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Crafting fun for fall

Fall Y'all returns to Olive Hill

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The popular annual craft and vendor festival, 'It's Fall Y'all,' returns to downtown Olive Hill this Saturday (October 4), bringing with it a weekend full of fun and fellowship. The event showcases not only what Olive Hill and the entire region has to offer but also highlights how we like to have fun. There will be live music, crafts, and interactive entertainment to be enjoyed by all. The event will be held at the Depot in Olive Hill and promises a huge turnout, like in years past.

Event organizer Lisa Conley said she expects several thousand

people to show up and have a wonderful time. The event begins at 10 a.m. and runs through 3 p.m. on Saturday with around seventy vendors, inflatables, and live music provided by local musicians. Conley said people can enjoy popular games like the Toilet Paper Toss, Flip Cup Tic Tac Toe, and Blindfolded Pumpkin Painting, not to mention the popular 'Family Calling Contest' where contestants showcase both their creativity and lung capacity to holler for family members across (metaphoric) long distances.

Conley, who serves on the board of Olive Hill Trail Town and is the Director of the Olive Hill Welcome Center and the Tom T. Hall Museum, said this will be the ninth year the popular

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Vendors and shoppers mingle at last year's It's Fall Y'all event. (Submitted photo)

Dr. Jennifer Fraley named superintendent

Board chooses interim superintendent to continue in role

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Carter County Board of Education chose a new superintendent last week after rounds of interviews for that position. Dr. Jennifer Fraley, who has served as the interim superintendent since the resignation of former superintendent Dr. Paul Green, was chosen as the new superintendent. Dr. Fraley, a long-time educator, said that she was both humbled and thrilled

at the appointment. She said that she has been involved in education for 34 years, which is exactly where she has always wanted to be.

Fraley was born and raised in Louisville and graduated from the University of Louisville.

"I knew early on that I wanted to live and work in a rural area," Dr. Fraley said. "So, when I graduated from the University of Louisville, I went to Wolfe County."

Fraley spent nine years of her career in Wolfe County, teaching everything at an elementary school level and Social Studies, Language Arts, and Math at the middle school level until she went to work for the State Department of Education.

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Dr. Jennifer Fraley (submitted photo)

Presenting Olive Hill Stories

Authors Willie Davis and Neal Salyers to share historical perspectives

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

Olive Hill Stories is a new event launched by author Willie Davis, with the inaugural event kicking off tomorrow (Thursday) at the Olive Hill Welcome Center (the Depot) as a warm-up to It's Fall Y'all. The event, which runs from 6 – 7:30 p.m., will feature Davis and local poet, historian,

and author Neal Salyers.

Davis said he envisions Olive Hill Stories as a "community forum where Olive Hill history is shared among interested Olive Hillians and Carter Countians," both here at home and – via online media – "around the country."

For Davis, who is an Appalachian raised in diaspora, after his family followed work to Mansfield, Ohio, sharing these stories with the outside world is an important part of the project. One way Davis envisions that is by pairing the live events with print and online media partnerships, by submitting articles to the Carter County Times and other local media. (See Davis's submission, *My Olive Hill story: I'm a proud*

Olive Hill hillbilly, on page A-3)

Davis, who has written a fictionalized history of Olive Hill's firebrick legacy, said the community's contribution to our nation's industrial growth – the steel used in skyscrapers and battleships couldn't have been smelted without firebrick for foundries – should be celebrated, and Welcome Center director Lisa Messer Conley agreed. "Olive Hill has a great creation story that should make everyone proud," she noted. "Olive Hill had an abundance of rare fireclay. Olive Hill also had people with the backbone to mine and convert this fireclay into special bricks that helped

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Weekly arrests report

The following individuals were arrested and booked into the Carter County Detention Center over the past week. This list includes local arrests only. It does not include federal inmates being housed at or transported through the detention center.

- Bruce Sexton, 52, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, and rear license not illuminated, arrested and booked September 23.
- Donald Purinton, 52, of Rush, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked September 23.
- Jeremy Creech, 44, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Po-

- lice, on charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, rear license not illuminated, possession of drug paraphernalia, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, third degree possession of a controlled substance – drug unspecified, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, arrested and booked September 24.
- James Conn, 50, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, serving a warrant for another police agency, arrested and booked September 24.
- Adam Lucas, 44, of Denton, arresting agency unavailable, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 24.
- Michael Overton, 31, of Grayson, arrested by Carter

County Sheriff, on charges of rear license not illuminated, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and operating a vehicle with an expired operator's license, arrested and booked September 25.

- April Rogers, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 25.
- Devan Burchette, 34, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 26.
- Candy Arthurs, 54, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 26.
- Christopher Trent, 52, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges including two counts of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, and single counts each of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (2 or

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This Week's Obituaries

Wilma "Janey" Branham Copley, 82
Jerry Jay DeHart, 50

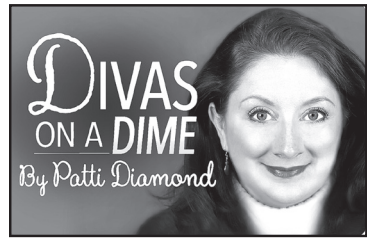
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LIFESTYLE



The humble cauliflower gets a golden, gooey makeover

Quick! Before we get swept away! While pumpkins, apples, squash and cranberries are stealing the spotlight this time of year, I'd like us to pause for a moment and give cauliflower a little love.

This humble, versatile cruciferous vegetable is often taken for granted, but it deserves a standing ovation. Roasted, riced, mashed or pizza crusted, cauliflower plays just about any role you ask of it, and today it's stepping into the starring role in a creamy, cheesy gratin that will win over even the pickiest of eaters.

What does "au gratin" mean? Literally, it translates from

French as "with a crust." In cooking, it refers to a dish topped with a golden, bubbly layer, usually made of cheese or bread-crumbs, or both. For this cauliflower gratin, the rich, velvety cheese sauce melds with tender florets and browns lightly in the oven, creating a luscious, flavorful topping that's as appealing to the eyes as it is to the palate.

CAULIFLOWER AU GRATIN

Tender cauliflower florets are smothered in a creamy, savory sauce, baked until golden and bubbly, making a comforting side dish that's simple, elegant and utterly irresistible.

Yield: 4 to 6 servings
Total Time: 35 minutes

- 1 head cauliflower, in bite-size florets
- For the cheese sauce:**
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk (or milk of choice)
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme, plus extra to sprinkle on top
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Pinch freshly ground nutmeg
- 1 cup (4 ounces) sharp cheddar cheese, white or yellow, shredded, plus extra for topping

Preheat your oven to 375 F. Spray a 2-1/2-quart baking dish or 9-x9-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray, or grease with olive oil or butter.

Bring a big pot of water to boil and cook cauliflower until just barely tender, about five minutes. Drain thoroughly and place into a medium-size casserole.

In a medium-size saucepan over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add flour and whisk a minute or two until flour starts to look a little dry but hasn't browned. Whisk in milk, bring to a boil and stir until thickened enough to coat the back of a spoon and not fill in the line when a finger is run across it.

Remove from heat and add cheese, in small handfuls, stirring after each until each addition is well incorporated. Add most of the thyme, salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Pour the sauce over the cauliflower, using a spoon to stir the florets, if necessary, so all are coated. If desired, top with a little additional cheese and sprinkle the top with the remaining pinch of thyme. Bake for 20 minutes or until lightly browned in spots.

Cheese Variations: For a different flavor profile, try white cheddar (pictured), Gruyère, Swiss or smoked Gouda -- each



Creamy, cheesy and golden-baked -- this cauliflower au gratin turns a simple side into a showstopper (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

will give the gratin a unique richness. You can even mix two cheeses for a more complex flavor.

Optional Mix-Ins: Cooked bacon or pancetta bits for a smoky touch. Sautéed mushrooms for earthy depth. Finely chopped caramelized onions for a hint of sweetness. A handful of cooked spinach or kale for extra color and nutrients.

So, the next time you're caught up in the swirl of pumpkins and pies, remember the quiet brilliance of cauliflower. This creamy gratin proves that even the humblest vegetable can take center stage when given a little love (and a lot of cheese). Serve it alongside your favorite

fall mains and watch it disappear -- because sometimes the supporting cast deserves a standing ovation.

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

Packing for a move

Moving to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations we

encounter in life. There is so much involved in preparing, and timing is a particular obstacle.



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

You are so excited that you have found the perfect home for your family that you haven't considered what you need to do to make the move happen. Then it suddenly becomes a reality. You have to hire movers, decide what you are going to take with you, and most concerning of all...you have to pack it all up.

Yep, that's where you can get lost. Not only do you think you know what you need to pack, the reality is that there will be surprises along the way. So, where to begin? The first thing is to go through the house and open all the cupboards and drawers, look in storage spaces, ga-

rages, and basements and really take in the volume of things you have collected. This is can be an overwhelming experience.

I mean, how did you get this much stuff? Well, here are some steps you can take to make the process a little less stressful.

- Give yourself time to sort through and eliminate what you don't need to keep. Set those things aside for donations or for selling. If you plan to sell items, remember to get what you can with the understanding that nothing is worth what you originally purchased it for. Limit spending too much time trying to sell and stick to packing.
- When you get ready to buy boxes, buy only ones that can be easy to carry for heavy items and are similar in size. Don't forget to get packing tape, bubble wrap, and markers.

• Lighten the load by filling boxes with books, or small appliances half-way and use small items, clothing, or linens to fill in the space.

• Leave full boxes in the room where they were packed and label them so the movers will take them to the right room in your new home.

• There will always be things at the end of your move that you didn't expect, so give yourself enough time to pack well in advance of moving day.

• Watch over the movers to be sure your things are properly handled.

Moving doesn't have to be miserable. With a little planning you will soon have everything done and be able to enjoy your new home.

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

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Extension Notes
AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tree Surface Roots: Why They Happen and What to Do

Big shade trees are a gift — until their roots start showing in the lawn. Surface roots make mowing tough, trip people up and can heave sidewalks. They aren't a sign your tree is failing, though. In most cases, they're a normal response to how roots grow and how soil behaves.

though poplars, willows, maples (Norway, red, silver), sycamores, aspens, beeches and some ash and pin oaks are frequent culprits.

The worst thing you can do is cut or grind off visible roots. That invites decay and insects, removes thousands of feeder roots that absorb water and nutrients, and can weaken the tree's stability. Piling on lots of soil is risky too; deep fill over the root zone can suffocate roots.

First, consider adding a mulch layer over exposed roots. A two- to three-inch layer of shredded wood or chips cushions the roots, reduces mowing around the tree and holds moisture. Extend the mulch ring as far as you can — ideally to the dripline — and keep it pulled back a few

inches from the trunk. Skip "volcano" mulching — don't pile mulch around the trunk. If you want plants under the canopy, hand-dig small pockets within the mulched area for shade-loving perennials or groundcovers between roots; avoid rototillers and do not add thick layers of soil first. Make sure plant roots extend down into the soil and not just into the mulch.

Growing grass under trees is also an option but has its own challenges. Even shade-tolerant species may not provide a thick enough cover to be attractive. The grass and tree roots will constantly compete for moisture and nutrients, and you may find yourself watering the grass under the tree more often than in other parts of the yard. Nevertheless, if you want to try grass, rake away debris of sticks and

Most tree roots spread outward in the top 4–15 inches of soil because that's where oxygen is available. In heavy, compacted, or poorly drained soil, oxygen is scarce, so roots creep even closer to the surface. Each year those roots thicken, the way a trunk does, and they can push through the turf. Erosion from rain and foot traffic exposes them more. Nearly any mature tree can develop surface roots,



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Joyful Noise

Lamenting to God

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell
for *Carter County Times*

Lamentations 1:20 says, "See, Lord, how distressed I am! I am in torment within, and in my heart I am disturbed." And yet he looks to God as the ultimate judge, knowing that only He can deal with the sins and destruction; "Let all their wickedness come before you" (v.22).

This kind of honest crying out to God can most certainly help us to grapple

with the painful atrocities that seem to happen in our communities, our country and all over the world. We have instant news at our fingertips more than ever through our iPhones, etc. It feels so overwhelming and mind blowing at times.

We lament in prayer when our hearts are broken. Many of the psalms are songs of lament, expressing a range of emotions when the authors were going through sorrowful times. We lament

it when we feel helpless in our situations. Some people turn their fearful laments into complaints. Christians should turn their fearful laments into prayer.

The Bible instructs us to lament over our sin. This kind of lamentation is associated with repentance (Matthew 3:8; Acts 2:38; James 5:1). Second Corinthians 7:10 says, "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no

See **JOYFUL NOISE** on A-4

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report			
Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers were unevenly steady with prices ranging from 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher with good demand. Yearlings sold steady to 4.00 higher with good demand. Buyers were active this week and showing preference for long weaned and preconditioned packages and groups. Slaughter cows and bulls were mixed with a few markets reporting steady to 4.00 higher, a few were steady to 4.00 lower, and the remaining were steady with good demand for slaughter classes.			
Week ending 9/27/25			
Courtesy of https://www.kyagr.com/			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	447.91	451.69	288.84
400-450 lbs	420.94	430.97	274.4
450-500 lbs	410.96	416.93	271.45
500-550 lbs	385.26	392.00	267.47
550-600 lbs	374.95	377.11	258.35
600-650 lbs	356.95	371.48	244.39
650-700 lbs	347.49	351.80	241.74
700-750 lbs	341.34	345.67	235.55
750-800 lbs	345.60	348.14	234.05
800-850 lbs	326.80	331.56	225.95
850-900 lbs	331.33	321.72	228.76
Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	384.72	399.46	255.86
350-400 lbs	394.54	395.20	244.30
400-450 lbs	375.83	379.77	246.03
450-500 lbs	365.41	368.38	236.25
500-550 lbs	357.56	355.75	232.04
550-600 lbs	345.05	349.78	228.45
600-650 lbs	330.38	335.06	219.42
650-700 lbs	322.28	325.54	218.76
700-750 lbs	307.50	307.38	211.68
750-800 lbs	293.75	307.78	213.11
WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	135.00-170.00	154.00-184.00	125.00-149.00
Boners	135.00-169.00	154.00-198.00	100.00-151.00
Lean	114.00-159.00	142.00-169.00	86.00-148.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	168.00-201.00	191.00-217.00	144.00-189.00
Sep 25, 2025 Bowling Green, KY			
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 156			
Kids - Selection 1 55 lbs 335.00; 69 lbs 315.00. Kids Selection 2 50-53 lbs 227.50-315.00; 70-73 lbs 225.00-305.00; 85-88 lbs 265.00-330.00.			
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 931			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 53-58 lbs 325.00; 66 lbs 255.00; 75-78 lbs 225.00-255.00; 89 lbs 205.00; 90 lbs 205.00; 110.00-115.00 lbs 190.00-195.00.			
Choice 1-3 51 lbs 285.00. Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2 80 lbs 225.00; 109 lbs 215.00; 115 lbs 230.00; 137 lbs 245.00; 153 lbs 195.00.			
Week ending 9/27/25			
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.72-4.26	3.73-4.27	3.54-3.98
Soybeans	8.94-9.96	9.11-10.25	9.21-10.55
Red Winter Wheat	4.77-5.22	4.88-5.58	4.66-5.29

Arrests from A-1

more grams of methamphetamine), first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (10 or more dosage units, drug unspecified), and possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked September 26.

- Shira Tackett, 40, of Flatwoods, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked September 26.
- Amber Jones, 44, of Wellington, arrested by Rowan County Detention Center, for failure to appear, arrested and booked September 26.
- Patrick Young, 47, of Grayson, arrested by

Carter County District Court, charges unavailable, arrested and booked September 26.

- Roy Sparkman, 73, of Morehead, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked September 26.
- Brady Haywood, 28, of Grayson, arresting agency unavailable, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked September 26.
- Jessica Adkins, 35, of Upton, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and

booked September 27.

- Ben Prichard, 45, of Ashland, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked September 27.
- Oliva Wilmer, 40, of Pikeville, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of no operator's license, arrested and booked September 27.
- Russell White, 56, of Denton, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked September 27.

- Travis Kilgore, 19, of Vanceburg, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of rear license not illuminated, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, arrested and booked September 28.

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.

Fall from A-1

event will be held.

“We used to hear complaints that there was nothing to do in Olive Hill in the fall,” Conley said about the origins of the event. “So, a group of us sat down and at first we tried to do it as a Harvest Festival.”

But the timing of availability to do the event was pushed into October, so she said doing it as a harvest festival didn't work out.

“So, we decided that we would allow people to come in and set up to do fundraisers,” Conley continued.

The fundraising aspect, she said, was the reason Fall Y'all does not have food trucks. It gives local churches, nonprofits, and athletic organizations a chance to sell food as part of their fundraising efforts each year, she said.

“And let me tell you, they all set out really good

food,” Conley said.

Trail Town does all cast iron cooking, for instance, Conley said.

“They have soup beans, cornbread, and cobbler, all fixed on an open fire. It's really good.”

“When we started, there might have been forty vendors,” Conley remembered. “And we started out with games like bed races and plank board races. And every year we try to keep what's good, what people enjoy, and add other fun stuff.”

The event has had its challenges over the years, such as when the city street where they held the bed races was closed (and became part of the highway). But they have continued to work to improve the event over the years and make necessary adjustments to what they offered the community and visitors. And it has more than doubled in size over

time, now providing space for over eighty vendors this year.

“And there is a huge variety,” Conley said. “I have never seen the wide variety of vendors that we are going to have this year.”

Conley said when she is talking to potential vendors, she tells them that the type of items they choose to sell is entirely up to them. This allows people to be able to find virtually anything they might be looking for and the potential variety also improves each vendor's ability to market their items and fundraise for their individual organizations.

“People are interested in everything,” Conley said. “We have gone from five or six hundred people attending the event to four to five thousand that come out for Fall Y'all.”

The ability for

vendors to fundraise for their organizations is a great bonus to the local community, Conley said. And the event itself will use this year's proceeds from the rental of vendor space for the Caboose Restoration Project, so everyone benefits from the event. Conley said she encourages everyone to come out this year and have a good time whether they want to compete in games, make personal or gift purchases, or enjoy live music with friends they might not get to see otherwise.

“There is something for everyone,” Conley said. “And with so many things available, you might find some really great things you didn't even know you were looking for.”

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Stories from A-1

build a growing nation. More people should know this slice of Olive Hill's history.”

Davis cited this conviction, that more people

should know these stories, as the one that “birthed the idea behind Olive Hill Stories.”

There is no charge to attend this event, but space

is limited. Please call or text (606)315-5787 to register and reserve a seat. All attendees will also receive a free e-book copy of Davis's historical novel,

Olive Hill.

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My Olive Hill story

I'm a proud Olive Hill hillbilly

By Willie Davis for Carter County Times

Kentucky lost about 400,000 of its sons and daughters in the 1940s and 1950s to the industrial north. My family migrat-

ed to Mansfield, Ohio in 1959. I was twelve. I came home from my first day of school upset because I was “just another Olive Hill hillbilly” to some of my new classmates. I didn't understand this. My childhood had been wonderful in Hayward, Enterprise, and Soldier.

My mother explained bias as best she could to a seventh grader in a new

community. I realized later that this was not Jim Crow bias. However, it was enough prejudice to linger in my mind for years. Please, don't misunderstand me. I had a great Ohio and Michigan education, and two fulfilling professional careers. But the belief among some that I was lucky to have shoes when my family moved out of Olive Hill remained.

Somewhere in the 1990s I began researching Olive Hill. My family cemetery is in Lawton, and when I returned for funerals, I began talking with other family members and local residents about Olive Hill. I began to uncover a great Olive Hill creation story. I kept researching and realized that Olive Hill has a great history that somehow got lost over time, remaining known only to a few hearty souls.

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Roots from A-2

excess leaves, then add just enough topsoil—a half inch or less—just enough to fill in between roots and smooth the surface. Seed with a shade-tolerant grass and water as needed. When mowing, you may want to set your mower deck a bit higher to avoid damaging any exposed roots. Because roots continue to thicken, expect to repeat this light topdressing every year or two rather than burying everything at once.

Planning and planting choices help prevent the problem. In compacted or clay soils, select trees with deeper root systems

such as black gum, ginkgo, yellowwood, zelkovas and many oaks are good options. You can also choose smaller ornamental trees whose roots are less likely to grow large enough to cause trouble. Plant slightly high (about two inches above grade), give trees room near pavement, and check local rules before planting along streets. Remember that roots extend well beyond property lines and will follow air, water, and space.

In short, surface roots are mostly an aesthetic and maintenance issue—a response to soil conditions

rather than a sign of poor tree health. Treat the soil gently, protect the roots, and manage the area with topdressing or mulch. Your tree will thank you—and your mower will, too.

Contact your local Carter County Extension office for more information. 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 expres-

sions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

Upcoming Events:

- The Olive Hill Farmer's Market is located in the Save-a-Lot parking lot and is open on Wednesdays & Saturdays at 8:00 AM. The Grayson Farmer's Market will be open on Saturdays at 9:00 AM and is located in the shed behind the Extension Office.
- Little Sandy Beekeepers – October 7th @ 6:30 PM – Topic: Pesticides & Bees

CALENDAR

- **10/1: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **10/2: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **10/2: Guided Hike @ 1 p.m.** | Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center
- **10/2: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **10/2: Olive Hill Stories @ 6 p.m.** | Olive Hill Welcome Center
- **10/3: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **10/4: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **10/4: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Shed
- **10/6: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **10/6: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **10/6: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **10/6: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **10/7: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **10/7: Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Board meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **10/7: Pop-Up Farmer's Market @ 5 p.m.** | Friendship & Chapel House parking lot, Grayson
- **10/7: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: Pesticides & Bees
- **10/8: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot

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Pet of the Week

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Sometimes an aftermarket part

is all you can get
 Never drink and drive. Always buckle up.

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Joyful Noise from A-2

regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." Repentance is agreeing with God about how bad our sin is and purposing to turn away from it. When we see our sin the way God does, we lament over it. We grieve at the evil arising in our own hearts and cry out to God to change us. Those who never lament over their own sin have not understood its power to destroy them, nor can they fully appreciate a Savior (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Turn to God. Often a lament begins by an address to God: "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?" (Psalm 13:1). The point is that the person in pain chooses to talk to God about what is happening.

Bring your complaint. Every lament features some kind of complaint: "How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?" (Psalm 13:2). More than a sinful rehearsing of our anger, biblical lament humbly and honestly identifies the pain, questions, and frustrations raging in our souls.

Ask boldly for help. Seeking God's help while in pain is an act of faith: "Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the

sleep of death, lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed over him,' lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken" (Psalm 13:3-4). Unremitting sorrow can create a deadly silence as we give in to despair ("there's no hope") or denial ("everything's fine"). But lament invites us to dare to hope in God's promises as we ask for his help.

Choose to trust. This is the destination for our laments. All roads lead here: "But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me" (Psalm 13:5-6). More than the stages of grief, this prayer language moves us to renew our commitment to trust in God as we navigate the brokenness of life.

The more you pray, the less you will panic. The more you worship, the less you will worry.

Amen! So be it!
JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests: Pastoraomi4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHoprayer. Services: 10am Sunday and Joyful Kids Class at 10:30am, 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm.

Hillbilly from A-3

Somewhere in the 2000s I decided to tell the Olive Hill story in a historical fiction novel. The more I researched, the more I realized the Olive Hill story was also a Carter County story. It was a story of how Carter County and its people gave all that it had in a time when it was most needed, until it was needed no more.

Olive Hill and Carter County became my heroes. Carter County was blessed with an abundance of natural resources. Olive Hill had an abundance of rare fireclay and the people with enough grit to mine and turn this fireclay into special bricks that helped build a growing country. I believe the study of

history is important. A person cannot choose where they are born, or how they are raised, but they can choose how they live. Better life choices are made with a better understanding of history. We need to learn more about our history. Olive Hillians and Carter Countians need to learn more about their history. It's a proud creation story.

Willie Davis will be one of the two inaugural speakers at the first ever Olive Hill Stories public event hosted by the Olive Hill Welcome Center. His topic is "Put your Olive Hill glasses on."

Contact us at news@cartercountytimes.com if you'd like to share your own Olive Hill Story.

Delivering the country roads

250 years of mail delivery, no matter the distance

By Angela Layne
for *Carter County Times*

Rural Carrier Jolena Kees was surprised to learn her route is one of the top ten longest routes in the nation and the longest route in the Kentucky-West Virginia District. Kees

drives a whopping 135 miles per day to serve 479 delivery points in and around the Webbville, KY community.

A 23-year postal employee, Kees has been the rural carrier on this route for the last year. "I plan on retiring on the route. I love going the extra mile for my customers and taking pride in knowing I'm taking care of this community," she said.

Kees is quick to add she has the best route with

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OBITUARY

Della June Farkas 1953 – 2025



On September 20th, 2025, Jesus lovingly welcomed His precious daughter, Della June Farkas, to her Heavenly Home, surrounded by her children while praising and worshipping Jesus.

Della was born on January 17, 1953, in Olive Hill, Kentucky, to Glenn and Esther (Burton) Maggard. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents; her sisters Mary Elizabeth Maggard, Glenna Sue Buckler (and husband Larry), and Bertha Ellen McCoy; her daughter-in-law Kimberly Sue Bledsoe; and her great-grandchild Alphonse Lee Rose.

Della will be remembered most for her unwavering devotion to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a true prayer warrior, a woman whose faith ran deep and steady. Her trust in God was absolute — not just in words, but in the way she lived every moment of her life.

She never missed an opportunity to witness to others about God's love and saving grace. Even in her final weeks, as she lay in the hospital, she continued to be a vessel of light and hope. Though her voice was taken, her testimony never stopped. She lifted her hands in worship, a silent witness to God's presence in her life. Despite the doctors' diagnoses, she praised Him with all she had. She showed the world what it means to live by faith and not by sight.

Della was also known for her incredible work ethic. Age never slowed her down. She gave 33 years of service to Hawthorn, followed by 12 years at Magna. Whether

at work, at home, or in her community, Della poured her heart into everything she did. Her care for others, especially her family and friends, was evident in every interaction. She believed in the goodness within people and always sought to help them reach their full potential.

She is survived by her loving children: Kathryn Dyer, Donna Lubbers, Joseph Bledsoe, Matthew Bledsoe, and Frank Farkas III.

Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: Alexander Lubbers, Angelica Uehling, Anthony & Amanda Postma, Brittany & Jared Rose, Timothy Dyer, Robert Lubbers, Damien Bledsoe, Aragon Troeger, Frank Farkas IV, Rosemary Dyer, Lilyanna Farkas, Leigha Grant, Amadeus Grant, and Shiloh Farkas and great-grandchildren: Dale Uehling and Olivia Rose.

She is also survived by her siblings: Evelena & Charles Cooper, James Maggard, and brother-in-law, Robert McCoy. Along with many cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Della June Farkas lived a life marked by faith, love, and service. She ran her race will, and she has now received her eternal reward. Though our hearts are heavy, we rejoice in knowing that she is with her Savior-----fully healed, fully whole, and forever in His presence.

"Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord." -----
----- Matthew 25:21

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Thursday, October 2, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends may visit after 10 a.m., Thursday, October 2, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Della June Farkas.

Wilma "Janey" Branham Copley 1942 – 2025



Wilma "Janey" Branham Copley, age 82, of Frankfort, Kentucky, formerly of Galion, Ohio, went home to be with the Lord, Sunday, September 28, 2025, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born December 7, 1942, in Carter County, a daughter of the late Edward Branham and Bonnie Irene Gearhart Branham Kiser. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Thomas Edward "Junior" Blankenship on May 6, 1967; her second husband, Lewis Copley, whom she married October 14, 1989, and who passed away April 30, 2018; her stepfather, Charles Douglas Casper Kiser; her brother, Jimmie Kiser; her sister, Rosa Nell Flannery; and her brother-in-law, Harry Gay.

Janey is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Doug Crowe of Frankfort; two grandchildren, Charles Douglas (Elizabeth) Crowe and Emily Dolores Crowe; four stepchildren, Jerry Lewis (Patty) Copley, Donna

Sue Stuart, Sharon Elaine (Danny) Thompson, and Jonathan Copley; nine step-grandchildren, Danny Ray (Tina) Thompson, Christopher (Destiny) Copley, Alex (Tiffany) Copley, Heather (Craig) Wilson, Christina Sigler, Geneva (Tom) Tompkins, Lester Tucker III, Allison (Kevin) McQueen, and Joshua Coon; and many cherished step-great-grandchildren.

Other survivors include her sister, Georgia Gay of Morehead; a special friend, Carol Horner; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, as well as her beloved church family and friends.

A devoted homemaker, Janey was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She was a faithful member of Bucyrus Freewill Baptist Church in Bucyrus, Ohio.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Brother Lyle Arnett officiating. Burial will follow in Kiser Cemetery on Bens Run, Route 986, Olive Hill. Family members will serve as pallbearers.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

View or sign the guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com.

Jerry Jay DeHart 1975 – 2025



Jerry Jay DeHart, age 50, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at his residence.

He was born Sunday, August 10, 1975, in Rowan County, Kentucky, a son of Brenda Steagall DeHart of Olive Hill, Kentucky and the late Jerry Wylie DeHart.

Jerry worked with telecommunications and was a telephone installer. He enjoyed working on the road, welding, tinkering on things that had a motor, most of all he enjoyed family cookouts and spending time with his family.

In addition to his mother, Jerry is survived by two sons, Isaiah DeHart of Grayson, Kentucky, and Noah (Sirena) Dehart of

Olive Hill, Kentucky; five brothers, Jarrett (Jennifer) DeHart, Travis Porter, Clyde (Rose) Carpenter, Richard Dunaway, Jeff Parker all of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one sister, Michelle (David) Stillwell of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Michael King officiating. Burial followed in the Steagall Cemetery, on Tick Ridge, in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, September 26, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Noah DeHart, Eddie Adams, Gregory Adams, Richard Dunaway, David Stafford and Isaiah Dehart served as pallbearers.

Waylon Messer, Clyde Carpenter, Jeff Parker and Travis Porter served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Jerry Jay DeHart.

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OPINION

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

Guest Op-Ed

Rates of some cancers rising among younger adults:

What Kentuckians need to know

By Dr. Gary Grosel
Chief Medical Officer, UnitedHealthcare of Kentucky

The latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show 35,939 cancer cases were reported in Kentucky in 2022.

About 1 in 3 people in the U.S. are affected by cancer and about 2 million new cases of cancer are diagnosed each year.

Breast and colorectal cancer diagnoses, in particular, have been on the rise since the mid-2000s, and these cancers are being diagnosed more often at younger ages.

A cancer diagnosis can impact people's lives in many ways. Early cancer detection may play a key role in helping to improve health outcomes and lower health care costs.

The five-year survival rate for colorectal cancer when caught in its early stages is over 90%, for example. At the most advanced stages, the five-year survival rate for this type of cancer is 13% and treatment may result in long-term side effects.

So, what can you do to help potentially reduce your cancer risk? Here are three things to consider:

Understand your cancer risk factors

Knowing your risk factors of developing cancer or other chronic conditions is an important step in helping to protect your health.

Some cancer risk factors, like age, genetics and family history, are out of your control. Tell your doctor about your family health history to help determine if you may have a higher risk of developing certain cancers.

Understanding your risk can help you and your doctor decide when to begin certain preventive screenings and diagnostic services that may help detect any issues early when treatment may be more effective.

While there's no way to prevent all cancers, there are some lifestyle choices you can make that may support your overall health and potentially help reduce cancer risk as well.

Choose a healthier lifestyle

In the United States at least 18% of cancers are related to excess body weight, physical inactivity, alcohol consumption, and poor nutrition, according to the American Cancer Society.

There are some lifestyle modifications people can make that may result in better overall health and reduced risk for cancer and other chronic conditions.

Eat a balanced diet. Focus on vegetables, fruits, whole grains and lean protein. A healthy diet can help to support your overall well-being. In fact, research shows that people who eat a "Mediterranean diet" have a lower risk of breast cancer, for example.

Prioritize movement and maintain a healthy weight. Regular exercise is good for your overall health and physical activity has been shown to help reduce the risk of certain types of cancer.

Limit alcohol consumption and avoid tobacco and smoking. Alcohol abuse is linked to some types of cancer like those of the oral cavity, esophagus, and liver. Smoking can increase the risk of developing many types of cancer including colon and lung cancers. Chewing tobacco is also linked to cancer, especially head and neck cancers.

Kentuckians and cancer screenings

In Kentucky, 69 percent of women ages 40-74 report receiving a mammogram in the past two years, while 64 percent of people ages 45-75 report receiving one or more of the recommended colorectal cancer screening tests within the recommended time intervals.

Keeping up with doctor visits, preventive screenings and diagnostic services can be an important part of overall health.

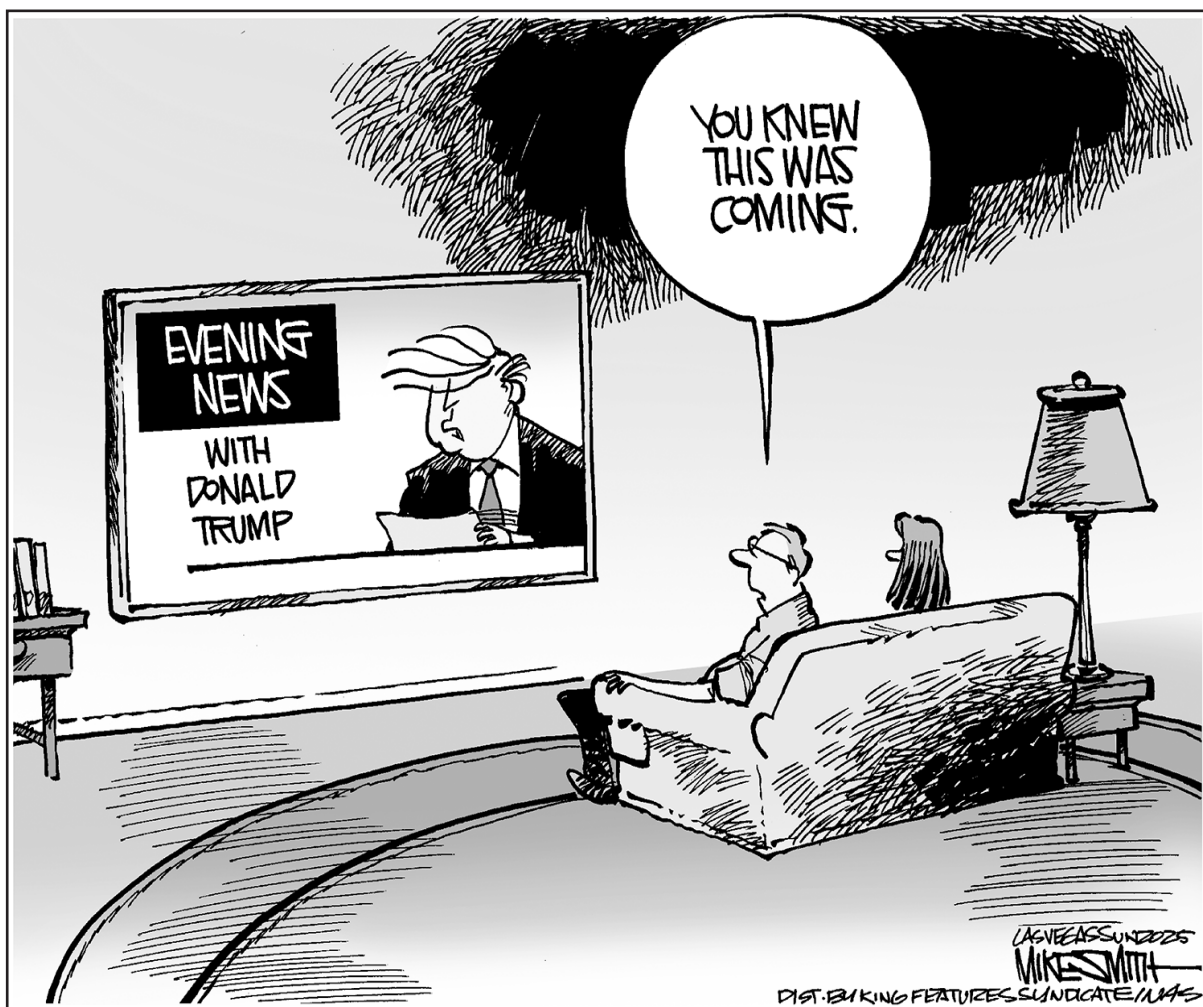
Remember to schedule your annual wellness exam and preventive screenings. Health plans usually cover preventive care, and you may pay \$0 out-of-pocket for certain covered preventive services if you go to a network provider.

Talk to your employer and health plan

Check with your employer and health plan to see what benefits are available to help support your health and well-being.

Timely diagnoses may improve health outcomes and help

See **CANCER** on A-8



Do shootings and fires mean organized religion is again under attack?

The world awoke last Sunday morning with horrific news of a Michigan church full of worshippers being the victims of gun violence and arson. At least four persons were killed, eight were wounded and others were reported missing. Officials said the death toll likely will go higher.

"This appears to be yet another targeted attack on Christians in the United States of America," was the reaction of President Donald Trump, who promptly ordered the FBI and other federal agencies to investigate the incident at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Grand Blanc Township.

Recent attacks have centered on Christian churches, but our nation also has a sad record of assaults on members and houses of worship of the Jewish and Muslim faiths.

Reports of this and other examples of terror tactics against religious facilities and believers in the U.S. bring to mind the evil but effective strategies used by the Ku Klux Klan to resist integration and uphold white supremacy, starting after the Civil War and enduring through the Civil Rights era.

Why have churches been the targets of hatemongers here and elsewhere?

Almost from the founding of America, churches have served as a central, protected space for minorities, be they of religious or ethnic makeup. Churches often function as a school, a meeting place, and a refuge. By attacking such an important space, Klan members and other bigots hoped to demoralize the entire community.

Religious symbols on houses of worship, including the Christian cross, the Star of David for Jews, and the Star and Crescent for Muslims, often are targeted for desecration in hopes of twisting religious imagery of faith into symbols of terror. The goal of that tactic is to create a warning that the hatred of their enemies supersedes the protection of God or whomever.

If we cannot settle our differences, political and religious violence potentially could destroy this 250-year-old land of the free and home of the brave.

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Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

The lost art of neighborliness

It always happens: you're late for work and the Dodge won't start. You need a jump. It's not the government that helps — it's the guy across the street with a set of cables. He's known to be kind of an ass, but he sees you cranking the ignition, walks over wordlessly, gets you running, and moves on with his day like a helpful, unfriendly ghost.

When a storm kung fu chops your fence, it's not Washington suits hauling wood — it's your frenemy with the F-150. Even when people disagree on everything else, there are moments when everyone can be cool. Communities know when it's time to drop off chicken spaghetti or check in when life goes bad.

Meanwhile, the headlines are poison. Every story feels like one more "man, I don't know about this." The kitchen of American life stinks, and the suits in charge pretend they don't smell it. And friends, it ain't right.

Our better angels are still around. The small acts of decency are the glue that keeps this country from falling apart. Everyone knows it. Yet we keep voting for

people who wouldn't stop to help us on the side of the road. They roll up their sleeves and ditch the jacket like it means something, but it's all theater.

You think Tucker Carlson's lending you a lawn mower when yours dies? Or Rachel Maddow's bringing you soup when you're sick? Hell no! The chasm between regular folks only gets wider, while their pockets get fatter. The rich guys cash the contracts, while you wonder why rent keeps climbing. But who actually invites you over for dinner or picks up the check at lunch? The people at eye level.

Communities survive on cooperation, not partisanship. We know how to share a tool, bring over a casserole, check in on a widow. Why can't we demand that same spirit from the people who claim to represent us? Life's messy and imperfect, but that's where community lives — in the small, ordinary ways we show up for each other.

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Letter to the Editor: Different times, same old problems

In 1932, Cole Porter wrote the song "Anything Goes" for a musical of the same name. In the piece he enumerates the negative or odd changes he perceives in society. Today many of those changes seem tame compared with the challenges we confront in modern life. Yet one bridge has stood the test of

time—a question I believe we should all ask ourselves.

*"Just think of those shocks you've got,
And those knocks you've got,
And those blues you've got,*

See **LETTER** on A-6

Policies

General

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The Times welcomes all letters to the editor.

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

Letters, columns and cartoons do not necessarily reflect the views of the Times or EK Newsgroup, LLC.

General interest guest columns are welcome. For details email editor@cartercountytimes.com.

Deadlines

The deadline for news copy and letters to the editor is noon on Monday prior to publication. The deadline for display and classified advertising is 5 p.m. on Monday prior to publication.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

CARTER COUNTY TAXPAYER'S NOTICE

The 2025 Carter County Property tax bills are now due and payable. If you do not receive your bill by **October 15, 2025**, please contact the Carter County Sheriff's Office at 474-5616. When mailing in your payment, please include your postcard or write the bill number on your check. **If you wish a paid receipt returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.** The Sheriff's Departments mailing address is **P.O. Box 1590, Grayson, KY 41143. We can now accept your Visa or Master card payment in person or over the phone. (Additional fee will apply to credit card payments.)** The following are the collection dates:

2% Discount	10-01-2025 to 11-01-2025
Face Amount	11-01-2025 to 12-31-2025
5% Penalty	01-01-2026 to 01-31-2026
10% Penalty + 10% Sheriff's Add on Fee	02-01-2026 to 04-15-2026

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All delinquent tax bills will be transferred to the County Clerk's Office as of the close of business on **April 15, 2026**. In addition to the penalties and fees that are applied by the Sheriff's Office, all payments made in the County Clerk's Office are subject to a 20% County Attorney's Fee, a 10% County Clerk's Fee and interest at 1% per month. The delinquency is also subject to being sold to a **Third Party in the summer of 2026.**

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Grayson will be holding a public auction on October 23rd, 2025, at noon, at the City impound lot located at 591 East 5th Street, Grayson, Kentucky. Preview of the vehicles will be by appointment only, beginning 72 hours before the day of sale. Vehicles are sold "as is", without title (unless indicated), all sales are final. The City of Grayson reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Letter from A-5

From those news you've got, And those pains you've got, (If any brains you've got)- From those little radios. I believe this line offers a keen insight into how news—especially that delivered almost instantaneously—creates undue hardship and animosity among a populace. I am typically more of an observer than a speaker, preferring to focus on local news and politics rather than national affairs. I cannot help noticing how national politics bleed into our local community, creating a rift among us. From the turmoil in Ukraine and the powder keg Israel Palestine conflict to the day to day political "slop" forced into our view via our devices. These things seem to only wedge the common man apart from one another. It will come as no surprise to you, readers, that the recent Kirk murder

incident will be mentioned again. However, I will not recount the incident itself; instead, I will examine the cascading effects on our local community. I cannot help thinking of the young man in Rowan County who was fired from the public library because of his controversial statements about the situation. I do not condone his remarks, but it dismays me to see another Appalachian thrown to the wolves over something so inconsequential in daily life. Had his statements been made a month later, the backlash he faced would likely have been milder, and he probably would still have a job. This is especially salient from this year, as the economy grows bleak for many, leaving some to choose between paying bills, buying food, and filling gas tanks. Through this constant, cyclical news cycle that traps many, division spreads among ordinary people. Hatred festers like a splinter, and people who, under different

CITY OF GRAYSON ORDINANCE NO. 02-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAYSON, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS AND STREETS WITHIN THE CITY, AND ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR THEIR OPERATION

WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly has authorized local governments to permit the operation of street legal special purpose vehicles upon highways within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grayson finds that allowing the regulated use of street legal special purpose vehicles will benefit its residents and visitors, subject to the restrictions herein;

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Ordinance:

- "Cabinet" means the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.
- "Highway" has the same meaning as in KRS Chapter 186.
- "Special purpose vehicle (SPV)" means an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), utility terrain vehicle (UTV), minitruck, pneumatic-tired military vehicle, or full-size special-purpose-built vehicle, including a vehicle that is self-constructed or built by the original equipment manufacturer and a vehicle that has been modified.

Exclusion: SPV does not include low-speed vehicles defined in KRS 186.010 or vehicles primarily used for farm/agricultural purposes.

"Street legal special purpose vehicle" means a special purpose vehicle that has been registered, inspected, and equipped as required by state law and this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZED USE

1. Street-legal SPVs may operate on streets, roads, and highways within the City of Grayson, subject to compliance with this Ordinance and KRS Chapter 186.

2. Operation is prohibited on:

- Any federal or state-maintained highway where prohibited by law;
- Highways constructed pursuant to a federal highway program, in the case of minitrucks;
- Any highway segment exceeding twenty (20) miles in length on a roadway with centerline pavement markings.

SECTION 3. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Each street-legal SPV shall be equipped with the following:

- One (1) or more headlamps and tail lamps;
- One (1) or more brake lamps;
- A license plate lamp;
- One (1) or more rear red reflectors;
- Front and rear electric turn signals;
- A braking system other than a parking brake;
- A horn or audible warning device;
- A working muffler;
- Rearview mirrors on both sides;
- A windshield, unless the operator wears eye protection;
- A speedometer illuminated for nighttime use;
- A roll bar or roll cage;
- Seat belts for each designated passenger;
- Tires with a minimum tread of two thirty-seconds (2/32) inch.

SECTION 4. REGISTRATION, INSURANCE & INSPECTION

1. All SPVs shall be registered with the County Clerk pursuant to KRS Chapter 186, and shall be issued a motorcycle registration plate.

2. Owners/operators shall maintain insurance as required for motorcycles under KRS 304.39-110 and provide proof of insurance upon request.

3. Each SPV shall undergo an inspection by a certified inspector prior to registration, and upon renewal the owner shall certify that equipment requirements remain satisfied.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT & PENALTIES

Failure to comply with this Ordinance or state law may result in citations, fines, or suspension of operating privileges within the City.

SECTION 6. REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption, approval, and publication according to law.

First reading and approval this 9th day of September, 2025

Second reading, approval, and adoption this 22nd day of September, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Troy Combs, Mayor

/s/ Dawnita May, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 01-2019, 03-2003, and 07-2012 RELATING TO THE GRAYSON UTILITY COMMISSION BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GRAYSON:

WHEREAS, the Grayson Utility Commission having presented to the City Council the proposed rates for water and sewer services, water and sewer tap fees, and gas tap-on fees, and it being necessary to amend the prior above-referenced adopted ordinances to reflect the current rates and fees hereinbelow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GRAYSON, KENTUCKY, that Ordinance No. 01-2019, Ordinance No. 03-2003, and Ordinance No. 07-2012, be amended as provided for hereinbelow, but in all other respects said ordinances shall remain in full force and effect, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2019 -ARTICLE VIII

The rates to be charged by the Grayson Utility Commission for water and sewer services to the customers of the Grayson Utility Commission, which have been in effect since October 1, 2024, in accordance with the Consumer Price Index, and effective with the adoption of this ordinance, based upon the recommendation of the Grayson Utility Commission, shall be as follows, to-wit:

WATER (Per 1,000 Gallons Used)			
In City Customers:		Out of City Customers:	
First 2,000 Gallons	\$18.41	First 2,000 Gallons	\$26.23
Next 8,000 Gallons	\$6.82	Next 8,000 Gallons	\$7.39
Over 10,000 Gallons	\$6.41	Over 10,000 Gallons	\$6.84

SEWER (Based on Water Consumption)			
In City Customers:		Out of City Customers:	
First 1,000 Gallons	\$17.54	First 1,000 Gallons	\$24.82
Every 1,000 Gallons Thereafter	\$9.95	Every 1,000 Gallons Thereafter	\$10.52

Cooks Family Foods Water Rate:

Wholesale Rate	\$2.86 per 1,000 Gallons
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In addition, on October 1, 2025, the hereinabove mentioned water and sewer rates shall be adjusted in accordance with the Consumer Price Index of the preceding year reported by the United States Government. In no event will there be any increase in the rates based upon the Consumer Price Index greater than three percent (3%). In the event that the Consumer Price Index is less than one percent (1%), the rate will be adjusted at one percent (1%). The Consumer Price Index adjustment will be applicable only for a five (5) year period following the adoption of the within ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2003 - SECTION 2 & SECTION 3

Section 2: Tap fees for various sizes of water taps and sewer taps shall be as follows:

WATER TAP FEES	
3/4 inch tap	\$1,500.00

All other size taps, and any high pressure tap, will be priced on a case-by-case basis considering all material costs and particular needs of the contractor; provided, however, any high pressure tap will be a minimum of \$2,000.00.

SEWER TAP FEES	
4 inch tap	\$1,500.00

All other size taps will be priced on a case-by-case basis considering all material costs and particular needs of the contractor.

Section 3: In the event there are extraordinary expenses in relation to any particular location of the tap or a rise in the cost of materials, then the Utilities Superintendent shall set the tap fee at a reasonable amount which will fairly compensate the Utilities Department, with the ultimate decision made by the Grayson Utility Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2012 -§32.102 TAP-ON FEES

(A) Tap-on fees for various sizes of gas taps shall be as follows:

Residential AC250	\$1,000.00 (on plastic pipe only)
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(B) All other gas taps will be priced on a case-by-case basis considering all material costs and particular needs of the contractor. In the event there are extraordinary expenses in relation to any particular tap installation, such as steel pipe or larger pipe, due to either the particular location of the tap, or a rise in the cost of materials, then the Utilities Superintendent shall set the tap fee at a reasonable amount which will fairly compensate the Utilities Department, with the ultimate decision made by the Grayson Utility Commission.

These amendments to Ordinance No. 01-2019, Ordinance No. 03-2003, and Ordinance No.07-2012, shall be in full force and effect immediately following its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

All other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with these amendments to Ordinance No. 01-2019, Ordinance No. 03-2003, and Ordinance No. 07-2012, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

The first reading, approval, and adoption of these amendments to Ordinance No. 01-2019, Ordinance No. 03-2003, an Ordinance No. 07-2012, was held on this the 9th day of September, 2025.

The second reading, final approval, and adoption of these amendments to Ordinance No. 01-2019, Ordinance No. 03-2003, an Ordinance No. 07-2012 was held on this the 22nd day of September 2025.

/s/ Troy P. Combs, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawnita May, City Clerk

circumstances, might be great idols, friends, or even lovers are instead torn asunder by words and actions that are not their own. It fills me with shame, gut wrenching sadness, and disgust to see friends become bitter enemies over an event in which neither had any influence, control, or involvement. I cannot

help asking the question, "When did we trade our decency and love for one another for this never ending political circus? Why do we continue to draw battle lines and choose sides in a conflict that benefits no ordinary person?" I implore you, readers, to look deeply within yourselves and ask, "What do I gain from the constant

stream of news fed to me?" From my observations, those most involved in national scale politics and news—regardless of the "side" they choose—tend to be the most discontented and unhappy. It is not their beliefs per se, but rather the constant influx of sensationalist headlines and events occurring hundreds of miles from home

that are forced onto their plates—like gruel poured into a pig's trough.

For lack of a better ending statement, I recall a phrase I once overheard:

"Y'all got so concerned with being Democrats or Republicans, you forgot to be decent a long time ago."

Trey McGlone

Legislative update

I've kept very busy these past weeks, starting with a few days at the Public Safety Boot Camp in the company of national experts in law enforcement, corrections, rehabilitation, economists, researchers, academia, other legislators, and former New Jersey Governor. Chris Christie. We had an interactive

panel discussing truth in sentencing, victim impacts, and fiscal impacts. The past couple weeks have reminded me of the importance of sticking close to family and friends, and continuing to serve in my community. I'm grateful to the Grayson Police Department for putting public and officer safety first with new body camera



Robin L. Webb
Senator
State of Kentucky

technology. This technology builds transparency and promotes justice in our community.

I am proud of Grayson's mayor who attended the FIVCO board of directors annual meeting. This meeting works to move projects forward and establish services that make our northeast region better.

Back in Frankfort, I've been busy with committee work. In Appropriations and Revenue, we discussed tax code and provisions, Kentucky's workforce, and heard a review by the Budget Office. In the Committee on Natural Resources

and Energy, we discussed measures to address service disconnections during extreme weather conditions, outdoor adventure tourism opportunities, and several administrative regulations.

In the Committee on Agriculture, we received an update from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Division of Agricultural Economic Development and discussed several initiatives tied to economic development. In Justice and Judiciary, we received an update on the judicial branch budget

from representatives of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

I also attended the Families and Children committee meeting, where we heard updates on three major child- and family-centered initiatives focused on reducing trauma, strengthening families, and modernizing care. The Isaiah 117 House provides a home-like setting for children on removal day, easing caseworker load and equipping foster families with essentials. Ramey Estep/Re-group, a Kentucky-based provider with 80 years of history, show-

cased its integrated model, which spans behavioral health, addiction treatment, and primary care. Finally, the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, now rebranded as OneQuest Health, reported serving 1,800 clients in 2025—a 22 percent increase—as it transitions toward a fully integrated medical and behavioral health model.

I take the work I do both in the district and in Frankfort seriously and am proud to be your state senator.

Golf Scramble Friday!

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Grayson Chamber of Commerce will hold their Annual Golf Scramble this Friday, October 3, at Hidden Cove Golf Course (Grayson Lake). The event will see teams of 4 golfers compete against one another for prizes and

the inevitable year-long bragging rights. Prizes will be awarded for Hole in One (with a \$10,000 prize for a hole in one on the number 11 hole), Samsung 50" Smart TV, vacation stays, and assorted golf apparel. Anyone interested can still register at the chamber of commerce website, so round up three

golf buddies and sign up today.

The event is the chamber's annual fundraiser, and proceeds go to fund the programs and events throughout the year. Golf Scramble Sponsorships include the Lunch Sponsor (\$500), Breakfast Sponsor (\$400), Hole Signage Sponsor (\$100), Gold Sponsor Package (\$1,000), and the Platinum Sponsor

Package (\$2,500). Registration for each four-player team is \$400.

Registration and breakfast begin at 8 am, and the "scramble" kicks off with a Shotgun Start at 9am. Lunch will be delivered at noon, then finished with closing awards and a reception.

"It's our annual fundraiser, and an 18-hole golf scramble," chamber director Mike Nelson said.

"And if somebody nails a hole-in-one on hole 11, they win \$10,000. And we also have prizes on other holes you can win."

Nelson said each golfer participating will also receive a gift bag that contains various items from businesses representing the Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce.

"And there will be lots of food," Nelson said. "We have breakfast, lunch

catered by El Mixteco, and snacks and drink provided by Racers. The best thing is the foods all free and provided to the golfers."

"There will also be a Heckle Hole," Nelson added. "A Heckle Hole is where someone can be paid to 'heckle' the team you are competing against. You give him (the heckler) twenty bucks, and he'll make noises or holler at

See GOLF on A-8

Fraley from A-1

In 2000, Fraley's efforts were recognized when she was named the Kentucky Social Studies Teacher of the Year. She was invited to attend the social studies conference, where she was presented with the award. During her time at the Kentucky Department of Education Fraley served as a middle school consultant and worked on secondary school improvement strategies, something that she felt and still feels is one of the best ways to help students achieve their full potential.

After spending nine years with the State Board of Education, Fraley said she returned home to be an instructional supervisor, then went to work at an educational co-op in Hazard. Fraley worked in Hazard until returning to Carter County as the county's chief academic officer, a position she filled for approximately three years. During that time, in 2024, she was appointed to be the State Director of Math Education. She worked in that position for a year, helping to implement House Bill 162, or the Early Numeracy Act.

"It was good work," Fraley said, as well as being interesting work.

During her time there she was able to secure 70 grants sent out to school

districts to purchase high quality math curriculums and get significant math learning academies in place for math teachers and administrators.

"But when Dr. Green announced his retirement," Fraley said, "I had a lot of folks reach out and say I should really come back to Carter County."

"I was really humbled by that," Fraley added.

The fact that there were community members and teachers wanting her to return to a county she loved was the key reason she reached out to the school board and applied for the interim superintendent position.

"When they (the board) selected me to be the interim superintendent, I knew at that point that I wanted to apply to be the superintendent."

Fraley said that because of her experience working at the state level twice, she had been in a lot of different school districts across the state.

"There is absolutely not a better district than Carter County," she said. "I believe that one hundred percent. We have the very best teachers, the very best staff from our food service to our custodians, and they all care about the kids."

Fraley said that care is half the battle, so to speak. "When you have that

care, that compassion, you can build relationships with students. We have to take interest in our kids for them to be successful," she said. "I feel overly blessed. I'm the one that is so thankful for this opportunity to be here."

Carter County has its advantages and disadvantages, and both have to be considered when forging a plan for the best possible future, Dr. Fraley said. Rural poverty, she said, is definitely something that needs to be addressed. She herself, growing up around Louisville, comes from a poverty background, she said. But it isn't the same.

"There is something very different about rural poverty as opposed to urban poverty," she noted.

"Geography plays a big part in that," Fraley continued. "When you are living in a rural area you can be far from the nearest town. So, if you have a dollar, and you don't have transportation, that is all you have."

Urban areas, she said, offer at least the ability to walk to a restaurant and purchase something from a value menu. Rural areas might not have that proximity, but it does offer the ability for programs to be directly applied in smaller communities. "We are really blessed

with Our Family Resource Centers," Fraley said as an example of those programs. "They are known for the good work that they do. And they are known at the state level for the services they provide to our kids. So, whereas the poverty situation and the geography of rural areas can be a challenge, sometimes they can yield benefits. Because of the fact that we do know all of our students and all of their families, we are able to get to them if they need something."

Dr. Fraley also addressed the issue shared by all districts of educational funding.

"Every year there are more mandates that go unfunded," she said. "But we work to implement them and make sure we have enough counselors in our schools, make sure we have high quality curriculum for our students."

Those things, she said, are expensive and the funds are not always readily available. Given

that, she explained, they are always looking for additional funds and grants to meet the opportunities for anything their students might need.

Fraley said that the school district has already identified some instructional priorities that they are working on.

"Those are things we are looking for in the classroom, and all of our teachers and principals are working toward that."

Maximizing instructional time, planning, and implementing new curriculum are key goals, she said. Formative assessment, monitoring student learning and being able to adjust to ensure all students are achieving their potential are also goals, Fraley said.

Overall priorities for the district, Fraley said, include building systems.

"I am a systems thinker," Dr. Fraley said. "And I think we need to work to put things in place for coherence and consistency. Things that

help us have stability during change and help us to lead during challenges."

Dr. Fraley said another area they are working on is district facilities.

"We need to regroup around the building project because there are still major changes to be made there. But we need to focus on not just a new building, but the health and maintenance of our existing buildings. We have some aging facilities," Fraley said.

"And with that comes, for instance, HVAC issues, then there is roofing, and other similar issues."

"I am humbled and very grateful to be in this role," Dr. Fraley said. "And I want to listen and work to build consensus. I want to make sure that everyone is heard. And I want to have feedback from the families and the community, not just on issues they have but areas where they think things are going well."

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Golf from A-6

the people who are teeing off. Or just do things to unnerve them. But if you know your competing team is going to pay the heckler, you can turn around and give him \$30 to not heckle you or to heckle them instead."

"It just adds fun to raising money," Nelson said.

USPS from A-4

wonderful customers. On any given day she will see turkeys, peacocks, goats, cows, horses, pigs, sheep, owls, and deer. She recalls one occasion when a deer was crossing Bishop Road, so she honked her horn. The deer stopped in the middle of the road, then walked up to her vehicle and head-butted her Jeep and walked on. "That's one of the craziest things that has happened to me on the route."

Another time, she found an injured owl in the road. She told one of her customers, who rescued the owl and took it to the vet. The owl fully recovered.

She loves driving with the window down because it is so peaceful to hear the water flow from the creeks, and the birds singing. Just the everyday life of a rural carrier driving through wooded "wildlife" area to deliver mail. "I love the natural beauty of my route," Kee says.



(submitted photo)

Cancer from A-5

with medical expenses, especially when it comes to cancer. Screenings may include physical exams, lab tests, and imaging, many of which are used in cancer detection and may be covered by health plans.

Taking proactive steps to protect your health today may help you reduce the risk of cancer and other chronic conditions tomorrow.

"Will Wilhoit is the Heckler," he added, pointing out that given that Wilhoit is an attorney, any heckling isn't likely to escalate into actual harassment.

"We will be accepting teams right up to the morning of the event," Nelson said. "There are a few hole

sponsorships left, and if you want you can just give a donation we will put toward the tournament. You can do all of that on our website, including donating one of the prizes."

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