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## You can't rain on my parade

Perseverance name of the game for rainy Memory Days weekend

Staff Report  
Carter County Times

Despite a weather event that was less than inviting, the Grayson Memory Days committee wasn't going to let anyone rain on their parade. Events over the holiday weekend were moved inside or rescheduled. Canopies were erected and ponchos were

worn. And folks turned out for the vendors, the parade, the activities, and the music.

That included the 25th annual All Creature's Veterinary Care Dog Jog, which this year featured a very special little pooch named Scarlett, and her jogging companion Eli Giles – who coincidentally finished first overall in the Mental Health Matters 5K earlier that morning.

Scarlett and Eli weren't first across the finish line in the Dog Jog, but according to a friend of the family who reached out after we shared an adorable photo of Scarlett's perfect form, the little dog is something of a miracle pooch. Scarlett was reportedly

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Scarlett the dachshund and one of her humans, Eli Giles, participate in the All Creatures Veterinary Care Dog Jog. Eli also took first place in the Mental Health Matters 5K earlier that morning. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

## Massie 2028?

Representative teases Presidential run

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

U.S. Representative Thomas Massie may have lost his primary last week, but that doesn't necessarily mean he's done with politics. Massie, who represents Kentucky's 4th Congressional District, was in Greenup before that primary where he spoke to a gathering of Republican supporters and was introduced to the crowd by Kentucky Senator Robin Webb.

Webb told the crowd that she was glad to be there and was excited about the upcoming pri-

mary. "I've known him for many years," Webb said of Massie. "And our families go way back."

Like the former Democrat, who parted ways with her party because of fundamental differences in values she said they no longer reflected, Massie acknowledged that his convictions and priorities weren't always easy to pigeonhole and sometimes put him at odds with the administration. But despite this, he emphasized his conservative bona fides – noting that he only broke from the party when he believed their actions hurt working men and women.

"I have been accused of not always going along with the party," Massie began his speech. "I try to do everything I can for the party, but when the party is

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(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

## County receives more than \$15 million in road aid

Half a million earmarked for Local Assistance Road Program

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The Carter County Fiscal Court was presented with state funds at a special meeting on May 18. Kentucky State Representative Patrick Flannery and State Senator Robin Webb were in attendance to present the court with the funds.

"It is good to be here with you all. We have had a very busy

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State Representative Patrick Flannery and State Senator Robin Webb present funds to the Carter County Fiscal Court. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

## 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.

- Gregory Mason, 52, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for contempt of court, arrested and booked May 18.
- Clint Caudill, 34, of Hitchens, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on four counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked May 18.
- Sherman Henderson, 43, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible injury,

- and two counts of menacing, arrested and booked May 19.
- Ronnie Allen, 42, of Glasgow, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, charges not listed, arrested and booked May 20.
- Michael Jordan, 34, of Paducah, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, charges not listed, arrested and booked May 20.
- Steven Prather, 42, of Cynthiana, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, charges not listed, arrested and booked May 20.
- Kevin Puckett, 47, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, charges not listed, arrested and booked May 20.
- Lance Monteagudo, 30, of Ashland, arrested by Kentucky

- Department of Corrections, charges not listed, arrested and booked May 20
- Ryan Blevins, 39, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, charges not listed, arrested and booked May 21.
- Martin Miller, 48, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Detention Center, on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked May 21.
- Isaiah Bond, 20, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of speeding 26 MPH or more over the limit, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, reckless driving, and failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked May 22.
- Alexis Arden, 24, of Ironton,

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### This Week's Obituaries

Vernon Lee James, 87

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# LIFESTYLE



## Takeout without the price tag: Easy beef döner at home

There was a time when takeout meant convenience. Now opening a delivery app feels like checking stock prices. By the time fees, taxes and mystery charges pile on, a family dinner can feel like a luxury purchase.

The good news? Some restaurant favorites are surprisingly easy to re-create at home. Beef döner is one of them.

Döner kebab originated in Turkey and became a beloved street food throughout the Middle East and Europe. Traditionally, seasoned meat is stacked onto a vertical spit, slowly roasted and shaved into thin slices as it cooks (like gyro). It's tucked into warm bread with fresh vegetables and

cool, creamy sauces

The flavors are rich, savory and satisfying, but you don't need special equipment or a trip to a specialty market to bring them home.

This version keeps things simple. Ground beef stands in for the traditional sliced meat, seasoned with warm spices, garlic and a little yogurt for tenderness. It's baked, sliced thin, then quickly crisped in a hot pan or under the broiler for those signature browned edges.

The result tastes like something you'd happily order out, except for one important difference: It costs a fraction of the price.

What makes this meal especially useful is how far it stretches. A couple of pounds of beef can become multiple meals when paired with bread, vegetables and a quick yogurt sauce.

Set everything out and let everyone build their own with warm pita or lavash, döner, lettuce, tomatoes, onions and an overly generous drizzle of sauce.

### BEEF DÖNER KEBAB

Yield: 6-8 Servings  
Total Time: 2 hours 15 mins.

- 2 pounds ground beef, 85% lean
- 1 large onion, grated and squeezed dry

- 2-3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 2 teaspoons coriander
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

For serving: Warm pita, flatbread or tortilla, lettuce, tomatoes, thinly sliced onions, cucumber, yogurt sauce (recipe follows)

Preheat the oven to 375 F. You'll need a sheet pan and lots of parchment paper.

In a large bowl, combine ground beef, onion, garlic, yogurt and spices. Mix thoroughly until smooth and slightly sticky.

Divide the meat mixture into four portions. Working one portion at a time, place the mixture on a sheet of parchment paper. Cover with a second sheet and use your hands or a rolling pin to flatten the meat into a thin rectangle, pressing to remove any air pockets. Starting from the long side, tightly roll the parchment and meat together (like a jellyroll) to form a compact log. Repeat with remaining portions.

Transfer the wrapped logs to a sheet pan and bake for about 20-25 minutes, until cooked through.

Let rest for 10 minutes, remove the parchment, then slice



This homemade beef döner delivers big flavor with a clever kitchen shortcut. (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

thin. For the best texture, quickly crisp the slices in a hot skillet or under the broiler.

Serve in warm pita or lavash with fresh vegetables and yogurt sauce.

### ALMOST TZATZIKI SAUCE

Yield: 1 cup  
Total Time: 5 mins.

- 1 1/2 cups plain yogurt
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice (or red wine vinegar)
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dried herbs or 1 tablespoon fresh herbs (dill, parsley or mint)
- 1/3 cup cucumber, grated and squeezed dry

Stir together and adjust seasoning to taste. Best made ahead.

A little seasoning, a hot pan and a few simple ingredients can turn an ordinary weeknight dinner into a meal worth gathering around.

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## Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

### A little Feng Shui can go a long way

We've all heard about Feng Shui, but what do we really know that can

give us ideas to make simple changes in our living space that will improve our wellbeing? Positioning our furnishings in certain ways can open up our homes to

increase the flow of energy and using decor, with Feng Shui in mind, will generate a variety of lifestyle benefits. Now, that being said, there is much more to Feng Shui, but the results of us-

ing the same principles can be achieved by just making a few basic changes.



Daryl Ashley  
Guest Columnist  
Confusion Solution

There are five elements to Feng Shui. They are wood, fire, earth, metal, and water. Using these elements in our homes can make a huge difference in our mood and productivity. Incorporate nature into our

decor. Use plants, wood furniture, and sunlight for wood and fire. Take the colors from the earth for walls and accessories. The addition of some metal or round elements will invoke

focus and adding a small water feature or mirrors brings inspiration.

However, it is important to simplify. Because these changes will prove beneficial, we should use wisdom when decorating. The less you have to obstruct energy flow the better.

To learn more about the advantages of applying Feng Shui, write to me for some research ideas.

It's as simple as that!  
*Send your questions and comments to me at [info@confusionsolution.com](mailto:info@confusionsolution.com)*

## Joyful Noise

### The Lord sees!

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

Yep, life can be hard at times. We will need help from family, friends, and neighbors along the way. In the old days neighbors relied on each other because they all needed help from time to time. It might be to help nurse a sick person back to health or help the farmer get the fields planted or bring in the harvest.

God watches over us with constant care, protection, and guidance, as affirmed throughout scripture. Psalm 121:8 – “The Lord will watch over your

coming and going both now and forevermore,” assuring believers of God's continual protection in every aspect of life. Proverbs 15:3 – “The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good,” highlighting God's omnipresence and vigilance over all people. Isaiah 41:10 – “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand,” offering comfort and courage in times of fear or uncertainty. 1 Peter 5:7 – “Cast all your anxiety on

him because he cares for you,” emphasizing God's personal concern for our well-being. Psalm 34:15 – “The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry,” showing that God actively listens and responds to those who seek Him. Psalm 91:11 – “For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways,” illustrating God's protective care through His angels. Matthew 10:29-31 – Jesus teaches that not even a sparrow falls without God's notice, and that we are valued even more, reinforcing His attentive care over every detail of our lives. Genesis 28:15 – “I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go... I will not

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## University of Kentucky Extension Notes

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### Improving pastures for small ruminants in Kentucky

As sheep and goat production continues to grow across Kentucky, more producers are looking for practical ways to improve their pastures. Well managed forage systems not only reduce feed costs but also support healthier animals and more sustainable farms.

Developing a productive pasture system begins with a thorough evaluation of your pastures, farm and herd. Start by walking through your fields and taking photos of the forages growing there. This hands on observation helps you understand what plants are present and how well they are performing.

While walking, collect soil samples to determine nutrient levels. Your local Extension office can analyze these samples and provide a clear report with recommendations tailored to your farm.

Next, identify the desirable forages in your pasture by considering what your animals prefer to eat — goats often browse trees and shrubs, while sheep tend to favor grasses like fescue and legumes such as clovers. Note which forages are abundant and which are missing.

Evaluate the overall composition of your pasture by estimating the percentage of grasses, legumes and other species. Increasing the proportion of legumes like clover, alfalfa or lespedeza can improve pasture quality, soil fertility and animal



Rebecca Konopka  
Carter County  
Extension Agent

nutrition. Plant diversity plays a key role in pasture resilience, helping fields withstand drought, grazing pressure and seasonal changes. Extension experts can guide producers in selecting and establishing the right forage mix for individual operations.

Also assess plant cover and look for bare spots or heavily grazed areas. These often occur under trees, near water sources or in high traffic zones. Poor nutrient availability or overuse can lead to weed pressure in these areas. If weeds are a concern, the Extension office can recommend appropriate management strategies.

Be sure to inspect pasture infrastructure, including fencing and watering systems. Quality fencing helps manage grazing pressure and protect your investment. Reliable water access is also essential. Animals must have contin-

uous access to fresh, clean water, especially during pasture restructuring or rotational grazing.

New Extension tools like the Small Ruminant Pasture Condition Scorecard can help you systematically evaluate pasture health and identify areas for improvement. The scorecard includes indicators such as percentage of desirable plants, live plant cover, plant diversity, uniformity of grazing and browsing accessibility.

It's also important to inventory your pasture acres and livestock numbers to avoid overgrazing and maintain sustainable stocking rates.

While this process may seem overwhelming at first, pasture development is a gradual journey that unfolds over multiple seasons. Small, consistent improvements add up.

For personalized assistance in interpreting soil tests, identifying forage species and developing a pasture improvement plan tailored to your goals, contact your Carter County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension agent. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not

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## Strength for Life

### Focusing on women's health

May is a time when women's health and wellness often come into focus — and for good reason. Women experience unique physical, hormonal, and lifestyle changes across every stage of life, and those changes deserve thoughtful, individualized approaches to fitness and health.

As a women's fitness specialist, I work with females from adolescence through menopause, including perinatal clients, and one thing is always clear: there is no one-size-fits-all approach to training for women.

**Training Through Every Stage of Life**  
A woman's fitness needs evolve over time, influenced by hormones, life demands, and physical changes.

- Adolescence and young adulthood often focus on building strength, coordination, and injury resilience — especially for athletes, where proper training can reduce overuse injuries and support long-term performance.
- Perinatal fitness requires special consideration for joint stability, posture, breathing mechanics, and core strength, while supporting the body through pregnancy and postpartum recovery.
- Midlife and menopause bring hormonal changes

that affect metabolism, muscle mass, bone density, and recovery, making

strength training and proper nutrition more important than ever.

- Later adulthood places increased emphasis on maintaining muscle, balance, and bone health, particularly in preventing or managing osteoporosis and osteopenia.

Each phase has unique challenges — but movement remains essential at every age.

#### Hormones, Joints, and Injury Risk

Women's hormonal fluctuations can influence joint stability, recovery, and injury risk, especially for athletes. Strength training, mobility work, and proper progression are critical for protecting joints and maintaining long-term function.

For perinatal clients, joint laxity and posture changes require thoughtful exercise selection. For older women, maintaining bone density and muscle strength is key to independence and fall prevention.

#### The Balancing Act Women Know Too Well

One of the greatest challenges women face isn't a lack of knowledge — it's time. Between family responsibilities, careers, caregiving, and household demands, women are often the last on their own priority list.

But taking care of your health isn't selfish — it's essential.

#### Why “Filling Your Own Cup” Matters

Research consistently shows that when mothers and caregivers prioritize physical activity, their families are more likely to be active as well. Children model what they see. When a woman values her health, she sets a powerful example of self-care, confidence, and consistency.

This creates a ripple effect that can influence not just immediate family habits, but generational health outcomes.

#### Strength Is a Lifelong Investment

Strength training is one of the most effective tools women have at every stage of life. It supports:

- Hormone regulation
- Bone density
- Joint health
- Metabolic function
- Confidence and independence

Two to three strength sessions per week can make a meaningful difference — regardless of age or experience level.

#### The Takeaway

Women deserve training strategies that respect their bodies, their schedules, and their life stages. Prioritizing your health allows you to show up more fully for everyone that depends on you. Reach out if you need help getting a structured plan together that works with, not against your schedule.

**Arrests** from A-1

OH, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked May 22.

- Amy Knipp, 31, of Sandy Hook, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked May 22.
- David Harlow, 47, of Grayson, self-surrender,

weekender, arrested and booked May 22.

- Dusty Tolliver, 32, of Denton, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked May 22.
- Keith Leadingham, 63, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked May 23.
- Russell White, 57, of Denton, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on four counts of failure

to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked May 23.

- Garth Caudill, 33, of Hitchins, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked May 24.
- David Cochrane, 31, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for contempt of court, arrested and booked May 24.
- Maurice Wallace, 46, of Grahn, arrested by Ken-

tucky State Police, on a charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, arrested and booked May 24.

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.

**Roads** from A-1

spring and a lot of challenges in the budget, especially with transportation," Webb told the court. "We anticipate this continuing to be a challenge, and we will start working on the next budget now."

Webb then told the court that the transportation budget did not look good at first, but they were able to get a "pretty good chunk of change."

"And we're glad to bring some of that to you now," Webb said.

"We do have two checks tonight," Flannery added. "The first is for \$577,000. This is what is called LARP (Local Assistance Road Program) money. So, when you get calls in your magisterial districts about things that need work, this will take care of that. And there are some specially designated roads you are aware of that this will help greatly."

Webb told the court to not be hesitant to prioritize

these roads because that was the point of the LARP funds.

"It's for the 'ground up,'" Webb said. "And no one knows the need better than you do because you travel them every day. So, be mindful and don't hesitate."

"We can't get them all," she said of road repair funds. "But we have managed to get a few."

Flannery told the court that the second check presented was for a little over \$14.5 million, and what could be called the road budget. This money, however, wasn't just for roads the county maintains itself.

"This is for the entirety of the county, so if there is work on I-64 or other designated roads, it will all go there for bridge repairs and things like that," Flannery explained. "So, we are really pleased with this because it is over \$15 million altogether."

Flannery told the court that he appreciates their service to the county, and commented that they probably do not get thanked enough for what they do.

Other guests at the fiscal court meeting included Jessica Price, Program Director for the Olive Hill Center for Arts and Heritage.

"We, like everyone else, have had a hard winter," Price told the court. "We have our big season during the Christmas season. We do the Festival of Trees, we do a play for the school kids, and we do Christmas On The Hill."

"From the second week of December until the first week of March we were only open 14 days," Price continued. "The lights weren't on. The heat wasn't on, and nothing was running. In that time, we received over \$30,000 in utility bills. That has been quite a process to investigate, and the city utility

department has been trying to help us. We have been working on that, and we were just able to complete our solar project."

Price said the Center for Arts and Heritage is excited about the project completion, but because of the extremely high and unexpected utility bill their insurance provider, KA-OCO, recommended that they come and speak to the fiscal court.

"We are in need of about \$14,000 to pay our insurance bill for the year," Price told the fiscal court.

"We already have a giant fundraiser that is about to happen to pay next year's insurance," she explained. "But we can't do any of our programs if we can't pay our insurance."

The fiscal court agreed to discuss the request, but no action was taken during the special meeting.

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# Horror convention "spawns" in June

By Charles Romans  
*Carter County Times*

Fan favorite horror convention The Scarefest Weekend descends upon Lexington each year in October, bringing with it celebrities and creators in the field of horror cinema and the darker side of pop culture. Each year the Central Bank Center is filled to capacity with fans hoping to meet their favorite horror icons, take advantage of photo ops, and peruse the vendor booths for memorabilia.

This summer, however, horror fans will be treated

to what could be called a "bonus" convention. The first ever Spawn of Scarefest will be held this June at a smaller, more intimate venue that will allow horror fans to be more up close and personal with celebrity guests. The Scarefest Weekend Media Director Wes Forsythe said that although Spawn will share a lot with Scarefest, it really is its own personal nightmare.

"Scarefest Weekend is one of the top five horror/paranormal conventions in the country," Forsythe said.

After each convention they do a review to decide

what worked and what could be done better, he said, and they work on that for the next 12 months.

"But the one complaint we got every year that we couldn't do anything about is when people say we have gotten too big," Forsythe said.

That issue might seem to be a good issue to have, and for the most part it is, Forsythe conceded. But some of the people who regularly attended Scarefest wanted a smaller, more intimate version with a more personal interaction with the guests.

"So, because we

couldn't make Scarefest smaller, we came up with the idea to do another convention. We decided to put on a smaller hotel show," Forsythe said.

"Everything is contained," he continued. "We aren't doing a bunch of offsite stuff like we do at Scarefest. The movie premiere on Thursday afternoon will be the only thing you have to leave the grounds to attend. So, if you wanted to come in on Friday and check in, you wouldn't have to leave the building until Sunday."

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**Joyful Noise** from A-2

leave you until I have done what I have promised you," showing God's faithfulness and guidance throughout life's journey.

These verses collectively affirm that God is always present, watching over us, and actively involved in our lives. They provide reassurance that we are never

alone, that our fears and anxieties can be entrusted to Him, and that His protection extends to both spiritual and physical aspects of our lives. Meditating on these scriptures can bring comfort, courage, and a deeper sense of trust in God's care.

Believers can take solace in knowing that

God's watchful presence is constant, His guidance is reliable, and His love is unwavering, offering both peace and strength in every circumstance. What a mighty God we serve!

Amen! So be it!  
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sions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers – Call 474-6686 or 713-1840 on May 20th between 8:00-4:00 for appt.
- Little Sandy Beekeepers – Tuesday, June 2nd @ 6:00 PM - Speaker: Dr. Tom Webster, KSU Entomology Professor; Topic: Probiotics for Bees

# CALENDAR

- **5/29 Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **6/1: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **6/1: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **6/1: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **6/2: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **6/2: Rattlesnake Ridge Water Distict Board meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **6/2: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Speaker: Dr. Tom Webster, KSU Entomology Professor; Topic: Probiotics for Bees
- **6/4: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **6/5: Sit & Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **6/5: Beef Chute Side Pregnancy Check Demonstration @ 10 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Call 474-6686 to register
- **6/15: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **6/15: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **6/15: Carter County EMS Board @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County EMS Station

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## Pet of the Week

Tim is a 23 pound male chihuahua mix. He is neutered, up to date on all vaccinations, microchipped, and walks on a leash. This good boy also has a free adoption to an approved home. If you think Tim might be the pup for you, stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet him or call 475-9771 for more information.

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



### CITY OF GRAYSON

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

# Selya named maestro of Cave Run Symphony Orchestra

For the second time in its 13-year history, the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra has appointed a new principal conductor.

Dr. Craig Burrows, board chair, and Dr. Lori Baruth, search committee chair, today jointly announced the appointment of Dr. Isaac Selya of Cincinnati.

He succeeds Dr. Terry Durbin of Louisville who held the part-time post for nearly seven years before taking medical retirement last year.

"We are pleased and excited to welcome Maestro Selya to the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra following a 10-month search process in which he emerged as the overwhelming choice of our audience and musicians," Burrows and Baruth said in a joint statement.

Selya said of his appointment:

"I so enjoyed working with the wonderful musicians of the Cave Run Symphony in my audition concert last month and now I am even more excited about this great opportunity to share music with the community going forward."

Burrows and Baruth commented further on the new conductor's qualifications:

"This young man is highly sought after as a conductor, entrepreneur, scholar, and educator. He currently is music director of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, staff conductor at the Dayton Philharmonic, and founder and artistic director of Queen City Opera in Cincinnati."

Selya holds a bachelor's degree from Yale where

he was principal cellist of the Yale Symphony and sang in Yale's Schola Cantorum. He completed a master's degree in music conducting at the Mannes School of Music and a doctorate from the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Dr. Selya and his wife, Pin-Hsuan, a violinist, are based in Cincinnati.

He will make his official debut as the new Cave Run maestro at the season-opening concert on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center. He also will be guest of honor at a public reception in connection with the Orchestra's Annual Membership Meeting in September.

Morehead and Rowan County are the smallest city and county in Kentucky with their own



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community-supported symphony orchestra. The CRSO is a 60-piece ensemble comprised of professional and semi-

professional musicians, music professors and teachers, and highly qualified, auditioned student musicians.

The Orchestra is a federally tax-exempt 501 © 3 charitable organization and a non-profit Kentucky corporation.

## Massie from A-1

wrong, I don't go along to get along." Massie said that he does vote with the party ninety percent of the time, but that it was more important for him to vote for what is right than what the party wanted.

"Because," he explained, "ten percent of the time they are wrong."

"The problem isn't that ten percent of the time I vote against Republicans in DC," Massie told the crowd. "The problem is, in that ten percent of the time, they are voting against you. They are voting against your way of life. It's a Uni-Party up there too frequently. Look at these big Omnibus Bills," he said as an example.

"They all pass with a bunch of Republicans and a bunch of Democrats. It's the Uni-Party."

"What we have to get away from is putting everything in one bill," Massie said. "That is how they hide the crap. They put that on page 523, and they are trying to put

things in there like special privileges and immunities for data centers, special immunities for pesticides and chemicals so that if one of them harms you, you couldn't sue them. I have worked and got both of those stripped from those big bills."

"You want to know why there are three billionaires spending 20 million dollars on this race that have never been to Kentucky?" Massie asked the crowd. "There is an organization called the World Economic Forum. It was founded by a German man named Klaus Schwab. You may not know of those two, but you have probably heard there are some people who think that you should eat bugs and not beef. There are people who think you should have nothing and be happy about it. They think that the future of not just the country but of the entire world is communism."

"It's called the World Economic Forum. Their CEO had to resign because

I got the Epstein Files released," Massie said. "That's the guy (the CEO) that goes to dinner with these billionaires that are also in the Epstein Files. These are the billionaires who are funding this race against me. This is the most expensive race, which will be \$35 million when it is done."

"I would run for president if I knew we could get that much money," Massie added and laughed — foreshadowing the tease that would follow his primary concession.

"It is \$20 million against me, and \$15 million for me," Massie explained. "It's the most expensive congressional primary in the history of this country."

Massie told the crowd that the money for his campaign came from tens of thousands of donors, thousands of those donors from Kentucky.

"My opponent has reported less than a hundred donors in Kentucky,"

Massie said, adding that his Kentucky donors aren't rich people, not millionaires or billionaires, but regular Kentucky citizens. The largest occupational group that supports him are retired citizens, he said, who want to protect their way of life.

Another issue that concerns him directly impacts his supporters, and that is inflation, he said, which is exacerbated by unchecked government spending.

"When the government spends too much money, we can't even find people to loan it to us anymore," Massie said. "We are paying a trillion dollars of interest every year to banks and foreign countries who own our debt. We spend twelve times as much as what we spend on our roads and bridges."

Massie said that when a government spends in this manner, and can't borrow money, they print it. "That makes the value of your dollar go down," he said. "And that's why I am

voting against these giant bills that are bankrupting the country."

Massie said his opponents have been trying to buy him for 14 years and have never been able to do so.

"Now they are trying to buy a seat here in Kentucky," he said.

And, if you ask Massie's supporters, they were successful. Massie, the Republican incumbent, lost in the primary against Trump endorsed challenger Ed Gallrein. In a speech reported by the Associated Press, Massie addressed the issue.

"We stirred up something. There is a yearning in this country for someone who will vote for principles over party," Massie

was quoted as saying in a speech that lasted over twenty minutes.

In the same speech Massie drew a clear picture of the issues.

"If the legislative branch always votes whichever way the wind is blowing, then we have mob rule," he said. But if lawmakers follow the Constitution, he noted, "We have a republic."

But is Massie considering a run for President of that republic?

According to the Associated Press, Massie signed off by teasing a run in 2028, saying, "We'll talk about it later."

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## Convention from A-3

"You are going to be riding the elevator with the celebrities," Forsythe said of the Spawn convention. "You're going to be eating at the same restaurant as the celebrities. Your friends are all going to be there and you aren't going to be chasing everything. So, that's the difference. It's a completely different concept."

Forsythe said that they want Spawn to be successful, but they want to maintain the more intimate feel. That's why they have capped the numbers of attendees and are not going to "let it get away from us" as far as size.

"We are looking for something more intimate and more relaxed," he said of Spawn of Scarefest. "This won't be as hectic for fans, volunteers, and everyone else involved. We are trying to get back

to that family feel that people have missed for a few years. We try to keep it intact, but once you get so big that is difficult."

Spawn of Scarefest will definitely bring back what some patrons of Scarefest Weekend have been missing. And of course, Forsythe said, some people will enjoy both the new convention in June as well as the larger one in October.

Spawn of Scarefest has around 25 popular celebrities scheduled to appear with more contracts out, but not yet confirmed, Forsythe said, opposed to the well over 100 celebrity guests that regularly appear at Scarefest Weekend.

"But we have a maximum cap on celebrities at 30," he said.

The process of selecting celebrities for Spawn of Scarefest was also a bit dif-

ferent, Forsythe explained.

"We went into it and approached the celebrity agents looking for celebrities that were very interactive with their fans. Our regulars we already knew like Kane Hodder and Felissa Rose are part of the crowd. They enjoy interaction with the fans and they're part of the Scarefest family," Forsythe said. "When we approached the agents, we wanted celebrities that like to interact with their fans after the regular convention hours."

Forsythe said that some celebrities are obviously interactive, and gave Skeet Ulrich as an example. "The first time we met him he was just standing out in

front of the Hyatt Regency talking to everyone," Forsythe said.

Another guest this year is Lochlyn Munro, a Canadian actor known for Freddy vs Jason and Riverdale, someone Forsythe describes as down to earth and accessible to his fans.

Spawn will be held on June 5-7 at the Griffon Gate Resort & Spa at 1800 Newtown Pike in Lexington. Tickets can be purchased through a link on the Spawn of Scarefest Facebook page or at [spawnofscarefest.com](http://spawnofscarefest.com).

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## OBITUARY

### Vernon Lee James 1938 – 2026



Vernon Lee James, age 87, of Grayson, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord, Sunday, May 17, 2026, at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

He was born September 9, 1938, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Irdle and Bethel Forrest James.

He loved going to church and serving the Lord. He enjoyed taking care of his garden, coon hunting and taking care of his bee hives.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Keith Allen James.

Vernon is survived by his loving wife, Nina James; one brother Jack (Brenda) James of Grayson, Kentucky; four sisters, Doreata (Homer) Albright of Grayson, Kentucky, Margie Menix of Grayson, Kentucky, Geneva Cottrill of Medina, Ohio, Evelyn Parker of Chardon, Ohio, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Grayson Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 49 McCoy Road, Grayson, Kentucky, with Brother Tommy Romans and Brother Ron Evans officiating. Burial followed in James and Huff Cemetery on Salem Road.

Friends visited after 11 a.m., Thursday, May 21, 2026, until the service hour at Grayson Funeral Home.

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## Guest Editorial

### President Trump wasn't about to lose in the Fourth District

By Al Cross  
Northern Kentucky Tribune

Ed Gallrein, Republican nominee for Congress in the Fourth District, began his victory speech Tuesday night by thanking President Trump. That was certainly appropriate, and arguably required, since Trump picked Gallrein to defeat seven-term Rep. Thomas Massie in what became the most expensive primary election ever held for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Most of the \$33 million in advertising attacked Massie, who was clearly Trump's main target in what national news media dubbed his "revenge tour" against Republicans who refused to bend to his will — or who directly confronted him, as Massie did by co-sponsoring the bipartisan law calling for release of the investigative files on deceased sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein.

The tour has been largely successful, even as Trump's national poll ratings have reached new lows and he remains flummoxed by Iran. He extended the tour Tuesday by endorsing Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton against Sen. John Cornyn in next week's runoff in Texas. That's a bigger race with wider implications than the Massie-Gallrein contest, but Trump clearly cared more about the latter. He made that plain in his Truth Social posts, an appearance for Gallrein in the district, and the White House's apparent management of Gallrein's campaign. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth even got into the act, taking time out from overseeing the war and the armed services to campaign Monday for Gallrein, a former Navy SEAL.

Trump hates to lose, and he wasn't about to lose this one. He and Gallrein won big, by almost 10 percentage points.

The race was a test of strength for Trump, and also for the American Israel Political Action Committee and the Republican Jewish Coalition, which collectively spent over \$9 million against Massie, who is no friend of Israel. Massie couldn't resist a parting shot, beginning his not-such-a-concession speech by saying "It took while to find Ed Gallrein in Tel Aviv," and later mentioning big political donor Miriam Adelson, who is Jewish and presumably provided some of the money for the attacks on him.

On a higher plane, Massie said "There is a yearning in this country for someone who will vote for principle over party." But there wasn't enough of a yearning among Republicans in the Fourth District, and Massie had created problems for himself over the years by not keeping his fences mended with local GOP leaders. Still, it took a Trump rub-out operation to dislodge a man whose flinty libertarianism and deficit hawkishness made him a national folk hero.

Barr's big win

In the Republican primary for the U.S. Senate, nominee Andy Barr didn't thank Trump until well into his victory speech. That, too, was appropriate. Barr was already headed for victory when Trump endorsed him and got Trump-connected candidate Nate Morris out of the race on May 1, and he beat the underfunded Daniel Cameron, a former state attorney general, by 30 points.

The Democratic nomination for the seat being vacated by Mitch McConnell was won by former state Rep. Charles Booker, who was the nominee against Sen. Rand Paul in 2022 after giving Amy McGrath a scare in the 2020 primary. In their rematch this week, Booker defeated McGrath by 11 points in a seven-way race even though he didn't mount a TV campaign.

That was testimony to the statewide following Booker has developed among Democrats in his three races, and to their unwillingness to give McGrath another chance after her spectacular failure as the nominee against McConnell in 2020. Booker gave a heartfelt victory speech, saying "This was nothing but people power," but it will take a lot more than that for such a liberal to defeat Barr in a conservative state that has turned Republican and not elected a Democrat to the Senate since 1992.

Some hope for Democrats?

Democrats' best prospects in Kentucky this fall are in the Sixth Congressional District, where the nominees for Barr's open seat are former state Sen. Ralph Alvarado, who beat state Rep. Ryan Dotson by 30 points, and Democrat Zach Dembo, who ran 8 points ahead of former state Rep. Cherlynn Stevenson in a seven-way contest.

See **FOURTH DISTRICT** on A-6

## Carter County Times

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### Despite the claims of MAGA critics, the movement is an example of voter polarization, not brainwashing.

As a political junkie, I was fascinated by what at least a dozen voters in Northern Kentucky — who identified themselves as MAGA Republicans — said last week about why their discontent with current Trump Administration policies did not deter them from voting against U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie.

I've never been a fan of exit polling but it was very enlightening to hear or read what each sampled voter said about how their concerns about the war in Iran, high gasoline and grocery prices and other negatives had not changed their minds about honoring President Trump's desire to vote Massie out of office.

My immediate reaction was to describe that phenomena as political brainwashing and I know others used the same terminology. However, I did some Internet research on the subject and came up with a surprising result.

A host of political scientists, sociologists and psychologists say their study of the Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement reached the consensus that brainwashing is the wrong definition of this massive, mainstream political movement.

Applying that label overlooks the true mechanics of how the movement works. Instead, experts prefer to analyze MAGA through the lenses of populism, identity politics, and the power of social media.

Brainwashing is an inaccurate description because MAGA lacks the absolute physical control, forced isolation from loved ones, severe sleep deprivation and acute physical trauma or psychological trauma used by the Chinese Communists during the Korean War to use "thought control" as a weapon. Sadly, those harsh tactics convinced 21 American POWs to remain in North Korea after the war ended.

By comparison, people join and stay in the MAGA movement willingly. They are not captives. Mr. Trump did not invent the grievances of his base; he tapped into them very skillfully and continues to do so.

His supporters already held deep-seated frustrations regarding stagnation in the American economy, shifting cultural norms like DEI, distrust of corporate media, and the fear of immigrants flooding across our southern border.

It is clear to me that MAGA is not an example of brainwashing. I see it now as a potent example of voter polarization, populist fervor, and modern media isolation. Like it or not, MAGA has created a deeply rooted cultural and political shift in American history.

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### Get up and go

When this goes live, I'll be in Spain. One thing I've worked hard to achieve in my years in the boxing ring of working journalism is the ability to travel — to write about things happening internationally, or just things that happened to me when I was somewhere else. Once, I ruined a bathroom and my pants in Dublin. Another time, I shared a sandwich with a stranger in Barcelona. Travel is like that.

As much as I love getting a new stamp on my passport, I am still very American. I love a big glass of water with ice. I like iced coffee. I smile at people. I talk to anyone who wants to talk to me. I want to hear their stories, no matter where we are. I hate soccer and love baseball and our football. The native food in London is rough, but the Indian food is unreal.

I've also been to all the big cities in America. I grew up in Chicago and have lived in a few others. I've been to a lot of small towns too. The greatest education you can give yourself isn't a college degree — it's a willingness to meet other people where they are. To sit down for a plate of tacos or grab a cup of coffee and actually listen.

What we can learn about one another feeds something greater. No amount of television or bed rotting equals riding a subway in a city you don't know or having drinks with locals somewhere in Arkansas or Scotland. I've been a lot of places, and I've learned

that if you plan and stay flexible, you can go almost anywhere on a budget. Hotels, hostels, friends' couches — whatever it takes. There's a burning need in me to see new places, to learn more about them, and along the way, more about myself.

Not everyone can hop on a plane. But most people can spend a weekend a few towns over, or try a restaurant in a different part of the region. Get out of the routine and challenge what you think you know. Some of the greatest moments in life come from realizing that no matter how you build a place up in your head, the real thing is always different — and usually better.

There is magic in the unknown. You may not like oysters on the gulf, but you may find that you love a cup of coffee poured by the blue-haired weirdo you'd have written off in any other context.

The all-inclusive resort sells nachos and pays people to smile at you. That's not travel — that's room service with a view. There's a real difference between buying fresh fish directly from the fisherman and paying a resort that's cutting him for pennies on the dollar. One puts money in the right hands. The other just makes you feel like you went somewhere.

There's always a sale. There's always a deal. The world is more accessible than you think — and a lot more interesting than your couch.

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**Memory Days** from A-1

paralyzed before learning to run again – and if she could do that, the rest of us could handle a little rain. We would like to extend a big thanks to the road department for their hard

work in setting up and breaking down barriers for the event, to the Memory Days organizers who persevered in the face of sour weather and sour tempers, and to everyone

who turned out and braved the rain to celebrate the holiday weekend together. *Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com*



# Appalachian band announces new EP this week

Olive Hill — Sasha Colette, the lead singer of the rising band Sasha Colette and the Magnolias, has announced the band is set to release their highly anticipated EP, *Back in Business*, on May 31. “Back in Business” is a collection of some of my favorite songs I’ve been writing lately. The title track fell into place. It was a song my drummer, Steve Barker, wrote with me in mind,” she said. “He asked me to check it out and make changes if I wanted. I made those changes while working the song on piano. It started to sound like Elton John, so I knew I was on the right track.” She added, “The idea of the song is a nod to my new status in my personal life. Things have shifted

and I’m able to get back to pursuing my passions... not just writing music but performing it, recording it, living it out each day. I’m back in business now.” The EP features standout tracks like “Kiss & Make Up” and “Folklore & Fairytales”, both previously released as singles. On performing *Kiss & Make Up*, Colette says, “Ending a relationship can be a much-needed liberation for many people. I lovingly reference ‘Kiss & Make Up’ as ‘AKA: Anthem of a Retired Housewife.’” Colette hopes her EP connects with listeners on a personal level. “I hope these songs excite people,” she said. “The guys and I get a

thrill from rehearsing and performing these songs. Chances are many people who hear this music know us personally, and I hope they love it because it sounds like their friends having a great time.” The band is made up of: Sasha Colette [Olive Hill, KY] – Vocals, Guitar, Banjo; Steve Barker [Seth, WV] – Drums; Mike Parker [Middleport, OH] – Vocals, Lead Guitar; Doug Woodard [Ona, WV] – Vocals, Bass; and Maclean James [Ironton, OH] – Keys, Lead Guitar. On the origin of the band’s name, Colette explains, “Magnolias are one of our first signs that spring is near. They are risky, they don’t mind showing up before

*See BAND on A-8*



Submitted photo

The West Carter High School Band performed at the KMEA District 8 concert band assessment on April 23, and received a Distinguished Rating. Their hard work and dedication to the art of making music was obvious as they

performed their Grade 3 program at Baird Music Hall on the campus of Morehead State University. The performance included selections from Randall Standridge’s *Unbroken Project*, including the pieces “Stay” and “Choose

Joy.” Director Michael Arthur, said he wished to extend congratulations to the band, “on the way you represented your school, community and Carter County Schools!” (Submitted photo)

**Fourth District** from A-5

Dembo, making his first race, has a compelling and timely story to tell: He was a Justice Department lawyer who resigned when Trump started using the department to go after his enemies. He told that story over and over in different ways, in well-done ads financed partly through fundraising by Democratic activist Christy Brown of

Louisville. Alvarado is favored, but if Trump remains on the skids, Dembo could win. Stevenson’s supporters included Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman, who’s running for governor next year. The ultimate favorite in that race is First District Rep. James Comer, a Republican who almost won the GOP nomination in

2015 and acknowledged a few days before Tuesday’s primary that he plans to run. Kentucky’s political seasons often overlap. *This column was published first in the Northern Kentucky Tribune, which makes it available to other publications with appropriate credit.*

## Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers sold mixed with reported trends ranging from 8.00 lower to 8.00 higher throughout the week. Yearling steers and heifers sold firm to 3.00 higher with limited comparisons. Slaughter cows were mixed with prices ranging from 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher and slaughter bulls sold mostly steady. Demand this week was good for all classes.

Week ending 5/23/26

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	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>Steers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
350-400 lbs	566.91	558.74	434.15
400-450 lbs	529.38	530.30	408.60
450-500 lbs	514.55	508.97	392.76
500-550 lbs	475.50	482.18	367.77
550-600 lbs	463.31	469.65	362.29
600-650 lbs	434.31	435.43	335.39
650-700 lbs	407.87	411.65	330.10
700-750 lbs	370.29	380.57	302.25
750-800 lbs	360.97	360.51	292.35
800-850 lbs	344.18	342.99	279.08
850-900 lbs	335.85	350.38	276.61
<b>Heifers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
300-350 lbs	511.16	508.06	387.11
350-400 lbs	488.61	492.23	378.17
400-450 lbs	463.08	469.97	360.73
450-500 lbs	444.01	453.55	346.88
500-550 lbs	414.71	419.50	332.80
550-600 lbs	400.32	398.96	322.04
600-650 lbs	370.16	381.95	295.35
650-700 lbs	359.15	357.02	285.46
700-750 lbs	338.14	336.44	267.77
750-800 lbs	339.82	333.25	257.76

	Average	High	Low
<b>Slaughter Cows</b>			
Breakers	154.00-190.00	169.00-210.00	152.00-172.00
Boners	150.00-195.00	163.00-212.00	131.00-179.00
Lean	134.00-190.00	159.00-195.00	120.00-169.00
<b>Slaughter Bulls</b>			
Yield Grade 1&2	197.00-242.50	213.00-256.00	180.00-217.00

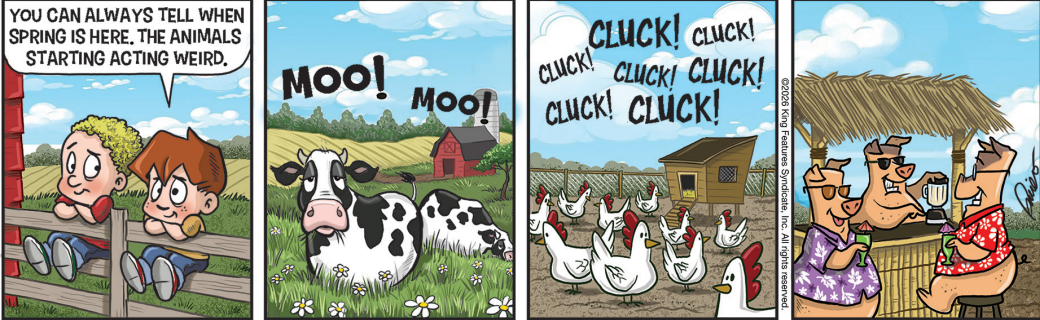
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	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>GRAINS</b>			
<b>Corn</b>	4.37-5.07	4.31-5.40	4.40-4.82
<b>Soybeans</b>	11.19-12.52	10.96-12.68	9.90-10.77
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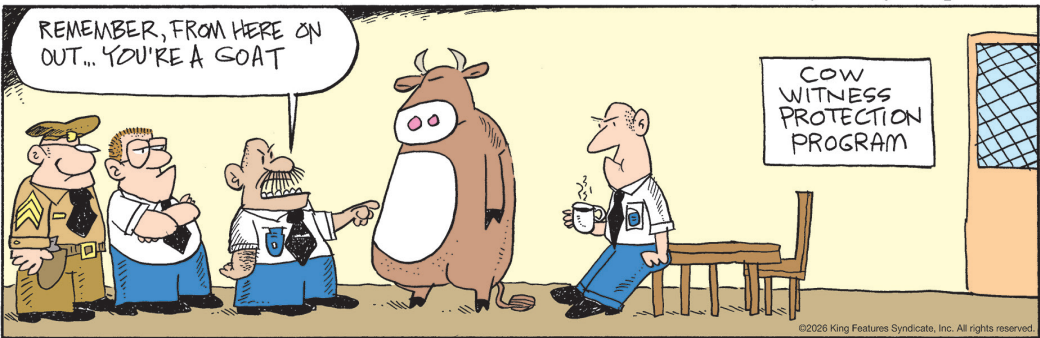
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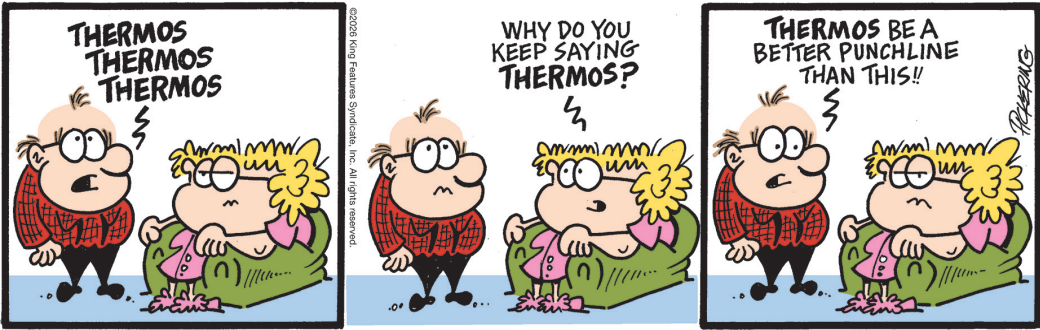
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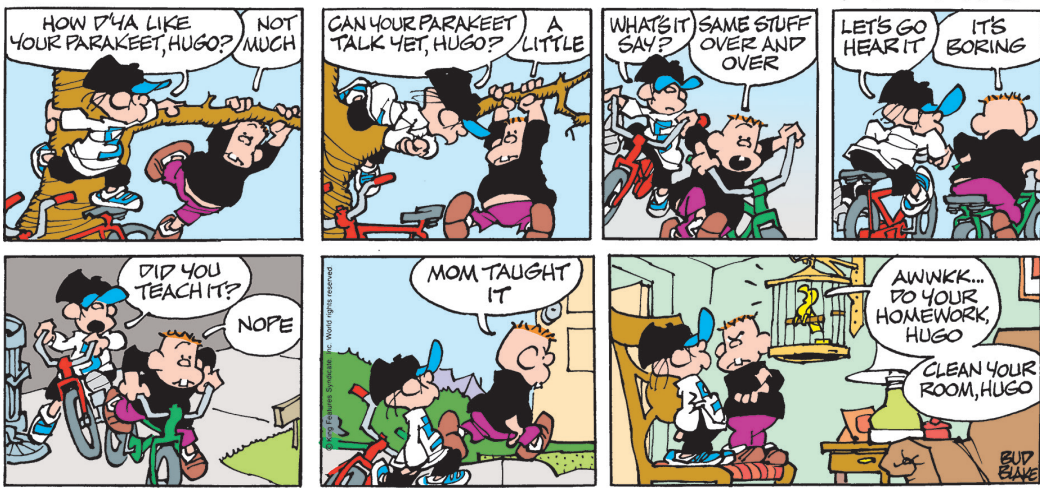
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## Even Exchange

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.

- Heavenly being \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ R
- Kangaroo's pocket P \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_
- Slouch \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial executive \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_
- Wobble like gelatin \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_
- Without color \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_
- Shirt neckline \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_
- Italian river \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_
- Buy stock \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_
- Musical tones \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_
- Fury \_\_\_\_\_ R
- Sofa \_\_\_\_\_ C
- Baffle \_\_\_\_\_ T
- Carnival announcer \_\_\_\_\_ R
- Advertisement tune \_\_\_\_\_ N
- Moan \_\_\_\_\_ N
- Wine vault \_\_\_\_\_ E
- Striped feline \_\_\_\_\_ G
- Create \_\_\_\_\_ N
- Household task \_\_\_\_\_ E

## 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.

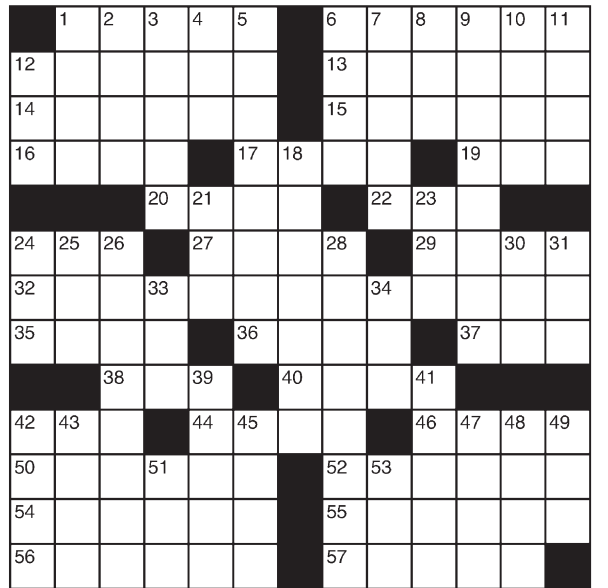
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- Detox center
- Gives up
- Swiss metropolis
- Unexpected
- Ingratiate
- Stahl of "60 Minutes"
- Disposition
- "La — Bonita"
- Casual shirt
- Third son
- Capote nickname
- Canine greeting
- Furnace fuel
- Branches
- President of South Africa, 1994-1999
- Pronto
- Monumental
- Half dozen
- Fannie —
- Former Laker Lamar
- Sashimi fish
- Neatnik's nightmare
- Jazzy James
- Legislative group
- Camelot king
- Aerie newborn
- Organize an art show



### DOWN

- Nevada city
- Within (Pref.)
- Obeys
- "Selma" director DuVernay
- Male singing group
- Humpty's perch
- Skip — (fluter)
- Tax-collecting org.
- Birds of prey
- Duel tool
- Ocular woe
- Tiara jewel
- Rug cleaner
- friendly
- "Awesome, dude!"
- Navarro of "The View"
- Scale members
- Pink wading bird
- Relaxed
- Roman 1051
- Coltrane's instrument
- Aromatherapy spot
- Sgt., e.g.
- Lauder of cosmetics
- Paris subway
- Cruising
- Lettuce unit
- Reply to "Shall we?"
- Spring meltdown
- Mild rebukes
- "How — you?"
- Cleric's tunic
- Scamper

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## Weekly SUDOKU

1	7	8		4	2
			1		7
8	2		9		
	1	5		6	3
	3	5			
9	6	4		5	2
			4	3	
2	8				
			5	8	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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## FiveSpot™

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S	O	U	N	D	Coastal inlet
					Hunting companion
					Accord maker
					Keep for yourself
					A hearty green
					Keep track

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

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: When fish eggs are served as food, what are they called?
- LITERATURE: Which Dr. Seuss book about trying new foods has a character called Sam-I-Am?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the most populated country in Africa?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is The Pine Tree State?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal produces mohair?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many times does a standard dinner fork have?
- FOOD & DRINK: In what year was Kool-Aid introduced?
- TELEVISION: Which animated TV show features a baby named Stewie?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the character played by John Travolta in "Saturday Night Fever"?
- SCIENCE: What is a googol?

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## EXCUSES

Today's Word

- Chime; 2. Inane
- Deluxe; 4. Slice

## SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. CHIME; 2. INANE

3. DELUXE; 4. SLICE

5. ANGORA GOATS

6. FOUR

7. 1927

8. "FAMILY GUY"

9. TONY MANERO

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**Band** from A-6

it's fully safe to bloom, because they're ready."

Balancing her life as a nurse, mother, and musician, Colette brings a refreshing authenticity to her music, blending heartfelt lyrics with energetic performances.

She says her nursing career has had an influence on her artistry.

"I've learned we all have a little something in common," Colette says. "We all have bad days and everybody does things differently. My profession is a daily reminder of how fortunate I am to be able to have a body that can assist

me in living out my idea of a good life."

She added that motherhood has also shaped her as both a person and an artist.

"It's interesting how you try to help your kids learn how to see the best in themselves, but in the meantime, as a mother you have to reinvent yourself, learn who you are all over again," she says. "Motherhood, along with life, have helped me learn exactly who I am and who I am not."

Colette hopes her dedication to music is a lesson in perseverance for

her children.

"I hope my kids see that you can compare yourself to others, but that's not always useful in the phases of blooming," she said. "I want them to focus on success in their own life. We all bake our biscuits a little different. It's great to know how to accept yourself, and it's a learning process to do so."

Back in Business will be available on all streaming platforms and as a CD at live shows.

You can follow the band on Facebook and Instagram.



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# CYNTHIA HILL IS RETIRING!



**HONORING 45+ YEARS**

Cynthia's retirement celebration is scheduled to take place at the Main Office in Grayson on Friday, May 29th, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The bank invites everyone to stop by and join us for a day of food, fellowship, and community.

*Come eat, celebrate, and be part of the tradition.*



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## Customer Appreciation Day

*Celebrating 135 Years*

Join us for lunch & honor Cynthia Hill on her retirement after 45+ years of service

Grayson Main Office  
May 29 | 11 AM - 5 PM

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# 3D MAMMOGRAPHY NOW AVAILABLE IN GRAYSON

## MONDAY-FRIDAY


UK King's Daughters is pleased to offer 3D mammography screenings at UK King's Daughters Grayson Primary Care, 100 Bellefonte Drive. Screenings are performed on our permanently stationed mammography unit Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

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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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