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Bigfoot Festival coming to Olive Hill

Event scheduled for mid-September at the Depot

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

They have been called a lot of different things in a lot of different places. Wood Booger, Knocker, Hairy Man, Skunk Ape, and even Yahoo. The indigenous people of North America commonly referred to it as Sasquatch, and in modern times the go to name is Bigfoot. Folks claim to hear its haunting call issuing from the woods and other lonely places, and numerous television shows have been dedicated to the search for evidence of a creature

who is, indisputably, the master of hide and seek.

Whether we truly know what it is, there are some who believe in the existence of Bigfoot and others who do not believe, while some firmly straddle the fence. But whether you believe, disbelieve, or might believe, there is one indisputable fact – Bigfoot will be having his very own Festival in Olive Hill on Saturday, September 13, at 140 Railroad Street.

The event runs from noon until 7 pm, and will have live music by Neon Country, food trucks, and vendors with unique Bigfoot merchandise. There will also be face painting for kids (and grown-up kids), not to mention a Bigfoot Calling Contest. For those who really want to

immerse themselves in Bigfoot there will also be a costume contest, and, of course, there will be a time set aside for people to share their own experiences.

The event will include a meet and greet with television personalities Turtle Man and Swamp Man, and will feature guest speakers Joe Perdue, Ron Lanham, Michael Cook, and Charles Romans. Emcee for the event will be Kentucky Bigfoot Research Organization founder Charlie Raymond. The event is hosted by the Carter County Bigfoot Research Group, and is sponsored by Carter County Tourism and Olive Hill Tourism.

The event has been planned by Tabatha Steagall of the Carter County Bigfoot Research

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A guest displays a cast of a purported Bigfoot print at a previous meetup hosted by Steagall. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Fiscal court discusses contracts and roads

Boggs addresses battle to keep dangerous drugs out of jail

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Carter County Fiscal Court held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 11. Items on the agenda included public comment, the 2025 waste tire event, and typical business which included

claims, transfers, and department reports. The August meeting also included an Executive Session concerning litigation, but no action was taken.

Rene Parsons from Business Cultivation Foundation presented a report to the fiscal court concerning her company's performance over the past year. BCF had been retained as a grant writer for the county for a period of one year, and that year ends at the close of August. Parsons presented the report, which included grant writing activities and the company's assistance in managing funds from the opioid

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Carter County Fiscal Court. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Promoting community and economic development

Grayson Gallery to host PLACE community assessment tomorrow

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

The Grayson Gallery and Art Center will host their second edition of the Grayson PLACE Community Assessment Workshop series on Thursday, August 14, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Gallery director, and former Main Street director, Dan Click

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Dan and Mindy Click, with the Grayson Gallery & Art Center. (file photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Weekly arrests report

The following individuals were arrested and booked into the Carter County Detention Center (CCDC) 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.

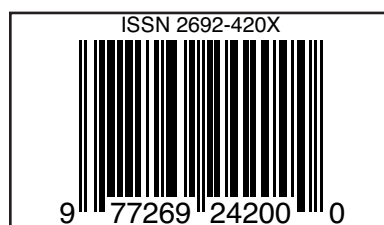
- Melissa Porter, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked August 3.
- Jimmy Conn, 45, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of fourth degree assault (dating violence) with minor injury, and public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), arrested and booked August 4.
- John Lusher, 66, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place,

- arrested and booked August 5.
- Mariah Stumbaugh, 22, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance, arrested and booked August 5.
- Michael Smith, 40, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of endangering the welfare of a minor, arrested and booked August 6.
- Evin McConnell, 28, of Portsmouth, OH, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear, arrested May 5, booked into CCDC August 6.
- Charles Bryant, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Boyd County Jail, on charges of failure to appear, first degree wanton endangerment, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, reckless driving, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, failure to produce

an insurance card, and operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, arrested and booked August 6.

- David Hill, 40, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked August 6.
- Chris Destocki, 45, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, and improper parking violations, arrested and booked August 6.
- Brandon Finley, 31, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of second degree assault, arrested and booked August 6.
- Bryan Hernandez, 24, address unavailable, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of failure to wear seat belts, reckless driving, failure to produce an insurance card, license not in

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This Week's Obituaries

Kenneth Maddox, 85

Marvin Gary Stevens, 77

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LIFESTYLE



Divas ON A DIME By Patti Diamond

Pork Piccata made easy at home

Piccata, that Italian restaurant classic, is a dish we all know and love. But what exactly is piccata? It's a cooking method where meat (often chicken, fish or pork) is tenderized, sauteed and served with a bright lemon, butter and caper sauce.

While many restaurant dishes seem complicated, this easy pork piccata proves that you can re-create the magic at home. Think tender, thin pork chops, lightly coated in seasoned flour, sauteed in butter and olive oil, and finished with a tangy, buttery sauce accented by lemon and capers.

Capers might be new to some of you. They're pickled flower buds, adding a briny pop to

Mediterranean dishes. Look for them in the condiment aisle near pickles or olives, usually priced around \$2.

No fresh lemons? Bottled lemon juice works just fine, especially when lemons are out of season. No white wine? Simply use more chicken broth. And for a lighter version, you can easily substitute chicken breast for the pork.

EASY PORK PICCATA

Yield: 4 servings

Total Time: 40 minutes

- 4 boneless pork chops (about 1 1/2 pounds, 1 inch thick)
- Zest and juice of 1 large lemon (or 3 tbsp lemon juice, divided)
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- Splash of olive oil
- 2-3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon capers

Place each pork chop between two pieces of wax paper or in a large zip-top plastic bag. Use a meat mallet or rolling pin to gently pound the chops to about 1/2 inch thick. This helps to

tenderize the meat, allowing it to cook quickly and evenly.

In a shallow bowl, pour 2 tablespoons of lemon juice. In a separate shallow dish (like a pie pan), mix the flour, salt and pepper. Dip each flattened pork chop in the lemon juice, allowing any excess to drip back into the bowl. Then dredge the chop in the seasoned flour, coating both sides. Shake off any excess flour and set the coated chops aside.

Heat 2 tablespoons of butter and a splash of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until sizzling. This will help the chops get a nice golden-brown crust. Add the pork chops to the skillet, working in batches if necessary to avoid overcrowding the pan. Cook for 3-4 minutes per side, turning once, until the chops are browned and cooked through (an internal temperature of 145 F). Remove the chops from the skillet and keep warm, covering them loosely with foil.

In the same skillet, add the sliced garlic and saute for about 20 seconds until fragrant -- be careful not to let it burn! Add the white wine and stir to scrape up any flavorful browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Let the wine cook down for about 3



Pork chops in a lemon-caper sauce -- an easy, restaurant-worthy dish made right at home.

minutes, reducing by half.

Add the chicken broth, capers and the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter to the skillet. Stir until the butter is fully melted and the sauce is smooth. Taste and adjust the seasoning with a pinch of salt or a squeeze of lemon juice if needed.

Return the pork chops to the skillet and spoon the sauce over the chops, turning them to coat. Let everything simmer together for an extra minute, then serve with the sauce drizzled over the top.

Serve with buttered thin spaghetti and asparagus. If asparagus is out of season, substitute

steamed broccoli or sauteed spinach.

Homemade piccata makes any day feel special. Enjoy!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

DIY gone wrong

I love fixing up my home. I am able to do

things like painting, unclogging drains, or installing window blinds. Things that are relatively easy by just looking up how-tos on the internet, purchasing the right part, and there it is all fixed and proud of myself for not needing to spend money on hiring a professional.

Recently, I was framing a wall that I had removed to open space from the living room to the kitchen. There was a wall outlet that wasn't being used right in the middle of where I was

to be installing the new frame. It needed to have the wires capped off and a metal plate installed to make it safe so it could be covered by the framing. So, I turned off the power, removed the plug attachment, capped off the four wires, and turned the

power back on. And what do you know? The whole house went dark. It became apparent that one of the wires was linked directly to my power panel which controlled everything electrical. That's when I knew I had to call in an electrician.

I have replaced many wall outlets before by learning from the experts,

but when it came to fooling with the entire power grid, I thought better of trying to fix this on my own. The electrician came out and did the repairs safely and without my help. I then decided that the best solution would be to cut a hole in the framework and expose the outlet so it could be used or accessed if something more serious were to come up. It was worth every penny spent to hire a trained electrician.

It's wise to know when you need help with your DIY project; especially when it involves major plumbing, heating, and electrical fixes. Be aware of what needs to be done before you do it and, most importantly, don't let pride get you into trouble.

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



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Extension Notes

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Carter County joins regional efforts to strengthen beef industry

I had the privilege of representing Carter

County at the Mid-South Beef Leadership Conference, held August 3-6 at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Tennessee.

Alongside Bob Flaughter, president of the Northeast Area Livestock Association, we joined fellow extension agents, specialists, and producers from Kentucky and Tennessee to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing our beef industry today. Only 25 Kentucky counties were invited to participate.

This four-day event was more than just a conference—it was a collaborative effort to shape the future of beef production in our region. We engaged in meaningful discussions on land use, farm economics, and producer education, and explored innovative ways to support our local farmers. Additionally, we toured Barker Brothers Farm in Readyville and Short Mountain Distillery to learn more about their operations.

With multiple counties and stakeholders at the table, the future of beef in

the Mid-South looks promising—and more connected

than ever. There's a real momentum building around strengthening producer networks, expanding consumer outreach, and promoting best practices in livestock management. These conversations weren't just

theoretical—they're going to lead to real programming and partnerships that benefit producers right here in Carter County. We're excited to bring these ideas home and work with our local producers to ensure Carter County remains a strong and inno-

vative part of Kentucky's beef community.

As always, if you have questions or want to get involved in upcoming beef-related programs, feel free to reach out to the Carter County Extension Office. Let's keep the momentum going—together. 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,

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(submitted photo)

Joyful Noise

For the love of God

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for Carter County Times

"For the love of God" is an old-fashioned expression used as an oath of shock, exasperation, annoyance, frustration, or anger. "For the love of God, I didn't even see that car coming!" "Would you let me finish my story, for the love of God?" "Oh, for the love of God, I just had the car fixed and now you've put a dent in it!"

It's an oath of shock to express one's anger, exasperation, and frustration

with someone or something. I have heard people use this expression several times in my life and I am sure you have, too. People don't realize they are using the Lord's name in vain. The meaning of "for the love of God" is used to give added force to an angry statement. I ask you a question, If it wasn't "for the love of God" where would you be today?

The real "for the love of God" meaning can be found all throughout the Bible. Because of the "love of God" for us He sent His

only begotten Son that we might have eternal life. God's love truly was in Jesus who became a sacrifice for us so we could be redeemed from our sin.

In the Bible, Jesus tells us how to love God: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). In other words, God wants us to love Him with our whole being and in every possible way. God's own Son taught us to love God the Father with everything

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week feeder steers sold 7.00 to 10.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Heifers were 4.00-8.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Yearling steers and heifers sold mostly 2.00 to 4.00 higher with limited comparisons. Demand was good for all feeder and yearling classes. Cooler weather conditions encouraged an increase in cattle movement compared to the past few weeks with active buyer participation showing best interest in weaned packages. Slaughter cows sold steady to 4.00 higher and slaughter bulls were 2.00 to 4.00 higher with good demand for all slaughter classes. Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/> Week ending 8/9/25

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	438.65	413.27	312.73
400-450 lbs	424.50	406.42	304.07
450-500 lbs	402.34	391.82	295.34
500-550 lbs	380.07	368.69	283.63
550-600 lbs	375.07	370.70	274.82
600-650 lbs	360.42	356.30	261.27
650-700 lbs	350.11	335.90	255.47
700-750 lbs	333.92	326.77	241.02
750-800 lbs	324.57	323.04	229.22
800-850 lbs	308.47	316.90	225.18
850-900 lbs	311.36	306.15	231.35
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	401.06	375.29	278.51
350-400 lbs	392.74	381.48	276.52
400-450 lbs	379.10	366.79	269.50
450-500 lbs	363.76	356.24	262.13
500-550 lbs	347.73	339.97	254.76
550-600 lbs	340.99	336.38	246.69
600-650 lbs	322.53	323.49	233.55
650-700 lbs	314.75	309.11	228.22
700-750 lbs	296.35	287.13	215.53
750-800 lbs	300.09	281.79	222.58

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	150.00-188.00	163.00-197.00	140.00-165.00
Boners	141.00-183.00	160.00-197.50	106.00-167.50
Lean	129.00-162.00	153.00-186.00	90.00-151.50
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	183.50-217.00	200.00-230.00	154.00-198.00

Jul 24, 2025		Bowling Green, KY	
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 86			
Kids Selection 2	35-38 lbs	250.00-262.50	
Selection 2-3	31-38 lbs	202.00-202.50	
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 664			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2	55 lbs	265.00; 60-66 lbs	235.00-255.00; 77 lbs
	222.50-245.00; 89 lbs	217.50; 90 lbs	20.00; 110 lbs
	197.50. Choice 2	52-57 lbs	247.50-255.00.
Woolled-Choice and Prime 1-2	78 lbs	230.00; 94 lbs	227.50; 100 lbs
	20.00; 140 lbs	205.00. Choice 2	75 lbs
	210.00; 80 lbs	135.00; 143 lbs	160.00.
Week ending 8/9/25			
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.77-4.08	3.88-4.44	3.47-4.01
Soybeans	9.18-9.88	9.12-9.83	9.58-10.59
Red Winter Wheat	4.11-4.95	4.19-5.03	4.48-5.15

Arrests from A-1

possession, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked August 6.

- Nicolas Salvador, 52, address unavailable, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place, arrested and booked August 6.
- David Richards, 63, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked August 6.
- Anthony Light, 54, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked August 6.
- Bobby Harris, 19, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 7.
- Steven Diedrich, 43, of Nicholasville, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, first degree wanton endangerment, disregarding traffic control device/traffic light, reckless driving, license

not in possession, failure to give right of way to emergency vehicle, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, and failure to maintain required insurance, arrested and booked August 8.

- Cimber Arthurs, 34, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Carter County District Court, weekender, arrested and booked August 8.
- Joseph Burton, 49, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked August 8.
- Timothy Hammons, 41, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County District Court, weekender, arrested and booked August 8.
- Chester Harper, 65, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, third degree assault of a police officer, and public intoxication on a controlled substance, arrested and booked August 8.
- Joshua Greer, 44, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of possession of

a handgun by a convicted felon, and persistent felony possession of a firearm, arrested and booked August 9.

- Elijah Silcox, 26, of Denton, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, no registration receipt, no registration plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to produce an insurance card, license not in possession, no operator's license, instructional permit violations, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked August 9.
- William Elliott, 48, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked August 9.
- Jeffrey Riddle, 41, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of failure to wear seat belts, careless driving, failure to produce an insurance card, no registration receipt, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol,

and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, arrested and booked August 9.

- Andrew Stepp, 35, address unavailable, arrested by Department of Fish and Wildlife, on charges of failure to operate boat at idle speed in a harbor or congregated area, and operating a boat or watercraft while intoxicated or under the influence, arrested and booked August 9.
- Alex Kidd, 24, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked August 10.

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.

Bigfoot from A-1

Organization (CCBRO), who has been involved in Bigfoot hunting in Carter County for over ten years.

"I started it (CCBRO) about eleven years ago," Steagall said. "People have shared their stories with us, and some have even let us come on their property to investigate."

Steagall has even investigated around Carter Caves with her group, searching for the elusive

creature.

Steagall was also recently featured on the show Red Earth Uncovered, a YouTube program produced by documentary filmmakers at Small Town Monsters. In addition, she has been a guest on numerous podcasts and has had visitors from all over the country come to help her hunt Bigfoot near her home in Grahn.

The idea for a Bigfoot

Festival is something Steagall said she has thought of for years, but recently she mentioned it to a friend who she said kept pushing for it. Steagall said that she hopes the event will be a success and believes it will be because there are so many people in the Carter County area and surrounding counties who are fans of the elusive cryptid. She also hopes to see the show become an annual event

people look forward to attending.

Steagall said she regularly posts any updates to the event such as guests, vendors, etc., on her Facebook page, and people can feel free to visit her there if they have any questions about the event.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

Public Health student, Olive Hill native sets sights on law school to improve rural health

LEXINGTON — For University of Kentucky College of Public Health student John "JT" Maggard-Staton, growing up in Olive Hill, Kentucky, meant witnessing both the strength of a close-knit community and the challenges that come with living in a region with limited access to health care. Those early experiences fuel his drive to pursue a career that combines public health and law.



Public health student John "JT" Maggard-Staton draws inspiration from his rural Kentucky roots as he pursues a career uniting public health and law. Photo by Linda Kim, University of Kentucky College of Public Health. (submitted photo)

A public health major on the pre-law track, Maggard-Staton is dedicated to addressing health disparities through policy. With plans to attend law school after graduation, he seeks to serve communities like his own by helping shape laws that improve health outcomes for more Kentuckians.

"I chose the University of Kentucky because of its strong sense of community, as well as opportunities like the Appalachian Career Training in Oncology Program that align with my interests in health care and social impact," Maggard-Staton said.

The Markey Cancer Center's Appalachian

Career Training in Oncology (ACTION) Program is a National Cancer Institute Youth Enjoy Science program that recruits and trains early-career undergraduate and high school students from Appalachian Kentucky in cancer research and clinical care. Throughout the program, students gain cancer research knowledge and skills through cross-disciplinary, faculty-mentored research experiences. They also have opportunities to shadow clinicians, participate in career development activities, and conduct

outreach within their communities.

Maggard-Staton is one of the students who has completed both the high school and undergraduate portions, according to ACTION Director Nathan Vanderford, Ph.D., a Markey researcher and associate professor in the College of Medicine's Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology.

"I've known JT for several years now since he was a high schooler, and I know he's thought about several different career paths," Vanderford

said. "It's been this classic transition as he was able to experience different career paths in ACTION that helped him understand what he's really interested in. And he truly has found a passion in public policy and public health."

Vanderford expressed hope that students in the program pursue a wide range of career paths, emphasizing the need for professionals from many different fields to tackle Kentucky's significant cancer challenges. The

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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 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.

- Hike & Learn – August 22nd @ 1:00 PM – Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center

CALENDAR

- **8/13: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/13: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/14: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/15: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **8/16: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/16: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/16: Friends of the Library meeting @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **8/18: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **8/18: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **8/18: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/18: Carter County EMS Board Meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County EMS Station
- **8/18: Carter County Board of Education @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Board of Education office
- **8/19: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **8/19: Olive Hill City Council @ 6 p.m.** | Olive Hill Senior/Community Center

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

Jack and Jill are a pair of mixed breed pups, around 12 weeks old. Jack weighs 14 pounds while his sister is slightly larger, at 18 pounds. These playful pups have a \$100 adoption fee which includes rabies vaccination and being neutered/spayed. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet them, 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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Health from A-3

state currently holds the highest cancer incidence rate and the second-highest mortality rate in the nation, with particularly elevated numbers in the Appalachian counties where many ACTION students come from.

“The high cancer rates in Kentucky is why this program is so important because we need more people to help us address this major cancer problem from all these different angles, all these different career paths,” he said.

While initially on a pre-med track, Maggard-Staton’s focus shifted as he gained greater exposure to the systemic drivers behind health outcomes.

“I always imagined myself working directly

with patients,” he said. “But over time, I started noticing deeper, systemic issues, especially in underserved communities. That led me to explore public health and, ultimately, policy.”

A pivotal moment in his journey came when he enrolled in Dr. Sarah Cprek’s Introduction to Public Health course.

“What stood out to me was how she tied real-world issues, like access to care and policy, into the core of public health,” he said. “It showed me how broad and impactful the field is and helped me realize this was the right path for me.”

He also credits CPH 255 Public Health: Careers for a Healthy World, taught

by Professor Janie Cameron, as a turning point. He said the class focused on real challenges communities face.

“She brought in professionals from across the field and showed how public health connects to everything, which really stuck with me,” Maggard-Staton said.

As he took more classes and got involved in research, Maggard-Staton said his interests shifted toward the systems and policies that impact people’s health.

“That’s when I knew I wanted to combine public health and law,” he said.

With this focus in mind for law school, Maggard-Staton said he hopes to work in public service,

especially in roles where he can influence health policy on a larger scale, through government, non-profits or advocacy.

“My goal is to address disparities in health care and create policies that ensure everyone has access to care,” he said.

Maggard-Staton’s specific areas of interest include Medicaid, cancer research funding and substance use treatment. He said those are issues that directly affect vulnerable populations, especially in rural communities like his. The Olive Hill native believes that having public health voices in law and policy is essential.

“It’s crucial to have people with public health backgrounds in the legal

and political fields,” he said. “They bring a unique perspective on how policies impact communities’ health and well-being.”

Maggard-Staton encourages students considering public health to stay curious by asking questions.

“If you see something that bothers you, don’t ignore it — learn about it,” he said. “That’s what public health is all about.”

Looking ahead, Maggard-Staton remains focused on impact.

“I want to use what I’ve learned to make things better,” he said. “Even if I can make a small change, that’s worth it to me.”

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we are. Saying this was the first and greatest of all the commandments (verse 38).

We love God by keeping His commands and doing His will (John 14:15, 23; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 1:6; Psalm 40:8). Jesus said the second greatest command, which is like the first, is to love others, and the measure by which we are to love them is as much as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:39). It is impossible to genuinely love the Lord without loving other people, for the desire within God’s heart is to love others.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been

born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent His only Son into the world . . . as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another (1 John 4:7-11). Because of God’s love for us, we are bound to love one another. Demonstration of that love is carried out in part by reproducing His life in others as we spread the gospel of His kingdom.

God desires to have an intimate love relationship with us. Our love for Him is a response to His divine

love for us (1 John 4:19). We express our love for God by spending time in His presence, enjoying His nearness, listening to His voice, reading His Word, and daily seeking to know Him better. As the apostle Paul said, “Whoever loves God is known by God” (1 Corinthians 8:3).

Perhaps one of the purest examples in the Bible of how to love God comes from an unnamed woman who anointed the Lord’s feet with her perfume (Luke 7:36-50). So grateful was she for Christ’s forgiveness of her many sins that she poured out her love in extravagant worship and absolute devotion. This woman appreciated the true worth of her Savior, and in humble gratitude, sacrifice, and

servitude, she loved and worshiped Jesus with her tears, her hair, her kisses, and her priceless bottle of perfume. She loved God with all she was and everything she had to offer. Jesus didn’t become angry and say, “Woman, for the love of God don’t embarrass me in front of these people!”

Remember, “Whoever loves God is known by God” (1 Corinthians 8:3). Amen! So be it!

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Olive Hill Legion to host claim processing event for veterans

Staff Report
Carter County Times

Moore-Armstrong American Legion Post 138, of Olive Hill, will be hosting a Veteran Processing Claims Center Event for veterans and their family members needing assistance in filing Veteran Affairs Claims. Hour of operations is from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday, August 30. If it applies, please bring the

following documents:
• A copy of DD Form 214.
• Current Marriage Certificate and a list of all previous marriages and divorces on both the veteran and their spouse.
• Legal custody documents on all dependents.
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Marvin Gary Stevens 1947 – 2025



Marvin Gary Stevens, age 77, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at UK-King’s Daughter Hospital in Ashland, Kentucky, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born August 12, 1947, in Boyd County, Kentucky, a son of the late Norman and Lois Ruley Stevens.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Helen Louise Walker Stevens; one son Jeremy Blake (Ceresa) Stevens of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Erica Stevens (Jason) Brown of Knoxville, Tennessee. He was blessed to have three grandchildren. Connor Jayce Brown, Dylan Gareth Brown both of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Delaney Louise Stevens, of Olive Hill, Kentucky.

He graduated from Olive Hill High School, before eventually making his way to Eastern Kentucky State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Gary spent 17 years in the Kentucky National Guard and the United States Army Reserve, attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class.

His first real job was at Armco Steel Corporation where he worked for eight years until he found his true calling, the Kentucky State Police.

Gary often said he believed he was born to

be a Trooper and was very proud of that accomplishment. He retired from the KSP after 23 years of service as a Trooper, Senior Trooper, Polygraph Examiner, and Detective.

After retirement he spent three years as Administrator of the Carter County Emergency Ambulance Service before moving on to the Administrative Office of the Courts as a Security Specialist where he spent the next eleven years.

Gary was a competitive shooter and enjoyed all aspects of the sport. He specialized in self defense shooting skills and long range shooting, out to 1000 yards. He served three terms on the Board of Directors of the United States Practical Shooting Association and co-founded the Ashland Gun Club Practical Shooting Division.

Gary won two national Championships as a Super Senior competitor, which as he said was not an easy task.

Gary was a member of the First Christian Church, where he made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Friday, August 8, 2025, at First Christian Church in Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Adam Foster and Brother David Gee officiating. Burial followed in Olive Hill Memorial Park in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

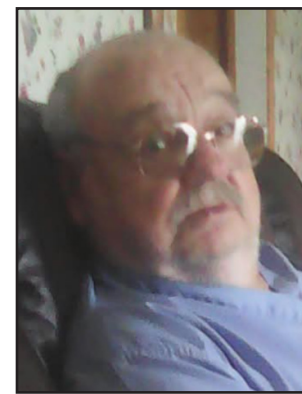
Friends visited from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, August 7, 2025, and after 10 a.m., Friday, August 8, 2025, until the service hour at First Christian Church in Olive Hill.

Kentucky State Police will serve as pallbearers.

KSP Honors will be conducted at the graveside by KSP Honor Guard.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Marvin Gary Stevens.

Kenneth Maddox 1940 – 2025



Kenneth Maddox, 85, of Olive Hill, Kentucky passed away Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, Kentucky. The Grahn, Kentucky native was born June 21, 1940, the son of the late Woodrow Maddox and Edith Bailey Maddox. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Mary Cox Maddox Harper.

Mr. Maddox was a self-employed farmer, working on his family farm for many years. He enjoyed rummage sales and going fishing.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy Maddox

He is survived by a daughter: Lisa (William) Paynter of Mount Perry, Ohio; a son: Wade (Pauline) Maddox of Kentucky; grandchildren: Natasha (John) Perkins of Ironton, Tiffany Perkins of Orient, Ohio, Sierra Perkins of Alliance, Ohio, Anthony (Brenda) Maddox of Kentucky, and Andrea Maddox-Click of Kentucky; two sisters: Flora Jean Fultz and Debbie (Terry) Robertson; a brother: Art Maddox, and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other family members.

Special thanks to the staff at the Community Hospice Care Center of Ashland, KY for the special care they provided and support for the family. He will be missed by many.

There will be no funeral services per Mr. Maddox’s wishes. If you wish to express condolences, please visit www.tracybrammerfh.com. Tracy Brammer-Monroe Funeral Home, 518 South 6th Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638 is honored to assist the Maddox family with arrangements.

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Guest Editorial

Can Beshear hit big-league pitching?

By Al Cross
Northern Kentucky Tribune

Gov. Andy Beshear said one reason he went to South Carolina last month was to see his 16-year-old son Will play baseball. But he spent the first two days there entering the big leagues of politics, in the state where Democrats are scheduled to cast their first votes for president in 2028.

His trip gave the clearest idea yet of what a Beshear campaign for the White House would look like, and his first close read by observers in a critical state.

Beshear's excursion was set up nicely by his greatest sustained national news-media exposure: a 43-minute podcast with The New Yorker magazine, published online July 9; a July 13 interview on "Meet the Press," and favorable treatment from conservative columnist George Will, who prefers governors as presidents and likened him to Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, Southern governors who moved up.

"His electoral and governing achievements are impressive," Will declared, citing three straight wins in a state that has become solidly Republican.

Kentuckians know Beshear's success has come not only from his handling of the pandemic, disasters and economic development, but a unique mix of dynastic Democratic-heritage politics and associated name recognition, which narrowly elected him attorney general in 2015; deep dislike of the Republican governor he unseated in 2019; and running on abortion rights after the Supreme Court changed the politics of that issue.

None of that will matter if Beshear runs for president, but his ambition should be helped by two characteristics that have been greatly responsible for his political success. The first is his ability to stay disciplined and focused, as noted in a Vogue magazine profile. That's key in presidential campaigns, where tangents and pitfalls await at every stop. The second is his continued self-improvement. Looking at video from South Carolina, he still seems just a bit green, and he still hasn't learned to say "who" instead of "that." (See below.) But news coverage and commentary showed that he continues to get better, and that he drew good crowds and won some friends in a key state.

"Andy Beshear is the sort of Democrat South Carolina likes," read the initial headline over the column of longtime Charleston Post & Courier metro columnist Brian Hicks.

Beshear's approach contrasted with that of California Gov. Gavin Newsom, who was in South Carolina for two days the week before. Newsom appeals to base Democrats by baiting President Trump; Beshear is aiming for moderates, independents and anti-Trump Republicans with a focus on kitchen-table issues.

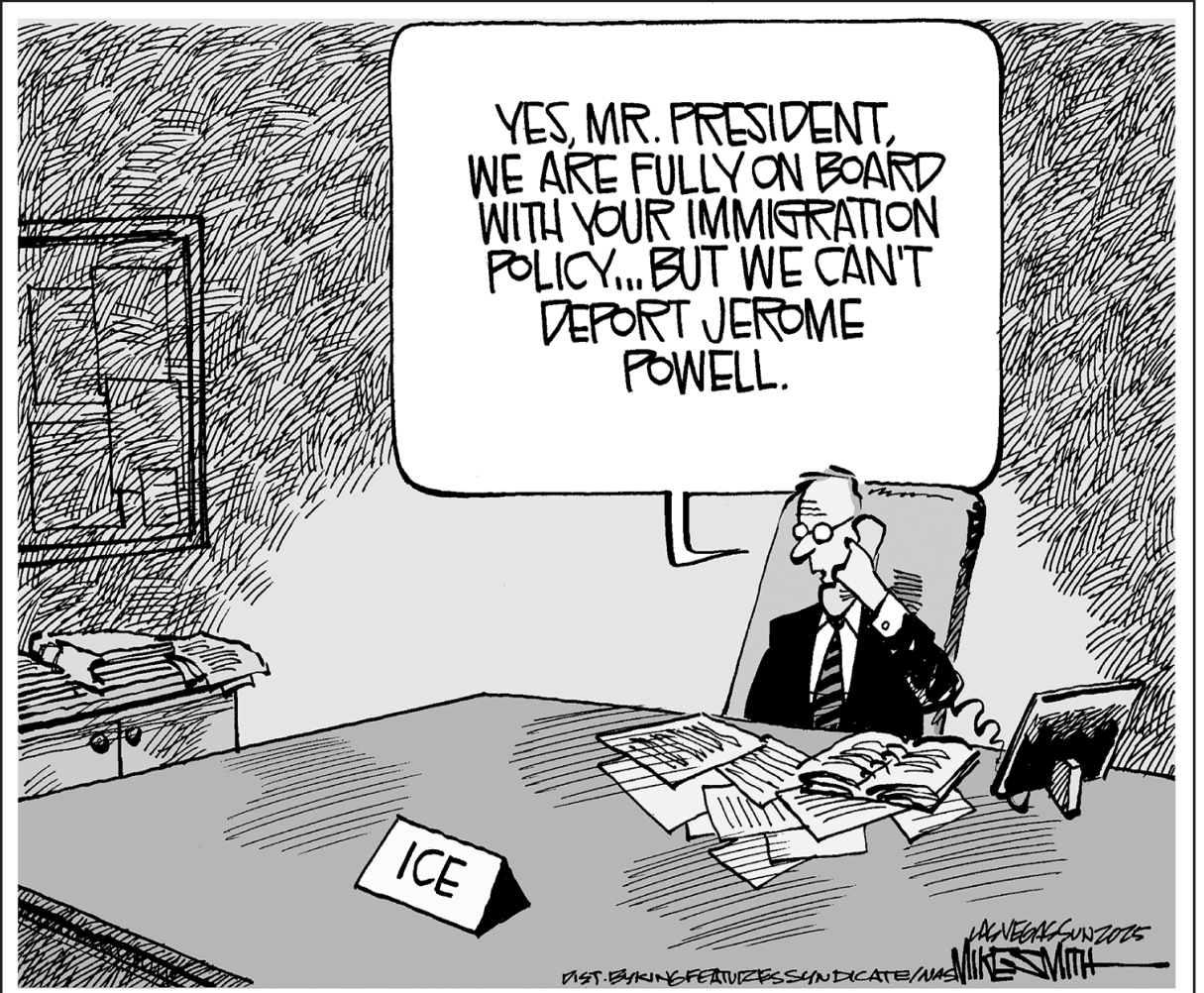
"We can't be runnin' after every outrage of the day," he said on Pawleys Island. "The most important thing we can do is be laser-focused on people's jobs, their next doctor's appointment, the roads and bridges they drive, the school they drop their kids off at, and whether they feel safe in their community." He told The New Yorker that he's for term limits, a populist totem, and that the party and its candidates "need to spend 80 percent of our time on these issues" because "People don't wake up thinking about politics."

On the other 20 percent, Beshear blasts Trump's tariffs, "cruelty and incompetence" and his big bill's impact on rural areas. He deals deftly with LGBTQ+ rights, the most troublesome culture-war topic for Democrats. He told The New Yorker that when he vetoed "the nastiest piece of anti-LGBTQ legislation our state had ever seen . . . I said 'My faith tells me that children are children of God, and I'm gonna stand up for these kids.' . . . People respect conviction and they want people that stand up for what they believe in."

A deacon in the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church), Beshear typically refers to his faith in speeches. That's trickier than it was for Carter, because the country is more secular now. It seemed to play well in South Carolina, which is friendlier territory for a Southerner than, say, New Hampshire. But independents can vote in the New England state's primary, which could be Democrats' first in 2028. Beshear's been there, too.

He will be in many places through 2026, as that year's chairman of the Democratic Governors Association. It's his best chance to build political capital, especially with campaign contributors. He surely knows it's a heavy lift. "What we really need is someone who can heal this country, to get us back together, to not have this constant us-versus-them," he told The

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Have you ever claimed you've seen every weird thing imaginable?

I last made that statement about a week ago when a respected zoo in Denmark announced it was inviting pet owners to donate their living household animals to that institution.

No, the purpose wasn't to expand their animal exhibits or to benefit any ongoing research projects or to even to start a rescue mission for unwanted pets. Believe it or not, it was to utilize the donated horses, goats, and rabbits and other beloved creatures as food for some of the zoo's wild animals.

It seems the Danish zoologists had determined that certain animals in captivity lived longer, healthier lives when they captured and devoured the kinds of small living creatures they would normally hunt in the wild.

Reading that news story reminded me to a trip I made to the National Zoo in Washington as an eight-year-old. The reptile house fascinated me because of the big snakes.

That sense of wonderment stayed with me for a few nights of scary dreams as I vividly recalled a young live pig being thrown into the enclosure of a 20-foot anaconda and the pig running wildly up and down the floor of the cage while the big snake waited patiently.

Finally, the exhausted, terrified pig stopped running and the snake quickly swallowed it whole. To this day, I've wondered who at the Smithsonian decided snake feeding would be educational for families with young kids.

But I've topped the snake story with one that's even more bizarre. I learned that a "green funeral" for a dead person in 13 of these United States actually is human composting. By the way, Kentucky is not among those states...yet!

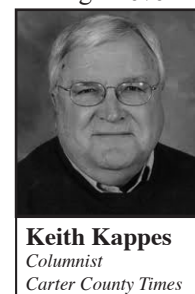
That term is not a typo. It is avoiding chemical embalming or cremation or direct burial in a wooden casket by letting a human body break down into compost like what you can create at home with leaves, weeds, wood chips, kitchen scraps, etc.

I don't have space to share all I've learned about human composting, but it is growing in popularity with 12 other states now considering its legalization. The funeral industry reportedly is trending toward more environmentally friendly burials.

I had an uncle who loved flowers and converted most of his backyard to a flower garden. He spent countless hours caring for his cherished flowers, especially the roses.

But, in retrospect, I'm not sure he loved those flowers enough to spend eternity with them.

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Carter County Times

Happy birthday to my sobriety

This week I turn 44.

This time last year, I got sober.

I wasn't a daily drinker, but when I went out, I went hard in the paint—Jameson by the bottle, cheap beer in between. I'd pick booze money over dinner when I was broke. I bought into the fiction that writers had to drink, that good work came from mining your own misery. If you needed a drinking buddy, I was always down. Late nights with weird people. Driving home seeing double. Debit card declined for thirty bucks. It wasn't my best work.

I'd been thinking about quitting for a while. I was tired of living like a frayed wire—tired of hangovers, of wasting entire days recovering, of letting my demons take the wheel. I'd wake up cringing at my texts, realizing I'd completely misunderstood some simple conversation.

When I told my doctor I wanted to stop, we made a plan. I've had anxiety for years; I just didn't realize I was using alcohol to self-medicate. I got on meds for anxiety and depression—something I wish I'd done years ago.

People ask how I've made it a year. The answer's

simple; one day at a time. I never look beyond the day I'm living. I value that my personal life isn't a cruel

sea and that my professional life is thriving. Injecting chaos just to argue in a bar about whether Woody Harrelson was on Cheers isn't worth losing that peace.

Here's the story I think about when I wonder if I made the right call:

I was having a bad day. I knew I'd get drunk after work. I had little cash, not enough for Jameson, so I bought a plastic bottle of cheap vodka, a sixer of Talls, and a sixer of White Claws. I drank it all

while watching music docs. Still not drunk enough, I cleaned out every stray beer in the fridge and went to the gas station for two magnum-sized tallboys—the ones guys pound after work in parking lots.

Looking back; yeah, that's a problem. A year later, the phone rings less, I see fewer people, and that's fine. I write more. I sleep better.

If you're thinking about quitting drinking, no one can push you. It's your call.

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Put mental health on the back-to-school checklist

By Mary Shea
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON – Back to school is a busy time for everyone with lots of items on the checklist — school supplies, sports physicals, plan for after school care and more.

Another important item to check off is a mental health check-in with your child. Going back to school can be stressful and full of uncertainty — especially for children with a history of mental health concerns. Mental health care needs to be on the checklist to help set your child up for a successful school year.

Here are some tips for getting your child or teenager's mental health in shape for back to school.

Start a conversation. Ask child/teenager about how they are feeling for the upcoming school year.

Have them to share one thing they are looking forward to and one thing they are not looking forward to. Even if they are worried about something that you don't think will happen, show you are listening to their concerns ("You're worried you won't have any friends in middle school") before moving to problem solving and reassuring them.

Get back into routine before school starts. Even if the first day of school is weeks away, start scheduling bedtime and have them wake, get dressed and eat breakfast as they would during the school year.

Likewise, scheduling meal and snack time and setting limits to screen time will help ease them back into their school year routine.

Setup a trial run. This is especially if you have a child or teen who has

avoided school in the past or is transitioning to a new school. Driving by the school and walking the halls will help them orient themselves in a new space. Open houses and back to school nights are great way to help kids find their classes, figure out where their lockers are and get a general lay of the land before the first day.

Make a plan. A successful school year starts with a plan. This is especially important if they have struggled at school before. Make organization and time management a priority and talk about what they can do when things don't go according to plan. Consider sharing the plan with a support staff member at school.

Enlist the help of their pediatrician. Remind them that they can always come to you with questions or

to talk about how they're feeling. Encourage your child or teen to talk about struggles they have been having at school with their doctor. Remember that back-to-school sports physical you need? That could be a good opportunity for a mental health check-in. This article has some tips on how to start the conversation with their pediatrician.

Remember that it make take a few weeks for the whole family to get back into the groove of the school year, especially when faced with changes such as starting at a new school. It's normal for your child to experience difficult thoughts, feelings and emotions, but when those feelings interfere with their success at school, talk to their pediatrician on how to support them.

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said that though this is the second in the series, those who missed the first shouldn't let that stop them from getting involved in what he described as, "a collaborative workshop aimed at building a stronger, more vibrant, and more resilient Grayson."

Click explained that the workshop will "build off community input" and recommendations for implementing the strategies that were discussed in the first workshop, while "diving deeper" into what he described as "actionable short, mid, and long-term strategies" that the group uncovered in the previous session. Click described

the ideas that grew out of the first meeting as "a road map for community improvement."

Click said while the event is completely free to attend – with lunch provided – they would like folks to pre-register for the event via Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grayson-place-assessment-round-2-workshop-tickets-1410787496379?aff=oddtcreator>).

Topics from the first round that will be more developed in this second round include; local food, resilience, and tourism; trails and active transportation; and housing. In this second round they will

further develop short-term action items identified during this first meeting. For instance, short-term action items considered under the tourism topic included organizing further river and roadside clean-ups, and promoting local destinations with signage or small grants. On the housing front the group considered housing co-ops tied to rural industries, like farming or forestry, hosting forums on housing needs and costs, and mapping areas where housing needs are a greater priority. Trails and transportation topics included everything from public art projects and other programs designed

to encourage walking downtown, as well as an inventory of ADA compliant ramps, the mapping of trails and sidewalks, and exploring safe walking and biking routes for children traveling to and from school.

While some of these ideas – like safer routes for school children and plans to improve housing – are designed exclusively to benefit locals, initiatives like trash clean-ups and the mapping of transportation resources could prove beneficial to both locals and visitors alike. In this way, Click said, they can contribute to the economic development of

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Mitch McConnell's legacy comes under fire in Kentucky race to replace him in the Senate

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

CALVERT CITY (AP) — Republican Nate Morris had deftly warmed up a crowd of party faithful, gushing about President Donald Trump and recounting his own life's journey — from hardscrabble childhood to wealthy entrepreneur — when he turned his attention to the man he wants to replace, Sen. Mitch McConnell.

That's when things got feisty. While bashing Kentucky's longest-serving senator at a GOP dinner on the eve of Saturday's Fancy Farm picnic, a tradition-laden stop on the state's political circuit, Morris was cut off in mid-sentence by a party activist in the crowd, who noted that McConnell isn't seeking reelection and pointedly asked Morris: "What are you running on?"

Morris touted his hard line stance on immigration and defended Trump's tariffs as a boon for American manufacturing. But he didn't retreat from his harsh critique of McConnell.

"We've seen 40 years of doing it the same way," Morris said. "And, yes, he's not on the ballot, but his legacy is on the ballot. Do you want 40 more years of that? I don't think you do."

McConnell's blunt-force approach used against him

The pushback from a county GOP chairman revealed the political risks of attacking the 83-year-old McConnell in the twilight of his career. Towering

over Kentucky politics for decades, McConnell is regarded as the master strategist behind the GOP's rise to power in a state long dominated by Democrats. The state Republican headquarters bears McConnell's name. As the longest-serving Senate party leader in U.S. history, McConnell guided Republican policymaking and helped forge a conservative Supreme Court. Back home, his appropriating skills showered Kentucky with federal funding.

Now, his blunt-force style of campaigning — which undercut so many foes — is being used against him.

Morris is running against two other prominent Republicans — U.S. Rep. Andy Barr and former state Attorney General Daniel Cameron — for McConnell's seat. The outcome will be decided in the spring primary next year. Kentucky hasn't elected a Democrat to the Senate since Wendell Ford in 1992.

All three Republican hopefuls lavish praise on Trump — in hopes of landing his endorsement — but also have ties to McConnell, who mentored generations of aspirational Republicans. Cameron and Barr have chided McConnell at times, but it's been mild compared to Morris' attacks. Morris interned for McConnell but glosses over that connection.

McConnell pushes back At events surrounding the Fancy Farm picnic, an event long known for caustic zingers that he has

always relished, McConnell showed no sign of backing down.

"Surely this isn't true, but I've heard that one of the candidates running for my office wants to be different," McConnell told a Republican crowd that included Morris at a pre-picnic breakfast in Mayfield. "Now, I'm wondering how you'd want to be different from the longest-serving Senate leader in American history. I'm wondering how you'd want to be different in supporting President Trump."

McConnell received multiple standing ovations. Morris stayed seated.

McConnell has consistently voted for Trump's policies more often than Kentucky's other Republican senator, Rand Paul, according to a Congressional Quarterly voting analysis. McConnell recently supported Trump's signature tax and spending measure. Paul opposed it, saying it would drive up debt.

Yet Morris has taken on McConnell, who has famously had an up-and-down relationship with Trump.

McConnell teamed with Trump to put conservatives on the federal bench and pass tax cuts during the president's first term. McConnell also guided the Senate — and Trump — through two impeachment trials that ended in acquittals. But the relationship was severed after McConnell blamed Trump for "disgraceful" acts in the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack by Trump's supporters.

McConnell endorsed

Trump in 2024, but in a biography by Michael Tackett of The Associated Press, released shortly before the election, McConnell described him as "a despicable human being."

Running against career politicians Morris, who started a waste management technology company, says the senator has been insufficiently loyal to Trump and allowed festering issues like immigration and the

national debt to grow worse during his years in Senate leadership.

Morris wants to tether his opponents to McConnell while running on anti-establishment themes that his campaign thinks will appeal to legions of Trump supporters in the Bluegrass State.


"Let's face it, folks, career politicians have run this country off a cliff," Morris said.

Morris' rivals sum

up the anti-McConnell attacks as an angry, backward-looking message. Cameron called it a diversionary tactic to obscure what he said is Morris' lack of both a message and credibility as a supporter of Trump's MAGA movement.

"He can't talk about his actual record. So he has to choose to pick on an 83-year-old," Cameron

See MCCONNELL on A-8




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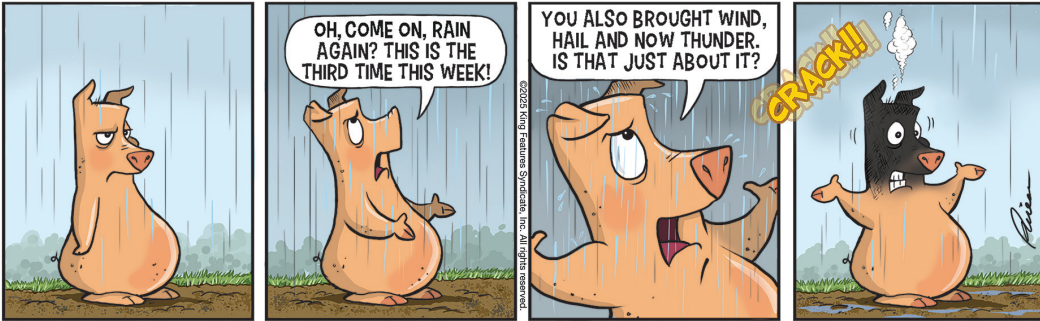
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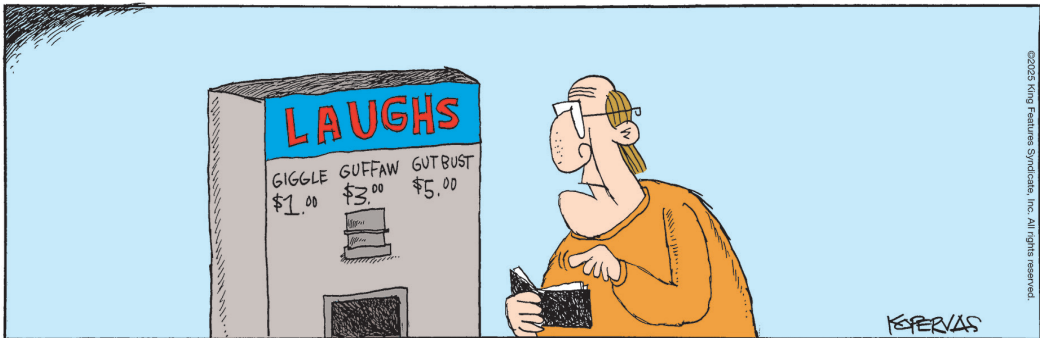
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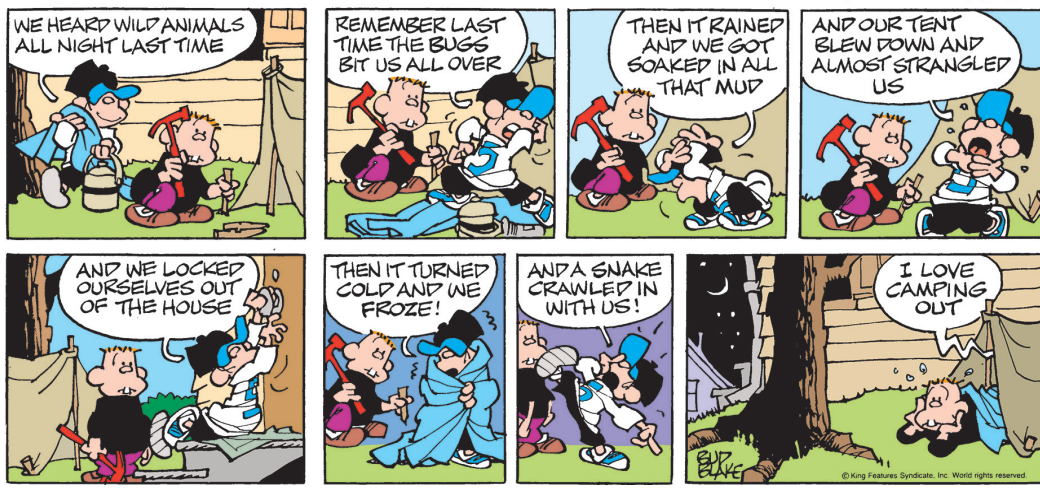
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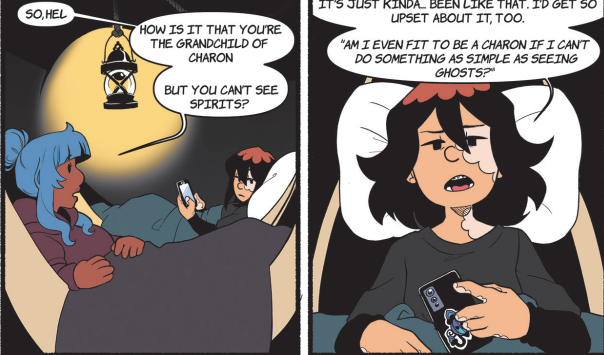
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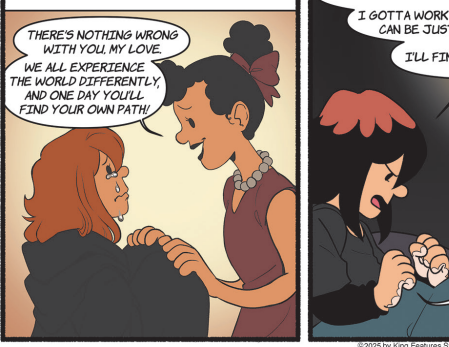
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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: T equals F

LEAZ JXH'OA RXOA PRMKPQGA
 NX BAXBGA LEX GXXW HB
 TPKNV MZ QXXWV, MV NEPN
 OATAOAZNMPG NOAPNRAZN?

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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!

Implore **VLOGER**
 Slide **UTECH**
 Direct **NAILER**
 Spongy **SOORUP**

“Your spelling is _____.”

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.

1. Light wind ___ A ___ Float aimlessly ___ I ___
 2. Shake from the cold ___ V ___ Blackeye ___ N ___
 3. Brew master's grain ___ L ___ Purple dinosaur ___ N ___
 4. Adjudicate J ___ ___ Poke with the elbow N ___ ___
 5. Want of food ___ U ___ Closet accessory ___ A ___
 6. Fork tine ___ G ___ Face down ___ E ___
 7. Author Cather ___ L ___ Fred's cartoon wife ___ M ___
 8. ___ Lloyd Webber ___ W ___ Bocelli ___ A ___
 9. Whimper ___ N ___ ___ as a ghost ___ T ___
 10. Actress Field ___ A ___ Goofy ___ I ___

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GO FIGURE!

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

68 = 13 = 1 = 5
 + + + = 5
 + - + 2 = 5
 x ÷ ÷ = 1
 68 13 1 =

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 AWOL pursuers
 4 Lab sci.
 8 Beach crawler
 12 Fair-hiring letters
 13 Corporate symbol
 14 Aware of
 15 — pro nobis
 16 Long-haired feline
 18 Windshield cleaner
 20 Hide-hair insert
 21 Elite alternative
 24 Bar legally
 28 Three digits after 1
 32 Lighten
 33 Auction action
 34 Tools for duels
 36 — Na Na
 37 Beatnik's assent
 39 "The danger has passed"
 41 Aquarium favorite
 43 Morales of "Jericho"
 44 Non-dairy milk type
 46 Bounds
 50 "Play it cool!"

DOWN

1 Calico's call
 2 Actress Gilpin
 3 Ivory, for one
 4 "The Silence of the Lambs" role
 5 Sweetie
 6 Custard ingredient
 7 Earth circler
 8 Sandpaper type
 9 GOP org.
 10 — glance
 11 Droid
 17 Caviar
 19 Ecol. watchdog
 22 Nightclub of song
 23 "Rumour Has It" singer
 25 Hit with a stun gun
 26 Job-safety org.
 27 Dessert fruit
 28 Slightly

55 Protrude
 56 Challenge
 57 — Domini
 58 Whatever
 59 Egg on
 60 Harvest
 61 Reuben bread

7 Earth circler
 8 Sandpaper type
 9 GOP org.
 10 — glance
 11 Droid
 17 Caviar
 19 Ecol. watchdog
 22 Nightclub of song
 23 "Rumour Has It" singer
 25 Hit with a stun gun
 26 Job-safety org.
 27 Dessert fruit
 28 Slightly

29 Go by subway
 30 Redact
 31 Congers
 35 Edible mollusk
 38 Food seller
 40 Fib
 42 Small battery
 45 Despot
 47 Slightly open
 48 Weak
 49 Eyelid woe
 50 Billboards
 51 Tube top
 52 Capote nickname
 53 French article
 54 Navarro of "The View"

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Weekly SUDOKU

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5		7					6	
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8	4		5		3			
9			8			1	4	

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Saudi Arabia?
- TELEVISION: Ron Swanson is a character on which sitcom?
- MOVIES: Who is the villain in the animated film "The Little Mermaid"?
- SCIENCE: What part of the cell contains genetic material?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president established the Peace Corps?
- HISTORY: Which country is home to Botany Bay, an early British colony?
- MATH: Who is known as the father of geometry?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did the Great Smoky Mountains National Park open?
- MYTHOLOGY: What animal did Zeus turn into to kidnap Europa?

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ATROCIOUS

Today's Word

3. Linear; 4. Porous
 1. Grove; 2. Chute;
 solution

SCRAMBLERS

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

Solution

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

Answer

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Summer destinations

B	E	A	C	H

Where the ocean starts
 Pursuit
 Form
 Diamond or heart alternative
 Idiots
 Fresh water locales

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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King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

M	P	S	C	H	E	M	C	R	A	B			
E	E	O	L	O	G	O	N	T	O				
O	R	A	N	G	O	R	A	C	A	T			
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A	R	E	A	C	O	D	E	E	A	S			
B	I	D	A	C	O	D	E	E	A	S			
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O	A	T											
A	C	T	A	S	U	A	L	J	U	T			
D	A	R	E	A	N	N	O	A	N				
S	P	U	R										

Even Exchange

Answers

- Draft, Dime
- Sheryl, Sheila, Wilma
- Barney, Barney
- Whine, White
- Hunger, Hanger
- Pong, Phone
- Willa, Wilma
- Andrew, Andrea
- Judge, Nudge
- Sally, Silly

Kentucky participates in nationwide campaign to curb impaired driving during Labor Day weekend

'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' runs Aug. 13 – Sept. 1

FRANKFORT – As Labor Day approaches, Kentuckians are reminded to celebrate the end of summer safely by planning for a sober, designated driver if festivities include alcohol.

“Our top priority is keeping Kentuckians safe,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “If you are under the influence and choose to get behind the wheel, you put everyone on the road in danger, including yourself. Let’s work together to eliminate preventable crashes by committing to celebrate responsibly.”

Although impaired driving enforcement is a year-round effort, crashes tend to increase over holiday weekends. That’s why the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is joining the National

Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and law enforcement agencies across the country in the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign, which runs from Aug. 13 through Sept. 1, 2025.

“It is never acceptable to drive impaired,” said Kentucky Transport Cabinet (KYTC) Secretary Jim Gray. “Alcohol, drugs and even prescription medications can impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely. You may feel ‘OK,’ but impairment slows your judgment, coordination

and reaction time.”

According to the KOHS, last year in Kentucky, there were 4,260 total crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 2,062 injuries and 185 deaths. Last year, 45 alcohol related crashes involving only a motorcycle were reported, resulting in 41 injuries and 6 deaths.

During the 2024 Labor Day holiday weekend, there were 76 crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 44 injuries and one death.

The following tips are

recommended to stay safe:

- Before the festivities begin, plan a way to get home safely at the end of the night;
- If you’re impaired, use a ride-booking company or taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation to get home safely;
- If you see an impaired driver, safely pull over and contact law enforcement. You may dial the Kentucky State Police toll-free line directly at 1-800-222-5555 or call 911. Provide a vehicle de-

scription, license number, location and, if possible, direction of travel;

- If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination safely;
- Wear a seat belt! It is not only the law, but it is also the best defense against an impaired driver. Buckling up helps prevent injury and death if you are involved in a crash.

For more information on drunken driving visit kydrivesober.com

McConnell from A-6

said.

At Fancy Farm, where candidates hurl insults at one another against a backdrop of bingo games and barbecue feasts, Morris took a swipe at McConnell’s health.

“I have a serious question: who here can honestly tell me that it’s a good thing to have a senior citizen who freezes on national television during his

press conferences as our U.S. senator?” Morris said. “It seems, to me, maybe just maybe, Mitch’s time to leave the Senate was a long time ago.”

McConnell had his customary front-row seat for much of the event but wasn’t there for Morris’ remarks. He typically leaves before all the speeches are delivered and exited before his would-be successors

spoke.

Living by the sword McConnell complimented Trump in his speech, singling out Trump’s bombing of Iranian nuclear sites.

“He turned Iran’s nuclear program into a pile of rocks,” McConnell, a steadfast advocate for a muscular U.S. foreign policy, said to cheers.

At the GOP dinner the

night before in Calvert City, where candidates typically are more politely received, party activist Frank Amaro confronted Morris for his anti-McConnell barrage.

“He keeps bashing Mitch McConnell like he’s running against Mitch McConnell,” Amaro, a county Republican chairman, said afterward. “Overall, he’s helped Kentucky and the

United States, especially our Supreme Court, more than any other U.S. senator in this country.”

But Morris’ blistering assessment of McConnell hit the mark with Trump supporter Patrick Marion, who applied the dreaded Republican-in-Name-Only label to McConnell.

“Personally, I think Mitch has been a RINO for way too long,” Marion said

later. “I don’t think he was a true MAGA supporter of President Trump.”

Afterward, Morris was in no mood to back off.

“He’s the nastiest politician maybe in the history of this state if not in the history of this country,” Morris said of McConnell. “Look, you live by the sword, you die by the sword.”

Contracts from A-1

settlement.

Parsons presented the fiscal court with a new two-year contract to continue those services as well as further assisting the fiscal court in completing the setup of the proposed Opioid Advisory Board which would help the court to process and consider the viability of grant applications for use of the county’s opioid funds.

“It’s the same price, and it’s for two years because we applied for an AMLER on your behalf, which takes three years to get,” Parsons said.

The AMLER is a grant from the Abandoned Mine Lands Economic Revitalization program. According to their website, “The AMLER Program is an opportunity for Appalachian communities to achieve economic and community development goals in areas that have been impacted by the downturn of coal production.” The grant proposal Parsons’ company submitted was for 6 million dollars.

The fiscal court discussed the upcoming waste tire event, and annual event that helps Carter County residents dispose of old tires, and judge executive Brandon Burton told the court that approval was needed to be part of it.

“We are ‘piggybacking’ on the state this year,” Burton told the court. “The state is going to host it, and we have the dates set for October 2-4. (The event) will take place at the old entrance to the Road Department in the back.”

The court voted unanimously to approve participation in the tire event. More information will become available on the court’s website as the event approaches.

The court also voted to take Mobley Flats Road into county maintenance. The .25 miles was previously known as Gimlet Creek.

“It does meet the county road ordinance,” Judge Burton told the court. “There are three or more addresses, drainage, and structurally sound gravel.”

The court voted unanimously to accept the road into the county maintenance schedule.

Carter County Jailer R.W. Boggs gave an abbreviated report, but did address concerns following the incident in Boyd County where jail personnel were affected by exposure to a chemical substance which led to one officer being hospitalized in critical condition. Boggs said that some of the new drugs being attempted to be smuggled into jails not only in our region

but across the county are difficult to track. Dealers can change the ‘mixture’ on these drugs by a small fraction, and this has in some cases allowed those drugs to even get past drug sniffing canines.

“We don’t even allow regular mail into the jail,” Boggs told the fiscal court.

Now, everything except money orders addressed to the jail go to an entirely separate location, he said. That mail is converted to digital form before it returns to the jail.

Boggs said this helps to circumvent contacts on the outside being able to ‘smuggle’ substances in through the mail.

“It has always been a constant battle,” Boggs told the fiscal court.

Drug users who have been incarcerated are always attempting to get drugs from associates on the outside, including individuals representing themselves as attorneys (who are not attorneys) and attempting to slip drugs to inmates through bogus

legal correspondence.

Boggs discussed Suboxone prescriptions and told the court he believed they should not be allowed. There are those who need it, he said, but managing the presence of drugs and ensuring that they are administered properly is challenging.

“Some inmates have to have it,” he said. “But I think it should be by shot.”

There are people who may have a valid prescription, he said, who then use that prescription

to attempt to smuggle the drug in to other inmates.

“At some point, even if we have to pay for it, I would like to get the body scanner,” Boggs told the fiscal court. “I don’t want to spend money we might not have to spend, but this is a constant battle. You have a ton of addicts who are trying to get the drugs in.”

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Beshear from A-5

New Yorker. “And what I’ll consider is, am I a candidate that can do that? Or is someone else a candidate that can do that? And if it’s someone else they’ll have my full backing, because I love this country more than anything, and

we’ve just got to get back to a better place for every future generation.”

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Veterans from A-4

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