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Lyons to remain incarcerated, for now

Judge rejects bond request until she can review Greenup case

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

More information about the charges against an Olive Hill man – accused of using the internet app Snapchat to solicit a 13-year-old girl he met at a Vacation Bible School (VBS) – came out during his bond hearing last Thursday. This included additional information on the content of some of the text

messages exchanged between the two, and details of how the accused used his own child to approach the minor and obtain her telephone number during vacation bible school.

Michael Lyons, age 32 – who was indicted last year in Greenup County on 14 counts of first degree criminal abuse of a minor under the age of 12, along with three other defendants, for his role in the alleged abuse of children in the special education program at McKell Elementary School – was free on bond in that case when he reportedly approached the victim in the Carter County case. According to testimony from Detective Eddie Littleton, with the Carter County Sheriff's Department, the

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Michael Lyons (submitted photo)

Gaga for gaga ball

Eagle Scout project proposed to tourism commission

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Local Boy Scout Jake Sherrard (Troop 109) spoke to the Grayson Tourism Commission at their regular meeting in October about his plan for his Eagle Scout project.

"I am here with a project for a gaga ball pit," Sherrard told the commission. "I plan on putting it between the splash pad and the playground area at the sports park."

The pit, he said, would not be fixed but movable, as necessary.

Sherrard explained the project to the commission – one which would be totally funded, both materials and labor, through his efforts. It involves erecting a pit structure 30 inches high and 10feet long on each side in an octagon shape, with a blue powder steel frame to match the playground and a mulch base inside. Sherrard told the commission that he needed their approval for the project before he could submit his completed plan to Boy Scouts of America.

Gaga ball is a game that is played in a pit setting, with players striking the ball with an open hand and attempting to strike their opponents below the knee, thereby eliminating them. Multiple opponents can be eliminated with one strike of the ball, which adds another

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Boy Scout Jake Sherrard (Troop 109) speaks with the Grayson Tourism Commission about an Eagle Scout project. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Putting on the finishing touches

Utilities commission wraps up project

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Grayson Utilities Commission began their September meeting with Director Gerald Haney giving an update on the recent cast iron pipe replacement project in the city.

"They have been working on the 'punch list'," Haney told the commission. "Most of what is left is superficial or you could say cosmetic things."

There were no leaks detected in the recently completed water line replacement, Haney said,

and what was left amounted to replacing bricks in some areas, grass reseeding, and general cleanup.

Haney submitted two items to the commission for a vote, including a second change order. The change order (for approximately \$5,300) was necessary to address some of the fire hydrants in the city that had a deeper bury and would require adding an extension in order to meet standards. A change order is issued when something unforeseen in the original bid requires completion to finish a project.

Haney also made the commission aware that the final payout on the cast iron pipe replacement project was in the amount of \$79,831.54. The commission voted to approve the change

order and voted to make the final payout.

Haney informed the commission that a paving project from Standifer that was originally bid at approximately \$195,000 in asphalt cost had been updated as well.

"When we actually went out and physically measured and walked it all, it actually came out a bit more favorable on the tonnage required," Haney said.

There would also be some millwork required that had not been calculated, such as near the church on Pomeroy and on Second Street near the sidewalk, Haney said.

"There will be some additional things, but nothing drastic," he said. "Nothing street-wide where

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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.

- Martha Potter, 37, of Argillite, arrested by Greenup County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 13.
- Barren Barker, 31, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, serving a warrant for a parole violation, arrested and booked October 13.
- Tyler Ratcliff, 21, of Willard, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 13.
- Christopher Pennington, 45, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked

October 13.

- John Dyer, 39, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place, arrested and booked October 13.
- Bryan Scott, 46, of South Shore, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 13.
- Danny Tackett, 41, of Grayson, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 14.
- Jose Mendoza, 30, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County Jail, on charges of third degree terroristic threatening, intimidating a participant in the legal process, second degree unlawful imprisonment, third degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and

booked October 14, with an ICE detainer.

- Brent Blankenship, 23, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of improper display of registration plates, no registration receipt, and failure to maintain required insurance, arrested and booked October 14.
- Melissa Pennington, 40, of Hitchins, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked October 14.
- Gary Rogers, 40, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked October 14.
- Davina Arthur, 59, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 15.
- Mason Skaggs, 21, of Olive

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This Week's Obituaries

Thelma "Jean" Owens Back, 95
Shirlene Bryant Barker, 76
Jeffrey Hugh Madden, 70

Michael Rufus P'Simer, 49
Verna Fannin Tackett, 80
Billy Ray Thompson, 71

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LIFESTYLE



Batch, bake and be ready: Stress-free breakfast biscuits for busy days

October is here, and if your calendar is anything like mine, it's already buzzing with activities and events. The holidays are just around the corner, which means now is the perfect time to get ahead in the kitchen -- so you can enjoy a little peace (and dare I say quiet?) later.

One of my favorite strategies? Making a few batches of breakfast biscuits that are freezer-friendly and easy to grab and go when mornings get hectic. Bake them on a weekend, stash them in the fridge or freezer, and

suddenly those rushed mornings or surprise weekend guests are stress-free.

Starting your day with protein helps keep your energy steady and hunger at bay, which is especially important on busy mornings. Each of these breakfast biscuits packs about 13 grams of protein from eggs, sausage and cheese, giving you a hearty, satisfying start. The addition of sweet potatoes adds fiber, vitamin A and antioxidants, making these biscuits not just tasty, but nourishing too.

You can enjoy these biscuits straight from the fridge, warmed in the oven, air fryer or microwave. Store them in a sealed container in the refrigerator for up to five days or freeze for up to three months. To reheat, bake or air fry from the fridge at 325 F for about five minutes. From the freezer, either defrost in the fridge for eight hours before baking or air frying at 325 F for five minutes, or bake/air fry frozen for 10-12 minutes.

SWEET POTATO MAPLE SAUSAGE BREAKFAST BISCUITS

Yield: 15 biscuits
Total Time: 50 minutes

1 *tablespoon coconut oil or olive oil*

- 1 1/2 cups grated sweet potato (grated using the large holes of a box grater)
- 1 medium sweet onion, finely diced
- 16 ounces ground maple sausage, pork or chicken
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 6 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups blanched almond flour
- 1 1/4 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese, divided

Preheat oven to 400 F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a skillet over medium heat, cook the grated sweet potato and onion in coconut oil for about seven minutes, until softened. Push veggies to the side, add ground pork and cook, stirring, until fully cooked, about seven minutes. Transfer to a large bowl, drizzle with maple syrup and let cool for 15 minutes.

Whisk eggs and stir into the cooled pork mixture.

In another bowl, combine almond flour, whole wheat flour and baking powder; add to pork mixture and stir until combined. Mix in 1/2 cup shredded cheese. Scoop 1/4 cup portions onto the baking sheet, gently flatten with wet fingertips, and sprinkle remaining cheese on top.



Hearty, protein-packed breakfast biscuits that are perfect for busy mornings or cozy weekend brunches. (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

Bake for 14 minutes, until firm and lightly browned. Cool before serving.

Flour Swap: If you don't have almond flour or prefer not to use it, you can substitute all-purpose flour 1:1 (use a gluten-free 1:1 blend if needed). You can also swap the whole wheat flour 1:1 with all-purpose flour for a milder flavor and lighter texture.

Freezing Tips: Wrap each cooled biscuit individually in parchment or wax paper, then place them in a sealed freezer-safe container or bag. This prevents sticking and makes it easy to grab just one or two at a time. Freeze for up to three months.

Just look at you! Smart, satisfied and stress-free, no scrambling, no extra dishes and plenty of time for that first glorious sip of coffee.

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

Finding lost things

How many times have we said, "I can't find my keys?" or "Where did I put the remote?" Well, I would say a lot. Why does this happen? Did we just simply forget where we left them? Yep, that's exactly what happened. We are in such a rush during our day that we drop and run resulting in memory loss.

It's not that we are naturally forgetful, it's just that we don't put things where they belong in our hurry to get ready for the next moment. Most of the time, we can find those lost things, but there are times

when it takes longer which leads to confusion and time loss.



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

I remember a time when I lost my keys while preparing to leave for a client's home. I was running late and though I frantically searched, I was quickly running out of time. It finally came to the point when I was going to miss my appointment and it didn't involve me alone because my associate was waiting for me to pick her up, as well. So, I called a locksmith and got access to my car and left. We made it being only a few minutes late, but in my panic, I spent \$150 on

keys. The job was a success. The client was happy, and I made it home at the end of the day without further incident.

Did I find my keys? Yes, they were on my bed where I had laid them down while getting ready to leave and during my search I had buried them under the covers. If I had put them away in their rightful place, I would have saved myself worry, frustration, and money.

Keep your things where they belong and think before you drop.

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

Joyful Noise Big deal?

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

We don't think these sins are a big deal, but God does! It is all in the scriptures. Let these remind you the next time you just think "it's ok" God won't mind.

- Gossip. We thought it was just sharing our opinion. But God says gossip stirs up conflict and separates close friends. (Proverbs 16:28)
- White Lies. We thought we were protecting someone's feelings. But

God says all liars will have their part in the lake of fire. (Revelation 21:8)

- Pride. We thought we were just being confident. But God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6)
- Gluttony. We thought we were just enjoying food. But God says those whose god is their belly are enemies of the cross. (Philippians 3:19)
- Being Lukewarm. We thought we were just being "balanced." But God says He will spit out the lukewarm. (Revelation 3:16)
- Idleness. We thought we were just resting. But

God warns that laziness leads to poverty and ruin. (Proverbs 6:10-11)

- Lustful Glances. We thought we were just looking. But Jesus said looking with lust is adultery in the heart. (Matthew 5:28)
- Envy. We thought we were just wishing for what they had. But God says envy rots the bones. (Proverbs 14:30)
- Complaining. We thought we were just being honest. But God says grumbling shows a lack of trust in Him. (Philippians 2:14)
- Not Helping Others

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Extension Notes

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Crop protection webinars begin October 30

Register now for multiple webinars focusing on agronomic crops and Integrated Pest Management. The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will present the 2025 Fall Crop Protection Webinar Series, hosted through the Southern Integrated Pest Management Center. The series will begin at 10 a.m. ET/9 a.m. CT on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, and will continue consecutive Thursday mornings through Nov. 20 at the same time. Each webinar will be one hour in length. Continuing Education Units for certified crop advisors will include 1 CEU in Integrated Pest Management per webinar or 4 CEUs total for participation in all four webinars; Kentucky pesticide applicators will receive 1 CEU in Category 1A (Ag Plant) for each webinar attended.

The webinars are open to agriculture and natural resource county extension agents, crop consultants, farmers, industry profes-

sionals, and others, whether they reside or work in Kentucky or outside the state. Pre-registration is required. For more information contact jason.travis@uky.edu.

Webinar #1: Oct. 30, 2025; 10 a.m. ET — Dr. Carl Bradley, Extension Plant Pathologist
Title: Research Update on Red Crown Rot of Soybean

Webinar #2: Nov. 6, 2025; 10 a.m. ET — Dr. Raul Villanueva, Extension Entomologist
Title: Delayed Appearance or Declining Insect Pest Numbers in Field Crops in Recent Years

Webinar #3: Nov. 13, 2025; 10 a.m. ET — Dr. Kiersten Wise, Extension Plant Pathologist
Title: Stopping Southern Rust: Scouting, Spraying, and Staying Ahead

Webinar #4: Nov. 20, 2025; 10 a.m. ET — Dr. Travis Legleiter, Extension Weed Specialist
Title: Defense Wins the Ryegrass Battle
To register visit <https://weeds.cca.uky.edu>

edu/events/2025-crop-protection-webinar-series.

This article was written by Jason Travis, Plant and Soil Sciences Extension Associate, and published in the Kentucky Pest News on September 30, 2025.

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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.
- Northeast Area Livestock Association — Tuesday, October 28th @ 6:00 PM; Speaker — Matt Dixon, UK Ag Meteorologist

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week: Feeder steers sold 3.00 to 10.00 higher, instances 12.00 higher. Feeder heifers sold 4.00 to 10.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to 4.00 higher. Trade active with moderate to good demand on all classes of cattle

Week ending 10/17/25

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/>

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	428.00	434.89	310.05
400-450 lbs	429.40	426.72	294.65
450-500 lbs	418.93	405.04	283.96
500-550 lbs	399.19	387.69	272.58
550-600 lbs	389.08	375.43	268.23
600-650 lbs	378.24	359.74	254.08
650-700 lbs	367.72	345.39	249.89
700-750 lbs	354.92	342.80	240.11
750-800 lbs	348.42	328.99	238.83
800-850 lbs	331.49	334.33	227.68
850-900 lbs	336.03	332.27	225.85

Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	402.43	390.70	268.70
350-400 lbs	399.00	379.85	264.33
400-450 lbs	384.58	370.57	258.93
450-500 lbs	380.48	370.09	248.59
500-550 lbs	361.82	353.93	242.91
550-600 lbs	354.50	347.83	237.74
600-650 lbs	336.90	332.36	229.23
650-700 lbs	328.69	316.02	223.98
700-750 lbs	316.50	308.85	215.15
750-800 lbs	312.33	309.42	208.06

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	146.50-169.00	155.00-189.00	133.00-152.00
Boners	138.00-169.00	155.00-202.50	121.00-151.00
Lean	103.00-158.00	136.00-175.00	70.00-149.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	175.00-210.00	193.50-219.00	150.00-189.00

Oct 14, 2025 Bowling Green, KY

SLAUGHTER GOATS: 145
Kids - Selection 1 67 lbs 360.00; 71 lbs 307.50. Kids Selection 2 50-54 lbs 270.00-305.00; 61-66 lbs 262.50-300.00; 95-98 lbs 250.00-290.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 714
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 53-55 lbs 325.00-340.00; 67-68 lbs 282.50 292.50; 73-76 lbs 257.50-282.50; 87-88 lbs 230.00-232.50; 92 lbs 225.00.
Wooled-Choice 2 67 lbs 220.00; 80 lbs 195.00

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.83-4.43	3.83-4.35	4.31-4.97
Soybeans	9.17-10.35	9.17-10.46	11.60-13.14
Red Winter Wheat	4.49-4.69	4.65-5.40	5.28-6.23

Arrests from A-1

Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to produce an insurance card, no registration receipt, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked October 15.

- Kimberly Ferguson, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of theft by deception – including cold checks – valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, arrested and booked October 15.
- Jeremy Creech, 44, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of third degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), possession of marijuana, first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, arrested and booked October 15.
- Vanessa Gollihue, 34, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for Drug Court,

arrested and booked October 15.

- Samuel Barker, 18, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and first degree criminal mischief, arrested and booked October 16.
- Randall Hamm, 55, of Morehead, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of speeding 15 MPH over limit, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and operating a motor vehicle with aggravating circumstances, arrested and booked October 16.
- Linda Gee, 55, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), and resisting arrest, arrested and booked October 16.
- Richard Reynolds, 36, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of no registration plates, no registration receipt, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked October 16.

- Cody Tucker, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, charges unavailable, arrested and booked October 17
- Jason Runyon, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of third degree criminal trespassing, arrested and booked October 17.
- Timothy Hammons, 41, of Grayson, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked October 17.
- Frank Eldridge, 48, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), arrested and booked October 18.
- Jessica McGuire, 34, of Flatwoods, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of failure to appear, and flagrant non-support, arrested and booked October 18.
- Brad LeMaster, 40, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, failure to maintain required insurance, no registration plates, and two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked October 18.
- Benjamin Stafford, 44,

of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of second degree assault – domestic violence, arrested and booked October 18.

- Richard Walsh, 50, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 19.
- Toby Kronmueller, 55, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of first degree burglary, first degree criminal mischief, theft by unlawful taking of items valued at more than \$500 but less than \$1,000, and first degree criminal trespassing, arrested and booked October 20.
- Tyler Leadingham, 28, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked October 20.

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

you would need a subcontractor.”

The additional paving work, Haney told the commission, was connected with the overall pipe replacement project and was the portion the commission is responsible for finishing. Haney explained that certain projects were the responsibility of the commission, and some were the responsibility of the City of Grayson. That, he noted, is why residents might see different colored markings on a roadway denoting who would be finishing repairs.

With the project being

virtually complete, Haney told the commission that he did not anticipate the need for any additional meetings with Opell Excavating.

“We will probably just do a ‘walk through’ to make sure everything is complete, and then I’ll recommend that we release the retainage,” Haney said.

The warranty period for the work done by Opell Excavating began August 29 of 2025, Haney said, and the company would be responsible for any related problems for a period of one year. The warranty would include any leaks

in the replaced portion of the water lines this winter, Haney told the commission.

Haney said that he did not anticipate any problems with the water pipe replacement project and told the commission that Opell’s Excavating had an extremely good track record.

“They have done a wonderful job,” Haney said. “They started late due to a supply issue but still managed to complete the project thirty days ahead of schedule.”

The cast iron water pipe replacement project is

something Haney said the city has needed for some time, and it comes with the added bonus of updating technology that will both reduce the frequency and possibility of leaks while allowing the utilities commission to find the leaks quicker if they do occur. And, in the event a leak does occur, fewer people can expect to be impacted, as the new shut-off valves will allow for a more localized, and less widespread, interruption of water supply.

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Gaga from A-1

challenging dimension to the game. Players cannot pick up or ‘scoop’ the ball, and play continues until all players are eliminated in a ‘last man standing’ scenario. The only limit to the number of players is the dimensions of the pit itself.

“My brother built one at Carter Caves and it was a massive success,” Sherrard told the commission. “We went by on a random Tuesday and there were about eight or nine people playing.”

Sherrard told the commission that Prichard Elementary has a gaga ball pit, but it is locked up after school hours. Building a gaga ball pit at the sports park would allow young people in Grayson and the

surrounding areas to be able to play without those restrictions, especially on weekends when the school is not open. After hearing Sherrard’s proposal, the commission voted to approve it on the contingency that the sports park manager would oversee it.

Sports Park Director Bert Bayes reported to the commission that the sports park was doing well with plenty of traffic.

“We did a hard count and there were 650 cars by 10:30 in the morning, not counting in overflow parking,” Bayes said. “We estimate there were somewhere between 2,200 and 2,500 people at the park for about five or six hours. We had a very large

crowd, and everything went well. We were also fortunate with the weather.”

“We continue to stay really busy,” Bayes reported. “During our events we continue to see really good turnouts, and everything runs smoothly. We haven’t had any complaints. And we have had a lot of compliments from the visitors coming in.”

Bayes told the commission that the majority of people were actual visitors, and not from Grayson.

“And sometimes they are from far away,” he said. “On the soccer games we have people driving from Louisville and Elizabethtown.”

Bayes told the commission that the Sports Park was just touching the tip of the iceberg, so to speak, when it came to soccer. He said he expected it to continue to grow and to see numbers comparable to what they have seen for baseball and softball.

“We continue to be very busy,” he said. “And we have events scheduled through the second week of November.”

The numbers they have experienced are just one good reason to make a comprehensive development plan, he said, with a focus on improving parking and other future needs.

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Congressman Rogers invites middle and high school students to participate in the Congressional App Challenge

WASHINGTON, DC – The Congressional App Challenge is underway for students in middle and high school. U.S. Congressman Harold “Hal” Rogers (KY-05) invites el-

igible students in southern and eastern Kentucky to participate in the nationwide coding challenge. The deadline to enter is October 30, 2025.

A winning mobile

application will be chosen from each Congressional District. The winning student team will be invited to Washington, DC for a national reception during the 2026 #Houseofcode.

The winning teams display their work in the U.S. Capitol Building, and the apps will be featured on house.gov and the official

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CALENDAR

- **10/22: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **10/22: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **10/23: Guided Hike @ 1 p.m.** | Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center
- **10/25: Octoberfest @ 10 a.m.** | Main Street, Grayson
- **10/25: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **10/25: Campfire Tales & Treats @ 5 p.m.** | Nook & Cranny Coffeehouse, Grayson
- **10/27: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **10/27: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **10/27: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 3 p.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **10/27: Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **10/28: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **10/28: Northeast Area Livestock Association @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Speaker: Matt Dixon, UK Ag Meteorologist
- **10/29: Olive Hill Farmer’s Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save-A-Lot parking lot
- **10/29: Guided Hike @ 1 p.m.** | Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center
- **10/30: Trick or Treat @ 6 p.m.** | Olive Hill
- **10/31: Trick or Treat @ 5 p.m.** | Grayson
- **10/31: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center

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

Jake is a male mixed breed, around 6-months-old, and 28 pounds. He’s very friendly, good with other dogs, and learning to walk on a leash. Jake is also already neutered, and up to date on his vaccines. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet him or call 475-9771 for more information.

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



CITY OF GRAYSON

Throughout the months of October and November, the Grayson Police Department will be conducting safety check points throughout roadways within the city limits, at pre-approved locations.

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OBITUARY

Jeffrey Hugh Madden 1955 – 2025



behind other relatives and friends who will miss him too.

Jeff wanted two people he loved dearly mentioned, his Grandmother, Calli Fultz, and his cousin and dear friend, William Utterback.

Jeffrey worked at Maxey Flat as an evaporator operator and he was a deputy jailer for Rowan County, Kentucky. He worked for St Claire Medical Center in Morehead, Kentucky, as a courier.

For the ones who knew Jeff, he was a loving and passionate man, who loved the ones close to him, his family and friends, especially his children and their friends. He enjoyed taking care of his children and their friends as they grew up. He was known to give nicknames of friendly humor to his children's friends. Till his final days, he would constantly ask about many of the friends of his children's that grew up with them. He loved Jesus, he was passionate about sports, especially the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals. Jeff was very friendly and talkative, there was no stranger he would not engage a conversation with.

"Tomorrow is the New Moon, and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty". 1 Samuel 20:18

At the family's request there will be no service at this time.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Jeffrey Hugh Madden.

Jeffrey Hugh Madden, age 70, of Carter County Kentucky, departed this life on Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, at the home of his beloved daughter and son-in-law in Ashland, Kentucky.

Jeffrey was born in Morehead, Kentucky, on June 14, 1955, to the late Herbert and Jeanette Fultz Madden.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Pastor Gary Madden.

He leaves behind four more brothers and their wives, along with his brother Gary's wife, Tammy Madden. Pastor Steven and Rita Madden, Phillip and Jennifer Madden, Gerald and Dianne Madden, Loren and Mellisa Madden.

He leaves his family to mourn his passing, which includes his son, Jeffery Herbert Ross Madden of Flemingsburg, Kentucky, and his Daughter, Lacey Louise and Andrew Bell of Ashland Kentucky, and his two adored grandchildren, Josie Hinton and Jada Madden. He also leaves

Michael Rufus P'Simer 1975 – 2025



(Peyton Rice) of Morehead, Kentucky, Prestin Easterling of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one granddaughter, Harper Brown; two brothers, Jeff P'Simer, Jake P'Simer both of Olive Hill, Kentucky; three sisters, Tammy Oney, Lisa (Sam) McCreese, LeAnn P'Simer all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Monday, October 20, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Jason Lewis officiating. Burial followed in P'Simer Cemetery, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 11:30 a.m., Monday, October 20, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Michael Rufus P'Simer.

Michael Rufus P'Simer, age 49, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Friday, October 10, 2025, with his best friend by his side, at Southern Ohio Hospice Care Center.

He was born Wednesday, November 12, 1975, in Rowan County, Kentucky, a son of the late Rufus and Linda Reynolds P'Simer.

He enjoyed horseback riding, fishing. He loved joking and pranking others, especially family and friends.

Michael is survived by two sons, Dalton Brown

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Verna Fannin Tackett 1945 – 2025



Verna Tackett, age 80, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 15, 2025 having passed away at her residence, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on July 6, 1945, in Lewis County, Kentucky, to the late Russell and Mary Fannin.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Olive Hill. She enjoyed spending time outdoors tending to her flowers and meeting new people. She could often be found caring for others around her, always willing to help in any way she could.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Arthur "Mike" Tackett; granddaughter, Kodi Michelle Tackett; five sisters, Helen Fannin, Julie Bell "Ora" Dyer, Opal (Willis) Toller, Becky (Clifford) Carroll, and Sandy (Gary) Noblit; three brothers, Leotis (Barb) Fannin, Reynold "Toot" Fannin, and Carl (Bertie) Fannin.

Verna is survived by her daughter, Mary Katherine Tackett (Darrell) of Olive Hill; her son, Michael Anthony "Tony" (Christie)

Tackett of Olive Hill; two granddaughters, Hannah Ashley Tackett of Dover, Kentucky, and Abigail Grace Tackett of Olive Hill; one great-grandchild, Zoey Reese Garvin of Dover, Kentucky; three sisters, Goldie Wallace of Grayson, Kentucky, Gladys Hayes of Crestline, Ohio, Ann Gregory of Bucyrus, Ohio, and numerous nieces and nephews. Finally, three special friends Helen Stevens, Joy Edison Johnson, and Renee Alexander.

Verna will be remembered for her generous heart, gentle spirit, her green thumb, and the love she shared with everyone she met. Her family and friends take comfort in knowing she is at peace having been reunited with those she loved who have gone before her. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished in the hearts of all who knew her.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m., Friday, October 17, 2025, at Olive Hill Memorial Park with Brother Eddie Barker officiating.

Friends visited after 11 a.m., Friday, October 17, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

David Carroll, Jeff Wells, Jack Lowe, Herbie Jones, Tucker Pumpelly and Trevor Callahan served as pallbearers.

Roger Patton, Darrell Seagraves, Marty Church and Chris Tackett served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Verna Fannin Tackett.

Billy Ray Thompson 1954 – 2025



Billy Ray Thompson, age 71, of Soldier, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, October 16, 2025, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Tuesday, June 15, 1954, in Boyd County, Kentucky, a son of the late Shirley and Lucy Sark Thompson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Larry Thompson.

He was a truck driver for over 40 years. Billy enjoyed going fishing, camping, watching UK Basketball and spending time with his family.

Billy is survived by three sons, Billy Thompson Jr., Larry Thompson both of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Scott Thompson/McClurg of Soldier, Kentucky; three daughters, Melissa Fannin of

Indiana, Loretta Boggs, Tiffany Thompson both of Soldier, Kentucky; 16 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; three brothers, Willard Thompson of Pikeville, Kentucky, Kenneth Thompson, Joby Thompson both of Soldier, Kentucky; one sister, Loretta Porter of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Clifford "Tippy" Price officiating. Burial followed in Bradley Cemetery, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Monday, October 20, 2025, and after 9 a.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Larry Thompson, Billy Thompson Jr., Scott Thompson, James Hall, Jacob Boggs and William Boggs served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Billy Ray Thompson.

Shirlene Bryant Barker 1949 – 2025



Shirlene Bryant Barker, age 76, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Monday, October 13, 2025, at U.K. St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Saturday, July 30, 1949 in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Roy and Genevene Easterling Bryant.

Shirlene was a homemaker. She attended Mt. Top Chapel Church, and enjoyed singing, cooking, gardening, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one brother, Larry Wayne Bryant, and one sister, Brenda Faye Bledsoe.

Shirlene is survived by her loving husband of fifty-seven years, Harlan Barker; four sons, Kevin Lee Barker, Clifton Elliott

Barker, Delbert Ray Barker, all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Grover Lee Barker of Morehead, Kentucky; one daughter, Della Dee Barker of Olive Hill, Kentucky; fourteen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; five brothers, James Bryant, David Bryant, Greg Bryant, Barry Bryant, all of Olive Hill, Kentucky, and Michael Bryant of Grayson, Kentucky; one sister, Wanda Lee Spencer of Portsmouth, Ohio, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Roger Greenhill officiating. Burial followed in Bryant Cemetery, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 11:30 a.m., Thursday, October 16, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Clifton Barker, Devin Barker, Bryan Barker, Tommy Kiser, Phillip Barker, Corey Barker, Tyler Barker, and Canan Barker served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Shirlene Bryant Barker.

Thelma "Jean" Owens Back 1929 – 2025



Thelma "Jean" Owens Back, age 95, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Monday, October 13, 2025, in Flatwoods, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Sunday, November 17, 1929, in Brayholm, West Virginia, a daughter of the late Vess and Stella Myrtle Riley Owens.

Thelma was a Published Author, a homemaker, and she attended Bowen Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. She enjoyed working with her art, writing, and taking care of her home.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 53 years, Harold L. Back; two brothers, Danny Owens and Forrest Owens; one sister, Yvonne Thomas; two daughter-in-laws, Rita Back and Boneva Back.

Thelma is survived

by four sons, Gary (Linda) Back of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Michael (Ruthie) Back of Grayson, Kentucky, Ronnie Back of Flatwoods, Kentucky, Richard L. Back of Eaton, Indiana; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; three brothers, Jewett Owens of Emerson, Kentucky, Bobby Owens of Vanceburg, Kentucky, Jimmy Owens of Emerson, Kentucky; one sister, Joyce Branham of Hayden, Alabama; along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Justin Wagoner officiating. Burial followed in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 11:30 a.m. Saturday, October 18, 2025, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Ron Back, Kip Back, Monty Back, Jarrod Back, Dustin Back and Brayden Back served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Thelma "Jean" Owens Back

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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

The real Appalachia is still rebuilding

By William Ney

J.D. Vance got famous telling the world what's wrong with Appalachia.

He turned struggle into a brand and pain into a talking point, packaging the region's hardest truths for readers who'd never set foot here. His book *Hillbilly Elegy* painted Eastern Kentucky and Southern Ohio as broken places filled with broken people — a morality tale about failure.

But if you actually live here, you know that story's not complete.

I wasn't raised deep in the mountains. I grew up in Kirksville, in the foothills, where I had more opportunity than most — a professional father, a mother with a psychology degree, and the expectation that life would go according to plan. Yet when alcoholism wrecked that plan, it wasn't privilege that steadied me. It was Eastern Kentucky.

People who had lost more than I ever had still showed up for me — quietly, consistently, without judgment. That's what recovery really looks like here. It's a neighbor brewing coffee for a 7 a.m. meeting. It's a peer-support worker driving an hour of back roads to check on someone who missed group. It's counselors staying late because hope doesn't keep business hours.

Vance called our region a cautionary tale. What I see is a master class in endurance.

Working as the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Coordinator for Pathways Inc. in Ashland, I see that endurance every day. The clients I meet aren't failures; they're proof that healing happens in small, steady steps. Every phone call returned, every therapy session attended, every relapse met with another try — those are victories. They don't make national headlines, but they keep families together and towns alive.

That same spirit filled the fairgrounds in Ashland this year during *Healing Appalachia 2025*, where more than 25,000 people gathered to celebrate recovery through music and community. The event, organized by Hope in the Hills, a West Virginia-based nonprofit, shows what's possible when Appalachians lead their own renewal. No political campaign could build that stage. It rose from faith, creativity, and the conviction that dignity is a renewable resource.

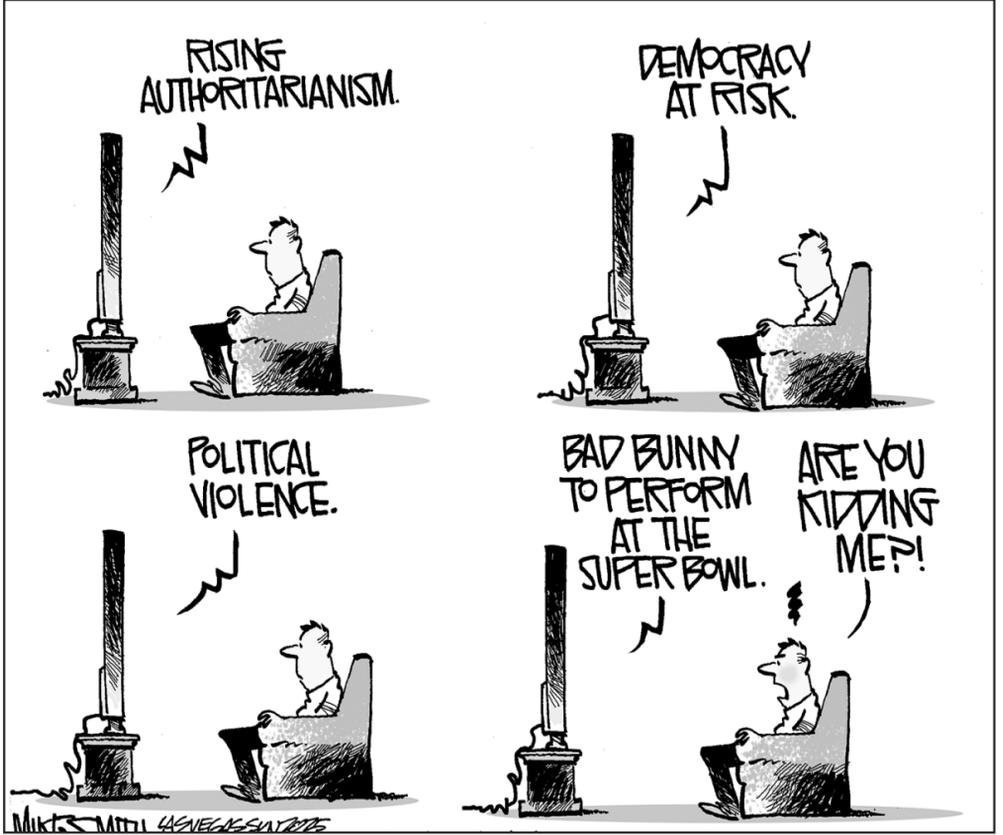
The truth is, Appalachia doesn't need elegies — it needs investment, partnership, and respect. We don't need outsiders explaining us; we need neighbors believing in us.

When I look around Carter County and the surrounding hills, I don't see hopelessness. I see people fixing cars, mentoring kids, starting recovery groups, and helping each other stay afloat. It's messy work, but it's holy work — the kind that builds communities strong enough to outlast any election cycle.

So, to anyone still quoting *Hillbilly Elegy* as the final word on who we are, I'd invite them to come see for themselves. Spend an evening at a recovery meeting, or a night at *Healing Appalachia*, and watch the real story unfold. You'll find that Eastern Kentucky isn't a monument to what was lost — it's a living proof of what can be found again.

About the author:

William Ney is the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Coordinator at Pathways Inc. in Ashland, Kentucky, and a Master of Education candidate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Lindsey Wilson College.



Tired of fighting the barrage of direct giving appeals, should I surrender?

It was about three years ago when I wrote a piece questioning the tactics of fund raising professionals who seemed to be changing the rules of engagement for direct mail appeals.

I had made part of my living in that once noble effort for more than 40 years. I began to notice that many charities were increasing the number of direct mail solicitations, also known in the trade as “nuisance appeals” if they exceeded two pleas for cash in the same calendar year.

It also became apparent that the once sacred pledge of donor confidentiality was being breached systematically as my name, address and giving history triggered similar “asks” from others in the begging trade.

For example, as a former soldier, my initial gifts to the oldest veterans outfit now also gets me direct mail appeals from six other military-connected organizations.

Also, my modest giving to the oldest and largest charity fighting cancer has made me the fundraising target of four other anti-cancer groups. And I now get solicited by five other charities battling other diseases.

I'm not a tree-hugging environmentalist but four of

those groups frequently ask me to contribute to preserving national parks or keeping certain wildlife from becoming extinct. This year we're trying to save the bees.



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

My late wife was a patient at the famous clinic in Cleveland and now they like to keep in touch, as well. But messages from three other huge medical complexes regularly show up in my mailbox. Two groups that send hospital ships to third world countries also know me.

I'm a member of an endangered group called the Democratic Party, but I seldom get mail from their candidates. Instead, I get a constant, 24/7 barrage of text message appeals and a scattering of e-mails from would-be office seekers.

Three years ago, I received direct mail appeals from fewer than 10 charities a week. Today, I sometimes get that many in a single day. As I discard all of that junk mail each day, I find myself worrying if anyone is raising money for solid waste disposal.

Keith Kappes can be reached at keithkappes@gmail.com.

Fighting the Drug War on the wrong front

I know people who've died from overdoses. I also know people who've been saved with a timely Narcan administration. The pollution of fentanyl in street drugs is widespread in America. This isn't a hot take. People are dying. This is reality.

What's not rooted in reality, though, is this idea that Venezuela is some major drug trafficking center. We all know that's a false narrative. Mexico is where the cartels live. Venezuela is where a corrupt government that refuses to play ball with the United States on oil lives. That's what creates this optical illusion for political theater—when anyone with a working internet connection can tell you the plain truth about where the drugs actually come from.

Despite political rhetoric pointing fingers at Venezuela, the fentanyl crisis is overwhelmingly rooted in Mexico, where major cartels like Sinaloa and Jalisco New Generation operate large-scale labs manufacturing fentanyl using precursor chemicals shipped from China and India. These organizations control production, distribution, and smuggling networks that move the drug across the U.S. border—primarily through official ports of entry, not remote desert crossings. According to the DEA's 2024 National Drug Threat Assessment, nearly 97 percent of the fentanyl seized in the U.S. originates from Mexico, and more than 80 percent of those seizures occur at legal border crossings. Venezuela plays virtually no direct role in this supply chain; the problem is entrenched in Mexico's criminal economy, not its neighbors.

This isn't an anti-Mexico statement. I'm pro-immigration. I'm for people living their best lives. As I've said before, I'd rather have a family who walked through hell to be my neighbor than the guy down the



Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

street who just won the birth lottery. What I'm calling out is the Trump administration's false narrative that we're somehow attacking the “war on drugs.” That war has proven over and over to be a pointless war of attrition—and now we're blaming Venezuela? Nah, bro. That ain't it. They didn't make Narcos or Sicario about Argentina, did they?

When a suit starts yapping about “drug traffickers” in Venezuela while ignoring the very real cartel networks operating just across our southern border, the lingo isn't about saving American lives—it's setting the stage for regime change. Venezuela's government, for all its corruption and dysfunction, sits on the largest proven oil reserves in the world—about 18 percent of the global total, according to BP's 2023 Statistical Review of World Energy. Maduro refuses to play nice with Washington or American energy interests. That's the common thread in every so-called “intervention” we've ever justified: gussy it up as fighting drugs, terrorism, or tyranny, but the prize is always oil.

If this were about saving lives, we'd be investing in treatment, education, and harm reduction, not missiles and PR campaigns. If this were about stopping fentanyl, we'd be working with Mexico and China to

See WAR on A-6

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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.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF GRAYSON, KENTUCKY FOR THE YEAR 2025. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GRAYSON:

SECTION I

For the year 2025, there is hereby levied an AD VALOREM TAX upon all real estate within the City of Grayson, Kentucky, subject to taxation for revenue purposes, of 0.177 on each \$100.00 of taxable property with the tax revenue to be used for general purposes.

SECTION II

For the year 2025, there is hereby levied a tax upon all personal property within the City of Grayson, Kentucky, subject to taxation for revenue purposes, of \$.177 on each \$100.00 of taxable personal property with the tax revenue to be used for general purposes.

SECTION III

For the year 2025, there is hereby levied a tax of \$.17688 on each \$100.00 assessment on automobiles and boats within the City of Grayson, Kentucky, subject to taxations for revenue purposes with the tax revenue to be used for general purposes.

SECTION IV

Said levied herein be due and payable on or before the 31st day of December, 2025.

SECTION V

Upon failure to pay any of the taxes herein levied on or before the 31st day of December, 2025, there shall be added upon any delinquent taxes paid after said date a penalty of 4 (percent) and in addition thereto, in the event any tax is not paid on or before the 31st of January 2026, interest shall be added at the rate of 8% (percent) on the outstanding balance thereon.

SECTION VI

This ordinance and the rate herein is contemplated to and does comply with all provisions of KRS Chapter 132 and all other applicable law.

SECTION VII

That each section and each sentence of this ordinance is enacted separately and the invalidity and/or unconstitutionality of any/or particular sentence and /or section shall not affect the validity and/or constitutionality of any other sentence and /or section.

SECTION VIII

That all ordinance in conflict herewith are specifically hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

SECTION IX

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its' passage approval and publication, according to law.

SECTION X

That each section and each sentence of this ordinance is enacted separately and invalidity and/or unconstitutionality of any/or particular sentence and/or section shall not affect the validity and/or constitutionality of any other sentence and/or section

SECTION XI

That all ordinances in conflict herewith are specifically hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict only.

SECTION XII

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its' passage, approval and publication, according to law.

Given the first reading of record on 14th day of October 2025.

And adopted by the second reading and passage the 16th day of October 2025

/s/ Troy P. Combs III, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawnita May, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Carter County Fiscal Court will be accepting applications for a full-time solid waste coordinator. Must be 18 years or older, have a valid drivers license, and must pass a drug test. Applications may be picked up at the Judge Executive's office, located at 300 W Main St, Room 227, Grayson, KY. Applications will be accepted until October 28, 2025, at 4 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Olive Hill will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Olive Hill Police Department** for the purpose of hearing comments from the public regarding the proposed property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025.

The City of Olive Hill is proposing a real property tax rate of **\$0.226 per \$100 of assessed value**, which is the same as the 2024 rate. However, because this rate will generate more revenue than the compensating rate, a public hearing is required under **KRS 132.027**.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and be heard.

Joyful Noise from A-2

When We Could. I thought someone else would help. But God says if I see a need and do nothing, that's sin. (James 4:17)

11. Being Easily Offended. We thought we were just being sensitive. But God says love is not easily offended. (1 Corinthians 13:5)

It matters to keep your heart on the altar. It's not a one-time act of surrender. It's a daily decision to invite God into your motives, emotions and responses every day. Romans 12:1 says to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to the Lord. This is your true and proper worship. This is necessary as an un-surrendered heart is a vulnerable heart. Bitterness, pride, and offense fester when your heart drifts from the fire of God. The altar is where healing, conviction of sin, and purification happens.

These sins create legal access for the enemy to torment, distract and divide you so he can keep you ineffective. It is the little foxes that spoil the vine,

that can wreck a close relationship with the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything hiding in your heart. The altar is your anchor so your heart stays yielded to do what is right.

Pray this prayer. Father, I ask you to create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Reveal anything I've buried – offense, pain and unforgiveness and bring it into your light. I choose to surrender over self. I choose obedience over bitterness. Keep me on the altar. Let my life be a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing in your sight. In Jesus' name.

Amen! So be it!

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War from A-5

crush the chemical supply chain instead of potentially bombing Caracas. We've seen this play before—in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, and a dozen other countries where our “good intentions” left chaos in their wake. Before you know it, we're happy to see someone get shoved

out the door, the country falls apart, and we stuff our pockets before turning the land back over—only in worse shape than when we found it.

It's a familiar pattern. Google it. I'd tell you they'd teach this stuff in school, but when we're still arguing over whether

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00319**

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

AYTHEL BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF AYTHEL BROWN DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on September 16, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **31st day of October, 2025 at or near the hour of 1:00 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 2.75% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 5287 State Highway 2, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 442, Page 838, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 031-00-00-011.01.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00227**

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

CHRISTOPHER CALDWELL; DEANNA PURSLEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTOPHER CALDWELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEANNA PURSLEY; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, CARTER COUNTY; CITY OF GRAYSON, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

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Description of the Property: 401 Bradford St., Grayson, KY. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 455, Page 213, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-70-05-007.00.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 22-CI-00271**

WINTRUST MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF BARRINGTON BANK AND TRUST CO., N.A. PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

STANTON GARVIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE (IF ANY) OF STANTON GARVIN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR NATIONAL MORTGAGE CENTER LLC D/B/A PRICELINEMORTGAGE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF COLLECTIONS DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on August 19, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **31st day of October, 2025 at or near the hour of 1:10 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

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Description of the Property: 1065 Blueberry Ridge, Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 102, Page 769, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 043-00-01-004.01.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00432**

EQUITY PRIME MORTGAGE LLC PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

DAVID SUTTLES III; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF DAVID SUTTLES III; WHITNEY GRIFFITH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF WHITNEY GRIFFITH DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on August 5, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **31st day of October, 2025 at or near the hour of 1:20 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 39 Seagraves Lane, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 498, Page 392, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 094-20-00-011.00.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

a kid can read Charlotte's Web or Notes of a Native Son, making sure kids have a solid understanding of political corruption might be a little above

the average teacher's pay grade.
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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00040**

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

RTLF-KY, LLC COUNTERCLAIMANT/
CROSS CLAIMANT

VS.

MATTHEW RITCHIE; JENNIFER R. RITCHIE; SERVICE FINANCE COMPANY, LLC DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on July 23, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **31st day of October, 2025 at or near the hour of 1:15 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 538 Williams Creek, Rush, Kentucky 41168. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 467, Page 596, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 129-00-00-033.00.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00424**

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2020-2 PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

TERESA M. VIRGIN; COMMONWEALTH CREDIT UNION; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CARTER DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on August 19, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **31st day of October, 2025 at or near the hour of 1:30 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6.877% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 208 Victoria Lane, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 207, Page 454, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-10-46-010.03.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 21-CI-00193**

RTLF-KY, LLC PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

HAL DAVID SMITH; VICTORIA LEIGH SMITH; LIEN SOLUTIONS, LLC; JAMOS FUND I LP; AND COUNTY OF CARTER, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on July 23, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **31st day of October, 2025 at or near the hour of 1:35 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

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Description of the Property: 202 Maple Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 100, Page 608, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-10-50-009.00.

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Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00029**

ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

BOBBY LEE VERNATTER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BOBBY LEE VERNATTER; YVONNIE JUNE VERNATTER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF YVONNIE JUNE VERNATTER; DOT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; COUNTY OF CARTER, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on July 29, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **31st day of October, 2025 at or near the hour of 1:25 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

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Description of the Property: 64 Jay Lane, Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 325, Page 620, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 042-00-00-012.00.

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Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



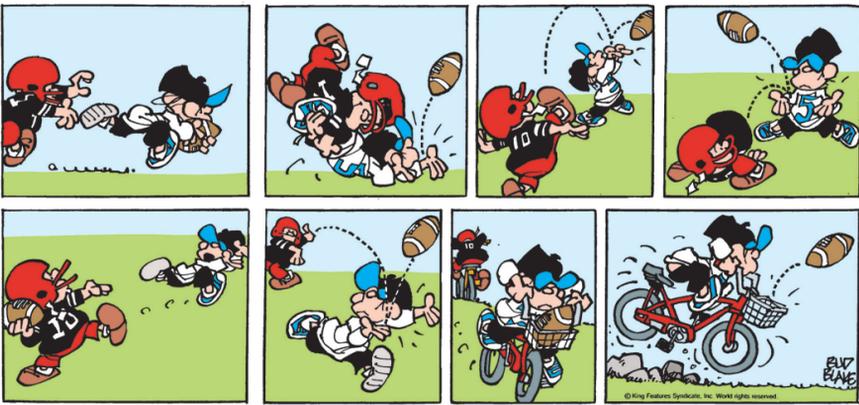
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by Jeff Pickering



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



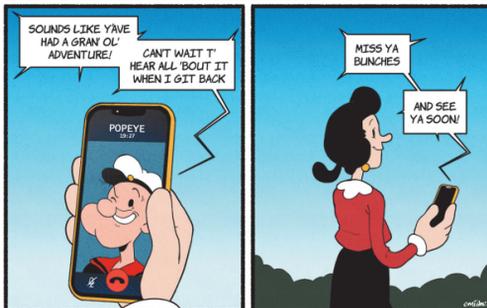
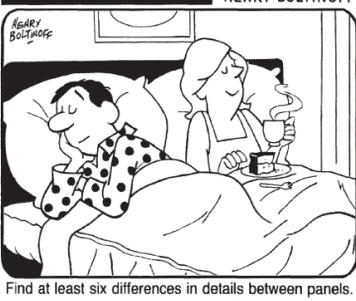
OLIVE

By Emi Burdge



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



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: M equals S

MYVTT PVZGJJQ MOSRZWRZJ
 EWJ ZRVPWRM WAM YJMG
 SJERZHOT HJZY AQ GWR HVTT
 MRVMJQ: VOGOYQ VQG.

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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!

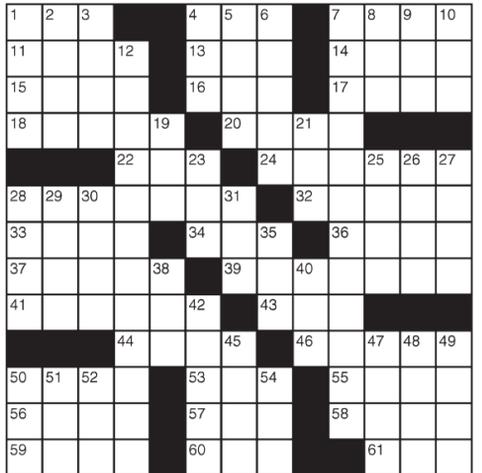
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 Fuse **DORSEL**

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Animation frame
- 4 Literary rep
- 7 Viewed
- 11 Daring Krievel
- 13 Singer Lipa
- 14 Noggin
- 15 Flintstones' pet
- 16 Doo follower
- 17 Gumbo veggie
- 18 Serengeti grazer
- 20 Coconut fiber
- 22 Leg, in slang
- 24 Tempt
- 28 Frosty, for one
- 32 — Martin
- 33 Had on
- 34 Thumbs-up
- 36 Theater award
- 37 Rainbow-shaped
- 39 Country star Judd
- 41 Sealing ring
- 43 German article
- 44 Online auction site
- 46 River of Rome
- 50 Pottery oven
- 53 Ref
- 55 Gospel singer Franklin
- 56 On the rocks



- 57 Mac alternative
- 58 Ninny
- 59 Little lice
- 60 Consume
- 61 Helium, for one

- 9 Listening device
- 10 Secret-protecting doc.
- 12 Three- or four-day vacations
- 19 River blocker
- 21 — pickle
- 23 Mother's Day month
- 25 Lay — the line
- 26 Didi of "Grease"
- 27 New Age singer
- 28 Booty
- 29 Asta's caretaker

- 30 Tolkien villains
- 31 Up-to-date
- 35 Pink Floyd's Barrett
- 38 Society newbie
- 40 Court divider
- 42 Hosiery shade
- 45 Gym site, for short
- 47 Ship's jail
- 48 Austen novel
- 49 Knocks
- 50 Family
- 51 Here, in Dijon
- 52 Allow
- 54 Calif. clock setting

DOWN

- 1 Yield
- 2 Satan's forte
- 3 Sultry Horne
- 4 Annex
- 5 Avocado dip, for short
- 6 Sierra Nevada lake
- 7 Writings by Kate Chopin
- 8 Comics cry

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Weekly SUDOKU



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. COMICS: What is Thor's home planet?
2. LITERATURE: Which of Charles Dickens' novels has a character named Miss Havisham?
3. ANATOMY: What is the largest muscle in the human body?
4. MOVIES: In the movie "Zombieland," what sweet treat is Woody Harelson's character searching for?
5. ASTRONOMY: What is the largest moon of Jupiter?
6. TELEVISION: How does George Costanza's fiancée die on "Seinfeld"?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a quahog?
8. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries does the Amazon River and its tributaries flow through?
9. ENTERTAINERS: Where is Elvis Presley's home, Graceland?
10. SCIENCE: What is the study of clouds called?

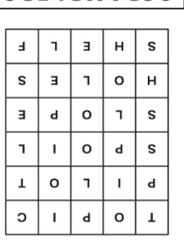
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DROP-OUT

Today's Word

1. Patron; 2. Rupture; 3. Credit; 4. Solder

SCRAMBLERS



Solution



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Small cartoon superhero who reaches his most powerful form in the fall season: Autumn Ant.

CryptoQuip

1. Asgard
 2. "Great Expectations"
 3. Gtutes maximus
 4. Twinkles
 5. Canymede
 6. Poisoned by licking cheap wedding invitation envelopes
 7. Type of clam
 8. Nine (Pern), Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana
 9. Memphis, Tennessee
 10. Nephology



Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

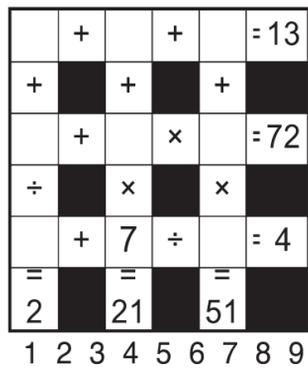
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. Alphabet entry | ___ E ___ | Set of kittens | ___ I ___ |
| 2. Corn | ___ Z ___ | Augusta's locale | ___ N ___ |
| 3. Goddess of Wisdom | ___ A ___ | Greek metropolis | ___ S ___ |
| 4. Fully fledged | ___ W ___ | Gripe and moan | ___ A ___ |
| 5. Pints in a gallon | E ___ | After dark | N ___ |
| 6. Voting paper | ___ O ___ | Pavlova performance | ___ E ___ |
| 7. Trumpet's cousin | ___ N ___ | Lacy undergarment | ___ S ___ |
| 8. Flagon | ___ K ___ | Flicker | ___ H ___ |
| 9. Acute or right | ___ G ___ | Lower leg joint | ___ K ___ |
| 10. Turmoil | ___ O ___ | Blokes | ___ P ___ |

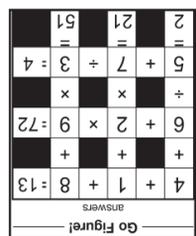
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GO FIGURE!

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. Letter, Litter
2. Maize, Maine
3. Athena, Athens
4. Crown, Croan
5. Eight, Night
6. Ballot, Ballet
7. Comet, Corset
8. Flash, Flash
9. Angle, Ankle
10. Chaos, Chaps

Lyons from A-1

victim testified that Lyons approached her and asked if she could take a photo of him with his daughter and text it to him. Once they had connected via telephone, they moved their conversation to the Snapchat app. It was in that app that he allegedly asked the victim to send him nude photos, as well as sending her photos of male genitalia that he claimed he found online. However, retrieving all of that information has proven difficult, Littleton testified, because of the nature of the app. Conversations on Snapchat are not archived in the same way as traditional text or other personal messaging applications. By default, all messages sent through the app are deleted within 24 hours of being read, though users may adjust their settings to delete read messages immediately, or hold them for seven days before

deleting; unless they are otherwise archived by the user. Because of this there are gaps in the conversation they've been able to retrieve from the victim's device, Littleton testified. But they are working on retrieving them.

Littleton also recounted testimony that he had presented during Lyons initial arraignment on the Carter County charges, including reading the contents of a text conversation between Lyons and the victim's father where Lyons begged the father not to contact police or press charges, stating that he couldn't lose his family or his "church family," and claiming that he didn't know how old the victim was.

Littleton noted that although Lyons and the victim's family weren't close friends, they were familiar with each other through church, and that

Lyons worked with youth in the church during VBS, though he couldn't testify to any official youth leadership position.

Lyons' attorney, however, claimed that Lyons wasn't aware of the victim's age, and introduced text messages that seemed to indicate the victim had misrepresented her age to Lyons, But the Commonwealth countered that VBS is for minor children only, and argued that even if Lyons wasn't aware of her exact age, he was aware of which age group she was involved with during VBS.

There was also discussion of the conditions of Lyons' bond in the Greenup case. Judge Rebecca Phillips noted that the terms of his bond in the Greenup case appeared to have been modified. She stated that it initially appeared as though he had been ordered to have no contact with children,

and that it appeared it was modified to no unsupervised contact with children.

While Lyons' attorney argued that he had not violated the terms of his bond in that Greenup case, Phillips said she needed to talk with the judge in that case to determine if there had been a violation of terms, and whether the terms of bond at the time of the incident – which occurred in June – were to have no contact with minor children, or no unsupervised contact.

And though the defense continued to claim the minor had misrepresented her age, pointing to the text where she allegedly apologized for doing so, attorney for the Commonwealth Barry Bradley said that wasn't enough to justify releasing Lyons.

"She might have lied (about her age)," Bradley said during his final

statements to the judge. "But this is a grown man who went to Vacation Bible School to (pick up) a girl."

"This wasn't someone he met in a college library, who lied about her age," Bradley noted. "And, in his own words, you heard him apologize to (the victim's father)."

Bradley noted that even in that apology, Lyons' concern was on himself, and the impact the incident would have on him and his relationship with the church and his family.

"That's what he was worried about," Bradley said. "Not what he did to the victim."

Bradley reiterated the nature of the Greenup County crimes, noting "this isn't the first time" Lyons had been accused of abusing or exploiting children, and that he was aware he wasn't supposed to have contact with minors as a condition of

his bond in that case.

Despite this knowledge, Bradley said, "he went to a VBS and picked up a girl... at some point we have to use our common sense."

Phillips said she was delaying any decisions on bond in this case until she had time to review family court proceedings and content from the Greenup case.

At press time Lyons was still incarcerated at the Carter County Detention Center on charges of procuring or promoting the use of a minor by electronic means, and distribution of obscene matter to a minor. According to notes on his arrest record there is a hold on Lyons from the Greenup County Circuit Court, with the reason listed as "no bond per Judge McCloud."

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Challenge from A-3

challenge website. "Over the last few years, students from our region have developed innovative mobile apps for things like tourism in their hometowns, mental health resources, robotics, and much more. This challenge is an opportunity for our students to show off their coding skills alongside students from other states," said Congressman Rogers, Dean of the House. "Our students always perform with excellence when giv-

en new opportunities like this, and I'm excited to see the mobile apps that they have created this year."

Last year, students from Barbourville Independent High School won the challenge for Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, with their tourism app called "Downtown Barbourville." They had the opportunity to show off their app in the Capitol Visitors Center for Members of Congress and visitors on Capitol Hill to see.

Students can enter their own individual app creation or enter as a team of up to four students. The app must demonstrate some degree of functionality to be competitive. Students must also submit a short demonstration video to explain the purpose of the app, the tools and coding used to create it, and showcase the functionality.

The Congressional App Challenge is an official initiative of the U.S. House

of Representatives, encouraging students in middle and high school to learn to code, and inspiring them to pursue careers in computer science. More than 12,600 students from across the country participated in the challenge last year, showcasing their creativity, passion for technology, and the limitless potential of America's next generation of innovators.

For more information about participating in the competition, visit hal-

rogers.house.gov

SPORTS

East Carter dominates Lewis County

Raiders offense shines in 37-13 win

By Brayleigh Boggs
Carter County Times

The East Carter Raiders wasted no time stamping their authority on Friday night's matchup against the Lewis County Lions, running away with a 37-13 victory. From the opening kickoff, the Raiders came ready to play, setting the tone with big plays and relentless defense.

Lewis County kicked off, and East Carter's Gavin Elliott (10) took the ball at the 49-yard line, quickly putting the Raiders on offense. After a false start stalled the drive momentarily, quarterback Thomas Burton (1) unleashed a long pass to Caleb Hall (21), who hauled it in for a quick touchdown, waking up the crowd and putting East Carter up 7-0 early.

The Raiders' defense then took over, with linebacker Hunter Stickler (40) forcing a safety to extend the lead to 9-0. That set the stage for a strong offensive push, as Burton found Chase McGuffin (2) near the Lewis County 16-

yard line. From there, East Carter's powerful Layne Gillium (9) bulldozed his way into the end zone, making it 16-0.

Lewis County struggled to find rhythm on offense, thanks in part to a bad snap that pushed them back near their own goal line. They were forced to punt, giving the Raiders excellent field position at their own 38. Capitalizing on the opportunity, Dzsawn Beason (23) ripped off a 14-yard run to get things moving. Shortly after, Gillium punched in another touchdown, putting East Carter firmly in control at 23-0.

After a touchback on the kickoff, Lewis County punted again, this time on their own 46-yard line. Burton then connected on a short pass to McGuffin, who did the rest, sprinting into the end zone for a touchdown. With Reese Bush's (7) extra point adding the icing, the Raiders led 30-0. On defense, Gillium continued to wreak havoc, delivering a big tackle for loss that helped stall the Lions' offense.

Lewis County finally got something going late in the first half, intercepting a pass and returning it to East Carter's 42-yard line. But the Raiders' defense held strong, forcing a

turnover on downs and regaining possession. The offense responded with a long run by Gillium and a clutch pass from Lawson Wilder (11) to Kale Kunder (18), moving deep into Lewis territory. Then, Gillium powered his way to the 1-yard line before crossing the goal line again, extending the lead to 37-0.

The Lions weren't ready to quit just yet, answering with a long 37-yard touchdown reception just before halftime to make it 37-7 going into the break.

Lewis County came out with some renewed energy in the second half, driving inside East Carter's 25-yard line before a crucial turnover on downs stopped their progress. The Raiders' offense moved steadily with solid runs from Elliott and Bryson Matney (8), but the Lions' defense made a key sack on East Carter's quarterback Wilder as the third quarter came to a close.

In the final quarter, Lewis County managed to chip away at the lead with a touchdown run making it 37-13. However, East Carter's commanding lead proved too much, and the Raiders held on for the decisive victory.

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