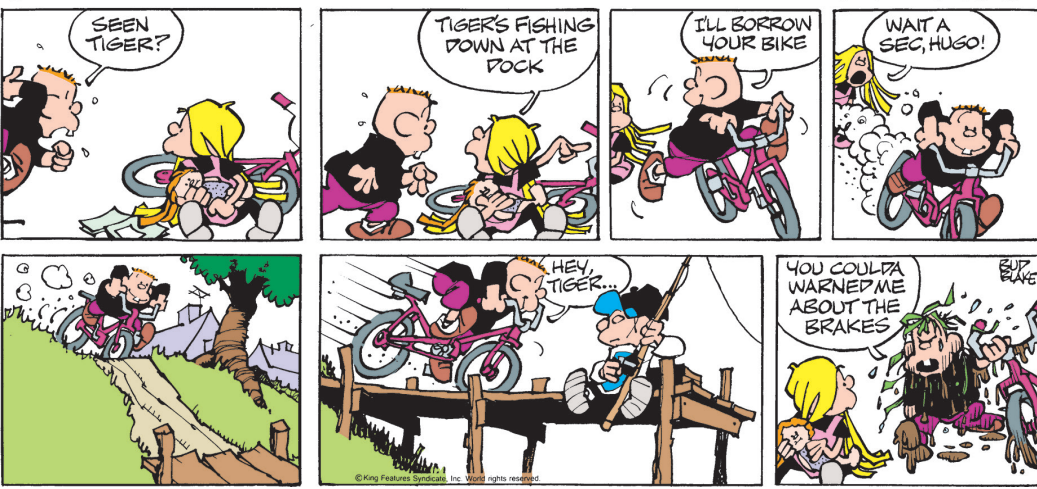
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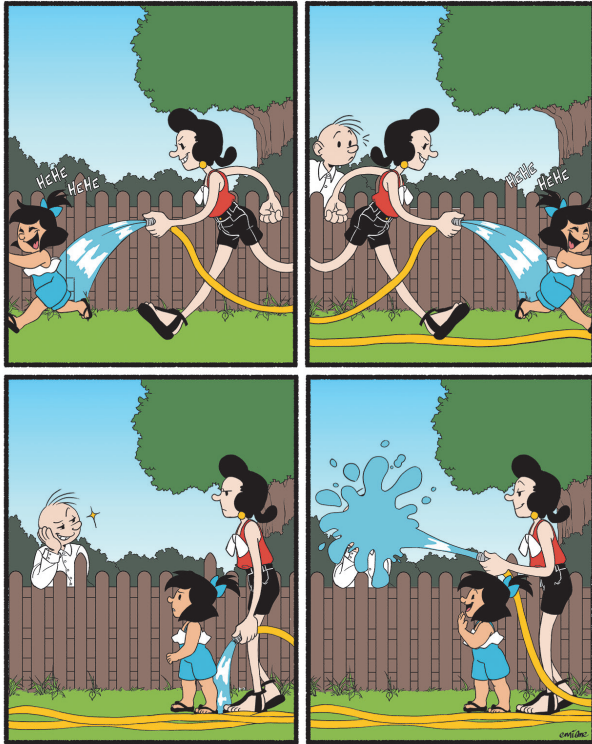
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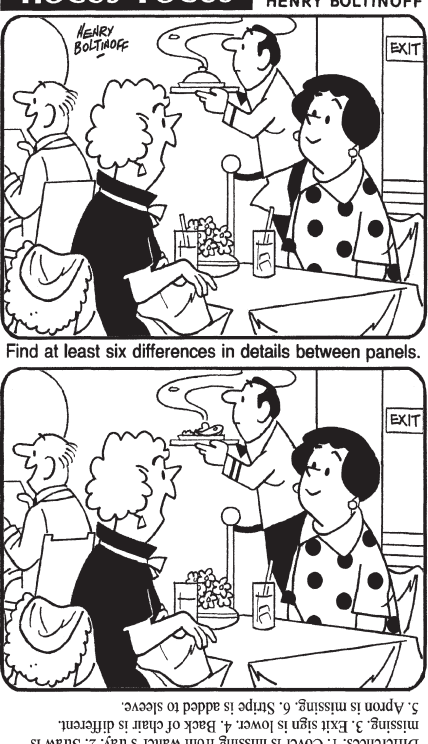
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HOCUS-FOCUS

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: Z equals P

EG MUJ ZAJZOA KWA ZOKIIEIP
K VJXZEWKVT UDEOA PJOGEIP,
KWA MDAT JIK VJOOSXEJI
VJSWXA?

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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!

Poke **DEGUN**

Piece **CLEAN**

Border **ARMING**

Repay **VEEGAN**

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.

- Bowling score _____ R _____ Gardening tool _____ D _____
- Pack animal D _____ Curious George, e.g. M _____
- Twig _____ A _____ Late morning meal _____ U _____
- Steam engine _____ R _____ Sawyer's creator _____ W _____
- Calm, quiet _____ D _____ Governing body _____ N _____
- Linguini or ziti _____ A _____ Glue _____ E _____
- Spring festival E _____ Quicker _____ F _____
- Postage sticker _____ T _____ Rascal _____ C _____
- Attractiveness _____ U _____ Ned or Warren _____ T _____
- Concise _____ R _____ Nervous _____ N _____

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.

	+		×		= 44			
-		+		-				
	+		÷		= 12			
×		+		+	= 72			
9		16		12				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

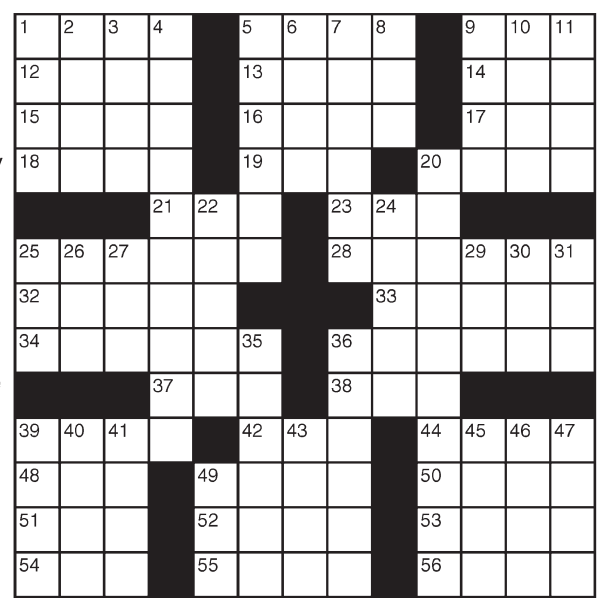
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- "Hold on ..."
- Low voice
- Pouch
- Dog's bowlful
- Fascinated by
- FDR project
- Leeway
- Toe woe
- Have the flu
- Butte's kin
- Econ. measure
- Baby carriage
- Water-testing digit
- Equal (Pref.)
- Hue and cry
- Obligations
- "Give it —!"
- Report card data
- Overhauls
- Second childhood
- Italian article
- GI-entertaining gp.
- Witticism
- Arched tennis shot
- Lab sci.
- Coffee vessel
- Bullets
- Hawaiian city
- Request
- Gershwin's "The — Love"
- Mid-month date



- 24 hours
- Black birds
- Chest muscles, briefly
- Japanese debuts
- Grilled cheese go-with
- Former Mideast org.
- Opposite of "post-"
- Flushed
- Roth svgs. plan
- Drunkard
- Rating unit
- Athletic shoe brand
- Tranquil
- Addictive snack
- Like Cheerios
- Japanese wrestlers
- Jet-black
- Hotel chain
- Conceal
- Power co. supply
- Roth svgs. plan
- Heart chart (Abbr.)
- Away from NNW
- Author Rushdie
- NAACP co-founder W.E.B.
- Campus area
- Celestial bear
- Jet-black
- Hotel chain
- Conceal
- Power co. supply
- Spanish —
- Docs' org.

DOWN

- Friendly
- Lotion additive
- Wall St.
- Grilled cheese go-with
- More imposing
- Soon, poetically
- Inane

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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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FiveSpot™

Fowl ending

H	E	R	O	N

Wading bird
Düsseldorf's waterfront
Not our
Graceful
Meadow gate
Coin flip option

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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Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- MOVIES: How many dream levels does the crew enter in the film "Inception"?
 - U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "Treasure State"?
 - LITERATURE: Which 1969 novel begins with the line, "All this happened, more or less"?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby horse called?
 - ACRONYMS: What does the acronym GIF stand for?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president served the shortest term?
 - TELEVISION: In which fictional town is "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" set?
 - GEOGRAPHY: What international city's nickname is "The Eternal City"?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many time zones exist on Earth?
 - SCIENCE: Who is known as the father of medicine?
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ARGUE
Today's Word
3. Margin; 4. Avenge;
1. Nudge; 2. Lance;
solution

SCRAMBLERS

S	L	I	V	I
E	L	I	S	
E	H	I	T	
R	I	R		
E	H	I	N	E
N	E	R	O	N

Solution

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

CryptoQuip
Answers
10. Greek physician Hippocrates
9. 24
8. Rome, Italy
7. Sunnydale
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Even Exchange
ANSWERS
1. Spare, Spade 6. Pasta, Paste
2. Donkey, Monkey 7. Easter, Fester
3. Branch, Branch 8. Stamp, Scamp
4. Train, Train 9. Beauty, Beauty
5. Senate, Senate 10. Tense, Tense

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Shriners from A-1

traditions. This year, the festival's 34th, was no exception, with the Olive Hill Welcome Center reporting visitors from Tennessee, Virginia, and Ohio over the weekend of the bluegrass festival, and their first visitors to sign the log book from Nebraska.

But while the show – which this year featured performances from Southridge, Tommy Webb, Dave Adkins, Lacy Creek, Hammertowne, the Lonesome River Band, Edgar Loudermilk, Kevin Prater, David Parmley, and Ralph Stanley II & the Clinch

Mountain Boys, among others – was a lot of good music, a lot of good fellowship, and a lot of good fun, the main reason for the festival is to do what the Shriners always do; support the medical needs of children in our communities.

Because while the show brings a lot of folks to town to support local businesses while appreciating our musical heritage, it's also a fundraiser. And this year, according to Carter County Shrine Club President Harry Justice, it looks like the show brought

in more than \$6,000 to support the Shriners Children's Hospitals. While that number isn't final, and could potentially go up after all the income and late donations are tallied, and costs associated with the festival are calculated, Justice said the Shrine Club is happy for any support they can provide the hospitals.

"Everything that the Carter County Shrine Club does is in support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children," Justice said, emphasizing that this is what the weekend is about for the organization.

"Our annual bluegrass festival is one of our biggest events, which promotes good fellowship, fun and entertainment for all," he continued. "But, most of all, to collect money that we send to our two hospitals to help children in need."

It takes a lot of work from the club to pull off the festival each year as well, but Justice said everyone considers it time well spent.

"It requires a lot of long hours and hard work from our members and ladies to accomplish all of this,"

Justice said. "But there is no better feeling than to know the purpose of all the tireless effort we in is in support for the countless children (the hospital serves) and knowing that all our work has a great impact for them and their families."

It's something that every member of the club – and the community that supports them – should be proud of, he said.

"The Carter County Shrine Club makes a big difference in those kids lives," Justice said, "and we take a lot of pride in the

work we do."

To make a donation to the club, or to get on the list as a sponsor for next year's show, you can visit the Shriners Bluegrass Festival page online at shrinersbluegrassfestival.com/ and click on the contact tab for more information. Or visit them on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheShrinersBluegrassFestival](https://www.facebook.com/TheShrinersBluegrassFestival).

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State gets \$14.4 million more in opioid settlement with 8 manufacturers

By Melissa Patrick
Kentucky Health News

Attorney General Russell Coleman announced July 14 that his office had secured \$14.4 million in additional settlement dollars from opioid manufacturers.

"These companies preyed on the people of Kentucky and profited off our pain. On behalf of the

families we serve, our office will continue holding them accountable," Coleman said in a news release. "While these resources won't fill the empty seats at Kentucky dinner tables, they will help fuel prevention, treatment and recovery efforts across our commonwealth and help save lives from the scourge of addiction."

As part of the agree-

ment, the release says seven of the companies, Alygoen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Mylan, Sun and Zydus are prohibited from promoting or marketing opioids and opioid products and making or selling any product that contains more than 40mg of oxycodone per pill.

Those companies also will be required to create a monitoring and reporting

system that would flag suspicious orders.

In addition, an eighth company, Indivior, has agreed not to manufacture or sell opioid products for the next 10 years, but it will be able to continue marketing and selling medications to treat opioid use disorder.

Last month, Coleman announced that Kentucky surpassed more than

\$1 billion in settlement dollars, thanks to a \$73.1 million settlement with Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family. Earlier this year, Coleman also reached a \$110 million settlement with Kroger, according to the release.

The latest settlement of \$14.4 million is part of a larger, \$720 million nationwide settlement involving multiple attorneys' general

offices.

In Kentucky, half the settlement money is being distributed among cities and counties, and the other half is controlled by the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission, staffed by Coleman's office.

Ambulance board discusses new hires, building, and vehicles

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Carter County Ambulance Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 21. Items discussed were monthly expenses, vehicle replacement, and the purchase of a new storage building.

"We have hired some people to cover some shifts," Executive Director Tim Woods told the board in his report. Woods reported that employees were positive and appreciative of their recent pay raise

and longevity incentive.

Woods also reported that Engine 11 was back in service after being out of commission due to an accident involving a large rock at a local off-road park. The engine drove over a large rock in the entryway to the park causing damage to the undercarriage including the oil pan, transmission pan, steering link, catalytic converter, and exhaust. Insurance covered the repairs, and the vehicle will be sent to the alignment shop on Tuesday.

In the financial report,

income for the month of June was reported at \$305,569.47. That income was \$56,466.47 more than the budgeted income for the month and \$12,349.39 more than the same month of the previous year.

Expenses for the month of June 2025 were \$310,083.96. Those expenses were \$24,078.04 less than budgeted for the month and \$2,691.06 more than the same month the previous year. Payroll expenses consumed 71 percent of the income year to date.

Payroll expenses for

the month of June 2025 were \$245,977.31. Those expenses were \$4,022.69 less than budgeted for the month and \$20,930.88 more than the same month the previous year.

For the month of June 2025 unscheduled overtime was 1.86 percent, which was an increase from the previous month of 0.7 percent. The year to date percentage was 3.92 percent.

The board also discussed the cost of a proposed storage building and the concrete pad where it will be built. The cost of

the concrete was estimated at \$6,335 dollars, and the company Rocky Branch provided an estimate for the building itself. The estimate for a 12 by 36 building, with insulated floors, walls, and ceiling with a mini-split ac/heater came in at \$24,393. This included delivery.

The board did not decide to approve the estimates, but rather to open up a bidding process and choose a company at a later date.

The board did receive two sealed bids for the purchase of a new truck. One

bid was from Crestline, a company the board had purchased from previously, and a new company, Atlantic Emergency Solutions. Atlantic Emergency Solutions bid was for \$288,735 with a 15-month delivery date and the Crestline bid was for \$238,000 with a delivery date of January 2026. The board voted to approve the Crestline bid.

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Taking care of our elders

FIVCO guest speaker addresses senior concerns

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The FIVCO Area Development District met on Monday, July 21, and welcomed guest speaker Victoria Eldridge, Director of the Kentucky Department of Aging and Independent Living. Eldridge said that over the past five and a half years there have been a lot of opportunities to build partnerships that benefit people all over the Commonwealth.

"I'm very grateful for that opportunity and the great work we have been able to do," Eldridge said.

"There was a lot of great conversations about a program called Grandparents raising Grandchild-

dren," Eldridge said to FIVCO members. "It was a program that we were exploring bring back," she continued. "The previous administration had some difficult budget decisions to make. And they made the decision to do away with that program."

"What we recognize as part of Team Kentucky is that when we say y'all, we mean all y'all and we realize that many grandparents are stepping up to be parents again," Eldridge said. "And we know how valuable this program is in this community. And so, I am happy to say that since this discussion here that program is back and is spreading all across our Commonwealth."

Eldridge brought information with her, facts and figures that members could take with them, that were county based.

"What you will see is a county-by-county impact as far as the work that is going on in the Cabinet for Health and Human Ser-

vices. How many grandparents are being supported in your county. How many meals are going out in your county, how many participants are receiving SNAP services, and how many are receiving money through SNAP and how much of that is going into your local grocery stores."

Eldridge said that was in addition to how many are receiving Medicaid and lots of other information.

"We can't talk about Grandparents raising Grandchildren without discussing Pre-K on," Eldridge said. "And we really appreciate the support you can provide by supporting Free Pre-K for All."

"What we know is not only is the healthy youth the future," she said, "but we also know that there are tremendous economic incentives, as well as workforce incentives, in ensuring that our youth have a place to go to receive Free Pre-K."

Eldridge mentioned a wide variety of programs



Victoria Eldridge addresses FIVCO about programs to support senior citizens and children. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

and potential funding sources, and urged collaboration in taking advantage of what these programs had to offer each county and community. She also urged examining how the current programs are being administered for maximum effect. "How do you know the programs you are operating are operating well?" she asked.

"The department is taking a look at that from a quality perspective," she said. "And from what I understand HHS (Health and Human Services) is

also looking at all the programs they are offering and asking states that question. How do we know that we are doing well with Grandparents raising Grandchildren and how do we know we are doing well with Senior Community Services?"

"So, I just ask you to ask yourself so that we can do the best with our federal and state tax dollars. And do the best to support our communities."

Anyone interested in knowing more about what programs are available can

reach out to FIVCO on their website fivco.org.

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