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Remembering Mike

Johnston remembered as friend to all

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Very few elected officials are so well thought of that they could be considered to be universally liked by the public that they serve. Carter County Clerk Mike Johnston was that rarity; an elected official who reached beyond every line – including party lines – to meet the public on their own terms with a healthy respect for their individual needs. Johnston was a man who generally liked people and always talked to them instead of in their general direction. It was

said that he never met a stranger, or if he did then that stranger never remained that way more than a few minutes at most.

Sadly, the well-liked Johnston passed away last Sunday, at the age of 71, and his passing left a void both in his official position as county clerk, and in the hearts of those who knew him. Johnston served Carter County for 19 years, and in that capacity alone left a legacy of standing behind those who worked for him and supporting them to the best of his ability.

Carter County Elections Deputy and Bookkeeper Chelsey Buck said that Mike Johnston was an amazing person to work for, more mentor than employer.

“He was the best,” Buck said

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Carter County Clerk Mike Johnston speaks to fiscal court in this file photo. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Showcasing history

Appalachia Herb, Handcraft, and Heritage Festival expands focus

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Local resident and business owner Pam Howard said that Carter County, and the cities of Grayson and Olive Hill, have a rich history that can't be allowed to slip into obscurity. Howard, who owns the businesses Bit 'O Time and Walking on Sunshine, has always had a passion for local history. But many of the groups involved in preserving that history have unfortunately

fallen by the wayside due to lack of support and, as is often the case, a lack of younger volunteers to continue what was established by the older founders of those organizations.

As something of a first step to encourage the preservation of local Carter County history, Howard will be hosting the Kentucky Appalachia Herb, Handcraft, and Heritage Festival. The festival began as the popular Lavendar Fest in downtown Grayson, then became the Appalachia Herb and Handcraft Festival, Howard said.

“But Appalachia is a really big region,” she said.

So, for this year, the festival will be focusing on the Appalachian region in Kentucky, and highlighting Kentucky heritage, she said.

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Audience members examine Native artifacts during a past Carter County Historical Society event. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells)

To the moon!

MSU involved in Artemis mission

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

NASA launched its Artemis II mission on April 1. The first crewed mission in the Artemis program included NASA astronauts Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and CSA (Canadian Space Academy) astronaut Jeremy Hansen. As of Monday, April 6, the crew had surpassed the previous record for distance of a manned spacecraft, going 248,655 miles from Earth. Artemis II is expected to travel 252,760 miles before returning home.

The flight is definitely an exciting addition to the record books for both countries involved and in fact the entire planet as human beings develop and perfect the technology required to continue exploring the vastness of space. Closer to home, Morehead State University's Ronald G. Eaglin Space Science Center has additional cause to celebrate, because students there are heavily involved in the Artemis Mission.

Ground Station Engineer Chloe Hart, the Operation Lead for the Morehead Space Science Center's involvement in Artemis II said that it is a very exciting time.

“The Space Science Center antenna was selected by NASA

SCAN (Space Communication and Navigation) to track Artemis II and provide Doppler Tracking,” Hart said.

Such tracking, she said, gathers radiometric data. Radiometric Data, Hart explained, measures how frequency changes over time.

“It's like when emergency vehicles drive by, you can see the frequency shift,” Hart said. “And that is called the Doppler Effect. The same thing happens in space. So, we use that frequency change over time to get the navigation properties of the spacecraft. And that can turn into trajectories for the navigation.”

Hart said the tracking is all designed to assist NASA's projecting and confirming trajectories as well as determining capabilities in the larger space community.

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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.

- William Parsons, 55, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked March 30.
- Chico Smith, 44, of Covington, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, charges unavailable, arrested and booked March 31.
- Daryl Cornish, 54, of Lawrenceburg, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, charges unavailable, arrested and booked March 31.
- Kaleb Newsom, 24, Cincinnati, OH, arrested by Kentucky

Department of Corrections, charges unavailable, arrested and booked March 31.

- Adam Eldridge, 37, of Rush, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked March 31.
- Joshua Sturtevant, 24, of Olive Hill, 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 March 31.
- Tamara Miller, 56, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a probation violation for a felony offense, arrested and booked March 31.
- Parish Hamm, 31, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for Drug Court, arrested and booked March 31.

- Scotty Justice, 33, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked March 31.

- Daniel Cox, 60, of Morehead, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 2.
- William Richmond, 56, of Emerson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of failure to use or improper signal, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, no or expired registration receipt, no or expired registration plates, and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, arrested and booked April 2.
- Wendell Lewis, 37, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place, menacing, and resisting arrest, arrested and booked April 2.

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This Week's Obituaries

George Calvin Butler, Jr, 56
Joan Yvonne Crockett, 71

Michael "Mike" Dale Johnston, 71

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LIFESTYLE



Big flavor, small budget: Coconut Dal with a clever twist

International dishes have a way of sounding more complicated than they really are. Long ingredients lists, unfamiliar ingredients and the idea that you'll need a special trip across town just to get started can make a simple, nourishing meal feel out of reach.

But here's the truth: Some of the most comforting, flavorful dishes in the world are built from common, humble ingredients.

This Golden Coconut Dal is exactly that kind of meal. It's warm, creamy and deeply satisfying, made with everyday ingredients you can find just about anywhere: onion, garlic, ginger, a can of coconut milk and

a handful of fresh vegetables. No specialty store required.

The "clever twist" comes from an unexpected addition: apple. It melts into the lentils as they cook, adding a subtle sweetness that balances the warmth of ginger, turmeric and spices without needing to add sugar. It's the kind of little twist that makes the dish feel just a little more special.

A few handfuls of spinach and bell pepper bring color, texture and extra nutrition, turning this into a true one-pot meal. Finished with a squeeze of lime, a sprinkle of fresh cilantro and a dollop of plain yogurt, the flavors come into perfect balance -- bright, creamy and comforting all at once.

GOLDEN COCONUT DAL WITH APPLE, GINGER AND LIME

Yield: 4 servings
Total time: 45 minutes

- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 medium sweet onion, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 orange or yellow bell pepper, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh ginger, peeled and grated or minced (or 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger)
 - 2 teaspoons fresh turmeric, peeled and grated or minced (or 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric)
 - 1 large Granny Smith apple, unpeeled, grated on the large holes of a box grater
 - 1 1/2 cups red lentils, rinsed
 - 1 (13.5-ounce) can coconut milk
 - 3 cups vegetable broth or water
 - 2 cups fresh spinach, roughly chopped
- Zest and juice of 1 lime
Kosher salt, to taste
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 cups cooked white or brown rice

For serving: plain yogurt, cilantro leaves, lime wedges

Diva Tip: Have all your ingredients prepped and ready before you begin. This recipe moves quickly once it starts.

Heat coconut oil in a large pot over medium-low heat. Add curry powder, cumin, black pepper and cayenne (if using). Cook, stirring constantly, for about 2 minutes, until fragrant.

Add the onion and cook for 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until softened and just beginning to caramelize. Stir in



Fresh ginger and turmeric bring warmth, color and depth to this Golden Coconut Dal with apple and lime. (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

the bell pepper, garlic, ginger and turmeric, and cook for another 2-3 minutes, until fragrant and slightly softened.

Add the grated apple and lentils, stirring to coat everything in the spices. Pour in the coconut milk and vegetable broth. Increase heat and bring to a gentle boil.

Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 20-25 minutes, until the lentils are very tender and the dal is thick and creamy.

Stir in the spinach, lime zest and lime juice. Cook for another 1-2 minutes, until the spinach is wilted. Season with salt and additional black pepper to taste.

Serve warm with rice and top with yogurt, cilantro and a

squeeze of fresh lime.

This kind of meal proves a larger point: Good cooking isn't about more ingredients or more money. It's about using simple things and letting them shine. Enjoy!

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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Joyful Noise

Blessings and lessons

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

"Thank you, Lord, for everything in my life. The good and bad." Can you truly say this and mean it? We feel everything that happens in our lives is one or the other, a blessing or a lesson. Maybe you feel your life has been mostly lessons, while watching others who seem to have blessings all the time. Lessons can be extremely hard at times, and a lot of times we feel that we didn't pass the test. However, lessons can be a blessing in disguise. We learn from them and they make us stronger.

Isaiah 54:17 says, "No weapon formed against you shall prosper." In times of crisis, like the ones we're going through, the enemy will bring the most terrifying thoughts. Your imagination begins to run wild. You can't sleep or eat. It's on your mind constantly. The enemy likes to use his weapons to strike fear in the heart of Christians. For every fear tactic the enemy

would bring against you there's a promise from the Lord in His Word that will destroy every weapon that has been formed against you. The weapon has been formed by the enemy, not God. Everything God made and formed was good. So, what do we do?

We get into the Word of God to see what He has to say. We make our declarations to Him. Isaiah 41:13 -- "For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." No matter if the world seems to be crumbling around you, God remains. Psalm 27:13-14 -- "I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I say, on the Lord." Nothing the enemy can come up with will prosper according to Isaiah 54:17. The pain you have been feeling can't compare to the joy that is coming (Romans 8:18).

Even when the whole

world changes around you, God's kindness will not depart. Stand firm on His Word through the whole process. Put on the Armor of God and pray. Stand and don't retreat. Hold fast, whether it turns out to be a lesson or a blessing in our eyes; God still blesses His children every day! Train your mind to hear what God whispers and not what the enemy may be shouting!

When the Bible says, "Do not lean on your own understanding," the Bible is serious. Your heart is deceitful, your emotions fluctuate, your understanding does not see the overall big picture. God never lies. God never changes. God knows all. Trust Him.

Yes, we will learn from our trials and lessons that God's plan for us will prevail, and those trials and lessons will become blessings. You may not see it during the moment, but just hold on to God's unchanging hand, standing on His promises and you will see

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

Oh, those pots and pans!

What would we do if we didn't own pots and pans? How would we create our favorite dishes? How would we be able to boil eggs or roast a turkey? Well, it would be very difficult and even dangerous, I'd say, and that's why they have been around in various styles throughout

the decades.

Cooking methods have changed over the years, and although the materials and designs of pots and pans have gone through many evolutions, they have always been able to satisfy our need for cooking our food. In fact, when we need to boil, roast, or sauté, the basic designs still work. These cooking tools are

generally round, deep or shallow bowls constructed of some type of metal and usually have a handle and a lid. They are meant to be heated, no matter what they are made of, whether they are iron, stainless steel, or copper, and the choices change constantly making it appealing to see what the advantages are for the newest style and material. And, when the materials change, so does

See *PANS* on A-4



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, Feeder and yearling steers sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher. Feeder and yearling heifers were 2.00 to 8.00 higher with good demand for all feeders and yearlings. Slaughter cows sold steady to 5.00 higher and slaughter bulls were mostly steady with good demand for slaughter classes.

with good supply and good demand for all slaughter classes. Week ending 4/6/26
Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/>

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	586.97	572.33	403.08
400-450 lbs	550.73	532.83	385.56
450-500 lbs	518.42	521.70	370.81
500-550 lbs	498.25	479.25	351.85
550-600 lbs	458.78	461.68	339.57
600-650 lbs	417.47	422.02	321.68
650-700 lbs	405.92	406.89	308.69
700-750 lbs	379.41	373.45	289.97
750-800 lbs	361.63	352.36	275.19
800-850 lbs	352.39	340.45	269.18
850-900 lbs	328.88	329.23	253.32

Heifers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	526.48	525.33	355.81
350-400 lbs	503.68	505.50	358.08
400-450 lbs	481.17	471.76	341.46
450-500 lbs	457.42	455.03	331.96
500-550 lbs	421.18	412.53	308.22
550-600 lbs	395.77	393.33	299.24
600-650 lbs	373.86	363.20	278.38
650-700 lbs	352.22	346.71	264.15
700-750 lbs	331.76	327.20	255.11
750-800 lbs	328.12	324.66	246.65

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	141.00-185.00	164.00-217.00	150.00-170.00
Boners	139.00-187.00	161.00-220.00	130.00-170.00
Lean	126.00-172.00	154.00-190.00	105.00-159.00

Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	180.00-218.00	200.00-249.00	157.00-201.00

Mar 26, 2026 Bowling Green, KY
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 170
Kids-Selection 1 49 lbs 550.00, **Selection 1-2** 72 lbs 385.00; 89 lbs 305.00; 105 lbs 305.00. **Selection 2** 51-52 lbs 395.00-495.00; 70-74 lbs 305.00-355.00; 110 lbs 265.00
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 645
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 54 lbs 392.50-395.00; 65-66 lbs 370.00-385.00; 74-78 lbs 345.00-372.50; 85-88 lbs 345.00-350.00; 105 lbs 240.00; 114 lbs 252.20; 121 lbs 252/50. **Woolled-Choice and Prime 1-2** 55 lbs 370.00; 73 lbs 360.00-365.00; 88 lbs 340.00; 105 lbs 225.00; 143 lbs 205.00.

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.27-4.81	4.35-4.89	4.42-4.81
Soybeans	10.69-11.87	10.69-11.88	9.07-10.59
Red Winter Wheat	5.30-6.22	5.21-6.11	4.53-5.46



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Extension Notes

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Spring extension programs offer practical training for kKentucky farmers

Kentucky producers will have several opportunities this spring to sharpen their grazing, fencing, and forage-selection skills through upcoming University of Kentucky Extension programs.

The Beginning Grazing School, set for April 21-22 at the Morehead State University Farm, will provide new and experienced farmers with hands-on instruction in rotational grazing, forage management, and livestock performance. Enrollment is limited to 35 participants, and registration closes April 14.

Producers looking to upgrade or repair farm infrastructure can attend the Spring Fencing School on April 28 in Mason County. The one-day program covers fence construction, electric fencing systems, Kentucky fence law, and

includes an afternoon of hands-on building demonstrations.

Rounding out the spring lineup, the UK North Farm Forage Variety Trial Tour will take place May 1 in Lexington, offering farmers a chance to walk research plots and compare forage varieties under real-world conditions.

The Variety Trial Tour is free, but there are registration fees for the Grazing & Fencing Schools. The Carter County Ag Advancement Council will provide half scholarships for the first 10 people that request them for both programs. Scholarships will reimburse producers after attendance is confirmed.

For more information and to register visit <https://carter.mgcafe.uky.edu/anr>.

A van will depart from the Carter County Extension Office for those needing transportation for

the Fencing School and Variety Trail Tour. Call 474-6686 to register to ride in the van.

Together, these events provide timely, research-based guidance as producers prepare for the growing season. Early registration is encouraged due to limited space for all programs.

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:

- Produce Best Practices Training – April 14th @ 4:30 PM – Call 474-6686 to register.

Easter from A-1

•Derek McDavid, 56, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a probation violation for a felony offense, arrested and booked April 2.
 •Zachary Kinder, 31, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 2.
 •Dylan Horton, 20, of Grayson, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of second degree terroristic threatening, first degree

wanton endangerment, and second degree disorderly conduct, arrested and booked April 3.
 •Gabriel Perry, 22, of Loretto, arrested by Grayson PD, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 3.
 •Austin Ray, 19, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and careless driving, arrested and booked April 4.

•Gary McDavid, 58, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of disregarding a stop sign, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, first degree possession of a controlled substance (date-rape drug), and possession of marijuana, arrested and booked April 5.
 •John Dyer, 39, of Upton, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts

of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 6.
 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.

Hero from A-1

of Johnston. “He was a good boss. He loved you, but he also loved your family. So, if you needed anything, like if you had a sick kid, he didn’t care if you called in that morning. He understood things like that. And he just wanted us to be a family.”

“He made it feel like you were all family, not like a boss and employees,” Buck continued. “And he made everyone he came in contact with feel that way. He made everyone feel special and important, because to him they were. He was good to everyone he met. There wasn’t anyone like him.”

Buck said that Johnston had a knack for being direct and telling you, ‘like it is,’ but at the same time being friendly about it. A rare gift that not many people possess.

“He loved bluegrass music and the Kentucky Wildcats,” Buck said.

“And the Cincinnati Reds. Those were his favorite things.”

Other things he enjoyed were raising goats and using his tractor, she said. And he always went to the livestock show at the fair.

“And he loved Carter County. He loved the people in it, and he loved this town. Mike was proud to be from Carter County, and he was thankful for the people of Carter County for voting for him all of these years and keeping him in office. He just wanted to do everything to the best of his ability,” Buck said. “He just wanted to make everybody happy, and that’s a hard task. But in the 11 years I worked for him he always tried his very best. And you can’t ask for more than that.”

Carter County Judge Executive Brandon Burton said that he not only lost a fine county clerk, but also a very close friend with whom he shared years

in public service. Burton shared his thoughts about Jonston in a Facebook post, saying, “Our hearts are broken with the passing of our County Clerk, Mike Johnston. Mike was truly a remarkable man – one who carried both his faith and his responsibilities with humility, strength, and integrity. In his role as county clerk, he led not only with wisdom, but with a servant’s heart, always reflecting the character of a Godly man.”

Burton said that he considered, like so many others, that Johnston was not only a friend but a mentor as well.

“I cannot express my appreciation for him and our friendship. He truly cared about the people in this county. Mike has been a huge mentor to me in the past 3 years,” Burton wrote.

Johnston’s example, he said, will be remembered by the countless people

he had touched during his private and professional life.

“His life was a testimony of faith in action. Whether through his leadership, his kindness, or the way he treated others with dignity and respect, he made a lasting impact on so many lives. It is clear that his legacy will live on not only in the work he accomplished, but in the countless people he inspired along the way,” Burton wrote. “Our hearts go out to Debbie, his family and all the office staff during this difficult time.”

Mike Johnston will be remembered for many things by many people. But the one thing everyone will remember about Johnston is that above all else he cared for the people he served.

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Sen. Robin Webb's special needs trust legislation signed into law

FRANKFORT — On Good Friday, Sen. Robin Webb, R-Grayson, and Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Paducah, along with Rep.

Patrick Flannery, R-Olive Hill, issued the following joint statement after the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 85 into law.

“Senate Bill 85 represents an important step forward for Kentucky families planning for the long-term care and

financial security of loved ones with disabilities. By allowing special needs trusts to be used within our

See **WEBB** on A-6

History from A-1

“We want to bring all of the history of our culture into the festival this year,” Howard said. “And what sets it apart this year is that we have people from the Carter County Historical Society that will be setting up a table to showcase the things they have uncovered and have to offer the community. We also have a gentleman who will be presenting rocks and fossils he has found in Carter County.”

Along with these presenters, Howard said, there will also be someone discussing what Native American life was like in the earliest days of the county and even before Carter County was founded.

“There will also be someone there to talk about the EK Railway that used to go through the area,” Howard said. “There will also be discussion by Marvin McKinney about the old brick yard in Hitchins, Kentucky. At one time it was the largest brick manufacturer in the world.”

With all of the amazing history that Carter County has moved through, it is little wonder that Howard

is so excited to be able to bring knowledgeable people to the festival to discuss it with current Carter County residents, many of whom share at least distant kinship to those who lived through such notable times.

Professor Gerald Dyson, acting President of the Carter County Historical Society, who helped found the society with Don Combs in 2022, said the society’s goals are to preserve and share all the information available about Carter County to its residents and others who might be interested in learning about the region. The society’s predecessor organization, Dyson said, had ceased to be an organization back in the 1990’s. But the new society, he said, hopes to not only fill that void but expand upon what is currently common knowledge about the county’s rich history.

Dyson said that for the last 25 years since the older society ceased to be functional, and for many years before that iteration came into existence, the preservation of Carter County history was

lacking. That is one of the many reasons, he said, that the upcoming festival is a positive step forward for those who are interested in all the things that occurred to move Carter County forward to where it is today.

Dyson said he is of the opinion that there is a dire need for historical and cultural advocacy in Carter County. Such advocacy, he said, would aid in recognizing the historical significance of buildings, for instance, in the area and assist in their possible preservation.

“And we need a home for historical documents as well,” Dyson said. “It’s very easy for things to get flooded, or molded, or thrown away.”

“We have already lost a great deal of what we had,” he said. “And we need to work to preserve what is left, possibly even digitizing that information, and having another form of preservation.”

Both Howard and Dyson agree that the first step to preserving history is helping residents awaken or reawaken interest in what occurred in their home county long before

not only themselves, but also their parents and grandparents, were born. Many of the skills showcased at the upcoming festival are skills that have been handed down through generations, or relearned as interest in their historical significance has been reawakened.

The Appalachia Kentucky Herb, Handcraft, and Heritage Festival will be held on Saturday, May 2, centered at Grayson City Park, from 9 am until 7 pm. There will be a variety of vendors offering handmade, homegrown, and handcrafted goods. Herbal products, natural remedies, and woodworking will be well represented as well. There will also be craft and skills demonstrations, workshops, and various classes (45-minute sessions), from educators and craftspeople. Everyone is invited to attend the event and learn about Carter County history and have a great time.

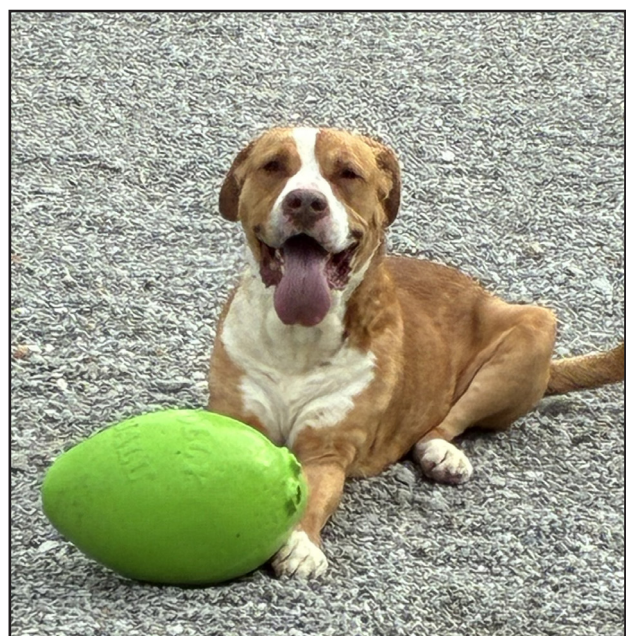
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CALENDAR

- **4/8: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **4/13: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **4/13: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **4/13: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **4/13: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **4/14: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Location TBD
- **4/14: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **4/14: Produce Best Practices @ 4:30 p.m.** - Carter County Extension Office - Call 474-6686 to register
- **4/14: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall
- **4/16: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson Branch
- **4/16: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce @ 6 p.m.** | Commercial Bank of Grayson - Olive Hill
- **4/17: Sit & Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **4/18: Friends of the Library @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill Branch
- **4/20: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **4/20: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center

Have an event to add to the calendar?
 Email info to advertise@cartercountytimes.com

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Pet of the Week

Buddy is a male mixed breed, approximately three-years-old. This good boy, currently the longest resident of the animal shelter, is very friendly, good with other dogs, and ready for his forever home. Buddy is already neutered, up-to-date on all his shots, and has a free adoption to an approved home! Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet (him/her) 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 March and April the Grayson Police Department will be conducting safety check points throughout roadways within the city limits, at pre-approved locations.

Destroy your old documents the right way!

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

Securely destroy old documents and paper files. Hard drive destruction available this year on-site.



Main Office
 208 E. Main Street, Grayson
 Saturday, April 18
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OBITUARY

Michael "Mike" Dale Johnston 1954 – 2026



Michael "Mike" Dale Johnston, 71, of Grayson, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at UK King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, surrounded by his loving family.

Born July 31, 1954, in Ashland, Kentucky, Mike was the son of the late Edward "Ed" and Flora Bell Hay Johnston. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Candace Leann "Candy" Johnston Wiler; his father- and mother-in-law, Robert E. Bowling, Sr. and Deanna Kay McDavid Bowling; and his brother-in-law, Robert "Bobby" Bowling, Jr.

Mike attended school in Hitchins and was a proud Tiger through the 11th grade. He was a proud member of the first graduating class of East Carter High School in 1972. A standout athlete, he was honored as the first recipient of the Raider of the Year award in basketball — a distinction that reflected both his talent and his leadership.

Mike's strong work ethic was evident from an early age. His first job was at the brick yard in Hitchins, General Refractories. He later worked for Betsy Ross Bakery, Ruth Bros., Little Sandy Coal, Shaker Coal, and a co-owner of Ridgetop Mining. A devoted public servant, Mike faithfully served as Carter County Clerk beginning in 2006 and was completing his 20th year in office. His dedication to the people of Carter County earned him deep respect throughout the community.

A man of strong faith, Mike was an active member of Stinson Church of Christ, where he served as an Elder. His life was a testament to servant leadership — whether in the church, at the courthouse, or in his hometown of Hitchins, where he was affectionately known as the "Mayor of Hitchins." In 1997, he became the owner and operator of Hitchins Post and later the Bluegrass Express Mart in Olive Hill. Most recently, he had the honor of serving as emcee of the Hitchins Christmas Parade, a role that perfectly reflected his love for his community.

Mike gave generously of his time as a youth basketball coach with Upward, the Prichard Basketball League, and Carter Christian Academy. He was a devoted Kentucky

Wildcat and Cincinnati Reds fan, an avid lover of bluegrass music, and a well-known prankster whose humor brightened countless lives. Yet above all, Mike's greatest joy was his family — especially watching his grandchildren compete in sports. He never missed an opportunity to cheer them on, always their biggest supporter.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Debbie Ann Bowling Johnston, whom he married on May 26, 1973. Their enduring love was the foundation of a beautiful family legacy. He is also survived by his daughter, Lisa (Rodney) Adams of Grayson; five grandchildren, Chandler (Morgan) Adams, Caden (Addey) Adams, Cason Adams, Kirstin (Justin) Fannin, and Bradley Wiler; one great-grandchild, Easton Wiler; and a great-grandson on the way, Davis Chandler Adams.

He is further survived by his sister, Koneta (Tim) Littleton of Grayson; his sister-in-law Teresa (Pat) Stamper, Debra Bowling, and his youngest sister-in-law whom he lovingly called his "oldest girl," Crystal (Johnnie Dickerson) Limings and her children: Kaylee (Austin) Archey and their son, Abram Archey, Gabe Limings, and Lafe Limings that he considered as his own grandchildren. A niece and nephews — Andrea Hackworth, Robbie Stewart, Stephen Holbrook; and a host of extended family members and dear friends who mourn his passing and celebrate his life.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2026, at the First Church of Christ in Grayson with Bro. Michael Burnett and Bro. Keith Sergent officiating. Burial followed at East Carter County Memory Gardens. Visitation was from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday and after 9:00 a.m. Friday until the service hour all at the church.

Those honored to serve as pallbearers were Chandler Adams, Caden Adams, Cason Adams, Easton Wiler, Robbie Stewart, Stephen Holbrook, Gabe Limings, and Lafe Limings.

Mike's life was marked by faith, family, laughter, and service. He leaves behind a legacy of love, integrity, and unwavering devotion to his community. Though he will be deeply missed, the impact he made on those who knew him will continue to be felt for generations to come.

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

In lieu of flowers, you may send donations to the Stinson Church of Christ Youth or the H.A.V.E., a special Veterans charity for the County Clerks in Kentucky.

Joan Yvonne Crockett 1954 – 2026



Joan Yvonne Crockett, age 71, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2026, at UK-St. Claire Health Care in Morehead, Kentucky, surrounded by her four children by her side, after a long illness.

She was born September 12, 1954, in Youngstown, Ohio, a daughter of the late Claude and Dessie Binion Peach Crockett.

Joan was a devoted member of Limestone Apostolic Church and loved attending church. She was the happiest when she was going to church, and she loved being at home with her little dogs, Coco and Little Bit.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, George Emanuel Mayle and several brothers

and sisters. Joan is survived by two sons, George Junior Mayle of Rush, Kentucky, Loren Joseph Mayle of Olive Hill, Kentucky; two daughters, Malisa Lucas of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Loretta Sue Mayle McCarty of Clearfield, Kentucky; grandchildren including Gregory Waugh, Candace Waugh, Joshua Waugh, Brittany Waugh, Sean Slone, Kali Runyon, and Triston Runyon; along with 14 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren; one brother, Roger Crockett of Columbia, South Carolina; one sister, Pauline Mitts of Inwood, West Virginia, along with many other family and friends.

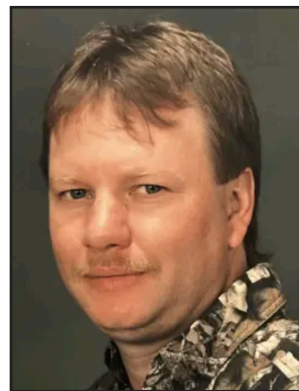
Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Thursday, April 2, 2026 at Limestone Apostolic Church in Olive Hill, Kentucky with Brother Rick Crank officiating.

Friends visited after 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 2026, until the service hour at the church.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is caring for all arrangements for Joan Yvonne Crockett.

We will sadly miss her, but we know that she is with Jesus and suffering no more.

George Calvin Butler, Jr. 1969 – 2026



George Calvin Butler Jr., age 56, of Vanceburg, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at UK-St. Claire Healthcare in Morehead, Kentucky.

He was born Friday, August 29, 1969, in Portsmouth, Ohio, a son of George Calvin Butler Sr. of Emerson, Kentucky and Lana Sue Bryant of Olive Hill, Kentucky.

George loved being outdoors, hunting and fishing, collecting items, painting

pictures, and riding his atv and spending time with family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two daughters, Keri Butler (Douglas Caseman) of Emerson, Kentucky, and Kristi Butler of Vanceburg, Kentucky; one brother, Gerald Butler of Emerson, Kentucky; one sister, Ingrid Foxx of Marathon, Florida; the mother of his children, Cheryl Butler, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Graveside services were 1 p.m., Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Smith Gilliam Cemetery on Laurel with Brother Danny Cooley officiating.

Globe Family Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of George Calvin Butler Jr.

Condolences may be sent to globofamilyfc.com

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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

Shut out: Just another day in the power frat this is Kentucky's legislature

By Teri Carter
Kentucky Lantern

On March 26, I arrived early at the Kentucky Capitol Annex with the expectation that House Bill 78 — to protect the \$91 billion firearms industry from lawsuits — might be presented in Senate Judiciary even though that committee had still, as of 8 a.m., not posted a public agenda for their 9 a.m. meeting.

In the end, HB 78 was one of six bills on the agenda, but no citizen was there to speak for or against.

How does one speak on an agenda item that, to their knowledge, does not exist?

Since the Kentucky Capitol is closed for a years-long renovation, the Annex is the only place left in Frankfort in which the public has access to legislators and the lawmaking process, particularly since leadership chose to not build even the most minimal public gallery in their temporary chambers.

When asked last summer why there would be no public seating in the temporary space, Senate president Robert Stivers cited cost, even though Finance and Administration Cabinet spokesperson Kinsey Woodson told the Lantern in an email that “the General Assembly never requested a design option with a public gallery space, and therefore no estimate was ever made.”

And so the 2026 General Assembly met this year behind locked doors, far from the public they (allegedly) serve.

Just last year, Rep. John Blanton championed House Bill 399 to make loudly interfering with legislative proceedings a crime, allowing lawmakers direct authority to have a citizen arrested.

A year later, you have to wonder how a citizen “loudly interferes” or even participates meekly in a legislative proceeding in (a) the Annex, where the public is welcome but agendas can remain secret, or (b) the House and Senate where the public is, in a literal sense, locked out altogether.

The joke’s on us.

Turns out the people’s house, Kentucky’s legislative branch, does not belong to the people at all. It belongs to those who strut the halls the people paid for.

It belongs, let’s be clear, to a powerful fraternity of men. Because with the exception of one or two teachers’ pets in each chamber, our male-dominated GOP supermajority repeatedly makes it clear they do not want to hear from their female colleagues — their peers — anymore than they want to hear from citizens.

And nowhere was this more clear than on March 26 when all that overwhelming, frat house bravado stunk up the Senate floor as HB 78 was presented by state Sen. Aaron Reed for final passage.

I was back home and far from Frankfort by then, watching the only way we can watch now, on a screen, when Sen. Reed rose from his seat to introduce HB 78 to the Senate. He closed his brief remarks by saying, “This bill protects lawful commerce, constitutional rights, and the integrity of our legal system. Mr. President, I respectfully ask for passage of House Bill 78. Thank you.”

But what Reed failed to mention is that he himself is part of the commerce of selling firearms, or at least he was during his 2024 primary, when Louisville Public Media reported that Reed was the owner of two gun stores.

Is this not the definition of self interest?

But before a vote could take place on HB 78, Sen. Karen Berg, a Louisville physician, asked the Senate president for permission to speak, and this is what ensued.

Stivers: “Senator from Shelby, will you yield to a question?”

Reed: “Mr. President, the American people have yield [sic] far too much ground already on the Second Amendment. Shall not be infringed is clear enough for me.”

Stivers: “So is that a no?”

Reed: “I will not yield, no sir.”

Stivers: “He will not yield ...”

Berg: “That’s an interesting response.”

Berg then stated on the record for her constituents — the people. Remember the people? — what her question would have been had she been **allowed** by the men to ask for a

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What became of that campaign promise of no more forever wars?

Yes, hearing criticism of the Trump Administration would be commonplace at a public demonstration like the “No Kings” events. And it no doubts happens constantly at bars and restaurants and even in homes where citizens like to argue about politics and politicians.

But likely seldom heard in an historic, revered House of the Lord where critical words spoken from the pulpit on Easter Sunday were greeted with shouts of “amen” and sustained applause.

Specifically, the criticism was directed at President Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth for describing the attack on Iran as something like a Holy War, followed by praying for our bombs and other weapons to kill as many Iranians as possible.

Appropriately, in my opinion, those war mongering words were described by the minister as “blasphemy” and an egregious insult to the Lord on the day set aside to celebrate his death and resurrection for the benefit of all of us.

As my friend and I sat there in 170-year-old Union Church in the middle of the Berea College campus, we found ourselves reacting spontaneously by joining other worshippers with applause and “amens.”

I recall saying “amen” two of three times and having each rekindle warm memories of growing up in the Presbyterian Church in Hitchens where my dear mother wouldn’t let me or my brother say it aloud, even during a revival.

I hope Mom will forgive me for that breach of her church etiquette but I believe in my heart that she would be outraged at how Christianity is being hijacked by the white male nationalists who have swarmed into the MAGA movement.

Could it be that President Trump is not aware of what happened to King Richard I of England who died broke and disgraced when he failed in the Third Crusade warring to take back the Holy Land from the Muslims?

Perhaps his Cabinet should advise him that Richard failed about 1,000 years ago and that their common “enemy” in the Middle East today owns or controls even more of the land, all of the Strait of Hormuz and most of the oil.

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Carter County Times

They have a Daniel

The kid sits up as morning light isn’t even out of bed yet. Soon, there will be rumblings of the others within the troop. They’ll come awake with the shaking noise of commands and voices—boots on concrete, bellows from sergeants, the frantic movements of those scrambling to be a soldier when there’s still sleep in their eyes.

He moves faster; his uniform is on. His boots are pristine; the pants tucked correctly, his uniform pressed.

He’s heard rumblings about lunch—that they’re getting crab legs, steaks, the good stuff.

Joining the Army wasn’t a lifelong dream, but he needed to get ahead. His parents didn’t have money for college, and prospects back in his hometown weren’t great. He wasn’t a steel mill kind of guy, and everyone within 100 miles wanted that job, anyhow. The Service would pay for college, give him skills, discipline—a real chance at life.

His name is Danny, but the guys on the base have started calling him “Rooster” because, as one put it, “you got a long neck, dude.” And so, Rooster was born.

Danny is only 20. Can’t even legally buy a beer or cigarettes. But he can strap on a weapon.

The news of shipping off to Iran gets more real by the day. As he sits down to a plate of bacon, eggs, a piece of toast, a cup of coffee, his mind wanders. The others talk about the big budget ask—over a trillion

dollars. Trump has asked for a big, big check to keep up fighting.

Trump wants a trillion-dollar war chest—an almost abstract number until you remember what it buys. It buys time, power, and policy, but it’s kids like Rooster who pay the price. That money buys their graves and coffins, too.

America is alone on a geopolitical island. The Iran war is a gift to Israel, and even they don’t know what’s going on, as Iran is a much stronger enemy than Iraq or Afghanistan ever was. Israeli officials have privately acknowledged there’s no guarantee the war will topple Iran’s government, despite weeks of bombing. They killed Iran’s leader, and what did they do? Put his kid in charge.

As much as they want regime change, it isn’t going to happen. Even as Trump signals the war could end soon, Israeli leadership doesn’t believe the finish line is anywhere close.

Rooster’s boots; the rubber soles of other kids from places who just wanted to get ahead in life and not die in a war with little meaning.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth forced Army Chief of Staff Randy George into immediate retirement, cutting short a term that was supposed to run through 2027. The abrupt move—along with the removal of other senior officers—adds to a growing shake-up of military leadership during the ongoing Iran conflict, with no clear public explanation given.

Rooster is supposed to trust this chain of com-

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Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

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Webb from A-3

state-administered retirement systems, this law provides greater flexibility and protection for some of our most vulnerable citizens.

“For many families, ensuring that a child with special needs is cared for well into the future requires careful planning and thoughtful safeguards. This legislation helps remove barriers that have historically made that planning more difficult, while preserving access to critical benefits.

“We are proud to see this unifying measure become law, and on Good Friday no less, and we are grateful to our colleagues in the General Assembly, as well as the many advocates and families who shared their experiences and helped shape this policy. Their voices were instrumental in getting this across the finish line. We appreciate the governor taking the time to place

his signature on this good piece of legislation.

“Ultimately, this law is about peace of mind and giving families the tools they need to protect their loved ones and plan with confidence for the years ahead.”

SB 85 updates Kentucky’s public retirement statutes to recognize and allow the use of a special needs trust (SNT) across multiple state-administered retirement systems, including the State Police Retirement System, Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, Teachers’ Retirement System and the Judicial Retirement Plan.

Webb is the primary sponsor of SB 85, and Carroll, chair of the Senate Families and Children Committee, signed on as the primary co-sponsor. Flannery carried the bill to final passage in the House.

Moon from A-1

“Specifically for Artemis II we have six students that are sitting in on the tracking at any given time,” Hart said. “But we have had many more students involved in helping us getting configured for this mission. There are multiple different areas in space engineering. There are people who work on hardware, people who work on software, and there were many months of preparation and many students involved.”

The Morehead Space Science Center has been collaborating with NASA for many years, Hart said. One of the highlighting moments, she said, was working with NASA on Artemis I.

“We had a secondary payload on that mission called Lunar Ice Cube, and Morehead State University was the primary investigator, and we had many collaborations with NASA on that mission,” Hart said. “So, it’s really nice to follow up and be part of Artemis II as well.”

Hart said she believes the Morehead Space Science Center is one of the best kept secrets in eastern Kentucky. She believes the Space Engineering Program’s approach to aerospace is as all-encompassing as possible. Students are involved in the expected math and sciences, but they are also able to take advantage of classes in proportion and thermodynamics, as well as 3D modeling, among others.

“Really, it’s a wonderful program,” Hart said. “We have been able to produce students that have gone on to work all across the United States. We’ve had students go on to complete doctorate programs and other elite programs. It really prepares you for ‘real life’ in the aerospace industry.”

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com manufacturer in the world.”

Legislature from A-5

response.

What does it mean to live in a democratic republic?

If there is no public discussion; if our representatives cannot politely compel answers from fellow legislators; if citizens are unaware of bills being heard in committee; if we are afraid to speak too loudly, or at all, for fear of being arrested; if there is not a single seat in the House or Senate for citizens to observe our elected officials, is this

With all of the amazing history that Carter County has moved through, it is little wonder that Howard is so excited to be able to bring knowledgeable people to the festival to discuss it with current Carter County residents, many of whom share at least distant kinship to those who lived through such notable times.

Professor Gerald Dyson, acting President of the Carter County Historical Society, who helped found the society with Don Combs in 2022, said the society’s goals are to preserve and share all the information available about Carter County to its residents and others who might be interested in learning about the region. The society’s predecessor organization, Dyson said, had ceased to be an organization back in the 1990’s. But the new society, he said, hopes to not only fill that void but expand upon what is currently common knowledge about the county’s rich history.

Dyson said that for the last 25 years since the older society ceased to be functional, and for many years before that iteration came into existence, the preservation of Carter County history was lacking. That is one of the many reasons, he said, that the upcoming festival is a positive step forward for those who are interested in all the things that occurred to move Carter County forward to where it is today.

Dyson said he is of the opinion that there is a dire need for historical and cultural advocacy in Carter County. Such advocacy, he said, would aid in recognizing the historical significance of buildings, for instance, in the area and assist in their possible preservation.

“And we need a home for historical documents as well,” Dyson said. “It’s very easy for things to get flooded, or molded, or thrown away.”

“We have already lost a great deal of what we

democracy?

In 2025, the GOP supermajority passed a law allowing legislators to call for the arrest of citizens.

Then leadership oversaw the construction of their new House and Senate chambers — paid for by taxpayers — in which they made no room for a single citizen.

On day 54 of this 60 day session, a male senator in his second year giddily refused to answer questions from his colleague, a female senator, who has

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Grayson Utilities Commission is soliciting qualifications from consulting engineers for professional engineering services for the WTP Lagoons and Sludge Handling Project. Sources of funding may include, but are not limited to, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) and local funds. The formal solicitation of engineering firms is being conducted to fulfill state/federal funding agency procurement requirements.

All interested parties should contact the Grayson Utilities Commission, (606) 474-7569, to obtain an information packet. Engineering selection will be based on SOQ’s. No on-site or telephone interviews will be conducted. In order to be considered, SOQ’s must not exceed 15 pages and must be received prior to 10:00 am on April 23rd, 2026. Respondents should submit 7 copies of their qualifications to Gerald W. Haney, Superintendent, 671 South State Hwy 7, Grayson, KY 41143. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all proposals

The Grayson Utilities Commission will adhere to the provisions of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 3 and Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 in the implementation of this project. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on grounds of race, color, national origin, sex or age. Attention is particularly called to the requirement as to condition of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, segregated facilities, Section 109, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, E.O. 11246, the Anti-Kickback Act and Section 504/ADA requirements.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00533

BRIAN SCHREIBER AND CHRISTINE SCHREIBER PLAINTIFF
VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**
RANDY MILLS DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on March 5, 2026, 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 **29th day of April, 2026 at or near the hour of 10:20 a.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 6.00% 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: 7351 Highway 773, Denton, Kentucky 41132. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 495, Page 317, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Yummy Grayson, Inc. DBA Yummy Express hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for an NQ2 Alcohol license no later than April 10th, 2026. The licensed premises will be located at 522 E Main ST, Grayson, Kentucky, 41143. The owner and president is Jian Zheng, 352 Township Road 1533, Proctorville, OH, 45669. Muyong Chen, 195 Henry ST Apt 20, New York, NY, 10002. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CARTER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Carter County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for bridge replacement on Waterfall Creek (CR-1685) and Black Hollow Rd (CR-1183). Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday, April 17, 2026, at 4pm at the judge executives’ office located at 300 West Main Street Room 227 Grayson KY 41143. For specifications on bridges, please call Jason Carroll at 606-316-8096.

Brandon Burton
Judge Executive

CARTER COUNTY SHERIFF JEFF MAY
2024 Fee Audit

A copy of the Sheriff’s complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information is on file and available for public inspection at the Carter County Sheriff’s Office, 300 West Main Street, Room 204, Grayson, KY from 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any citizen may obtain from the Sheriff’s office a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for his personal use.

Any citizen requesting a personal copy of the audit report will be charged for duplication costs at a rate which shall not exceed twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.

Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220 are available to the public at no cost at the Carter County Sheriff’s Office, 300 W. Main Street, Room 204, Grayson, KY.

had,” he said. “And we need to work to preserve what is left, possibly even digitizing that information, and having another form of preservation.”

Both Howard and Dyson agree that the first step to preserving history is helping residents awaken or reawaken interest in what occurred in their home county long before not only themselves, but also their parents and grandparents, were born. Many of the skills showcased at the upcoming festival are skills that have been handed down through generations, or relearned as interest in their historical significance has been reawakened.

The Appalachia Ken-

tucky Herb, Handcraft, and Heritage Festival will be held on Saturday, May 2, centered at Grayson City Park, from 9 am until 7 pm. There will be a variety of vendors offering handmade, homegrown, and handcrafted goods. Herbal products, natural remedies, and woodworking will be well represented as well. There will also be craft and skills demonstrations, workshops, and various classes (45-minute sessions), from educators and craftspeople. Everyone is invited to attend the event and learn about Carter County history and have a great time.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00383

MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC D/B/A VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, A MISSOURI LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PLAINTIFF
VS. **NOTICE OF SALE** **DEFENDANTS**
NATHANIEL LOUIS

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on February 12, 2026, 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 **29th day of April, 2026 at or near the hour of 10:15 a.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 7.125% 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: 278 Green Oaks Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 530, Page 210, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-60-00-027.00.

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. 25-CI-00142

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS. **NOTICE OF SALE** **DEFENDANTS**
SHERRI L. KAZEE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF SHERRI L. KAZEE; COUNTY OF CARTER

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on March 20, 2026, 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 **29th day of April, 2026 at or near the hour of 10:05 a.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 7.375 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: 5278 U.S. Highway 60, Rush, Kentucky 41168. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 502, Page 54, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 128-00-00-016.00.

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. 25-CI-00056

TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2019-MH1, U.S.BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE PLAINTIFF
VS. **NOTICE OF SALE** **DEFENDANTS**
CYNTHIA J. LEADINGHAM A/K/A CINDY LEADINGHAM; KEITH LEADINGHAM; LNVN FUNDING, LLC; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CARTER

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on March 20, 2026, 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 **29th day of April, 2026 at or near the hour of 10:10 a.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 11% 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: 256 Goose Creek Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 40, Page 339, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 053-00-00-063.02.

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. 25-CI-00119

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GRAYSON PLAINTIFF
VS. **NOTICE OF SALE** **DEFENDANTS**
DEIDRA C. HALL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEIDRA C. HALL; ROBERT MILLER, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF KRISTOPHER LOGAN HALL; AND DISCOVER BANK

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on March 20, 2026, 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 **29th day of April, 2026 at or near the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

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Description of the Property: 610 Matthew Lane, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 418, Page 291, Carter County Clerk’s Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 087-00-00.011.00.

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.

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Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

been in the Senate three times as long.

Is it any wonder that — even after the recent sexual harassment investigation involving Rep. Daniel Grossberg (a Democrat) — House Bill 928 and Senate Bill 143, to address sexual harassment and misconduct by members of the legislature, were completely ignored?

Margaret Atwood (on page 389 in her book “Burning Questions”) warns that power in itself is morally neutral, but like

electricity it “can light your lamp or it can burn down your house; and so it is with human power.”

The Kentucky legislature — the people’s house — has been impounded by powerful men.

They can light a lamp or burn it down.

We, the people, are watching it burn.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



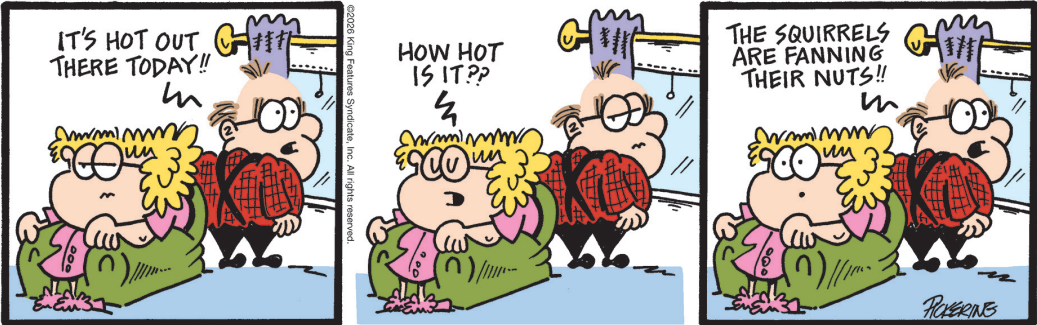
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



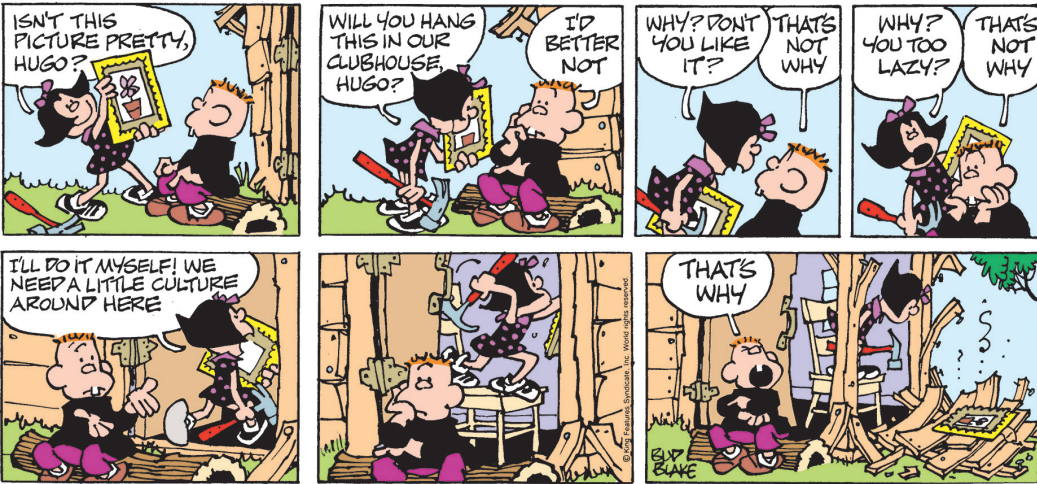
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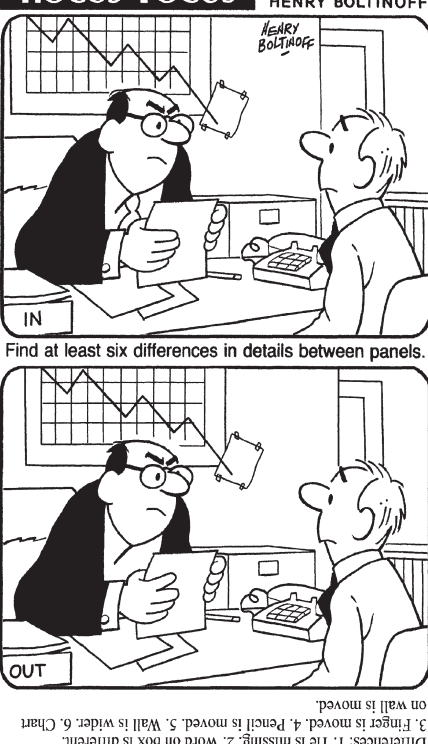
OLIVE & POPEYE

By Randy Millholland



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: T equals P

TUT ZVM WUSR WSTPKWFZK
EDU ZMUKPW NOWD WSAD ZW
GRSPNOV, JPRRUENOV ZVM
ZRGZAUKP: FSVZ FSKVPK.

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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!

Amuse **LICKET**

Forever **WASLAY**

Guide **TERSE**

Shade **RUMBA**

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.

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|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| 1. First born | — L — — — | Most peculiar | — D — — — |
| 2. City of Light | — — I — — | Hair divisions | — — T — — |
| 3. Texas capital | A — — — — | Actor Hoffman | D — — — — |
| 4. Tent dweller | — — M — — | Friendly ghost | — — S — — |
| 5. Fake | — H — — — | Spring bloom | — E — — — |
| 6. Win, —, or show | — L — — — | Cease fire | — E — — — |
| 7. Whiten with bleach | — L — — — | Twig | — R — — — |
| 8. Like an empty page | — — A — — | Eye movement | — — I — — |
| 9. Lion's group | — — — D — | First-class | — — — M — |
| 10. Coast | — — — — E | Brief | — — — — T |

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.

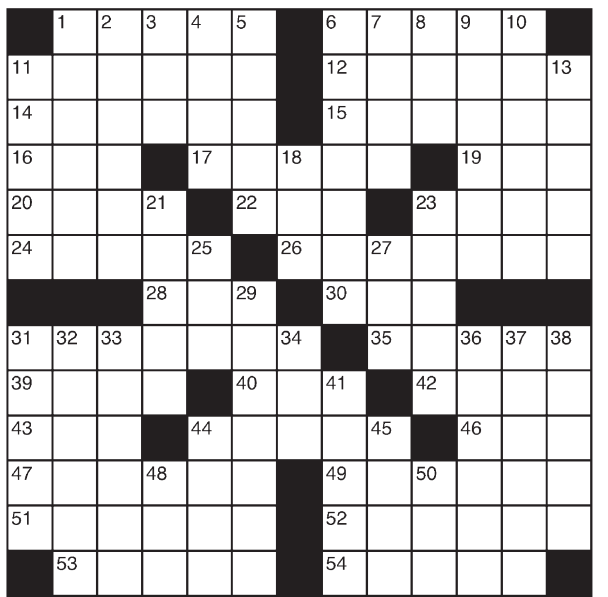
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 — Ark
- 6 Con games
- 11 French novelist
- 12 Heckler's weapon
- 14 "Delta Wedding" author Welty
- 15 Defeated in a footrace
- 16 Govt. stipend
- 17 Roly-poly
- 19 Roast VIPs
- 20 Golf pegs
- 22 Docs' org.
- 23 Lap dog, for short
- 24 Former First Daughter
- 26 Most sore
- 28 401(k) alternative
- 30 Med. plan
- 31 Popeye's veggie
- 35 Muslim legal expert
- 39 Centers
- 40 Possesses
- 42 Uttered
- 43 Before
- 44 "Graceland" singer Paul
- 46 The Browns, on scoreboards
- 47 Chew out
- 49 Tex-Mex treat



- 51 "I, Robot" author
- 52 Leg joints
- 53 Hosiery shade
- 54 Repaired shoes
- DOWN
- 1 Mal de mer
- 2 "Golden" tunes
- 3 Dye type
- 4 Angelic instrument
- 5 Milan's La —
- 6 Tolerate
- 7 Brilliant stroke

- 8 Invoice fig.
- 9 "Little Women" matriarch
- 10 Pancake towers
- 11 Defeats
- 13 Start
- 18 Hollywood's Thurman
- 21 Tibia settings
- 23 Reverent
- 25 Altar in the sky
- 27 "Let me think ..."
- 29 Reach
- 31 Biblical realm
- 32 Least spoiled
- 33 Portugal's place
- 34 Sandwich meat
- 36 Glib
- 37 Inclined
- 38 Concepts
- 41 Remote locations?
- 44 Halt
- 45 iPod model
- 48 Asia's — Darya river
- 50 Keypad trio

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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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Upside down?

F	R	O	W	N

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

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Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: The famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, are believed to have been in what modern-day country?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the six-point blue star on emergency medical vehicles?
3. MOVIES: What is the nickname of the "vicious" dog in "The Sandlot"?
4. HISTORY: What was the name of the United States' first space shuttle?
5. LITERATURE: In what language was "The Odyssey" originally written?
6. TELEVISION: What is the 1990s sitcom "Northern Exposure" set?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of kangaroos called?
8. SCIENCE: What is the process called when a lizard loses and regenerates a tail?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state borders two oceans?
10. MUSIC: What was Taylor Swift's first song to make Billboard's Hot 100?

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WALLET

Today's Word

3. Steer; 4. Umbra

SCRAMBLERS

E	L	I	M	S
S	E	L	O	M
R	O	S	E	R
E	O	R	E	S
R	W	O	N	E
N	O	W	N	F

Solution

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

CryptoQuip

ANSWER

Pop and soul superstar who adores fish such as bluefin, yellowfin and albacore: Tuna Turner.

Weekly SUDOKU

ANSWER

1. Iraq
2. The Star of Life
3. "The Best" to the kids and Hercules to his owner
4. Columbia
5. Homeric Greek
6. Cately, Alaska
7. A mob
8. Autotomy
9. Alaska; Pacific and Arctic Oceans
10. "Tim McGraw"

Go Figure!

Even Exchange

ANSWERS

1. Oldest, Oddest
2. Paris, Paris
3. Austin, Austin
4. Camper, Casper
5. Phony, Feony
6. Place, Peace
7. Branch, Branch
8. Blank, Blink
9. Prides, Primes
10. Shore, Short

Daniel from A-5

mand, that he won't die because of their choices, or if he does, it will be for the greater good of the world. What happens when a kid looks at his phone, talks to his peers, and that feeling of "greater good" can't be strip-mined out of him, despite their patriotic programming?

Danny's mom keeps an eye on the news back home. She gets nervous talking about it with her friends. None of their kids are the ones who signed up. They went to the mill.

Danny's dad doesn't say much, but the anxiety he won't talk about lives inside of him like a live wire.

As Danny sits over his breakfast, the others chatter about their duties to the gig—that it's part of the job. For some, it's a sense of duty. For others, it was a way out. For everyone, it's their reality.

He can't legally buy a Miller Lite. He can't legally buy a pack of smokes. But we can drop him into a quagmire in Iran, and if he doesn't come back, we'll fold a flag and hand it to his mother and call it an honor. No one in Washington sending Rooster to die in battle has a kid named "Rooster." They have a Daniel.

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Final gargoyle returned to its perch atop rehabbed Kentucky cathedral modeled after Notre Dame

By Dylan Lovan
Associated Press

COVINGTON (AP) — The last ghoulish gargoyle has been returned to its perch as part of a two-year restoration of a Kentucky cathedral with a facade modeled after Notre Dame in Paris.

The rehab project at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption was sorely needed to repair deteriorated stone, metal and glass that adorns the limestone exterior. The project included 32 recreated gargoyles along with repairs of deteriorated finials, arches and balustrades.

The 125-year-old church, in Covington just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, offers the experience of a European gothic cathedral in the Midwest, said the Very Rev. Ryan Maher, the cathedral's rector. The cathedral has an "intimate connection to what is really the most popular and most well-known cathedral outside of Rome itself," he said.

"I think it's very special and very unique," said Maher, who watched from the sidewalk as the last gargoyle, made of terra cotta, was raised to top of the facade on Monday.

The renovation price tag was nearly \$8 million, and most came from donations, Maher said.

Brian Walter, CEO of Trisco Systems, the contractor, said the final gargoyle going in was "a symbol of the accomplishment of all our facade work."

"That's a big, monumental occasion for not only people here, but for us. That kind of symbolized the last stone we're putting in," Walter said.

Restoration plans grew out of Maher's discovery in 2018 of a large piece of stone that fell from the exterior.

"We realized at that time that we needed to investigate not only the source of that one piece of stone that had fallen, but to take a look at the overall facade of the cathedral," Maher said.

Workers will continue with smaller tasks around the facade, including the installation of chimeras that sit on the roofline, but the heavy lifting has been completed, Walter said.

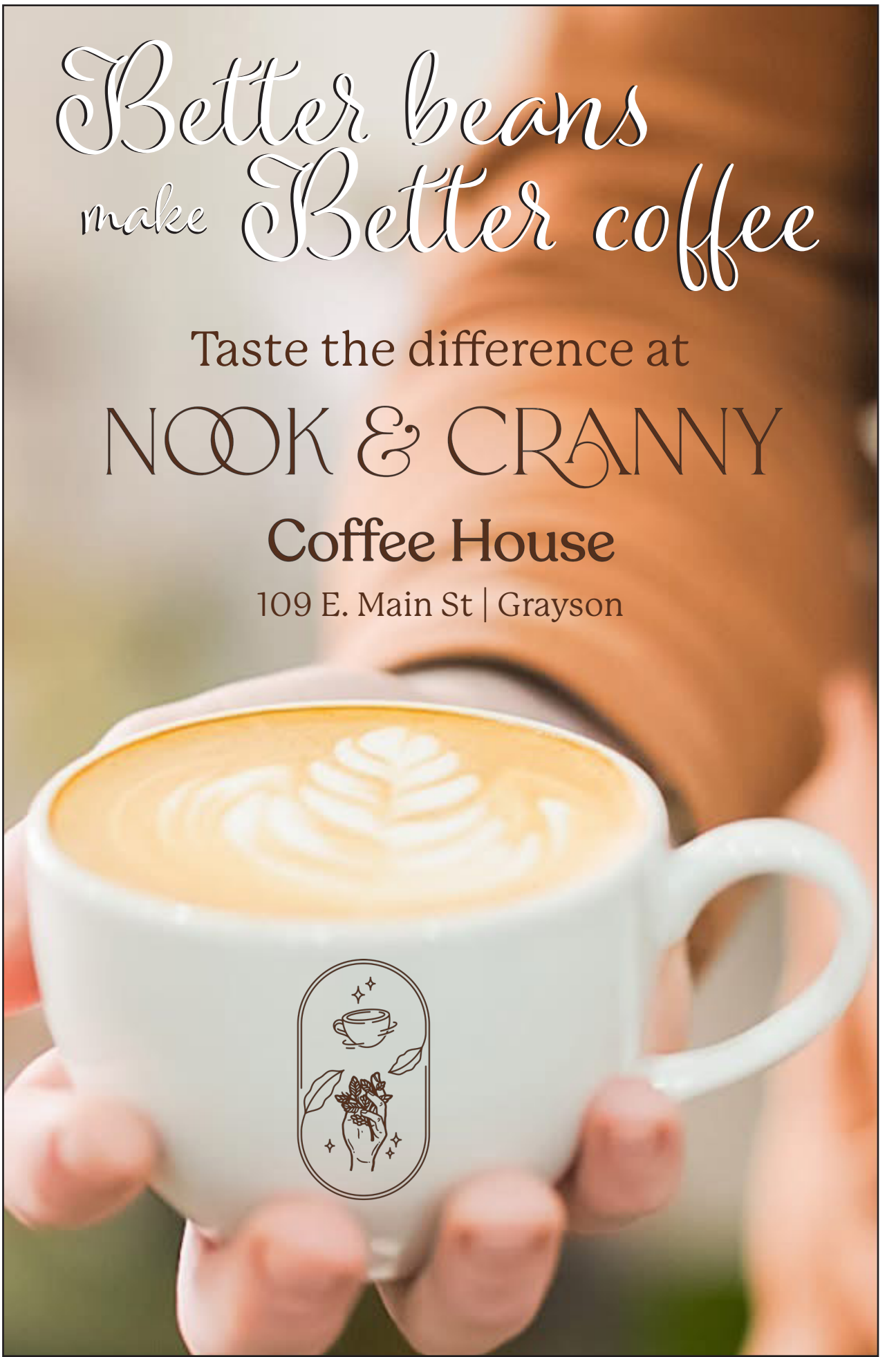
"This is kind of a once

or twice in a lifetime project," Walter said.

The story has been updated to correct that the gargoyles are made of terra cotta, not stone.

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When breast cancer is found early, the chance of survival is 98%. Screening mammograms are an excellent way to detect abnormalities early - before they can be felt! For women at average risk, screening mammography should begin at age 40 and continue annually thereafter.

Women at higher risk should follow the advice of their provider.

A provider order is not needed. Most insurances cover screening mammography at 100%. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.



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