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Reinvigorating town one building at a time

Olive Hill Tourism takes on beautification project

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

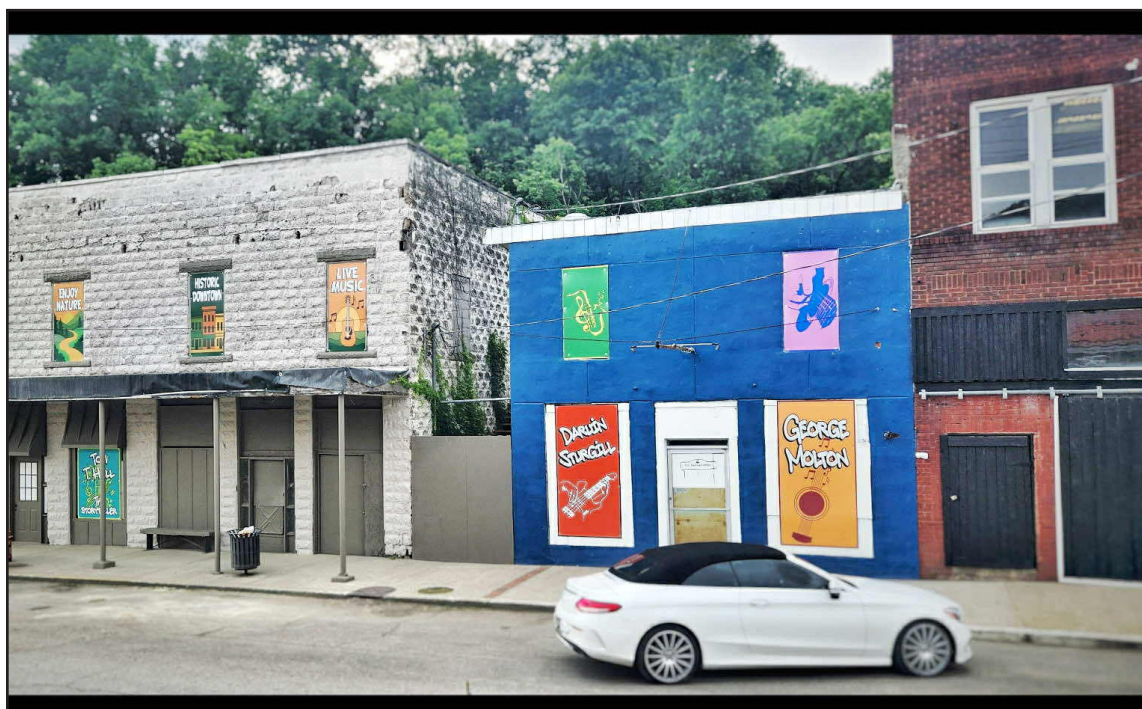
The newly minted tourism commission in Olive Hill is wasting no time getting to work to attract visitors to the city. One way they're doing this is working to get everyone involved in a process which will ultimately benefit the entire city and beyond. That process includes giving many of the buildings in Olive Hill's downtown a much-needed makeover, including power washing and painting

among other things.

Though the new commission might not be doing the heavy lifting for these projects initially, it could very well be the spark that ignites the process. Recently Kiera Irick and Tonya Michelle Bond Judd from Journey to Heal stepped up with donations not only of sign boards and paint to assist in the revitalization efforts, but also brought with them a team of volunteers to be the 'boots on the ground' for the first phase of the revitalization. Those volunteers will also be earning community service hours for their work in a community that hasn't always welcomed them with open arms, but is learning to appreciate the support they offer.

Volunteer efforts are coordi-

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Customer Appreciation Day

Citizens Bank celebrates 115 years serving Grayson

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

This year Citizens Bank of Kentucky is celebrating 115 years of serving Grayson and other communities throughout the region. On Saturday June 28, the bank held a Customer Appreciation Day in Grayson,

complete with freshly grilled hotdogs and other refreshments at its Carol Malone location, and welcomed the community to help it celebrate over one hundred years of offering products and services to manage the community's financial needs.

"We are doing a summer series of customer appreciation to celebrate our 115 years, and this is a way to give back to the community," branch operations manager Brittany Ingle said of the weekend event.

"It's customer and community appreciation," loan officer

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Grayson branch operations manager Brittany Ingle, loan officer Rachel Burton, and Northern Region Market President Kaecey Baisden. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Sargent's Tire comes to Grayson

Location will help serve Carter County customers

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

A new tire shop held a ribbon cutting ceremony last week in Grayson, and many residents of Carter County and the surrounding counties will recognize the name, because Sargent's Tire has been serving the area for decades. The new Carter County branch joins the Hoods Creek location (near Aldi's grocery in Ashland) and the location on US 60 just



The Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the new Sargent's Tires locations last Monday. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

outside of Ashland. Owner Mike Sargent said that he had wanted to open another location to better serve his Carter County customers, and recently found a good location.

"We will have everything here that we have at the other locations," Sargent said. "We just want to make it easier for our Carter County customers. We

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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.

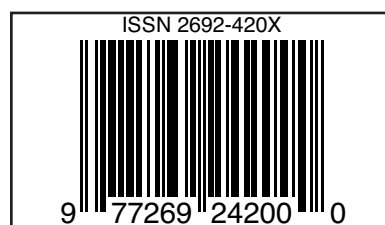
- Robert Ward, 43, of Ashland, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of speeding 12 MPH over the limit, rear license not illuminated, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce an insurance card, no registration receipt, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, driving on a DUI suspended license, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, and failure to appear, arrested and booked July 1.
- Gerard Sealy, 59, of Lexington, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear,

arrested and booked July 1.

- Terry McKenzie, 54, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked July 2.
- Joseph Carter, 37, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, and theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, arrested and booked July 2.
- Ashley Adams, 35, of Webbville, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (2 or more grams of methamphetamine), trafficking in a controlled substance (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives), trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 ounces), and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked July 3.

- Vanessa Gollihue, 33, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), and three counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked July 3.
- William Vallandingham, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked July 3.
- Jake Smith, 39, of Blacklick, OH, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, careless driving, no registration receipt, no registration plates, failure to notify department of transportation of address change, and failure to register the transfer of a motor vehicle, arrested and booked July 3
- Willis Underwood, 33, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on two counts of failure to ap-

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This Week's Obituaries

Jayson Scott Blevins, 50
Opal R. Butler Logan Howe, 91

Chester "Norton" Musgrave, 87

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LIFESTYLE



Budget-friendly black bean burgers that don't disappoint

Let's be honest. When someone says, "black bean burger," your first thought probably isn't "Ooh, yes please!" More like, "Will it taste like sadness and regret on a bun?" But hold up -- these aren't those dry, flavorless hockey pucks pretending to be burgers. They're scrumptious, savory and genuinely satisfying. Packed with flavor and -- best of all -- they're not trying to be beef. They're proudly plant-based and delicious on their own terms.

So, why should they land on your plate?

First, they're budget-friendly. Two cans of black beans can easily feed a family of four for just a few bucks -- no fancy ingredients needed.

Second, they're incredibly

healthy. Black beans are loaded with protein, fiber, iron and magnesium. They help lower cholesterol, support digestion and keep you full. Mixed with veggies, whole grains and spices, these burgers deliver big nutrition and bold flavor.

And third, people light up when they see a burger. Serve something healthy in that familiar shape, and you've got a dinner win.

Now for the magic trick. What's the secret to a black bean burger that doesn't fall apart? Bake the beans first. Drying them out intensifies flavor and adds structure. Most folks skip this step -- and end up with mush. Don't skip it. It's the difference between "meh" and "more please!"

BLACK BEAN BURGERS
Yield: 6-8 servings
Total Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

2 (14 oz) cans black beans, drained, rinsed and patted dry

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 cup bell pepper, finely chopped

1 cup yellow onion, finely chopped

1 tablespoon garlic, minced

2 teaspoons ground cumin

1 teaspoon chili powder

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 cup breadcrumbs

1/2 cup shredded pepper jack

- (or cheddar)
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon coconut aminos (or Worcestershire sauce)
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Hamburger buns and favorite accompaniments
- Optional but highly recommended: Sliced pepper jack cheese
- Zesty Lime-Dijon Spread (below)

Preheat oven to 325 F. Spread beans on a parchment- or foil-lined baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes to dry them slightly.

Meanwhile, heat a skillet over medium heat. Saute olive oil, bell pepper, onion and garlic until soft, 5-6 minutes. Let cool, then blot moisture.

In a food processor, combine veggies with spices, bread-crumbs, cheese, eggs, coconut aminos, mayo, salt and pepper. Mix or pulse. Add beans and mash or pulse, leaving some texture.

Note: This mixture is sticky -- chilling helps! Refrigerate for 30 minutes before shaping. To keep hands clean, oil or wet them slightly. Use wax paper to separate patties and prevent sticking.

Form mixture into 12 patties using a generous 1/3 cup each.

To bake: Place on greased, foil-lined sheet and bake at 375 F for 6 minutes per side. Add



Proof that frugal and fabulous can exist on the same bun. (Photo credit: www.JasonCo-blentz.com)

cheese for the last 3 minutes.

To grill: Use greased foil, cook over medium-high for 7 to 8 minutes per side. Add cheese for the last 3 minutes. Serve on toasted buns with classic toppings like lettuce, tomato and onion -- or make it your own.

And to top it all off, don't skip the sauce. Every single taste tester asked for this recipe. Creamy, tangy and just the right touch of sweet, it's the perfect match for these black bean beauties.

ZESTY LIME-DIJON SPREAD

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1 tablespoon lime juice

Pinch of sugar

Whisk together and chill until serving. It's excellent on burgers,

wraps or sandwiches.

These black bean burgers are everything a good dinner should be -- affordable, nourishing and completely delicious. A little messy? Sure. But absolutely worth it!

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

Motivation

We have discussed how to start organizing with a plan, but that doesn't fully address the need to be motivated to begin with.

We are less apt to be motivated due to a number of factors and it's these factors that are our real challenges, but they can be overcome.

First of all, we are busy. Our lives are full with hours devoted to work, school, home repairs, car maintenance, and surprises. Some of these we can schedule, however, the addition of the unknown

dips into our time unexpectedly leaving us with less. So, when we want to take on an organizing project, we know we will need to be realistic about the impact it will have on other commitments. Just thinking about it makes us exhausted and unmotivated to even consider trying to wiggle anything else into our schedule.

Next, it's easy to say, "pick an area that doesn't require a great deal of time and start there," but that, only means you have to set aside time to figure out what area you want to take on. Sometimes, there



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

are just too many areas to decide on, and we become overwhelmed and immovable especially if our projects are many.

The fix for the lack of motivation lies in our attitude. If there is too much to focus on, then don't; for now, that is. Reexamine your true need to put your home in order. If there are things blocking your path to other rooms, consider those a priority. If you have too many books, then weed them out and donate them to free up space for more.

Everything is a project, from planning to actually proceeding. Consider the importance, the urgency, and the need before you even try to make changes.

It's as simple as that!

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

Joyful Noise

Faith in God's will

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

The prayer of faith is bold and prayed from a sure foundation of faith. The person praying this prayer is assured of God's will for the situation or issue at hand. They are confident and hopeful, knowing that it is God's will to answer their prayer. The prayer of faith has power. The prayer of faith

has trust. The prayer of faith has healing for the body and soul.

May believers fear that when we leave things to the "will of God," that somehow the solution, provision, healing, or deliverance they need will not be given. But they don't know the will of God for them. According to the model prayer that Jesus gave His disciples in Matthew 6:9-11, we are to pray

for God's will to be done. But people resign their intelligence at that point to the unknown God. It does not say, "If it be thy will," and stop there. There is a comma there, not a period. The prayer is this, "Thy will be done, as in Heaven, so in Earth" (Luke 11:2). I'd say that is a significant difference!

When we pray the

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Grayson Gallery releases call for submissions

Summer Arts Celebration theme for July Final Friday show

Staff Report
Carter County Times

The Grayson Gallery and Art Center (GGAC) have released a call for submissions for their July 25, Final Friday art show. Gallery director Dan Click said that artists from anywhere are invited to submit up to three pieces of their original work, in any medium and on any subject, for the gallery's open show. Click reminded those interested in submitting work that all art must be tagged with the artist's name, the title, medium, and the price -- or marked NFS if not for sale. Submissions must also be ready to hang or display, but the gallery has sawtooth hangers available as needed. Click said Gallery volunteers are also glad to help with presentation needs.

Work may be dropped off on July 19 and 21, between 10 am and 2 pm. While there is no entry fee, a 20 percent commission

fee to help fund the GGAC will be deducted from any art sales.

Four awards will also be presented during the show, including the People's Choice Award, GGAC Board Choice, Brandon Click Art Memorial, and the Pen Lady's Choice, each with a \$50 cash prize or equivalent purchase award.

The July Final Friday show will open at 6 pm, and run until 9 pm, with musical entertainment from Redefyned.

Other upcoming events include the August Lots of

Fun in the Summertime show, September will bring a duo-artist show featuring Heather Foster and Synde Salley, with entertainment from Blue Sky, and October's annual Halloween show and sale, with music provided by From the Hills.

Click also reminds visitors -- particularly for the July and August shows -- to watch the weather and come dressed for the heat, while "planning on a fun evening."

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

There is no comparison statement as most markets were closed for the independence day holiday.

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/> Week ending 7/5/25

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	405.00	392.92	223.99
400-450 lbs	405.00	390.43	222.12
450-500 lbs	368.18	381.10	227.64
500-550 lbs	355.00	363.55	222.07
550-600 lbs	354.28	353.01	224.37
600-650 lbs	328.00	330.52	221.60
650-700 lbs	313.53	318.42	227.74
700-750 lbs		307.06	215.44
750-800 lbs		297.19	215.35
800-850 lbs	279.36	302.52	213.53
850-900 lbs		281.93	209.00
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	330.05	373.77	213.64
350-400 lbs	325.14	374.95	216.64
400-450 lbs	318.66	354.66	219.16
450-500 lbs	323.20	345.59	218.88
500-550 lbs	295.84	328.07	211.80
550-600 lbs	314.86	318.26	207.44
600-650 lbs	282.98	299.87	203.52
650-700 lbs	282.00	287.41	193.36
700-750 lbs	212.00	290.08	191.98
750-800 lbs		268.34	193.61

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	151.00-166.00	172.00-178.00	
Boners	149.00-169.00	166.00-200.00	130.00-148.00
Lean	97.00-150.00	151.00-179.00	85.00-134.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	180.00-201.00	200.00-214.00	149.00-179.00

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 7/5/25

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
GRAINS			
Corn	4.06-4.62	4.05-4.48	4.47-5.74
Soybeans	10.06-10.91	9.78-10.83	13.97-15.88
Red Winter Wheat	4.68-5.37	4.41-5.57	5.47-6.59

Arrests from A-1

pear, arrested and booked July 4.

- Angel Clay, 27, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault (no visible injury), arrested and booked July 5.
- Billy Greenhill, 54, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on four counts of non-payment

of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked July 6.

- Dallas Petrey, 50, of Crab Orchard, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, failure to wear seat belts, possession of drug paraphernalia, license not in posses-

sion, failure to produce an insurance card, and driving a vehicle using a hand-held mobile phone, arrested and booked July 7.

- Stephanie Conley, 58, of Rush, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, and failure to appear, arrested and booked July 7.

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.

Appreciation from A-1

Rachel Burton added. “We love all our communities whether you bank with us or not. Even if you aren’t a customer, we are inviting you to come by, stop in, and have some lunch with us. We have locations all throughout Kentucky from Pikeville to Winchester. Our closest other branch is in Ashland,” she said.

Citizens Bank Northern Region Market President Kaecey Baisden said the appreciation event will last all summer, but their appreciation for their customers and the communities Citizen Bank serves is year-round.

“We will be doing this every couple of weeks all summer long, but at different branches each

time,” Baisden said.

“We also have a few goodies to give away, like sunglasses and other items,” she said. “But lunch is the main thing. We are just excited about reaching out to the community and meeting new people. It doesn’t matter if you currently bank with us or not, we want you to come to one of our appreciation days and have lunch.”

Other upcoming appreciation events will be held at the Ashland and Pikeville locations on July 11, Salyersville and Louisa on July 25, and the Main Office and Mayo Plaza on August 8.

“Citizens Bank is always working on new

and innovative ways to serve their customer and help them manage their finances in the way that is most beneficial to each individual,” Ingle said. “And we have also been advertising our Liberty Checking product. It has a club membership with it where you can get discounts and savings coupons. And you can get those (coupons) for major theme parks like Dollywood and Disney World. So, if you are planning a vacation, it can pay for itself with just one trip.”

“One really good thing about the Liberty Checking is the app is really dynamic,” Baisden added. “So, if you are here in

Grayson using your app, it will give you discounts at local restaurants and things like that.”

The app also adjusts depending upon location, she noted.

“If you are in Ashland, it will give you Ashland restaurants and businesses.”

Baisden said the app is really beneficial, and helps Citizens Bank truly connect with its customers. “We are a community bank, and we like to partner with our small businesses within our communities,” she said.

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Fireworks and budget items

Carter County Tourism discusses funding requests

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

If you enjoyed the fireworks display at Wilson Martial Arts and Fitness in Olive Hill this year, you should say thanks to the members of the Carter County Tourism Board.

Allen Wilson of Wilson Martial Arts and Fitness spoke to the tourism board

during their special, called meeting on Monday, June 23. Wilson made the board aware that he puts on an annual Fourth of July fireworks display behind his business in Olive Hill and requested that the board help with a grant for this year’s display.

“I started about five

years ago just to set off some fireworks for my martial arts students,” Wilson told the board.

Wilson said that he put the information out on Facebook, and before he knew it many more people that just his students and their families began show-

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Tire from A-1

don’t want them to have to drive thirty minutes to get the services they need.”

Having a location nearer to those customers has a lot of benefits, Sargent said. Folks might not have the time to dedicate travel and repair time at the Ashland locations, but if they are ‘right down the road’ then it reduces the time spent getting their vehicles fixed – especially if their vehicle might need more than they initially expected.

The new Sargent’s Wholesale Tires in Grayson is located at 1035 Ky 1947 and is ready to meet all of their customers’

tire needs, the owner explained. Sargent’s has a wide selection of tires for passenger vehicles, passenger trucks, and trailers. And if they don’t happen to have the tire needed in stock, they can get them from one of their other two locations or even special order them if necessary. All tires come mounted and balanced free of charge, and although the Grayson location doesn’t offer alignments, Sargent said he can give his customers a discount on alignment at one of his other locations.

Sargent said the new location is ready to take

care of their Carter County customers’ tires and will soon be offering small repairs, like brakes and rotors, as well. He also said that special ordering doesn’t typically take the amount of time it used to take, so they can get tires fairly quickly.

“We get deliveries every evening,” he said. “I can usually have a tire in three or four hours.”

That, he said, was one benefit of being a high-volume purchaser – and he can pass those ‘perks’ along to his customers.

“Everything that rolls, we ought to be able to get,” Sargent said.

The new location is another facet of the local, family-owned business that has become a fixture in the area. Sargent said he likes to employ local workers, and even joked that as his family grew, he was ready to put them to work at his now three locations as well as welcoming new people.

“We just want to work hard to earn and keep the community’s business,” he said. “We want to be the first place you think of when you need tires for you and your family.”

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Joyful Noise from A-2

prayer of faith, we are praying God’s will for how things are in Heaven to be done in the earthly realm. Here is where a clear revelation of the Kingdom is very important. Is there sickness in Heaven? Is there a lack in Heaven? Are there any unsaved in Heaven? We must have faith to believe that God wants His will for our health, prosperity, and full salvation to be manifested not only when we go to Heaven but even as we dwell on earth. It’s for His glory. When people see that God’s people have His ear and He is answering their prayers, that is a testimony for Him. People are drawn to God when they can see through His witness that He is a God

who hears, and if He hears, they know He will answer.

Jesus said, “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). You must gain the assurance that is God’s will for you, so when you pray, you will pray with confidence and faith that He will answer you.

The Lord wants us to have more faith. When several are praying together for the same petition and one has prayed the prayer of faith, the Holy Ghost will glorify Jesus by witnessing the prayer that is heard. The Lord wants us to know that He has heard us. We need to thank and praise Him for answering and that will help

us a great deal when we pray. (Quote from William Seymour)

James 5:15 says, “And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.” Matthew 21:22 says, “And whatsoever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.” Hebrews 1:16 says, “Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Take your faith to another level as you read the Word of God believing that He truly does want you to have life and have it abundantly in every area!

Step out in boldness and declare the Lord’s abundance in your life. Thank Him for hearing your prayer and then have bold expectations for the answer to come.

Patience is a weapon to use until your answer comes. Keep proclaiming the Word of the Lord!

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: JoyfulHopprayer. 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.

CALENDAR

- 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
- 7/10: Grayson Farmer’s Market @ 2 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- 7/12: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 8 a.m. | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- 7/12: Grayson Farmer’s Market @ 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- 7/14: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- 7/14: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- 7/14: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 3 p.m. | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- 7/14: Game Night @ 5 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- 7/14: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m. | Carter County Courthouse
- 7/15: Building Club @ 4 p.m. | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- 7/15: Yak & Learn @ 4:30 p.m. | Grayson Lake, Clifty Ramp | Call 474-6686 to pre-register.
- 7/15: Olive Hill City Council @ 6 p.m. | Olive Hill Senior/Community Center
- 7/16: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 8 a.m. | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- 7/17: Grayson Farmer’s Market @ 2 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office Shed

Have an event to add to the calendar?
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Pet of the Week

Trixie is a female mixed breed, around seven months old. This lovely girl is very friendly, good with other dogs, and walks on a leash. She’s also currently the longest resident at the shelter. Trixie has already been spayed, is up to date on all her shots, and has a free adoption to an approved home. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her 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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A message from the City of Grayson and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Office

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Fireworks from A-3

ing up for the fireworks display. “Before we knew it, the parking lot at the high school and the middle school was full,” Wilson said. The following year Wilson said that he decided to add free music for those showing up for the fireworks, and his business paid for the musical acts. “I think last year we had 800 or 900 people show up. And this year we

are looking at even higher numbers.” Last year there was such a good turnout that all the food vendors completely sold out of food, he said. Wilson said the event was popular with a lot of different groups from school athletic teams to people simply wanting to get information out to the public about their own businesses. “So, we are trying to keep adding more,” Wilson

told the board. “This year we are going to have free bluegrass music and country music and a Big-foot calling contest at the fireworks.” Normally what Wilson does not personally fund is covered by sponsors, but due to challenging economic times he is concerned that some sponsors might not be able to return or might sponsor less than in previous years. It was to this end he told the

board that he was seeking sponsorship from them in the amount of \$2,000. The tourism board voted to sponsor the free fireworks event for the amount requested. The board also discussed a request from the Orange Army Bluegrass organization for their Country on Tygart event, and voted to approve that request. The board also agreed to allow the Carter County Fair to use their

big screen to do a drive-in movie style event on Tuesday during the week of the fair. The fair board planned to, given the use of the equipment, have a drive-in at a cost of \$10 for two people or \$20 for a carload. The board also had the final reading of their budget for the upcoming year and voted to approve it as presented. Making a budget proved challenging, given that the board only

had one previous year budget to compare against, but the board discussed this, and all board members felt confident that the proposed budget would prove viable. The board did end the fiscal year in the black, which provides them with a firm financial footing moving forward. *Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com*

Beauty from A-1

nated by Journey to Heal Project Managers Donald Beller and Tim Varnsdale with hands on dedication, direction, and support. While volunteers work to reinvigorate Olive Hill’s downtown, they are also reinvigorating their own lives and reinvesting in themselves in a positive manner. Renovating neglected buildings, if only on the surface at first, helps the volunteers to improve themselves and learn just what is possible with hard work and determination, Beller and Varnsdale

explained. And thanks to their efforts, Olive Hill residents get to see firsthand just what their city can become. Most of the buildings in the downtown area are not owned by the city, so the renovation would not be possible without the support of the owners of the buildings. Jim Short is a former Olive Hill mayor and owner of property on Railroad Street, and the tourism commission said that he was glad to hear their vision for a reinvigorated city. Short, the com-

mission said, gladly gave permission to beautify the space and went beyond that by donating the use of his motorized lift to reach the higher levels of the buildings. The city itself is also joining in the efforts, the commission said. They were quick to install uplighting before the upcoming Fourth of July festivities and have made every other effort to support the reinvigoration of Olive Hill. Mayor Jerry Callihan was credited by the commission not only

for his unwavering support but also for spearheading many of the upcoming projects. Phase one of the Beautification Project will begin on Railroad Street and focuses on blight removal and beautification. This includes the demolition of condemned and acquired structures, vegetation overgrowth removal, the hanging of strategically placed flower baskets and planters in the downtown area, and removing junk or surplus vehicles. After completing a substantial amount of

phase one, the stage will be set to move forward in a positive direction, the tourism commission said. After phase one is complete, other phases of the Beautification project will kick in, Brittany Rayburn of the Olive Hill Tourism Commission said. The overall goal with the beautification is to attract people and businesses to the downtown area, she explained. More traffic means more business and more revenue, which will ultimately assist in the city’s growth and vitality

of the city and surrounding areas. Rayburn said that they are off to a great start, and now the key is to maintain momentum. “We have got something started,” Rayburn said. “And hopefully more people will jump in to keep things going. Let’s all come together and get motivated. Let’s clean up and fix up our town.” *Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com*

Conner included in 2025 BRIGHT Kentucky class

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BRIGHT Kentucky, which began in 2019, empowers today’s emerging leaders (ages 21–40) in the Appalachian region to

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tional leaders who came before them. The program builds on a strong legacy by equipping a new generation with non-partisan,

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OBITUARY

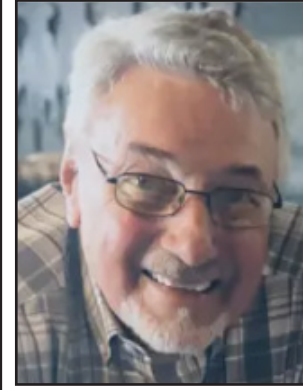
Jayson Scott Blevins 1974 – 2025



He was born with Cerebral Palsy and endured many trips to the E.R., and spent a lot of time at St. Claire Hospital in Morehead, Kentucky. But, he had a smile that could warm your heart. He brought love and joy to all who knew him. A special Thanks from me (his Mom) to the Dr’s. and staff at the UK St. Claire for the care you gave to my son, Scotty-Joan M. Blevins. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 6, 2025 at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 W US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky. Visitation was from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Sunday at Globe Funeral Chapel with Brother J.C. Bond officiating. Burial will follow in Garvin Ridge Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky. Robert Blevins, Sean Blevins, Gabe Coalgrove, Tristen Coalgrove, Phillip DeHart, and Roger DeHart served as pallbearers. Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Jayson Scott Blevins.

Jayson Scott Blevins, age 50, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, was born September 20th, 1974, at St. Claire Hospital in Morehead, Kentucky. He passed away July 2nd, 2025 at his home, where he shared with his mom, Joan Blevins, in Olive Hill, Kentucky. He is survived by his mom, Joan M. Blevins, of Olive Hill, Kentucky. His dad, John Robert Blevins, from Olive Hill, Kentucky; two special nephews, Sean Blevins, and Robert Blevins, who reside in Hitchens, Kentucky. He was preceded by his older brother, John Christopher Blevins. He leaves many uncles, aunts, cousins who will sadly miss him.

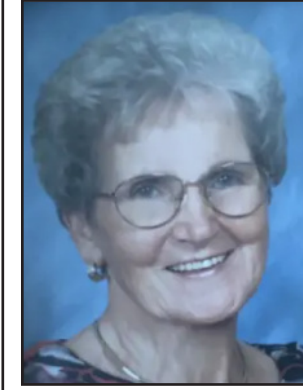
Chester "Norton" Musgrave 1937 – 2025



Chester “Norton” Musgrave age 87, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, July 2, 2025, in Lexington, Kentucky surrounded by his loving family. He was born Tuesday, November 2, 1937, in Hamilton County, Ohio, a son of the late Henry Lee and Ruby Fultz Musgrave. Chester was a veteran who honorably served his country in the United States Navy. He was a member of Freemasonry and retired from Pipeline Local Union 798. Chester enjoyed going to his second home in Florida and spending time with his granddaughters. In addition to his par-

ents, Chester was preceded in death by one daughter, Pamela Luttrell; one brother, Leroy Musgrave; one sister, Shirley Musgrave. Chester is survived by his former wife and best friend, Molly Musgrave; two granddaughters, Rachel (Kevin) Hamilton and Laura (John) Wisecarver all of Amelia, Ohio; three great grandchildren, Ella Hamilton, Marlo Hamilton and Tessa Wisecarver all of Amelia, Ohio; one brother, Ronnie Musgrave of Ohio, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him. Funeral service were held at 1 p.m., Monday, July 7, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 W US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky with Bro. Bobby Day officiating. Friends visited after 11 a.m. until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel. Military Honors were conducted by Olive Hill American Legion Post 138. Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Chester Norton Musgrave.

Opal R. Butler Logan Howe 1934 – 2025



Opal R. Butler Logan Howe, 91, of New Castle, Indiana and formerly of Somerset, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, July 1st, 2025 in New Castle, Indiana. She was born June 4th, 1934 in Mills Branch Laurel, Kentucky. A daughter of the late Moses and Elizabeth (Stone) Butler. Opal was a member of the New Enterprise Church in Somerset, Kentucky for many years. In her free time, she enjoyed quilting, walking at the mall, and spending time with her family. One of her favorite traditions with her family included making her yearly chocolate fudge. Survivors include one daughter, Beverly Eaton (Steve) of New Castle Indiana; three sons, Larry Logan of Laurel, Kentucky, Bill Logan (Carolyn) of New Castle, Indiana, and Troy Logan (Monica Retzlaff) of New Castle, Indiana; 8 grand-

children, Cory Eaton, Bradley Eaton, Hannah Logan, Heather Webb, Sophia Logan, Abel Logan, David Logan, Trissy Marshall; 17 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren and many other family members and friends who will sadly miss her and her sweet personality. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Lester Logan; second husband, George B. Howe. daughter-in-law, Brenda Logan; six brothers, Davy Butler, Mason Butler, Eugene Butler, Russell Butler, Raymond Butler, Ralph Butler; one half brother, Noah Butler; eight sisters, Ardith Gilliam, Rhoda McSweeney, Martha Day, Elnora Richmond, Ethel Nolen, Dorthy Smith, Katie Pollitt and Irene Butler; two half sisters, Bertha Butler and Lillie Butler. Funeral services were at 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at Globe Funeral Chapel with Brother Bobby Day officiating. Burial followed in Smith Gilliam Cemetery in Laurel, Kentucky. Friends visited from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour Saturday at the Globe Funeral Chapel. Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Opal R. Butler Logan Howe.

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

Guest Op-Ed

All lawmakers and the governor agreed: SB 181 is necessary. We will make sure it's clear and effective

By Sen. Lindsey Tichenor, R-Smithfield

Now that Senate Bill 181 is in effect, having passed 137-0 and been signed into law by the Governor in April, lawmakers have received questions about its implementation and overall necessity.

The law requires school staff and volunteers to use traceable, district-approved platforms for direct communication with students—tools that parents can access and monitor. If parents prefer alternative forms of communication, they may opt in by providing written consent. Carefully written to protect students, this law applies equally to teachers, staff, coaches, volunteers, and family members. It ensures that if a boundary is crossed, a process is in place to investigate, inform parents, and hold individuals accountable.

This bill is deeply personal for victims like Ashley Nation and families like those from Anderson County, who bravely shared their stories during committee and advocated for stronger protections for students. Their experience not only garnered widespread attention but also played a pivotal role in shaping this law, establishing stronger boundaries and preventing future harm.

Unfortunately, these experiences represent only a fraction of what occurs. The Kentucky Department of Education reported 135 educator sexual misconduct cases between 2023 and 2024, excluding cases involving other staff and volunteers. A separate study found that 70 percent of offenders used technology or social media to access students. Beyond misconduct, SB 181 also addresses the broader issue of grooming students away from their families when values clash with those in authority. The U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed parents' fundamental right to direct their child's upbringing. SB 181 reinforces that right by requiring transparency in communication.

SB 181 had ample opportunity for public scrutiny. I filed similar legislation in 2024. Although it didn't gain traction, the issue remained a priority. This year, the KDE and the Educational Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approached me about sponsoring a bill on grooming, one of their legislative priorities. They wrote:

The EPSB supports efforts to promote ethical behavior among all educators to ensure student safety and well-being. The EPSB encourages efforts aimed at stopping student-teacher boundary violations, including clear prohibitions of grooming behaviors.

As discussions progressed, data showed private electronic communication was the key link in most grooming cases. Closing off this common access point became a logical and effective way to reduce grooming cases in schools.

I filed SB 181 on Feb. 14, and it advanced through the legislative process. No concerns were raised during the 2025 Legislative Session.

Despite passing with no opposition, I've since heard from education leaders on needed clarifications. I'm committed to refining the language while ensuring the law protects students and upholds the integrity of Kentucky's education system.

Clarification may be needed in several areas, including which family members are exempt (such as stepparents, in-laws, and cousins), the definition of "school volunteer," and guidance on using platforms in group settings, such as texting or social media. Questions have also been raised about how districts should honor parent-written consent for outside communication.

SB 181 provides districts with flexibility to select traceable communication platforms that meet their specific needs. I appreciate those already implementing the law thoughtfully and encourage others to engage in the process and help choose the most suitable tools from the many options available.

Despite concerns, the law's intent is widely supported. Students and teachers deserve to learn and work in an environment grounded in trust and integrity. I remain committed to working with education professionals to achieve this goal.

Sen. Lindsey Tichenor, R-Smithfield, represents the 6th Senate District, including Oldham and Trimble Counties and part of Jefferson County. She is vice chair of the Senate Education Commission and was the primary sponsor of 2025's Senate Bill 181, which passed unanimously in both legislative chambers and was signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear on April 1.

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"I'VE PRONOUNCED YOU DEAD SO STOP MOVING."

Beware of angry hatemongers hiding behind white masks

Flashbacks of civil rights history came to me last week when TV news showed dozens of men carrying signs and wearing white masks as they marched in downtown Louisville.

The marchers were members of The Patriot Front, a white nationalist group formed after the deadly "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017.

I first thought it might be a comeback of the Ku Klux Klan, a hateful group of Christian Protestants who were so proud of their racial and religious hatred that they hid behind fancy white costumes and pointed masks.

The KKK existed in Kentucky for almost 100 years as they terrified blacks, Catholics, Native Americans, Jews and others with beatings, lynchings and the burning of crosses, homes and houses of worship.

The Klan's violence and cruelty gave America its first horrible taste of the politics of hate and division.

Today, citizens of the world are learning painfully in many instances that the so-called American Dream has become a myth unless you were born here to parents who are white, native born, English-speaking

citizens.

The Patriot Front's visit to Louisville was publicly and rightfully criticized by Mayor Craig Greenberg, the Louisville Branch of the NAACP, the Anti-Defamation League, and the Council on American-Islamic Relations. I agree with them that no one should celebrate the cheerleading of hate.

Moreover, I fear that these self-appointed, self-anointed paramilitary groups could take advantage of their constitutional rights of peaceful assembly and gun ownership to get folks so agitated that we get a repeat nightmare of the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol.

Finally, I was totally disgusted last week by comments from top ranking federal and Florida officials that immigration detainees who escape from "Alligator Alcatraz" in the Everglades would be enjoyed by hungry pythons and gators.



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Are we leaving our boys behind?

I never had the chance to meet my great-grandfather, William Elbert Druen. He passed away several years before I was born. From all accounts though, he was a kind and decent man, the sort of person who made others feel comfortable simply by being near him. He was a farmer and lived a life marked by hard work and conviction.

He and my great-grandmother raised four children—three daughters, followed by their youngest, my grandfather. The girls were born in 1913, 1915, and 1920. Remarkably, each one graduated from Hart Memorial High School. That may not sound extraordinary today, but it was rare for girls—especially rural girls during the Great Depression—to finish high school. Each would've walked those hallways during the darkest economic downturn in American history.

At a time when families were scraping by and children were pulled from school to work, my great-grandfather kept his daughters in the classroom. That simple choice, made in hardship, speaks volumes.

Like most families, mine felt the weight of the Depression. I've heard stories of my great-grandfather laboring all day cutting tobacco for just twenty-five cents—and being grateful for the work. Still, he went to the bank seeking a loan to send his daughters to college. The banker declined—partly due to the economy, but also because he didn't see the point in educating girls past high school.

That notion is foreign to me. I didn't grow up wondering if girls were as intellectually capable as

boys—I grew up knowing they were. I came of age in the time of Margaret Thatcher and Sandra Day

O'Connor. My mother was the valedictorian of her class, and in my own high school honors courses, the girls outnumbered the boys three to one. The idea that girls should be discouraged from achievement felt as outdated as a horse and buggy.

Yet history tells another story. Even when women were allowed to work, their paths were narrowly drawn—teacher, nurse, secretary. Professions like law and medicine

were largely out of reach. And even now, some public offices are seen as more "acceptable" for women. In Kentucky, roughly 70% of circuit and county clerks are women, but only seven counties have female judge-executives. Women make up less than 8% of county magistrates and commissioners.

That's why I've never taken issue with efforts to encourage girls to explore male-dominated fields. Organizations like Girls Who Code, Step Up, and Girls Develop It have sparked interest and confidence in STEM over the past decade. And it's working. Since 2016, the share of American women in the STEM workforce has risen by 8%, now standing at 29%.

The progress isn't limited to STEM. In 1976, women made up 47% of college students. Today, they account for 58%. Their numbers have more than doubled—from 5 million to 11 million. That's a story worth celebrating.

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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	
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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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Boys from A-5

But what about the boys?

In the same period, male college enrollment rose only from 6 million to 8 million. Let me be clear—this isn't about resenting the success of young women. I'm thrilled to see it and want it to continue. But I do wonder if, in our push to lift up girls, we've inadvertently

overlooked the struggles of our young men.

Recent data shows that of Kentucky's 2017 high school seniors, 35% of the girls earned an associate's or bachelor's degree within seven years. That may sound underwhelming—until you learn that only 23% of the boys did the same.

And it goes beyond

degrees. Boys are underperforming in school, enrolling in college at lower rates, and entering the workforce more slowly. They're more likely to still be living at home a decade later. Rates of clinical depression and suicide among young men are climbing at alarming rates.

Despite all this, the national conversation

remains quiet. There's little discussion and even less action.

Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts, once said, "The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light." That spirit still exists. But somewhere along the line, many boys are losing their way—and we're not doing

enough to help them find it again.

I know my great-grandfather would be proud of the opportunities my daughter has today—the very ones he once dreamed of for his girls. But I suspect he'd also want to ensure those same doors remain open for his great-grandsons.

Empowering girls and

supporting boys aren't mutually exclusive. We can—and must—do both.

The next chapter of American progress shouldn't be exclusive to one gender; it should be co-authored.

Audrey Barker makes Carter County history with prestigious 4-H Emerald Award

Olive Hill — Audrey Barker, a dedicated 10-year member of Kentucky 4-H, has made local history by becoming the first-ever recipient of the Emerald Award from Carter County—the highest honor bestowed by the Kentucky 4-H program.

The Emerald Award recognizes exceptional leadership, personal growth, communication skills, and community involvement among senior 4-H members across the state. Audrey's achievement places her among the most accomplished youth leaders in Kentucky 4-H history.

Throughout her decade of involvement, Audrey has participated in a wide range of events, from public speaking contests and leadership summits to service projects and citizenship initiatives. Her strong commitment to learning, leading, and giving back has earned her the admiration of peers, mentors, and community members alike.

"4-H has shaped who I am today," Audrey said. "It's given me the confi-



Audrey Barker (submitted photo)


dence to lead, the courage to grow, and the desire to serve others."

Audrey's work has included mentoring younger members and representing Carter County at state-level events. She has consistently demonstrated that leadership is about lifting others up—and inspiring them to do the same.

As the first Emerald

Award recipient from Carter County, Audrey hopes her success encourages more local youth to get involved in 4-H and discover their own potential.

Her achievement is a proud moment not only for her family and local 4-H club, but for the entire Carter County community.




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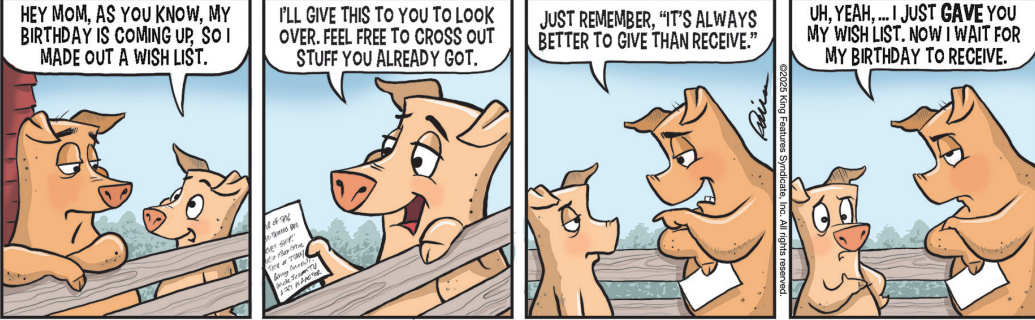
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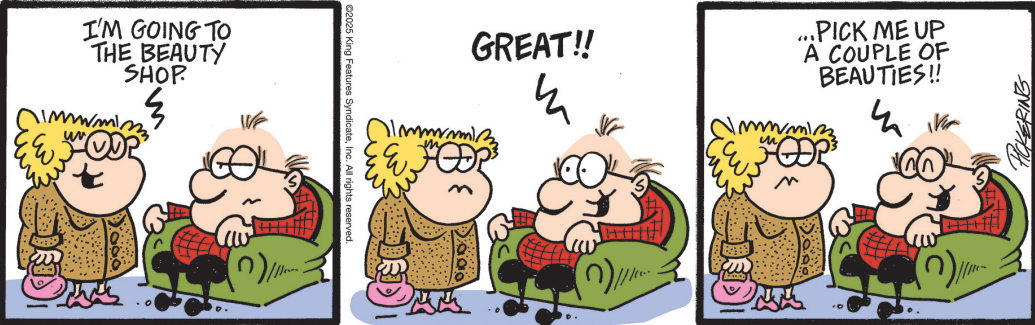
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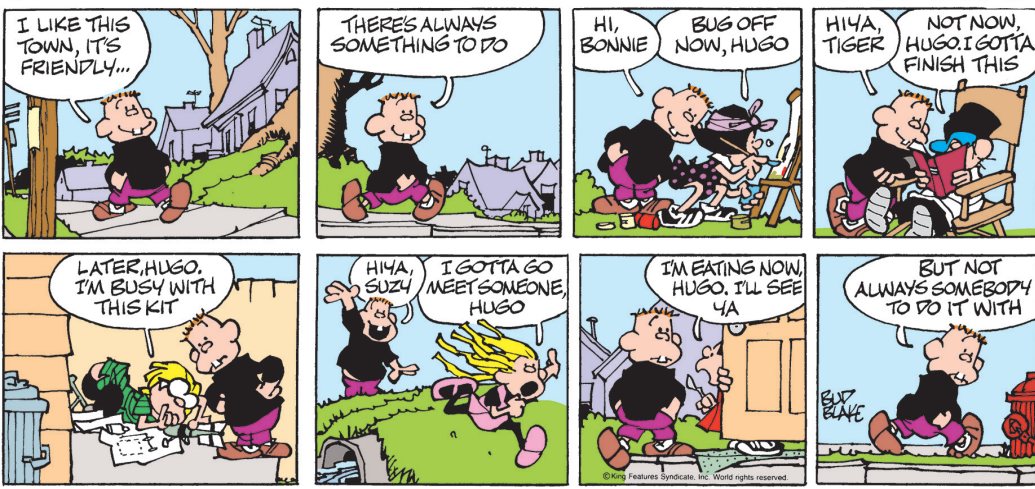
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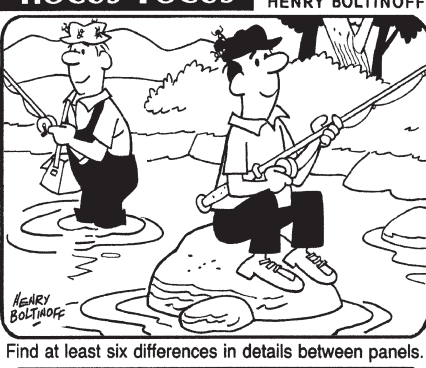
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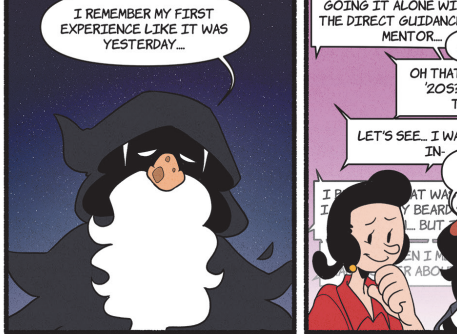
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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: V equals L
GTGXSVNLNTPD VSZOVSB FSZGB
BT US RNDBXNUPBSR BT Z
VZXL S GPFUSX TO ISTIVS:
Z DSAPVZX ANXAPVZX.
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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!

Bleak: SLIMAD
Relish: JONEY
Recoil: RECING
Puffer: WIPES

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.
- Georgia crop _____ H Truce _____ E
 - Director Scorsese _____ T _____ Florida major-leaguer _____ L _____
 - Military trainee _____ D _____ Proofreader's mark _____ R _____
 - Twisted hairdo _____ D Noggin _____ N
 - Bowling score _____ K _____ Pace _____ D _____
 - Recliner or rocker _____ R Series of links _____ N
 - Deliberate _____ N _____ Talcum, e.g. _____ W _____
 - Depart _____ L _____ Use a loom _____ W _____
 - "Braveheart" star _____ S _____ Long-armed ape _____ B _____
 - Santiago's country _____ E _____ Youngster _____ D _____

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.

	+		÷		= 6			
-		+		+				
	+		+		= 15			
+		×		-				
	+		×	5	= 55			
=		=		=				
5	28	3						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

GO FIGURE!

5	=	3
4	+	7 × 5 = 55
	+	
8	+	1 + 6 = 15
	+	
9	+	3 + 2 = 6

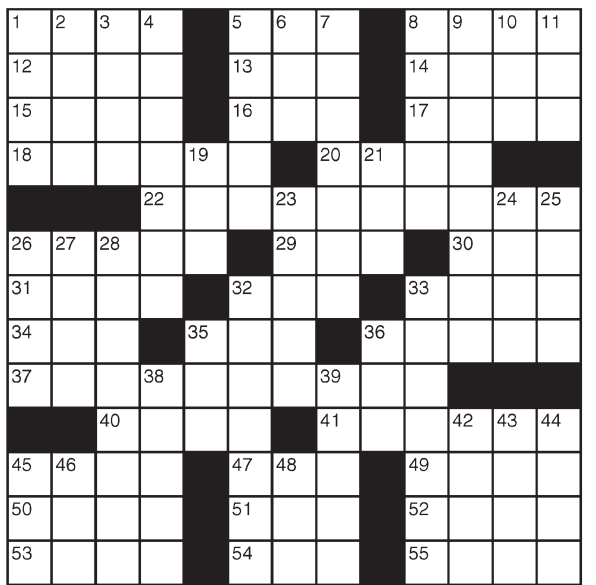
- ANSWERS
- Peach, Pearce
 - Chair, Chain
 - Cardel, Carel
 - Leave, Weave
 - Brail, Brain
 - Gibson, Gibson
 - Shake, Slide
 - Chile, Child

King Crossword

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ACROSS

- Bump into
- Small batteries
- Gush
- Jai —
- Wall St. deal
- Abhor
- Fish story
- X, at times
- " — the picture!"
- Chevy model
- Rhine feeder
- Kindergarten follower
- Defy authority
- Make lace
- PBS funder
- Grand Ole —
- Doubtfire or Miniver
- Dele undoer
- Corp. boss
- "Give — break!"
- Main ideas
- Renewed energy
- "Trust Exercise" author Susan
- Verdi works
- Tactic
- Coffee vessel
- Crimson Tide, briefly
- Anger
- French pronoun
- Mellowed



- Bake eggs
- Christmas shows
- Arles summer
- Drenched
- Like Abner
- Literary rep
- Milkshake insert
- Bug spray ingredient
- Diner grub
- Mythical birds
- Duel tool
- Veggie with florets
- T-shirt sizes
- Courtroom huddle
- 6 on a phone
- Econ. measure
- "But of course!"
- Ancient Greek region
- Sitarist's music
- From the U.S. singer
- "Maureen"
- Expert
- Ad- — (improvise)
- Shad product

DOWN

- Polite query
- Biblical kingdom
- Lawman Wyatt
- "30 Rock" creator
- Wedding setting
- Prez on a penny
- Piano compositions

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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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Coach

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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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M	E	E	T	A	S	A	S	S	P	E	W
A	L	A	I	L	B	O					
Y	A	R	N	T	E	N					
I	M	P	A	L	A	A	R	E			
H	E	B	E	L	T	A	T	A	N	E	A
4	8	5	7	2	9	6	1	3			
2	4	7	1	9	6	5	3	8			
8	1	9	5	7	3	2	6	4			
3	5	6	4	2	1	9	7				

Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword

ANSWERS

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female goat called?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in "Gilmore Girls"?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many states does the Appalachian Trail cross?
- MOVIES: Which actress voices the character Jessie in "Toy Story 2"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What is believed to have caused President Zachary Taylor's death?
- ANATOMY: What is the most abundant protein in the human body?
- GEOMETRY: How many sides does a hexagon have?
- LITERATURE: Serial killer Hannibal Lecter first appears in which novel?
- ASTRONOMY: What are planets outside our solar system called?
- MUSIC: Who was the first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?

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- ANSWERS
1. Doe or nanny
 2. Stars Hollow
 3. 14
 4. Joan Cusack
 5. Acute gastroenteritis
 6. Collagen
 7. Six
 8. "Red Dragon" by Thomas Harris
 9. Exploates
 10. Aretha Franklin

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word solution

1. Dismal 2. Enjoy 3. Change 4. Swipe

S	M	A	T
L	A	E	S
E	B	L	E
D	A	L	E
D	L	B	E
D	B	L	I

ANSWERS

Nonreligious leaflet meant to be distributed to a large number of people: a secular circular.

Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip

ANSWERS

Hitchins VFD receives grant



Safety Officer Lettie Marcum from the Hitchins Volunteer Fire Department successfully applied for a \$5,000.00 grant through Marathon Pipeline Division's Marathon Community Investment Program, which was subsequently awarded to the department. The funds were

utilized to purchase a new Rope Rescue Kit, thereby enhancing the firefighters' capabilities in handling low-angle rescues within the area. This equipment will play a crucial role in incidents necessitating firefighters to navigate low hillside terrain. We extend our gratitude to Marathon

Pipeline Division for their consistent support of local fire departments.

Companies like yours make significant contributions to augmenting our department's operational capabilities. (submitted photo)

Bright from A-4

Commission (ARC) grant and private funding from the Whitaker Foundation, AEP Foundation/Kentucky Power, and other generous donors.

BRIGHT Kentucky consists of five, three-day sessions where the primary goal is to help participants fully understand the local economic context and to build robust skill sets in communication, collaboration, consensus building, visioning, and community engagement. The program, which runs from July through November, will take participants across Eastern Kentucky: Hazard in July, Somerset/Monticello in August, Frankfort/Berea in September, London/Corbin in October, and Ashland/Morehead in November. The program is set to kick off on July 9 with an engaging session on understanding and maximizing the participants' leadership style.

This year's class includes 38 participants from 21 ARC counties representing a variety of public and private sectors. Leadership Kentucky congratulates the following members:

- Jordan Abrams, Boyd County, UK St. Claire
- Shane Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky Power
- Dylon Baker, Perry County, Appalachian Regional Healthcare
- Danna Barnett, Lawrence County, Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR)
- Gabrielle Boyd, Greenup County, People's Bank
- Jessica Buckley, Floyd County, Pikeville Medical Center
- Kelli Callihan, Perry County, Bluegrass Care Navigators
- Rob Collins, Greenup County, Kentucky Department of Education
- Destiny Conner, Carter County, South Central Workforce Development Board
- Amber Decker, Wayne

- County, The Center for Rural Development
- Paul Dengel, Whitley County, USDA Rural Development
- Ford Edwards, Knox County, Union Commonwealth University
- Dominique Ellis, Greenup County, Pathways Inc.
- Stacey Fields, Pike County, Pikeville Medical Center
- IsaBella Freeman, Madison County, Alice Lloyd College
- Stacie Fugate, Perry County, Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky/City of Hazard
- Kristen Gleason, Greenup County, City National Bank
- Eric Griffith, Boyd County, Local 248 Education and Training
- Marvin Guerrero, Pulaski County, Forcht Bank
- Patrick Hall, Perry County, Hazard High School
- Callie Hathaway, Johnson County, Operation UNITE
- Zack Highley, Rowan County, Teall Properties Group
- Jordan Hill, Magoffin County, Citizens Bank of Kentucky
- Mariana Hinojosa, Floyd County, Big Sandy Area Development District
- Amanda Kelly, Clark County, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
- Luke King, Cumberland County, Cumberland County Fiscal Court
- Madison Little, Pike County, City of Pikeville (AWA)
- Mike McLaughlin, Rockcastle County, PMR Companies
- Shawn Miller, Laurel County, Pineville Community Health Center
- Chris Partin, Knox County, Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR)
- Katie Ray, Pike County, University of Pikeville
- Shandi Ridner, Pulaski County, Baptist Health
- Brittany Rogers, Powell County, Whitaker Bank

- Devon Skeens, Knott County, Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of KY, Inc.
- Kaitlin Smith, Boyd County, UK King's Daughters
- Bryce Stephens, Clark County, Christian Appalachian Project, Inc.
- Christian Turner, Boyd County, WSAZ
- Chris Wagers, Laurel County, CHI – Saint Joseph Health, Saint Joseph London

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- ✓ Kentucky residents residing in the FIVCO region
- ✓ Primary caregivers of grand children aged 18 years old or younger
- ✓ Those related by birth, marriage or adoption
- ✓ Grandparents living within the same residence as their grandchildren
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Caregiver Support Services
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CONTACT FIVCO ADD'S AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) FOR MORE INFORMATION

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