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No flock

Grayson Council hears negative report on Flock cameras

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Flock surveillance cameras have been in the news a great deal recently as protestors across the nation take their complaints to elected officials and some, embracing vigilantism, have even taken to vandalizing or destroying the expensive technology. But while most Flock complaints focus on the potential for civil rights violations, or the costs associated with the cameras and services, one local attorney told Grayson City Council there are other issues with the cameras and their A.I. powered analyses, which aren't always reliable when identifying license plates. That's important, because one of the main uses often cited for the cameras is in locating stolen vehicles, missing persons, or vehicles involved in other crimes. If the cameras can't do that reliably, and there are also civil liberties and potential vandalism concerns, those are all things council should keep in mind when and if they're approached about the technology.

But before that, there was a

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Going under

Underwater drone added to area emergency response arsenal

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Search and rescue and recovery efforts require not only dedicated first responders, but also a wide variety of specialized tools. Each situation, whether it be a structure fire or a vehicle accident, can be mitigated with the proper tools designed with that situation in mind. The proper tools equal both an effective and speedy response, and as a result can make the difference between life and death.

This is seldom more applicable than when first responders encounter a water emergency. Responders train constantly for these specialized situations (and others) in hopes that they might shave off precious minutes in an emergency while both keeping themselves safe and working to ensure the safety of the communities they serve. Recently on the water rescue

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The underwater remotely operated vehicle, Deep Trekker, purchase by FIVCO for the five county area first responders. (submitted photo)

In the express lane to Yummy Town

Chamber welcomes lawmakers and discusses new restaurant

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

There are a number of new possibilities on the horizon for Grayson. But one that really has the community excited, Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce coordinator Mike Nelson noted while discussing them with chamber members, was the new restaurant, Yummy Express, coming to Grayson.

"We have been working with each other for quite some time,"

Nelson told the chamber. "It actually started at Memory Days last year. And he has had his food truck with us the last couple of years. And his truck is always one that has a line of people waiting to get their food because he does such a great job. So, I wanted to introduce him and let him tell you all about it."

Yummy Express owner Jiun Zheng introduced himself to the chamber and talked of his plans

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(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Weekly arrests report

The following individuals were arrested and booked into the Carter County Detention Center over the past week. This list includes local arrests only. It does not include federal inmates being housed at or transported through the detention center.

- Charles Burnett, 28, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, charges unavailable, arrested and booked August 10.
- Jeffery Waddel, 51, of Ashland, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked August 10.
- Luther Smith, 59, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky Department of Corrections, on a probation violation, arrested and booked August 10.
- Eric Barker, 50, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked August 12.
- Jason Bays, 40, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on two counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked August 13.
- Jacob Clifton, 25, of Denton, arrested by Grayson PD, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), and charges or first degree fleeing or evading police (on foot), and failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked August 13.
- Randy Poe, 58, address unavailable, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of driving on a DUI suspended license, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, failure to maintain required insurance, theft of a motor vehicle registration plate/renewal decal/tag, and possession of marijuana, arrested and booked August 13.
- Mark Boggs, 27, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance, no or expired registration receipt, no or expired registration plates, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to notify department of transportation of address change, reckless driving, improper passing, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked August 14.
- David Harlow, 48, of Grayson, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked August 14.

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This Week's Obituaries

Sandra J. Collins, 89

Carolyn Lorraine Prichard Davis, 100

Pauline Meade Holbrook, 88

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LIFESTYLE



The great protein pivot: Make a little beef go a long way

Once, "What's for dinner?" was answered with a large piece of meat. Steak. Roast. Chops. Everything else was "the sides."

Today, that beef may require a financing plan.

The USDA predicts beef prices will rise 10.7% in 2026, while pork and poultry are expected to increase only 1.6% and 1%, respectively.

That doesn't mean we must bid burgers a tearful farewell and pretend lentils taste like rib-eye. It means it's time for the Great Protein Pivot.

For meat-centered meals, make less-expensive chicken and pork your regular choices. When you want beef, treat it as a flavorful ingredient rather than the stand-alone star. Beef still matters; it simply no longer

receives top billing, a private dressing room and the entire grocery budget.

A pound of ground beef makes four modest patties. However, combined with mushrooms, onions, beans, lentils, rice or vegetables, it can provide six to eight servings of tacos, chili, meatballs or pasta sauce.

Choose dishes that distribute beef throughout the meal, then build layers of flavor rather than adding more meat. Brown beef thoroughly and use garlic, onions, tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce, soy sauce or broth to deepen its savory character.

Mushrooms are especially useful. Their meaty texture and natural glutamates add umami, while finely chopped mushrooms blend into ground beef, contributing moisture and volume.

This week's beef and mushroom meatballs use one pound of beef to create a generous family meal.

BEEF AND MUSHROOM MEATBALLS WITH GRAVY
Yield: 6 servings
Total Time: 50 mins.

- 8 ounces sliced mushrooms, divided
- 1 large sweet onion, divided
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 small carrot, finely shredded (about 1/4 cup)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced,

- divided
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce, divided
- 1 pound ground beef (80% to 85% lean)
- 1 large egg
- 4 teaspoons Dijon mustard, divided
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 cups low-sodium beef stock
- Chopped parsley, optional

Finely mince half the mushrooms. Cut the onion in half; finely mince one half (about 1 cup) and thinly slice the other. Reserve the sliced mushrooms and onion for the gravy.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the minced mushrooms, onion and carrot. Cook until softened, 5 minutes. Stir in 1 clove garlic and 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce; cook 30 seconds. Transfer to a plate and let cool slightly. Do not wash the skillet.

In a large bowl, gently combine the beef, egg, 2 teaspoons Dijon, remaining Worcestershire sauce, panko, Parmesan, 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper, and cooled vegetables. Shape into 20 to 24 meatballs, using about 1



One pound of beef, six satisfying servings. (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

1/2 tablespoons mixture for each.

Heat the remaining oil in the skillet over medium heat. Working in batches, brown the meatballs on all sides; they will not be cooked through. Transfer to a plate.

Add the reserved sliced mushrooms and onion to the skillet. Cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the remaining garlic, salt and pepper; cook 1 minute.

Sprinkle with flour and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Gradually stir in the stock and remaining Dijon. Bring to a simmer, then return the meatballs and their juices to the skillet. Reduce heat and simmer gently until the gravy thickens and the meatballs reach 160 degrees, 5 to 8 minutes.

Garnish with parsley and serve over egg noodles, mashed potatoes, polenta or rice.

The Great Protein Pivot isn't about giving up food we enjoy. It's about changing the proportions and making every delicious dollar pull its weight.

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Joyful Noise

Things God always promises!

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell
for *Carter County Times*

When life feels uncertain, God’s Word gives your heart something steady to stand on. His promises remind you that you are not praying into emptiness – you are praying to a faithful God who hears, sees, and responds in His timing.

His Presence will be with you – Joshua 1:9. He will never forsake you – Hebrews 13:5. He gives wisdom to those who ask – James 1:5. He hears our prayers – 1 John 5:14. He forgives the repentant – 1 John 1:9. He provides for your needs – Philippians 4:19. He gives strength to the weary – Isaiah 40:29. He works all things for good – Romans 8:28. He gives peace to the faithful

– Isaiah 26:3. He comforts the brokenhearted – Psalm 34:18. He guides those who trust Him – Proverbs 3:5-6. He gives rest to the burdened – Matthew 11:28. He is faithful to His Word – Numbers 23:19. He gives Hope for the future – Jeremiah 29:11. He rewards those who seek Him – Hebrews 11:6. He gives grace to the humble – James 4:6. He protects those who take refuge in Him – Psalm 91:4. He gives eternal life through Christ – John 3:16. He finishes the work He begins – Philippians - 1:6. His love never fails – Lamentations - 3:22-23.

When you pray, 1) State the PROBLEM. 2) Find the SCRIPTURE. 3) Speak the PROMISE. 4) Pray with EXECTATION.

1. If you need WISDOM pray James 1:5.

God, you said if I lack wisdom, I can ask you and you will give it. So, I am asking You to lead me, correct me, and make the next step clear.

2. If you need deliverance, pray Psalm 34:17. God, you said when the righteous cry out, you hear them and deliver them from their troubles. So, I am crying out to you. Deliver me from what is holding me or pulling me away from you.

3. If you need God to take care of your finances, pray Philippians 4:19. God, you said You will supply every need according to Your riches in glory in Christ Jesus. So, I am trusting you with what I cannot figure out. Give me wisdom, provision, discipline, and peace.

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Strength for Life

Staying motivated when busy

As August arrives, routines begin to shift. Back-to-school schedules return, sports seasons ramp up, and calendars quickly fill with practices, meetings, and commitments. This is often the time of year when motivation fades — not

because people don’t care about their health, but because life gets busy. This season is a powerful reminder that long-term success isn’t built on motivation. It’s built on consistency and adaptability.

Why Motivation Isn’t Enough
Motivation

is temporary. It comes and goes depending on sleep, stress, weather, and workload. Relying on motivation alone often leads to long breaks in exercise when schedules get hectic. Consistency, on the other hand, is about showing up — even when time and energy are limited.

When Time Is Limited, Movement Still Matters
During busy seasons,



Tracy Deborde, ACSM-CPR, Deborde Fitness and Sports Conditioning, LLC

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers below 600 lbs sold 5.00 to 10.00 higher with instances to sharply higher. Feeders 600 lbs and above sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Later in the week the reported trends took a significant downturn showing steady to 5.00 lower with instances sharply lower. Yearling steers and heifers were unevenly steady with prices ranging from 5.00 lower to 5.00 higher. Demand was moderate to good with buyers showing best interest for long weaned offerings. Slaughter cows were mostly 2.00 lower and slaughter bulls steady to 4.00 lower with moderate to good demand for all slaughter classes.

Week ending 8/15/26

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

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	508.36	504.26	450.43
400-450 lbs	490.58	480.15	423.26
450-500 lbs	460.71	454.34	408.03
500-550 lbs	433.46	434.16	393.27
550-600 lbs	426.16	422.53	375.52
600-650 lbs	386.28	398.97	360.31
650-700 lbs	377.48	377.71	351.39
700-750 lbs	362.98	362.70	335.52
750-800 lbs	343.82	345.03	342.78
800-850 lbs	334.66	330.42	325.38
850-900 lbs	321.43	332.71	317.72
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	454.82	445.14	404.83
350-400 lbs	446.26	441.53	401.35
400-450 lbs	420.31	414.72	382.88
450-500 lbs	400.98	402.89	368.87
500-550 lbs	384.75	382.60	348.55
550-600 lbs	361.55	359.16	341.51
600-650 lbs	344.39	341.12	328.23
650-700 lbs	336.85	333.23	324.25
700-750 lbs	316.43	307.08	291.94
750-800 lbs	312.83	310.49	279.13

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	159.00-189.00	174.00-204.50	150.00-178.00
Boners	147.00-189.00	172.00-212.00	120.00-178.00
Lean	129.00-171.00	152.00-186.00	101.00-162.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	166.00-234.50	220.00-249.00	169.00-219.50

Jul 23, 2026		Bowling Green, KY	
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 250			
Kids-Selection 1	54 lbs 352.50; 66 lbs 340.00; 93 lbs 340.00.		
Selection 2	53 lbs 320.00; 66 lbs 290.00; 83 lbs 275.00; 105 lbs 360.00.		
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 617			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2	53-55 lbs 325.00-335.00; 67-68 lbs 300.00-310.00; 75-77 lbs 295.00-300.00; 89 lbs 270.00; 90 lbs 275.00; 107 lbs 205.00.		
Choice 2	50-57 lbs 315.00-325.00; 66 lbs 300.00; 76 lbs 270.00; 85 lbs 235.00.		
Wooled-Choice & Prime 1-2	54 lbs 280.00; 71-77 lbs 277.50-280.00; 96 lbs 220.00		

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.08-4.90	4.08-4.82	3.66-4.10
Soybeans	10.77-12.21	10.65-12.15	9.58-10.44
Red Winter Wheat	5.22-6.96	5.36-6.75	4.00-4.96

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Plant now for a productive fall garden

The end of summer does not have to mean the end of fresh vegetables from the garden. With a little planning, Kentucky gardeners can follow their spring and summer crops with a fall garden and enjoy fresh produce well into autumn and, in some cases, early winter.

Fall gardens can produce some of the season’s best-quality vegetables. Warm days and cool nights help add sweetness to sweet corn and cole crops such as cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower, while also giving carrots added crispness.

Vegetables harvested after early September generally fall into two groups: the final succession plantings of warm-season crops, such as corn and bush beans, and cool-season crops that grow well during fall’s cooler days and can withstand frost.

As with a spring garden, careful planning matters. Group crops according to your planting

plan and place taller plants where they will not shade shorter ones. Because seed germination can be more challenging in late summer conditions, be sure the soil is moist before planting. Keep the soil moist, but not overly wet, until seeds have germinated.

Gardeners should also remember that cool nights can slow plant growth. Crops often take longer to mature in the fall than they do during the heat of summer, so allow extra time when checking seed packets or catalogs for average days to maturity. Using succession planting can also help extend the harvest over a longer period.

Good fall garden options include beets, butthead lettuce, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, collards, endive, bush green beans, kale, kohlrabi, leaf lettuce, mustard greens, radishes, spinach, turnips and turnip

greens. Some crops are best seeded directly, while others may be started from transplants. Planting dates vary by crop, so gardeners should consult local recommendations before planting. In many cases, crops need to be seeded while it is still very warm to have enough time to grow and be harvestable.

By protecting frost-sensitive vegetables during key cold nights, gardeners may be able to extend the harvest season by several weeks. Different thicknesses or weights of row cover can be used to protect crops, keeping them several degrees warmer than the outside air temperature. Once frost-sensitive vegetables are finished for the season, gardeners may be able to plant cool-season crops in their place. Leafy greens like lettuce and spinach may grow into November or December under clear plastic (polyethylene) sheets if outside temperatures do not drop below 20°F. Be sure to allow for ventilation on sunny days to reduce humidity and prevent these crops from

See *GARDEN* on A-3



Rebecca Konopka
Carter County
Extension Agent

Arrests

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- Clint Caudill, 35, of Hitchens, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked August 14.
- Jeff Messer, 63, of Grayson, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked August 14.
- Guy Jackson, 70, address unavailable, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of second degree assault – domestic violence, arrested and booked August 14.
- Morgan Miller, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of criminal abuse of a child 12 or under, first degree wanton endangerment, and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked August 15.
- Jayden Loydd, 21, of Largo, FL, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence, and no or expired registra-tion receipt, arrested and booked August 15.
- Clide James, 53, of Olive Hill, arresting agency unavailable, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked August 15.
- Kayla Salyers, 32, of Ash-

Yummy

from A-1

for the new restaurant in Grayson, which will be open on US 60 in the building that was occupied previously by Red’s Place.

“Most people know I have the food truck Hibachi Express,” Zheng told the chamber. “We did really well here, which is why when we got the chance, we jumped at it to open in Grayson.”

“We thought it would be a smaller project,” Zheng said of getting the location ready to open. “But unfortunately, it has been about three months.”

Zheng said that during the time leading up to the restaurant opening he continually gets messages, and said he really appreciates the community checking up on him.

“The good news is that yesterday we passed the final inspection on electrical and only need one small cap on the plumbing.”

The balance of what needs to be completed before opening, he said, was some painting and a final overall cleaning.

“We are going to be open really soon and have high hopes to see everyone

from the community there when we do.”

The chamber also welcomed state senator Robin Webb and state representative Patrick Flannery as guest speakers at the August meeting, with the lawmakers discussing the process of how things progress in the State Legislature. Flannery began by welcoming Webb back after a recent injury had sidelined her. Webb, in typical fashion, shrugged off the injury and said she was glad to be back at work. Webb did explain some of the particulars of her accident, and said she had been at Vanderbilt under “the best of care” since June due to a rodeo accident.

“We did just complete our budget session,” Webb said, returning to discussing the legislature. “And it’s always more fun when you have more money.”

Webb said they were able to get more money for roads but said that it was highly competitive to secure those funds. Webb said they tried to secure more funds but were forced to “whittle it

down to a more realistic amount.”

Webb said that it was an often-hard fight to secure funding in such a competitive area and that some of the funding secured was at the eleventh hour, so to speak, but overall, the session was productive and yielded positive results for our area.

“There was a lot of ‘horse trading,’ so the horse business did help me there,” Webb joked.

Leverage and the ability to build relationships, as well as leadership, helped with negotiations in the legislature, Webb told the chamber.

“And I’d like to think that Patrick and I are good at that. And we have a lot of trust among colleagues.”

Flannery agreed with Webb on the importance of building relationships with other legislators, and added that he and Webb worked well together even before Webb changed political parties.

“We fought more as lawyers than as legislators,” Flannery joked.

“The dynamics between

Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear on a citation for a misde-meanor, and non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked August 17.

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

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

representatives and senators might not always be the best,” Flannery continued. “But I do think Robin and I are a good team. And you see that in the results. Both in this session and in the last six years.”

Flannery pointed out to the chamber that in this session alone there was over \$50 million in funding for bridge repair in Carter County and substantial vocational school funding. Flannery also mentioned that the City of Grayson had received over \$400,000 toward the purchase of a new fire truck, and the City of Olive Hill received funding to help with their water department.

“It is a competitive process, but I believe we have fared fairly well over the last few years,” Flannery said.

Much of the reason behind that success, he said, was the ability of legislators to work together to achieve a common goal.

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Drone

from A-1

front, the FIVCO area has gained another tool to help them do their job more efficiently.

Grayson Mayor Troy Combs laid out the particulars in a recent Facebook post about FIVCO’s acquisition of a new underwater drone and the interlocal agreement that makes it available to all counties within the district. The Emergency Management Agencies in Boyd, Carter, Elliot, Greenup, and Lawrence Counties are all part of that agreement.

The underwater ROV (remotely operated vehicle) was acquired by FIVCO through a grant to enhance regional emergency response capabilities. The interlocal

agreement will make the vehicle available to all counties included in the agreement, though it will remain the property of FIVCO. Per the interlocal agreement, that agency can, if it so chooses, appoint a “custodial county” where it can be housed and maintained.

“Today I attended our monthly FIVCO Board meeting, and am excited to announce that we have obtained an underwater drone, the ‘Deep Trekker,’ for regional emergency search and response use,” Combs wrote.

“The board has determined to house the unit at either the Grayson Fire Department or the Ashland Fire Department,” Combs continued.

“Regardless, it will serve the entire five county area in local underwater search efforts. Proud to have this tool at the ready for our emergency response teams.”

As with most unmanned or “drone” vehicles, the “Deep Trekker” can access areas that larger equipment and human responders are unable to access. The new drone’s initial design and purpose was to inspect ship hulls as well as many other deep sea applications, but the ROV can prove to be a crucial tool for local emergency responders in an area with many streams, large ponds, rivers, and even the Grayson Lake area.

Combs said he was pleased with FIVCO’s

proactive stance on keeping the area development district safe and supporting local first responders.

“I think it will be a wonderful, highly useful addition to the tools already used by our network of first responders,” Combs said. “It (the ROV) can save crucial time, and that might ultimately save lives. And that is the top priority of every first responder not only in our own area, but in every area.”

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Garden

from A-2

overheating.

For more informa-tion about planting a fall garden, contact the Carter County Extension office. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender

expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or men-tal disability.

Upcoming Events:

- The Olive Hill Farmer’s Market is located in the Save-a-Lot parking lot and is open on Wednes-days & Saturdays from 8:00 AM until sell out. The Grayson Farmer’s Market is open on Sat-urdays at 9:00 AM and

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM until sell out and is located in the shed behind the Extension Office. There will be a pop-up market at the Carter Caves camp-ground on August 20th at 4:00. Customer appreci-ation days will be held in Grayson on August 25th from 2:00-3:30 and in Olive Hill on August 26th from 8:30-10:00.

- The Extension Office is currently offering free hay testing through the

East KY Hay Contest. If you are interested, please call 474-6686 to sched-ule your appointment. Participants will receive a free nutrient analysis of their hay.

- Hike & Learn – August 20th - Carter Caves State Resort Park Raven Bridge Trail – Meet on the front porch of the lodge at 2:00 PM.

CALENDAR

- **8/19: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @** 8 a.m. | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **8/20: Hike & Learn @** 2 p.m. | Carter Caves State Resort Park Raven Bridge Trail | Meet at lodge front porch
- **8/20: Pop up Farmer's Market @** 4 p.m. | Carter Caves Campground
- **8/20: Grayson Book Club @** 6 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **8/20: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce @** 6 p.m. | Commercial Bank of Grayson - Olive Hill
- **8/21: Sit & Sew @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **8/22: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @** 8 a.m. | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **8/22: Grayson Farmer's Market @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Office Market Shed
- **8/22: Back to School Giveaway @** 9 a.m. | Lower Grassy Church of Christ | Includes clothing, toiletries, and hair cut gift certificates. Students must be present for toiletries and gift certificates.
- **8/24: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **8/24: Open Art Studio @** 10 a.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **8/24: Girl Scouts meeting @** 6:30 p.m. | Carter Coun-ty Public Library - Grayson
- **8/25: Grayson Farmer's Market @** 2 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office Market Shed
- **8/25: Building Club @** 4 p.m. | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill

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Pet of the Week

Nova is a female mixed breed, around four years old. This good girl walks on a leash, knows her basic commands, and gets along well with other dogs. Nova is also up to date on all her shots, spayed, and has a free adoption to an approved home. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her or call 475-9771 for more information.

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



CITY OF GRAYSON

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

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Strength from A-2

it may not be realistic to maintain the same workout routine you had in the summer. That doesn't mean giving up, it means adjusting expectations. Instead of asking, "How can I fit everything in?" try asking, "Where can I add movement into what I'm already doing?"

Make Use of Built-In Opportunities

Many parents spend hours each week at after-school practices and games. Instead of sitting on the sidelines, or worse, scrolling on your phone, use that time intentionally:

- Walk laps around the field or gym
- Perform simple body-weight circuits
- Stretch or work on mobility

- Head to a nearby gym during practice time
 - These small bouts of movement add up and help maintain momentum.
- 15-Minute Sideline Workout. No equipment required — repeat the circuit as time allows
- Warm-Up (3 minutes)
 - Walk or march in place— 1 minute
 - Arm circles and torso rotations – 30 sec
 - Bodyweight squats – 1 minute
- Circuit (10 minutes) Perform each exercise for 40 seconds, rest 20 seconds, then move to the next. Repeat the circuit twice.
 - Squats
 - Walking lunges or stationary lunges
 - Push-ups (incline on

bleachers/bench or knees if needed)

- Standing rows with resistance band or plank shoulder taps
- Glute bridges or step-ups on bleachers

- Cool Down (2 minutes)
- •Light walking
- •Stretch hips, calves, chest, and shoulders

This short session maintains strength, boosts energy, and reduces stress, all while staying present for your athlete.

Shorter Workouts Still Count

Exercise doesn't have to be long to be effective. Even 10–20 minutes of focused movement can improve mood and energy, reduce stress, maintain strength and cardiovascular fitness.

Time Management Is a Health Skill

Staying active during busy seasons often comes down to planning: Schedule movement like an appointment, keep workout shoes or bands in the car, choose consistency over perfection

Adaptability Is the Real Win

Every stage of life brings different demands. The most successful fitness routines are flexible, not rigid. Doing something, even less than usual, is far more powerful than stopping altogether.

The Takeaway

August reminds us that progress doesn't require perfect conditions. It requires showing up in whatever way your current

season allows.

Stay consistent. Stay adaptable. Keep moving.

About the Author

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OBITUARY

Sandra J. "Sandy" Collins, 89
1936 – 2026



Sandra J. "Sandy" Collins, 89, of Olive Hill, Ky, entered into rest, Tuesday morning, August 11, 2026, at her residence. She was born, September 10, 1936, in Olive Hill, to the late Eldon "Curly" and Nadine Gertrude Cartee Armstrong.

After graduating from Erie School, she attended Morehead College, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree and began what would become a lifelong dedication to education. For more than 32 years, she served as a teacher with the Carter County Board of Education, beginning her career at Carter City High School, transferring to Olive Hill Elementary (on the hill), and finishing her career at the new Olive Hill Elementary once it was opened.

In a small community such as Olive Hill, a teacher's influence has a way of reaching far beyond the walls of a classroom. Over the course of her career, she taught multiple generations of Carter County families, often finding former students returning years later with children of their own. Through more than three decades of teaching, she became part of the lives and memories of countless students and families within the community. Retirement did little to lessen her love for education, as she continued working as a substitute teacher, in the classrooms and schools that had been such an important part of her life.

Sandy's Christian faith was another constant throughout her life. She was a lifelong member of First Christian Church in Olive Hill, where she shared many years of faith and fellowship with her church family.

She valued being an active part of her community and enjoyed the friendships and fellowship she found through her many involvements. She was a proud 50-year member of Olive Hill Chapter #290, Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Carter County Retired Teachers Association, and along with her husband, the Carter County Cruisers.

Sandy also loved collecting beautiful things,

but few collections brought her as much delight as her snowmen. Over the years, she gathered an impressive and much-loved collection in all shapes, sizes, and styles. Each one seemed to have its own personality and place, and together they became a familiar reflection of something she loved dearly – Christmas.

Christmas was, without question, her favorite season. She loved the decorations, the music, the traditions, the gatherings, and the special warmth that seemed to accompany that time of year. Her love for Christmas went deeper than the festivities, however. She cherished both the season and the reason for its celebration, embracing the faith, joy, generosity and togetherness it represents. For her, Christmas, was not simply a day on the calendar but a season to be treasured and shared with the people she loved.

In addition to her parents, Sandy was preceded in death by her husband of forty-five years, William N. "Bill" Collins; one son, Micheal J. Collins, and her goddaughter, Victoria Lee Cartee.

She is survived by one son, W. Stephen "Steve" Collins (Kathleen Holbrook) of Lexington, KY; one sister, Judy Sheets of Raeford, NC; four grandchildren, Ryan Stephen Collins of Hampton, VA, William Levi Collins of Lexington, KY, and David and Micheala Collins, both of North Carolina; six great-grandchildren, and a special nephew, Philip A. Sheets. In addition to these, she leaves behind a host of other family and friends that will greatly miss her and cherish her memory.

Funeral services were conducted at 12:00 PM (Noon), Friday, August 14, 2026, at the Duvall & Moore Funeral Home & Cremation Service with Bro. Adam Foster and Larry Hall officiating. Burial followed at the Olive Hill Memory Gardens.

Friends visited from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Thursday, August 13, 2026, and 9:00 AM until the time of service, Friday, August 14, 2026, at the Duvall and Moore Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 149 Whitt Street, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Eastern Star services were conducted at 7:00 PM, Thursday, August 13, 2026.

Ryan Collins, Philip Sheets, David Carroll, Tony Williams, Steve Collins, and Tony James served as pallbearers.

Online condolences can be made at www.duvall-landmoore.com

Pauline Meade Holbrook
1937 – 2026



Pauline Meade Holbrook, age 88, of Grayson Kentucky, passed away Thursday, August 13, 2026, at Carter Nursing and Rehabilitation in Grayson, Kentucky.

She was born Thursday, August 26, 1937, in Johnson County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late James and Hattie Greenhill Meade.

She attended Kirk Memorial Baptist. She enjoyed reading her Bible, going to church, cooking and spending time with her son and her dog Buddy.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Donald Owen

Holbrook; four brothers, Gene Meade, Norman Meade, Junior Meade, Joe Meade; three sisters, Ann Menix, Marie Branham and Irene Marshall; one nephew, who was raised as a brother, Tommy Fisher.

Pauline is survived by one son, Donald Ray Holbrook of Grayson, Kentucky; many nieces and nephew, along with many other friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Bobby Day officiating. Burial followed in McKinney Cemetery in Olive Hill.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Monday, August 17, 2026, after 9 a.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2026, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Pauline Meade Holbrook.

Carolyn Lorraine Prichard Davis
1926 – 2026



Carolyn Lorraine Prichard Davis, 100, of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away on August 6, 2026, in Lexington. She was born on May 12, 1926, in Johns Run, Kentucky. She lived a long and meaningful life marked by family, her work and the many joys she celebrated with an adventurous, and loving spirit.

She was the wife of the late V. Edward Davis, and together they raised 7 children. Carolyn is survived by her three sons, Eugene "Gene" Davis (Pat) of Auburn, Washington, Chuck Davis (Jan) of Dayton, Ohio, and Jerry Davis of Lexington, Kentucky, and her four daughters, Barbara Stacy of Lexington, Kentucky, Mary Davis Barton (Michael) of Richmond, Virginia, Sharon Wilham (Ralph) of Lexington, Kentucky, and Janet White (Richard) of Sturgis, Kentucky. She was a proud and loving grandmother to 10 grandchildren, and she cherished her 13 great-grandchildren.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Fleming Prichard and Virginia Mae Kitchen

Prichard, her husband Edward Davis, her son-in-law Larry Stacy, her brothers John Carlton Prichard, Harlan Prichard, and Lawrence Prichard, her sisters Nancy June Prichard and Georgia Belle Prichard. She is survived by her sister Dorothy Abbott of Bridgeton, New Jersey, and her brothers James Prichard, Herbert Prichard, and Allen Lewis Prichard of Grayson, Kentucky.

Carolyn was a member of Centenary Methodist Church. and volunteered in the church nursery and with Alpha. She took art classes through the Osher program at the University of Kentucky and was an accomplished artist. She devoted herself to teaching starting with a one room school at Music Kentucky and retiring after teaching 4th grade for 23 years at Star Elementary School, Rush, Kentucky. She touched the lives of many children throughout her teaching career.

Carolyn loved art, gardening, fishing, and traveling. She found joy in the beauty and people of the world around her.

Carolyn will be remembered for her spirit, faith, dedication to education, and love for her family.

In memory of Carolyn, donations may be made to The American Red Cross, The Steam Shop@ Steam Heritage Corporation for the restoration of Engine 2716, the engine Edward was a fireman on, your local food bank, or a charity of your choice.

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

Guest Editorial

The Supreme Court has a message for Kentucky on surveillance: Get a warrant

By Caleb O. Brown and Dan Canon
Kentucky Lantern

Kentucky’s new license plate camera law is now in effect, and it already looks out of step with the Constitution. Just before it took effect, the U.S. Supreme Court handed the commonwealth a warning its lawmakers cannot afford to ignore.

On June 29, the Court ruled in *Chatrie v. United States* that police conduct a Fourth Amendment search when they obtain a person’s location data — even from a private company, and even for a short window of time. In *Chatrie*, that window was two hours. Writing for the Court, Justice Elena Kagan explained that an individual “has a reasonable expectation of privacy in records about his cell phone’s location,” and that the government intrudes on that protected interest “even though for only a limited time, and from a third-party tech company.”

That case was about cell-phone data. But the reasoning lands squarely on the surveillance network Kentucky’s local governments have spent the last few years building through a single vendor: Flock Safety.

A statewide dragnet, city by city

Flock’s automatic license plate readers now operate in at least three dozen Kentucky law enforcement agencies, by the Electronic Frontier Foundation’s count. It’s almost certainly more, since nobody keeps a complete list and several departments have fought to keep their deployments secret.

Louisville Metro Police run at least 240 of the cameras, the figure a deputy chief gave the Metro Council in February with 54 more awaiting installation, and can tap more than 400 additional shared cameras across Jefferson County. Fifteen departments in Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties operate 101 devices among them. Paducah has 32. Vine Grove, a Hardin County town of about 7,000, signed a 10-year deal last November for 10 more readers and seven other cameras, most of them already installed. Kenton County and other localities are weighing their own contracts. The cameras are not targeted tools trained on suspects. They photograph every passing vehicle, read the plate, log the time and place, and pool it all into a cloud database that agencies far beyond Kentucky can search.

The Court’s own words explain why that should trouble anyone who drives. Drawing on its 2018 decision in *Carpenter v. United States*, the majority warned against surveillance that lets police reconstruct a person’s movements after the fact, enabling “tireless and absolute surveillance” of anyone, anywhere. A network of Flock cameras does to drivers what location history did to the defendant in *Chatrie*: it builds what the Court, again quoting *Carpenter*, called “an intimate window into a person’s life,” capable of showing who visited a doctor, attended a protest or went to church.

The majority also dismantled the government’s favorite fallback claim. The so-called “third party doctrine” states that once you hand information to a private company, you forfeit any privacy claim to it. The Court refused to let that doctrine swallow location data, holding that such records are “not truly shared” in any ordinary sense. Kentucky agencies that route their surveillance through a private camera vendor and then treat the resulting database as fair game should read that passage closely.

At least one Kentucky city has already acted on that reasoning. In July of this year, Newport ended its Flock pilot and ordered the cameras pulled. Assistant City Manager Brian Steffen said the city had reviewed *Chatrie* with its attorney and concluded that the ruling’s concerns about tracking people’s movements could become a problem for Flock. The technology worked, he said. It “just leaves too many open questions where we’re at right now.”

The gap the new law left open

This is not a hypothetical risk. In early 2025, a federal Drug Enforcement Administration agent used a Louisville Metro Police detective’s login to run roughly 150 immigration-related searches of the city’s Flock system, without the detective’s knowledge. The searches did not become public until that November, and three officers were ultimately disciplined. But that agent was a fraction of the problem. Reporters at the Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting found Louisville’s Flock network had been queried roughly 1,700 times with immigration-related keywords in the first half of 2025 alone,

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It isn’t about me

Well, it isn’t usually about me, anyway.

There are a lot of things that go into making a newspaper, and anyone who tells you they enjoy every single one of those things is not being completely honest with themselves or anyone else. But, like any other job, you do the things you don’t particularly enjoy because those things are as necessary as the things you do actually enjoy, and once they are all put together you have a good product to present to the readers.

That is the goal at the end of the day, of course. It doesn’t really matter if I have a personal interest in each topic I write about because I am not writing the story for me to read. I already have the information, so writing to inform me would quite honestly be self-indulgent at best and a waste of time at worst. No, the whole purpose of writing the story is to inform the reader who may not have that information or needs more of it.

Fortunately for everyone concerned, I do have a very broad range of interests, though. I can with complete honesty say that I like both cars and comic books, I enjoy music (sort of stuck on ‘70s Rock and Country) and movies, and I am a huge fan of food and really strong coffee.

Honestly, whether I like something or not, there aren’t many things that I truly dislike ... except perhaps deadlines, as my editor can tell you, because I often

come screaming into the end of the week sideways like a battered pickup truck with four bald tires and nothing but an emergency brake.

I have been doing this for some time now and have discovered something that sort of goes along with the like, tolerate, dislike thing. Somehow along the way I discovered that there seems to be something that I do enjoy about every story even if it is only the satisfaction that I tried to be part of the solution instead of being part of the problem or simply a bystander. And there are perks in the most surprising places. I don’t particularly enjoy sitting for hours at public meetings, but I do enjoy talking to the people themselves.

And sometimes (see paragraph four) these public meetings have food and coffee. Not only that, but sometimes a wonderful councilwoman makes probably the best cornbread I have ever eaten. I tried to convince them to pass an ordinance funding that cornbread, but sadly my “motion” never went to a vote. Perhaps next time, and in the interest of public enrichment, I will revisit my “motion.”

The point is I don’t have to actively “like” something to write a story about it. Someone, somewhere, does actually “like” that topic and would enjoy hearing more about it. And who knows, once I start gathering information I might discover that there are

See ME on A-8

Universal truths aren't always so

History tends to remember leaders for the battles they fought or the territories they conquered. We think of Napoleon, Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan. But the Roman Emperor Diocletian is remembered for something far more unusual.

When he became emperor in 284 AD, the empire was teetering on collapse. Decades of political instability and economic decline had left Rome vulnerable to forces both internal and external. Over the next twenty years, Diocletian imposed reforms that restored order and fundamentally reshaped the empire. By any measure, he had become the most powerful man in the known world.

Then, at the age of 62, he did the unthinkable. He voluntarily walked away from it all.

In 305 AD, Diocletian abdicated the throne and returned to the Dalmatian coast, where he was born. There he settled into a quieter life. It was an almost unimaginable decision. Roman emperors died in office, often violently. Never had one surrendered power willingly.

Before long, the stability he had built began to fracture. Rivals fought for control. Diocletian’s allies pleaded with him to return and restore order. According to the fifth-century Epitome de Caesaribus, he politely declined. "If you could see the cabbages I have planted here with my own hands," he replied, "you surely would never have thought to request this."

The response is revealing because it exposes how we project ourselves onto others. His allies assumed that what mattered most to them must also matter to him. They could not conceive of someone who had possessed unlimited power genuinely prefer the satisfaction of a peaceful life growing vegetables.

We still make that mistake.

It is easy to assume that our ambitions are universal. We instinctively measure success by the standards that motivate us. If we value career advancement, we wonder why someone would decline a promotion. If

we champion a cause, we struggle to understand why another person might not care. If we long to travel the world, we cannot imagine someone perfectly content never leaving home.

Yet, not everyone wants to take the same road on a map. Fulfillment is not found in achieving the same destination. It comes from discovering the route that genuinely fits the person making the journey.

The danger comes when we begin evaluating other people’s lives through the lens of our own priorities. We call someone unambitious because they declined an opportunity we would have embraced. We assume another person has settled because they stopped climbing a ladder we ourselves are eager to ascend. In reality, they may simply be pursuing a different definition of success.

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tion of a life well lived. Perhaps wisdom is not found in convincing everyone to share our aspirations. It lies in recognizing that we’ve each been created with different gifts and callings. Some are called to lead nations,

others to serve neighbors. Some write books that reach millions, while others speak encouragement that changes a single life. A meaningful life should be measured not by how impressive it appears to everyone else, but by

whether the person has found their own personal purpose. That is why Diocletian's decision still resonates seventeen centuries later. His cabbages were never really the point. They simply represented a life he had

freely chosen over one the rest of the world considered more important. There is freedom when you no longer feel compelled to chase someone else's definition of success. There is grace in allowing others to pursue their own

without questioning whether they should want what we want. Neither comes easily. Both are worth the struggle. Not every life is meant to build an empire. Some are meant to cultivate a garden. The measure of ei-

ther is not found in others’ opinions, but in whether a person finds their own achievement.

■ **Joyful Noise** from A-2

4. If you are praying for your family, pray Acts 16:31. God you said if I believe in you, I will be saved – me and my household. So, I am standing in faith for my family. Draw their hearts closer to You and cover our home.
5. If it feels like more

than you can bear, pray Psalm 55:22. God, you said to cast my burden on you, and you will sustain me. So, I am giving you what feels too heavy for me. Hold me, strengthen me, and help me not carry this alone.
6. If you need peace,

pray Philippians 4:6-7. God, you said when I bring everything to you in prayer, your peace will guard my heart and mind. So, I am bringing this to you instead of carrying it in fear.
7. If you feel weak, pray Isaiah 40:31. God, you said

those who wait on you will renew their strength. So, I am choosing to wait with expectation, not exhaustion. Renew what has been drained in me.
Prayer: Dear God, I know you are a promise keeper. Help me to speak your promises out loud ev-

ery day. Help me trust your timing and believe that you are faithful to what you said.
Amen! So be it!
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Caleb & John headline night of contemporary Christian music at The Center for Rural Development on Sept. 13

SOMERSET, KENTUCKY — Christian music duo Caleb & John will make their first appearance at The Center for Rural Development's Cornelia Dozier Cooper Theatre on Sunday, September 13, 2026. A Kentucky-based worship band, People of the Earth will open the evening of music. With a No. 1 Christian radio hit under their belt ("Somebody Like Me"), two K-LOVE Fan Award nominations, and two viral Facebook videos, this high-energy duo is keeping the momentum going with its newest single, "Finished," an upbeat, anthemic reminder that no matter what life looks like, God isn't done yet. The duo came to music through very different paths. Caleb, a pastor's son and classically trained musician, grew up listening to Christian radio. John, one of six children and the only boy, taught himself guitar and piano through YouTube videos and developed a gritty, roots-inspired sound. While touring and

performing with artists including Sam Hunt, CAIN, Katy Nichole, and Anne Wilson, the two were introduced by a mutual friend. What began as a casual jam session quickly evolved into a creative partnership that brought out the best in both musicians. Their blend of Caleb's pop sensibilities and John's raw edge has created a signature sound that is joyful, bold, and rooted in faith. Their debut single, "Hallelujah Feeling," reached No. 3 on the Christian charts and introduced listeners to their vibrant style. It was "Somebody Like Me," featuring CAIN, however, that struck an even deeper chord, earning the duo its first No. 1 Christian radio hit and introducing its music to a rapidly growing fan base. With "Finished," Caleb & John continue their mission of spreading hope. The song is an anthem for anyone who has felt like giving up—a declaration that even when we feel broken, God is still writing

our story. "We want our music to remind people that God isn't finished with them," Caleb says. "We've both lived that truth. It's personal." Two different backgrounds. One unified message. Caleb & John are just getting started, and the joy is contagious. The evening opening performance will be People of the Earth, a Kentucky-based worship group that released its debut album, We Are People of the Earth, in 2015 and has since toured nationwide at camps, conferences, and festivals. The group followed that release with the 2017 EP In All Things, which led to an exclusive worldwide distribution deal with Capitol Christian Music Group in 2018. The band has amassed more than 10 million streams and has become a featured artist on many of the most influential Christian and worship playlists across streaming platforms. Comprised of Somerset natives Dustin Fenison, Jorge



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Lopez Jr., Steve Hampton, Josh Lopez, Rhyan Shirley, and Jason Richard, the group's sound is influenced by artists including Toto, Duran Duran, and 1980s pop music. Dustin Fenison summarizes the heart behind the band's vision: "We celebrate the gospel, and then we are healed again by it. Then we celebrate it some more. It's in this cycle that the songs

on this project were born. We hope listeners experience this in their own lives. Further, we pray people hear the gospel message woven throughout these songs and that it encourages and strengthens them in the Lord." Tickets for Caleb & John with People of the Earth on Sunday, September 13, start at \$35.50, including taxes and fees. Veterans and active-duty

military personnel will receive a \$5 discount per ticket. Tickets may be purchased at The Center's Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., by calling (606) 677-6000, or online at www.CenterTech.com. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. People of the Earth will take the stage at 6 p.m., followed by Caleb & John at 7 p.m.

■ **Flock** from A-1

pig to deal with. Council began their regular meeting by recognizing guests, and he first guest recognized was Deborah Pack, who spoke before the council to discuss the story of Hayden the Miracle Pig. “I have a crazy story, but I am going to tell you anyway,” Pack began. “I am here on behalf of Delegate Brian Smith and Hayden the pig.” “The reason I am here is that both of them have a testimony,” Pack told the council. “Brian is a delegate from West Virginia, and he had a surgery that paralyzed him.” Pack told the council that Smith’s surgery had left him paralyzed from the waist down and that doctors had told him he would never walk again. “But now he is walking,” Pack said. “Hayden was born with a rare, life-threatening birth defect. What he had is called a Diaphragmic Hernia,” Pack continued. “It left a hole in his diaphragm, and his liver went up into his chest. He

is the only known living pig in the United States with this condition.” Pack said the day before the council meeting that Hayden had gone to the West Virginia state capital. “They gave him a proclamation,” Pack told the council. “It stated he is a miracle pig.” The end result, she said, was that the delegate and the pig have joined forces to show people that there is always hope and that nothing is impossible. “So, Brian and Hayden are going from town to town, and they are letting people know that there is hope,” Pack said. “No matter what you are going through, no matter what changes are coming to you and at you, if you have faith and you have hope, miracles happen. Our journey is leading us to the White House.” Pack said that they plan to go to the state capital in Frankfort, but along the way they will visit as many small towns as possible and tell Smith and Hayden’s story in each. “And we are hoping you will support this

because this area needs these types of stories. There is a lot of depression in this area and a lot of challenges,” Pack said. The story they are sharing, she said, can help people remember to hope. Pack did not ask the city council for any monetary support, but rather that the city recognize Hayden, Smith, and their amazing stories. The city council, after hearing Pack’s presentation, is considering a resolution at the September meeting that will officially recognize the miracle pig, Hayden. Another guest to speak to council was local attorney Justin Criswell, who spoke on what he believed were serious drawbacks to the Flock Security Cameras many cities in the region have been utilizing. Criswell, a resident of Grayson, provided the council with a detailed packet of information which demonstrated, among other issues, the unreliability of the cameras. Included in the packet was a report that Flock cameras “misread license

plates in 71 percent of the alerts it sent to police.” That report was from the California city of Roseville, a suburb of Sacramento. In that report, one example identified the same individual’s car as stolen and used in the commission of a felony. In the same packet another report stated that police “used ALPR camera networks to keep tabs on their romantic interests, including current partners, exes, and even strangers who unwittingly caught their eye in public.” The report states also that those caught indulging in such behavior were fired or resigned. The cameras, designed ideally to prevent crime or assist in the investigation of such, have a questionable track record. Atlanta’s network of more than 28,000 such cameras, according to the data provided by Criswell, has not improved the city’s crime clearance rates. But perhaps the most telling indictment of the camera inefficiency – not to mention questionable respect for individual

privacy – come from integration with Amazon Ring. The security device company cancelled its partnership with Flock as a result of a backlash following a Super Bowl advertisement. The advertisement highlighted a “search party” feature, ostensibly to locate lost pets. When the user initiates this feature, it activates a network of participating cameras, which scans footage for images resembling the lost pet. This, theoretically, without the permission of the owner of participating cameras, essentially turning the network into a surveillance grid that The Electronic Frontier Foundation refers to as a “surveillance nightmare.” It’s a nightmare that Criswell said Grayson should consider avoiding, even as their neighbors opt in. “These Flock Cameras have infected everyone around us,” Criswell told council. “Huntington, Russell, Morehead, and Ashland. Everyone has cameras now. Luckily, we

don’t. What I’m asking is to keep this from happening.” “It is my legal opinion that Flock data will violate the Fourth Amendment (the amendment to the United States Constitution that protects the public from unlawful governmental search and seizure),” Criswell told the council. “Flock will tell you this data is used to solve crimes,” Criswell said. But the actual data, he said, tells an almost opposite story. Criswell urged the council to seriously weigh all the available data before deciding whether or not to make use of Flock Cameras or any similar devices. The matter was not on the agenda, and no vote was taken or ordinance passed, but the council thanked Criswell for the information. *Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com*

Hitchins Volunteer Fire Department responds to severe storm damage

HITCHINS — The Hitchins Volunteer Fire Department had an extremely busy Tuesday, August 11, as a powerful storm moved through the area, leaving widespread damage throughout the department’s district. In approximately a two-hour period, firefighters responded to 15 calls involving storm-related damage. Calls included

trees falling on or into homes, vehicles damaged by falling trees, multiple trees blocking roadways, downed power lines, splintered power poles, a barn that lost its roof, and a church that sustained damage after trees fell onto the structure. With two trucks operating throughout the district, Hitchins firefighters worked continuously to

help residents and reopen roadways. Crews cut and removed trees that were blocking roads, checked hazardous areas, and reported downed power lines to dispatch so that AEP could be notified. Those working throughout the storm response included Chief Greg Shaffer, safety officer Lettie Marcum, Captain Robert Knipp, firefighter

John McKinney, firefighter Amanda Knipp, and firefighter Kyle Wages. Carter County Emergency Management was also on scene, with EM1 assessing damage throughout the area and working alongside emergency responders to identify and document the storm's impact. The department’s response continued into

Wednesday, August 12, when two additional calls came in for trees down. Chief Greg Shaffer responded to both incidents, with assistance from the Grayson Fire Department on one of the calls. Despite the extensive damage, local emergency responders worked together to accomplish a common goal: getting the main roads reopened,

addressing hazards, and helping the residents of our community. The Hitchins Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank all of the firefighters, dispatchers, emergency management personnel, neighboring fire departments, utility crews, and everyone else who worked together during the storm response.

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“This is what being part of a community is all about,” a spokesperson for the department said. “When our neighbors need help, we come together and get the job done.”

The Hitchins Volunteer Fire Department reminds

residents to continue using caution around downed trees, damaged structures, and especially downed or damaged power lines. Never approach a downed power line and always report it to the proper authorities.

The storm may have caused the damage, but our community showed its strength by coming together to help one another.



■ Warrant from A-5

by agencies in more than a dozen states.

The problem was never one rogue agent. It was a system without guardrails that made the abuse possible. Louisville’s failure was a shared password. Elsewhere the vector has been Flock’s national lookup network, which lets out-of-state and federal agencies query a city’s data without local officials knowing. The result is the same either way, and dozens of cities have now canceled or rejected Flock contracts — 47 cancellations by the count of DeFlock, which tracks the industry — with federal and immigration-agency access a leading driver.

Louisville’s response to all this has not been transparency. Metro Government went to court this year to keep surveillance records secret, and in April the Metro Council voted to keep the cameras’ locations from the public. Residents cannot learn where they are being photographed, much less who has been searching for them.

Kentucky lawmakers took action this year, but new privacy protections are lacking. Some provisions are counterproductive. House Bill 58, from Rep. John Hodgson, was signed into law in April and is now in effect. It caps data retention, limits government use to public safety and a handful of transportation purposes, and bars agencies from selling the data.

Those provisions are worth having. But the law is a weak half-measure that ultimately carved

out special exemptions letting insurers, lenders and their agents reach the data — robbing the bill of its status as serious privacy protection. It is one thing to debate whether police should hold a searchable log of every driver’s movements; it is another to route that log to private companies whose interest in it has nothing to do with public safety. That is not a loophole around the edges. It is a channel built into the statute, and it deserves far more scrutiny than it got.

Most importantly, the law stops short of the one protection the Supreme Court has now made unavoidable: it does not require a warrant before law enforcement — or a federal agency piggybacking on a local system — can query historical location data. That is precisely the search the Court just held the Fourth Amendment protects. A 90-day retention limit still leaves 90 days of every Kentuckian’s movements sitting in a searchable database, reachable without a judge’s sign-off.

Chatrie left one question for another day — whether a properly limited warrant can satisfy the Constitution’s demands for probable cause and particularity. The officers in that case, it is worth noting, had at least gone to a magistrate first. What the Court settled is the question Kentucky’s Flock contracts have been dodging: government access to your location is a search. Searches, absent some recognized exception, require a warrant. House Bill 58

does not ask anyone even to try.

Kentucky’s congressional delegation has noticed the problem even if Frankfort has not. Rep. Thomas Massie said in late July that he will soon sponsor a bill to withhold federal money from municipalities and police departments that “deploy Flock (and other style) cameras to surveil law abiding citizens.” The General Assembly should not wait for Washington to move first on a surveillance network Kentucky agencies built themselves.

Used with real oversight, plate readers can help solve crimes and find missing people. Lexington police credited their cameras with recovering 283 stolen vehicles and locating 22 missing people in the program’s first two years. But Kentuckians should not have to choose between public safety and the right to move freely without being tracked, catalogued and made available for inspection by any agency or corporation that asks. Privacy is not a loophole for criminals. It is a precondition for a free society, and the Supreme Court just said so in as many words. The General Assembly took a small, flawed first step. Now it should finish the job.

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things about that topic that are of personal interest to me. It has happened before and no doubt will happen again. At least I hope so. One of the perks of the job; along with cornbread, of course.

So, I have to say, if you like or are interested in something then I am too. It is my job, for one thing. News isn’t just facts and figures, laws and events, or even road maintenance and new businesses. Those things are extremely important, but sometimes you need a good cup of coffee to wash all that down. It isn’t just headlines and bylines; sometimes it’s about something our kids are doing to make their community better. Sometimes it’s about what local organizations are doing to help those same kids become better adults.

Whether we realize it or not, there is always something going on in our community that is of value and worthy of a story. Local churches are feeding people who are hungry,

other organizations are clothing people who might struggle just to afford a pair of shoes. We just have to open our eyes (and the newspaper) to see what those people are doing. And maybe along the way help out a little ourselves. We are all in this together, after all. It would be much more lonely if we weren’t.

If there is something you “like,” then please do me the courtesy of dropping me an email so I can see if I “like” it too. My email is in the byline, or you can try to catch me when I go see my editor once a week at The Nook & Cranny Coffee Shop. I will no doubt be drinking coffee (and eating the occasional sandwich or pastry) and annoying customers. You might not want to make eye contact, though, because I talk a lot. About everything. And I might even know what I’m talking about sometimes.

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