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## Community reacts to data center

### TeraWulf holds job fair and town hall in Boyd County

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

Technology company TeraWulf hosted a job fair on Tuesday, June 16, and a town hall style meeting at Boyd County High School on Wednesday, June 17. The town hall meeting allowed local residents to voice their concerns and ask questions from the company's representatives, however acoustics in the

room left much to be desired, impacting the ability of those present to clearly understand questions and responses. Community interest and concerns revolved around the company's new data center which is scheduled to be built in East Park. Among the many concerns, the most prevalent were impacts to the local ecology, how the new data center's electrical demands might impact supply and/or the price of electricity for current residents, and how many jobs would be created both during the construction phase and after construction was completed.

Area residents weighed these concerns against the potential

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TeraWulf project manager Pace Relli addresses citizens at a Boyd County town hall meeting. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

## Cybersecurity isn't just for corporations

### Johnson educates chamber on risks and protections

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The Grayson Chamber of Commerce began their June meeting by welcoming new members.

"We have been very busy,"

Chamber Director Mike Nelson told chamber members. "We want to welcome Clear Choice Auto Sales of Grayson to the chamber. They are located right here on Interstate Drive. We also cut some ribbons and welcomed Janey Marcum and Southern Charm Boutique. She had a store over in Hitchins. So, now she has moved down here in the Town Mall on the corner by Walgreens."

"We also welcome Tygart's Creek Canine Retreat," Nelson continued. "And we have a new aesthetics provider coming to

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Cybersecurity expert Zachary Johnson addresses the chamber. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

## Annual Olive Hill Homecoming celebration returns on July 4th weekend

OLIVE HILL – The City of Olive Hill is preparing for one of its most anticipated annual traditions as Olive Hill Homecoming returns on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4, bringing a full day of family-friendly activities, live entertainment, and community celebration, all free of charge for those who attend.

This year's theme embraces a classic patriotic spirit with red, white, and blue festivities honoring America's independence and the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States.

The two-day festival kicks off on Friday evening with live music from Chesapeake band 3X at the stage behind the Depot at 6 p.m., followed by Shelby Lore at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's festivities begin

early in the day with a Pancake Breakfast hosted by Olive Hill First Christian Church from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., offering attendees a chance to start the holiday surrounded by community and conversation.

Beginning at 10 a.m., downtown Olive Hill will come alive with vendors, live artistry, and live chainsaw carving demonstrations, creating an interactive experience for attendees of all ages.

Food vendors will be set up throughout the event area, offering a variety of options for visitors as they enjoy the day's activities.

At 4:30 p.m., festival attendees can enjoy music from Appalachian power pop band, What's Up Betsy at the stage behind the

Depot before making their way to the sidewalks of Tom T. Hall Boulevard for the annual parade.

Parade lineup will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Olive Hill Elementary, with the parade beginning at 6 p.m. through downtown Olive Hill.

Live music will follow the parade, featuring Sasha Colette and the Magnolias performing from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., keeping the energy going into the evening.

Fireworks will begin at dusk, lighting up the sky and concluding the day's festivities.

"We think it's important to celebrate America every year, but especially this year," said Crystal Branham, President of

See HOMECOMING on A-3

## 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.

- Crystal Williams, 47, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, failure to maintain required insurance, improper equipment, and license plate not legible, arrested and booked June 16.
- Stephanie Binion, 48, of Flatwoods, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for contempt of court, arrested and booked

June 17.

- Tammy Porter, 51, of Garrison, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of careless driving causing physical injury or death, improper or no windshield, failure to wear seat belts, no or expired registration receipt, and four counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked June 17.
- James Manier, 75, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked June 18.
- Stephen Lowe, 51, of Denton, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of first degree trafficking in narcotics (two or more grams of methamphetamine), arrested and booked

June 19.

- Tommy Duncan, 45, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked June 19.
- David Harlow, 48, of Grayson, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked June 19.
- Dusty Tolliver, 32, of Denton, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked June 19.
- Whitney Davis, 39, of Rush, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked June 19.
- Linda Gee, 56, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence, third degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), first degree possession of a controlled substance

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### This Week's Obituaries

Henry Thomas Bailey, 89  
Phyllis Irene Holbrook, 72  
Carroll Dean Manning, 59

Jonathan Lavern McCoy, 48  
Deborah Sue Riley, 56  
Bette Jean Queen Webb, 94

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# LIFESTYLE



## A little shrimp goes a long way in this summer salad

Summer entertaining doesn't always involve firing up the grill or spending the afternoon in the kitchen. Some of the best warm-weather dishes are made ahead, tucked into the refrigerator and brought out like a cool, blissful surprise when guests arrive.

That's one reason I love make-ahead dishes. When the work is done in advance, everyone gets to relax, including the cook.

This bright shrimp and white bean salad has been one of my favorite warm-weather recipes for years. It combines tender

shrimp, creamy white beans, fresh herbs and a bright lemon marinade into a dish that feels special enough for company but simple enough for a weeknight dinner. Best of all, a single pound of shrimp stretches beautifully to serve eight as an appetizer or four as a main dish, making it a delicious way to entertain without overspending.

Back when I first developed this recipe, shrimp felt like a luxury ingredient. These days, with the price of so many groceries climbing, shrimp isn't necessarily any more expensive than many everyday proteins. Pairing it with beans makes a dish that feels both generous and practical.

This recipe is incredibly versatile. You can serve it with crackers or chips, spooned into lettuce cups for an easy appetizer, tucked into cute little tortillas for street tacos, piled over crisp greens for lunch or arranged over sliced avocado for a first course or light supper. Or eat it straight out of the jar with a fork. I don't judge.

Most recently I served it with cheese tortellini (cooked and chilled) and fresh spinach salad using the marinade as dressing for the pasta and the salad. It was easy and everyone loved it. It's the kind of flexible recipe that

earns a permanent place in the warm-weather rotation.

Best of all, it can be made hours ahead. That's my favorite kind of entertaining food. While everyone else is cooking, you're already on the patio with a cold drink.

### LEMON HERB SHRIMP & WHITE BEAN SALAD

Yield: 4 to 8 Servings  
Total Time: 2 hrs. 30 mins.

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon old bay seasoning
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 3 teaspoons fresh garlic, finely chopped
- 1 cup (packed) fresh herbs, finely chopped, such as parsley, cilantro or dill
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 cup red pepper, diced
- 1 shallot, thinly sliced
- 1 lemon, very thinly sliced (14 ounce) can Great Northern Beans, drained
- 1 pound cooked, deveined medium shrimp

In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar, old bay, salt, sugar,



This colorful shrimp and white bean salad is fresh, flavorful and ideal for summer gatherings. (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

celery seeds, allspice and garlic. Then add fresh herbs, celery, red pepper, shallot, lemon and beans. Give that a good stir. Add the shrimp and stir, making sure it's covered in marinade.

Place the mixture into a large glass dish with a lid or a couple of mason jars. Let this sit in the fridge for at least 2 hours before serving.

This salad is best after 2 to 4 hours in the refrigerator, when the flavors have had time to mingle without changing the texture of the shrimp. Because the marinade contains both lemon juice and vinegar, the acids will continue to "cook" the shrimp over time, similar to ceviche.

After a day or so, the shrimp become noticeably firmer. Still delicious, but not quite as tender as they are on the first day.

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## Joyful Noise

# Emergency numbers

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for Carter County Times

We have emergency numbers posted in a conspicuous place so we can grab them in a hurry when needed. Some numbers kept are for the police, ambulance, doctor, fire department, etc. You never know when you might need them, but we have them posted so everyone in the household knows where they are. We teach the smaller children to understand what an emergency might look like and which numbers to call.

There are several emergency numbers in the Bible. Yes, that is right. You might want to cut this article out of your newspaper so you can post these

on the fridge or tuck this into your Bible. Teach your children how important the Word of God is to help them in their time of need.

When in sorrow you can read John 14. When men fail you read Psalm 27. When you have sinned read Psalm 51. When you have worry you can read Matthew 6:19-34. When you are in danger read Psalm 91. When God seems far away read Psalm 139. When your faith needs stirring read Hebrews 11. When you are lonely and fearful read Psalm 23. When you grow bitter and critical read 1 Corinthians 13. When you feel down and out read Romans 8:31-39. When you want peace and rest you can read Matthew 11:25-

30. When the world seems bigger than God, then you can read Psalm 90. When you need Christian assurance read Romans 8:1-30. When you leave home for labor or travel you can read Psalm 121. When your prayers grow narrow or selfish you should read Psalm 67. When you need courage for a task, then read Joshua 1. If you think of investments/returns, then read Mark 10. If you want to learn how to get along with fellowmen then read Romans 12. For great investments and opportunities, then you can read Mark 10. Want to know the secret to happiness as told by Paul, then read Colossians 3:12-17. If you want to be fruitful read John 15.

See JOYFUL NOISE on A-6

## Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer Refurbish the old

Oh, this can be so much fun! I love fixing things in my home and trying to find the best value for materials and labor. It can be as easy as replacing light socket covers or putting up blinds or curtains. A little paint can go a long way in changing the look and feel of a room, and rearranging furniture gives us the opportunity to give our space a good

cleaning and improve the use of that space. Doing it yourself can save money, but saving up to fixing larger things can require outside assistance -- just get recommendations first.

Give that living room a comfort boost by adding pillows or rugs. Add baskets that hold throws and magazines. Declutter your hutches and shelves. Buy new bedding or paint



Daryl Ashley  
Guest Columnist  
Confusion Solution

that dresser. Change out wall art or lighting. Small adjustments and repairs not only refresh your home, but are satisfying to the soul.

This is our home, our place for entertaining and relaxing. It holds our things, gives us shelter and a place to lay our heads. So, give it the care it deserves to provide safety and comfort for life.

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

## University of Kentucky Extension Notes

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

## UK to bring one stop shop website to help woodland owners in Kentucky

Lexington, Ky.—Owning woodland can be a point of pride in Kentucky. It can also raise many questions. Who do you call if invasive plants are moving in? How do you improve habitat for wildlife? What steps make sense if you want to cut timber someday or if you want to leave the land in good shape for your family?



Rebecca Konopka  
Carter County  
Extension Agent

A University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment effort coined Every Acre Counts is working to make those first steps easier, connecting people to the groups that are already providing services to woodland owners across the state.

Developed by the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) and the Kentucky Division of Forestry, the program will help coordinate and support current statewide efforts to engage woodland owners through partnerships with external organizations. This program will focus on new woodland owners

and those without a forest management plan, with the goal of facilitating active management on more Kentucky acres.

"Groups across Kentucky are doing strong work with woodland owners, but a lot of it is scattered," said Logan Baker, project coordinator for Every Acre Counts and FNR Extension associate at Martin-Gatton CAFE. "Every Acre Counts is pulling together the pieces: Who's doing what, where people can plug in and how woodland owners who haven't been reached yet can find a starting point."

Baker said the program is connecting a statewide network of partner organizations that already work with woodland owners. Those groups offer guidance, workshops, technical help or connections to other services, but they do not always operate in one easy-to-find place.

"Every Acre Counts KY is built on the idea that meaningful forest stewardship starts with relationships, both between woodland owners and the organizations that can help those property owners,"

said Jacob Muller, program project leader and FNR assistant professor. "By bringing together trusted local organizations, agencies, and community partners, we can connect more Kentucky woodland owners with the tools, knowledge, and opportunities they need to actively manage and sustain their forests for future generations."

Baker is meeting with partner organizations across the Commonwealth to learn more about their current work.

"From these conversations, I am creating short partner profiles that explain each group's role and how it connects with woodland owners," Baker said. "I'm also putting together an asset map and a resource list. All of that material will be posted on the Every Acre Counts website, which will be a central place where partners — and eventually woodland owners seeking help — can find information more easily."

The idea is not to replace the work those groups are already doing. Instead, the goal is to help them work more collaboratively so landowners have

See WOODLANDS on A-3

## Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week feeder steers sold steady to 5.00 higher with instances sharply higher. Heifers were mostly steady to 2.00 higher with instances to 8.00 higher. Yearlings were sharply higher. There was good demand for all feeder and yearling classes with best interest for long weaned packages and groups. Slaughter cows were unevenly steady, ranging from 2.00 lower to 2.00 higher, and slaughter bulls sold mostly steady with good demand for slaughter classes.

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

Week ending 6/20/26

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>Steers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
350-400 lbs	526.94	539.66	420.65
400-450 lbs	498.83	503.35	400.28
450-500 lbs	491.17	473.34	394.29
500-550 lbs	468.79	466.54	374.80
550-600 lbs	441.92	440.70	359.60
600-650 lbs	422.73	426.29	338.87
650-700 lbs	400.64	398.30	333.41
700-750 lbs	372.25	368.16	311.59
750-800 lbs	360.91	352.39	308.69
800-850 lbs	341.18	332.44	282.52
850-900 lbs	321.25	332.34	285.86
<b>Heifers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
300-350 lbs	504.13	505.11	397.73
350-400 lbs	486.78	483.44	388.96
400-450 lbs	451.03	457.48	365.86
450-500 lbs	433.49	440.64	354.64
500-550 lbs	416.29	418.69	334.47
550-600 lbs	390.81	403.88	326.21
600-650 lbs	366.15	367.72	306.44
650-700 lbs	349.64	344.75	290.76
700-750 lbs	333.04	329.61	274.16
750-800 lbs	325.15	318.49	259.92

	Average	High	Low
<b>Slaughter Cows</b>			
Breakers	157.00-190.00	171.00-203.00	155.00-179.00
Boners	150.00-189.00	154.00-209.00	125.00-179.00
Lean	130.00-175.00	152.00-200.00	116.00-159.00
<b>Slaughter Bulls</b>			
Yield Grade 1&2	192.00-236.00	217.00-252.50	164.00-217.00

Jun 11, 2026		Bowling Green, KY	
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: 164</b>			
<b>Kids-Selection 1</b>	56 lbs 450.00; 64 lbs 460.00; 125 lbs 305.00.	<b>Selection 1-2</b>	87 lbs 330.00.
<b>SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 627</b>			
<b>Hair Breeds-Choice &amp; Prime 1-2</b>	55 lbs 292.50; 61-67 lbs 300.00-312.50; 73-77 lbs 300.00-302.50; 89 lbs 265.00; 90 lbs 280.00; 120 lbs 255.00.		
<b>Wooled-Choice &amp; Prime 1-2</b>	50-57 lbs 285.00-410.00; 63 lbs 305.00; 74 lbs 285.00; 95 lbs 245.00.		

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>GRAINS</b>			
<b>Corn</b>	4.00-4.51	3.92-4.48	4.24-4.54
<b>Soybeans</b>	10.43-11.72	10.40-11.54	10.23-10.92
<b>Red Winter Wheat</b>	5.15-6.18	5.08-5.95	4.78-5.72

**Arrests** from A-1

(methamphetamine), instructional permit violations, failure to produce an insurance card, and no or expired registration receipt, arrested and booked June 20.

- Patrick Talley, 47, of Grayson, arrested by

Kentucky State Police, on charges of failure to produce an insurance card, no operator's license, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked June 20.

- Shane Baier, 40, of

Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked June 20.

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

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**Homecoming** from A-1

the Olive Hill Chamber of Commerce. "We really want to honor our veterans, because they're the reason we are able to celebrate this holiday and America's 250th birthday."

Branham emphasized that the event continues to be a cornerstone of

community connection in Olive Hill.

"Everyone comes out for Olive Hill Homecoming festivities. It's a time to catch up with family, old friends, and to make new ones," she said. "There are going to be activities for every member of the fami-

ly no matter the age."

She added, "I think everyone should experience the Olive Hill Homecoming parade and festivities at least once in their life. The way the community comes together and everyone comes to town is just amazing to see and be a

part of."

More details will be released as the event approaches. For updates, follow the City of Olive Hill and Olive Hill Chamber of Commerce on social media.

**Cybersecurity** from A-1

town. They are going in at the location next to the Nook & Cranny coffee shop and Hanes Jewelry. The Aesthetics Haus is going to be there. And we have a couple of new businesses that are represented here today. We want to welcome Tiffany Stamper with T-Mobile Business, and we want to welcome the guys from Arrick's Propane."

for both even in the small business world.

"I hope to help you on any scale to defend your business network," Johnson said. "And I would like to give you enough knowledge so that you will be able to at least know what questions to ask."

During his talk to the chamber Johnson highlighted the importance of things a small business owner might not think would be necessary to secure their network. He also told chamber members that many "hackers" enjoyed targeting smaller businesses in spite of the payoff for their efforts being less than hacking a larger company or corporation.

"On the cybersecurity front, the attacks are becoming more and more sophisticated," Johnson told the chamber.

APT's, or Advanced Persistent Threats, are nation state threat actors. These include hacking groups that are attacking everything.

"They are sophisticated and coordinated, not kids in a basement," he said. "They are state funded (from other countries) most of the time and have corporate structures. They have job postings and have benefits," he said to drive home the groups' organizational level. "And there are a lot of these groups that have budgets higher than many in this room today."

to fund their corporations."

Johnson highlighted many potential risks to the chamber and how hackers could exploit the weak spots in their security. He also recommended that everyone who might possibly need access to the business computer network take at least basic computer safety training. In many cases this basic training is offered free or at a low cost.

"Even something as simple as not changing your passwords regularly can open the door to a hacker," Johnson told the chamber.

The chamber's guest speaker for the June meeting was Zachary Johnson from Appalachian Wireless who discussed the importance of cybersecurity with the chamber. Johnson told the chamber that he liked to see every business succeed, and one key element of that success was cybersecurity.

"Small to medium business, somewhere between 15 and 500 employees, are targeted by hackers as frequently as larger businesses," Johnson said. "Even microbusinesses need to be concerned with cybersecurity as well. Even if you are just an individual, this is still important to you. Because whether you know it or not, we are at war."

Johnson told the chamber not to indulge in a false sense of security because they might think they are less of a target.

"Small businesses are less secure," Johnson said. "They are easy to attack quickly and make money through ransomware or just bank account hacking. They (hackers) use these attacks to gather resources

"Even if you don't have an internet security professional you can make one," Johnson said. "Start small with one employee and get them trained so they can train your other employees."

Johnson said it is definitely worth the time and the little extra money it will cost at the start, because it can save the small business a lot of money in the future.

"It's an unfortunate truth of today's battlefield we're living in," Johnson said of cybersecurity and all the ways that computer systems could be compromised.

Johnson told the chamber that he specialized in both defense and offense in the field of cybersecurity, and stressed the need

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# History displays return to Olive Hill

Staff report  
Carter County Times

Jim Plummer's popular historical displays will return to the Olive Hill Center for Arts & Heritage in the week leading up to July 4.

artifacts – have been on permanent display in the OHCFAH since last June, with the local historian rotating in new items at various intervals. The current display, in honor of the nation's 250th anniversary, includes a number of military and patriotic themed items of the sort Plummer has displayed during past Homecoming

events. However, this year, OHCFAH President Linda Lowe noted, Plummer is focusing very heavily on displays and items related to the founding of our country.

While tours of Plummer's displays typically require an appointment, during the Homecoming celebration the museum will be open from 10

a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The museum and displays are located inside the old Olive Hill High School building, on the OHCFAH campus, at 120 Comet Drive.

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**Woodlands** from A-2

a clearer path to the help they need.

**Management Plans**

For many landowners, that help may begin with a forest management plan. A management plan can assist a woodland owner as they think through goals for the land, whether that means improving wildlife habitat, caring for timber, protecting water quality or simply keeping the woods healthy for the next generation.

and website are being built. Baker said that could lead to local events, such as meetings through Extension offices, where partner organizations can connect directly with woodland owners.

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Baker said Every Acre Counts is paying special attention to landowners who do not yet have management plans and to others who have been difficult to reach through earlier outreach efforts.

Looking ahead, Muller and Baker said the team hopes to hold a partner summit on UK's campus in early summer. The meeting would give organizations a chance to sit down together, talk through their goals and look for practical ways to work more closely.

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**Upcoming Events:**

- Olive Hill Farmer's Market Kid's Day – June 24th from 9:30 -11:00
- The Olive Hill Farmer's Market is located in the Save-a-Lot parking lot and is open on Wednesdays & Saturdays at 8:00 AM.

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

The project is also piloting this approach in parts of Appalachian Kentucky while the partner network

# CALENDAR

- **6/24: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **6/24: Olive Hill Farmer's Market Kid's Day @ 9:30 a.m.-11 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
- **6/27: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **6/27: Willard Community Independence Celebration @ 5 p.m.** | Willard
- **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
- **6/30: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **7/1: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **7/2: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **7/4: Sit & Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **7/4: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **7/6: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686

**Have an event to add to the calendar?**  
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670 E Tom T Hall Blvd, Olive Hill  
606-286-8788



## Pet of the Week

Sunny and Rain are a pair of mixed breed pups, around six months old. These friendly and playful pups, one female and one male, weigh in at 30 and 33 pounds, respectively. They each have a \$100 adoption fee, which includes rabies vaccination and being neutered/spayed. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet them 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.**

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# OBITUARY

## Henry Thomas Bailey

1936 – 2026



Henry Thomas Bailey, age 89, of Grahn, Kentucky, passed away Monday, June 15, 2026, at his residence.

He was born Monday, September 7, 1936, in Cabin Creek, West Virginia, a son of the late Jess and Goldie Barker Bailey.

Tommy graduated from Cleveland High School and was very talented in woodworking. He made many gun cabinets, magazine racks, fireplace mantels and beautiful bowls. He was an avid reader. He read a variety of books daily. He loved family gatherings and sharing stories from the past. Tommy accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his savior several years ago.

He attended Mountain Top Chapel in Grahn. He loved going to church and

loved his church family. He will sadly be missed by family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Eva Joyce Martin, Gloria Bunting and Janet Gail Minnick.

Tommy is survived by one sister, Bobbie Jean Beverly of Orlando, Florida, a host of nieces, nephews and cousins through the Grahn area, he thought of as his own.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Jimmy Barker, Brother Roger Greenhill and Brother Mike Bryant officiating. Burial followed in Roar Cemetery in Grahn.

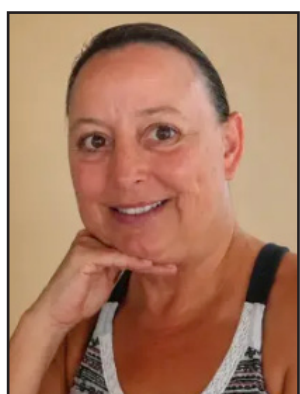
Friends visited after 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 18, 2026, until the service hour at the funeral home.

Michael Bunting, Russell Barker, Ethan Barker, Dakota Mays, Daulton Steagall and Dylan Steagall served as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Henry Thomas Bailey.

## Deborah Sue Riley

1969 – 2026



Deborah Sue "Susie" Riley, age 56, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Friday, June 19, 2026, at her residence.

She was born Friday, September 19, 1969, in Portsmouth, Ohio, a daughter of the late Jimmie and Etta Fletcher Burge.

Susie was a devout UK basketball fan and a active member of the American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. She enjoyed spending time with family, friends and was always willing to lend a helping hand. She loved to travel, especially to the beach, music and was always willing to attend live music shows. She was also just as excited to have a quiet game night or

HGTV night at home with loved ones.

Susie is survived by her partner of 26 years, T. J. Morrison, one son, Paul (April) Riley of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one daughter, Keri Burge of Nicholasville, Kentucky; two grandchildren, Elijah LeMaster, Bella Riley; grand-pup, Puggy Brewster; one brother, Bobby (Wendy) Burge of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one sister, Patty (David) Riley of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at Horsley Cemetery in Carter City, Kentucky, with her brother, Brother Bobby Burge officiating.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Monday, June 22, 2026, and after 9 a.m., Tuesday, June 23, 2026, until the service hour at the funeral home.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Deborah Sue "Susie" Riley.

## Bette Jean Queen Webb

1931 – 2026



With hearts full of both gratitude and sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Bette Jean Queen Webb, who entered her heavenly home on June 19, 2026, at the age of 94.

Bette was born on October 5, 1931, in Ashland, Kentucky, to Pauline Hammond Queen and Fenton Queen. After graduating from Ashland High School, she married the love of her life, Luther Webb. Together, they built a life rooted in faith, family, friendship, and farming, sharing 56 wonderful years of marriage.

Bette was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Luther; her grandson, Stevie; and her brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob "Turtle" Queen (Sharon), Edgar "Junie" Queen (Phyllis), and Tom Queen (Lillian); as well as her parents-in-law and brothers- and sisters-in-law.

She is lovingly remembered by her three children, David Randall Webb, Pam Webb Stergeon, and Suzanne Webb Konieczny; her eight grandchildren, Darcy, Megan, Josh, Jessie, Casey, Ben, Joseph, and Isaiah; her eleven great-grandchildren, Stella, Serenity, Caleb, Hunter, Connor, Amelia, Peyton, Eli, Gunner, Garron, and Malachai; her three great-great-grandchildren, Mason, Waylon, and Willow; and many cherished nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear

friends.

Bette was a beautiful example of Christian love, kindness, and selfless service. She always looked for the good in others and rarely spoke an unkind word. Her gentle spirit and caring heart made her a second mother to many who were blessed to know her.

A hardworking and determined woman, Bette remained active and independent throughout her life. In fact, she only stopped mowing her own lawn when her children finally took away her lawnmower. She consistently placed the needs of others before her own, serving her family, friends, church, and community with humility and grace.

A devoted member of Cannonsburg-Trinity Community Church for much of her life, Bette faithfully served in countless ways. She sang in the choir, volunteered in the food pantry, participated in the women's group, assisted with the youth ministry, and served as church treasurer, among many other roles. Her servant's heart also led her to work as a teacher's aide and school bus monitor, where she touched the lives of many children and families.

Though she will be deeply missed, Bette's legacy of faith, love, generosity, and unwavering devotion to others will continue to live on in all who knew her.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Cannonsburg-Trinity Community Church on Wednesday, June 24 at noon. Friends and family can begin gathering at 11 am at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to Cannonsburg-Trinity Community Church or Ashland Community Hospice.

## Carroll Dean Manning

1966 – 2026



Carroll Dean Manning, age 59, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Friday, June 19, 2026, at UK-King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Tuesday, August 16, 1966, in Rowan County, Kentucky, the son of Carroll and Judy Thompson Manning of Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Dean was a Christian. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, going to car shows, listening to bluegrass music, spending time with his family, which was most important to him and his dog, Max.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Janet Elliott Manning.

In addition to his parents, Dean is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Duncan Manning; two sons, Zane (Melissa) Wells of Salt Lick, Kentucky, Thomas (Bre) Duncan of Olive Hill, Kentucky; two daughters, Tracy Elliott of Grayson, Kentucky, Alisha Wells of Olive Hill, Kentucky; eight grandchildren, Kody (Haley) Hutchin-

son, Elizabeth Carroll, Easton Willoughby, Emma Willoughby, Ellie Willoughby, Ean Wells, Dean Wells, Ashten Duncan; two great-grandchildren, Kashton Hutchinson, Grayson Smith; one brother Chris (Christy) Manning of Grayson, Kentucky; two sisters, Jodie (Kevin) Middleton of Morehead, Kentucky, Julie (Jon) Gilliam of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends who will sadly mourn his passing.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Terrell Webb, Brother John Lands and Brother Tracy Kinney officiating. Burial will follow in Manning Cemetery #1 on Greenbriar Road in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends may visit from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, 2026, and after 9 a.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2026, until the service hour at the funeral home.

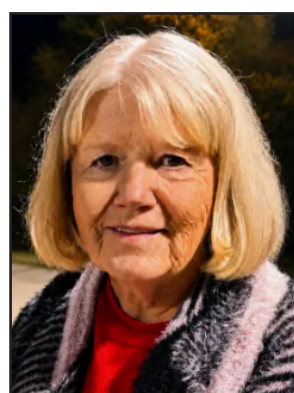
Kody Hutchinson, Jon Gilliam, Kevin Middleton, Brayden Rayburn, Ronnie Cooley, Craig Brown and Sleepy Porter will serve as pallbearers.

Zane Wells, Thomas Duncan and Gary Bond will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Carroll Dean Manning.

## Phyllis Irene Holbrook

1953 – 2026



Phyllis Irene Holbrook, age 72, of Grayson, Kentucky, went to be with Jesus, Tuesday, June 17, 2026, at UK-King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

She was born Sunday, September 20, 1953, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Clifford Henry Branham and the late Earl and Irene Sparks Suttles.

Phyllis was of the Christian Faith which influenced her daily life and she possessed an excellent work ethic. She worked for Farmers Hardware and Homer Womacks Farm for many years. Phyllis loved her family dearly and found joy in camping, gardening, traveling and sitting on the porch every evening with her family but was most of all, proud of being called "Ne" by her grandson, Landon.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers. John Ralph Branham, Keith Branham, Seith Branham, Clifford Harlin Branham; two sisters, Maggie Bell Branham Caines and Bonnie Mae Branham Baier.

Phyllis is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, James Ray Holbrook; one daughter,

Sandra (Michael) Newell of Grayson, Kentucky; three stepsons, James D. (Lori) Holbrook, Robert W. (Julie) Holbrook, all of Kitts Hill, Ohio, Christopher T. (Christi) Holbrook of Willowood, Ohio; 5 grandchildren, Landon Newell, Dustin Holbrook, Allyson Waugh, Emily Holbrook, Shanae Floyd; 6 great-grandchildren; five brothers, Donald (Erma) Branham of Grayson, Kentucky, Ronnie (Wanda) Branham of Hitchins, Kentucky, Carl (Brenda) Branham of Coal Grove, Ohio, Garry Branham of Grayson, Kentucky, Warren (Diann) Branham of Grayson, Kentucky; two sisters, Barb (Rick) Carroll of Grayson, Kentucky, Debbie (Greg) Gullett of Grayson, Kentucky, a lot of nieces and nephews, which she loved as her own and a lot of extended friends and family that mourn her passing.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Friday, June 19, 2026, at Grayson Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 49 McCoy Road, Grayson, Kentucky, with Brother Rob Baier and Brother Scott Lambert officiating. Burial followed in East Carter Memory Gardens in Grayson, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 11 a.m., Friday, June 19, 2026, until the service hour at Grayson Funeral Home.

Landon Newell, Michael Newell, Kevin Carroll, Frank Caines, Adam Potter and John Cooksey served as pallbearers.

Grayson Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Phyllis Irene Holbrook.

## Jonathan Lavern McCoy

1977 – 2026



Jonathan Lavern McCoy, age 48, of Harrison Ohio, formerly of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2026, at his residence.

He was born Wednesday, November 16, 1977, in Rowan County, Kentucky, a son of the late Lonnie and Sharon Faye Greenhill McCoy.

He enjoyed working on cars, tinkering with small engines, listening to music, hanging out with his family, friends and his dog, Mufosta.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Car-

maleta McCoy, Michelle McCoy.

Jonathan is survived by one daughter, Crystal Gail McCoy of Morehead, Kentucky; one brother, Lonnie (Clara) McCoy Jr of Olive Hill, Kentucky; nieces and nephew, Tiffany (Craig) McCoy, Tabitha (Gilbert) McCoy, Stacie McCoy, Timothy McCoy five great-nieces; one great-nephew, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother David Rayburn officiating. Burial followed in McFerren Cemetery in Olive Hill.

Friends visited after 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 17, 2026, until the service hour at the funeral home.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Jonathan Lavern McCoy.

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**First Amendment:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

## AS WE SEE IT

### It's time to say something

This weekend we received the following email, presented below with no edits or corrections, exactly as it arrived in our inbox:

*Wow! I just watched video of lying office michael bell, and his even more stupid/corrupt boss—officer jason hall—who still has a job btw, try to frame an innocent Nate Stephens. Officer hall looks like he has about a fifth grade education. officer hall could care less about people—That was obvious!*

*We were about to plan a large corporate event in your town. After watching your dishonest police department, AND a CORRUPT DA THAT STILL TRIED TO CON-VICT AN INNOCENT MAN!!!*

*WE ALL SAID NO WAY AND GO SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR EVENT! WE PASS ON YOU IDIOTS! DISHONEST SCUMBAGS. (JUST COST THE TOWN ABOUT \$25K).*

*Backwoods dishonest demons. Did you report on this? Seems kind of important when your dishonest police department, and DA!, are terrorizing citizens that SOME-ONE report on it and fire them.. Have you ever spent the night in jail for no reason?*

*Just watched your mayor too. LOL. Yall need to wear clown face and shoes just to live there. Nothing worse than dishonest scumbags who act like they are legit. Is anyone honest in Grayson City?*

*Sent with Proton Mail secure email.*

In response I pointed out that a search of our website would have shown that we have covered the viral video in question, as well as other incidents and lawsuits involving Bell. I also pointed out that we plan to continue to cover lawsuits involving Bell as they move through the court system.

We also noted something else – something you've probably already noticed yourself – which is that this "business person" who chose to deprive our community of his staggering \$25,000 investment was brave enough to insult our community and our region. But they weren't brave enough to sign their name, or to list their business. In fact, they even emailed us through a secure and anonymous email account associated with the Swiss based Proton Mail.

Normally, I wouldn't even bother to respond to a message like this, but this one pushed a few buttons for me.

The characterization of the entire region as backwards, ignorant, and uneducated is something outsiders have leveled at us for a long time. We see the author of the email return to variations on this over and over, at one point calling us "backwoods," a not so coded term for unsophisticated, as if the ability to step out our front doors and gaze upon some of the most beautiful landscapes in the country is somehow inversely related to our level of intelligence and sophistication.

And it's obvious from their characterization of our people – most of whom were equally outraged by former officer Bell's actions in this and other cases – and their word choice that they aren't from the region. Because it's so often outside agitators. No one from anywhere even remotely nearby, for instance, would call it "Grayson City." They also wouldn't ignore the fact that it was locals who were leading the charge in comments sections across the internet – helping make the video go viral. Or that there are local attorneys taking on these cases against Bell.

And, while we've stayed editorially silent on this issue so far, preferring to focus on objective coverage of the video, court case, and the city's official response to the controversy, the time for staying silent is over.

We need to acknowledge the mistakes made here. We also need to address some of the unfair blame.

It's obvious from the viral videos that Bell did not express the demeanor required for a police professional. He should not have been hired. And he should not have been allowed to move on to another department so easily. Some of that is down to personnel issues that tie the hands of what former employers are allowed to report – an issue we've touched on in past editorials about unethical professional behavior. But there are undoubtedly things that could have been done to alert other employers of Bell's unprofessional behavior, just as Grayson should have been made aware of other, past issues that reportedly involved Bell in other jurisdictions. Perhaps they were. Unfortunately, the police chief at the time Bell joined the Grayson department has retired, and though our reporter has attempted to contact him to discuss the case, he's had no luck.

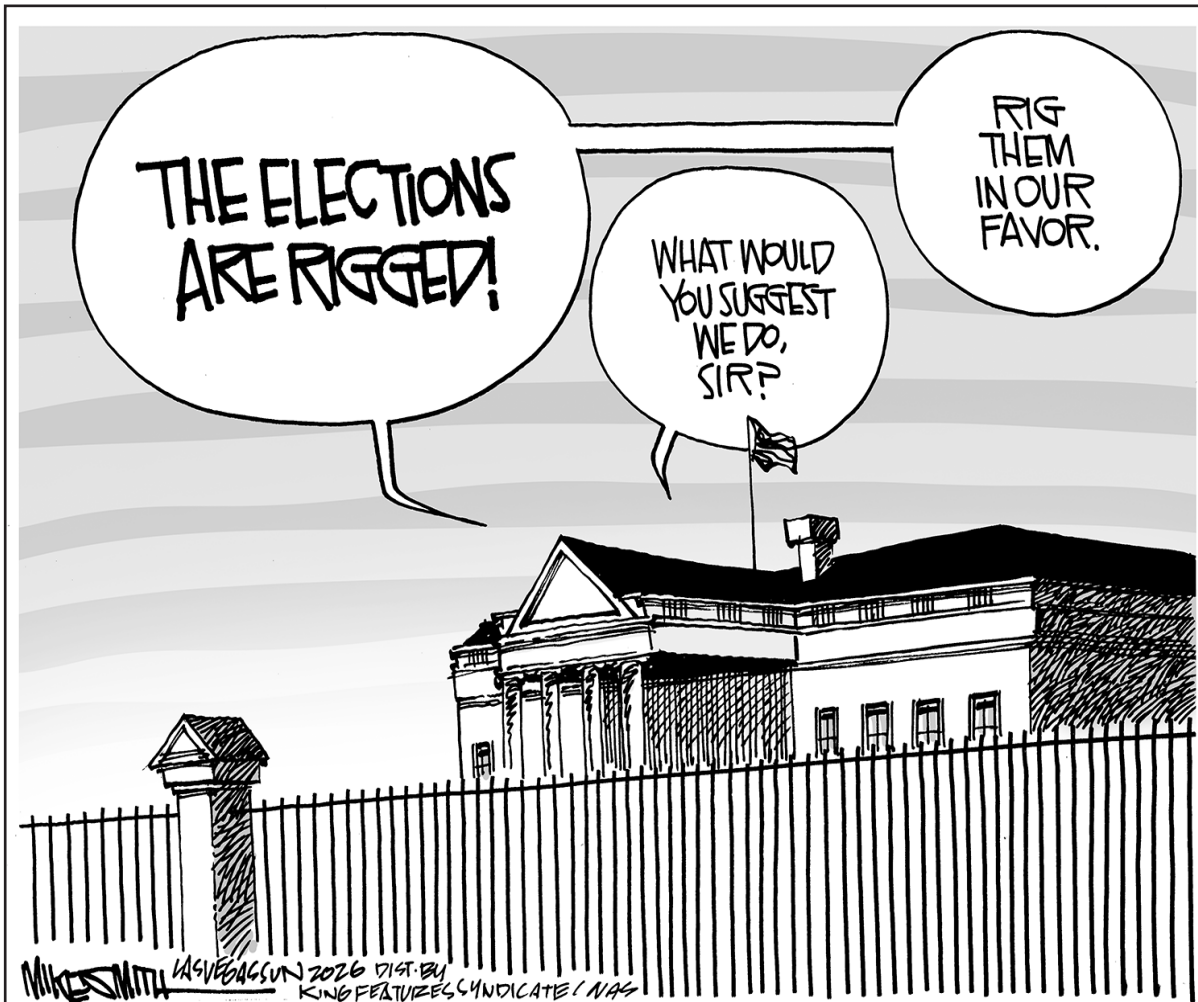
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## Carter County Times

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### Could our leader seriously be overdosing on his own vanity?

His seemingly successful career in real estate and on television gave us the first clues that this man, now 80 years old, really likes to see his name and/or face, preferably both, in highly visible places.

He obviously pays no heed to that 19th century English proverb that observed, likely in response to the antics of some other politician:

*Fools' names, like fools' faces,  
Are often seen in public places.*

Many of us media folks fully expected him to expand his aggressive branding, developed during the building of his private real estate empire, as he began his second term but little did we suspect it would be done on such a massive scale, now exceeding two dozen high profile landmarks, facilities and programs.

Not content with just changing existing names, he also has his name affixed to the planned massive arch proposed near the Capitol that experts say would become a safety hazard for commercial and military aircraft.

Putting his name in front of JFK's on the Kennedy Center caused quite a ruckus, resulting in a federal court order to remove it because of a lack of congressional approval. Supposedly it has been removed from the building but the space is covered in tarps and we don't know for sure.

His fondness for his own face brought giant portrait banners to major federal buildings in downtown Washington.

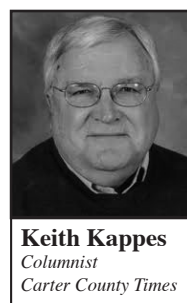
One of my favorites of his ego trips is a state park in New York State. He donated the 436 acres to the state in 2006 but it remains essentially undeveloped, except for a prominent sign bearing his name at the park entrance.

National park visitors already have discovered that the 2026 "America the Beautiful" annual passes feature his face alongside George Washington to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

You probably have heard about the government website offering cheaper medicines, the issuance of currency, coins and passports with his face or likeness, a high-limit debit card for wealthy tourists, savings accounts, and other tributes financed from the federal treasury.

He wants his face to join those historic national hero figures on Mount Rushmore but, like other worried Americans today, I believe history might tell us we should have chiseled his visage onto the same rockface as Crazy Horse.

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**Keith Kappes**  
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### Doomscrolling and the death of community

I think about a conversation I had a while back a lot.

I was getting a tire patched at my local guy's shop. Sitting there in the tiny, rubber-scented waiting room, there was another guy across from me. An old-timer who wasn't staring into the void of his phone. Me, I'm naturally curious, so we got to talking. Turns out, like me, he's a Chicago guy. Well, he's an Italian immigrant who lived in Chicago for 60 years. We start chipping it up about the Bears, the White Sox, the city, and how people in Chicago talk with one another. Even if you're not friends, people wave, they smile, they BS over whatever.

"Here, everyone does the same thing: they pull into the driveway, garage door goes up, car goes in, door goes down. I don't know nobody."

He told me he moved out of the city to be near his kid. His kid moved back, and it was just him and his wife. They were both in their eighties, and another move wasn't in the cards. The kid came down a lot, but that's different than being a text away.

Here's the part that gets me. I fly to Madrid, to Lisbon, to Barcelona, and I write whole essays about the neighbors over there who still talk to each other, who howl behind closed shutters, who haven't forgotten how to be alive. I go looking for it across an ocean. And the most alive guy I'd met in months was sitting

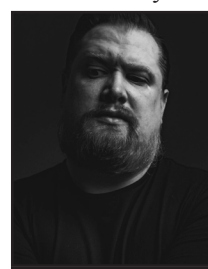
ten feet away from me in a tire shop ten minutes from my house. I didn't need a passport. I needed a nail in my tire.

If I'd been scrolling, I'd have missed him. After that old timer is pushing up daisies, I'll think about him. About a moment we shared. Got some laughs, talked about how bad the pizza is around here, but mostly it was two strangers doing something a lot of us used to do: communicate and see one another at face value. We probably didn't agree about political stuff; maybe we did, but it never came up. He didn't put it on front street, and neither did I.

The kids love to use the phrase "NPC" for the rest of the world moving at its own pace, and that's a sad framing. Everyone should be a possible conversation. It's not that you have to, but it's possible. There's a difference in that point of view. Look up from the phone. Ask how someone's day is with sincerity, and maybe you'll get the conversation you need. We all need different kinds of medicine at different points. Maybe you'll wind up talking about the Chicago Bears.

As I got up, he said, "Hey, maybe I'll see you back home."

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**Joyful Noise** from A-2

If your pocketbook is empty read Psalm 37. If you are losing confidence in people, it will help to read 1 Corinthians 13. When it seems like people are unkind, then read John 15. If you are discouraged about your work, then it will help to read Psalm 126.

There are countless other numbers (scriptures) in the Bible to help you in your time of need. The Bible says the Holy Spirit will comfort us, (John

14:16). He will teach us (John 14:26), and He will remain in us as a seal of promise upon our hearts until the day of Jesus' return (Ephesians 1:13, 4:30). The Holy Spirit also takes on the role of Guide and Counselor, leading us in the way we should go and revealing God's truth (Luke 12:12; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

The Bible is the ultimate source of wisdom about how we should live

(2 Timothy 3:16), and we as believers are to search the Scriptures, meditate on them, and commit them to memory (Joshua 1:8). The Word is the "sword of the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:17), and the Spirit will use it to speak to us (John 16:12-14) to reveal God's will for our lives; He will also bring specific Scriptures to mind at times when we need them most (John 14:26).  
Amen! So be it!

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**Say Something** from A-5

Current leadership will need to answer for that – both the mayor and the current police chief.

But while they will need to answer for it, it's unfair for them to bear the full brunt of the blame. The mayor is the head of the city, and the buck ultimately stops with him. To his credit, Mayor Troy Combs has not attempted to deflect the blame back onto the police department or the former chief, as some have surely suggested he do – especially in an election year. He saw the shot coming, and took it on the chin like a man.

Yes, his response in those early moments after the video went viral registered as tone deaf. He said the police had "fully embraced" the use of body cameras – something that Bell's apparent attempts to

obscure his body camera and microphone, and that Seargent Hall's lack of visible body cam, seemed to contradict. (We have heard reports since that Hall was just getting off duty, and on his way home, when he responded to the call for backup because it was en route, and that this may be why he did not have a camera, but we cannot confirm that.)

But while the statement that body cameras had been "fully embraced" might have been something the community was skeptical about given what they saw, the thing that Troy didn't point out, and probably should have, was that the body cameras worked.

Without the body camera footage, it would have just been Nathan Stephens's word against that

of officer Michael Bell. The word of a suspected DUI hit-and-run driver against an officer of the law. How do you think that kind of case would have gone in court?

We may not be happy about the way Bell treated Stephens. We may not be happy with the way the city and the police department reacted. Because we shouldn't be happy with it. It's exactly the kind of scenario that make so many people distrust the police – the proverbial "bad apple that spoils the entire bunch."

But the body cameras worked.

They might not have been embraced as enthusiastically as the mayor's response suggested, but they worked. The body camera documented the interaction. And the

footage it captured enabled Stephens to get off on the DUI charge. They did what they are supposed to do to protect citizens from police overreach, and to document abuse.

We don't have to like what they show. We shouldn't. But they worked.

Folks may not like the way the mayor and police responded to this event, and we wouldn't blame them for that, but the body cameras that the mayor and city council voted to purchase and implement did their job. They documented the scene objectively.

We got to see what happened. And we didn't like it. But it sure beats not having the opportunity to see it at all.

Contact the writer at editor@cartercountytimes.com

**Data Center** from A-1

benefits of the new data center, including the influx of a large number of construction jobs expected to last approximately two years, with some of those jobs converting to onsite maintenance and other positions. Proponents of the data center also pointed out the creation of many new, higher income permanent jobs and an increase to the tax base.

Those who attended the town hall meeting were vocal about their concerns following the presentation from TeraWulf representatives. Pace Relli, Vice President of Project Development with TeraWulf, began the presentation saying the company wanted to provide the community with the information they had and answer any questions. Relli introduced the other members of TeraWulf's panel to the crowd, but added, "I'll probably be the face you see around town as we get this project off the ground."

James Kacergis, Senior Vice President of Corporate and Business Development, told those gathered that he had been with the company for several years and was excited to be part of the project. Michael Enright, TeraWulf Senior Vice President, said he had been with the company 17 years, and before that had spent over twenty years in state and local government in his home state of Maryland. Enright said one of the things he found interesting about the company was their community involvement.

Katelyn Doyle, Head of Recruitment, Development, and Engagement for TeraWulf, said that part of her job with the company was reaching out to the community at events such as the town hall meeting. "We are all looking forward to answering your questions and providing some more information," Doyle said.

She also told the crowd she was happy to see some familiar faces she had met at the company job fair held the previous day.

During the presentation,

the TeraWulf team gave the crowd some background on the company and touched on company goals as well. Kacergis explained that the company was initially in the Bitcoin mining business in 2021.

"A couple of years later, with the rise of Open AI and some of these other applications, there became a much larger need for infrastructure to support data center activity," Kacergis said. "So, we shifted our focus and today we are exclusively focused on serving these data center loads."

The presentation began at 6 pm and lasted until 8 pm, with a Q&A following. During the presentation, company representatives addressed the power requirements of the data center, and assured the crowd that the Muskie Data Campus would not affect other customer's rates for electricity. In fact, they claimed there was a possibility that it might lower those rates in some cases. They also addressed water requirements and noise levels expected to be generated by the new data center.

Local resident Briny King began her questions by stating she was really happy to hear about TeraWulf's commitment to the community, specifically about their stated commitment to being good neighbors.

"I'm here because we are literally your neighbors," King said.

Her residence, she said, will be the closest residence to the new business, sharing a property line on at least two sides.

"My initial question is if you plan to put fencing and additional foliage around your facility perimeter," King asked. "And my second question is are you going to do annual soil and water testing?"

King also said that it looked as though one of the company's project buildings would be built over an existing drainage pond, causing the water to flow over her husband's family homestead that had been in his family "since the deed books were

written." In answer to King's questions, Relli said that part of his job was to make the initial layout of a project, often before he ever sees the location physically.

"This is a reference," Relli told King. "We have not started our survey work, so all the topographical and geotech and wetlands is actually performed by our third-party partner. They have not started that yet, and we are just getting to know the property. I expect we'll be talking feedback from important parties like yourself. And I expect we will be changing the design when that survey and geotech comes in."

Local biology professor Allorah Henson began her questions by saying that many of the questions that had been asked in a previous meeting with county officials had been deferred to TeraWulf. Henson asked if there were any county officials that would like to join in the Q&A process, but was reminded by Enright that the current meeting was intended for TeraWulf to address the public directly, and that county officials held regular meetings where the public could address their concerns directly to them. Henson then asked the TeraWulf representatives for the projected first day of construction on the project.

"There isn't an exact first day of construction," Kacergis answered.

"These projects typically take 12 to 18 months for construction, with the first power becoming available around the fall of 2028. And if you backtrack from there 18 months, that's a good indicator of when the construction will begin. Around that same time or slightly before then, is when we will announce who the end user for the site would be."

When asked if the company had secured any county or state permits, Relli answered by stating that all of the surveys including geotech and wetlands would need to be completed before the permit process began. "There is a bunch of

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Notice is hereby given that the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC") will conduct a public hearing in Case No. 2026-00001 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at the PSC's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. The purpose of the hearing is to cross-examine Kentucky Power's witnesses and take evidence on Kentucky Power's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a mechanical draft cooling tower at the Mitchell Generating Station and the approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed by connecting to the YouTube link posted on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov, on the day of the hearing. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to provide public comments may do so by arriving at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, before the start of the hearing.

something that we would love to share with the community," he said.

Town hall meetings such as the one held on June 17 are open to the public, and everyone interested in the project should try to attend.

The first meeting can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/live/OHFoFswpvDE>.

Further information on the planned data center is also available through the TeraWulf website at <https://www.muskiedatacampus.com/>.

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**Friday, June 26**

- 6 p.m: Cruise In @ the Depot
- On with the Show | Dinner @ 6 p.m., Show @ 7 p.m. | OHCFAH

**Saturday, June 27**

- 10 a.m. - 12 p.m: Paws Inn Keeper Dog Show @ the Depot

**Wednesday, July 1**

- 7 p.m: Community Church Service | First Baptist Church

**Friday, July 3**

- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m: Olive Hill Welcome Center 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration | Prizes & Drawings
- 7:30 p.m: Live Music by Shelby Lore @ the Depot

**Saturday, July 4**

- 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m: Pancake Breakfast | Olive Hill First Christian Church
- 10 a.m: Inflatables, Vendors, Live Art, Live Chainsaw Artist
- 4:30 p.m: Parade Line-up | Olive Hill Elementary
- 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m: Live Music by What's Up Betsy
- 6 p.m: Parade
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