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## Skaggs bound over to grand jury

Wilhoit denies request for bond in attempted murder case

By Jeremy D. Wells  
Carter County Times

Mickie Lee Skaggs appeared before Judge Rupert Wilhoit last Wednesday (August 13) for a preliminary hearing on charges that included three counts of attempted murder. According to testimony provided by Carter County Sheriff's Deputy Nate Lewis at that hearing, he was working on the evening of August 1 when a call came in from dispatch reporting shots fired in

the area of Sumac Road. Lewis, who was the first officer on the scene, said one of the witnesses on scene explained that there had been an altercation between Skaggs and his brother. After that fight, the witness reported, Skaggs retreated to his car and shot at his brother as he drove away – striking his automobile. The witness, who was standing on the porch with her three-year-old child when the shooting occurred, reported that she was only feet away from where the bullets struck the vehicle at that time.

Lewis then testified that Skaggs called police to turn himself in, offering to meet police at an unnamed gas station. Lewis said that while he was not

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Mickie Lee Skaggs (submitted photo)

## Rainwater and ATVs

Grayson council discusses storm drains and vehicle ordinances

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

Fall events, golf carts, and storm water were all up for discussion when Grayson City Council met in regular session last Tuesday, August 12. During the public comment section of the meeting the council heard from city residents in the area of Landsdowne and Third Street about storm water that did not

drain properly and adversely affected their property. Residents Steve and Suzie Duncan told the council about a depression in the road toward Hord Street and two storm drains, one of which was at the edge of their property.

"Every time it rains, the grates (on the storm drains) fill up with leaves and sticks," Duncan told the council.

Duncan said that 20 years prior he had installed a 24-inch culvert pipe on the property, so drainage should not be a problem. But the grating being obstructed caused water to overflow onto his property.

"It ends up being a foot or more deep across the road," he said, and often ends up in his

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## Baseball and the Blue Goose

Tourism discusses tournaments and building demolition

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The City of Grayson Tourism Commission met in regular session last Tuesday, August 12, to discuss business including the sports park and Blue Goose building. New sports park manager, Bert Bayes, who had just recently completed his second week in that position, reported

to the commission concerning recent events at the park.

"We had one event on the second and the third," Bayes told the commission. "It was an adult softball tournament."

Teams were men's, women's, and coed. Bayes said the crowd was not huge, so sales at the concession were somewhat down as opposed to other events. There were no events of the same type the previous week, Bayes said. But the splashpad was rented out three times during that time period.

"This coming weekend we will be having a baseball tournament," he said. "I'm told that baseball this time of year does not draw the way it normally would. But we are excited for

next weekend because we are expecting to have over 1,000 people at the park. There will be 39 teams coming and we will use all four fields plus the high school field for all three days starting on Friday."

"That should have a huge turnout, and after that we have events scheduled every weekend through the end of October," Bayes told the commission. "We have a full plate, and should have good crowds the rest of the fall."

Commission member Deana Miller discussed with the commission the possibility of getting banners for the sports park that would list the hours of operation, etc. Miller said that she had been asked numerous times about

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Grayson Mayor Troy Combs. (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 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.

- Thomas Leslie, 69, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of third degree criminal trespass, and second degree possession of a controlled substance – drug unspecified, arrested and booked August 11.
- Jeffrey Hansen, 63, of Amherst, VA, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked August 11.
- Robert Ward, 44, of Ashland, self-surrender, charges unavailable, arrested and booked August 11.
- Linda Carroll, 52, of Grayson,

- arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, and failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked August 11.
- Berman Skaggs, 47, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of first degree promoting contraband, and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked August 12.
- Gregory Hall, 40, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, serving a warrant for a parole violation, and for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 12.
- Kesly Moore, 20, of Ashland, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested

- ed and booked August 12.
- Billy Collins, 42, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of public intoxication, arrested and booked August 12.
- Anthony Potter, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked August 12.
- Tiffany Gonzalez, 33, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 13.
- Paul Sammons, 60, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a probation violation, arrested and booked August 14.
- Staci Wagoner, 36, of Rush, arrested by Grayson PD, serving a warrant for a parole violation, and for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 14.
- Derrick Harper, 28, of Detroit, MI, arrested by Department of Corrections, on a parole violation, arrested and booked

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### This Week's Obituaries

Sarah Hicks Adkins, 63

Joe Ray Lawson, 83

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# LIFESTYLE



## Still savoring summer: Cinnamon-kissed grilled peaches with graham cracker crumble

Summer may be packing up its beach towels and making room for backpacks and lunchboxes, but before we wave it goodbye, let's fire up the grill one more time. School may be starting and the days are getting a touch shorter, but peaches are still strutting their stuff at the farmers market, and they're at their sweetest right now.

And really, is it even summer if you haven't had peach juice running down your chin at least once?

Let's fix that with a dessert that captures every last golden

drop of sunshine: Brown Sugar Cinnamon Grilled Peaches with Graham Cracker Crumble.

Grilling brings out the natural sugars in the fruit, adding a whisper of smokiness that plays beautifully with the warm spice of cinnamon and the rich caramel notes of brown sugar. Then, just when you think it can't get any better, along comes the buttery crunch of graham cracker crumble for texture and a little nostalgia.

Serve them warm from the grill with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, and you've got a farewell-to-summer treat that's equal parts cozy and fresh. One bite and you'll be glad we didn't put the grill away just yet.

**BROWN SUGAR CINNAMON GRILLED PEACHES**

2 tablespoons butter, melted  
 1/4 cup brown sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
 Pinch salt  
 6-8 peaches or nectarines  
 4 teaspoons oil -- \*see note below  
 Vanilla ice cream, for serving, optional

If you're serving the crumble (below), make that first and set aside. Preheat grill or grill pan to medium heat (about 375 F to 400 F degrees). Clean and generously

oil the grill.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, melt the butter. Add the brown sugar, cinnamon, salt and stir to combine. Set aside.

Next, prepare the peaches. Halve the peaches and remove the pits. Brush the cut sides and the skins with oil. Peeling isn't necessary because the skin will loosen during cooking, but if you want to peel them, knock yourself out.

Place peaches cut sides down on the grill. Cook peaches undisturbed until grill marks appear, 4 to 5 minutes. Turn the peaches over and cook until tender, 4 to 5 minutes more. Fill the well of each peach with a spoonful of the brown sugar and butter mixture. Remove to a platter when done.

\*Note: The oil helps stop the peaches from sticking to the grill. Neutral flavored oil is preferred. Use grapeseed or canola for no flavor or olive oil or coconut oil for a hint of flavor.

**GRAHAM CRACKER CRUMBLE**

3 sheets of graham crackers, cinnamon graham are great  
 1/4 cup brown sugar  
 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 Pinch salt  
 2 tablespoons butter, melted  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Brown Sugar Cinnamon Grilled Peaches with Graham Cracker Crumble -- a sweet, smoky farewell to summer's juiciest fruit. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

Preheat oven to 350 F degrees. Line an 8 x 8 pan with parchment or use cooking spray. Place graham crackers in a zip-top bag and crush into large crumbs with a rolling pin (or your stressed-out hands in need of a constructive outlet). You can finish this in either a bowl or right in the bag. Add the brown sugar, cinnamon, salt, vanilla and melted butter. Stir or smush to combine. Place mixture into prepared pan, spreading into an even layer. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until crisp and golden brown. Smell that? It's all about this crumble.

To serve, top each grilled peach half with a scoop of ice cream and sprinkle some crum-

ble on top.

Let's squeeze every last drop out of the season, because summer may fade, but this flavor is worth remembering -- long after the grill is cold.

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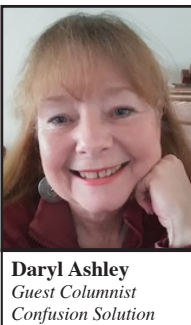
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## Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

# Update your closet

It is a fact that most homes are lacking in the closet department. Time and cost have always been issues when it comes to either allowing for a larger room or installing simple limited fixtures. This means we are often subject to very few options when it comes to our specific needs, but there are things we can do. That being said, there will be a cost involved in making any suitable changes.

I don't usually recommend buying fixtures that are bought off the shelf, only because it takes a lot more effort on our part to make them fit and they don't always hold up over time. However, if we assess what we want in our closets and design before



Daryl Ashley  
 Guest Columnist  
 Confusion Solution

we buy, these are definitely solutions. Here are some tips for investing in pre-made closets:

- Measure the existing closet space.
- Evaluate what we would want to live in that space.
- Use design applications online. There are many.
- Compare material costs.
- Determine the ease of installation.
- Consider any obstructions.
- Keep receipts, just in case.

The best alternative, though not always less expensive, is to search for companies in the area that will design and install closets. Preferably, either from wood or wood-like materials that will be strong, free-standing, accommodate our belongings, and look good. Here's

what is necessary to find just the right custom closet builder:

- Research and compare companies.
- Ask about in-home consultations.
- Question deposits and final costs for design and installation.
- Ask about how long it will take to finish the project.
- Read all documents carefully.
- Make sure they comply with specific needs.

Whether we are looking for an inexpensive quick fix or something custom, the solution for a functional closet is out there. Just check out the options carefully and oversee all installations.

It's as simple as that! Send your questions and comments to me at [info@confusionsolution.com](mailto:info@confusionsolution.com)

## Joyful Noise

# Beautiful feet

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

Every Sunday afternoon a pastor and his 11-year-old boy handed out gospel tracts. But one Sunday, the weather was terrible. It was cold, windy, and pouring rain. The boy bundled up in his coat and said, "Okay, Dad, I'm ready to go."

His dad said, "Ready for what?"

"It's time to pass out tracts, like we always do."

"Son, it's freezing and

raining hard. I don't think we should go out today."

"But Dad, people are still going to hell, even if it's raining."

The father paused. He couldn't argue with that. "Alright. You can go. Just be careful."

"Thanks, Dad!" the boy headed out into the storm.

For two hours, he walked the streets in the rain, giving out tracts to anyone he could find. Soaked and shivering, he finally had just one tract

left. The streets were now empty. He looked around, then walked towards the nearest house and rang the doorbell. No answer. He rang it again. Still nothing. He knocked. Waited. No one came. He turned to leave, but something in his heart told him to try one more time. He rang the bell again and knocked hard.

Finally, the door slowly opened. An elderly woman stood there looking tired and sad.

"What can I do for you, son?"

With a warm smile, the boy said, "Ma'am, I just want you to know -- Jesus

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## Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers sold mostly steady to 4.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Yearling steers and heifers were steady to 2.00 higher with moderate to good demand for all feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows and bulls were unevenly steady, ranging from 2.00 lower to 2.00 higher, with moderate to good demand for all slaughter classes.

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/> Week ending 8/16/25

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	450.43	438.65	268.96
400-450 lbs	423.26	424.50	261.47
450-500 lbs	408.03	402.34	258.60
500-550 lbs	393.27	380.07	254.29
550-600 lbs	375.52	375.07	251.26
600-650 lbs	360.31	360.42	246.27
650-700 lbs	351.39	350.11	241.80
700-750 lbs	335.52	333.92	234.60
750-800 lbs	342.78	324.57	234.10
800-850 lbs	325.38	308.47	229.65
850-900 lbs	317.72	311.36	217.05
Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	404.83	401.06	234.73
350-400 lbs	401.35	392.74	238.61
400-450 lbs	382.88	379.10	235.08
450-500 lbs	368.87	363.76	236.67
500-550 lbs	348.55	347.73	232.37
550-600 lbs	341.51	340.99	232.33
600-650 lbs	328.23	322.53	227.51
650-700 lbs	324.25	314.75	224.60
700-750 lbs	291.94	296.35	213.67
750-800 lbs	279.13	300.09	209.27

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
<b>Slaughter Cows</b>			
Breakers	148.00-178.00	160.00-200.00	135.00-169.00
Boners	139.00-179.00	160.00-206.00	124.00-189.00
Lean	120.00-173.00	147.00-184.00	104.00-159.00
<b>Slaughter Bulls</b>			
Yield Grade 1&2	188.50-215.00	200.00-234.00	150.00-195.00

**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** 222.50-240.00; **89 lbs** 217.50; **90 lbs** 20.00; **110 lbs** 197.50. **Choice 2** 52-57 lbs 247.50-255.00. **Wooled-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 8/16/25			
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>Corn</b>	3.66-4.10	3.77-4.08	4.34-5.40
<b>Soybeans</b>	9.58-10.44	9.18-9.88	13.04-14.18
<b>Red Winter Wheat</b>	4.00-4.96	4.11-4.95	4.75-5.66

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## Summer plant care tips for healthier, longer-lasting blooms

By mid-summer, many summer annuals have already produced plenty of flowers, and some may be starting to set seed. Once this happens, plants shift their energy toward maturing seeds instead of producing more blooms. You can encourage fresh flowers by "deadheading," or removing the faded blossoms. Snip off the spent blooms, give the plant a boost with a liquid fertilizer following the label instructions, and keep it well-watered. This helps redirect energy back into growth and flowering instead of seed production.

Marigolds, zinnias, cosmos, verbena, geraniums and petunias all respond well to deadheading. That said, many modern hybrids of petunias, zinnias, and verbena are bred to keep blooming steadily without it. If your plant is vigorous, green and producing new flowers, you can skip the



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step. Container plants often get overgrown or tired-looking by mid-summer. A good trim can spark fresh growth, but sometimes the best option is to replace them entirely. Swapping in new plants can instantly brighten an entry-way or patio and give your outdoor spaces a refreshed look.

Regular watering is essential during the hottest months. Annual flowers and vegetable gardens often need water every few days. Deep watering every other day is better than a light sprinkle daily, as it encourages roots to grow deeper. If a good summer rain soaks the soil, you can safely skip your next watering.

If plants lose their rich green color or their growth slows, they may need feeding. Applying a liquid fertilizer as directed on the label can bring noticeable results in just a few days. For best results, water

the soil first — feeding dry plants will have little effect.

Trees and shrubs usually require less attention in summer. Established woody plants are fairly drought-tolerant and can often go a week to 10 days without rain. If summer storms damage limbs, prune them back at any time. You can also remove spent flowers from shrubs now but save major pruning for late winter or early spring.

For more information on plant care tips, contact your local Carter County Extension office for more information on watering your plants. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age,

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**Arrests** from A-1

August 14.

- Devaine Lewis, 38, of Lexington, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a parole violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked August 15.
- Tony Collins, 21, of Somerset, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, on a parole violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked August 15.
- Terrico Williams, 34, homeless, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, on a parole violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked August 15.
- Thomas Alexander, 31, of Louisville, arrested by Kentucky Department of

Corrections, on a parole violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked August 15.

- Aaron Clem, 45, of Terre Haute, IN, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, on a parole violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked August 15.
- Gail Callihan, 54, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 15.
- Joseph Burton, 49, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked August 15.
- Timothy Hammons, 41, of Grayson, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked August 15.

- Brandon Fraley, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana, arrested and booked August 16.
- Jeremy Lyons, 44, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked August 16.
- Billy Eldridge, 48, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of failure to appear, first degree trafficking in a

controlled substance (two or less grams of methamphetamine), first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (10 or less dosage units, drug unspecified), possession of drug paraphernalia, and two counts of first degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin), arrested and booked August 17.

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.

**Skaggs** from A-1

on the scene when Skaggs turned himself in, he was advised that Skaggs was read his Miranda Rights. After being advised of his right to remain silent, Lewis testified that Skaggs proceeded to tell officers that he shot at his brother with intent.

Lewis testified that Skaggs would have shot at his brother from a short distance, as he was driving away.

The defense asked Lewis to describe how Skaggs looked when he showed up at the gas station to turn himself in. Lewis said that Skaggs had scratches to his face and his head.

When asked if Skaggs was bleeding, Lewis replied, "lightly."

While Lewis testified that he was not at the gas station when Skaggs gave his statement, he did collect the statement of the other witness – the girlfriend of Skaggs' brother who was on the porch with their child at the time. She told Lewis that Skaggs had gotten into his car after the fight with his brother, and shot as he drove by, approximately 5 to 10 feet from his brother, as well as the witness and their child, who said they were standing in the doorway.

Defense asked Lewis

if they had canvassed the area for any security camera footage, but Lewis advised there were no cameras and no footage available. Lewis also advised that he did find bullet holes in Mason Skaggs' vehicle, approximately 10 feet from the porch where the witness and her child stood.

Mason Skaggs did not give police a statement about the altercation with his brother.

Judge Wilhoit found probable cause to bound the case over to the grand jury, and denied the defense's request to release Skaggs on bond with an

ankle monitor upon protest from county attorney Brian Bayes. Bayes noted that Skaggs had admitted to trying to kill his brother and that the county believed him to be a potential danger to society.

While the defense argued that Skaggs was acting in self-defense after being "assaulted by a convicted felon," Judge Wilhoit overruled the request.

Skaggs remains incarcerated at the Carter County Detention Center as his case moves forward.

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**Tourism** from A-1

the hours, with residents frequently asking about the splash pad in particular. Commission member Shadow Skaggs proposed an alternative in the form of more permanent signage that could be changed and updated as necessary.

The commission requested that Bayes look into potential options to improve public communication and bring it before the commission by their next regularly scheduled meeting. The director was also encouraged to bring potential capital projects to the commission so these could be planned accord-

ingly.

Miller also told the commission that demolition of the Blue Goose Building had officially gone out to be bid.

"We had the asbestos survey done," Miller told the commission. "They did find a little bit of asbestos in the caulk in the front window."

"We will be having an open house from 9 to 11 on Tuesday," she continued. "It's not a mandatory meeting, and I'll just have it open for two hours. And then next Friday (August 22) there will be an open bid at 2 pm."

Miller said she was looking forward to receiving bids for demolition, and had shared the information with utilities director Gerald Haney so that he could in turn share the same with his list of contractors.

"We won't be approving a bid on that Friday because we have to check and be sure the bids are responsive to our requirements. It will probably be the following Monday before we can contact the low bid contractor," she told the commission.

"In the meantime, there was a lot of stuff left in the

Blue Goose," Miller said.

It is imperative, Miller told the commission, that these items be removed.

"Once we sign the contract, everything in that building belongs to the contractor. It becomes their property at that point," she told the commission.

Miller said at that point no one would be able to go back into the building to retrieve any items left there.

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# Growing business opportunities

## Chambers hears about revolving loans

By Charles Romans  
*Carter County Times*

The Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Grayson mayor Troy Combs as guest speaker for their August meeting. Combs spoke before the chamber not in his capacity as mayor, but rather as part of his work with the FIVCO Area



Grayson mayor Troy Combs addresses the Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Development District. FIVCO serves the counties of Boyd, Carter, Elliott,

Greenup and Lawrence. FIVCO helps local areas with resources it would be

difficult to secure on their own, and Combs spoke

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**Blooms** from A-2

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

- Little Sandy Beekeepers – September 2nd @ 6:30 PM – Topic: Honey Labels & Hive Product Marketing

# CALENDAR

- **8/20: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/21: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/21: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce @ 6 p.m.** | Commercial Bank - Olive Hill
- **8/21: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/22: Hike & Learn @ 1 p.m.** | Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center
- **8/23: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/23: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/25: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **8/25: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **8/25: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/25: Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/26: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **8/27: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/27: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **8/28: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/29: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **8/30: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/30: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **9/1: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686

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## Pet of the Week

This adorable passel of pups are all eight weeks old, and includes five boys and three girls. These mixed breed cuties weight between five and nine pounds, and have a \$100 adoption fee that includes rabies vaccination and being neutered or 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.

**You aren't the only potential victim**

**Think of others**  
Never drink and drive. Always buckle up.

A message from the City of Grayson and the Grayson ABC office

**Destroy your old documents the right way!**

Join Us For  
**Community Shred Day**  
(Just Don't Tell Your Dog!)

Destroy your old documents and paper files securely so they don't end up in the wrong hands.

Olive Hill Branch  
155 E. Tom T. Hall Blvd.  
Saturday, October 4  
9am - 11:30am

**Commercial Bank of Grayson**

**Council** from A-1

garage. Duncan posed as a solution that, while the paving for the water line project was underway, perhaps an additional concrete storm drain could be added to maintain the flow of storm water and eliminate back up. Grayson Mayor Troy Combs agreed that it would be an effective solution and suggested the possibility of changing the grade of the road slightly while the project was still being finished. The council agreed to look into further possible solutions. Also on the agenda was a report from Grayson Tourism Director Lana Axtell who spoke to the council about upcoming tourism events. Axtell said the main focus was preparing for the city's annual Octoberfest event.

"We have some new things for Octoberfest this year," she said. "There will be the Hocus Pocus Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Baptist Church." The breakfast, she said, is planned to be held at the cafeteria of Prichard Elementary, but tourism is waiting on final approval for that location. "We have also added a Mad Hatter's Tea Party," Axtell told the council. Other events planned for Octoberfest are a cornhole tournament, pending the ability to secure enough boards to play multiple games, and a kid's gaming area, Axtell said. "There are a lot of moving pieces still," she told the council. "But we are really excited for this year." Grayson utilities

director Gerald Haney spoke to the council and gave an update on the city water pipe replacement project. The current project is winding down and is ahead of schedule to meet its September completion date. Haney provided maps and photographs highlighting the progress of the project to council and informed them that all the pipe had been placed. "Everything that was going to be put in the ground for the water project has been done," Haney told the council. Haney also informed the council that all the old cast iron water pipes had been 'retired.' "Decommissioned after 94 years," he noted. "It has been tied in and tested," Haney said of the new lines. "They have to replace some sidewalks,

and there will be some cleanup. But for the most part, this will probably be the last week they have a full crew here. We are thinking we are still going to be replacing a segment on Fourth Street," he added. There is also a sewer project in that area, but the commission is still waiting for a change order to move forward with that project. "As soon as we get that (the change order) we will give them the go ahead to start on that," Haney said. "And at that point we will be able to move forward with the overlay paving. We are still projecting the first or second week of September for completion." The overlay on the roadway, Haney said, will be a full two inches of pavement on the roadway

where the water project lines were installed. It will also include what Haney referred to as a 'keyway' milling, which is essentially blending the new roadway into an existing roadway in certain areas. The council also discussed passing an ordinance concerning street legal special purpose vehicles. Typically, those vehicles are ATV's, UTV's, and Mini Trucks. "These vehicles will have to be street legal and compliant with all regulations," Mayor Combs reminded the council during the discussion. One concern brought up by council members was the noise level of some of these types and models of vehicles, and the possibility of requiring

individuals operating these types of vehicles to wear helmets. The council is considering formulating an ordinance that will deal with how these vehicles operate within the city limits and vote on it at a later date. Combs added that there have been a large number of calls to his office in support of special purpose vehicles, and the council will consider this in formulating any ordinance. Currently Carter County is actively licensing such vehicles that pass inspection and pertinent regulations. *Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com*

**Chamber** from A-3

about one particular way FIVCO could potentially help local businesses. "FIVCO has a board of directors," Combs began as a way of explaining his role with the area development district. "The board of directors is made up of county judge executives, mayors, and community members," he told the chamber. "Its public officials and community representatives that get together and try to conduct business on behalf of FIVCO." "We offer a lot of services," Combs said. "Like aging services and things like that. But a lot of people forget about the grant writing services and

RLF." Combs gave an example of the grant writing services FIVCO offers, listing their work with Pathways. FIVCO, he said, worked with Pathways to secure a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). "Every public entity gets to apply for one CBDG every year," Combs said. "Apart from being a Board of Directors member, I am also on the Executive Committee," Combs continued. "But we are here today to talk about the RLF Program." Combs then introduced Janey Orcutt, who he said is the lead at FIVCO for

the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program. The RLF, Combs explained, is FIVCO's attempt to fill gaps, rather than replace traditional loans. "We are not a traditional loan program like you would get at a bank," Combs explained to the chamber. "What we are here to do is help fill gaps in lending. There are times when people have a great idea, but they can't get a loan. But if it was something that was really close, the banks could send them our way, and we might be able to help." Janey Orcutt, whose official title with FIVCO

is Community & Econ Dev Planner / RLF Planner, agreed with Combs' assessment and added information. "That's true," Orcutt said. "We can also loan up to \$20,000 per job created or up to \$10,000 per job retained. So, if you are a current business and want to expand or you need new equipment, then you could come to us, and we could help you with that." "We also loan to people whose credit scores are not that great," Orcutt told the chamber. "We can make 'riskier' loans than those traditional banks make. So, if the bank doesn't cover fifty percent of your loan,

then we can come in and do the rest of it." "The funds are for new businesses, or businesses who would like to expand, or they need help retaining employees," Combs explained to the chamber. "There may be some businesses who realize they need a loan to keep their workforce." Orcutt told the chamber that the program was started when the COVID pandemic hit. "A lot of businesses couldn't bring their employees into work," she said. This was the beginning, she said of CARES and Legacy. The CARES

program is federalized, she explained, where the Legacy is not and is more flexible. The revolving loan fund is something current business owners and potential business owners are encouraged to consider, Combs said. The funds are set up to be self-perpetuating to help community businesses, and as funds are repaid they return back into the fund to be loaned out again. *Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com*

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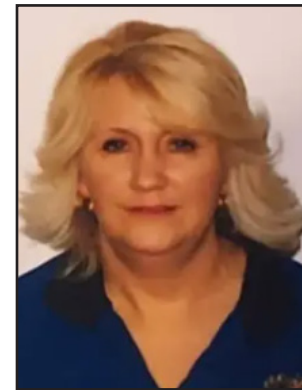
**Joe Ray Lawson**  
1942 – 2025



Joe Ray Lawson, age 83, of Rush, Kentucky, peacefully departed this life on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at his home, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on March 2, 1942, in Omar, West Virginia, Joe was the cherished son of the late Earl and Irene Damron Lawson. Joe's life was a testament to love, dedication, and resilience. He was preceded in death by his beloved grandson, Jacob "Jake" Lawson, and his siblings: two sisters, Leatrice Joy Gillum and Willa McAlister, and two brothers, Thurston "Ben" Lawson and J.C. Lawson. A proud retiree, Joe dedicated 25 years of his life to Ashland Coal, where he served as a coal dock supervisor. His commitment to his work was matched only by his devotion to his family and faith. A long-time member of Coalton Baptist Church, Joe found strength and solace in his faith, which guided him throughout his life. Joe was a man of many passions. He found joy in riding his Harley Davidson, shooting trap, and

practicing archery. His love for the outdoors was evident in his care for his horses and his enthusiasm for trail riding. Additionally, Joe had a knack for working on dirt track cars, a hobby that brought him much happiness and camaraderie. He leaves behind his loving wife of 60 years, Judy Darlene Earls Lawson, who was his partner in life and love. Joe is also survived by his two sons, Randall Dewayne (Allison) Lawson of Springfield, Missouri, and Robert Shane (Pamela) Lawson of Rush, as well as his daughter, Tammy Ryna Lawson of Rush. He was a proud grandfather to three grandchildren: Wyatt Shane Lawson, Dustin Shane Lawson, and Tobin Grinder; and James Orville Swinford who was like a brother. Joe will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. Funeral services to honor Joe's life will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 20, 2024, at the Malone Funeral Home, with Bro. William Martin officiating. Visitation will take place from 5 PM until the service hour. In this time of sorrow, the family invites you to share your condolences and memories at [www.malonefuneralhome.com](http://www.malonefuneralhome.com). Joe Ray Lawson's legacy of love, laughter, and unwavering faith will forever remain in the hearts of those he touched.

**Sarah Hicks Adkins**  
1961 – 2025



Sarah Hicks Adkins, age 63, of Morehead, Kentucky, passed away Monday, August 11, 2025, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Friday, August 18, 1961, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter to the late Alfred and Mary Shrum Hicks. Sarah was a former nurse for Edgewood Nursing and Rehabilitation. She enjoyed watching Tic Tok Videos, home decorating, taking care of her dog, Chanel and spending time with her family. Sarah is survived by one daughter, Rachel Adkins of Morehead, Kentucky; six brothers, David Hicks of Napoleon, Ohio, Robert Hicks

of Richmond, Kentucky, Paul Hicks of Olive Hill, Kentucky, James Hicks of Lexington, Kentucky, John Hicks of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Thomas Hicks of Frankfort, Kentucky; three sisters, Mattie Burton of Morehead, Kentucky, Alfreda Hall of Richmond, Kentucky, Kristie Johnson of Ashland, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her. Funeral services were held 12 noon, Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Greg Guy officiating. Burial followed in Hicks Family Cemetery, Olive Hill, Kentucky. Friends visited after 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 16, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel. David Hicks, Robert Hicks, Paul Hicks, John Hicks, Thomas Hicks and John Burton served as pallbearers. Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Sarah Hicks Adkins.

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## Guest Op-Ed

### Possible federal education funding cuts threaten local student progress, community partnerships

By Edna Schack

Imagine a program where optometry students provide free eye exams to students. That's happening at Olive Hill and Prichard Elementary Schools in Carter County with the help of the University of Pikeville. Sixty-two young students were identified as needing further vision assistance, and 43 received new glasses—improving learning access while giving optometry students hands-on clinical experience.

No imagination is needed – unless Congress cuts funding for that partnership and dozens of others that are yielding positive results across the state. Last month, a Congressional vote called a rescission clawed back federal money that had already been budgeted to various organizations across the country, including Kentucky Educational Television (KET). A recent interview with Office of Budget and Management Director Russell Vought indicated that another rescission – this one targeting schools – could occur in September. I urge Congressman Hal Rogers and the entire Kentucky Congressional delegation to preserve the existing vital funding for Kentucky Community Schools in the same way it fought to unfreeze summer school, after school and other critical school funding in July. The Kentucky Community Schools Initiative is achieving real results. But its funding, which includes more than \$30 million directly to local school districts, could be in jeopardy.

In the 5th Congressional District alone, the Prichard Committee partners with Rowan, Rockcastle and Carter County schools with an investment of \$4.5 million.

The initiative in Kentucky is fairly new, but community involvement in schools has bipartisan support from presidents and Congress that goes back decades. This public-private partnership in Kentucky, where businesses and organizations are working with local school students, already is yielding strong results. This work is about individual communities meeting their own unique education and workforce needs without unnecessary bureaucracy—which aligns with the current administration's goal of giving decision-making power back to local districts.

The Prichard Committee, a private, non-partisan organization, is working to evaluate the effectiveness of the efforts. Here are just some of the early results:

- Chronic absenteeism dropped by nearly 8.24 percentage points across Kentucky Community School Districts in just one year
- Math proficiency increased by an average of 10.79 percentage points and reading by 9.24 percentage points across KCSI schools.
- In total, 23 schools showed gains in math and 22 improved in reading during the 2024-25 school year.

Districts, community and business leaders, parents, and the Prichard Committee are reimagining how education works—by building deep, local partnerships with families, communities, and organizations. The results are real: better engagement, fewer barriers and stronger student outcomes. It's transforming 20 districts that are leading the way through collaboration and action that leads to better students, stronger communities and a well-prepared work force.

The Kentucky Community Schools Initiative is one of the federal grants helping communities meet the needs of students and families at the local level. Overall, there are five active Full-Service Community School grants, including the Partners for Rural Impact and Wilderness Education Project, which attract more than \$100 million to our commonwealth.

Kentucky's unique strength lies in working together and that same collaborative energy is key to transforming education. Through our policies and priorities, let's continue to support and encourage these strong community-school partnerships, which are leading to measurable and transformational results for students.

*Edna Schack is a City of Morehead Council Member and a Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence member.*



### All of us old soldiers should be proud of service to God and country

(Reprinted by request from 2019)

This week I put a new sticker on the rear windshield of my almost new car. It shows the U.S. Army logo over these words: "Soldier For Life".

To me, it says I will always be proud of my time in the uniform of my country and that I will forever be a loyal supporter of the Army and other military branches.

I realize there are millions of veterans who gave much more than me. I never saw combat. I never fired a shot in anger. I briefly served overseas twice but not during wartime.

My 22+ years of volunteer service included the Army, Army Reserve and Kentucky Army National Guard. As a Guardsman on state active duty, I responded to floods, blizzards, tornadoes, fires and other civil emergencies.

I have never sought medical help, G.I. Bill benefits or other assistance from the VA because those resources should go only to those vets who can't afford to pay.

I am a proud member of Morehead's Corbie Elling-

ton Post 126 of the American Legion. The Legion's motto is very meaningful to me, "Serving God and Country since 1919".

The American flag is displayed at my home on national holidays and other special occasions. What I know about flag etiquette I learned as a soldier. That is also true about my experience with firearms.

My limited driving experience with big trucks and heavy equipment came from the Army. The Army also gave me the first opportunity to shave every day and shine my footwear.

What little I know about feeding large numbers of people and cleaning up after them I learned while serving as an Army mess sergeant. That skill adapted well to family reunions, church outings and helping my wife raise eight kids.

Yep, I'm proud as hell to be an old soldier.



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### We don't hate outsiders, we fear pretenders

They say we hate outsiders. But if you come here hungry and honest, we'll feed you before we feed ourselves. Always have.

I've watched men with nothing split their last pack of smokes with a stranger; two days from payday, nothing in their pocket but callouses. I've seen women digging through laundry piles to find a spare hoodie for someone else's kid. That's the real Appalachia. That's the real us.

My name's Brandon LaVoie. I run Pac-tolus & Sons with my family, clearing land, restoring what's been left behind, and trying to leave something solid for our kids. I wasn't raised with much, and neither were most of the people around here. But we've got dignity. And we protect it like gold.

The people I know aren't hateful. They're hurt. They're tired of being tricked, labeled, and used. And when someone shows up who doesn't talk like them or look like them, sometimes that pain comes out sideways. Sometimes it sounds like anger. Sometimes it is anger.

But deep down? It's fear. Not fear of difference, but fear of being played again. Of watching one more outsider sneak past the line of trust and pull the rug out from under us. That's what happened with the mines. That's what happened with the unions. That's what happened with the pills.

In the Battle of Blair Mountain, it wasn't Black versus White. It was workers versus lies. Families versus betrayal. The men wore red bandanas because

they were united; not because they were pure. And we're still fighting that same war today, just with different weapons.

What they call bigotry is sometimes just poor translation. The old men at the diner don't have the words for systemic power grabs. They've never heard of cultural subversion. But they feel it.

And if you'd just sit down with them – not to argue, but to listen – you'd realize: these folks don't want to win for themselves. They just don't want to be erased.

If you come here with truth in your heart, we'll house you. We'll clothe you. We'll walk through fire with you.

But if you come here to climb over us – if you come to win instead of share – then don't be surprised if the land spits you out.

We've buried enough betrayal in this soil. It won't take more without a fight.

We don't hate the world. We just remember what it did to us. And we're not letting it happen again. Not without a voice, and not without a witness

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# Kentucky 4-H teens invited to attend regional leadership conference

By Rebecca Hayes  
*Carter County Extension*

Hundreds of young people from across the South will gather next month to sharpen their skills as leaders at the annual 4-H Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (SRTLTC).

The event, set to take place on Sept. 18–21 at one of Tennessee's premier 4-H camps, will bring together 4-H teens and adults to foster leadership, collaboration, and positive change through youth-adult partnerships.

Kentucky 4-H youth who take part will have the rare opportunity to share ideas and experiences with teens from across the region, including delegations from Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Tennessee, in a supportive, youth development-focused environment.

Participants will engage in interactive workshops led by youth leaders and committee members, covering a wide range of leadership and life skills. The conference also features the Southern Showdown, a spirited series of team

events including basketball and kickball competitions, talent showcases, and knowledge-based challenges that highlight the strengths of each state's delegation.

In addition to leadership development, SRTLTC emphasizes fun and cultural exchange through social activities such as a T-shirt swap, a parade of states, a state swap meet, and the popular "Taste of the South," where each state shares a dish unique to its culture. These experiences help young people build lasting friendships

and broaden their understanding of the region's diversity.

Kentucky 4-H members are encouraged to take part in this exciting event to strengthen their leadership and communication skills, represent their state with pride, and experience the power of youth voice and action.

For more information on this year's Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference or to find out how to register for the event, contact the Carter County Extension office.

## Joyful Noise from A-2

loves you. This is my last gospel tract. I came to give it to you."

He handed her the little booklet.

"Thank you, son. And God bless you."

He turned and walked back into the rain.

The next Sunday, in church, the pastor asked, "Would anyone like to share a testimony?"

From the back row, a woman stood up. No one in the church had ever seen her before. She began: "My husband passed away some time ago, and I have been completely alone. Last Sunday, I decided I couldn't go on living. So, I took a rope and a chair. I tied the rope to a beam. I then stood on the chair. I was about to step off...but the doorbell rang. Once.

Then again. Then again. It wouldn't stop. Whoever it was, began knocking loud and hard. I thought, 'Who could that be? No one ever visits me.' I went downstairs and opened the door. And there stood a little boy soaked with rain." He said, 'Ma'am, Jesus loves you.' Then he handed me this little booklet and walked away. I closed the door and read every word of that Gospel tract. Then I went back to put away the rope and chair. Today, I came here to receive Jesus as my Savior."

There wasn't a dry eye in the room.

The Bible says, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news." Someone somewhere is needing to hear some good

news today. Will you be the one to bring the good news to a broken soul?

As a Jesus follower, my job is not to be the morality police, constantly checking up to see if others are behaving in a way that I deem "correct" or "righteous." Instead, my job is to love others in ways that heal their broken heart and set them free from all of the unkindness's that hold them captive. We need to treat people like Jesus died for them! John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

When you feel invisible, remember this: God sees every tear, every prayer, every step. You are

fully known and deeply loved. Your tears have been heard. Each drop of pain has been collected and counted by your Heavenly Father. You have not gone unnoticed. Your cries have awoken the heart of God.

I pray for the hurt souls right now, Jesus. I pray in your mighty and matchless name that they find comfort in you, knowing that you will rescue them in this season. May all the tears they shed throughout this time of trials and attack from the enemy, be replaced with your love and victory. Amen!

God is always on time for those who need him. He will work through people in many unusual ways to reach the lost and hurting. Yes, reading this article is no accident.

# Legislative update

This past week was full of meaningful opportunities to connect with Kentuckians and represent our commonwealth on both local and national stages. Last Saturday, I had the honor of delivering the invocation at the Kentucky Statewide Lincoln Day Dinner. As the newest Republican member of the General Assembly, it was inspiring to gather with

Republicans from across the state to celebrate the principles that guide our party and our public service. Opening the evening in prayer gave me a moment to reflect on the work we do each day to serve our communities and the importance of staying grounded in the values that have shaped Kentucky



**Robin L. Webb**  
Senator  
State of Kentucky

for generations.

Last week, I also had the privilege of representing Kentucky at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and participating in a panel discussion on the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation. As a lifelong sportsman, this topic is especially close to my heart. Hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation have been a part of my life since I was young and taught me respect for nature, patience, and the value of stewardship. The North American Model

for Wildlife Conservation, grounded in sound science, accountability, and sustainable management, ensures that these traditions can continue for generations to come.

On the panel, we discussed the critical role state policies play in protecting wildlife habitats, regulating harvests responsibly, and funding conservation programs that benefit both the environment and the communities that rely on it. From maintaining healthy deer and turkey populations to supporting fishing programs and public lands

access, strong conservation practices help preserve the outdoor heritage that is such an important part of eastern Kentucky life. I am committed to working in Frankfort to ensure that Kentucky remains a leader in responsible wildlife management and balancing conservation with the opportunities for sportsmen and families to enjoy the outdoors safely and responsibly.

It's always inspiring to see the people of northeast Kentucky actively engaged in their communities. Whether attending a local

event, volunteering, or advocating for fairness and justice, these actions remind me why public service is such an honor.

As the new school year approaches, I want to wish students, teachers, and families a successful start. Just as the law provides structure and guidance, strong education equips our young people to thrive, think critically, and contribute to the communities they call home. Here's to a year of learning, growth, and civic responsibility in every corner of eastern Kentucky.

# SPORTS

## Recharged and ready

### West Carter football's pre-season push

By Brayleigh Boggs  
*Carter County Times*

After finishing with a 5-6 record last season, the West Carter Comets are back this year feeling recharged, refocused, and determined to take the next step in their 2025 campaign. With a move back to Class 2A, and a completely

new district, this year's squad is optimistic about their prospects.

Following an impressive showing against Boyd County in preseason play at the Grid last week – the score was reset each quarter, but West Carter came out ahead by one in cumulative scores – the team took time to discuss their new offensive approach.

"The team is using our roster's depth to our advantage this year," senior quarterback Hayden Hall (15) explained. "With a

constant rotation of veteran and rookie players, it helps our team stay fresh and ready for every play."

Hall, who threw for over 1,900 yards and recorded 22 touchdowns last season, is expected to be a major leader for the Comets this year. And he's not alone – many seniors are stepping into critical roles as the team pushes toward a breakout year.

Senior Tabor Tackett (53, OT) acknowledged the early success of the pre-season but emphasized the need for full commitment.

"Our biggest setback in the Grid wasn't that we didn't know what to do. It was that it felt like nobody wanted to do it," Tackett said. "We need to have everyone one hundred percent on board. We need everything out of everyone every Friday night."

Despite facing a tough 4A opponent in Boyd County, West Carter pushed themselves and never backed down. After a slow first half, the Comets' offense came alive. A 33-yard touchdown pass from Hall to defensive back Kadin Thompson (1), followed by a rushing



West Carter center Kobe Williams (50, sophomore) pushes back against the Boyd County line. (Photo by Brayleigh Boggs, Carter County Times)



West Carter quarterback Hayden Hall (15, senior) hands the ball off to running back Nathan Flannery (0, senior) during a preseason match against Boyd County last week. (Photo by Brayleigh Boggs, Carter County Times)

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The Grayson City Convention and Tourism Commission is accepting sealed bids for demolition and removal of the structure at 166 East Main Street, Grayson, KY. Work includes full demolition, legal disposal, utility disconnection, site grading, and erosion control.

An asbestos-containing material was found in front window caulking; abatement compliance is required. The asbestos report is included in the bid packet.

Contractors must be in good standing with the KY Secretary of State, carry required insurance, and show relevant experience.

Bid packets available at Grayson City Hall, 302 E. Main St. during normal business hours, or by email: Grayson\_CCTC@yahoo.com.

Site viewing: Tuesday, August 19, 2025, from 9–10 AM

Bid deadline: Friday, August 22, 2025, at 2:00 PM

Clearly mark: "SEALED BID – DEMOLITION – 166 East Main Street"

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- 2018 CHEVY MALIBU, NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE 83,741, VIN #1G1ZDSSTXJF186668.
- 2013 CHEVY SONIC, MILEAGE 91,781, VIN #1G1JC6SH8D4130777.
- 2016 PETERBILT, MILEAGE 991,399, VIN #1XPDP9X-6GD262165.
- 2004 JAYCO EAGLE, VIN #1UJB02P641CP0126.
- 2000 GMC C6500, MILEAGE 257684, VIN #1GDJGHC9YJ500993.
- 2010 TOYOTA TUNDRA, NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE 143,000, VIN #5TFUW5F1XAX097052.
- 2014 CHEVY EQUINOX, NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE 150,609, VIN #2GNFLGK1E6138835.
- 2010 LINCOLN MKS, MILEAGE111,367 VIN #1LN-HL9DR2AG609229.
- 2014 DODGE CARGO V, NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE 280,416, VIN #3C6TRVAG6EE100573.
- 2014 KIA, NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE 149,508, BURNED UP, VIN #5XYKWDA76EG447024.

ALSO, IN AUCTION BUT NOT A REPO:  
• 2008 FORD F550, MILEAGE AROUND 149,500

Public Auction will be held on Friday, August 22, 2025, at 3:00 PM at COMMERCIAL BANK, OLIVE HILL BRANCH, 155 TOM T. HALL BLVD., OLIVE HILL KY.

Seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Announcements made the day of the sale will take precedence over any printed material.

Terms will be cash.

For more information, please contact Tina Knipp at (606)475-4150.

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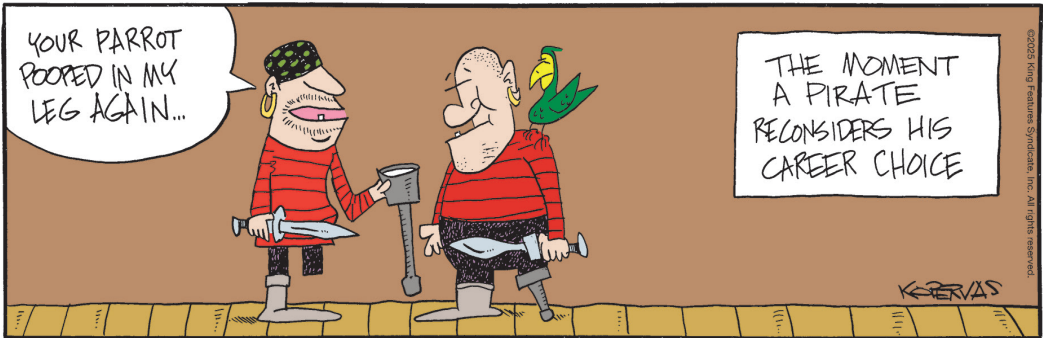


West Carter quarterback Hayden Hall (15) prepares to pass the ball. (Photo by Brayleigh Boggs, Carter County Times)

### Amber Waves



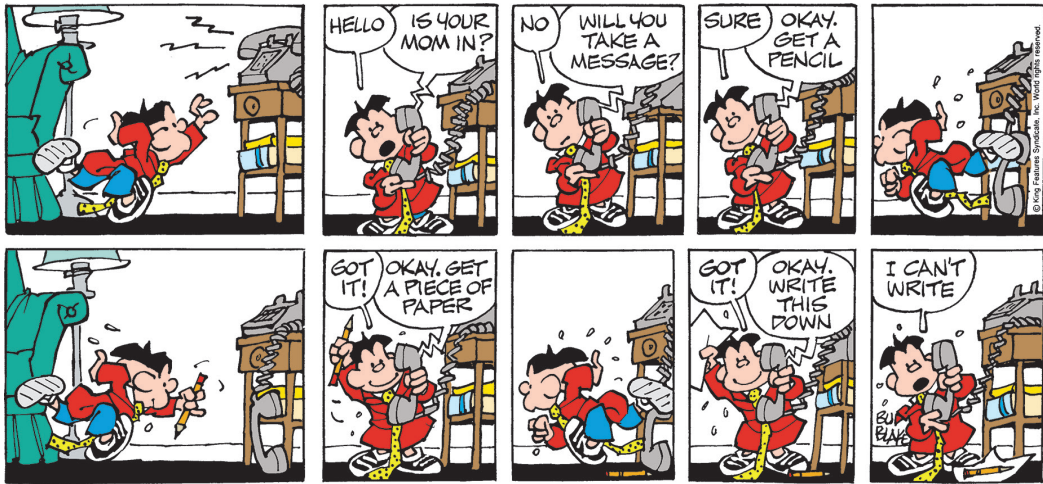
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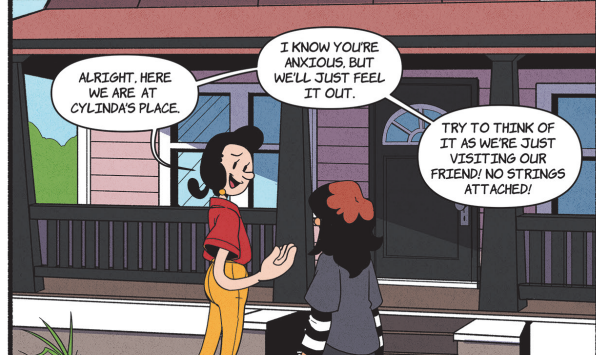
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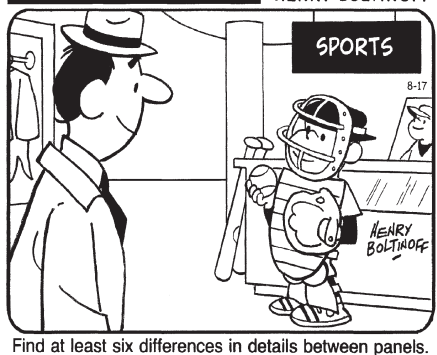
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OLIVE by Emi Burdge



HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



### CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals C

UJFGSRZD VGOZH TWFRJIK  
 BWVTJ OJOQJDT ZSBZKT IJHC  
 IW VRI JZJV WIVJD WH IVJ  
 VJZC: QWU FGSIGDJ.

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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!

Emblem **DEBAG** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Limber **GAILE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Item **JOBTEC** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Power **GINNEE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORD** \_\_\_\_\_

"I'll have to quit \_\_\_\_\_  
 I gained six pounds last week."

### Even Exchange

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. Untangle	_____ L	Poe's bird nevermore	_____ N
2. Law enforcement	_____ C	Mannerly	_____ T
3. Daddy	F _____	Shaving foam	L _____
4. Runner's pathway	___ A ___	Pickup or semi	___ U ___
5. Baseball hitter	___ A ___	Pancake topping	___ U ___
6. Reprimand	___ O ___	Burn with hot liquid	___ A ___
7. Bank employee	___ E ___	Having more height	___ A ___
8. Boa	_____ F	Frighten	_____ E
9. Anticipate	_____ C	Specialist	_____ R
10. Bird rest	___ E ___	Portico	___ O ___

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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.

	+		×		= 60			
+		+		+				
	+		×		= 84			
		×		+				
	+		÷	5	= 1			
3		51		18				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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### Even Exchange

ANSWERS

1. Raven	2. Police	3. Father	4. Truck	5. Batter
6. Scold	7. Teller	8. Scat	9. Expect	10. Perch

## King Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12			13					14			
15			16					17			
		18			19	20					
21	22			23		24					
25			26		27		28		29	30	31
32		33		34		35		36			
37			38		39		40		41		
			42		43		44		45		
46	47	48			49		50				
51				52		53			54	55	
56				57					58		
59				60					61		

**ACROSS**

1 "Lion" star Patel  
 4 Obi  
 8 Banshee's cry  
 12 Hot temper  
 13 Nick and Nora's pet  
 14 Conceal  
 15 Pompeii volcano  
 17 Altar vows  
 18 Three, in Rome  
 19 Fairy tale maidens  
 21 Protein-rich grain  
 24 Nanny's charge  
 25 Boot brand  
 26 Eggy quaff  
 28 "Tiny Alice" playwright  
 32 Mr. Guinness  
 34 Online guffaw  
 36 The Emerald Isle  
 37 Name on a vacuum  
 39 Conk on the head  
 41 Kilmer of "The Doors"  
 42 Highland hat  
 44 Goodies  
 46 Weapons store  
 50 Entirely

**DOWN**

1 Mil. group  
 2 Before  
 3 Traces  
 4 Buy at a discount  
 5 "Do — say!"  
 6 Poker variety  
 7 Tears into  
 8 Tea kettle noisemaker  
 9 Staffer  
 10 Pop star  
 11 Minus  
 16 Ornate vase  
 20 Extinct bird  
 21 Campus area  
 22 Unsilently  
 23 ISP giant  
 27 Sailor  
 29 Clams and oysters, e.g.  
 30 Part of Q.E.D.

**31 Congers**  
**33 Exclusive group**  
**35 Parcel of land**  
**38 A Bobbsey twin**  
**40 Seafood order**  
**43 May honorees**  
**45 Yale grad**  
**46 Cain's dad**  
**47 Actor's quest**  
**48 Membership**  
**49 Queue**  
**53 Speck**  
**54 Roof ornament**  
**55 Jazz band instrument**

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

- MOVIES: Which best original song from "Aladdin" won an Oscar?
- TELEVISION: In what year did the animated TV comedy "South Park" debut?
- HISTORY: Where did the Romans build Hadrian's Wall?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Brazil?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to be impeached?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the home of the Greek gods?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the U.S. Naval Academy?
- MATH: What is the smallest prime number?
- LITERATURE: What is the original name of the farm in George Orwell's "Animal Farm"?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet is known for its large red spot, which astronomers believe is an ongoing storm?

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### FiveSpot™

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C	O	U	R	T

Where to contest a match or suit  
 Clean a pan  
 Twenty years  
 Sprints or marathons  
 Spread unevenly  
 Reindeer pastime?

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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### SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Object 4. Engine  
 1. Badge 2. Agile

ANSWERS

S	E	M	G
A	R	A	S
S	A	C	E
R	O	S	S
C	O	U	R
T			

ANSWERS

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

### King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

ANSWERS

D	E	V	S	A	S	H	W	A	I	L	
I	R	E	A	S	T	A	H	I	D	E	
L	I	D	S	U	V	I	S	I	D	O	S
T	H	E	D	A	M	S	E	L	S		
Q	U	I	N	O	A	T	O	T			
U	G	G	A	L	B	E	E				
A	L	E	C	L	O	L	E	I	R	E	
D	Y	S	O	N	B	O	P	V	A	L	
T	A	M	T	R	E	A	T	I	S		
A	R	S	E	N	A	L	L				
A	E	R	M	I	D	W	I	L	E	S	
A	L	A	I	A	N	O	N	E	P	A	
M	E	T	E	S	E	T	S	S	I	X	

### CryptoQuip

ANSWERS

1. "A Whole New World"  
 2. 1997  
 3. England  
 4. Brasilia  
 5. Andrew Johnson  
 6. Mount Olympus  
 7. Maryland  
 8. 2  
 9. Manor Farm  
 10. Jupiter

# Beshear bans drug in Kentucky that's being targeted by attorneys general across the nation

By Bruce Schreiner  
*Associated Press*

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Beshear's action in his state comes as a coalition of 21 attorneys general, led by Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman, is urging the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to take emergency action banning the unregulated drug. It poses a growing

public health threat and is increasingly contributing to overdose deaths, the attorneys general said in a letter dated Monday to DEA Administrator Terry Cole.

"Law enforcement desperately needs the tools to drive this dangerous drug from our neighborhoods," Coleman, a Republican, said in a news release.

In Kentucky, the classification of bromazepam — widely known as "designer Xanax" — as a Schedule I controlled substance took immediate effect following Beshear's emergency regulation. Bromazepam, Coleman has warned, is being passed off as prescription pills including benzodiazepines, which are commonly used to treat

conditions such as anxiety disorders, insomnia, and seizures.

He had urged Beshear's administration to ban the drug in Kentucky, and the governor's action on Monday empowers law enforcement to make arrests for selling or possessing the drug, Beshear's office said.

"This deadly drug has no place in our communities, and now we have the tools needed to get it off the streets and protect more lives," the Democratic governor said in a release.

Beshear, a former Kentucky attorney general now in his second term as governor, is widely seen as a potential candidate for president in 2028.

The drug he and Coleman targeted has been tied to a growing number of fatal overdoses in Kentucky and across the nation, Beshear's office said. It was detected in nearly 50 overdose deaths in Kentucky last year, the office said.

"We live in a moment when as little as one pill can kill — and is killing — our kids," Coleman said in response to Beshear's action. "I'm glad we could work together to tackle this grave threat."

In their letter to the head of DEA, the attorneys general said bromazepam is being sold illicitly on the streets and online. It is highly potent and unpredictable, they said, especially when combined

with opioids or other central nervous system depressants. Unlike regulated medications, illicitly manufactured bromazepam lacks quality controls, making it particularly lethal for unsuspecting users, they said.

"Despite its clear dangers, bromazepam remains unscheduled at the federal level, creating significant challenges for law enforcement and public health officials trying to respond to this emerging crisis," the letter said. "Without scheduling, this drug continues to evade traditional regulatory and prosecutorial tools, hindering interdiction efforts and enabling continued distribution through illicit channels." Emergency action by

the DEA would help law enforcement remove the drug from circulation, give prosecutors the ability to hold traffickers accountable and would "send a clear signal that this dangerous substance has no place on our streets," the letter said.

Besides Coleman, the request to the DEA included attorneys general from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia, Coleman's office said.

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# Grayson Chamber announces golf scramble

Staff report  
*Carter County Times*

The Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce has opened registration for their annual golf scramble fundraiser, scheduled for Friday, October 3, at Hidden Cove Golf Course. To register your team for the event, visit the link at <https://grayson-area-chamber-of-commerce-golf-scramble.perfectgolfevent.com/> or reach out to the chamber coordinator.

This year's fundraiser contest includes a \$10,000 prize for a hole-in-one, among several others. Businesses and individuals interested in donating prizes should reach out to GACC coordinator Mike Nelson at [graysonchamber41143@gmail.com](mailto:graysonchamber41143@gmail.com). The chamber is still seeking sponsors for the event, with various positions available. For any questions about sponsorship, reach out to Jared Hitch at [jhitch@fnbgrayson.com](mailto:jhitch@fnbgrayson.com).

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