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Revitalizing the Little Sandy

Tourism hears suggestions for waterway use

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Brandon Stringefello-LaVoie spoke before the Grayson Tourism Commission at their regular meeting last week.

"I'm here as Brandon LaVoie, but I am also a Carter County Soil and Conservation Supervisor," he told the commission. "I'm not asking tourism to approve anything. I'm asking something simpler and more foundational. I'm

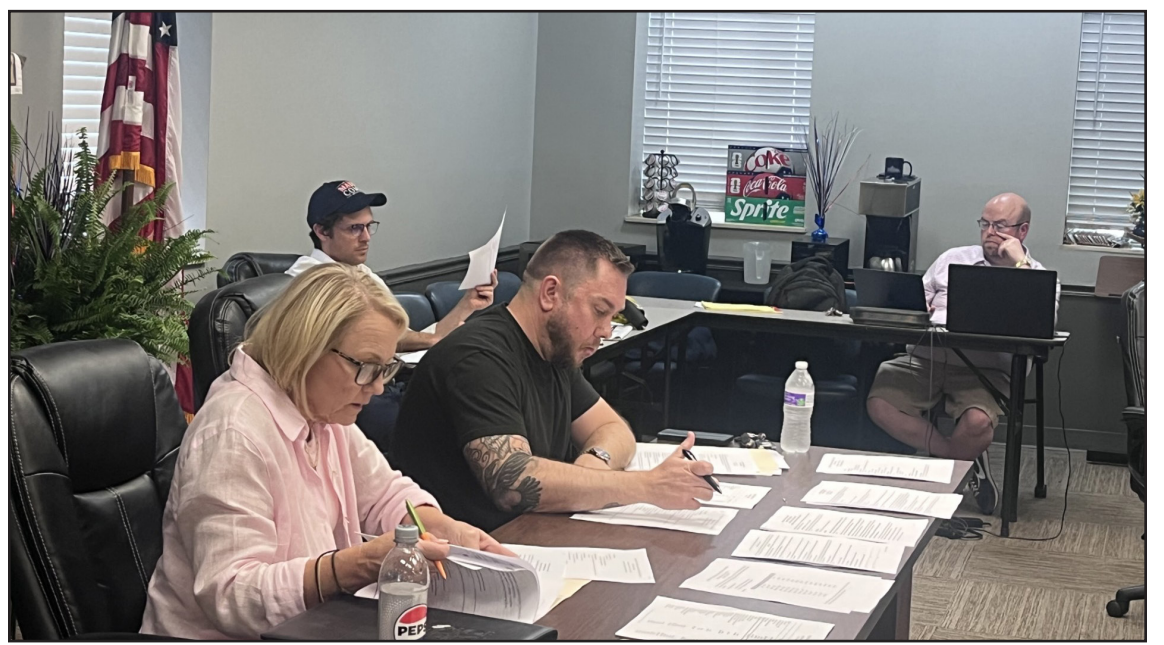
asking Grayson Tourism to acknowledge that the Little Sandy River Corridor has real historical and tourism value."

LaVoie said that from Grayson Lake toward Grayson, the Little Sandy can become more than "neglected water."

"It can become a heritage paddle route," he told the commission. "And along the way we can have old railroad bridge history including the Pactolus Dam and the old mill, as well as the old iron furnaces. And the natural finish point could bring people into Grayson."

The long-term mission of cleaning up the Little Sandy was simple, LaVoie told the

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Grayson Tourism Commission. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Darley's opens with food and friends

Updated look with classic Bayso's menu

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Darley's opened in a big way last Friday. The new business replaces the popular Bayso's Sports Pub, which the new owners had closed down to renovate and rebrand. Dewey Smith, Charletta Smith, and Harley Prater used that down time to

good effect, and the new paint had scarcely dried before customers eagerly filed past the new signage, along the new entrance, to enjoy old favorites and new offerings destined to become old favorites.

"It was a really big day for us," owner Dewey Smith said of Friday's grand opening. "Super busy, and that was great."

Smith said there were a few minor hiccups during the opening, but nothing he and his crew weren't able to handle. The main thing, he said, was that all

See **DARLEY'S** on A-6



(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Grayson discusses fire truck purchase

Council appoints Smith as new assistant chief of police

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Grayson City Council discussed the proposed purchase of a new fire truck at their regular June meeting. The city had been awarded \$400,000 from the state of Kentucky to go toward that purchase, and the council discussed the finalization and particulars of that purchase. The updated quote provided to the council by Grayson Fire Chief Greg Felty came in at \$1,039,000.

"It would appear the price

has been reduced by around \$100,000," Grayson Mayor Troy Combs told the council.

Chief Felty told the council that he would like to add the purchase of a fire hose to that quote.

"It is \$16,000 for the hose we need," Felty said. "And I don't think that will make a big difference on the payment of the truck. If you are going to borrow \$500,000, then another \$16,000 won't make much of a difference. That would be 1,200 feet of 5-inch hose."

Councilwoman Jennifer Scott told the council she had an issue with the sales commission added into the price of the new vehicle.

"Does every company do this?" Scott asked. "Does no company allow you to sell direct?"

Scott said she did not know if the question of sales commission

had been researched as much as she believed it should be.

Combs said he had discussed the purchase of the fire apparatus with the dealer in question and had been able to finalize the purchase price, resulting in that price being reduced.

"And there are some down-payment options that might get us another discount," Combs said.

He also said that he would look into the sales commission issue as well as have the city attorney look into it as well.

The city council did not approve the purchase at the meeting, but Chief Felty requested that the price of the hose be accepted into the final purchase. Given the length of time required for delivery of the truck once purchased (several months

See **FIRE TRUCK** on A-4

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.

- Stephanie Bodkins, 49, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky Stater Police, serving a warrant for a probation/parole violation, arrested and booked June 8.
- Justin Huff, 42, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and booked June 9.
- Eric Hilderbrand, 44, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury, arrested and

booked June 9.

- Britney Blanton, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked June 9.
- Gregory Hall, 40, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, serving a warrant for a probation/parole violation, arrested and booked June 10.
- Branson Johnson, 29, of South Point, OH, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, theft by unlawful taking or disposition – automobile valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000, theft by unlawful taking – part from vehicle, and second degree criminal mischief, arrested and booked June 10.

- Dustin Tackett, 31, of Mealy, arrested by Grayson PD, charges unavailable, arrested and booked June 11.
- Tina Scappaticcio, 51, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked June 11.
- Austin Childers, 34, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a probation violation (for a technical violation), and two counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked June 12.
- Kathryn Pennington, 32, of Ashland, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked June 12.
- Billy Collins, 43, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Jail,

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This Week's Obituaries

Bobby Hall, 76

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LIFESTYLE



Give pork chops the steakhouse treatment for Father's Day

Father's Day meals don't have to be elaborate to feel special. Sometimes all it takes is setting aside a little extra time and serving something that says, "I thought you'd enjoy this."

Many Father's Day menus revolve around steaks, burgers and the backyard grill. This year let's give the humble pork chop the star treatment. Stuffed with apples and onions and finished with herbs and Dijon mustard, they deliver steakhouse flavor without the steakhouse price tag.

One of the things I love about cooking is its ability to turn ordinary ingredients into something extraordinary. A cel-

ebration doesn't come from the price tag attached to the meal. It comes from the thought behind it. Whether it's Father's Day, a birthday or simply a Tuesday when everyone is home at the same time, a little extra effort can make dinner feel like an occasion.

APPLE & HERB STUFFED PORK CHOPS

- Yield: 4 Servings
Total Time: 50 mins.
- 4 thick-cut pork chops with bone if possible, about 1 1/2 inch thick
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus more as needed
 - 1 teaspoon sea salt, plus more
 - 1 tablespoon butter, or more olive oil
 - 1 apple, Granny Smith or similar, cored and thinly sliced
 - 1 medium sweet onion, thinly sliced
 - 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
 - 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
 - 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 - 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme or 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary or 2 teaspoons fresh rose-

mary, chopped
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper, plus more to taste
Toothpicks to secure the stuffing

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Using a small sharp knife, cut a deep pocket into the side of each pork chop, being careful not to cut all the way through. Season the chops inside and out with salt.

Heat an oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Add the oil and brown the pork chops on both sides, about 4 to 5 minutes per side. If the chops have a fat cap, briefly brown it as well. Transfer to a plate. The centers will still be undercooked.

Add the butter to the skillet. Cook the onion for 2 to 3 minutes until softened. Add the apple and cook until tender. Stir in the vinegar, then add the panko breadcrumbs and cook for 1 minute more. Remove from the heat.

In a small bowl, combine the Dijon mustard, garlic powder, thyme, rosemary and pepper. Spread the mixture over the pork chops and inside the pockets.

Fill each pocket generously with the apple mixture and secure with toothpicks if needed.

Arrange any remaining apple and onion mixture in the center of the skillet and place the pork



Stuffed with apples, onions and herbs, these juicy pork chops bring steakhouse flavor to the table. (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

chops on top. Cover and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the pork reaches 145 F in the thickest part. Let rest for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

Make It Simpler

Don't feel like stuffing pork chops? No problem! This recipe is just as delicious served without the extra step. Simply skip cutting the pockets and reserve the apple-onion mixture. Before baking, spread the apples and onions into an even layer in the skillet and place the seasoned pork chops on top. Roast as directed until the pork reaches 145 F. You'll get all the same sweet-savory flavor with a little less fuss.

Serve with mashed potatoes,

sautéed green beans and a simple green salad for a complete meal. Then bring out dessert. Life offers plenty of reasons to skip dessert. Father's Day isn't one of them.

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

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer Simplify your life

It's a good idea to take some steps to evaluate what you own to see if it is truly an asset or a ball and chain. We are so good about adding and holding on that we often forget to take stock. I, personally, do this often. Not that I'm OCD, I just have a bent for making my life simple and uncluttered. My situation is different than most, however, since I live alone and it's easier to take the time to devote to simplifying. Anyway, as life's circumstances change so do our priorities. We wrestle between monetary value and emotion when it comes



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Confusion Solution

to letting things go. Really all it takes is a refreshed look at how we use our things and whether those things apply to our lifestyle as we move forward. If we have children, we have emotional connections. If we have lots of friends and family who we entertain, then we have decorations and tableware. If we have items we want to sell, we want what we paid for them. And, as we age, we are consumed with trinkets that remind us of special moments.

There is nothing that says we have to get rid of everything. It's just good to re-look at what we own as life changes. We may

have toys or cribs that we can pass on for someone else to enjoy. We have things we can sell to give us more space, just remember that they aren't worth as much now as when we first purchased them. Usually used items are worth anywhere from 40% to 60% of their original value. So, if a lamp cost \$200 you could expect to sell it for \$80 to \$120 depending on the market. It's wise to do some research. As far as memorabilia goes, revisit with family and then pass down those souvenirs and documents.

Enjoy taking the time to re-evaluate. It gives us the opportunity to remember and to improve our space and our lives.

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

Joyful Noise

Stop asking these questions!

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for *Carter County Times*

Am I enough? Am I growing enough in the Lord? Is God disappointed in me? Am I close enough to God for Him to answer my prayers? Have I done enough today to please God? We are troubled with these types of thoughts and wonder why we can't ever have peace of mind feeling we are on the right track. We fail, feel guilty, focus on ourselves, then we try

harder and we fail again. We feel frustrated with ourselves in our walk as a Christian.

If you have been asking these questions, just stop for a moment and notice where every question points to. Yep, right back to yourself. Back to a servant's mindset instead of a son. Whether you realize it or not you have been measuring yourself by yourself. Too many times, and quite often than not, you compare yourself to others.

You look inward to yourself for assurance instead of looking to Jesus and what God's word has to say. It says in 2 Corinthians 10:12, "... measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."

The real problem isn't our discipline in what we try to do as a Christian. It is what we are focusing on. We spend more time

See JOYFUL NOISE on A-4

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Beneficial insects: Your garden's hidden helpers

Insects often have a bad reputation. The damage caused by pest species often shapes how people view other insects. The truth, however, is that most insects are innocuous, mostly having no impact on our activities one way or the other. That said, we should recognize some for the benefits they bring to our landscapes, gardens, and fields. Most beneficial insects fall into one of three categories:

- Natural Enemies:** Predators and parasitoids that help suppress pest insect populations. They truly work for just room and board. As long as there is somewhere for them to live and something to eat, they will provide their services.
- Pollinators:** Insects that will fly from flower to flower, helping to spread pollen and fertilize plants to help with fruit and seed production. This is likely the most famous group of beneficial insects; people appreciate the crisp apples,



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crunchy cucumbers, and plump pumpkins we can harvest from their efforts.

3. **Decomposers:** An underappreciated group of insects that help to break down decaying organic matter and help return nutrients to the soil. While they may not always smell the best and can gorge on some questionable foodstuffs, the world would be much less pleasant without their help.

If you are willing to do an insect safari in the greenspaces around you, you can likely find several examples of each of these categories. Some possible examples of natural enemies in the early part of the summer include immature lady beetles, immature lacewings (also known as aphid lions) and ground beetles. Later, you can find hover fly maggots, praying mantises and adult lady beetles and lacewings. If you are lucky, you might even notice dragonflies performing aerial predation and small parasitoid wasps stinging aphids and injecting their eggs into them.

The best-known polli-

nators are bees, and they come in several kinds. Early in the growing season, honey bees, bumble bees, mining bees and mason bees can be seen making visits to blooms. Flies, wasps and beetles may also visit blooms.

As for decomposers, fly larvae, dung beetles, termites and ants all help to rid the landscape of rotting materials.

How can you recruit and preserve these beneficial organisms in your backyard? There can be a lack of food and a lack of resting and nesting spaces for these many-legged heroes.

Converting part of your landscape from turf or mulch into greenspace that grows a mix of annual and perennial plants can help feed pollinators, predators and parasitoids. Consider plants from the carrot, mustard, aster and verbena families. Finally, using more biorational insecticides, such as neem, insecticidal soaps and spinosad, can help preserve the beneficials while managing pests. You could also skip the sprays and manage pests by handpicking them

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Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers, after a weak start, were reported steady to 4.00 higher with instances up to 10.00 higher. Yearlings were steady to 4.00 higher. Demand was good to very good for all feeder and yearling classes with the best interest shown for weaned packages and groups. Slaughter cows sold steady to 2.00 higher and slaughter bulls were mostly steady with good demand for slaughter classes.

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

Week ending 6/13/26

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	539.66	530.65	430.78
400-450 lbs	503.35	506.39	414.90
450-500 lbs	473.34	488.07	391.98
500-550 lbs	466.54	468.97	382.63
550-600 lbs	440.70	446.63	369.06
600-650 lbs	426.29	413.83	345.40
650-700 lbs	398.30	406.42	336.85
700-750 lbs	368.16	379.19	314.55
750-800 lbs	352.39	349.15	312.42
800-850 lbs	332.44	334.83	307.02
850-900 lbs	332.34	350.29	317.05
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	505.11	485.31	393.45
350-400 lbs	483.44	476.83	389.29
400-450 lbs	457.48	459.07	369.89
450-500 lbs	440.64	439.81	360.43
500-550 lbs	418.69	416.61	344.94
550-600 lbs	403.88	396.36	331.06
600-650 lbs	367.72	359.40	311.58
650-700 lbs	344.75	364.77	302.42
700-750 lbs	329.61	329.65	286.04
750-800 lbs	318.49	336.33	259.70

	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	166.00-190.00	172.00-205.00	158.00-179.00
Boners	160.00-189.00	173.00-210.00	130.00-179.00
Lean	128.00-177.00	159.00-189.00	109.00-162.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	196.00-229.00	220.00-246.00	172.50-212.00

May 28, 2026 Bowling Green, KY
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 132
Kids-Selection 1 54 lbs 392.50; 69 lbs 422.50. **Selection 1-2** 80 lbs 405.00.
Selection 2 50-52 lbs 400.00-405.00; 60 lbs 404.00; 75 lbs 425.00.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 722
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 54-55 lbs 275.00-287.50; 65-68 lbs 265.00-272.50; 75-76 lbs 255.00-285.00; 89 lbs 275.00; 91 lbs 270.00; 100 lbs 160.00; 116 lbs 265.00. **Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2** 49 lbs 302.50; 69 lbs 280.00; 87 lbs 275.00-295.00; 115 lbs 297.50; 140 lbs 260.00.

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
GRAINS			
Corn	3.92-4.48	3.98-4.76	4.08-4.66
Soybeans	10.40-11.54	11.44-12.20	9.94-10.85
Red Winter Wheat	5.08-5.95	5.05-6.11	4.37-5.48

Arrests from A-1

on a hold for drug court, arrested and booked June 12.

- Anthony Gray, 30, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked June 12.
- David Harlow, 48, of Grayson, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked June 12.
- Dusty Tolliver, 32, of Denton, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked June 12.
- Cameron Pritchett, 20, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for contempt of court, arrested and booked June 12.
- Thomas Leslie, 70, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on three counts of non-payment of

court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked June 12.

- Charles Salyers, 43, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of probation violation (for felony offense), arrested and booked June 13.
- Patrick Garris, 47, address unavailable, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place, arrested and booked June 13.
- Jason Allen, 43, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked June 13.
- William West, 41, address unavailable, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree

assault with minor injury, arrested and booked June 13.

- Andrew Miller, 33, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked June 14.
- Cody Thompson, 27, of Catlettsburg, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to or improper signal, failure to wear seat belts, license not in possession, no or expired registration receipt, and failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked June 14.
- Edward Martinez, 23, of Louisville, arresting agency unavailable, on

charges of speeding 26 MPH over the limit, reckless driving, disregarding traffic control device/traffic light, improper passing, no tail lamps, first degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), no or expired registration receipt, no or expired registration plates, and failure to maintain required insurance, arrested and booked June 15.

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.

Little Sandy from A-1

commission. The goal was to clean up the river and create a public facing river route, he said.

“And, eventually, we could host an annual event I would like to call the Little Sandy River Rally. The race would become a yearly festival which would help fund the yearly cleanup of the river.”

LaVoie said the goal was education and to build pride in the Carter County waterway. The cleanup of the Little Sandy generated positive interest with the tourism commission, though no action was taken at the regular June meeting.

In other business, Sports Park Director Bert Bayes told the commission that the sports park had finished up the little league season.

“The All Star teams have been practicing at the sports park three days a week,” Bayes told the commission. “We have had seven soccer matches and four tournaments, which was highlighted by the tournament for autism. We had 41 teams and I’m estimating around 3,000 people at the park.”

“I think it was a very successful weekend,” Bayes continued. “We also have our splash pads up and running, operating Tuesday through Sunday from 11 am to 7 pm.”

Bayes then told the

commission that the little league district tournaments were coming up in two weeks.

“We are expecting about 32 teams for that across four age groups,” he said. “And looking forward, we will be hosting the July 4 fireworks at the park. They will actually be setting them off at the park and it is going to be double what it has normally been. That is going to be an impressive show.”

Bayes also reported incidences of vandalism at the sports park.

“We have had a couple of incidents in the bathrooms by the splash pad,” Bayes said of the damages. “What we are going to do is just start unlocking them from 9 to 7 and them locking them back. That way someone is always there to monitor them.”

Bayes said he believed this was a good response to the vandalism at this point rather than to take more drastic measures.

In other sports park related business, Bayes told the commission that there had been an individual who wanted to pass out religious themed printed materials. Bayes said that he spoke to an attorney, given that this was a potential First Amendment issue, and it had been recommended to

him that he set up an area where the individual would be allowed to distribute materials.

“It’s called a Free Speech area, I believe,” Bayes said. “So, we did that and when he (the individual) came back he said that was not acceptable,” Bayes told the commission.

“That was all he said,” Bayes explained, and noted the individual gave him no reason why the area was unacceptable to him.

In other business, the tourism commission discussed available grants. One grant in question was a Department of Local Government Grant. The grant was applied for by the City of Grayson, and in order for the grant to be utilized, at least a portion of the sports park would need to either be deeded to the City of Grayson or leased to the city for a period of at least 25 years. The space in question would be where the basketball courts are and would include pickleball courts and the sensory garden area.

It was proposed that tourism would draft a lease for 25 years to the City of Grayson for that area. Grayson Mayor Troy Combs told the commission that the grant money had been preapproved, and that once the issue with either a deed

or lease was resolved, all three applications could be merged into one main application and be submitted.

“Then hopefully within six months we can proceed,” Combs said.

The tourism commission also passed a number of resolutions at the June meeting. Resolution No. 2026-1 dealt with online banking access, the Ann’s Corner Capital Project Account and other issues including sports park reserve fund requirements and inter-account transfer procedures.

Resolution No. 2026-2 established the Sports Park Manager staffing authority and wage adjustment authority for seasonal, part-time, and hourly personnel. Resolution 2026-3 established Annual Inventory and Event Planning Procedures. This provided for physical and intellectual asset inventories, reporting requirements, planning procedures, and approval requirements. Resolution No. 2026-4 Sponsorship and Marketing Authority established sponsorship and marketing spending and rescinded conflicting prior authorizations.

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CALENDAR

- **6/17: Olive Hill Farmer's Market Opening Day @ 8 a.m.** | Olive Hill Save A Lot, Paking Lot
- **6/18: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **6/18: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce @ 6 p.m.** | Commercial Bank of Grayson - Olive Hill
- **6/19: Sit & Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **6/20: Friends of the Library @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson Branch
- **6/22: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **6/22: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **6/22: Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **6/23: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **6/17: Olive Hill Farmer's Market Kid's Day @ 9:30 a.m.** | Olive Hill Save A Lot, Paking Lot
- **6/24: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill Branch
- **6/26: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **6/29: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **6/29: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center

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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.

37 municipalities request Beshear's gas tax reduction after KY lawmakers question the move

By McKenna Horsely
Kentucky Lantern

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said 37 local governments have requested the state continue reducing the gasoline sales tax in their areas by 10 cents after a Wednesday night deadline through June 30.

Beshear, a Democrat, said in his Thursday press conference that some cities and counties withdrew their requests ahead of the

deadline. Some Republican lawmakers have previously criticized the move, arguing it could cost the state tax dollars.

“The pressure that they put on counties and cities, saying that they might take some of their projects away from them in the budget, is probably the reason they withdrew,” Beshear said. “If you’re a city or county, you shouldn’t be threatened by your legislature. It’s

really unfortunate, because Kentucky families are the ones that pay the price for those political games, and the prices are going to continue.”

The governor signed an executive order in May to lower the state gas tax and free it starting in July. Beshear had said on Tuesday 33 jurisdictions had requested an extension. However, more entities signed on while some withdrew their request.

Beshear issued an updated executive order Thursday.

Republicans on the Interim Transportation Committee questioned Transportation Cabinet officials last week about the gas tax reduction. According to the cabinet’s presentation, the governor’s executive order has an estimated loss impact to the state’s road project fund of \$26.8 million for one month.

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Insects from A-2

and dropping them into soapy water, or by using traps to corral them.

As always, if you have questions about putting some of this advice into practice, we have answers at your Carter County Ex-

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al 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:

- Olive Hill Farmer’s Market Opening Day – June 17th @ 8:00 AM – Save-a-Lot Parking Lot
- Olive Hill Farmer’s Market Kid’s Day – June 24th from 9:30 -11:00

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Joyful Noise from A-2

examining ourselves than looking to Christ. Hebrews 12:2 says, “looking to Jesus the author and the finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Galatians 4:6-7 says, “And because you are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant,

but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

As Christians we fail to understand that we are now sons of God. God didn't just forgive us of our sins and then leave us to walk alone. He brought us into His family and gave us His name. We are now his children, and we have access to Him as Father. Romans 8:15 says, “For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit

of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”

So, our feelings aren't always telling the true reality. If we don't “feel” God close to us, we assume He is far in distance. Hebrews 13:5 says, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Romans 8:38-39 says, “Nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” I am so glad God's

presence is not determined by my feelings. God's promises do not fail and neither does He lie!

God is not waiting for us to improve or to have a better week after we have done everything we felt would please Him. Ephesians 1:6 says, “He hath made us accepted in the beloved.” Colossians 2:10 says, “And ye are complete in Him.” Romans 8:1 says, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.”

1 John 3:2 says, “Beloved, now are you sons of God.” God's beautiful view of you, His beloved child, is rooted in Christ Jesus. Not your imperfect performance. Stop the questions. Stop trying so hard. Matthew 11:28-30 says, “Come unto me...I will give you rest...ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my burden is easy, and my yoke is light.” The more your eyes are fixed on Christ, the more you will rest and enjoy your

walk with the Lord! Amen! So be it!
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Fire Truck from A-1

at least) Felty said that adding the hose would not affect that delivery time and could simply be added on during the process. Purchasing and installing the hose after the fact, he said, would extend the time required before it could be put into service.

During discussion on the proposed purchase, Councilman Bradley Cotten said that local lending institutions had offered favorable interest, and Felty said it would

be preferable to borrow money locally if possible. It was agreed to add in the purchase of the fire hose to the quote, but both the mayor and the council decided it would be better to consult budgets – a loan would affect both the city and the fire department's budgets – before making any final determination on the purchase.

In other old business, Combs reminded council that since the city had been without an attorney they

had been unable to draft any resolution concerning the proposed change in speed on two city streets, Landsdowne and College.

In new business the council discussed the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

“Some of the department budgets have been incorporated into the budget, for instance the fire department's budget,” Combs told the council. “The police department budget was provided as well.”

Combs said it would not be possible to work out everything to finalize the city budget at the June meeting, but providing the council with the larger budgets such as fire and police would allow them to begin working toward a final budget. Combs proposed some workshops during the last weeks of the month, then the calling of special meetings for the required two readings of the budget before voting on it.

Before adjourning council went into executive session, but no action was taken. After returning from executive session, Combs recommended to the council that police sergeant Kyle Smith be promoted to the rank of assistant police chief. Smith was promoted to that rank by unanimous vote of the council.

In other business, Combs informed the council that a resident had requested speed bumps be installed on Malone Lane.

Combs said he took the petition himself, and the majority of residents were in favor of speed bumps in both directions at a curve on that road near Malone Funeral Home. The council voted to approve the installation of the speed bumps and voted to restore the speed bumps that had previously been installed but later removed on Maplewood Lane.

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Gas from A-3

Sen. Jimmy Higdon, the Lebanon Republican who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee, said during the meeting while Beshear had proposed that the loss be recuperated by the state's flush rainy day fund, lawmakers could decide another route next year and reduce road funding from local governments that participate in the gas tax reduction.

“The way that it's backfilled when they come back next year might be that they take it away from the cities and counties that participate, and that's what I would encourage them to do,” Higdon said. His term ends in December. “All the cities and counties across the state should not suffer from what some cities and counties decided to do.”

On Thursday, Beshear pushed back at accusations from the GOP that the move was “political pandering,” saying that Republican President Donald Trump has floated the idea of suspending the federal gas tax as prices have risen during the U.S. war with Iran. Beshear added that he

wrote Trump a letter “offering support for freezing or reducing or suspending the federal gas tax.”

Beshear added that he also encouraged Trump to resolve the Iran conflict and told him about “the pandering accusations, because I think they're being made against him too.”

Beshear declined to directly name any city or county official who had expressed to him they felt pressure from lawmakers to not request the extension.

Henderson Mayor Brad Staton said in a Wednesday Facebook post the city chose to not request an extension because the tax funds road projects.

“I cannot support jeopardizing any of the many, many projects we have on the books in coordination with our state for a 10-cent reduction at the distributor that may not even be fully realized by the consumer at the pump after the service stations price their gas and that would be temporary in nature and that would amount to less than \$5/month for the limited time

it would be in effect for most consumers,” Staton wrote. “That would not have been a decision made

with Henderson's best interest in mind.”

According to AAA, the average regular gas price

in Kentucky was about \$3.69 on Thursday while the national average was about \$4.12.

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OBITUARY

Bobby Hall 1950 – 2026



Bobby Hall, age 76, of Olive Hill, KY, peacefully passed away into the loving arms of his Lord on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at his residence. Born on February 26, 1950, in Floyd County, KY, he was the cherished son of the late Robert and Alvia Shepherd Hall.

Bobby dedicated many years of his life to his work at H and S Lumber, where he served as an operator before retiring. Known for his warmth and generosity, Bobby was a man who truly cherished the simple pleasures of life. He had a profound love for the outdoors, finding joy in fishing and hunting. Sunday dinners surrounded by family and friends were a highlight of his week, as were competitive games of UNO, where laughter and camaraderie flourished.

He was preceded in death by his beloved granddaughter, Tiffany Ann Hall; as well as his

brother, Elmer Hall, and sister, Mary K. Lewis. His memory will continue to shine brightly through his three sons: James (Pamela) Hall and Bobby Hall, both of Olive Hill, and Jason Hall of Grayson. Bobby is also survived by his daughters, Darlena (Dale) Sturgill and Christina (Chadwick) Manning, both of Olive Hill, KY; and his siblings, Rosalie Adkins and Vonda Faye Dillon, both of Mansfield, OH, and Larry Hall of Mansfield, OH. He leaves behind a loving step-son, Shane Adams, and step-daughter, Pamela Sallie, in addition to 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The celebration of Bobby's life will be conducted on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at Malone Funeral Home, with visitation from 11:00 a.m. until the service time. Following the service, he will be laid to rest in the Jr. O.U.A.M. cemetery in Olive Hill, KY.

In this time of sorrow, the family invites you to share your condolences or fond memories of Bobby by visiting <http://www.malonefuneralhome.com>. His spirit will forever be cherished, and his legacy of love will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Annabelle Driscoll Webb Seagraves 1932 – 2026



Annabelle Driscoll Webb Seagraves, age 94, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2026, at UK-St. Claire Healthcare in Morehead, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Friday, March 25, 1932, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Paul Raymond and Liza Jordan Driscoll.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband of 43 years, Donnie Webb; her second husband of 22 years, John Seagraves; three sisters, Ada Mae Driscoll, Maxine Dean and Vada Harris.

Annabelle is survived by her son, Blaine Webb of

Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Linda Ann Stone (Hertis, Junior) of Lucas, Ohio; 3 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 9 great-great-grandchildren; along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Paul Webb and Brother Jason Johnson officiating. Burial were followed in Burchett Dailley Cemetery in Olive Hill.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2026, and after 9 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2026, until the service hour at the funeral home.

Criag Stone, Mark Stone, Asher Webb, Travis Stone, Trevor Stone, and Gaige Webb served as pallbearers.

Derek Webb and Titus Webb served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Annabelle Driscoll Webb Seagraves.

Former Louisville police officer charged with manslaughter in fatal shooting of naked man

By DYLAN LOVAN
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE (AP) — A former Louisville police officer who resigned last week was charged by a grand jury Monday with manslaughter for fatally shooting a naked man while responding to an alleged assault.

The grand jury in Louisville also indicted Nathan A. Stotts on a charge of reckless homicide for the May 30 fatal shooting of 27-year-old Martin Nitzken Jr.

Stotts encountered Nitzken after being called

to a neighborhood on a report that three women had been assaulted, Louisville police said. Officers were told the suspect had no clothes on and was running down the street.

On Stotts' body camera footage released by Louisville police, the officer can be seen with his gun drawn walking toward a nude man sitting in the street. The man gets up and starts moving toward Stotts, who orders him to stop. The man continues to advance and the officer

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Guest Editorial

Kentucky's leaders need to just say no to data centers

By Jeffery Tyler Syck
Kentucky Lantern

As the industrial drivers of the rural American economy have gradually dried up in the last decade, many of the politicians who represent these regions have been struggling to find a solution to the problem. Lately, many of them feel as though they have stumbled upon that solution – data centers. The logic is straightforward: as the United States becomes more post-industrial, we should help the rural heartland we call home find an industry that is destined to flourish in the 21st century. Since A.I. and technology more generally, seems destined to be just such an industry, then data centers are an obvious choice.

Despite the well meaning intentions of these politicians, there is absolutely no reason to believe that data centers offer any hope for the rural economy. For one thing, a variety of studies have shown that whatever their virtues may be, data centers do not employ all that many people. So the idea they will provide high paying jobs for citizens to replace coal or a shuttered factory is simple fiction. While it is true that they provide construction jobs, these jobs are by their nature short lived and not permanent.

So what are the advantages of data centers? Well, they take up huge amounts of space. Thus data centers help to remove pesky farmland, natural springs, and trees. More than this, they gobble up huge amounts of electricity and cause perhaps permanent damage to local water supplies. Resources that are currently cheap and easy to come by in Kentucky.

In all seriousness, given that data centers destroy the natural world (Kentucky's greatest resource) and provide almost no economic advantage, why the sudden push to construct them all over our lovely commonwealth? For some local leaders, it's a simple mistake. They mean well but they do not know what they are doing. However, underneath the naivety of local officials lay an undoubtedly more sinister motive: corporate greed.

Kentucky Power sees data centers as an easy way to make a profit. By driving up electric costs, data centers are obviously a tremendous gain for large power companies. Any negative costs are passed onto consumers and the company gets away with making a killing. Surely a win/win as far as any corporation is concerned. It is for this reason that Kentucky Power and other electric companies across the nation have started to lobby so persistently for the construction of data centers. Tech companies obviously find a nice place to store their data, usually tucked away in some part of the state where neither they nor their employees have to deal with the negative consequences.

In many respects, this old song and dance is not new to Kentuckians. We are tragically used to being abused by companies for their own benefit whether in the form of deforestation or company towns. However, just because this is a common part of our history does not mean we should stand for it. In fact, quite the opposite. Kentuckians should insist that data centers only be built when they benefit the broader community and hold elected officials who put corporate interest above the common good harshly accountable.

The men and women who founded the Commonwealth of Kentucky proved time and again an innate ability to stand up for themselves that we would do well to emulate. We must make sure the 21st century economy Kentucky builds works for all citizens, not just large corporations.

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An old soldier's war stories show that twists of fate can change a life forever.

The old man quietly surveyed his surroundings as his mind carried him back 71 years to World War II and his first trip to Kentucky. He remembered the stately terminal building at Bowman Field.

But the barracks and other wooden buildings from the war years were long gone from the little airfield that had been Louisville's first airport and a bustling training center for the Army Air Corps.

His eyesight was dimming as he approached his 90th birthday but his memory was keen as he shared stories about being a GI in Kentucky. He and several other young men from the west had arrived in Louisville by train to start their basic training.

He had assured them that the bitter cold of the Rocky Mountains in late November would be forgotten when they reached Kentucky. After all, Kentucky was in the South where the weather was warm, said the 19-year-old who had never been east of Utah.

He laughed as he recalled the teasing he received each time he and the other young soldiers went out into the snow or cold rain for physical training.

That triggered another memory he said he had never shared before – about the only time he had goofed off on duty and how it had changed the course of his life.

He dropped out of one of the morning runs and

managed to sneak back to the post exchange, the "PX", for hot chocolate and a donut.

By lunchtime, one of his buddies told him his absence had saved him from being among 20 men arbitrarily pulled from their ranks to be trained as military policemen, instead of pilots.

Soon thereafter, he was moved to Chanute Field in Illinois, the next stop on a two-year journey that eventually would take him to England as the command pilot of a B-17 bomber.

But fate would intervene one more time in the life of this gentle man who lived another 10 years before his death at just short of 101.

The war in Europe ended before they could fly their first combat mission. Instead of dropping bombs on Germany, his plane dropped food to the starving Dutch. That, he always said proudly, was his best memory of the war years.

As our nation's undeclared war with Iran hopefully ends with only 13 Americans killed in action, we should be thankful for all of the veterans who have helped preserve America for 250 years.

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Carter County Times

Big Gulps and Screamin' Eagles

If you've swiped your thumbs across social media lately, or lived on Planet Earth, you've seen that it's World Cup time. While personally, I can't stand the game of soccer, or "football" as the rest of the world calls it, I do love the global village aspect of the matches. Unlike the pinkies-up, respectful, high-end nature of the Olympics, the World Cup is a global bacchanalian party, and this year we're showing off the best of a nation. And I love that people from all over the world are discovering America in a way that isn't reflective of our politics, but our people.

What makes this year's matches so fun is that America did win its first match. Still, so many people from Europe and all over the world are traveling not just to big cities like Houston, Miami, or New York, but also to smaller places like Alabama or Kansas. And they're getting to see things like the sheer size of the American landscape, how no two states are the same, what our food tastes like, especially what good Mexican food is like. And if you're a fan, they're even getting their first tastes of things like Waffle House and ranch dressing.

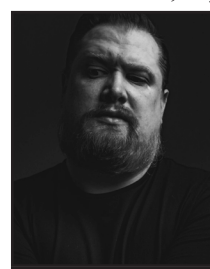
I've been lucky enough to travel to many parts of America. I've been to Australia, Canada, and Europe. The experience has always shown me that people like Americans. We're polite, friendly, curious, and always willing to hold a door open. In Europe, they don't

acknowledge a sneeze, which always throws me off. But, hey, they also don't tip, so potato, tomato, you know?

Every time I've opened social media, I've seen stories from people being bewildered by the gas station monolith Buc-ee's or trying their first BBQ, in whatever regional form it comes. It's so funny to see people freak out over dryers, the size of our fridges, and basic grocery store options like fifty different kinds of barbecue sauce. Me, every time I hang with someone from overseas in my journalistic travels, I make people try a peanut butter and jelly. It's been met with mixed results, but who cares? I also like trying McDonald's in different countries.

But for all of our problems, America is still the place where if someone hears your accent, they'll talk your head off for twenty minutes when you were just trying to grab a coffee. There is something charming about that aspect of who we are as a people and honestly, it's one of our gifts to the world — we want to know your story. America isn't Times Square or Hollywood. It's something banal like fried chicken from a gas station that's better than anything in London, or an old man who likely is not down with your political views but he'll sure as hell tell you who's got the

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Eagles from A-5

cheapest gas in town. And sometimes, that's enough around these parts.

Soccer isn't for me, and that's okay. I don't have much to add beyond that we have MLS and some globally known names like David Beckham, Messi, and Ronaldo. Outside of that, search me. I've been in Europe when matches were happening and had no interest. But beyond my ignorance of the sport and its lack of home runs or passes laced into a receiver's hands deep into the end zone, there is a reason the people of the world love their game. And you know

what? That's cool with me. In a time when we're not the most popular people on the geopolitical scale, it's always a good thing to let folks see us working at the shop, manning the grill, and saying hello as they pass us in the supermarket aisle. Those small moments are when Americans shine. If you hear someone with an accent, point them to the best taco spot, suggest they grab a Big Gulp, and maybe — just maybe — suggest an eagle tattoo. Let's go all in.

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Darley's from A-1

the customers seemed to be happy and really enjoyed themselves.

"Everyone was talking about how good the food was," Smith said, gratefully. "So, I would definitely call it a success."

The day began with a good crowd, Smith said, and by 8 p.m. Darley's was packed.

"We might not have as many people coming through 'after the new wears off,' but it looks like we are going to have busy evenings," Smith said. "We just want to give people not only what they have always enjoyed, but also pay attention to the new things that people ask for and hopefully we can give them some of those things too."

Smith said he made it a point to stop by the tables and ask people how everything was, and was pleased to hear things like "thank hamburger was great" and "that catfish was delicious" — all things a pub owner likes to hear. With no complaints and a lot of compliments, Smith said he and his co-owners knew they were on the right track. And to top it off, Smith said the only

complaint he heard at all was that the portions were too big.

"If you are going to get a complaint, then 'too big' is a good one," Smith laughed. "But seriously, we don't want anyone to not get full. That's the worst thing if you leave a restaurant and you're still hungry."

The hours for Darley's are Monday through Thursday from 11am to 11 pm, Friday and Saturday from 11am until 1 am, and Sunday from 12pm to 10 pm.



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"We are doing call in orders," Smith said. "The number to call in is 606-474-7727. And eventually we will implement things like DoorDash. We just want to get settled in and get the new staff trained. We want to be ready to handle that influx and make it easy for people to get their food the way they want it."

"Thank you so much for all the support you have shown us," Smith said to all the customers who made the grand opening such a success. "We really appreciate everyone who came out, and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the near future."

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00488

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF
VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**
RICKY DANIEL VARNEY; SKYLA VARNEY; COM- DEFENDANTS
MONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CARTER

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 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 **24th day of June, 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 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 693 Long Fork Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 534, Page 275, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 029-00-00-003.001.

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-00395

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF
VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, LEG- DEFENDANTS
ATEES, DEVEISEES OF BOBBY RANSHAW; DAWN RANSHAW; THE UNKNOWN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBY RANSHAW; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF, IF ANY, OF DAWN RANSHAW; KENNETH CLAY RANSHAW

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on May 14, 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 **24th day of June, 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 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 1413 Tick Ridge Fork, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 220, Page 22, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

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Honorable John P. Thompson
 Master Commissioner
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fires one shot. The man drops to his knees and doesn't move as the video ends.

Nitzken was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police Chief Paul Humphrey said at a news conference earlier this month that Nitzken was "naked, stumbling and unarmed."

"Sometimes we have to make decisions to take people's lives, and this was not one of them," Humphrey said. He said he would have rather seen the officer use nonlethal force as the victim advanced toward him.

Humphrey signaled that he would fire Stotts after the body camera footage was released earlier this month, but Stotts resigned. He joined the force in 2024.

Commonwealth's Attorney Gerina Whethers said in a media release Monday that the grand jury declined to charge Stotts with murder.

The second-degree manslaughter charge carries a maximum prison sentence of five to 10 years and the reckless homicide charge has a maximum penalty of one to five years in prison.

An attorney for Stotts could not be located in court records Monday. Louisville police said Monday in a statement that they "remain committed to transparency, accountability, and cooperation with all reviewing agencies."

"Because this matter is the focus of criminal and internal investigations, it is inappropriate to comment further," the statement said.

Louisville's police department has worked

to repair its image with the public in recent years after the controversies that followed the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor in her apartment in 2020.

Earlier this year, a federal judge agreed to dismiss all charges against two former Louisville officers who helped craft the warrant that was used to enter Taylor's home before she was shot.

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CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00347

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**
MELISSA R. KOUNS; ARNOLD LEE KOUNS; LEND- DEFENDANTS
MARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; CHARLES WILLIAM COLEMIRE

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on April 11, 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 24th day of June, 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 3.75% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 465 Paradise Hill, Grayson, KY 41143

Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-50-12-005.00.

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.

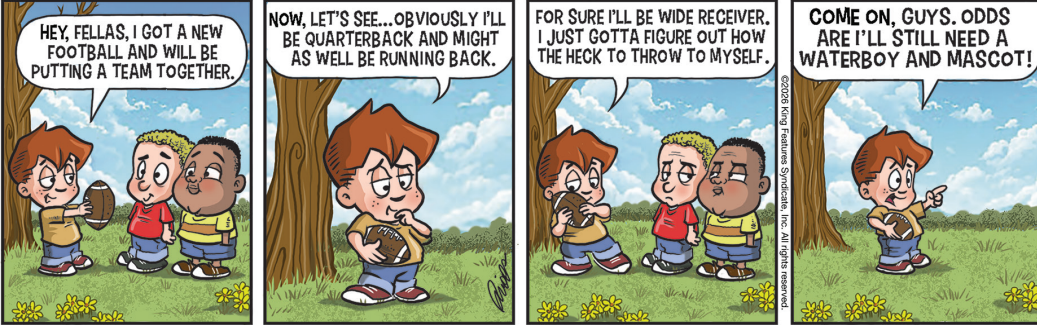
Honorable John P. Thompson
 Master Commissioner
 Carter County, Kentucky

PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance amending the Carter County budget for fiscal year 2026, to include unanticipated receipts from property tax, motor vehicle tax, clerk excess fees, sheriff excess fees, AOC reimbursement, FEMA reimbursement, Insurance Reimbursement, Transportation Cabinet, Borrowed Money, LGED Grants, Mineral Tax, Charges for EM Services, Ins. Premium Fund, Opioid Settlement and 911 User Fee in the amount of \$2,962,714.96 and increasing expenditures in the area of reserve for transfer and lease principal payments was adopted by the Carter County Fiscal Court on June 12, 2026. A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the county judge/ executive during normal business hours.

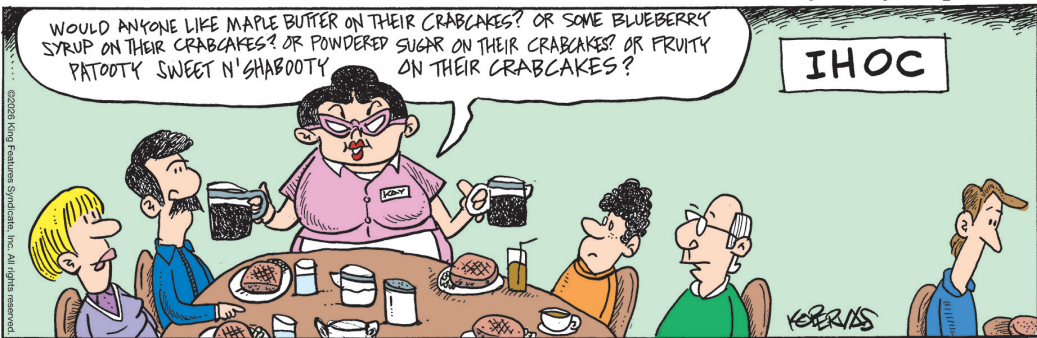
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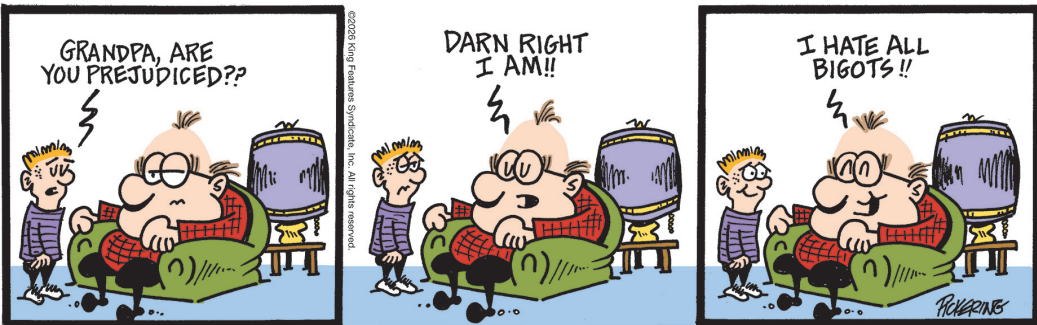
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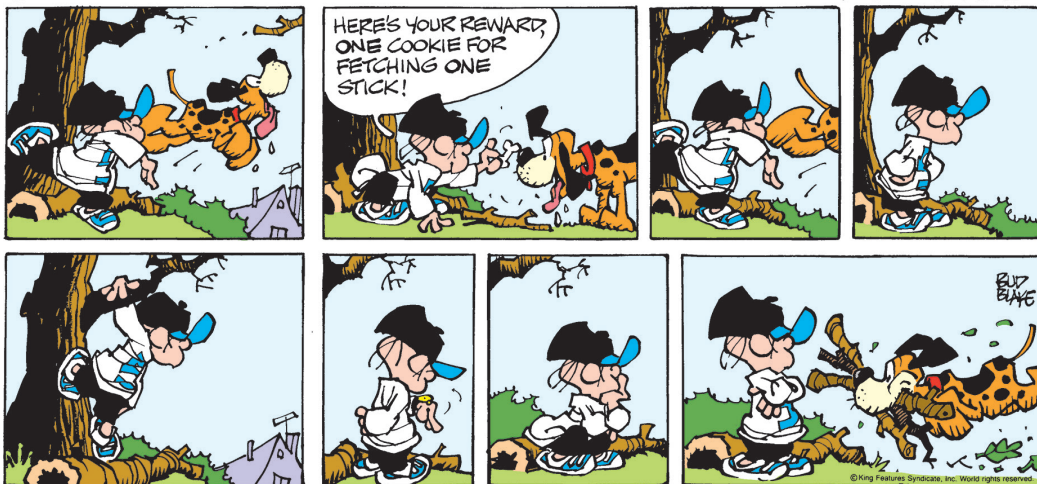
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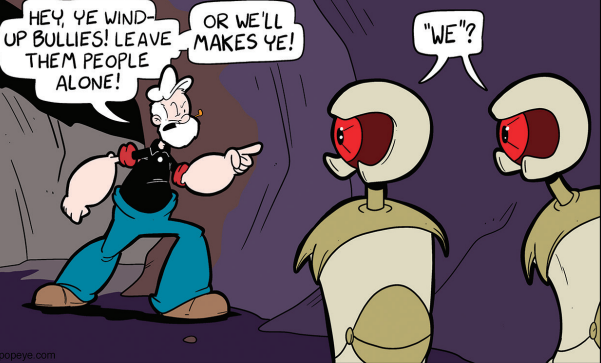
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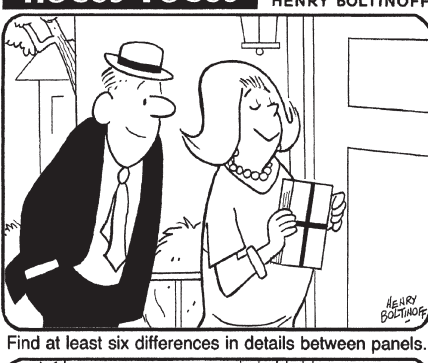
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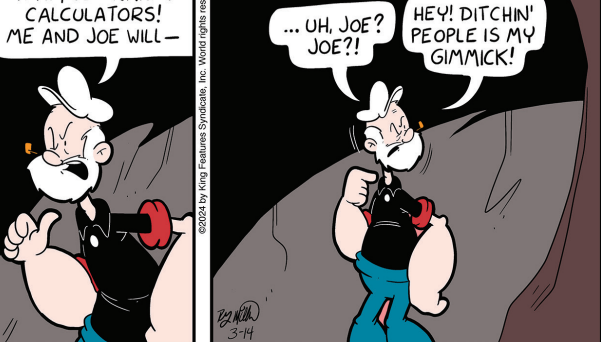
HOCUS-FOCUS

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: E equals F

RE F QFQ BZBFRIX EBJA
AFYRIO F HRO XPRIY FHJKP
F PFX Y, UJNRX RP QJIZ?
NRPUJKP EFPUZB FQJ.

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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!

Force **SUDERS**

Grasp **RENAL**

Increase **AIRES**

Slew **ADMIYR**

TODAY'S WORD

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Suture | — T — — — | Exchange places | — W — — — |
| 2. Infant | — — — D | Put on ice | — — — L |
| 3. Warlock's brew | P — — — | Whim | — — — N |
| 4. Sweeper | — — — M | Babbling stream | — — — K |
| 5. Alice's mad friend | — — — T — — — | Horse strap | — — — L — — — |
| 6. Chicken coop sound | — L — — — | Actor Norris | — — — H — — — |
| 7. Snow particle | — — — K — | Flicker | — — — R — — — |
| 8. Prison curator | — — — D — — — | Actor Beatty | — — — R — — — |
| 9. Poke your nose in | — — — N — — — | One-masted sailboat | — — — L — — — |
| 10. Church singers | — — — O — — — | Rocker or recliner | — — — A — — — |

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.

	-	-	= 2
+	+	+	
	-	+	= 11
-	+	÷	= 7
=	=	=	
4	6	6	
1	2	3	4

Even Exchange

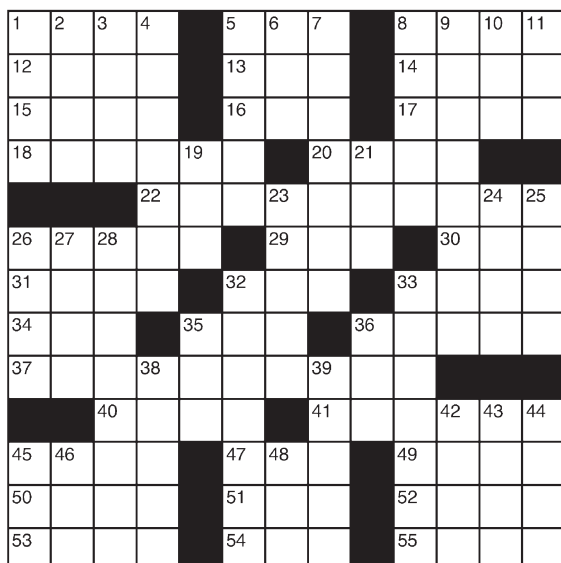
ANSWERS

1. Switch, Switch	6. Chuck, Chuck
2. Child, Child	7. Flake, Flake
3. Potom, Notion	8. Warden, Warden
4. Broom, Brook	9. Snoop, Snoop
5. Hatter, Hatter	10. Chair, Chair

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Mule, for one
- 5 Unruly group
- 8 Bygone fliers
- 12 Lawman Wyatt
- 13 Stop — dime
- 14 Ornamental jug
- 15 Heart charts
- 16 Business card no.
- 17 Calf-length
- 18 Stop
- 20 Son of Erik the Red
- 22 "War and Peace" author
- 26 Violin stroke
- 29 Cyclades island
- 30 British verb ending
- 31 Subject, usually
- 32 Fellow
- 33 Healthy
- 34 Internet address
- 35 Continent north of Afr.
- 36 Disinfectant brand
- 37 Oscar-winning actress in "The Fighter"
- 40 Arizona tribe
- 41 Prisoner
- 45 Conspiracy
- 47 Corn core



- 49 Big-screen format
- 50 — song (cheaply)
- 51 Lincoln nickname
- 52 Zilch
- 53 Swindles
- 54 Dogpatch adjective
- 55 Musician's jobs
- 7 Inflated party prop
- 8 Big rigs
- 9 Fans of pop icon Taylor
- 10 — Talks (online lecture series)
- 11 Lanka lead-in
- 19 Stitch
- 21 Golf's Ernie
- 23 Pageant crown
- 24 City on a fjord
- 25 Holler
- 26 "E Pluribus —"
- 27 Skin opening
- 28 Megaphone's kin
- 32 "Suffs" or "Rent," e.g.
- 33 Cheyenne's state
- 35 Mentalist's gift
- 36 Cariou of "Blue Bloods"
- 38 Smidgens
- 39 Slander in print
- 42 Mine, in Marseille
- 43 Tart flavor
- 44 Alimony recipients
- 45 USMC rank
- 46 Privy
- 48 Japanese sash

DOWN

- 1 Future flower
- 2 Cod cousin
- 3 PTA and NEA, e.g.
- 4 Delta follower
- 5 Slogan
- 6 Count starter

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Weekly SUDOKU

	4				3	6
3		9	4			7
	2	7		5	6	4
	7			4	2	6
6		1				9
	8	6		3	1	
	6			8		4
4			6	7		2
2	5	4	3	9		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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Aviators' convention?

F	L	O	C	K

Move as a group
Type of acid
Organizes a hose or rope
Trustworthy
A noteworthy Day
Chickens and turkeys

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.

I	G	S							
			L	I	L		S	N	O
			A	B	E		R	A	
			I	M	A		X		

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- U.S. STATES: Which state has the most national parks?
 - ANATOMY: Which blood type is considered to be a universal donor?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three signs of the Zodiac are considered to be Earth signs?
 - ROYALS: What was Queen Elizabeth's favorite dog breed?
 - GEOGRAPHY: Which continent has a mountain range called The Great Rift Valley?
 - MONEY: What is the basic currency of Russia?
 - TELEVISION: Which long-running TV sitcom features a dog named Comet?
 - MUSIC: How many strings does a standard violin have?
 - GAMES: How many title deeds does the Monopoly game have?
 - SCIENCE: What is the main cause of ocean tides?

UNMARRIED

Today's Word

3. Raise; 4. Myriad

Solution

SCRAMBLERS

1. Dures; 2. Learn

FiveSpot™ Solution

F	L	O	C	K
S	R	I	B	
S	R	I	D	
D	L	I	O	S
S	L	I	C	
C	L	I	C	
F	L	O	C	K

Weekly SUDOKU

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

CryptoQuip

answer

If a dad refrains from making a big stink about a task, how is it done? Without father ado.

10. The gravitational pull of the Moon

9. 28

8. Four

7. "Full House"

6. The ruble

5. Africa

4. Coriis

3. CAPRICORN, TAURUS and VIR.

2. Type O negative

1. California

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