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Two attempted murder arrests made over weekend

Arrests made on separate evenings by Sheriff and KSP

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Two Olive Hill men, Mickie Skaggs and Christian James – both aged 23 – are currently incarcerated at the Carter County Detention Center on charges of attempted murder. There is currently no information available on whether the charges are related.

Skaggs was arrested first, on Friday evening, and booked into the detention center at 11:49 p.m. on a single charge of attempted

murder.

Christian James was arrested two days later, on the morning of Sunday, August 3, after being pulled over by an officer with the Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 14. James' initial arrest was on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container, failure to produce an insurance card, and failure to register the transfer of a motor vehicle. However, after his arrest by KSP additional charges were brought against James by the Carter County Sheriff's Office. These included charges of first degree unlawful imprisonment, third degree terroristic threatening, first degree wanton endangerment, and attempted murder.

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Mickie Skaggs (right), 23, was arrested on Friday by the Carter County Sheriff. Christian James (left), 23, was arrested on Sunday by Kentucky State Police. (submitted photos)

Scouring for treasure

Route 60 yard sale a popular annual event

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Route 60 Yard Sale is an annual event that promotes commerce and tourism throughout the region. Each year vendors set up along Route 60 with offerings of used items, new items, and even a selection of homemade foods and drinks. The route winds its way through Kentucky, and in Carter County 'mini malls' could be found from Rush all the through to Grayson and Olive Hill. Many vendors come from across the region to

set up locally, and the shoppers could literally be from anywhere – coming from near and far as they drive through and stop to see what is for sale.

James Smith set up along 60 near Star Elementary and said that he had a really good weekend. Smith set up at a friend's house this year and said that he sets up at other locations during the year. For the Route 60 Yard Sale Smith brought a 'little bit of everything', including tools, games, and clothes.

"Friday and Saturday were really good days," Smith said, adding that they were really busy with a lot of people showing up to browse and buy.

He said he expected Sunday

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Tammy and Mike Fannin (Photo by Charles Romans, *Carter County Times*)

Grayson utilities discuss current and future projects

Pipe replacement still on schedule to complete next month

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Grayson Utilities Commission met for its regular meeting last Wednesday (July 30). Director Gerald Haney updated the commission on the progress of the pipe replacement project and said that the projected completion date for September was still

See **UTILITIES** on A-3



Crews work on the water line replacement in Grayson using the asphalt attachment for the skid steer. (submitted photo)

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.

- Jacob Steagall, 31, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), and charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and giving an officer false identifying information, arrested and booked July 28.
- Sam Shephard, 57, of Louisa, arrested by Kentucky State Police, serving a warrant for a parole violation, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, as a fugitive (warrant not required), and possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by

- a minor over age 12, arrested and booked July 28.
- Jackie Henderson, 33, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of fourth degree assault (dating violence) with no visible injury, and third degree terroristic threatening, arrested and booked July 28.
- Joanie Tolliver, 33, of Rush, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of first degree criminal abuse of a child 12 or under, arrested and booked July 29.
- Dalton Thomas, 27, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked July 30.
- Thomas Boggs, 53, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked July 31.

- Lindsay Hataway, 29, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of possessing a license when privileges are revoked, failure to produce an insurance card, no registration receipt, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, speeding 26 MPH or more over the speed limit, failure to surrender a revoked operator's license, and failure to appear, arrested and booked July 31.
- Shawn Terry, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked August 1.
- Russell White, 56, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 1.
- Stephanie Vannatter, 40, of Grayson, self-surrender, week-ender, arrested and booked August 1.
- Maurice Wallace, 45, address

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This Week's Obituaries

Dottie Lou Davis Burge, 81
Jon Franklin Glass, 61

Nancy Lee Steele Haney, 71
Johnny Lee Pennington, 77

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LIFESTYLE



Divas ON A DIME By Patti Diamond

Chia jam: The superfood hack you didn't know you needed

When I was a kid, summer wasn't just about sunshine and sprinklers -- it meant jam. My mom would line up jewel-toned jars of homemade preserves, from apricot to zucchini, each jar a little pot of sunshine. Over the years, I've made my fair share of jams, but let's be real -- jam-making can be a bit of a production. Sterilizing jars, bubbling fruit, pectin, sticky countertops -- it's a labor of (a lot of) love.

Enter: Chia Jam. This little game-changer will transform the way you think about homemade preserves. No stove time. No pectin. No canning tongs re-

quired. Just fruit, chia seed, and a touch of sweetness.

Chia seeds are the secret to this jam. Yes, those little seeds that sprouted chia pets back in the '80s are a nutritional powerhouse. Packed with fiber, omega-3s, antioxidants and protein, these tiny wonders are a simple way to boost your nutrition. But their real magic? Chia seeds absorb over 10 times their weight in liquid, turning fruit puree into a thick, spreadable jam in under an hour.

The best part? This jam is totally customizable. Use whatever fruit you have on hand or what's in season. Blackberries, peaches, plums, even thawed frozen fruit works. Get creative: Try blueberry with lemon, apricot with pineapple or even a little gourmet twist like strawberry-basil or blackberry-thyme (pictured).

- BASIC CHIA JAM**
- 2 cups fruit (fresh or thawed frozen)
 - 3 tablespoons chia seeds
 - 1-2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup
 - 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Wash and prep your fruit. If you're using frozen fruit, thaw it first. Puree the fruit in a blender or food processor, then add chia

seeds and blend again. Taste and add sweetener, if desired. A spoonful of honey or maple syrup does the trick.

Refrigerate for at least an hour, stirring halfway through. The chia seeds will work their magic and thicken it up. Store in the fridge for up to a week. Use on toast, stirred into oatmeal or -- let's be real -- spooned straight out of the jar.

- Fun Variations:**
- Blackberry Thyme Chia Jam: 1 pound blackberries + 3 tablespoons chia + 1 tablespoon minced thyme + 1 tablespoon honey
 - Strawberry Basil Chia Jam: 1 pound strawberries + 3 tablespoons chia + 1 tablespoon minced basil + 1 tablespoon honey
 - Blueberry Lemon Chia Jam: 1 pound blueberries + 3 to 4 tablespoons chia + zest and juice of half a lemon + 2 tablespoons honey

Chia jam is so simple and quick, you'll be hooked. But let's take it up a notch with a fun way to enjoy it -- in a parfait!

Chia Jam Parfait: A Deliciously Healthy Snack

Layering chia jam into yogurt creates a healthy parfait that's as beautiful as it is delicious. You



This easy blackberry chia jam is the perfect topping for everything from toasted bread to creamy parfaits (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

can't go wrong with a few layers of creamy yogurt, chia jam and maybe some granola or graham crackers for texture.

For a perfect parfait: Layer a couple of tablespoons of chia jam with Greek yogurt (or any yogurt you love). Add a sprinkle of granola or crushed graham crackers for crunch and color. Repeat the layers until your jar or bowl is full. Finish with a drizzle of honey, and you've got yourself a snack that's not only good for you but gorgeous, too.

Chia jam strikes the perfect balance of sweet and tart, without the added sugar of traditional jams. Packed with nutritious chia seeds, it's a guilt-free treat. Next

time you crave something sweet, skip store-bought jams. Chia jam is a simple, healthy way to elevate your snacks and desserts. You're going to love it!

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

Boxes! Boxes! Boxes!

Yes. We love to save boxes. Boxes for everything from entertainment systems to clothing just seem to accumulate; just in case we might need them some day. That's all well-meaning, but what we are really doing is taking up space that could be used for other things. Keeping a few boxes is one thing, but we justify the ones we have and continue to acquire more.



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

purchase. But do we know if that will happen? The simple answer is no.

If it comes up that we will need to pack up our home for a move, we will have to have the right kind of boxes. Consistent sizes are essential to packing both for the ease of moving and

storing them; and we will probably need more than what we have currently set aside anyway. For shipping items, there are more efficient ways to do this at a very reasonable price. The type and size of the boxes we need for shipping are built for that purpose and are much stronger than the ones we might have on hand. On top of that, rummaging to find just the right size may end up meaning we will have to make a packaging purchase anyway.

Breaking down large boxes helps save space, but even that can lead to acquiring more since we can't really see their size. We can nest smaller boxes, but, once again, we aren't able to see what's inside leading to time wasted trying to find just the right ones. And, if we buy gifts to ship they often come in their own boxes.

We never know exactly what we'll need. And since we never know, that is the best reason for letting those boxes go. Break them down and put them in the trash or recycle them. Think about why we save things we don't need now just in case we might need them later. Even if you think you will need a box for later, think twice before you keep it.

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

Joyful Noise

A merry heart full of joy

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

Proverbs 17:22 says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones." A cheerful heart causes good healing. What the Bible is telling us here is that your attitude, the way you approach the problems and trials of life, brings about good healing. The word merry means joyful or glad.

Proverbs 15:13 says, "A merry heart maketh a

cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart, the spirit is broken." Proverbs 12:25 says, "Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop; but a good word maketh it glad." The word broken means browbeaten, defeated, demoralized, depressed, discouraged, disheartened, humbled, oppressed, overpowered, weak, heartsick. Jesus said, "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken

hearted."

Our hope is in Jesus Christ. It is the confident affirmation that God is faithful, that He will complete what He has begun. To hope in God means to bind God's promises to yourself. Hope intentionally wraps His Words and Truth around your heart, mind and life.

Romans 15:13 says, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in Hope, through

See JOYFUL NOISE on A-4

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Extension Notes

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Welcome garden spiders

For some of us, the thought of a spider makes us run for a big shoe. Stop before you do that. Most spiders in Kentucky will not harm you, and in fact, spiders play an important role in a healthy ecosystem, controlling insect pests that raid our gardens.



Rebecca Konopka
Carter County Extension Agent

You may notice the large, intricate webs of orb weavers in your garden, particularly in late summer. There are many species of orb weaver spiders in Kentucky. No other common Kentucky spider makes organized, circular, grid-like webs like orb weavers. These spiders are almost always encountered inside their webs.

Orb weavers range in size from the size of a pencil eraser to a little larger, with their legs outstretched, than a U.S. silver dollar. Their coloring ranges from solid tan or brown to colorful, vivid patterns. Seeing one of Kentucky's largest spiders, a yellow and black Argiope

in the center of its web in the morning, when dew droplets turn their work into garden jewelry is a real treat. By the way, their bites are harmless to humans, unless you're allergic.

When their legs are outstretched, grass spiders are about the size of a U.S. quarter. They are brown with noticeable gray or tan stripes that run the length of their body. They can be distinguished

by their prominent hind spinnerets, which are two, finger-like projections on the end of its abdomen that are used to spin the web. Many other spiders have spinnerets, but they are particularly noticeable in grass spiders.

Wolf spiders come in a range of species and sizes, from the size of a pencil eraser to a U.S. silver dollar. Most are dark or light brown, usually with contrasting spots or stripes. They can move fast and are often seen running on

See SPIDERS on A-3



(submitted photo)

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week feeder steers 3.00-5.00 higher with instance to 10.00 higher. Heifers were 3.00-6.00 higher with instance to 10.00 higher. Yearling steers sold 3.00-6.00 higher and yearling heifers 6.00-10.00 with limited comparisons. Demand was moderate to good through the half of the week with extremely hot and humid weather restricting cattle movement affecting supply and demand. Slaughter cows were mostly 3.00 to 5.00 higher and slaughter bulls steady to 5.00 higher with good to very good demand for slaughter classes.

Week ending 8/2/25

| Steers (M&L 1-2) | This Week | Prior Week | Last Year |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 350-400 lbs | 413.27 | 411.24 | 326.65 |
| 400-450 lbs | 406.42 | 400.10 | 308.55 |
| 450-500 lbs | 391.82 | 385.89 | 297.56 |
| 500-550 lbs | 368.69 | 366.40 | 284.87 |
| 550-600 lbs | 370.70 | 360.56 | 283.56 |
| 600-650 lbs | 356.30 | 342.88 | 270.92 |
| 650-700 lbs | 335.90 | 338.27 | 265.07 |
| 700-750 lbs | 326.77 | 325.43 | 258.82 |
| 750-800 lbs | 323.04 | 322.63 | 241.93 |
| 800-850 lbs | 316.90 | 301.87 | 236.96 |
| 850-900 lbs | 306.15 | 304.30 | 244.39 |

| Heifers (M&L 1-2) | This Week | Prior Week | Last Year |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 300-350 lbs | 375.29 | 386.35 | 299.41 |
| 350-400 lbs | 381.48 | 373.46 | 288.51 |
| 400-450 lbs | 366.79 | 361.72 | 277.91 |
| 450-500 lbs | 356.24 | 356.97 | 272.25 |
| 500-550 lbs | 339.97 | 336.19 | 263.59 |
| 550-600 lbs | 336.38 | 328.99 | 259.40 |
| 600-650 lbs | 323.49 | 315.90 | 242.59 |
| 650-700 lbs | 309.11 | 306.00 | 235.62 |
| 700-750 lbs | 287.13 | 285.75 | 233.44 |
| 750-800 lbs | 281.79 | 281.36 | 222.12 |

| WEEKLY COW SUMMARY | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Slaughter Cows | Average | High | Low |
| Breakers | 134.00-174.00 | 153.00-195.00 | 145.00-165.00 |
| Boners | 125.00-175.50 | 153.00-197.00 | 131.00-166.50 |
| Lean | 120.00-175.00 | 150.00-187.00 | 95.00-149.00 |
| Slaughter Bulls | Average | High | Low |
| Yield Grade 1&2 | 179.00-209.00 | 200.00-225.00 | 155.00-190.00 |

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.**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 8/2/25

| GRAINS | This Week | Prior Week | Last Year |
|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Corn | 3.88-4.44 | 3.99-4.54 | 3.50-4.17 |
| Soybeans | 9.12-9.83 | 9.49-10.50 | 9.87-10.80 |
| Red Winter Wheat | 4.19-5.03 | 4.34-5.32 | 4.34-5.06 |

Arrests from A-1

unavailable, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place, arrested and booked August 1.

- Joseph Burton, 49, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked August 1.
- Sabrina Gibson, 31, address unavailable, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 1.
- James Vallandingham, 48, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of failure to appear, and trafficking in narcotics (fentanyl), arrested and booked August 1.

- Mickie Skaggs, 23, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of attempted murder, arrested and booked August 1.
- Whitney Hayes, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (two or more grams of methamphetamine), and two counts of trafficking in narcotics (fentanyl), arrested and booked August 2.
- Kenny Wages, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of trafficking in narcotics (fentanyl), and first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (two

or more grams of methamphetamine), arrested and booked August 2.

- Justin Couch, 27, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked August 2.
- Christian James, 23, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to produce an insurance card, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, first degree wanton endangerment, third degree terroristic threatening, first degree unlawful

imprisonment, attempted murder, and non-payment of courts costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked August 3.

- Darren Walker, 30, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, weekender, arrested and booked August 3.

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.

Utilities from A-1

in place. Haney also made the commission aware of the recent replacements near Kentucky Christian University and surrounding areas. Once completed, the project will eliminate pipes in those areas that had previously been in use for over ninety years.

“It’s winding down to the final tie-ins,” Haney told the commission. “There still remains two segments of sewer we need to get a change order price for,” he continued. “We need to replace that while we have the streets dug up.”

Bell Engineering, Haney said, will have the change order in soon for the streets impacted, which are on Fourth Street and Landsdowne by Southgate Court.

Haney commended the efficiency of the contractor, telling the commission that the work done by Opell Excavating was very efficient and ahead of

schedule. He was especially complimentary of their use of a paving attachment which allowed the company to better control the amount of asphalt used and reduce waste.

“They can make use of that attachment and just work the width of the trench, as opposed to using the larger paving machine,” Haney said.

Once completed, however, the entire affected roadway will be paved.

Another topic Haney discussed was the treatment of sewage ‘sludge.’

“We have talked about this over the years,” Haney reminded the commission. “We had purchased the property behind the water plant. That was in preparation of having more land available to allow us to treat our sludge differently. Right now, if we have equipment failure, we have no way of treating the sludge without doing a bypass.”

“It isn’t an agreed order or a mandate that we fix that,” Haney said. “But it is a recommendation that we come up with a better way to do that.”

Under the current setup the sludge goes through a press and is then sent to a landfill. But the new redesign will have a sludge drying area with a land bed. This is similar, he said, to what is currently in use at Rattlesnake Ridge and in Morehead, and will allow much more space for storage. It will allow for better maintenance of the site and for improved cleanup, Haney said.

“The estimate for that is about \$3.5 million,” Haney told the commission.

He said he had been speaking with the state about potential funding for the project and would know more about that by the fall season.

“If we are able to qualify, it will be for 2027,” Haney said. “There is

also the Kentucky Water Grant Fund I talked about last year. We didn’t apply last year, but after discussions with KIA (Kentucky Infrastructure Authority), they suggested that we go ahead and apply for that. We do qualify as being a distressed county, being low income.”

The deadline for applying for that grant is August 28, Haney said. The commission voted to authorize Haney to apply for the grant on behalf of Grayson Utilities. Applying for revenue sources and planning future projects that will decrease maintenance costs and improve the utility system are typical meeting points each month as the commission works to be more proactive in serving the community.

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Appreciating first responders

KCU hosts event honoring police, fire, and ambulance staff

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Kentucky Christian University in Grayson recently held an event to

show its appreciation for first responders. University President Terry Alcorn told those gathered at Lusby Hall that people don’t typically call upon first responders just to stop by and chat.

“The community calls you, and we call you when there is an emergency,” Alcorn said.

“The Bible teaches, in

See **RESPONDERS** on A-6



KCU honored county and city first responders during a special event last week. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Spiders from A-2

the ground. They don’t build webs to catch their prey. Instead, they use their sight to pinpoint their prey, mostly at night, and chase them down like their namesakes, wolves.

You may see wolf spiders in your home, but unless you’re allergic, their bite is harmless.

Grass spiders are very common in Kentucky lawns, where they build large, funnel-shaped webs. They also occasionally wander into homes. They can be mistaken for brown recluse spider, because they are brown and similar in size. They are, however, harmless to humans unless an individual is allergic.

Speaking of brown recluses, they are one of two Kentucky spiders that can harm humans, the other being a black widow. Tan to dark brown, a brown

recluse’s abdomen and legs are uniformly colored with no stripes, bands, or mottling. The legs are long and thin and lack conspicuous spines. They have a dark violin-shaped mark on their back, with the neck of the violin pointing toward the rear of the spider. This feature is consistent in adult brown recluses, but is less obvious in younger spiders. Also, brown recluses only have six eyes: most Kentucky spiders have eight, but let’s be honest. Are you really going to get close enough to count?

Their bites are serious and require immediate medical attention, but brown recluses are timid and unlikely to bite unless handled. These spiders are common in all areas of Kentucky. They tend to occur in hidden locations

indoors and outdoors, such as piles of cardboard or paper, stacks of cut wood and wall-voids of buildings.

Black widow spiders are also common throughout the state. The female black widow is about a half-inch long and is glossy black with a variable number of red markings on the top and/or bottom of her abdomen. Adult males smaller and are similar in color, but with a few added white markings. Juveniles are highly variable. Their bites are very serious and require immediate medical attention, but the spider is timid and unlikely to bite unless handled. They tend to hide out in concealed outdoor locations such as piles of rocks or firewood and dark corners of garages and out-buildings. Females are common;

males are very rarely encountered.

To learn about more of Kentucky’s spiders, visit the University of Kentucky Department of Entomology’s Critter Files, <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Critter-Files/casefile/spiders/spiderfile.htm> or contact the Carter County Office of the UK Cooperative Extension Service. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

CALENDAR

- **8/6 - 8/9: Carter County Fair** | Carter County Fairgrounds | Visit www.cartercountyfair.org for more info
- **8/6: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/7: Grayson Farmer’s Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/7: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/9: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/9: Grayson Farmer’s Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **8/11: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **8/11: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **8/11: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **8/11: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **8/11: Ag Advancement Council @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **8/11: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **8/12: Extension Council & District Board Meetings @ 10 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **8/12: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Location TBD
- **8/12: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **8/12: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall

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Pet of the Week

Trixie is a female mixed breed, around 8 months old. She’s very friendly, walks on a leash, is good with other dogs, and is spayed and up to date on all shots. Trixie is also currently the longest resident at the shelter, and has a free adoption to an approved home. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her or call 475-9771 for more information.

Shelter hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday by appointment.

Is your family ready for this?

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

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Joyful Noise from A-2

the power of the Holy Ghost." Hope means to have trust and confidence in God. Joy is a feeling of great pleasure and happiness. Believe means you have trust and confidence in God. Abound means to be full, overflow with, be overrun with, be jam packed.

Romans 12:12 says, "Rejoicing (to feel great joy or great delight) in hope (confidence in God); patient (uncomplaining, calm, long suffering accepting delays or problems without becoming anxious) in tribulation (oppression, affliction, distress, trouble); continuing instant (happening immediately) in prayer." James 12:2-3 says, "Consider (think carefully) it pure (perfect, simple, plain, true) joy (great pleasure and happiness and gladness), my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance (patience)." Psalm 28:7 says, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusteth (is confident) in Him, and I am helped; therefore, my heart greatly rejoiceth (feels great joy or great delight); and with my song will I praise Him." Philippians 4:4 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again, I say rejoice (be joyful, be happy, be pleased, be glad, be delighted, be overjoyed, be thrilled, celebrate, make merry, jump for joy)."

In both the Old Testament and New Testament, the words translated as joy mean much the same as the

English word: gladness, cheerfulness, calm delight. True joy is the response of delight to what God delights in. Hebrews 12:2 says, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God."

It was with the joy that was set before Him, through His pain, through His griefs, through the cross and shedding His blood, that He did everything for me that I might have abundant life and everlasting joy. It is with joy, through my pain, through my sickness, through my griefs, through my trials, through my heartaches, through my loneliness, my weariness, that I can, and I will, receive it by faith. John 15:11 says, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full (complete and running over, no lack)."

Amen! So be it!
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OBITUARY**Dottie Lou Davis Burge**
1943 – 2025

Dottie Lou Davis Burge, age 81, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at UK-St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead, Kentucky.

She was born Sunday, October 31, 1943, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Charlie and Thelma Barker Davis.

Dottie was a member of Garvin Ridge Wesleyan Church, homemaker, mother and grandmother.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Walter W.F. Burge; one brother, John Paul Davis; two sisters, Jean Buckler, Joyce Stapleton and very special friend, Gary Moore.

Dottie is survived by two sons, Jeffrey (Kathy) Burge of Grayson, Ken-

tucky, Michael Burge of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Angela (Kevin) Parsons of Richmond, Kentucky; 5 grandchildren, Megan, Austin, Jesse, McKayla, Matthew; one brother, Jim (Elaine) Davis of Nellysford, Virginia; two sisters, Gayle Parsons of Dayton, Ohio, Janet (Quentis) Stamper of Lucas, Ohio; sister-in-law, Vicki Davis along with several nieces and nephews, who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m., Sunday, August 3, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Gary Henry and Brother JC Bond officiating. Burial followed in Garvin Ridge Cemetery, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 12:30 p.m., Sunday, August 3, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Jeff Burge, Austin Burge, Matthew Burge, Mike Burge, Jesse Parson and Michael Stamper served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Dottie Lou Davis Burge.

Jon Franklin Glass

1963 – 2025



Jon Franklin Glass, age 61 of Grayson, Ky went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, July 26, 2025.

Jon was the cherished son of Betty Pence and the late Franklin Glass. Jon was born on November 10, 1963, in Ashland, Ky.

He was a 1994 graduate of Ashland Community College where he earned an associate's degree in business. He then went on to pursue a bachelor's degree in marketing at Morehead State University. Jon loved to learn and always excelled academically. Jon worked for the Department for the Blind installing computer systems, and later worked as a substitute teacher at Carter County Schools.

In college he became very well-known with his sidekick, and guide dog JD by his side. He spent several years tutoring students who became friends. One of the things Jon enjoyed the most was helping his friends with whatever project they were working on. Through the years he installed countless stereo systems for friends and worked on computers for both friends and strang-

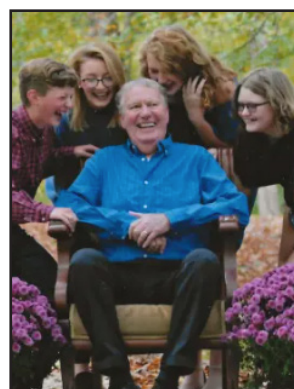
ers who would become friends. He was always ready to lend an ear to listen to his friends and offer help and advice however he could.

Jon was a big talker and often said he "had the gift of gab". He was a very social person and never met a stranger. Jon attended Grayson Nazarene Church and was an inspiration to his church family. Wherever Jon went he happily gave his testimony as a new creature in Christ. Jon had also been a member of the Masonic lodge and enjoyed the fellowship with his Mason brothers.

Jon is survived by his loving mother Betty Pence, his brother Greg Glass (Beverly), three nieces; Autumn Glass, Candice Glass (Michael Kinder), and Angel Glass; one great nephew, Tyron Tackett; two great nieces, Onyx Glass-Colvin, Aislinn Glass-Colvin; and his life-long friend Larry Doucet, his best friend Russell Bustetter, and a host of other family and friends who will miss him greatly.

A graveside service to honor Jon's life was held on Tuesday August 5, 2025, at 11am at East Carter County Memory Gardens. Friends and family met at the Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation at 10:30 am for a procession. Pastor Charles Bayless officiated the service upon arrival to the cemetery where Jon's ashes were placed.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Service is honored to serve the family of Jon Franklin Glass.

Johnny Lee Pennington
1948 – 2025

Johnny Lee Pennington, age 77, from Beetle, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, July 26, 2025, while residing at Paramount Senior Living at Cabell Midland in Ona West Virginia.

He was born April 20, 1948, in Grayson Kentucky, the son of the late Estill and Clara Marshall Pennington.

John was an Army Veteran, who served his country in active duty and served in the National Guards. He retired from Ashland Oil with 30 years of service, a member of Local 40 Boilermakers for over 5 years, founder and shareholder of Grayson Funeral Home, business owner of Lee Ann Company, Inc., which included real estate, excavation and car sales. He was a life long cattle farmer, and a professional puller of his grandchildren's teeth.

He was a member of Willard 626 Masonic Lodge and Willard American Legion. John enjoyed taking his grandchildren to the "Airplane" store for ice cream, hotdogs and whatever else they wanted. He was very proud of his daughters, grandchildren and spoke of them often to

anyone who would listen.

John is survived by his wife of 57 years, Shelia Dickison Pennington, two daughters, Melissa Pennington (Marshall) Hamilton of Salem, Virginia, Rebecca Pennington (Daven) Copeland of Beetle, Kentucky; 4 grandchildren, Alice Marie Copeland, Gracey Mae Copeland, Stephen Michael Copeland and Erin LeAnn Hamilton; one brother, Charles (Cheryl) Pennington of Wheelersburg, Ohio; one sister, Sue (Ron) Baker, Columbus, Ohio, along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He will also be remembered by many close friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Luke Pennington, three sisters, Phyllis Porter, Janet Walker and infant Clara Belle Pennington.

Funeral services were held 12 noon, Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Grayson Funeral Home, 49 McCoy Road, Grayson, Kentucky, with his granddaughters, Gracey Copeland, Alice Copeland, Erin Hamilton and Brother David Boggs officiating. Burial followed in Pennington Family Cemetery in Grayson, Kentucky.

Military Honors were conducted at the graveside by American Legion Post 138.

Friends visited after 10 a.m., Saturday, August 2, 2025, until the service hour at Grayson Funeral Home.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Johnny Lee Pennington.

Nancy Lee Steele Haney
1954 – 2025

Nancy Lee Steele Haney, age 71, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, July 26, 2025, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born March 6, 1954, in Carter County, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Bill and Missouri Newland Steele Blair.

Nancy enjoyed her flower garden, fishing, playing with her cats, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Patty Albright and Molly Hall.

Nancy is survived by her loving husband of 37

years, Charles Haney; two sons, Jason Jackson, David Haney all of Grayson, Kentucky; one daughter, Jennifer Jackson of Rush, Kentucky; 4 grandchildren, Martin and Charlie Haney, Abigail Rice, Chase Steele; 3 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Norman Steele, Ralph (Joanna) Steele of Grayson, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2025 at First Baptist Church of Cannonsburg, 11512 Midland Trail Rd., Ashland, Kentucky, with Brother Lee Jackson officiating. Burial followed in East Carter Memory Gardens, in Grayson, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 11 a.m., Thursday, July 31, 2025, until the service hour at First Baptist Church of Cannonsburg.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Nancy Lee Steele Haney.

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

Guest Editorial

Hemp: Prohibition won't protect kids, but regulation will

An industry insider's perspective to Sen. McConnell's language in most recent agriculture appropriations bill

By: Annie Rouse

Haven't we learned by now that prohibition is not a solution but rather a recipe for more problems? Senator McConnell's recent Op Ed regarding his desire to close the loophole on hemp derived THC in an effort to protect children from accidental ingestion is really a convenient scapegoat masked as a noble gesture.

The proliferation of hemp-derived THC products is a clear market indicator that the adult population needs and appreciates these products. Prohibition will not "protect the kids." It will force products underground, making it more dangerous for kids. Nearly a century of prohibition proves that it is not a solution, but regulation is.

When liquor prohibition took effect in 1920, it didn't prevent people from consuming the products, it simply ceded control to the black market, creating quality control problems, dangerous products and increased crime. Liquor prohibition was a disastrous failure.

Senator McConnell's 2018 Farm Bill language that unintentionally legalized hemp-derived THC also gave jurisdiction to the FDA to establish regulations around hemp's finished products. Yet, the FDA immediately avoided responsibility by arguing the plant's active compounds were a pharmaceutical before they were a food, beverage or supplemental ingredient.

The FDA's shirking of responsibility caused states to develop their own regulatory programs, and with much success. Kentucky's program is a perfect example; the Commonwealth is viewed as a leader across the US in developing these regulations. KY's hemp-derived THC program is controlled by the KY Department of Agriculture, the KY Department of Health - Drug and Supplements branch, and most recently the Alcohol Beverage Control.

Other states have similar regulations in place, and with the right federal approach, they can be uniform and effective. With these state regulations, product testing and quality is improving, packaging and sales restrictions are being enforced and research and taxation are underway. Improvements are still needed, but prohibiting this progress will waste government resources, abandon consumer safety and devastate an agricultural economy.

As a manufacturer, brand and retailer operating in this market, I have experienced consumer purchasing decisions shifting from CBD to hemp derived THC and witnessed businesses maneuvering to align with consumer preference. Demand for cannabinoids makes up 95% of hemp's agricultural production. The remaining 5% is left to hemp foods, construction materials and a praying hope that the FDA will eventually open the animal feed market.

Prohibiting the cannabinoid market may only impact a minuscule portion of total US agricultural production, but it will wipe out 95% of a market still in its infancy. Without cannabinoids, the hemp industry will fail.

As opposed to attempting to ban the products in a federal appropriations bill, why not use the appropriations bill for its intent? Appropriate funds to create a Cannabis Control Commission that could effectively establish and enforce federal taxation and regulation associated with the Cannabis plant species, from farm to finished product.

This Cannabis Control Commission could analyze the various regulatory frameworks in place across the United States and create federal policy that provides safe access, protects consumers and supports industry development. In the meantime, states can continue to develop, improve and enforce the regulations they have established to control the market.

Regulation will allow this new agricultural economy to truly prosper while protecting our populations, both old and young. Senator McConnell, through responsible regulation, has the chance to leave an untarnished agricultural policy legacy. I join my industry peers in calling upon him to do so.

Annie is a native Kentuckian and local business owner of Cannabuzz in Lexington, KY. She was a U.S. Fulbright Scholar on hemp. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a Master's in Policy.



'Waste not, want not' must be a new concept for the budget hackers.

The outsiders brought to Washington to slash foreign aid in the federal budget in the name of ending fraud, waste and abuse apparently have never heard the phrase, "waste not, want not."

They likewise must not have read or heard the Biblical reference in John 6:12 where Jesus instructed his disciples not to waste the leftover fragments of food after the miracle of feeding the 5,000 with five loaves of bread and two fishes.

But even more significantly for the Trump Administration, the new folks in charge at the State Department must not be aware that President Trump is personally pressuring Israel to allow more food supplies into Gaza and for them to stop killing the starving Palestinians fighting over the food trucks.

I raise these questions because the Washington Post reported last Sunday that more than 60,000 metric tons of food – already paid for with American tax dollars – currently is stored in warehouses in the United States and around the world. And some of that food is expiring every day while tens of thousands of men, women and children are dying of starvation in Africa and the Middle East.

The manufacturer, Mana Nutrition, has warehouses packed with peanut paste, a critical element in treating

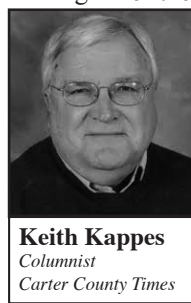
malnutrition. The company has been paid \$50 million for the food. They say it could still help 60 million persons, especially children who are most at risk.

Why is this travesty happening? The company's chief operating officer gave this chilling response: "This is a giant glut. All contracted. All bought and paid for. It's just not been picked up."

The political hacks recruited by Elon Musk and other fiscal amateurs in DOGE were in such a rush to dismantle the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) that they didn't leave enough staff to get the already-purchased food shipped to where it was needed.

This situation makes as much sense as purchasing a week's groceries and then throwing the loaded bags into a dumpster without eating a bite.

All of us should be troubled by this question: How does letting poor people starve to death help make America great again?



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Columnist
Carter County Times

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Remembering Ryno

In 1983, at six years old, I fell in love. That was when my Uncle Billy gave me a pack of Fleer baseball cards—my first.

At that point, I'd never watched a full baseball game. Maybe I'd caught bits and pieces when my dad or grandfather had one on, but that was it. Still, I devoured those cards as if I'd uncovered sacred texts. I studied every detail on the back, absorbing them like scripture.

That same year, I played t-ball for the first time. I remember my dad taking me to Heck's department store to buy a glove. Whether by choice or fate, I came home with a Rawlings bearing the signature of Ryne Sandberg.

The name leapt out—I knew it as one of the 15 cards I now cherished. I already knew the essentials: 6'1", 190 pounds, from Spokane, Washington. High school football standout. Third baseman for the Chicago Cubs.

I couldn't have found Chicago on a map, and likely didn't even know what a Cub was. But I had a favorite player—and therefore, a team.

I'd love to say I played like Sandberg. However, in my undistinguished athletic career, baseball may have been my weakest link. By age 11, I had moved on from playing and wouldn't return until age 43. Still, my affection for the game endured. You don't need to play something well to love it deeply.

Back then, rural Kentucky offered little in the way of television—usually just three channels. But at some

point, WGRB, a small UHF station out of Campbellsville, joined the Reds television network. This led to many of my friends being Reds fans. Others, who lived in town and had cable, watched the Braves on

TBS. And while I would sometimes tune in to WGRB on the black and white set in my room, my loyalty didn't wane. I stuck with the Cubs.

I admired plenty of players—Andre Dawson, Mark Grace, Shawon Dunston—but it was always about Sandberg.

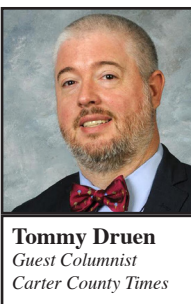
In 1991, the world opened up more: my parents bought a satellite dish. For a kid raised on a metaphorical diet of beans and rice, it felt I had discovered a buffet. That summer, I discovered Welcome Back Kotter, Short Attention Span Theater, and Canadian television. But most importantly, I found WGN—the home of the Chicago Cubs.

I loved everything about it: the ivy-covered walls of Wrigley Field, the fans atop buildings on Waveland Avenue, and the always-inebriated Harry Caray gleefully mangling the names of Hispanic players. But above all, I loved watching my guy, Ryne Sandberg, playing second base with quiet excellence.

The Cubs were rarely contenders. But Sandberg was always steady. He wasn't flashy. He wasn't making SportsCenter's top plays. But he was dependable, precise, and dignified.

He once said, "In baseball, there's always the next day." It's a quote that speaks to the rhythm of the game—but also to life itself. Sandberg embodied that

See **BASEBALL** on A-8



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Treasure from A-1

to be an equally good day as well and expected the crowds to pick up in the afternoon.

“People look for almost anything,” Smith said of shoppers’ motivation. “Some people are looking for junk, some people are looking for really good stuff, and some people just like to dig through boxes to see what they can find.”

Smith said that yard sales are a type of low stress shopping that gets people out of the house and gives them something to do.

“So, I try to put different stuff out so everyone can find something that interests them,” he said.

Mike and Tammy Fannin, of Ashland, were two other vendors who set up for the Route 60 Yard Sale. The Fannin’s deal mostly in antique furniture, from cabinets to baby rockers and even vintage coffee grinders. Mike Fannin said their weekend has been pretty busy and that they sold quite a few pieces. The shoppers who stopped to look at what they had to offer were mostly from Ashland, Greenup, and even Morehead as well as Carter County.

“We have done this for years,” Mike said. “Everyone knows we are going to be here, so they come see us. We even had a few come in from Lexington.”

Fannin said one of the things he appreciated about the Route 60 Yard Sale was the different items each vendor has for sale.

“Some people just have stuff you’d see at a yard sale,” Fannin said. “Some people have newer stuff, and some people put out antiques like we do.”

The variety of what can be found, he thinks, is a definite selling point to the annual event.

“And some people are just out looking around because it’s something to do,” Fannin said. “It’s

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE 01-2025

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GRAYSON, KENTUCKY FOR FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.

ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the city council, and

WHEREAS, The Grayson City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications for the operation of city government for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS revenues are estimated to be sufficient for the anticipated expenditures of city government during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 creating a balanced spending plan, NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GRAYSON CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1: The annual budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning July, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby adopted as follows:

| | General Fund | Tourism | Enterprise Fund (Utility) | LGEA Fund | MRAP Fund |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Administrative Revenue | \$2839269.00 | | | | |
| Police Dept Revenue | \$116,000.00 | | | | |
| Street Dept Revenue | \$217,930.00 | | | | |
| Fire Dept Revenue | \$45,449.00 | | | | |
| Intergovernmental Rev. | | R: 1,304,308.30 H: 188,100.00 | \$6,501,870.00 | \$25,188.88 | Street |
| Emergency Mgmt | \$00.00 | | | | |
| Parks and Rec Revenue | \$3,000.00 | | | | |
| ABC Revenue | \$302,000.00 | | | | |
| Opioid Abatement | 107,846.90 | | | | |
| Carry Forward | \$2,839,260.00 | | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 4,478,305.71 | \$1,492,408.69 | \$6,501,870.00 | \$25,188.88 | Street |

APPROPRIATIONS

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|
| General Government | 650,000.00 | | | | |
| Police | 1,528,000.00 | | | | |
| Fire | 705,000.00 | | | | |
| Streets | 740,000.00 | | | \$25,188.88 | |
| Enterprises | TBD | 1,492,408.69 | \$6,501,870.00 | | |
| Parks and Rec | 57,000.00 | | | | |
| Emergency Management | 59,000.00 | | | | |
| ABC | 75,000.00 | | | | |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY FUND | TBD | 1,492,408.69 | \$6,501,870.00 | \$25,188.88 | |

Estimated funds balance

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This Ordinance shall be effective on July, 2025.

ATTEST:

Given my signature, I hereby affirm that this is a true and accurate record of legislative action.

/s/ Dawnita May CKMC, City Clerk

/s/ Troy P. Combs III, Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Anyone who has something stored in the Blue Goose (including Christmas trees) will need to make arrangements to have it removed before August 11, 2025. Also, anyone in possession of a key to the Blue Goose will need to drop it off to the city building. Thank You

PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this advertisement is to inform the public that the 2025 Unaudited Financial Report, Balance Sheet, Vendor Payments, latest School Report Card and Independent Financial Audit are posted on the Carter County Board of Education’s Website www.cartercountyschools.org

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Carter County Extension District Board’s most recent audit and adopted budget can be viewed anytime on the Department for Local Government’s Public Portal website. If you would like to view our most recent financial statement, please visit us at our home office located at 94 Fairground Drive Grayson, KY, during our normal office hours of 8:00-4:30. This ad was paid for by Carter County Extension Office dollars. <http://kydlgweb.ky.gov/> Per KRS 65A.080(2)

CLERK’S NOTICE OF FIDUCIARIES ACCOUNTING

Upon requirements of Section 424.129 Kentucky Revised Statutes, the following fiduciary appointments have been filed with the Carter County District Court Clerk.

Final Settlement Regina Reynolds, Administratrix, in the Estate of: Robert Wayne Reynolds. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Brandon Hamilton, August 13th, 2025, at 10:30am having been set as date of hearing, no cause for exceptions, having been shown, the settlement will be confirmed at date of hearing.

good that they can get out and enjoy themselves, and maybe find something they

want to buy.”
Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF OLIVE HILL

FEMA PROJECT

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

The City of Olive Hill, Kentucky (“City”) is seeking a consulting firm for a “Planning-Related Activity (PRA) Toward Strengthening the Mitigation Strategy for Flash-Flooding in the City of Olive Hill and to Include Nature-Based Solutions and Infrastructure Resiliency”. This project is being funded by FEMA, State, and Local Funds.

All engineers interested in being considered for this project must submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management and staff capabilities, and related prior experience related to storm water planning and design.

The objective of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm that will provide the highest quality of service. Selected respondents may be interviewed and the firm(s) judged most qualified will be asked to prepare a final proposal which would include fees for said services.

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

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Anticipated funding sources for this project include, but are not limited to: FEMA, State, and Local Funds.

Engineering firms wishing to be considered shall submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) pursuant to the RFQ, available by contacting the Olive Hill City Clerk at 225 Roger Patton Drive, Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164. Engineers shall submit six copies of their SOQ to the City. SOQ is limited to fifteen pages maximum. Proposal package shall be clearly marked on the outside envelope – “Statement of Qualifications – City of Olive Hill FEMA Project” to the attention of Mayor Jerry Callihan at the address above, no later than **2:00 pm** local time, **Friday, August 15, 2025.**

EXHIBIT I CONSULTING ENGINEERS QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Olive Hill, Kentucky (CITY) is accepting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) for engineering services related to City of Olive Hill – FEMA Project. Engineering services may include: feasibility study, preliminary engineering report, cost estimate preparation, planning, design, construction administration, inspection, other required engineering services, and administration.

DETERMINATION

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated and ranked and should include the following information:

- Experience or technical expertise of the firm with regard to design and construction on projects of a similar nature. Outline the experience and qualifications of the firm and the individual(s) to be assigned to the project.
- Past record of performance on contracts with similar projects including quality of work, schedule and within established budget. Describe past record of performance with the locality, and other clients. Include the name and number of a contact person for each referenced project. Time frame shall include but not limited to:
 - Design
 - State Permit Approvals
 - Contract/Bid Package Development
 - Bidding
 - Inspection Services
 - Project Closeout
- Proximity and accessibility of the firm to the project area. State the base of operation for the firm and briefly analyze accessibility to the locality. The firm shall also address willingness to work within the engineering budget as funded. The firm shall address their cost schedule for services on this project.
- Familiarity with the locality and project requirements. Describe the degree of familiarity with locality and project requirements.
- Experience with FEMA and other state and local funding sources.

Questions concerning the Request for Qualifications should be sent to:

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Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated on the basis of written materials. Final selection of the engineer will be based upon the maximum total points scored as set forth in the Exhibit II. The City reserves the right to negotiate a contract with the engineer deemed the most qualified to perform the professional services required.

The City of Olive Hill, KY will adhere to the provision of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Section 3 of Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 in the implementation of this project.

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Attention of bidder is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract: Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, Title VI and Executive Order 11246.

Responders from A-3

Romans 13, that we should give honor to whom honor is due,” Alcorn continued. “And that is exactly what KCU wants to do for you today. We want to give you honor and thank you for what you do.”

Grayson Mayor Troy Combs and Carter County Judge Executive Brandon Burton were present at the event with each sharing words of praise for the first responders gathered. The keynote speaker was retired Louisville Police Commander Dr. Phillip Russell, who is a thirty-year veteran of that department, and is currently an adjunct professor at KCU.

“I just want to say on behalf of the City of Grayson that we appreciate the agencies we have in this county and city,” Combs told those assembled. “Ever since I became mayor it has been a joy and a delight to see us all work together. We have such a great group of people. Whether it is on our own side in emergency management or working with dispatch and 911 with Judge Burton. You make it easy, and we appreciate you.”

“I think it’s so important to note and to highlight

the difficulties our first responders go through,” Combs added.

Combs referenced a training session he had sat in on, and how he was alarmed to learn how many first responders experienced post traumatic stress disorder. Combs also said that he was grateful for KCU hosting the appreciation event for first responders because they do not often receive the show of appreciation they so richly deserve; sentiments that were echoed by the judge executive.

“It’s an honor to be in my position because I get to honor you,” Burton told the first responders gathered at KCU. “From the perspective of the county and the fiscal court, you are our first line of defense.”

Burton also recognized first responders lost over the last couple of years.

“It doesn’t seem real that we have lost a few of our men,” he said, referencing Allen Stapleton, Adam Stapleton and Duane Suttles. “We have lost great people that are vital and important to our community. We called on them, and they were always there.”

Burton said that those

assembled carried on that legacy, however.

“We can’t thank you enough for all you do and for your friendship. Reach out if you need anything and we will do our best to provide it,” Burton said.

Keynote speaker Dr. Phillip Russell told the crowd he was used to speaking at less welcoming events, and was happy with the response from KCU and the community.

“When I speak before groups it’s normally places like Louisville, where we have had our share of protests, and media that don’t care much for us,” Russell told those assembled. “But you obviously have a community that supports you, and that’s a big deal.”

Russell said that it was unique that the mayor would attend such a function and that the university would also show such obvious support. He began his career in 1994 and retired at the close of 2023. He said that when President Alcorn asked him if he would be part of the appreciation event, he was thrilled.

“I’m just a retired old cop,” Russell said. “But if there is anything I can share, any wisdom I might have gathered over the

years that might help to motivate you and help you stand firm, I am glad to do so.”

“Whether you are police or fire or EMS, there are a lot of things you have to go through,” Russell said. “When I teach strategy, I always teach that leaders need to find their ‘True North,’” he said. “If you are a few degrees off true north, it doesn’t take long before you are completely

out of alignment. One way to do that is to center yourself and go back to where you began. Understand your beginnings.”

Dr. Russell spoke to the first responders and shared memories of his time as an active police officer and also shared some of what he learned from others. He stressed that self-care should be followed, especially by those whose very identities had become

built around caring for others. He also said as part of finding the true north, looking back to their beginnings would help them to remember why they do what they do. Understanding that, he said, would help them maintain even if others misunderstood or failed to appreciate their dedication.

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Nursing homes and Medicare care compare


Medicare Care Compare is a tool developed by Medicare that helps people on Medicare and

their caregivers to compare healthcare providers and facilities such as nursing homes, hospitals, and

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The purpose of the tool is to help people to

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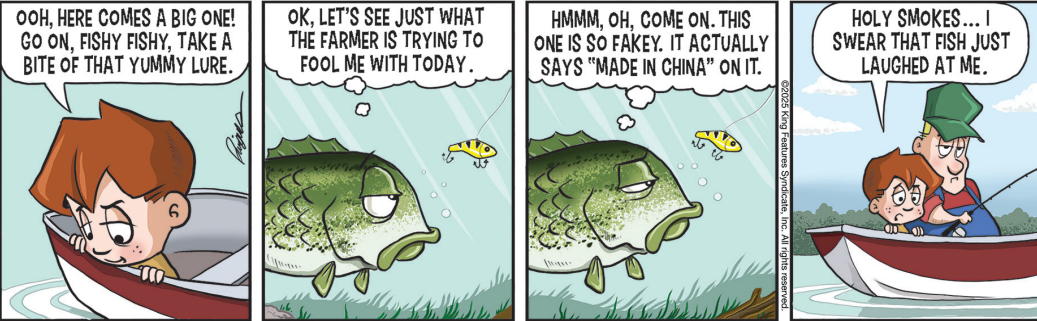
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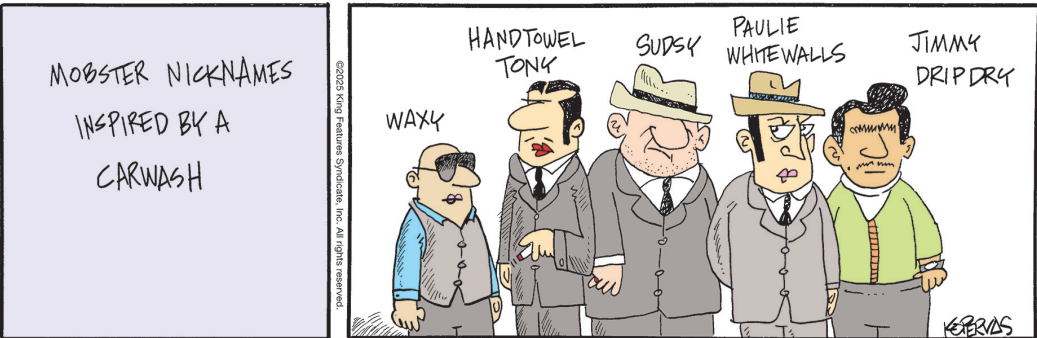
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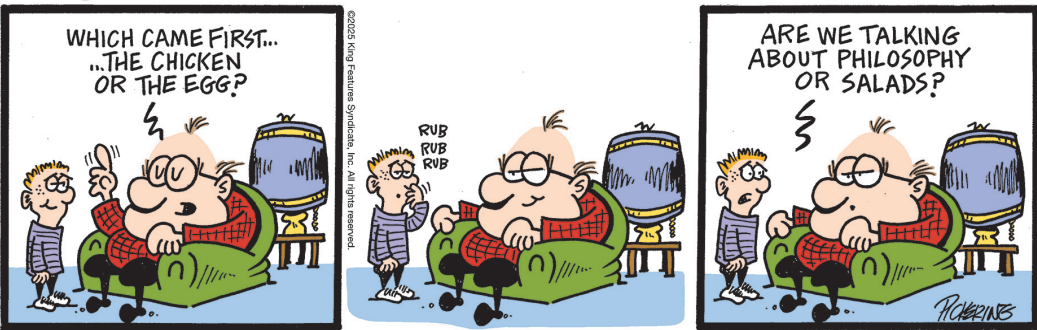
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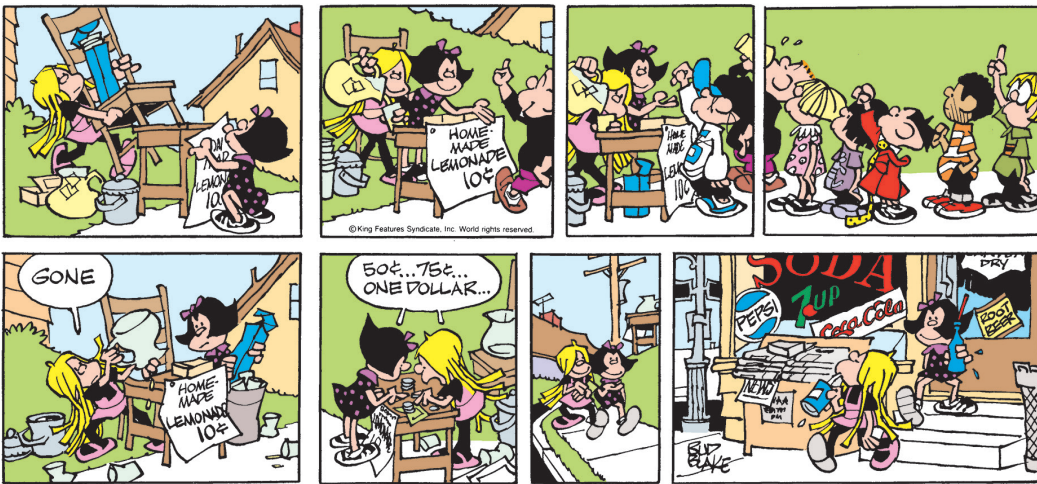
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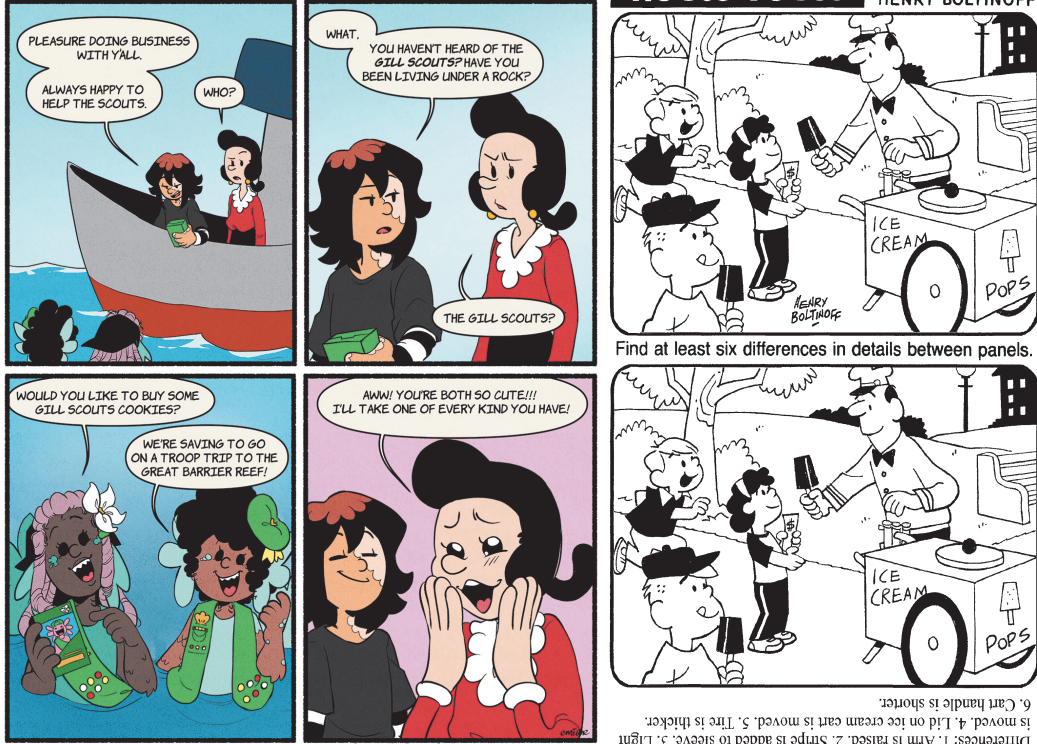


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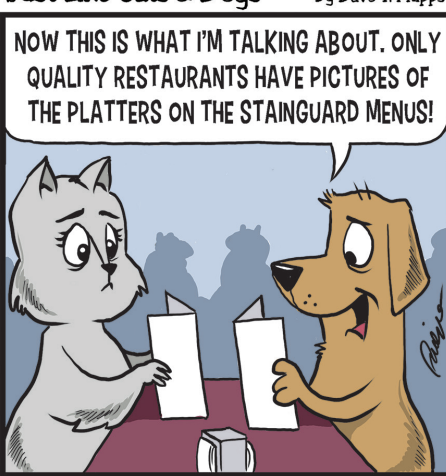
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals Y

MQKM XCTUO OTX VCZYD MC
PJYDD JYKVVX DNKJMVX, DC
H MCVP QHN "XCT'ZY AYYU
K ZYJX UKMMX ACX!"

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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!

Remove **GRUPE**

Grant **TEMPIR**

Mist **PARVO**

Good **CENTED**

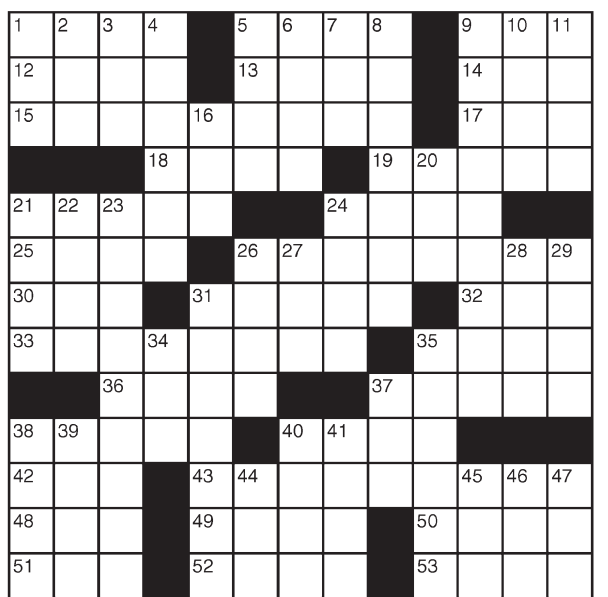
TODAY'S WORD



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Pygmalion" writer
- 5 Grocery
- 9 Blue
- 12 Actress Skye
- 13 From the U.S.
- 14 Swiss canton
- 15 Provisional
- 17 Erin Burnett's channel
- 18 Morsels
- 19 French school
- 21 Speed reader?
- 24 Swiss artist Paul
- 25 Borodin's "Prince —"
- 26 Remorseful
- 30 Hardly any
- 31 Loses color
- 32 Conk out
- 33 Octopus arm
- 35 Hair goops
- 36 Comic Jay
- 37 Ranch visitors
- 38 Salesperson's goal
- 40 Tiny amounts
- 42 Italian article
- 43 Able
- 48 Toss in
- 49 Historic times
- 50 Acknowledge
- 51 Coifs
- 52 First-rate



DOWN

- 1 Perch
- 2 Garden tool
- 3 Raggedy doll
- 4 Luxury hotel
- 5 Actor Dillon
- 6 "Lucky Jim" author
- 7 Speed (up)
- 8 Vine-supporting frame
- 9 Came after
- 10 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
- 11 Eat in style
- 16 Vacuum's lack
- 20 Even so
- 21 Falling-out
- 22 Pulitzer winner James
- 23 File transfers
- 24 Elbow counterpart
- 26 Designer
- 27 Right angle
- 28 Cleopatra's river
- 29 Hardy heroine
- 31 Cure-all
- 34 Hanoi holiday
- 35 Composer
- 37 HST follower
- 38 Campus area
- 39 Nullify
- 40 IRS enforcer
- 41 Church section
- 44 Acapulco gold
- 45 Cain's mom
- 46 Neither mate
- 47 Former Delta rival

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Weekly SUDOKU

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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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Avant Garde?

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| O | P | T | I | C | Visual |
| | | | | | Hardscape terrace |
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| | | | | | Colloquial |

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which is the only state named after a president?
2. MYTHOLOGY: Which goddess is queen of the Roman gods?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "Paradise Lost"?
4. HISTORY: Which monarch was known as the Sun King?
5. MOVIES: How many movies did Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers make together?
6. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Malta is on which continent?
7. CHEMISTRY: What is a substance that speeds up a chemical reaction?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is tzatziki?
9. TELEVISION: What is the name of the family in the sitcom "Arrested Development"?
10. ANATOMY: What part of the brain converts short-term memory into long-term memory?

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PAMPER
Today's Word

3. Vapor; 4. Decent solution

SCRAMBLERS

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

Answer

CryptoQuip
Answer

That young guy loves to dress really smartly, so I told him "You've been a very natty boy!"

1. Washington
2. June
3. John Milton
4. Louis XIV of France
5. 10
6. Europe
7. Catalyst
8. A cold condiment of yogurt, cucumber, garlic and seasonings
9. The Bluths
10. The hippocampus



Solution time: 23 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

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 change the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Team member | ___ L ___ | Heavenly request | ___ R ___ |
| 2. Groucho's brother | ___ O ___ | Angelic instruments | ___ S ___ |
| 3. Circular | R ___ | Located | F ___ |
| 4. Talk turkey | G ___ | Sway unsteadily | W ___ |
| 5. Canonized one | ___ A ___ | Allotted period | ___ T ___ |
| 6. Take aim | ___ O ___ | Emulate Picasso | ___ A ___ |
| 7. Put money into | ___ S ___ | Turn upside down | ___ R ___ |
| 8. Kitchen furniture | T ___ | Aesop's story | F ___ |
| 9. Clamor | ___ I ___ | From Oslo | ___ R ___ |
| 10. Napoleon's country | ___ R ___ | Prospective spouse | ___ 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.

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- Answers
1. Player, Player
 2. Harpo, Harpo
 3. Round, Round
 4. Gobble, Wobble
 5. Saint, Saint
 6. Point, Point
 7. Invest, Invest
 8. Table, Fable
 9. Noise, Noise
 10. France, France

Exploring the Icelandic Prevention Model

WVU's Alfgeir Kristjansson discusses integrated community engagement

By Max Hammond
for *Carter County Times*

Carter County's Pathfinder Initiative has gained the partnership of West Virginia University (WVU). Alfgeir L. Kristjansson, PhD, MSc., a WVU professor and researcher, recently visited Carter County and briefed approximately 30 key community stakeholders from churches, schools, healthcare, law enforcement, recreation, non-profits, and local, county, and state government – including State Representative Patrick Flannery, and County Judge Executive Brandon Burton – on Monday, July 28 at the Olive Hill Police Station.

Kristjansson, spoke about the Integrated Community Engagement (ICE) Collaborative based on the Icelandic Prevention Model of which he is the principal investigator (PI).

Dr. Kristjansson, who is originally from Iceland, is a professor of public health at West Virginia University (WVU) School of Public Health; center principal investigator and co-director for the West Virginia Prevention Research Center (WVPRC); and adjunct faculty at

Reykjavik University in Iceland. He earned his PhD in Social Medicine from the Karolinska Institute in Sweden in 2010 and was a post-doctoral fellow in Health Behavior at Columbia University in New York City between 2010-2012. Dr. Kristjansson has published widely on substance use prevention and the Icelandic Prevention Model, as well as more generally on adolescent behavioral development and the well-being of children, youth and families.

Currently, he is the principal investigator (PI) of several US-based federally funded studies, including the Young Mountaineer Health Study in WV funded by NIAAA, and the Integrated Community Engagement (ICE) Collaborative funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) via the WVPRC. He has published over 130 peer-reviewed manuscripts within public health, health education, preventive medicine, and multidisciplinary journals focused on adolescents.

According to Kristjansson, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) recently estimated that 48,500,000 people in this country suffer from substance abuse disorder at any given time and most of the country is heavily impacted by substance abuse disorder.

Kristjansson opined that the system of prevention and the way our society addresses drug addiction emphasizes care instead

of prevention. He explained three approaches used to combat substance abuse: primary prevention, secondary prevention, and tertiary prevention and care.

Primary prevention focuses on preventing the problem before it starts, secondary prevention focuses on trying to change behaviors after the problem has begun, and tertiary prevention focuses on taking care of people after the problem has become severe. Kristjansson says there is too much focus on tertiary prevention, waiting for the problem to come “downstream” instead of “damming the problem upstream.”

According to Kristjansson, currently more than 90 percent of resources are spent on tertiary care. He stated that almost all the money, manpower, time, and what he called the professional umbrella is focused on tertiary care; basically, helping people who are already very sick which is the downstream side of prevention.

“We’re waiting at the end of the river, and we do almost nothing until people are in dire need to come to treatment,” Kristjansson said.

Although he realizes the importance of tertiary care, such as drug treatment, to ensure the health and safety of drug users, he said more needs to be done “upstream” to reduce the need for treatment.

Kristjansson is an advocate for focusing on the health and wellbeing of



Dr. Alfgeir L. Kristjansson addresses stakeholders with the Pathfinder Initiative. (Photo by Chelsa Hamilton, The Galaxy Project)

all children, not just those who are already in trouble, and believes that primary prevention is a much more effective method for fighting substance abuse.

ICE is based on The Icelandic Prevention Model (IPM) and is a community-based approach designed to prevent adolescent substance use by influencing environmental risk and protective factors related to substance use within the community, school, peer, and family contexts. It emphasizes collaboration among different stakeholders, including researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and community members.

The IPM is an evidence-based approach that has shown success in reducing adolescent substance use in Iceland and is

gaining recognition internationally. The model was developed by the Icelandic Centre for Social Research and Analysis (ICSRA), and is a community-based approach focused on reducing youth substance use by addressing environmental risks and protective factors within the family, school, peer, and leisure-time contexts.

Although the IPM has been implemented around the world, Carter County, thru the Pathfinder Initiative, is the first county in eastern Kentucky to adopt the program and has benefited from the mentorship of Kentucky's first IPM program, Franklin County's “Just Say Yes Program.”

Dr. Kristjansson spent several days touring the county and meeting with

representatives from Carter Caves and the Olive Hill Center for Arts and Heritage, along with Mayor Troy Combs of Grayson, Senator Robin Webb and the Carter County Board of Education.

Unlike other prevention programs the ICE/IPM method is data-driven and evidence-based. The students of East and West Carter middle and high schools will have an opportunity to be heard through an anonymous survey distributed by the Pathfinder Initiative. The results of this survey will guide the implementation of the program and efforts to create greater opportunities for the students.

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Medicare from A-6

make informed decisions about where to obtain their healthcare by providing information such as quality-of-care ratings, costs, and other important details.

If you are your loved one is currently living in or considering a move to a nursing home, it is important to review the information on the Care Compare website. By using the Care Compare tool, you will find the latest annual health inspection results from the Kentucky Office of Inspector General. You will also find a star rating provided by the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services for every nursing home. The overall rating is based on the health inspection, staffing, and quality measures. The star rating is based

on each nursing home's current health inspection and 2 prior inspections, as well as complaint inspections and infection control inspections from the past 3 years.

To access the website, start by going to [Medicare.gov/care-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare). From there, you can select Nursing homes including rehab services. Then enter the street, zip code, city or state. You can select the name of the facility to learn the details on the star rating.

For more information about the rights of long term care residents, please contact your local Long Term Care Ombudsman, Amanda Hamilton at 606-780-2258 or by email at ahamilton@lablaw.org.

The Ombudsman is an advocate for long term care

residents funded through the Older Americans Act, a

federal grant. Services are provided at no cost to the

resident.

Attempted Murder from A-1

At press time neither man appeared on the circuit court docket for arraignment.

The Carter County Times has reached out to both the KSP and the Car-

ter County Sheriff's Office for more information on these cases and will update this story as it develops.

Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

Baseball from A-5

idea. He didn't demand attention; he earned respect. Even when the team faltered, he was unshaken.

On September 21, 1997, two Cubs legends exited the stage. Sandberg retired, and Caray called his final game. Sandberg was 38—old for a ballplayer, though now I know, still a young man. I've enjoyed plenty of baseball since, but I can't deny something within me dimmed that day.

Sandberg's career didn't end there. He managed in the minors for close to a decade. In 2010, when Lou Piniella stepped down, he was considered for the Cubs managerial job. I still think it was a mistake they passed him over. He later managed the Phillies for a few seasons, but it never seemed right seeing him in another uniform.

On July 28, the man who unknowingly led me—and many of my generation—into a lifelong love of baseball died at 65 after a battle with prostate cancer. Just like when he retired, that age doesn't feel far away anymore.

And just like in 1997, I feel like another small piece of me is gone.

Of course, Sandberg wasn't perfect—none of us are. But to me, he was something close. He represented stability, discipline, and grace in an era of flash. I'll always remember sitting on the floor as a six-year-old, flipping over that card, and being mesmerized.

Rest in peace, Ryno. Thank you—for the game, the joy, and the memory of what it felt like to fall in love with baseball.

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