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What's up next?

Utilities commission discusses future project

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Grayson Utilities Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting last Friday (October 31), and though their recently completed waterline project was still the main topic of discussion, the commission is also looking toward what's next.

Utilities director Gerald Haney reported that most of the items left on the "punch list" from the previous water project

had been completed. Haney said any remaining items were small things, such as placing valve collars and strapping around certain repairs. As promised, all the asphalt concerns had been checked off the list, Haney told the commission.

"They paved Fourth Street first, then went down a block to Pomeroy and did part of Third Street. This week they did Second Street all the way from Carol Malone to West Second past the courthouse," Haney said. "They have also done Third Street from Carol Malone to Landsdowne."

Haney told the commission that time had been lost due to rain (two days), but that College Drive should be finished later

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Crews work on the water line replacement project earlier this summer. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

A room with haunting character

New Airbnb space opens in Grayson

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

A new stay-in-town option for travelers to Grayson recently opened for business on Main Street.

"It's a vacation rental," owner Pam Howard said of the newly renovated travel space.

The new accommodation is designed to be rented for seven days or less each stay, Howard said. The property, called Bit O' Time Loft Space on Main, is located on Main Street in

Grayson above Bit O' Time Treasures.

"Bit O' Time Loft Space is close to all three state parks (Grayson Lake, Carter Caves, and Greenbo)," Howard said of tourist opportunities for the rental.

It is also in the middle of Grayson's downtown merchant space as well, so there is plenty for those enjoying the Airbnb to see and do, she said. The new space is an addition to Howard's other vacation rental, Bit O' Time Vintage Lake Retreat, which is closer to Grayson Lake State Resort Park.

"We did that one," Howard said, "and it is all antique and vintage. But we had been

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The new Bit O' Time Loft Space is above Howard's retail location, Bit O' Time Treasures. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Sold out show at KCU

Gala to feature comedic musician Mark Lowry

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

All tickets are sold out for the Gala at KCU this coming Saturday (November 8). Those who have purchased both VIP and general admission tickets will be able to enjoy an evening with Mark Lowry at KCU's Lusby Hall, together with a delicious meal and refreshments.

Lowry is perhaps best known by fans of gospel music for his time as member of the Gaither Vocal Band from 1988 to 2001,



Mark Lowry (submitted photo)

and 2009 to 2013. Together with bandmates Michael English, Guy Penrod, David Phelps, and Bill Gaither, he ministered the

message through song. Lowry is also known for co-writing the incredibly popular song "Mary, Did You Know?"

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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.

- Tamela Greene, 47, of Web-ville, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of first degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), arrested and booked October 27.
- Dustin Wolf, 24, of Russell, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 27.
- Mason Garris, 31, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), public intoxication on a controlled substance (excludes alcohol),

non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, and failure to appear, arrested and booked October 28.

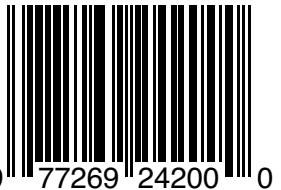
- Taurean Thomas, 38, of Paris, arrested by Grayson PD, on charge of trafficking in narcotics (fentanyl), and being a persistent felony offender, arrested and booked October 28.
- Jarrod Lofton, 41, of Spring, TX, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, no registration receipt, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked October 28.
- Adam Eldridge, 36, of Rush, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 29.
- Brittany Hamm, 34, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for flagrant non-support,

arrested and booked October 30.

- Chauncey Thames, 21, of Louisville, MS, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of disregarding a stop sign, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, arrested and booked October 31.
- Tyler Ratcliff, 21, of Willard, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of first degree burglary, arrested and booked October 31.
- William Yeager, 65, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked October 31.
- Bradford Bailiff, 51, of Milton, FL, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and improper turning, arrested and booked November 1.
- Jaxson Hartig, 24, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State

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This Week's Obituaries

Loma Lois Boggs Griffith, 80
Argus Middleton, 84

John Mark Waggoner, 58

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LIFESTYLE



How to beef up dinner without more beef

Times are tight and grocery prices keep creeping up. Every trip to the store feels like an Olympic event in budget gymnastics. This week, we're talking about how to stretch your ground meat recipes without losing flavor, texture or protein.

There's a secret ingredient that can help you do just that, and you've probably eaten it hundreds of times without realizing it: TVP, or textured vegetable protein.

Made from defatted soy flour, TVP is a shelf-stable, affordable and versatile plant-based protein. You've likely had it in store-bought chili, burritos or frozen entrees, quietly adding bulk, texture and nutrition without changing the flavor.

Used on its own, it's a blank slate, like tofu, so seasoning and cooking technique make all the difference. Treat it right, and you'll have something meaty, savory and delicious.

A 1/4 cup of dry TVP packs about 12-15 grams of protein, nearly identical to meat once rehydrated. It's high-protein, cholesterol-free and easy to find in bulk bins labeled textured vegetable protein (TVP) or textured soy protein (TSP) -- they're the same thing.

How to Make TVP Taste Great

The biggest mistake people make with TVP is treating it like filler. It's not, it's a flavor sponge! The secret to success comes down to three words: flavor, flavor, flavor.

Use broth, not water. Rehydrate with broth or seasoned liquid to build flavor from the inside out.

Add fat. TVP is fat-free, so cook it with olive oil or mix it with higher-fat meat. In this week's recipe, I use 73/27 ground beef -- once stretched with TVP, onions and mushrooms, it's perfectly juicy.

Layer flavor in the pan. Let TVP soak up the garlic, onion, herbs and broth as it cooks for the richest taste.

Give it another chance. If you've tried TVP before and

weren't impressed, this method may win you over.

SAVORY BEEF & MUSHROOM MEATBALLS

Yield: 48 meatballs
Total Time: 45 mins

- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 1/2 cup TVP (textured vegetable protein)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped white mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 pound ground beef (73/27 blend)
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons breadcrumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment or foil for easy cleanup.

In a small bowl, pour the hot beef broth over the TVP to rehydrate. Let it sit while you prepare the vegetables so it can soak up all that flavor.

Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and cook about 5 minutes until softened. Lower the heat to medium-low, then add mushrooms and garlic. Cook another 5 minutes until tender. Stir in the TVP and remove from heat to



Cut costs, not nutrition; TVP blends seamlessly with ground beef for all the flavor, half the cost. (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

cool and marry the flavors. In a large mixing bowl, combine the ground beef, egg, 1/4 cup water, breadcrumbs, salt and herbs. Add the cooled sauteed mixture. Mix gently with clean hands until evenly combined. Scoop about 1 tablespoon of mixture for each and roll into small, golf-ball-size meatballs. Arrange in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until browned and cooked through (internal temp 160 F).

Enjoy over pasta, rice, tucked in a pita, or added to soup. Refrigerate leftovers for up to four days or freeze for up to three months.

This recipe is a perfect exam-

ple of how to live where frugal meets fabulous. By stretching 1 pound of beef into 48 flavorful meatballs, you're getting the same satisfying protein, a lighter carbon footprint and a much happier grocery budget

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*. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

Thanksgiving

This is a wonderful time of the year. It is the time when we give thanks for family, friends, and the life we have been given. It is the time when we feel the weather turning and reap the harvest that feeds us, and it's the time when we think to give to others who are less fortunate.

We, as a people, are going through difficult times

that require us to think not only of ourselves, but of those that are suffering without assistance. My message, today, is that we remember to share our food, our warm clothes, and our love; and not just on Thanksgiving Day, but for all time.

We are responsible for helping our neighbors in need, no matter how they have been handed their situation. Go to your



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

church or check out locations where you can drop off items that will ease the hearts of those in despair. I have seen signs all over town that are asking for donations. As a professional organizer I have seen the overages and know that there are many items we can provide to help someone else.

So, let go and think not of what you are losing, but what might help others to survive.

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

Joyful Noise

Celebrating Reformation Day

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther, a German monk, released 95 powerful statements defending authentic Christian faith against misleading religious practices. His actions were the catalyst for the Protestant Reformation and inspired countless believers to pursue true repentance and a biblical foundation for their faith. October 31 marks some-

thing more powerful in history known as Reformation Day.

His bold act sparked a movement that brought the church back to the foundation of God's Word alone. It reminds us that we are saved by grace alone, according to scripture alone, for the glory of God alone. This was a time when believers sought to realign their faith with the Gospel to remember that Jesus' sacrifice is enough, and that our relationship with

God is built on His grace and not our works.

Martin Luther said, "The Bible is alive. It speaks to me; it has feet; it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me." He said, "prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance but laying hold of his willingness. My conscience is captive to the Word of God." Martin Luther believed that faith is a living daring confidence in God's

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Extension Notes

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Forest management plans: a roadmap to a healthier woodland

If you own woodland, you already know it's more than just trees — it's a living, breathing ecosystem full of potential. Whether your goals include timber production, wildlife habitat, recreation, or conservation, a Forest Management Plan is your most effective tool for bringing your vision to life.

Think of a Forest Management Plan as a roadmap. It outlines your long-term goals for your land and lays out the steps to achieve them. It helps you understand what resources you have, what your land is capable of producing and how to manage it sustainably. From hunting and hiking to timber harvesting and habitat restoration, your plan can be tailored to fit your unique objectives.

Creating a plan isn't a one-time event — it's a process. Here are 10 key steps to developing and implementing a woodland management plan:

1. Identify goals and objectives. What do you want from your woodland?
2. Conduct an inventory. Assess tree species, soil, water, and forest health.
3. Revisit objectives. Ad-

just based on what your land can realistically support.

4. Record area details. Map and document conditions by stand.
5. Designate management areas. Divide your land into zones based on use.
6. Select practices and schedule

activities. Choose actions like thinning or planting.

7. Implement practices. Put your plan into action.
8. Keep records and evaluate. Track progress and forest response.
9. Refine as needed. Update your plan based on results and changing goals.
10. Enjoy Your Woodland! Spend time in it to better understand how it responds.

If developing a plan seems daunting, the good news is that you don't have to do it alone. In fact, a professional forester or natural resource manager is the best resource available to you to help you articulate your goals, assess your land's potential, and design a realistic, achievable plan. They'll also help you navigate challenges like invasive species, disease and access issues.

Costs may vary significantly depending on the

size of your woodland and the complexity of your goals. Hiring a consulting forester to develop a plan may be beneficial, as it affords you, the landowner, some flexibility and ensures that someone visits your property in a timely manner. However, many state agencies, such as the Kentucky Division of Forestry, offer this service to landowners at no cost to them. One potential downside is that you may have to wait for a forester to become available to assist you in managing your woodlands.

Regardless of whom you work with, when it comes to implementing your plan, many state and federal programs offer financial assistance — and some even require a written plan to qualify. In Kentucky, for example, the Forest Stewardship Program offers technical and financial support to landowners who commit to sustainable management.

A Forest Management Plan isn't just a document — it's a commitment to your land's future. Whether you're managing 10 acres or 1,000, taking the time to plan today will pay off for decades to come.

Additional resources can be found at <https://forestry.mgcafe.uky.edu/Management-Plans>. Contact your Carter County

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week feeder steers sold 6.00 to 12.00 lower and heifers were 5.00 to 10.00 lower with good supply and moderate to good demand. Buyers were active in most markets showing best interest for high quality weaned and preconditioned offerings. Yearlings 5.00 to 10.00 lower with good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls sold mostly steady to 5.00 lower with good supply and moderate to good demand.

Week ending 11/1/25

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

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	432.39	457.38	306.20
400-450 lbs	415.00	428.93	289.39
450-500 lbs	395.11	423.76	281.74
500-550 lbs	377.73	400.39	269.59
550-600 lbs	362.27	392.64	265.90
600-650 lbs	347.76	358.86	253.81
650-700 lbs	339.46	359.87	248.74
700-750 lbs	332.19	344.96	240.92
750-800 lbs	332.52	338.30	236.38
800-850 lbs	320.94	341.83	232.59
850-900 lbs	316.29	337.51	240.81
Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	380.73	396.59	263.23
350-400 lbs	378.91	394.45	255.74
400-450 lbs	360.64	382.55	250.10
450-500 lbs	358.43	373.95	242.25
500-550 lbs	339.27	358.84	239.01
550-600 lbs	327.28	344.49	234.81
600-650 lbs	311.57	333.58	227.20
650-700 lbs	311.11	320.59	219.59
700-750 lbs	282.77	330.33	212.09
750-800 lbs	283.00	300.60	209.32

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	140.00-166.00	154.00-183.00	134.00-156.00
Boners	135.00-168.00	154.00-198.00	105.00-157.00
Lean	110.00-157.00	136.00-170.00	80.00-150.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	170.00-199.00	169.00-223.00	150.00-189.00

Oct 23, 2025 Bowling Green, KY
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 208
Kids - Selection 1 52 lbs 375.00; 72 lbs 345.00. **Selection 1-2** 92 lbs 305.00.
Selection 2 51 lbs 340.00; 64-65 lbs 260.00-340.00; 83 lbs 202.50.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 362
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 58 lbs 375.00; 70-78 lbs 307.50-320.00; 87-88 lbs 260.00-270.00; 108 lbs 235.00; 115-119 lbs 212.50-220.00. **Choice 2** 46 lbs 385.00; 57 lbs 350.00; 65 lbs 320.00; 75 lbs 295.00; 88 lbs 250.00; 112 lbs 215.00. **Wooled-Choice 2** 85 lbs 190.00; 100 lbs 137.50.

Week ending 11/1/25

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.07-4.52	3.93-4.40	3.70-4.29
Soybeans	10.10-11.30	9.72-10.71	8.80-10.14
Red Winter Wheat	4.92-5.57	4.75-5.40	4.84-5.19

Arrests from A-1

Police, on a charge of first degree assault, arrested and booked November 1.

- Tony Easterling, 41, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked November 1.
- Anton Glynn-Miles, 35, of Southfield, MI, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, as a fugitive (warrant not required), arrested and booked November 2.

- Craig Horton, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of contempt of court – libel/slander – resistance to order, arrested and booked November 2.
- Phillip Hampton, 33, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of second degree assault, first degree strangulation (non-domestic violence), fourth degree

assault (no visible injury), and a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked November 3.

- Connie Bledsoe, 41, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree fleeing or evading police (on foot), first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and flagrant

non-support, arrested and booked November 3.

All of the charges listed are arrest charges only, and do not indicate an indictment or a conviction for the charges in question. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Information is compiled from publicly available sources, but may not be comprehensive.

Utilities from A-1

that same day.

“So, (the first week of November), if the weather stays good, they should finish all of Landsdowne,” Haney added. “And that will put them on the city streets that aren’t part of the water project.”

The additional paving, he said, included speed bumps on Court Street that residents had petitioned the city to install, and paving on Womack.

“The city has some additional paving to do as well on the east side of Carol Malone,” Haney said. “And once that gets done they may get to our patching. The big streets, the ones everyone drives on, will be finished in November.”

He also pointed out

that the paving being done was a full two inches, post rolled. Opell Excavating has not yet turned in the final retainage for the water project, but is expected to do so this month.

The water project has had secondary and tertiary benefits, Haney said, as the work done on water supply also allowed the commission to make repairs and some updates to the city sewer that would have been much more expensive later if the roadway had needed to be dug up again. Grayson Mayor Troy Combs added that there were roads being paved now that most likely would not have been paved if not for the water project.

Two roads that saw major improvements

that might not have been done without the project were College Drive and Landsdowne, Haney said. Those roads saw improvements that were facilitated by the project, and might have been delayed had it not happened. The City of Grayson, the utilities commission, and Carter County have all been involved in paving projects that complement one another, he said.

Haney also submitted engineering invoices for the months of August and September from Bell Engineering to the commission for approval, in the total amount of \$17,132.13. The commission voted to pay the invoices.

The commission also discussed the upcoming water project near East Carter High School. The contractor that had submitted what was thought to be the low bid on the project discovered a math error in that bid; after recalculation that bid became the highest bid submitted. This change in figures moved the bid submitted by Opell Excavating to the lowest bid slot. Based upon the recalculation, the commission voted to approve the bid by Opell Excavating.

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A Grateful Commonwealth: Honoring Our Veterans

Each November 11, we pause to honor those who have stepped forward to serve our country in uniform. Veterans Day is a time for gratitude, reflection, and recognition. It is more than a date on the calendar or a patriotic tradition. It is a moment to consider the deep cost of service and the quiet courage that defines our veterans.

The roots of Veterans Day go back to 1919, when the first anniversary of the

end of World War I was marked as Armistice Day. Over time, this observance became a national holiday honoring all veterans, not only those who served in war, but also those who stood watch in times of peace.

Today, it remains one of the few national holidays focused on people rather than events. That matters.

Here in Kentucky, we carry a long and proud legacy of military service. Even before we became

a state, Kentuckians were stepping up to defend liberty. The final battle of the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Blue Licks, happened right here on our soil. Since then, generations of Kentuckians have served in every major conflict, and today more than 295,000 veterans call the commonwealth home. Their courage has reached from the forests of Europe to the mountains of Korea, from Vietnam’s jungles to the deserts of the Middle East.

Veterans Day is not just about remembering where

our veterans have served, but about understanding what that service cost them. It means months and years away from family, birthdays and holidays missed, jobs left behind, and futures put on hold. Some carry visible scars. Others carry burdens you cannot see. And yet they serve. Not for attention, not for reward, but because they believed in protecting something greater than themselves.

When we honor our veterans, we also honor their

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Robin L. Webb
Senator
State of Kentucky

Airbnb from A-1

looking for a smaller place, because people would call, mostly kayakers, and they didn’t want a big house.”

Howard said kayakers would come in for the Grotto area and Hidden Cove, but didn’t require as much space as what was available at her other location.

“They just wanted a place for two to four people to sleep,” she explained.

Those types of kayakers spend most of their time on the lake she said, and simply need a base camp, so to speak, rather than an indulgent relaxation spot like the lake retreat.

Howard said they bought the building where Bit O’ Time is located, and the upper floor proved to be perfect for the additional smaller space she wanted. The loft space

is about 700 square feet, she said, which is more suitable for travelers with more limited needs. It rents for a flat fee of \$225 per night with no adjusted cost depending upon day of the week.

Privacy is one of the many differences between Airbnb’s and hotels, Howard said. Other things potential guests might find more attractive is the uniqueness of an Air BnB, because no two are exactly alike.

“It’s a special experience because you are staying in an older building, built in 1921,” she said of her loft space. And for those who might be interested in those possibilities – and as a nod to the building’s unique character – she said it’s possible to see a “ghost or two.”

“There is a lot of history to these old buildings,” Howard said.

Some of that history might be well known, but other parts of that history might have been forgotten.

“We think at one time there might have been a Speakeasy downstairs,” she said. “People have reported hearing jazz music and seen glimpses they describe as sparkling and shiny.”

But in spite of – or maybe even because of – a potentially colorful past, the loft space suite offers guests a comfortable and well-maintained place to rest while visiting Grayson. There is outdoor access to Main Street that offers guests additional privacy, and there is keyed access to the first floor to further ensure guests’ privacy.

The loft space also boasts all original wood on the floors and in the stairwell and an exposed white brick wall, Howard said.

“We left as much as we could of the original to preserve the character of it,” she said. “And all the furniture and the bed are antique. The quilts are antique, and there is an old Victorian spring sofa in the living room that is actually ‘sleepable.’ And we have modge-podge history in the bathroom.”

Howard said that those who have stayed in the room to date have unanimously loved it, and she hopes that more people will book the suite and enjoy it’s unique charm.

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Woodlands from A-2

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

Upcoming Events:

- East KY Hay Contest Awards Program – November 6th @ 6:00 PM –

In addition to the announcement of winners, producers will also learn to read their hay sample reports and gain tips for feeding horses and cattle. Please call 474-6686 to register.

- Ag Advancement Council – November 10th @ 6:00 PM

- Extension District Board – Novemehr 11th @ 10:00 AM
- Emergency Calf Care – November 18th @ 6:00 PM – Morehead State University Farm Classroom

CALENDAR

- **11/6: Guided Hike @ 1 p.m.** | Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center
- **11/6: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **11/6: East KY Hay Contest Awards Program @ 6 p.m.** | Please call 474-6686 to register
- **11/7: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **11/10: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **11/10: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **11/10: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **11/10: Ag Advancement Council @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **11/10: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **11/11: Extension District Board Meeting @ 10 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office
- **11/11: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce @ 12 p.m.** | Location TBD
- **11/11: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **11/11: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall
- **11/12: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **11/13 Guided Hike @ 1 p.m.** | Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center
- **11/15: Friends of the Library meeting @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill

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

Dezi is a female mixed breed. She weighs 40 lbs. and is around 8 months old. She’s very friendly, good with other dogs, and is learning to walk on a leash. Dezi is already spayed, up-to-date on all vaccinations, and has a free adoption to an approved home. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet this good girl, 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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Joyful Noise from A-2

grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times. He said, "we are beggars, this is true."

This man did not stand in the strength of self, but in the poverty of spirit that clings to grace. He knew that man has nothing, earns nothing, and deserves nothing apart from God. Grace is not an accessory to the Christian life. It is the substance. Faith, he said, is a daring confidence in God's grace strong enough to stake your life upon it. To live by faith is to abandon pride, crush self-reliance, and rest wholly in Christ.

This man shook empires because his knees bent before God. He declared, "My conscience is captive to the Word of God," proving that conviction is stronger than crowns and scripture is stronger than systems. The Bible was not ink and page to him. It lived, moved, pursued, and seized his very soul. And to Luther, prayer was not wrestling against a reluctant God but laying hold of

a willing Father. Holiness still begins when pride ends. We own nothing. God gives it all. Live captive to the Word. Pray like heaven is open. Walking in grace makes the weak unshakable.

Let us remember this important part of our Christian heritage and give thanks for the courage of those who stood firm for biblical truths. May we continue to seek God's Word, live by his grace and share his truth with love and humility. Luther said, "Peace if possible; truth at all costs." Let us be the light in the darkness today.

Amen! So be it!
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Veterans from A-3

families. The spouses who hold everything together during deployments, the children who wait and worry, the parents who send off sons and daughters with pride and prayer. These families may not wear the uniform, but their sacrifices are every bit a part of the story.

This Veterans Day, I encourage you to look beyond the ceremonies. Say thank you, yes—but also ask questions. Listen to stories. Visit with someone who served. Most of all, remember that respect for

our veterans should not begin and end on November 11. It should be lived out in how we support them in our communities, how we teach our children about them, and how we uphold the freedoms they fought to defend.

To every veteran in Kentucky and across this nation, thank you. You represent the very best of us. We are safer, freer, and better because of your service. May God bless you, your families, and the United States of America

KCU from A-1

In 1988 Lowry filmed his first video titled "My First Comedy Video", which he followed up with a successful comedy career. He tours the United States and performs both music and stand-up comedy, and records music and comedy albums and videos. In addition to hosting several podcasts, he also cohosts Bill Gaither's Homecoming Radio.

"Wherever he goes, Mark is still doing what he's always done: helping people laugh a little louder, think a little deeper, and trust a little more in the grace of God," Kentucky Christian University Director of Development Danny Stamper said.

He said that response to Mark Lowry's arrival has been incredibly positive, and that tickets to the Gala have completely sold out. Stamper said everyone enjoys good music and a good laugh, and Lowry brings both to the table.

"I first saw him (Lowry) when he was with the Gaither Vocal Band," Stamper noted, adding that Lowry always puts on a good show whether alone or with an ensemble.

"He's very entertaining," Stamper said of Lowry. "A very funny guy and a good Christian man."

Proceeds from the Gala — now in its second year — all go to support KCU's student tuition assistance, Stamper said.

"KCU is committed to helping our students any way we can," he said.

The Gala, and summer concerts as well, are designed to help students while attracting others to come to the campus and see what KCU has to offer.

"Any money we raise all goes back to helping our students succeed," Stamper explained.

Attendees of the Gala at KCU can look forward to a compilation of Lowry's previous work, with perhaps some new material thrown in for good measure. Stamper said that KCU will be announcing the Guest Speaker for the 2026 Gala at the event as well.

"We are already planning it," he said. "And we will also be announcing our Summer Concert Artists as well that evening."

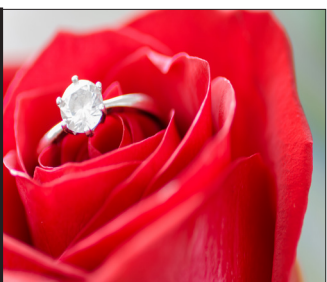
The Gala begins at 5:30 pm, and Stamper said he was really looking forward to it.

"It will be a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and fun."

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OBITUARY

John Mark Waggoner 1967 – 2025



John Mark Waggoner, age 58, of Grayson, Kentucky, peacefully departed this life to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Born on April 20, 1967, in Ashland, he was the beloved son of the late Paul E. and Virginia Pauline Burke Waggoner.

Mark was a dedicated mechanic, working alongside his father at Waggoner Tire and later at Waggoner's Muffler Shop. His hands were skilled, and his heart was generous, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Mark had a deep love for his dog, Axel, who brought him joy and companionship. He found solace in the simple pleasures of life, whether it was cooking a hearty meal or casting a line while fishing.

Mark's legacy is carried on by his loving sister, Pamela Joy (Michael) Kitchen of Grayson, and a cherished family of seven nieces and nephews: David

Kitchen, Aaron (Keri) Kitchen, Jason Waggoner, Dana (Josh) DaBella, Lesley (Braun) Lowery, Jennifer (Phillip) Stephens, and Steven (Kim) Waggoner. He is also survived by several great-nieces, great-nephews, friends, and extended family who will deeply miss his warm spirit and kind heart.

In addition to his parents, Mark was preceded in death by two brothers, Stephen Waggoner and Paul Rauldolph "Mouse" Waggoner; a sister-in-law, Kim Waggoner; and a great niece, Carys Kitchen. Their memories will forever be intertwined with his, as they shared a bond that transcends time.

Funeral services to honor Mark's life were held at 2 PM on Monday, November 3, 2025, at Malone Funeral Home, with Bro. Tim Waggoner officiating. Burial followed at East Carter County Memory Gardens.

Friends and family were invited to visit from 1 PM until the service hour to share their condolences and celebrate Mark's life.

In this time of sorrow, we remember Mark not only for the loss we feel but for the love and laughter he brought into our lives. His spirit will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who knew him.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.malonefuneralhome.com.

Loma Lois Boggs Griffith 1945 – 2025



Loma Lois Boggs Griffith, age 80, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Friday, October 31, 2025, at Kings Brook Nursing in Ashland, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born July 12, 1945 in Franklin Furnace, Ohio, a daughter of the late Ernest and Julie Whitt Boggs.

Loma enjoyed working puzzle books, fishing and spending time with her family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, J.C. Griffith; two children, Henry David Griffith and Gayle Smith; three brothers, David Boggs, Huey Boggs, Dewey Smith; three sisters, Mag Hines, Brenda Boggs and Marie Stevens.

She is survived by three sons, James Clayton (Lisa) Griffith of Webbville, Kentucky, Billy (Pam) Stephens of Lousia, Kentucky, Ricky (Kristen) Stephens of Carter City, Kentucky; four daughters, Wanda (Roger) Oney of Willard,

Kentucky, Tresa (Hobie) Rice of Ashland, Kentucky, Lisa Jackson of Ashland, Kentucky, Linda (Danny) Strickland of Cannonsburg, Kentucky; 30 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; four brothers, George (Bunny) Smith of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, Plez Smith of West Liberty, Kentucky, Carl (Jesie) Smith of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Mitchell Smith of Nashville, Kentucky; one sister, Rose Walker of Olive Hill, Kentucky; special friends, Ralph Skaggs and Michael Jeffers, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

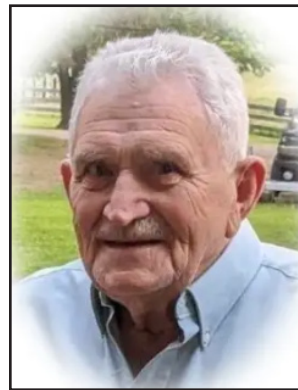
Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Monday, November 3, 2025, at Grayson Funeral Home, 49 McCoy Road, Grayson, Kentucky, with Brother Timmy Porter and Brother Ricky Stephens officiating. Burial followed in Elliott County Memorial Gardens.

Friends visited after 11 a.m., Monday, November 3, 2025, until the service hour at Grayson Funeral Home.

Hunter Stephens, Ashton Crabtree, Bryce Griffith, Aiden Griffith, Quayd Griffith, Joseph Botting, Ceith Griffith, Daniel Griffith and Austin Salyers served as pallbearers.

Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Loma Lois Boggs Griffith.

Argus Middleton 1941 – 2025



Argus Middleton, age 84 of Mansfield, passed away on Friday, October 31, 2025, at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. He was born on July 7, 1941, in Olive Hill, Kentucky, to the late Sam and Grace (Burton) Middleton.

Argus was an all-around outdoorsman with a great love of hunting and fishing. When he wasn't enjoying the great outdoors, he loved spending time with his family, especially his beloved grandkids.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years Maxine L. (Miller) Middleton; his children Michael (Kristy) Middleton, Jerry (Patty) Middleton, Ronda (Dave) Crouse, Rick Middleton, Tony (Paula) Middleton, John A. (Carissa) Fowler, and Raymond (Missy) Fowler; his siblings Lorene

Thomas and Rufus Middleton; his grandchildren TJ Slayton, Dustin Middleton, Brianna Crouse, Nick Crouse, Brandon Middleton, Logan Middleton, Lillie Middleton, Nate Middleton, Pearson Middleton, Preston Middleton, and John A. Fowler III; numerous great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Sam and Grace Middleton and his siblings Earcil Middleton, Delores Davis, Vernon Middleton, Paul Middleton, Pauline Whitherspoon, and 3 infant siblings.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Werner-Gompf Funeral Services, 1106 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, Ohio, 44905, and a second set of calling hours will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Globe Funeral Home, 17277 US-60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, 41164. Services will take place on Thursday at 12:00 pm at Globe Funeral Home with burial to follow at a family cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Happy 100th Birthday

Please wish Myrtle Burchett, from the Carter Caves area of Olive Hill, a very Happy 100th Birthday on November 5!

Let's shower her with 100 birthday cards for her 100th Birthday! Cards may be mailed to:

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Guest Op-Ed

Five Years of Marsy's Law: Building Belief in Justice That Sees People

By Dr. Emily Bonistall Postel, Ph.D.
State Director, Marsy's Law for Kentucky

A victim of domestic violence who knows she has the constitutional right to be notified if her abuser is released. Parents whose murdered child is honored through their right to be consulted by the prosecutor before a plea deal is offered. A survivor standing in court, reading her victim impact statement aloud—able to speak her truth and be heard by the judge, the defendant, and the community.

These moments occur daily in Kentucky. But before 2020, they did not.

Five years ago, more than 1.1 million Kentuckians – 63 percent of voters – voted “yes” on Marsy’s Law, a constitutional amendment ensuring victims of crime have meaningful, enforceable rights.

The law is named for Marsalee “Marsy” Nicholas, a young woman from California who was stalked and murdered by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. A week after her funeral, Marsy’s mother was confronted by the killer – unaware he had been released on bail. That devastating moment inspired her brother, Dr. Henry Nicholas, to champion a national movement to secure equal rights for crime victims across the country.

On November 3, 2020, voters ensured the inclusion, participation and respect of crime victims and their families as they navigate the criminal justice system. And the Commonwealth joined more than 35 states in recognizing victims’ rights at the highest level of law.

In communities across Kentucky, Marsy’s Law has evolved from constitutional principle to daily practice. Prosecutors, law enforcement officers, victim advocates, judges, and service providers have worked together to bring these rights to reality.

I’ve had the privilege of witnessing the many ways Marsy’s Law reshaped what justice looks and feels like in Kentucky. I’ve seen it invoked to protect victims’ dignity, participation, and presence in every corner of the system.

In 2021, when a parole board directive threatened to reopen decades-old cases and force families to relive their trauma, prosecutors and the attorney general stood up for victims’ constitutional rights—arguing that notice, participation, and dignity are not privileges but promises. The directive was rescinded, preserving closure for families who had suffered enough.

When continuances in a murder case stretched for years, the victim’s daughter filed a motion with the court to assert the right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay. And when a mother was denied the chance to read a victim impact statement on behalf of her murdered son, prosecutors filed a motion affirming her right to be heard under Marsy’s Law.

Marsy’s Law is also making an impact in ways that go beyond individual cases. Across Kentucky, it’s prompting communities to examine whether their systems are structured to uphold victims’ rights automatically – without requiring victims to fight for them. Our team has been invited to help local agencies review and update their policies and procedures to ensure that Marsy’s Law is not just something victims invoke, but something the system itself practices. That’s when we know it’s working – not when a right has to be asserted, but when it’s already protected.

Kentucky’s Supreme Court has also helped clarify how Marsy’s Law operates within the broader framework of justice. Through several opinions during the past five years, the court has recognized that victims’ rights and defendants’ rights can coexist within the same constitutional space – ensuring fairness, balance, and due process for everyone involved. These rulings illustrate how Marsy’s Law can be applied in ways that strengthen participation and uphold the integrity of Kentucky’s judicial process.

That belief is taking root across Kentucky. Prosecutors are calling victims before plea negotiations. Law enforcement officers are explaining rights at the scene. Advocates are ensuring survivors have a voice. This quiet transformation is the real success story. Because justice isn’t measured only by verdicts – it’s measured by how people are treated along the way.

Thousands of Kentuckians – prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, advocates, and survivors – have worked

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If SNAP families go hungry, Kentucky legislators should be ashamed

Or perhaps they should be removed from office for dereliction of duty because our state treasury is holding enough surplus cash to pay that \$106 million monthly tab for about three years running.

That’s right. The budget reserve trust fund also known as the “rainy day fund” has something like \$3.7 billion on deposit and the monthly cost of SNAP for about 600,000 Kentuckians of all ages is only \$106 million.

Gov. Andy Beshear has declared a state of emergency and ordered the release of \$5 million in state funds to help food banks deal with emergency needs while the federal government remains on lockdown caused by political gridlock in Congress and the White House.

Taking any more money than the \$5 million from the General Assembly’s gigantic piggy bank would require formal appropriations by the lawmakers themselves. However, our Republican supermajority Senate and House members don’t seem too interested in protecting the children, parents and elderly who cannot buy all of their groceries for a variety of legitimate reasons.

SNAP, officially known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is what we used to call food stamps. Nationally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture spends about \$8 billion each month to help feed an estimated 40 million Americans with lower

incomes.

Our governor also has joined governors in two dozen other states in a federal lawsuit to force President Trump to release those funds. That is admirable but could take months to settle with all of the other litigation already headed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

About one in every eight Americans receive food stamps through SNAP, for an average of \$187 in benefits every month. How many of us could feed one person on such a modest amount?

Funding SNAP is clearly a federal obligation, but our state government certainly has enough money on hand to pay for at least a month or two. After all, doesn’t all of that money really belong to the citizens of Kentucky?



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Nobody is winning when kids go hungry

When people cheer for a government shutdown, they’re not “owning” politicians; they’re hurting working families. As of late October, the U.S. Department of Agriculture warned that 42 million Americans — roughly one in eight — could lose or see delays in SNAP benefits if the shutdown drags on. That means empty pantries for seniors, disabled workers, and low-income parents. The Associated Press reported that Head Start programs in 41 states and Puerto Rico are already bracing to cut off care for 65,000 kids if funding isn’t restored by November 1. These aren’t numbers off a liberal cheat sheet; they’re skipped meals and parents missing work because the preschool shut its doors.

You can’t call yourself pro-life and cheer for policies that starve kids. A moral country feeds the hungry and protects the young.

People still buy into the old “welfare queen” fairy tale — the woman who keeps pumping out kids and milking the system. That lie’s been around since Reagan, because it’s easy. Sure, a few take advantage. So what? I know working families who stay unmarried because a little grocery help keeps them afloat. Everyone deserves a roof and three meals a day. That shouldn’t be up for debate — not while our tax dollars keep digging graves for wars nobody wants.

The reality doesn’t match the myth. Census Bureau data show white Americans make up about 43 percent of welfare recipients, Black Americans 23 percent.

And according to the USDA, fraud in SNAP is under 1.5 percent — less than what most corporations lose to bookkeeping errors. These aren’t freeloaders; they’re your neighbors who fix your truck, bag your groceries, and teach your kids. If the system caves on them, it’ll cave on you next.

And don’t let anyone kid you about health insurance. When premiums go up, working people bleed. A Reuters analysis put the average family plan at \$27,000 a year — up 26 percent since 2020 — driven by higher drug prices, hospital mergers, and plain medical inflation, not by some imaginary mob of freeloaders. Free-market types love to gripe about waste, but the goal isn’t to scrap insurance. It’s to fix it before it eats the middle class alive.

When premiums spike, wages freeze, jobs vanish, and families slip closer to the edge — the same families you say you stand with. Don’t fall for the dog-and-pony show. Vote the clowns out.

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■ **Marsy's Law** from A-5

tirelessly to bring these rights to life. They've built bridges between systems that once worked in silos and reminded us that justice works best when it's grounded in both strength and compassion.

We still have work to do. Every victim in every county deserves access to

these protections. We must continue to strengthen implementation, expand training, and ensure our systems uphold not just the letter of the law, but its spirit.

Today, I see the same truth that inspired this movement: Kindness and justice are not competing

values – they are the same fight.

Marsy's Law has provided Kentucky more than a constitutional amendment. It has provided a framework for a belief – a belief that when we protect the rights of victims, we strengthen the promise of justice for everyone.

Dr. Emily Bonistall Postel, Ph.D., is a sociologist and the State Director of Marsy's Law for Kentucky. She works with survivors, prosecutors, and advocates statewide to strengthen victims' rights and advance trauma-informed justice.

Leadership Kentucky Now Accepting ELEVATE 2026 Applications

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Leadership Kentucky, one of the oldest and most prestigious statewide leadership development programs in the United States, is now accepting applications for the ELEVATE Kentucky Class of 2026.

ELEVATE Kentucky is a three-session program that offers young professionals (average age 25-35) in-depth personal and professional development while fostering a better understanding of the strengths and challenges facing the Commonwealth.

ELEVATE participants return to their organizations with increased skills, knowledge, perspective, and a new statewide professional network. Program graduates are better prepared to be catalysts in their organizations and communities to ELEVATE

Kentucky.

During each three-day session, class members will hear from thought-provoking Kentucky leaders, learn about challenges and opportunities facing our state, and self-assess and gain insights about

their personal leadership abilities. In addition, participants will attend panel discussions, participate in experiential learning opportunities, and broaden their regional and statewide perspective while visiting different regions in Kentucky. Sessions will

be held in Owensboro, Pikeville, and Georgetown/Northern Kentucky and will run from April through June.

Applications for the Class of 2026 will be available online until December 5, 2025 at leadershipky.org.

SNAP benefits cut off during shutdown, driving long lines at food pantries

By Susan Haigh and Dylan Lovan
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE (AP) — People across the country formed long lines for free meals and groceries at food pantries and drive-through giveaways Saturday, after monthly benefits through the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, were suddenly cut off because of the ongoing government shutdown.

In the New York borough of the Bronx, about 200 more people than usual showed up at the World of Life Christian Fellowship International pantry, many bundled in winter hats and coats and pushing collapsible shopping carts as they waited in a line that spanned multiple city blocks. Some arrived as early as 4 a.m. to choose from pallets of fruits, vegetables, bread, milk, juice, dry goods and prepared sandwiches.

Mary Martin, who volunteers at the pantry, also relies on it regularly for food to supplement her SNAP payments. She said she usually splits her roughly \$200 a month in SNAP benefits between herself and her two adult sons, one of whom has six children and is especially dependent on the assistance.

"If I didn't have the pantry to come to, I don't know how we would make it," Martin said. "I'm not gonna see my grandkids suffer."

The Department of Ag-

riculture planned to withhold payments to the food program starting Saturday until two federal judges ordered the administration to make them. However it was unclear as to when the debit cards that beneficiaries use could be reloaded after the ruling, sparking fear and confusion among many recipients.

In an apparent response to President Donald Trump, who said he would provide the money but wanted more legal direction from the court, U.S. District Judge John J. McConnell in Rhode Island ordered the government to report back by Monday on how it would fund SNAP accounts.

McConnell said the Trump administration must either make a full payment by that day or, if it decides to tap \$3 billion in a contingency fund, figure out how to do that by Wednesday.

The delay in SNAP payments, a major piece of the nation's social safety net that serves about 42 million people, has highlighted the financial vulnerabilities that many face. At the Bronx food pantry, the Rev. John Udo-Onkon said "people from all walks of life" are seeking help now.

"The pantry is no longer for the poor, for the elderly, for the needy. The pantry now is for the whole community, everybody," Udo-Onkon said. "You see people will drive in their car and come and park and wait to see if they can get food."

At a drive-through food giveaway at the Calvary Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, SNAP recipient James Jackson, 74, said he is frustrated that people are being hurt by decisions made in Washington and lawmakers should try harder to understand challenges brought by poverty and food insecurity.

"If you've never been poor, you don't know what it is to be poor," Jackson said. "I hope that it turns around. I hope that people get their SNAP benefits, and I hope we just come together where we can love each other and feed each other and help each other."

While there is typically a long line for Calvary Baptist Church's drive-through events, the Rev. Samuel L. Whitlow said, the walk-in food pantry has seen increased demand recently with roughly 60 additional people showing up this week.

And in Norwich, Connecticut, the St. Vincent De Paul soup kitchen and food pantry had 10 extra volunteers working Saturday to help a wave of expected newcomers, making sure they felt comfortable and understood the services available. Besides groceries and hot meals, the site was providing pet food, toiletries and blood pressure checks.

"They're embarrassed. They have shame. So you have to deal with that as well," director Jill Corbin said. "But we do our best to just try to welcome people."

Former Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins has died at 88

LEXINGTON, (AP) — Martha Layne Collins, the first and only woman elected governor of Kentucky, died on Saturday. She was 88.

The Democrat's most visible legacy is a sprawling Toyota auto assembly plant — arguably the biggest industrial plum of its day and the linchpin of her economic-development strategy. She also worked for years to overhaul the state's public education system.

"When I became governor, you have lots of priorities, but when I'd sit down and think about it, education always came back as the first thing you have to start with," the

former teacher explained in a 1992 interview with the Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky. "I feel like I made an impact in education and bringing in new jobs; I hope we made the people of Kentucky feel good about themselves."

Collins served as governor from 1983 to 1987, at a time when Kentucky governors were limited to single terms.

Gov. Andy Beshear's office announced her death, calling her a "powerhouse" and "a remarkable woman who made an undeniable difference."

Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell said in a statement that Collins "was

known for breaking barriers" as the first Kentucky female governor.

"Governor Collins was a tireless advocate for all levels of education in Kentucky, and that passion carried her throughout her life," McConnell said. "It is with deep sadness that Elaine (Chao) and I learned about Governor Collins' passing, and we send our sincere condolences to her husband, Bill, and her two children."

Kentucky Republican Attorney General Russell Coleman said that as the father of two daughters, he applauds her "service to Kentucky and busting

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order in Case No. 2025-00257 scheduling a public comment meeting to be held on November 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, at the Pike County Public Library District, 126 Lee Avenue, Rooms 306-307, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, for the purpose of hearing public comments on Kentucky Power Company's application for adjustment of its electric rates and approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments in Case No. 2025-00257. Additional public meetings in Hazard and Ashland will be held in December 2025 and January 2026, and will be noticed separately in advance of those meetings.

Updated: Traffic Advisory: Temporary Closure on KY 503 for Culvert Replacement

Closure Begins Monday, November 3, at 8 a.m. thru Friday, November 7 at 5 p.m.

FLEMINGSBURG – Maintenance crews will temporarily close part of

KY 503 (Near Pickett Branch Road) in Greenup County beginning Monday, November 3 at 8 a.m. thru Friday, November 7, at 5 p.m. This closure is to replace a culvert with a new, safer aluminum culvert. Motorists should detour this area using KY 207, KY 67, KY 5. Closure will be day and night.

Road work schedules are subject to change depending on weather

conditions. Motorists are asked to heed all warning signs, slow down in work zones, and remain aware of workers and construction equipment when traveling. For up-to-date traffic information, go to goky.ky.gov or use the WAZE app.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
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Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable Brandon Burton, Carter County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Jeff May, Carter County Sheriff
Members of the Carter County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Carter County Sheriff's Settlement - 2023 Taxes for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Carter County Sheriff's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 of the Carter County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Carter County Sheriff, for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for Sheriffs' Tax Settlements*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Carter County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Carter County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Carter County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not an absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Carter County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Carter County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 25, 2025, on our consideration of the Carter County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Carter County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

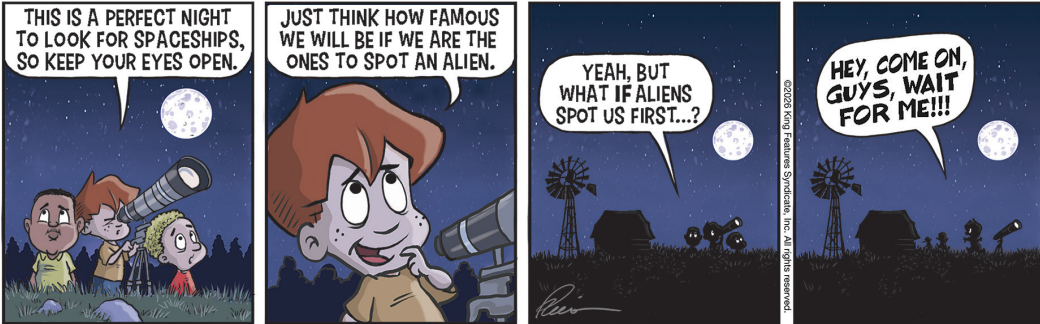
Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, Ky

July 25, 2025

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



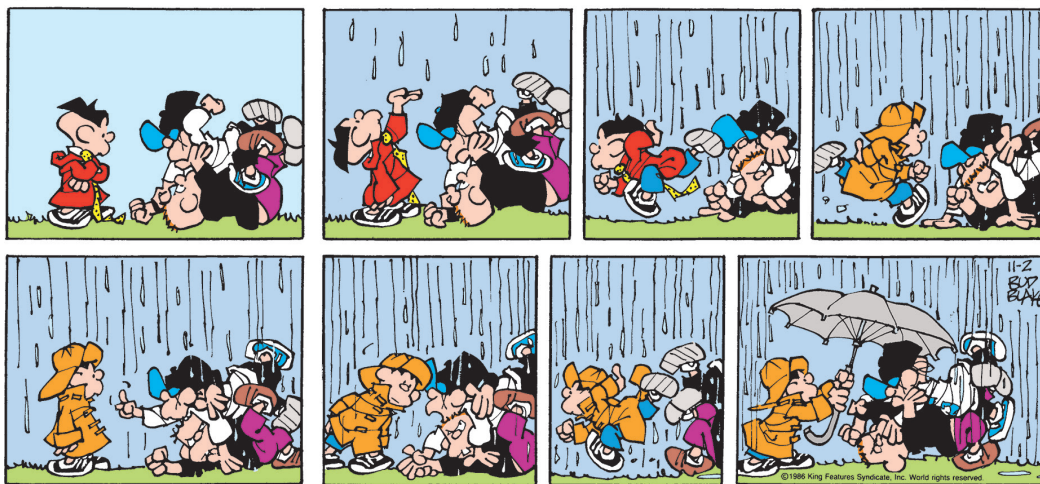
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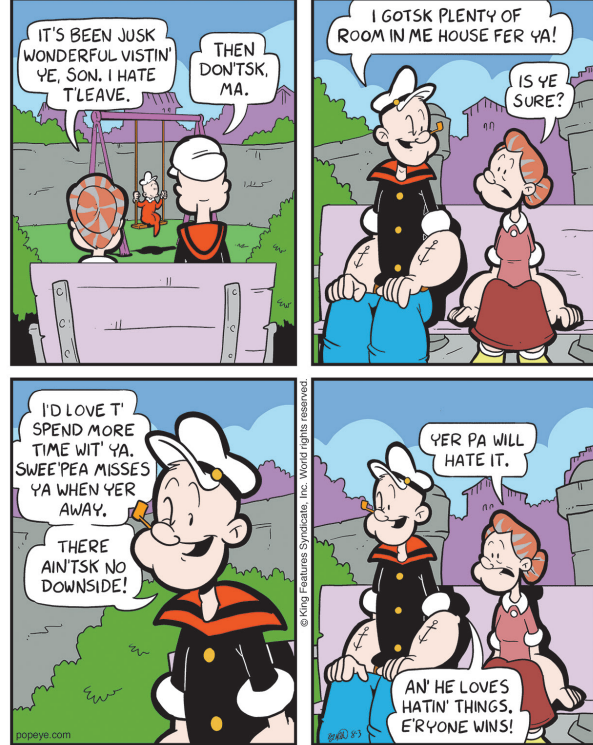
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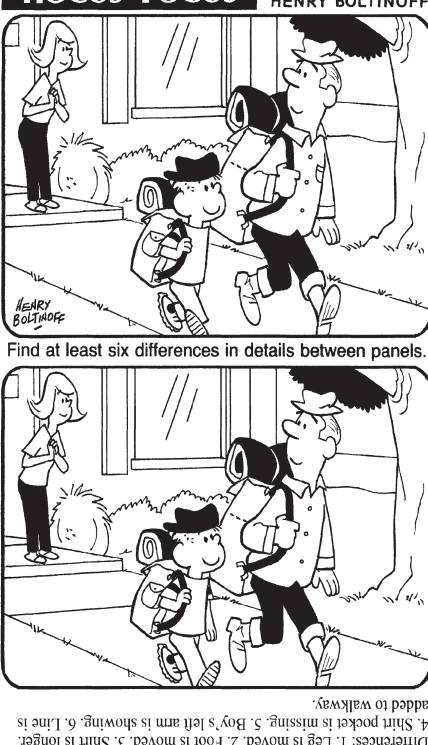
OLIVE & POPEYE

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HOCUS-FOCUS

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: P equals C

PUXICYO AXZGPGTI KEU KTZ
WTAUXZ WUY VGLGIV ULNYMO
FYTATCGP YNIFGCGUIZ UW
ZUIVZ: ETAO KOINCCN.

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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!

Bad **SWORE** _____

Abandon **RESTED** _____

Impede **PHRAME** _____

Comet **REMOTE** _____

TODAY'S WORD _____

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

1. Mallet	_____ M _____	Clothes bin	_____ P _____
2. Handle	L _____	Not in a million years	N _____
3. Speed it up!	_____ A _____	"Beautiful Dreamer" composer	_____ O _____
4. Desert transport	_____ L _____	Small acting part	_____ O _____
5. Every 24 hours	_____ A _____	Lacy mat	_____ O _____
6. Listened to	_____ D _____	The shape of love	_____ T _____
7. More daring	_____ L _____	Margin	_____ R _____
8. Tall	_____ O _____	Southpaw	_____ E _____
9. The last play scene	_____ E _____	End of term exams	_____ S _____
10. Complain	_____ P _____	Greasy dirt	_____ M _____

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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.

	+		÷		= 12			
+		+		+				
		-		+	7 = 10			
x		+		÷				
=		=		=				
85		13		4				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Go Figure!

ANSWERS

85	=	13	=	4
5	+	3	+	2 = 4
	+		+	
9	-	6	-	7 = 10
	+		+	
8	+	4	+	1 = 12

Even Exchange

ANSWERS

1. Hammer, Hammer	6. Heard, Heart
2. Layer, Never	7. Boulder, Border
3. Faster, Foster	8. Lolly, Lolly
4. Camel, Camelo	9. Frigate, Frigate
5. Daily, Daily	10. Grape, Grape

King Crossword

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

ACROSS

1 And others (Lat.)
5 USN bigwig
8 Many corp. recruits
12 Tora —, Afghanistan
13 "Unstoppable" singer
14 Killer whale
15 Pants
17 Little dent
18 Seize greedily
19 School papers
21 Shoe width
22 Belgrade resident
23 Corn core
26 Calendar box
28 Ginger cookies
31 Crony, out West
33 Tavern
35 Unsigned (Abbr.)
36 Disney mermaid
38 Lucy of "Elementary"
40 Sushi choice
41 Final notice
43 Sphere
45 Building's front
47 TV type
51 Phil of folk music
52 Toothbrush features

DOWN

1 Recedes
2 Undecided
3 "Carmen" solo
4 Coffee bar offering
5 Worthless pile
6 Conk out
7 Clipper ship poles
8 Vaccine maker
9 Queensland's capital
10 Skin breakout
11 Droops
16 Sent a dupe to
20 "For — a jolly good ..."
23 Tax prep pro
24 Scull need
25 Brunch breads
27 Actor Brynner
29 "The Bells" author
30 NBC week-end show
32 Lowers
34 "I, Tonya" and "Gandhi," for example
37 Cover
39 Web addresses
42 Former quarterback Tim Ulan —
44 Brew topper
46 Play opener
48 Do in
49 Self-referential
50 Org.
53 Numbered rd.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

- ASTRONOMY: When was Pluto reclassified as a dwarf planet?
- ACRONYM: What phrase does the acronym URL stand for?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Dodecanese Islands?
- MUSIC: Which country music star threw the javelin in college?
- TELEVISION: Which character on the series "Bridgerton" admits to being Lady Whistledown, the pseudonym of a gossip writer?
- MATH: How many degrees are in a circle?
- MOVIES: What was the name of actor Henry Fonda's last movie?
- ANATOMY: In human beings, what is the condition called polythelia?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which celebrity chef had a specialty food store called "The Barefoot Contessa"?
- CHEMISTRY: What metallic element has the highest melting point?

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Eat voraciously
Fright
Really want
Fill in for an absent co-worker
Paramour
Piece of baseball gear

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King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

ANSWERS

E	T	A	L	A	D	M	B	A	S
B	O	R	A	S	I	A	O	R	C
B	R	I	T	C	H	E	S	D	I
S	N	A	T	C	H	T	H	E	S
S	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
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C	O	B	D	A	Y	S	N	A	P
P	A	R	D	P	U	B			
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A	R	I	E	L	L	I			
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F	A	C	A	D	E				
S	L	E	S						
L	E	S							
S	T	I	S						
W	E	S							
R	A								
N									

MOTHERS

Today's Word

1. Worst; 2. Desert; 3. Hammer; 4. Meteor

SCRAMBLERS

solution

S	C	A	R	F

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

ANSWERS

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

CryptoQuip

Country musician who was famous for giving overly dramatic renditions of songs: Hammy Wynette.

ANSWER

1. Tunstun (W)
2. Uniform Resource Locator
3. Aegean Sea
4. Garth Brooks
5. Penelope Featherington
6. 360
7. "On Golden Pond"
8. Having an extra nipple
9. Ina Garten
10. Tunstun (W)

Collins from A-6

through the glass ceiling to show that there are no limitations in our Commonwealth."

Collins was in the national political spotlight in the summer of 1984 as chairwoman of the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco. She was interviewed by Walter F. Mondale, the party's presidential nominee, as a possible running mate, but Mondale ultimately chose a different woman — Rep. Geraldine Ferraro of New York.

There was a cloud over Collins' administration — her husband's financial dealings — and it burst into a full-blown scandal with his indictment in July 1992.

As a witness at her husband's trial, she presented an image of a governor

blind to the exploitation of her office by her husband and a handful of campaign cronies who had been installed, at his insistence, in key positions. The former governor claimed she remained aloof from her husband's business and was unaware the couple's net worth increased 700% during her term.

"He was doing his business, and I was running government," Collins said.

Bill Collins was ultimately convicted in 1993 for extorting money from underwriters who handled state bond issues.

At the Toyota plant's groundbreaking in 1986, Collins said Kentucky had "entered a new age where we'll be tied more closely to the global economy." Kentucky had won a bidding war against other

states for the plant, which at the time cost \$800 million and employed 2,500 people to assemble Camry sedans. Parts suppliers and other car makers then sprouted in the state.

Her administration officially estimated the value of state incentives to the Japanese car maker, including the state's purchase and development of the plant site, to be \$125 million. But debt service on the necessary bond issues pushed the total over \$300 million, critics said. And a Kentucky Supreme Court ruling was needed to declare that "giving" state land to a private company did not violate the state Constitution.

Collins, a native of Bagdad, a tiny crossroads town in Shelby County, seemed destined for a classically

Middle American, largely anonymous life. As Martha Layne Hall, a funeral director's daughter, she won a minor beauty pageant before graduating from the University of Kentucky in 1959, and taught at a junior high while her husband practiced dentistry.

She got her start in politics by mastering the thankless, grinding but indispensable art of precinct work. Later, she became active at state Democratic headquarters in Frankfort, and won her first elective office, a clerk of the Court of Appeals, in 1975. Four years later, she shocked many Democrats by winning the nomination for lieutenant governor. The state Republican party

was weak at the time, so her primary victory was tantamount to election.

The late governor's son Steve Collins, reached by phone, declined comment but said he would have more to say later. Services

are not yet complete, he said.

SPORTS

Senior Night home field farewell

Comets rally past Rowan County 18-9

By Brayleigh Boggs
Carter County Times

The lights shone bright over Olive Hill Friday night as the West Carter Comets battled back from an early deficit to claim an 18-9 victory over the Rowan County Vikings. A win that not only electrified the home crowd but also propelled the Comets into the playoffs with extra momentum.

What began as a sluggish offensive night quickly turned into a display of grit and determination from this year's West Carter squad. The Vikings struck first, connecting on a 38-yard touchdown pass in the first half to take a 6-0 lead. Despite a few flashes of movement from the Comets' offense, the first two quarters were largely defensive. West Carter struggled to find rhythm, missing key passes and unable to string together the plays they needed to cross the goal line.

At halftime, the scoreboard read 6-0 in favor of Rowan County. It was the kind of halftime deficit that tests a team's resilience, but this Comet team refused to fold.

The Vikings opened the second half with a field goal, stretching their lead to 9-0. For a moment, it seemed like momentum might stay on the visitors' sideline. But West Carter's offense, led by senior quarterback Hayden Hall (15), finally found its spark.

Hall burst through the line on a 42-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter, with a key block from Landon Callihan (11). Making it 7-9 to quickly shorten the Vikings' lead. The Comets, once searching for footing, had found their fire.

Moments later, Hall showcased his versatility once again, dropping back and delivering a perfect



West quarterback Hayden Hall lets the ball fly. (Photo by Brayleigh Boggs, *Carter County Times*)

49-yard strike to Westin Kiser (3), who pulled it in right at the goal line. Kiser powered through for the touchdown, giving West Carter their first lead of the night.

Not done yet, the Comets converted the two-point try with a lofted toss from Kiser to Peyton Walker (22), putting West Carter up 15-9 and the fans on their feet.

To cap off the comeback, kicker Wyatt Martin (13) added a crucial field goal, extending the lead to 18-9. From there, the defense took control.

Rowan County's final drive ended abruptly when defensive back Callihan read the quarterback perfectly and snagged an interception that all but sealed the victory. The Comets' sideline erupted as Callihan came up with the game-clinching play to seal their Senior Night victory.

After the game, quarterback Hayden Hall reflected on what the victory meant to his team.

"We needed this win going into the playoffs next week," Hall said, smiling as teammates celebrated nearby. "It wasn't the start we wanted, but we pulled together and finished strong. I've got to give a lot of credit to our defense; they showed up big when we were struggling to get things going on offense. I'm just grateful for how everyone kept believing."

West Carter now sets their sights on next week's playoff matchup. The Comets will head to

Bracken County for the first round of playoffs.

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