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Grayson man still missing

Family and friends continue to search for David Stallard

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

A Grayson man who went missing earlier this month, David Stallard, was still missing as of Monday, August 24, more than three weeks after he was last seen by friends and family. Angela Ramey said that Stallard, who she has been friends with since she was three years old, has never been gone more than a couple of days without

contacting her. But Stallard has been missing since August 2, twenty-two days, and Ramey has not heard anything from her childhood friend.

“We grew up together and went through high school together,” Ramey said. “He was the person who, no matter how big of a mess I was, he was there for me. If I had a problem, he would help me figure it out.”

Ramey said she feels bad because if the roles were reversed, she believes he would have already found her before now.

“I guarantee it,” Ramey said sadly.

Ramey said the problem began when there were multiple fires on the hill (Henderson

Cemetery Road off Route 2) where Stallard lived.

“I say multiple fires because there were multiple fires set. He was building a house,” she said. “And he was so proud of his house. Every time I was near there, he would say, Angie, you’ve got to see what I’ve got done to the house.”

The house that Stallard was so proud of, Ramey said, was one of the fires that had been set. There was also a truck parked next to the under-construction house that had also been burned.

“There was also a tent that was burned,” Ramey said. “And a camper that was burned.”

According to Ramey,

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David Stallard holding his grandchild. (submitted photo)

Thanks, Dawnita

City recognizes clerk for service

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Grayson City Council held a special meeting last Thursday, August 20, to finalize certain business items before the end of the month. Mayor Troy Combs informed the council that he had appointed Bob Thomas and Diane Ferguson to fill the vacant positions on the Grayson Tourism Commission. Thomas will be filling the position as a member at large, and Ferguson will be filling the position as a representative of the hotel board.

The council voted unanimously to approve these appointments. Thomas and Ferguson are residents of the City of Grayson, and both are expected to assume their positions immediately. Ferguson was unable to be present at the council meeting, but Thomas was present and also attended the special, called tourism meeting that followed the city council meeting.

The city also discussed bids for paving projects, and voted to approve the bid submitted by Mountain Enterprises. The council also voted to surplus out two fire engines, Engine 1, a Pierce, and Engine 6, a

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City clerk Dawnita May and Grayson Mayor Troy Combs. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Grayson tourism welcomes new board members

Hears from mayor on funding opportunities for additional amenities

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Grayson Tourism Commission met in a rescheduled regular meeting on Thursday, August 20. The August meeting was an evening meeting, which the Tourism Commission holds once per quarter, with regularly scheduled meetings typically taking place at 10 a.m. All meetings are open to the public, though executive



(Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

sessions, held during some meetings, typically involve sensitive information and are reserved for tourism commission members.

Grayson Mayor Troy Combs spoke to the commission

concerning the approval of the commission’s budget, and the approval of the funding request for next year’s budget. Combs reiterated to the commission that there were grants

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Weekly arrests report

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

- Charles Lester, 48, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, charges unavailable, arrested and booked August 19.
- Amber Lester, 44, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of fourth degree assault – domestic violence (with minor injury), arrested and booked August 19.
- Arturo Moreno, 37, of Greenup, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of failure to or improper signal, no operator’s license, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol,

possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked August 20, and on a hold from release by ICE, for deportation.

- Kyle Greer, 30, of Grayson, arrested by Department of Corrections, on a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked August 20.
- Matthew Pfau, 43, arrested by Grayson PD, charges unavailable, arrested and booked August 21.
- Casey Lee, 33, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of second degree assault – domestic violence, arrested and booked August 21.
- Randy Lucas, 60, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of first degree possession of a controlled substance

- (methamphetamine), arrested and booked August 21.
- David Harlow, 48, of Grayson, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked August 21.
- Danny Withrow, 39, arrested by Carter County District Court, charges unavailable, arrested and booked August 21.
- James Rucker, 63, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on five counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, and a probation violation (for a felony offense), arrested and booked August 22.
- Andy Bradley, 46, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of speeding 26 MPH or more over the limit, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, failure to produce an insurance card, and no or expired registration receipt, arrested and booked August 22.

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This Week’s Obituaries

Joseph Carl "Joey" Back, 50

Tommla Lee Callihan, 65

Tammy Jo Brown Fannin, 64

Kelly Michelle Mabry Prichard, 52

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LIFESTYLE



Breakfast happens in the morning, so make it ahead

The trouble with breakfast isn't knowing it's important. The trouble is that it happens in the morning.

On busy school and work-days, breakfast competes with alarm clocks, missing homework, lost permission slips and grumpy people who insist they aren't hungry until three minutes before leaving the house.

This make-ahead breakfast combines the sweet-and-savory appeal of a famous fast-food sandwich with sheet-pan convenience. Instead of making pancakes, eggs and sausage while hunting for missing socks, we bake the whole delicious mess together.

The result is a fluffy, maple-kissed pancake filled with sausage and scrambled eggs. Cut

it into squares for the table or grab-and-go breakfasts.

Make a batch over the weekend and freeze the squares. On a hectic Wednesday morning, Future you will be deeply grateful to past you. You may even forgive you for leaving dishes in the sink.

Use maple or regular breakfast sausage. Real maple syrup adds gentle sweetness; optional maple extract boosts the flavor without the stickiness. Cheddar is delicious but not necessary.

Serve with fruit, applesauce or maple syrup. Because everything is baked inside, the squares are tidy enough to eat on the run, although preferably not while literally running.

MAPLE SAUSAGE AND EGG SHEET-PAN PANCAKES

Yield: 12 to18 portions
Total Time: 45 mins., plus cooling

For the filling:

- 1 pound maple or regular breakfast sausage
- 8 large eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, optional

For the pancake batter:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
3 cups buttermilk
3 large eggs
1/4 cup pure maple syrup
6 tablespoons butter, melted and slightly cooled
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon maple extract, optional

Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly grease a 13-by-18-inch rimmed sheet pan, then line the bottom with parchment paper. Grease the parchment.

Cook sausage in a large skillet over medium heat, breaking it into small crumbles, until browned and completely cooked. Transfer sausage to a paper towel-lined plate to drain and cool. Leave about 1 tablespoon of drippings in the skillet, if desired.

Whisk 8 eggs with salt and pepper. Pour into the skillet and cook over medium-low heat, stirring gently, until softly scrambled but still glossy. Remove from heat (the eggs will finish cooking in the oven). Let cool for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. In another bowl, whisk buttermilk, 3 eggs, maple syrup, melted butter, vanilla and maple extract, if using. Pour wet ingredients into dry



Maple Sausage and Egg Sheet-Pan Pancakes put an entire hot breakfast into one freezer-friendly, grab-and-go square. (Photo Credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

ingredients and stir just until combined. A few small lumps are perfectly acceptable.

Gently fold the cooled sausage, scrambled eggs and cheese, if using, into the batter. Spread evenly in the prepared pan.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden, lightly puffed and a toothpick inserted into the pancake portion comes out clean. Don't overbake.

Cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then cut into squares. Serve warm with maple syrup or freeze.

To make ahead: Cool completely. Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to four days or wrap individual portions and place them in a freezer bag. Freeze for up to two months for best quality.

To reheat from frozen, unwrap and place on a microwave-safe plate. Cover with a paper towel and microwave in 30-second intervals until hot throughout. For crisper edges, finish briefly in a toaster oven or air fryer.

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer Getting outside help

Times, these days, have gotten financially more difficult to maintain our lifestyles. We have higher gas and food prices, and this time of year means we have school and holiday expenses to consider. We are having to prioritize where our money goes and do without special events and services we are used to having access to. I understand because I, too, am living a downsized existence.

Things will improve



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

and when they do you will find that you are able to enjoy some extras that have been put on hold. When spring comes around again, think about prioritizing your expenditures to include hiring someone to help you get your home in order. Now, I know this sounds like a brazen pitch for my services, but actually it's to get you to think about time and money when it comes to the possibility of hiring extra help.

Your time is as valuable as the dollars you earn and hiring a gardener, a

housekeeper, or a caregiver is worth the investment. These are service providers that free you up to take care of more immediate needs like spending more time with your kids, or having meaningful conversations with those close to you that need care. Do some research about what services cost and then negotiate a schedule that is financially feasible.

The benefits are endless when your life is in order. Don't take hiring help as something out of reach, think of it as an answer to living your best life ever.

It's as simple as that!

Send your questions and comments to me at info@confusionsolution.com

Joyful Noise Joy or happiness?

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell for Carter County Times

In the Bible, joy and happiness are both positive emotions, but they differ in their source, stability, and spiritual significance.

Happiness is generally a fleeting, circumstance-based feeling. It arises from favorable external events — such as good news, success, comfort, or pleasure — and can change quickly

when those circumstances shift. Proverbs 15:13 says, “A joyful heart makes a cheerful countenance, but sorrow of the heart crushes the spirit.” This type of happiness is tied to what happens in life and can be displaced by hardship.

Joy, in contrast, is a deep, enduring spiritual blessing rooted in the character, promises, and presence of God, especially in Christ. It is not dependent on external conditions but

on the truth of God's faithfulness. As Scripture puts it, “The joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10). Joy is described as a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is sustained by trust in God's sovereignty and goodness

Happiness comes from what happens; joy comes from who God is and what He has done. Happiness is temporary; joy is lasting, even in trials (James 1:2–4). Happiness is often worldly; joy is divine and rooted in faith.

Job's joy remained de-

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

How much hay do your horses need?

Forage is the foundation of a horse's diet, and for many horse owners, that means hay. Estimating hay needs ahead of time can help you avoid running short, manage costs and make better use of available storage space.

As a general starting point, most mature horses will eat about 2-2.5% of their body weight in forage each day. For many horse owners, that works out to roughly 20 pounds of hay per horse per day, though actual pounds of hay can vary depending on the horse's size, age, workload, body condition and the quality of the hay.

To make a simple estimate, multiply the number of horses you feed by the pounds of hay each horse will need per day. Then multiply that number by the total days you expect to feed hay.

For example, three horses eating about 20 pounds of hay per day would need about 60 pounds of hay daily. If hay is fed for 365 days, that equals 21,900 pounds of hay for the year.

It is also important to account for hay lost during storage or feeding. A good general estimate is to add about 10% to your total



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Extension Agent

hay needs. In the example above, that would add 2,190 pounds, bringing the total hay inventory needed to about 24,090 pounds.

Once you have a total estimate, divide that number by the average weight of your bales. If bales weigh 50 pounds each, 24,090 pounds of hay would equal about 482 bales. If bales weigh 40 pounds each, the same amount of hay would equal about 603 bales.

These numbers are only estimates. Hay quality, storage conditions, feeding methods and the nutritional needs of individual horses can all affect how much hay you need. A forage analysis can help take some of the guesswork out of feeding by showing what nutrients your hay provides. Because hay can vary from one cutting or supplier to the next, testing can help horse owners determine whether their hay meets their horses' needs or if additional feed or supplementation may be needed. Currently, producers can receive forage analysis for free through the East KY Hay Contest.

For help estimating hay needs, preparing a forage sample for testing, understanding hay test results or planning a feed-

ing program, contact your Carter County Extension office. Extension agents can help you find practical, research-based information for your horses, farm and forage situation.

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Upcoming Events:

- The Olive Hill Farmer's Market is located in the Save-a-Lot parking lot and is open on Wednesdays & Saturdays from 8:00 AM until sell out. The Grayson Farmer's Market is open on Saturdays at 9:00 AM and Tuesdays at 2:00 PM until sell out and is located in the shed behind the Extension Office.
- Pesticide Jug Rinse & Return Recycling Program – September 3rd at Kee's Farm Service from 10:00-12:00.

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report			
Feeder cattle traded sharply lower across most classes, pressured by futures declines and weather-related movement issues. Yearlings were mostly 6.00–15.00 lower with plainer cattle sharply discounted. Calf trends were limited due to light receipts while select weight groups showed uneven but occasionally stronger demand. Slaughter cows and bulls were generally 6.00–12.00 lower on moderate demand.			
Week ending 8/22/26			
Courtesy of https://www.kyagr.com/			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	472.94	508.36	477.07
400-450 lbs	455.82	490.58	448.43
450-500 lbs	439.01	460.71	429.78
500-550 lbs	410.36	433.46	395.67
550-600 lbs	395.70	426.16	380.99
600-650 lbs	374.32	386.28	371.90
650-700 lbs	364.38	377.48	354.47
700-750 lbs	339.40	362.98	338.09
750-800 lbs	332.69	343.82	335.61
800-850 lbs	320.45	334.66	338.46
850-900 lbs	318.22	321.43	319.23
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	438.50	454.82	397.12
350-400 lbs	410.46	446.26	403.30
400-450 lbs	396.61	420.31	387.89
450-500 lbs	379.77	400.98	375.59
500-550 lbs	358.72	384.75	359.00
550-600 lbs	341.90	361.55	348.07
600-650 lbs	326.28	344.39	329.61
650-700 lbs	314.66	336.85	322.40
700-750 lbs	306.50	316.43	304.88
750-800 lbs	300.23	312.83	304.12
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	Average 141.00-179.00	High 160.00-203.00	Low 130.00-159.00
Boners	145.00-184.00	165.00-204.00	127.00-166.00
Lean	122.00-173.00	152.00-175.00	105.00-158.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	Average 189.00-225.00	High 210.00-247.00	Low 160.00-210.00
Aug 13, 2026 Bowling Green, KY			
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 151			
Kids-Selection 1-2 55 lbs 365.00; 71 lbs 350.00. Selection 2 48 lbs 285.00; 53 lbs 325.00; 60 lbs 255.00; 76 lbs 315.00. Selection 2-3 51 lbs 305.00; 69 lbs 290.00.			
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 873			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 54-55 lbs 330.00-335.00; 66-69 lbs 310.00-315.00; 76 lbs 290.00-295.00; 89 lbs 262.50; 90 lbs 262.50; 110 lbs 245.00-252.50; 147 lbs 145.00. Woolled-Choice & Prime 1-2 58 lbs 305.00; 67 lbs 280.00; 75-79 lbs 265.00-290.00; 87 lbs 280.00; 93 lbs 265.00; 120lbs 240.00; 149 lbs 215.00.			
GRAINS			
Corn	This Week 4.25-4.99	Prior Week 4.08-4.90	Last Year 3.73-4.13
Soybeans	11.38-12.70	10.77-12.21	9.63-10.44
Red Winter Wheat	5.34-7.08	5.22-6.96	3.96-4.93

Arrests from A-1

•Barren Barker, 32, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked August 22.

•Joseph McDavid, 42, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of second degree cruelty to animals, arrested and booked August 22.

•David Phillips, 34, arrested by Grayson PD,

on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, rear license not illuminated, one headlight, failure to produce an insurance card, no or expired registration receipt, operating on a suspended or revoked operator’s license, license not in possession, and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, arrested and booked

August 23.

•Shay Maddix, 30, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked August 23.

•Anthony McQuaid, 33, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of third degree fleeing or evading police, and two counts of non-payment

of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked August 24.

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

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

Tourism from A-1

totaling approximately \$500,000 available to the commission that had been approved. The grants were submitted by the City of Grayson, and in order to access those grants, the commission would be required to either lease or deed over portions or the entirety of the Grayson Sports Park.

“I would really like to urge the council to take action on that as soon as possible,” Combs said. “Because I don’t think we can wait anymore.”

Combs told the commission that the opportunities presented by the available grants were encouraging.

“It’s really exciting,” Combs said. “We could build pickleball courts, we could build basketball courts, and the sensory garden. The ladies involved with the sensory garden are asking me about any updates.”

Combs said he knew the commission’s attorney was looking into it, and that he was looking forward to seeing what decisions had been made.

“It would obviously be a great addition to the

community,” Combs said.

Grayson Tourism Commission Attorney Brandon Music told the commission there were basically two options available to the commission if they wished to make use of the grant money secured by the city.

“There are two options,” Music told the commission. “Nothing in the bond obligation, interlocal agreements, or any commitments between the city and the tourism commission would prohibit transferring. Either a lease or a deed would be fine.”

Music explained that each of the two options had its own benefits and drawbacks.

“Any one you do, there has to be a plat recorded with it, so they know where it is located,” he said. “That is already recorded, so the easiest way and most beneficial way would be just a full lease (for at least 25 years) from the tourism commission to the city.”

The other option Music said was to “carve out” a specific portion of the sports park to facilitate the pickleball court and

other proposed additions to which the grants in question would apply.

The tourism commission did not make a decision on either option at the meeting, but rather decided to do further research into it and perhaps have a grant workshop to more closely examine their options.

The commission revisited the discussion about the exercise of First Amendment rights to free speech on the sports park grounds.

“Someone can’t just go around with a bullhorn and interfere with sports park activity,” Music said on the subject. “They aren’t allowed to block exits or entrances.”

Music said that after researching other similar resolutions he had adapted them into a policy to suit the sports park.

“The basic idea was reservable facilities like a field or a court itself, you can’t just exercise your first amendment rights because those are not per se public forums,” he explained, “though the general park is.”

The resolution

Music provided to the commission covered unaided human speech, in other words an individual speaking without using any sort of speaker system, microphone, or other electronic enhancement. In general areas, such as common walkways, individuals were allowed to exercise their free speech.

“But they cannot go into the stands or onto the fields,” Music said. “They can’t disrupt the little league tournament or interfere with people playing on a pickleball court.”

Music said if individuals were wanting to use electronics and speak on a larger scale, it would require a permit. Individuals doing this would still not be allowed to block exits or entrances or otherwise interfere with the peaceful use of the sports park by other patrons. The commission voted to adopt the ordinance.

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Dawnita from A-1

Freightliner. Those engines will be replaced by the recently purchased fire truck the department secured partially with the \$400,000 grant received from the State of Kentucky. The fire department will also be selling a 20 year old sonar device, a device that fire chief Greg Felty said was outdated technology.

The special announcement made at the special council meeting was something Combs described as being bittersweet. Grayson City Clerk Dawnita Lewis May, who has worked for the city for eleven years, announced her resignation, Combs said. May had been commuting to work

from Ohio for the past two years, Combs said, where she had moved upon remarrying.

“Now, she has started a new chapter of her life in Ohio,” Combs told the council.

May told the council she had been offered and accepted a new position as the Director of Finance for the Lawrence County Community Action Agency. The agency May has accepted the new position from is the Ohio equivalent of Northeast Community Action Agency in Eastern Kentucky. “The agency helps with all of the things there is a need for,” May told the council. “They wanted me to go to work immediately. So,

today is my last day.”

“I just want to say it’s a really beautiful thing that this agency thought enough of our own employee who moved up through the ranks here in Grayson,” Combs said. He also noted that May has served as both treasurer and clerk, and has received good training and served as an exemplary employee and asset to the city in every position.

“We obviously don’t want to see her go,” Combs said of the former clerk’s advancement. “But we are happy for her at the same time.”

To commemorate both her dedication to the City of Grayson and as appreciation for her

service, Combs awarded May a Key to the City of Grayson.

“As the Mayor of the City of Grayson and your (former) boss, I bestow upon you this key to the City of Grayson,” Combs told May before the council. “And, of course, a pillow for your new ‘Home sweet Home’ and these flowers.”

“I want to thank you all for the opportunity,” May told the mayor and council.

The former clerk said she enjoyed serving the City of Grayson and its residents, and that both will always be a part of her life.

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Final Friday focuses on photography

By Dan Click
Grayson Gallery

The Grayson Gallery & Art Center, Inc. (GGAC) will wrap up its summer programming with the monthly Final Friday event, a free opening reception for artists and the public on August 28, from 6 – 9 pm. This art exhibit will feature the works of two individual, award-winning and unique photographers: Laura Maul and Amy Rice. More than 60 pieces by the artists will be on display along with various photo prints. Works

will also be available for purchase at affordable prices.

The GGAC is proud to announce that this show was made possible due to a referral from the Anglin Family (the Doug Anglin Memorial Student Art Program; Leslie & Julie Anglin) to the Kentucky Arts Council. Funds were granted by the KAC via a new Kentucky Arts Rising (KAR) grant, a program created to support small, community-based arts and cultural organizations that provide year-round arts programming for

Kentuckians. This also funded operational support to the GGAC, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, to help strengthen and sustain grassroots arts organizations with limited operating budgets.

Laura Moul, a PPA Certified and Master Photographer, hails from Milton, WV and has been creating photographic and scenic images since 1991. She is also a Tamarack artist, whose work has been juried into galleries and art exhibits all across the Tri-State area. The portfolio of her work includes publica-

tions, calendars, and tourist brochures as well as select-ed participation in showing at galleries, solo and group exhibits. Moul's photography has taken her to all 50 states, six Canadian provinces and four continents. See more via her website: moulphotography.com.

Amy Rice, a self-taught photographer, nature lover and visual artist is based in Russell, KY counts wild-life photography as her first passion and she also enjoys capturing the beauty of nature, landscapes

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CALENDAR

- **8/26: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @** 8 a.m. | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **8/26: Olive Hill Book Club @** 5:30 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **8/28: Final Friday @** 6 p.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **8/29: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @** 8 a.m. | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **8/29: Grayson Farmer's Market @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Office Market Shed
- **8/31: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **8/31: Open Art Studio @** 10 a.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **9/1: Grayson Farmer's Market @** 2 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office Market Shed
- **9/1: Building Club @** 4 p.m. | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **9/1: Rattlesnake Ridge Water Distict Board meeting @** 4 p.m. | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **9/2: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @** 8 a.m. | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **9/3: Pesticide Jug Rinse & Return Recycling Program @** 10 a.m. | Kee's Farm Service, Grayson
- **9/3: Carter County Library Board @** 6 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **9/4: Sit & Sew @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **9/5: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @** 8 a.m. | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill

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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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Joyful Noise from A-2

spite losing all earthly possessions (Job 19:25–26); Paul’s joy was in Christ regardless of circumstances (Philippians 4:4).

While the Bible does not always make a sharp distinction between the two, many Christian teachers emphasize that joy is the deeper, more enduring form of gladness, while happiness is more superficial and conditional. Both are valuable, but joy is seen as the true Christian response to God’s love and promises.

Hebrews 12:2 says, “For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

In short, happiness is a

Photography from A-3

and architecture through her lens. The camera, she feels, is a good excuse to spend more time outdoors and appreciating the world around us. Having received various awards, including the People's Choice award from the Inspired Opportunities arts organization as well as earning awards at the Grayson Gallery & Art Center, these recognitions encourage Hall to grow as an artist and share her work with others. An active member of the Ashland Kentucky Area Artists group, she's able to travel the Tri-State setting up at different art venues. According to Hall, her hope is that as visitors to the exhibit take a look around, they'll be inspired to pause, observe and discover the beauty that exists in everyday surroundings. Visit her Facebook page: Era Photography and Art.

Live Music by the band "Blue Sky", featuring musicians Michael Allen - guitar/vocals; Tom Berry - drums/vocals, Corbin Fitzpatrick - Guitar/vocals and Brent Jack - bass guitar/ vocals. The band is a classic rock group that plays a wide range of music

reaction to circumstances; joy is a response to God. Christians are called to be joyful always (1 Thessalonians 5:16), knowing that true joy cannot be shaken by life’s ups and downs. Let’s pursue the Jesus kind of joy!

Amen! So be it!

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from the 1960s to today's tunes, and they perform all across the Tri-State area. Check out their Facebook page: Blue Sky - The Band for more information and booking details.

Catering by Sheila Marie will provide refreshments.

Coming up at the GGAC in September will be "Reflections in Color", the works of Michelle Ward Ciancio with a live performance by Corduroy Brown. October will bring back another crowd favorite, the Grayson Gallery's annual Halloween Art Show & Costume party, part of Explore Grayson's Octoberfest event through October 31st.

For more information on showing artwork, classes & workshops and volunteer opportunities (visit the GGAC Volunteer Hub page on Facebook) contact Dan Click, GGAC director via email: graysongallery@gmail.com and be sure to check out their Facebook presence.

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OBITUARY

Kelly Michelle Mabry Prichard
1974 – 2026



Kelly Michelle Mabry Prichard, age 52, of Morehead, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, August 23, 2026, at UK St Claire Hospital in Morehead, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Tuesday, June 18, 1974, in Rowan County, Kentucky, a daughter of Mary Boggs Humphrey and the late James Allen “Jug” Mabry, and was the step-daughter of Brad Humphrey

Kelly attended Barretts Creek Baptist Church, and enjoyed traveling, thrifting, going to Flea Markets, spending time outdoors, camping, fishing, hiking, and spending time with her family

In addition to her

mother, she is survived by her loving husband of 32 years, Jeffrey Scott Prichard; three daughters, Linsey Prichard of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Katlyn Prichard of Morehead, Kentucky, Kelsey Prichard of Ashland, Kentucky; one grandchild, Theodore Conn; one sister, Sandora Humphrey of Fort Gay, West Virginia; along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services will be held 12 Noon , Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Robert Shawhan officiating. Burial will follow in Brack Mabry Cemetery in Elliott County, Kentucky.

Friends may visit from 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 29, 2026, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

Family and Friends will serve as pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Kelly Michelle Mabry Prichard.

Joseph Carl "Joey" Back
1976 – 2026



In Loving Memory of Joseph Carl “Joey” Back. With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Joseph Carl Back, 50, of Olive Hill Kentucky.

On August 19, 2026, at UK St Claire Medical Center. Joseph left this world far too soon, leaving behind a lifetime of memories, love, and stories that will continue to be cherished by all who knew and loved him. Born on January 20, 1976, Joseph was the beloved son of Johnny Back and the late Jody Back. He also leaves behind his father's fiancée, Becky Williams.

Joseph was preceded in death by his mother, Jody Back; his sister, Jessica Ann Back; his paternal grandparents, George and Anna Back; and his maternal grandparents, Nathan and Latonia Glover.

Above all else, Joseph was a loving father. His greatest pride and joy were his two children, Karianna (CJ) Branham of Morehead, Kentucky, and Kale Back of Olive Hill, Kentucky. His adopted son Daniel Lemons of Mt. Sterling, KY. The mother of his children Karla Back, also his faithful dog, Daisy.

Joey had a lifelong passion for dirt track racing. The sound of engines, the excitement of race day, and the feeling of being at the track were a huge part of who he was. He raced at many tracks throughout Kentucky and Ohio, traveling as far as Florida to pursue the sport he loved.

Racing wasn't just something he did-it was a part of his identity. Joseph

had a rare talent with his hands. There wasn't much he couldn't build, repair, or figure out. He built many dirt track race cars and took great pride in his work. His knowledge, creativity, and determination amazed those around him. But his greatest gift was not just what he could build—it was the way he used his talents to help others.

Joey leaves behind a legacy of hard work, kindness, and a heart that cared deeply for others. Although his time here was far too short, the impact he made on his family, friends, racing community, and everyone who crossed his path will never be forgotten. As those who loved him look back on his life, they will remember the man who could build anything, fix almost anything, and who was always willing to help someone in need. The checkered flag may have fallen on Joey's race here on earth, but his legacy will continue to run forever in the hearts of those who loved him.

Funeral services were held 12:30 p.m., Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West Us Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Randy Fritz and Brother Andy Lands officiating. Burial followed in Williams Cemetery in Olive Hill.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, August 21, 2026, and after 9 a.m., Saturday, August 22, 2026, until the service hour.

Tammy Jo Brown Fannin
1962 – 2026



Tammy Jo Brown Fannin, age 64, of Glade Hill, Virginia, formerly of Ashland, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Wednesday, February 28, 1962, in Boyd County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late George and Margret Brown.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Tyler Preston; one granddaughter, Madeline Taylor Fannin; one sister, Gail Stapleton; two brothers-in-law, Carl Burge, Keith Walker and one sister-in-law, Jill Whitt.

Tammy is survived by her loving husband, Ronald G. Fannin; one son, Jason (Sheri) Fannin of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; one daughter, Sandy

(Jerry) York of Ashland, Kentucky; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Colin Whitt of Ashland, Kentucky, Roy (Kathy) Whitt of Fernandina Beach, Florida; one sister, Joy (Donald) Stapleton of Ashland, Kentucky; sisters and brothers in-law, Janet Burge, Dorothy (Paul) Webb, Phyllis (David) Tabor, Shirlene (Vernon) Messer, Frances (Jim) Webb and Debbie Walker, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

Graveside services held 11 a.m., Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Bethel Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Pastor Paul Mahan officiating.

Terrell Webb, Dennie Webb, Mike Tabor, Jeremy Webb, Dwain Messer, Mark Messer, Josh Whitt, Shane Whitt, Bradley Walker, and Chuck Venditti served as pallbearers.

Kelly Pendry, John Davis, Tom Canterbury, Steve Parks, Charlie Tackett, Wes Hudson, Mike Anderson and John Shessley II, served as honorary pallbearers.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Tammy Jo Brown Fannin.

Tommla Lee Callihan
1960 – 2026



Tommla Lee Callihan, age 65, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, August 15, 2026, at Select Specialty Hospital in Danville, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Thursday, September 4, 1960, in Boyd County, Kentucky, a daughter of Lloyd “Tom” and Alberta Bryant Callihan.

Tommla was a member of First Christian Church of Olive Hill. She enjoyed cooking, reading, drawing, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Her grandchildren were the “Love of Her Life”

In addition to her parents, she is survived by two sons, T.C. Jordan, Cody Jordan, both of Olive Hill, Kentucky; four grandchildren, Gunner Jordan, Tayler Jordan, Rooster Jordan, Kameron Jordan; one brother, Lloyd Thomas (Sandra) Callihan II, of

Olive Hill, Kentucky; one nephew, Thomas (Megan) Callihan, one great nephew, Landon Callihan; two special cousins, Steve (Melody) Nolen, Cecil (Linda) Nolen; one special Friend, Tammy Church; a beloved dog, Izz; along with many other friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Friday, August 21, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Steve Nolen officiating. Burial followed in Olive Hill Memorial Park in Olive Hill.

Friends visited from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Thursday, August 20, 2026, after 9 a.m., Friday, August 21, 2026, until the service hour at Globe Funeral Chapel.

T.C. Jordan, Cody Jordan, Gunner Jordan, Tayler Jordan, Rooster Jordan and Kameron Jordan served as pallbearers.

Lloyd Callihan, Thomas Callihan, Steve Nolen, Cecil Nolen served as honorary pallbearers.

Brian Jordan hosted a post service celebration at his home, catered by William, Tristen and Ethan Jordan, at 38 Hamm Lane, Morehead, Kentucky 40351.

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Guest Editorial

What's for dinner?

Squeezing small farmers to fight inflation

By Miranda Holbrook-Lewis
Carter County Times

Apparently, beef is where inflation has finally become unacceptable.

A 12-pack of pop is pushing \$12. Families can spend more than that on a couple of seasonal coffees without anyone in Washington stepping in. But when ground beef costs more, the solution is to bring in up to 300,000 metric tons of foreign beef product tariff-free for 90 days and sell it below the American market.

We’re being told this will lower prices and give the American cattle herd time to grow.

But who exactly is supposed to grow that herd?

The same farmers and ranchers whose cattle are about to compete against foreign beef intentionally brought in and priced below our market?

You don’t strengthen American agriculture by undercutting the Americans doing the work.

I’ve lived on a farm my entire life. Today, I sell our farm-fresh meat directly to families across the country. I don’t claim to be an economist or a policy expert, but I do know what it costs to keep a farm operating—and I know how hard it is to build one when you weren’t handed a fully established operation.

Land is expensive. Equipment is expensive. Fuel, feed, fencing, insurance, taxes and veterinary care are expensive. Just getting started can require a level of debt that follows a person for decades.

Even families who inherit farms often need jobs away from the farm to keep them going. For those of us who have had to build without inheriting the whole operation, the choices are even harder.

Ask me how I know.

Then, once you finally get into the cattle business, you still face drought, rising input costs, limited processing options, meatpacking consolidation, overregulation and labeling rules that make it difficult for shoppers to know whether they are actually buying American beef.

Farmers and ranchers are expected to carry all of that risk, keep producing food and somehow make it work.

Now, when cattle producers are finally seeing prices that might justify retaining heifers and investing in rebuilding their herds, the response is to bring in cheaper foreign beef.

That doesn’t give producers confidence. It takes confidence away.

Rebuilding a cattle herd isn’t something that happens in 90 days (and I’m sure that’s a well-known fact here in Northeastern Kentucky and beyond). A farmer can’t flip a switch and produce more cattle when the government decides it needs them. Rebuilding takes years. It takes land, healthy cows, retained heifers, feed, money, favorable weather and faith that the market will still be there when those animals are ready.

Why would producers take on that expense if they believe the market will be undercut whenever retail prices become politically uncomfortable?

We keep farming because we love this life. We believe in caring for the land, raising animals responsibly and feeding families food they can trust. We want to leave something worthwhile for the next generation.

But love for this way of life does not pay the feed bill.

If America truly wants more American beef, then it needs to make raising cattle a sustainable choice for American families. Give producers fair markets. Address consolidation in the meatpacking industry. Require clear country-of-origin labeling. Reduce unnecessary barriers. Help young farmers gain access to land and capital. Give producers enough confidence to invest in the future.

Do that, and the American cattle herd can grow.

Ignore those problems, and we’ll keep watching family farms disappear, corporate ownership expand, fertile ground turn into developments and data centers, and more of our food come from countries most Americans will never see.

You cannot rebuild the American cattle herd while making it harder for American cattle producers to survive.

If we want American beef on American tables, we had better make sure there are still American farmers and ranchers left to raise it.



America’s great military traditions are disappearing every day!

As a former military journalist, I am outraged that the would-be leaders appointed by the Trump Administration are systematically dismantling the editorial independence of Stars and Stripes, the government-funded news source that has served America’s warriors since the start of World War II.

Last Friday the misnamed Department of War fired Erik Slavin, the editor in chief, and Max Lederer, the publisher, citing differences with the Pentagon leadership on the paper’s direction. Lara Korte, a Middle East correspondent, was fired the same day, she reported in a post on social media.

Millions of our soldiers, sailors and airmen have been informed and entertained by “Stripes” throughout their hitches in World War II, in Korea, in Vietnam, in Iraq and Afghanistan and in the current “forever war” involving the U.S. and Iran.

I had the honor of working for the Associated Press in Ohio under the late Al (Red Dog) Dopking, a decorated former AP war correspondent who covered the Pacific campaigns of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

My own service as a military journalist was performed during 22-plus years in the Kentucky Army National Guard, including two deployments to Europe as commander of a public affairs detachment cover-

ing NATO training exercises on behalf of Stars and Stripes.



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

Accordingly, I know firsthand how much service members value the material they find in Stars and Stripes, sometimes more detailed and more accurate than what they receive through the chain of command.

The editorial integrity of Stars and Stripes was protected for years by federal regulations and Pentagon policy, specifically guaranteeing “a free flow of news and information to its readership without news management or censorship.” However, that regulation was voided earlier this year by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth.

He is another of the refugees from Fox News who have infiltrated the Trump Administration. His wife also has a position at the Pentagon.

Stars and Stripes is read by American service members and their families across the world. However, the paper’s comics have been banned. Until now, I never dreamed that Big Bird was a threat to national defense, much less our kids.

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Massie’s debt trackers don’t lie

America, we did it. We hit a new milestone. We really outdid ourselves. On August 19, the U.S. Treasury confirmed it: we’re now \$40 trillion in debt — \$40.05 trillion and counting, just five months after we cracked \$39 trillion.

July’s deficit alone came in at \$432 billion, a record for the month and the biggest monthly deficit since March 2021. Some of that spike was a calendar quirk that pushed August benefit payments into July, but even adjusted for that, the deficit was \$333 billion — up 18% from a year earlier.

Thanks to a rancid economy, an honest-to-god war in Iran — U.S. strikes began February 28, and the conflict has now left 18 American service members dead and 757 wounded — plus billions a year in military aid to Israel and whatever remains of our commitment to Ukraine after Trump briefly froze military assistance last March before restoring it days later, we’re turning out our national pockets with moths flying out.

But wait, we’re bleeding money on the other end too: the Supreme Court struck down Trump’s emergency tariffs in February, putting more than \$175 b-b-billion in tariff revenue into the refund process — money Trump’s own Treasury Secretary has acknowledged the government has to accommodate.

Slather on the "One Big Beautiful Bill," and it gets worse. The Congressional Budget Office originally

estimated the law would add \$3.4 trillion to primary deficits over a decade. Once you include higher



Robert Dean
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

interest costs and the economic effects of the law, CBO's newer estimate puts the total increase in deficits at about \$4.2 trillion through 2034. Its Medicaid provisions alone are expected to leave 7.5 million more Americans without health insurance by 2034. You start to see where the leaks are.

The midterms are looming and Republicans will say, as they always do, that they want to lower the country's debt. Well, comrades, guess who's controlled the House, the Senate and the White House for nearly two

years now? Who's also handed out a tax-and-spending package whose benefits tilt wildly upward? According to CBO, the highest-income tenth of households capture nearly 64% of the net increase in household resources from the law, while the bottom fifth lose resources.

Sounds like a bad deal to me, but hey, I’m just a broke guy mad about broke guy things. I busted my headphones today. Ones that cancel out the noise while I write. Guess what? I can’t afford to buy a new pair right now, even though they help me do my job in public places.

Last week, I spoke at a convention with Mel Gibson and Kurt Russell and the Hobbits. I’m also think-

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■ **Massie** A-5

ing of working part-time at Home Depot to pay for my fiancé’s engagement ring.

The United States has had to wheel and deal an increasing amount of debt to cover the costs of health programs, stimulus benefits, disaster relief and daily government operations. On that last point, FEMA’s Disaster Relief Fund received \$22.51 billion in regular funding for fiscal 2025 and still needed a \$29 billion supplemental appropriation, with \$28 billion specifically earmarked for major disasters.

But they say climate change isn’t real, even though Exxon’s own scientists were warning the company about the dangers

of climate change decades ago, while ExxonMobil later funded organizations and researchers that helped sow doubt about the scientific consensus. All so we could keep chanting, “drill, baby, drill.”

The problem is, we’re not collecting the taxes to pay for any of it. I can remember a time in 2016 when candidate Trump told the Washington Post he’d get rid of the \$19 trillion debt “fairly quickly... over a period of eight years.”

Since then, it hasn’t shrunk.

It’s doubled.

DOGE, for its part, promised massive cuts to federal spending. Its own official number eventually

topped out at about \$215 billion in claimed savings — and even that figure came under fire from the Government Accountability Office this month. GAO examined roughly \$110 billion of DOGE’s claimed contract, grant and lease savings and found contracts listed as terminated that weren’t, leases DOGE took credit for canceling even though their termination was already underway, and billions in claimed savings that couldn’t be verified.

And those taxes shouldn’t be on working people. They should be on the ultra-wealthy — the people with armies of accountants, offshore

structures, trusts and every legal mechanism available to turn enormous fortunes into the smallest possible tax bill. Close the loopholes. Tax capital like we tax labor. Make people who have benefited the most from this country help pay to keep it running.

The same goes for megachurches.

We deserve better. We’re getting shafted, and the cliff is getting a lot closer than we want to admit.

Contact us at or send submissions to news@cartercountytimes.com

Visit the author on Substack at What’s Annoying Robert Dean Today?

Smoke, dust, and the pinhole in the sky (part 1 of 2)

By James A. Bond
for *Carter County Times*

On August 1, 24 sons and one daughter of Kentucky mustered in Lexington to deploy to Washington state for a two week detail fighting wildfires. I’m proud to say that I was fortunate enough to be one of them.

Every branch of the Kentucky Division of Forestry was represented, and to my knowledge that was a first in KDF history.

I was assigned to Charlie Squad, led by Jacob Bentley who is the Ranger for Floyd County, and it was a true honor and privilege to serve with him. The man is a natural born conservationist and outdoorsman, I never felt far away from home, and the things I learned from him were invaluable in my journey as an aspiring Ranger.

Our first few days in Washington consisted of a lot of travel and “hurry up and wait.” To quote my crew boss, “In this line of work, the only thing you know for certain is where you are at this exact moment.”

We were considered lend/lease, which meant we could be sent anywhere in the state. We thought that we were going to be fighting in Spokane, but they had enough resources there. We did get to witness the effect of the

devastation while there.

We stayed in a small town called Cheney (chee-nee) and our hotel parking lot was filled with Washington plates, because at that point there were nearly 70,000 people displaced by evacuation orders, several of which had lost their homes and everything they had.

We were treated very well by the locals, and any time they saw our green jeans, they knew we were there to help. Some locals were even moved to tears when they learned that we traveled all the way from Kentucky.

I had never felt so much appreciation and heartache at the same time.

On the 5th, we finally got our assignment. We were being sent about two hours west of Spokane to work the Modrite Fire in the little town of Inchelium (inch-lum) on the Colville Indian Reservation.

The Colville Confederation consists of 12 tribes: Moses-Columbia, Okanogan, Nespelum, Sanpoil, Colville, Lakes, Nez Perce, Wenatchi, Methow, Chelan, Entiat, and Palus.

We were looking at over 50,000 acres of fire.

To say I was excited was an understatement. My biggest inspiration for this line of work came from my upbringing. My great uncle was once a Ranger for KDF, and he taught me to have an appreciation

for the outdoors and love nature. He would always

my heart was 10 again. Our days were long,



submitted photo

tell me stories of Simon Kenton and Daniel Boone and, most importantly, to respect Native American culture.

"Always be a friend to the Indians," he’d said.

I wish he was still here so I could tell him about all this.

Knowing that the childhood dream of being adopted by a tribe was outside the realm of possibility, I could at least do my best to help them fight fires and save their homes. That’s an honor that no man can ever take from me, and I’ll wear that badge proudly.

My knees felt 33, but

and sometimes made it painful and uncomfortable to breathe.

Seeing whole swaths of ground that looked completely nuked was such an ominous feeling. The ground was nothing but dust and a thick layer of white ash, and the burned out stump holes looked like bomb craters.

But it was still beautiful.

Kentucky did a good job on the line.

They had us hold a road that was being pressed by a head fire. The division we were assigned to fully expected the fire to jump, even put in another dozer road beyond it because

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■ **Stallard** A-5

Stallard was living on the property, and a woman he had helped get out of a domestic violence situation was staying in the camper.

Ramey said that Stallard was no angel, and had a turbulent past, but said that whatever transpired on the property was nothing like anything she had seen before. She said that according to the woman renting the camper, the last person to

speak with Stallard was his neighbor. The woman said there was some sort of confrontation between the two and then Stallard ran off into the surrounding woods. This, Ramey said, was the last time anyone had seen Stallard.

Posters of Stallard are circulating on Facebook and in public places, and Ramey hopes this will yield some sort of information about his

whereabouts. The poster gives Stallard’s basic information as being a white male, age 49, 5 foot 7 inches tall, with brown, curly hair. Stallard has hazel eyes and numerous tattoos. Ramey asks anyone with any information about Stallard to report it to the Kentucky State Police.

When asked if it was possible that Stallard just packed up and left the area,

Ramey simply said no.

“The thing about this that screams that this wasn’t his doing was the face on his mother’s tombstone,” she explained.

Ramey said that the tombstone had the face of his mother embossed on it, and that face had been deliberately taken off as though by multiple strikes of a hammer.

“If he had been having an episode, going out of

his mind or going crazy, he wouldn’t have been able to do that without damaging the rest of the tombstone,” she noted “This deserves to be investigated regardless of what his past was.”

Ramey said she feels as though the police have not taken the search for Stallard seriously enough, and hopes that the more questions she asks, the more she spreads the word around, that someone

will come forward with information about her friend David Stallard.

The Carter County Times has reached out to the Kentucky State Police for comment, but calls placed to KSP post 14 in Ashland had not yet been returned at press time.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

Olive Hill gains a resident

Council welcomes Hayden the Miracle Pig

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The population of the City of Olive Hill grew by one last Tuesday, August 18. The city recognized Hayden the Miracle Pig at the council meeting, and a proclamation was read by Councilman Chris Bledsoe to that effect.

“The City of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Certificate of Proclamation recognizing Hayden the pig as an

Honorary Citizen of Olive Hill,” Bledsoe read from the proclamation. “Whereas the City of Olive Hill takes great pride in the people, traditions, and personalities of the special characters that make our community unique. Whereas Hayden the pig has brought joy, smiles, conversation, and memorable presence to the city and visitors of Olive Hill. And whereas Hayden has become a beloved part of the community and represents the friendly, welcoming and good-natured spirit for which Olive Hill is known. And whereas the City of Olive Hill wishes to formally recognize Hayden for

his special place in the hearts of the community. Now, therefore let it be proclaimed that the City of Olive Hill, Kentucky hereby recognizes and declares Hayden the pig to be an Honorary Citizen of the City of Olive Hill, Kentucky, with all the affection, recognition, and pride befitting such a distinguished member of our town. The city extends congratulations to Hayden and recognizes his contribution to the character, charm, and spirit of Olive Hill.”

The proclamation was met with applause for the five-month-old potbelly pig, Hayden, who overcame a birth defect so

severe that it is believed that he is the only animal to have survived the condition beyond birth. Hayden was born with a hernia, and it left a hole in his diaphragm. Then his liver developed in the void, further complicating the situation.

After numerous trips to the veterinarian, Hayden’s owner Deborah Pack said that he is doing much better. Currently Hayden and Pack are traveling through communities in an effort to make people aware that even in the darkest times there is hope.

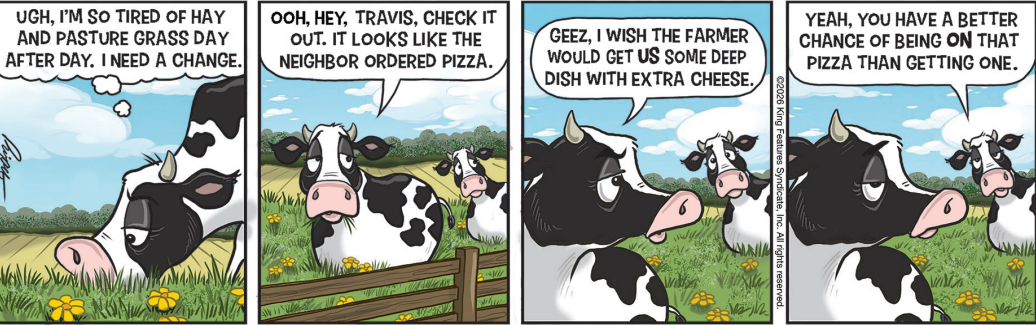
In other business, the city council discussed

See PIG on A-8



Deborah Pack and husband Roy Roberts with Hayden the Miracle Pig holding a proclamation making Hayden an Honorary Citizen of Olive Hill. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

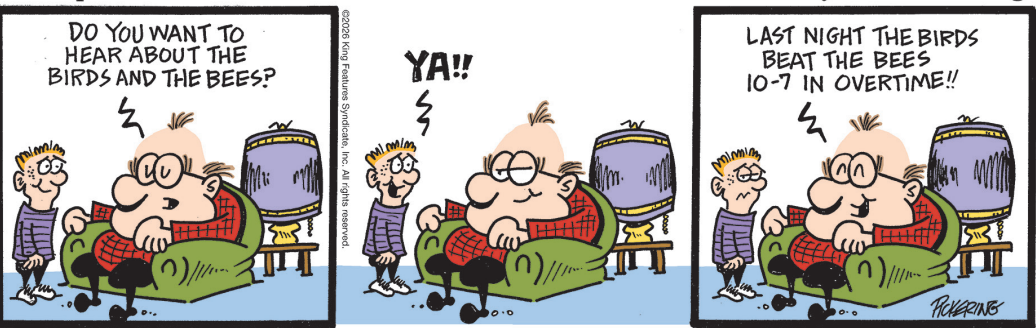
Amber Waves



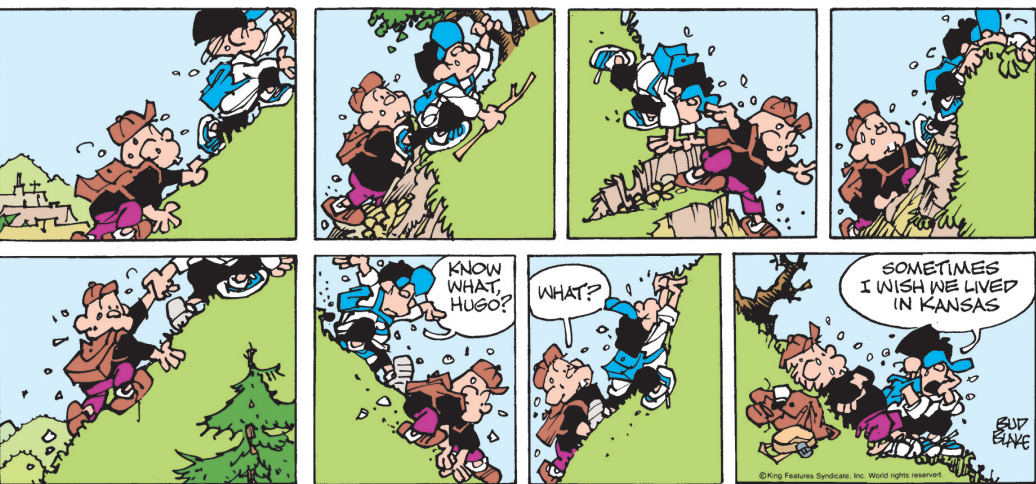
Out on a Limb



The Spats



TIGER



OLIVE & POPEYE



Just Like Cats & Dogs



HOCUS-FOCUS



CryptoQuip

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

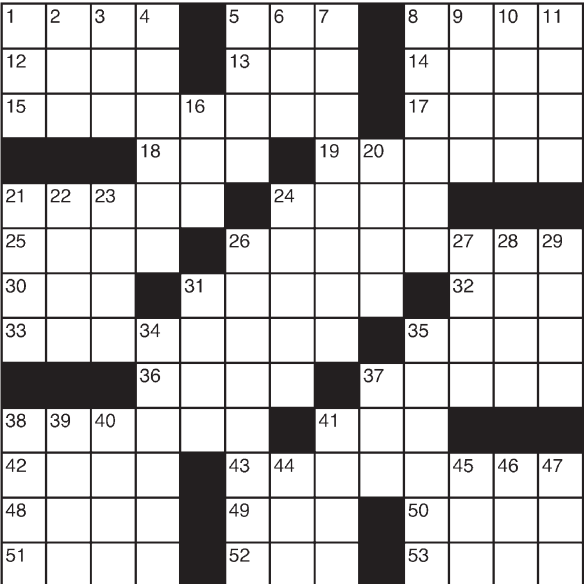
Clue: W equals L

UXHMIMNVWB CXBW OXIOBT UH
U KHUHV MQ MQ UQ MCCVLVUW
WVQB NBHJBBQ HJM LMXQHSVBK:
NMSTBS OBHSMW.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Doves' home
- 5 Coach
- Parseghian
- 8 Beach crawler
- 12 Pizza cooker
- 13 Greyhound vehicle
- 14 — Martin (cognac)
- 15 Bread sellers
- 17 Sheltered
- 18 Hogwash
- 19 Thespians
- 21 Sheriff's star
- 24 Hold sway
- 25 Jealousy
- 26 Stalks for soups
- 30 Finale
- 31 Give it a go
- 32 Man-mouse link
- 33 Sets of prayer beads
- 35 Big gulp
- 36 Eyeglass frames
- 37 Lake flock
- 38 Hoi —
- 41 Enjoy Aspen
- 42 Mayberry young 'un
- 43 Officials with seals
- 48 Ivy in Philly
- 49 Literary collection
- 50 Corporate symbol



DOWN

- 1 Corn core
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Shatner's "— War"
- 4 Vigor
- 5 Slightly
- 6 Regret
- 7 Military attacks
- 8 Moon cavity
- 9 Move, in
- 10 Realtor lingo
- 11 Pt. of U.S.A.
- 12 Tournament passes
- 16 Caviar base
- 20 "Pinocchio"
- 21 "Cheers" order
- 22 Part of A.D.
- 23 Film formats
- 24 Point — Peninsula
- 26 Record holder?
- 27 "The Music Man" setting

- 28 Ireland
- 29 Droops
- 31 Small combo
- 34 Dahl of films
- 35 Marble cake patterns
- 37 Reggae relative
- 38 Vatican leader
- 39 Pundit's piece
- 40 TV journalist Lisa
- 41 Remain
- 44 Lennon's partner
- 45 Charged bit
- 46 Conceit
- 47 Plant seeds

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Horror movie prop

R	U	S	T	Y

Nickname for a red head

The little ones

Piano technician

Loosen

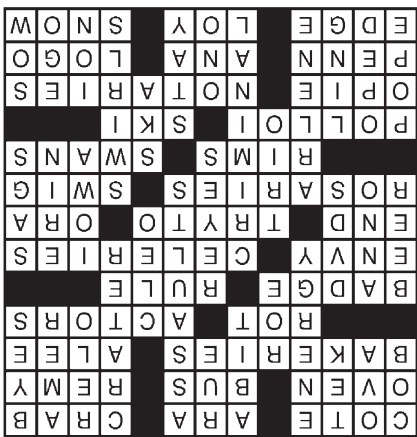
Deke

Word with "bread" or "butter"

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

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only mammal that can't jump?
2. MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, "They're young, they're in love, and they kill people"?
3. HISTORY: When is Labor Day celebrated every year in the United States?
4. LANGUAGE: What's the name of a punctuation mark that combines a question mark and an exclamation point?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Which country was called Kampuchea from 1975 to 1979?
6. ASTRONOMY: What are the names of the twin stars in the GEMINI constellation?
7. MYTHOLOGY: What is the only thing left in Pandora's box after it was opened?
8. FOOD & DRINK: Which country is associated with the fermented cabbage dish kimchi?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the first president to die in office?
10. TELEVISION: What are the Halloween episodes of "The Simpsons" called?

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GNIRONS

Today's Word

3. Tense; 4. Maiden

1. Grain; 2. Matron

Solution

SCRAMBLERS

K N I F E

F E I N T

T I N U E

E I T N R

R E N T S

S T N U R

Y T S R

Solution

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

border petrol.

line between two countries:

a station on an official

Automobile fuel pumped at

Answer

CryptoQuip

10. "Treehouse of Horror"

9. William Henry Harrison

8. South Korea

7. Hope

6. Pollux and Castor

5. Cambodia

4. Interrobang

3. The first Monday in September

2. "Bonnie and Clyde," 1967

1. Elephant

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

- | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Tasteless | — L — — — | Trademark | — R — — — |
| 2. Offer evidence | — — — V — | Investigation | — — — B — |
| 3. Curious George | M — — — — | Pack animal | D — — — — |
| 4. Stretch | — — — — H | Respond | — — — — T |
| 5. Shudder | — H — — — | Wood splinter | — L — — — |
| 6. Greek capital | — — — — S | Goddess of wisdom | — — — — A |
| 7. Hunky dory | — W — — — | Use one's nose | — M — — — |
| 8. Commuter boat | F — — — — | Seinfeld or Springer | J — — — — |
| 9. Hooting primate | — — — B — | Actor Mel | — — — S — |
| 10. Out of funds | — — — O — | Decelerate | — — — A — |

GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	-		÷		= 3			
+		+		+				
	+		+		= 15			
÷		-		+				
	+		÷		= 3			
=		=		=				
2		2		14				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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2	=			
5	+	7	÷	4
	÷	—	÷	15
1	+	6	+	8
	+	+	+	+
9	—	3	÷	2
3	=			
Answers				

1. Blind Brand
2. Prove, Probe
3. Ferry, Jerry
4. Reach, React
5. Shiver, Silver
6. Athens, Athena
7. Swell, Smell
8. Monkey, Donkey
9. Gibbon, Gibson
10. Broke, Brake

resolutions and conducted readings of the same. The council read and adopted the statewide mutual aid and assistance agreement, and also discussed vendor business licenses in the city. The second topic

was the subject of much discussion as the council assessed all options in an attempt to both benefit the city and not put undue strain upon those hoping to vend within city limits. Some aspects that

needed to be addressed were who should be responsible for the cost of a license during an event inside the city limits, the event promoter or the individual vendor. There was also discussion of

the difference between the operation of food trucks, which typically operate regularly, and individuals setting up just a few times per year. Mayor Jerry Callihan in particular called for

working out a fair plan, saying that a person setting up a lemonade stand, for instance, shouldn't be required to spend as much on a license as individuals who routinely made more sales.

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White House border czar defends ICE electric shock gloves as tools to avoid deadly force

By Dylan Lovan and Ryan J. Foley
Associated Press

BARDSTOWN (AP) — White House border czar Tom Homan defended Immigration and Customs Enforcement's plan to give officers gloves that deliver painful electric shocks, calling them a tool to help officers end confrontations without using deadly force.

"It's another device to help someone get compliant when they are not," Homan said Thursday in an interview on Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends." "You can't just go from 0 to 100, right, and the first thing you go for is lethal force."

Homan's remarks were the Trump administration's first public defense of ICE's plan to spend up to \$20 million to purchase thousands of "conductive distraction and de-escalation devices" for officers and agents. The devices are known as the G.L.O.V.E., which stands for Generated Low Output Voltage Emitter, and are manufactured by Compliant Technologies

LLC. They have been used in recent years by some jails and police departments.

The plan has drawn intense criticism from civil rights groups, Democrats in Congress, and some use-of-force experts, who say ICE agents have been too quick to use force while carrying out President Donald Trump's crackdown on illegal immigration. At least six people have been shot and killed by immigration enforcement agents since last year, including motorists last month in Maine and Texas.

Homan argued the gloves could help avoid such encounters. He said they would give another less lethal option to ICE officers, similar to Tasers or pepper spray, for use in potentially violent situations on the streets and in detention facilities. He said that it would "be awhile" before the gloves are deployed in the field by ICE officers because the agency is still working out training protocols and other policy issues.

In Bardstown,

Kentucky, Nelson County Jailor Justin Hall said Thursday that his agency began using the gloves four years ago to try to gain compliance when inmates are out of control. He said that, unlike Tasers, the shocks do not incapacitate people and make them fall or leave contact or burn marks.

Hall estimated that he had been shocked by the gloves more than 10 times during training, and the pain was intense but stops once the gloves are no longer touching skin. He said the shock gloves have been used sparingly, but are helpful as an initial deterrent when de-escalation techniques do not work.

"It's just a safer way. It's safer on the inmate. It's safer on the staff. And most of the time, most of the time we get compliance," he said. "It's been a great tool for our facility."

Geoffrey Alpert, a criminology professor at the University of South Carolina who has written extensively about police use-of-force and tactics,

said the devices should be studied more broadly to ensure departments have proper guidance on when and how they should be used. He said it might be a wiser investment for ICE to start with a smaller purchase, given how little is known about them.

"You are wholesaling

these to a group of officers who may not be trained in other strategies like de-escalation or trained to interact with the public in non-enforcement ways, like most local police officers are," he said. "User error is almost predictable at some level. The tech may be fine, but let's take a

minute and make sure that it is used in an appropriate custom and practice."

Foley reported from Iowa City, Iowa. AP reporter Claudia Lauer contributed to this report from Philadelphia.

Cardiothoracic surgeon joins medical staff at UK King’s Daughters

ASHLAND, Ky. — UK King’s Daughters is pleased to welcome cardiothoracic surgeon Camilo Velásquez, M.D., to its medical staff, joining UK King’s Daughters Cardiothoracic Surgeons of Kentucky, the practice of Eric Bronstein, M.D., and Ayodele Osasona, M.D.

Dr. Velásquez earned his medical degree at CES University School of Medicine in Medellín, Colombia (2015) and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Cardio-Vital Investigaciones at CES University (2017) and at the Aortic Institute at Yale University School of Medicine/Yale New Haven Hospital in Connecticut (2018). He completed his

general surgery residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston (2023) and his thoracic surgery residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas (2026).

Cardiothoracic surgeons specialize in coronary artery bypass grafting; valve replacement surgery, including minimally invasive aortic valve replacement (TAVR); and the surgical treatment of atrial fibrillation, lung cancer, and conditions affecting the esophagus.

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