

The miracle continues

Grayson Council makes pig honorary citizen

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Grayson City Council passed a resolution in their September meeting recognizing Hayden the Miracle Pig. The potbelly pig was named “Miracle Pig” due to being what is considered the only survivor of a rare birth defect. Hayden was born with a diaphragmic hernia, and it left a hole in his diaphragm. Then his liver developed in the void, further complicating

the situation. Hayden’s owner, Deborah Pack, has been traveling to many local towns showcasing Hayden as a symbol of hope being possible even in bad situations.

Grayson Mayor Troy Combs presented a resolution that would recognize Hayden the Pig as an Honorary Citizen of Grayson, a move which granted the 5-month-old Hayden dual citizenship of sorts because the City of Olive Hill had previously recognized him as a citizen in their August meeting. Along with Deborah Pack, representatives from the Grayson Tractor Supply, Gillian Welch and Jennifer Houk, were also present to support

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Left to right, Gillian Welch, Hayden the Miracle Pig, Jennifer Houk, and Grayson Mayor Troy Combs. (Photo by Charles Romans, *Carter County Times*)

Helping new businesses soar

SOAR speaks to Grayson Chamber

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Mike Nelson told the chamber members he was excited to welcome a new member to the chamber, the Law Office of Amy and Jason Greer. Amy Greer, Nelson noted, is also currently running for Carter County Clerk. Greer’s opponent

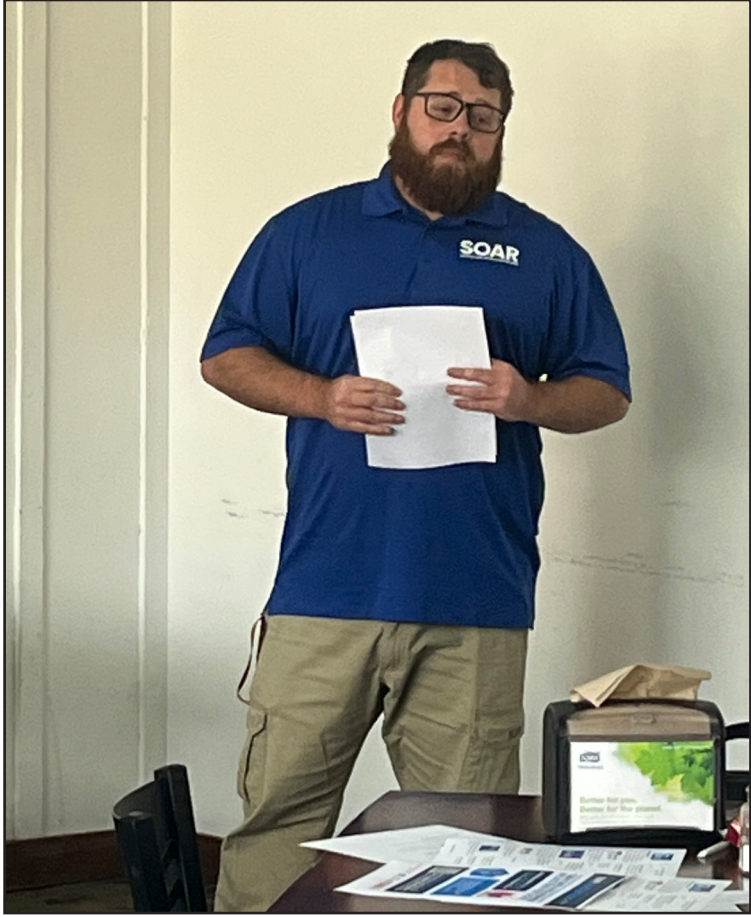
in that race is the current Carter County Clerk, Debbie Johnston.

“We would also like to welcome Lacey Dickson with the Northeast Kentucky Community Action Agency,” Nelson told the members present. “She has just taken over a new position.”

Dickson introduced herself to the chamber and explained her new position briefly.

“I am the business coordinator,” she told the chamber. “What I do is I go to businesses and see if you need anything. I also see if you are

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Coordinator for the Innovation Startup Pipeline at SOAR, Colt Swint, addresses the Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Charles Romans, *Carter County Times*)

Bigfoot a big hit in Olive Hill

Organizer reflects on second installment of festival

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The second annual Carter County Bigfoot Festival left a larger footprint in Olive Hill on Saturday, September 12. Crowds last year were reported to exceed 5,000 and this year’s crowds appear to have grown substantially. Organizers estimated that more than 8,000 people descended upon the Depot in Olive Hill.

The event coordinator, Tabatha Steagall, said that people had travelled from multiple states including Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, Texas, and Kansas to enjoy a day of celebrating the most famous “undiscovered” creature in the world.

Patrons braved the rain that set in around 11 a.m. and lingered sporadically to hear stories from Bigfoot researchers, compete in a Bigfoot calling contest, and see celebrities known for exploring the wild such as Turtle Man, Swamp Man, and Wild Bill from Sons of Appalachia. The Scooby Doo Gang was on hand as well, along with the Mystery Machine, and the General Lee from the television show Dukes

of Hazard.

Vendors set up around the Depot with everything from original cryptid themed art, 3D printed Bigfoots, and laser etched woodcrafts from the popular Wood Boogers wood engravings. Need a Bigfoot in a UK Basketball jersey? They had it. Along with metal crafted signage and ornaments, as well as stuffed cryptids from Mothman to Bigfoot and beyond.

The rain barely slowed the crowds as patrons retrieved umbrellas from nearby vehicles, or in many cases simply walked through the rain or ducked under the canopies of vendors. The kids, of course, made the rain itself into an event. One girl pulled along an inflatable,

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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.

- John Rodgers, 65, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of first degree trafficking in narcotics (two or more grams of methamphetamine), arrested and booked September 15.
- Kenneth White, 36, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of violating a Kentucky EPO/DVO, arrested and booked September 16.
- Dakota Sagraves, 34, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for contempt of court, arrested and booked September 17.

- Jody Guerrero, 33, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, improper equipment, no or expired registration receipt, and failure to notify department of transportation of an address change, arrested and booked September 18.
- Jesse Glover, 36, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce an insurance card, first degree possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine, second degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, arrested and booked September 18.
- David Harlow, 48, of Grayson, self-surrender, weekender,

arrested and booked September 18.

- James Pelfrey, 68, of Winchester, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, no or expired registration plates, no or expired registration receipt, failure to maintain required insurance, first degree indecent exposure, first degree criminal mischief, first degree wanton endangerment, possession of drug paraphernalia, and first degree disorderly conduct, arrested and booked September 20.

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

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

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This Week’s Obituaries

Mary Lewis Johnson Blevins, 83

David Crisp, 79

Dayton Porter, 88

Barbara Delaney Wells, 78

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LIFESTYLE



Welcome autumn with chicken-apple sausage soup

We survived summer. Autumn officially arrives Sept. 22, bringing cooler weather, earlier sunsets, hoodies, warm drinks and all the cozy fall things.

To welcome the season properly, I'm turning my attention to one of autumn's unsung kitchen heroes: chicken-apple sausage.

This versatile convenience balances rich, savory flavor with a subtle sweetness that feels right at home beside cabbage, onions, winter squash, sweet potatoes and, of course, more apples.

You can grill the links and tuck them into buns. Roast them whole with cabbage, onions and apples for a braised-style supper. Slice them onto a sheet pan with sweet potatoes, or saute slices and add toothpicks for an easy

appetizer. Chicken-apple sausage travels happily from skillet to soup pot to party.

Its subtle sweetness pairs beautifully with mustard and cabbage, rosemary and potatoes, sage and squash, or garlic and white beans. That flexibility matters when the plan is less "follow a recipe" and more "please turn these groceries into dinner before we eat dry cereal over the sink."

Its greatest virtue is speed. Most chicken-apple sausage sold in supermarkets is already fully cooked, so check the package. With fully cooked sausage, you are browning and heating it rather than cooking raw meat. Once the accompanying vegetables are tender and the sausage is hot, dinner is ready. Anyone who has stared into the refrigerator at 5:47 p.m. will recognize this as a small kitchen miracle.

Chicken sausage can also be leaner than traditional pork sausage, although recipes and nutrition numbers vary considerably. Compare labels, particularly for saturated fat and sodium, and choose the one that suits your needs and budget.

This week's soup puts our autumn overachiever to excellent use. Cannellini beans provide protein, fiber and creaminess without actual cream. Spinach brings color and vegetables to the

proceedings. The apple echoes the sweetness in the sausage and softens into the savory broth.

The whole pot takes about 25 minutes and works equally well for lunch, dinner or the freezer. The timing assumes an average chopping pace. Speedy choppers may finish sooner; slower choppers should allow a few extra minutes.

If you plan to freeze it, cool the soup promptly and portion it into freezer-safe containers.

CHICKEN SAUSAGE AND APPLE SOUP

Yield: 4 servings
Total time: 25 minutes

2 *tablespoons olive oil*
4 *fully cooked chicken-apple sausage links, sliced 1/4 inch thick*
1 *apple, any variety, cut into 1/2 inch pieces*
2 *large garlic cloves, minced*
2 *(15-ounce) cans cannellini beans, rinsed and drained*
4 *cups (32-ounce) chicken or vegetable broth*
1/2 *teaspoon freshly ground black pepper*
1/4 *teaspoon salt, or to taste*
1 1/2 *cups fresh spinach*
Sliced green onions, to garnish
Optional: Add 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper with the sausage and/or 1 cup finely diced sweet potato with the



From first thought to steaming bowl in under 30 minutes. (Photo Credit: www.Jason-Coblentz.com)

broth.

Warm the olive oil in a soup pot over medium heat. Add the sausage and apple. Cook, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes, until the sausage begins to brown.

Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Increase the heat to medium-high. Add the beans, broth, pepper and salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 8 minutes.

Stir in the spinach and simmer until wilted, about 2 minutes. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Serve immediately, topped with sliced green onions if desired.

This soup is warm, hearty and full of fall flavor. In other

words, it announces autumn with much less effort than washing the musty smell out of all your sweaters or decorating the porch. Bon appetit!

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Ask Daryl: Your Professional Organizer

What's in it for you?

Getting organized can be difficult. That being said, if we look at the benefits, the task will be more rewarding, and easier than you think. So, what's in it for you?

Well, there's the experience of sorting and finding. As we go through our things, we are able to see what we truly have. That,

then, leads to finding things we didn't remember we had. Then, there's the putting back. That's when we see how much space we actually have and are able to put our things away in an orderly manner. Then comes the result; this is the feeling of accomplishment. The feeling that we have not just eliminated



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist
Confusion Solution

but created something to be proud of and the realization that we won't have to go through the process again for a long time.

So, take the time and keep maintaining by putting things away in their new proper locations.

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

Joyful Noise

Keep trusting

By Pastor Naomi Mitchell
for *Carter County Times*

It is just human nature for some folks to worry about this or that. Some people will worry over something until it literally makes them ill. Worry can afflict you with mental distress or agitation when you are concerned or anxious about someone or something. It's definitely not a fun time.

In the Bible, "worry"

refers to anxious, divided thinking about future needs—often described as a lack of trust in God's care and provision, based on teachings such as Matthew 6:25–34 and Philipians 4:6–7. The scripture tells us that a merry heart is like good medicine!

Across both Old and New Testaments, worry is consistently portrayed as:

Anxiety about future outcomes — unease over what might happen.

Divided attention — the Greek word merimnao (used by Jesus in Matthew 6) literally means "to be pulled in different directions."

A distraction from trusting God — worry is seen as something that draws the heart away from confidence in God's provision.

A burden God invites believers to cast on Him — "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

Are you worried about the future? You don't have to know what is next. God already does (Jeremiah

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Oct. 1 webinar addresses Asian longhorned ticks for Kentucky livestock producers

Asian longhorned ticks (ALHT) are a growing concern for livestock producers in Kentucky and across the region. This invasive tick species was first confirmed in the United States within the past decade and has since been found in multiple Kentucky counties. Unlike many familiar tick species, ALHT can reproduce without mating. A single female can produce more than 1,000 offspring, allowing tick populations to build quickly on pastures, wildlife and livestock.



Rebecca Konopka
Carter County
Extension Agent

For cattle producers, the risk is twofold. Heavy infestations can cause significant blood loss, stress and poor performance in livestock. In severe cases, animals may become weak or anemic simply because so many ticks are feeding on them. These ticks are also a concern because they can transmit bovine theileriosis. This disease damages red blood cells and can lead to anemia, jaundice, weakness, abortions, decreased performance and, in some cases, death. Cattle that survive infection may become long-term carriers and can relapse during periods of stress.

ALHTs are very small, reddish-brown ticks with no distinct markings, making them difficult to

identify without laboratory confirmation. Producers should routinely check cattle around the tailhead, udder, inside the legs, brisket, ears and face, especially during the warmer months. Livestock that appear lethargic, unthrifty or weak should be examined closely for ticks and evaluated by a veterinarian if disease is suspected.

Because there is no vaccine for theileriosis and no consistently effective treatment once cattle are infected, prevention and early awareness are important. Tick management may include regular herd checks, careful inspection and treatment of new animals before introducing them to the herd, mowing overgrown pasture areas, limiting cattle access to wooded edges where ticks may be more common and using appropriate tick-control products according to the label. Producers should work with their veterinarian and local Extension personnel to determine the best approach for their farm.

To help cattle owners better understand this emerging livestock issue, University of Kentucky Extension veterinary and entomology specialists will host a webinar on Asian longhorned ticks Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. Eastern/5

p.m. Central. The program will include information on what the tick is, how it may affect cattle herds, how to submit samples for identification, what producers need to know about theileriosis and what steps farmers can take to reduce risk on their farms.

Cattle owners who have questions about Asian longhorned ticks, need help identifying ticks or want information about participating in the October 1 webinar should contact the Carter County Cooperative Extension Office.

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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 will be open on Saturdays at 9:00 AM until sell out throughout September and is located in the shed behind the Extension Office.

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report			
Feeder steers and heifers saw mixed trends this week, showing steady to sharply higher on quality weaned cattle, while light, plain quality and unweaned calves were lower. Yearlings stayed firm with good demand but limited comparisons. Slaughter cows ranged mostly steady to lower, with some higher moves on better demand. Slaughter bulls sold mostly steady with moderate to good demand for slaughter classes. Overall tone was steady to firm, supported by stronger demand and improved offerings.			
Week ending 9/19/26			
Courtesy of https://www.kyagr.com/			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	471.72	442.29	451.69
400-450 lbs	439.53	421.69	430.97
450-500 lbs	420.59	406.76	416.93
500-550 lbs	381.77	375.07	392.00
550-600 lbs	365.66	366.36	377.11
600-650 lbs	345.10	350.54	371.48
650-700 lbs	345.29	343.28	351.80
700-750 lbs	339.06	325.66	345.67
750-800 lbs	331.90	322.66	348.14
800-850 lbs	320.79	324.23	331.56
850-900 lbs	306.79	303.98	321.72
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	410.98	395.63	399.46
350-400 lbs	404.35	391.71	395.20
400-450 lbs	381.18	375.59	379.77
450-500 lbs	366.91	356.38	368.38
500-550 lbs	347.63	339.45	355.75
550-600 lbs	333.62	326.72	349.78
600-650 lbs	321.45	315.55	335.06
650-700 lbs	311.04	304.35	325.54
700-750 lbs	298.51	292.46	307.38
750-800 lbs	299.76	284.46	307.78
Slaughter Cows			
	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Breakers	130.00-166.00	150.00-183.00	110.00-148.00
Boners	130.00-167.00	150.00-188.00	80.00-148.00
Lean	102.50-153.00	125.00-186.00	83.00-153.00
Slaughter Bulls			
	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Yield Grade 1&2	180.00-208.00	197.00-231.00	154.00-193.00
Sep 10, 2026 Bowling Green, KY			
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 122			
Kids-Selection 1-2	54 lbs 340.00; 68 lbs 340.00.	Selection 2	51 lbs 415.00; 62-63 lbs 300.00-340.00; 84 lbs 290.00.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 364			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2	60-68 lsb 325.00-342.50; 76-78 lbs 325.00-327.50; 88 lbs 260.00; 92 lbs 255.00; 109 lbs 230.00; 117 lbs 227.50.	Choice 2	50-57 lbs 355.00-390.00; 67 lbs 325.00; 75 lbs 320.00; 95 lbs 270.00.
Woolled-Choice & Prime 1-2	78 lbs 315.00; 100lbs 280.00; 143 lbs 197.50; 205 lbs 150.00.		
GRAINS			
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Corn	4.68-5.21	4.70-5.19	3.73-4.27
Soybeans	12.04-13.49	12.10-13.64	9.11-10.25
Red Winter Wheat	6.42-7.36	6.43-7.48	4.88-5.58

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hiring or if you need someone to help you.”

Dickson will be a featured speaker at a future chamber meeting, Nelson said, and will be able to give chamber members a more complete picture of what Northeast has to offer.

Nelson also told the chamber that he had recently attended a Northeast Kentucky Business Awards breakfast.

“The Northeast Kentucky Small Business Association had their annual awards breakfast the other day in Boyd County,” Nelson said, “and several Carter County Businesses were represented and nominated. And our very own Rachel Burton took home an award for Financial Advocate of the Year.”

“There were lots of our businesses represented and nominated,” Nelson told the chamber. “And the speaker, Rob Johnson from WSAZ made mention of the fact that we had several Carter County businesses represented.”

Nelson said he was glad to see that, and he appreciated so many businesses taking the time to nominate people for the

awards.

“It was very important,” Nelson said. “And it shows how our small businesses are growing here.”

“It was a great year for Carter County,” Chamber President Jill York added. “Our friends over in Olive Hill had a great bunch of nominees, we had a great bunch of nominees, and you know, it is a big deal to even get your name in for that sort of stuff. So, thank you all for nominating, and special kudos for our nominees. We are happy for you all.”

In other business, Nelson told the chamber that they were stepping up their “Shop Local” program.

“We are doing this as we sort of step into the holiday season,” Nelson said. “As you have noticed, I have been in contact with you about the Shop Local Gift Card Program.”

Nelson said if any chamber businesses were not yet participating, the chamber would love to have them do so.

“It’s super easy because it is basically a digital gift card,” Nelson explained. “People buy it and send it to each other, and it can only be used at certain

locations in Grayson and Carter County into Olive Hill. It keeps the money local because it can only be spent here.”

Nelson said the card is easy to purchase and easy to use as long as the business can accept a manual credit card at their point-of-sale terminals. There is no additional charge to the individual using the card or the business taking it, Nelson said.

The featured speaker at the chamber meeting was Colt Swint from SOAR (Shaping Our Appalachian Region) who spoke to the chamber about the SOAR pipeline. Swint is the Coordinator for the Innovation Startup Pipeline at SOAR.

“For anyone who is not aware, SOAR is a nonprofit organization,” Swint told the chamber. “We are focused on the development and economic growth of the Eastern Kentucky Region. The Innovation Team specifically is centered around helping new founders and new businesses develop through workshops and ideation, as well as connecting them to resources.”

“I think the networking and the resources are some of the most important values that come from working with SOAR,” Swint told the chamber. “We want to make sure that all of our clients are aware of everything that is available to them in their communities as they start to bring their ideas to life.”

“As far as SOAR as a whole, we operate in 54 Appalachian counties,” Swint said. “The Innovation Team operates in all 54 of those counties under the ARC Grant, which is typically target toward schools and up and coming businesses. And we help all sorts of businesses.”

“Specifically,” he continued, “I am here today under the Cabinet for Economic Development. And Carter County is one of their main 29 counties.”

Swint said he encourages every business to reach out to SOAR to see what resources are available to them, especially if that business is a startup.

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Pig from A-1

Hayden as he received his honor. Tractor Supply is planning an event for Hayden in the near future.

In other business, the city council discussed an updated bid for the new fire truck they are in the process of purchasing. Part of that discussion involved a sizeable increase (\$89,752) in the bid they had previously received. Because of that, the council decided some research into the cause of the increase would need to be undertaken before they would be able to vote. Mayor Combs recommended to the council that bids be taken, and a committee

appointed to make future recommendations to the council.

The city council also discussed other business, including when to set the official hours and date for the upcoming Halloween holiday. The council voted to set trick-or-treat for October 31 with the official hours being set at 5:30 to 8 p.m. that day. The mayor also informed the council that he did not yet have anyone to appoint to the clerk’s position vacated by Dawnita Lewis May who recently resigned.

Council also discussed the possible replacement of several vehicles used by the police department,

but further discussion was deemed necessary and no vote to approve the purchase was taken. Grayson Emergency Management discussed the Red Cross free smoke alarm project, and the benefits to Carter County. Assistant Emergency Management Director Joanne Dunfee said she had registered 36 people to receive the free smoke detectors at that time, with possibly more to register.

The city council also revisited the problem with signage being placed too close to roadways and potentially obstructing traffic. A sample ordinance from other cities was

looked at, but no decision was made at the meeting. Once a decision is made on an ordinance governing signage, violators will incur fines that may increase depending upon the number of violations after the first offense. A first reading of a potential ordinance was conducted at the city council’s August meeting, but a motion to table the second reading in favor of additional research resulted in no second reading at the September meeting.

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Porter Tire receives 2026 NEKY Small Business Legacy Award

OLIVE HILL, Ky – Porter Tire & Auto Service was recognized as the 2026 recipient of the NEKY Small Business Legacy Award during the Kentucky Small Business Development Center’s annual award breakfast Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The award recognizes a small business that has made a lasting impact through its longevity, contributions and commitment to its community.

For the Porter family, the recognition represents more than six decades of hard work and dedication.

“We were very honored to be recognized with the 2026 NEKY Small business legacy award. It was a welcome recognition for a lot of hard work and determination that has come from three generations,” said Jennifer Harris, who operates Porter Tire alongside her brother, Scott Porter.

Porter Tire’s story began in 1960, when Edward



submitted photo

(Edd) Porter and his father, Everett, opened Porter Service Station, a gas station that also provided mechanic work. As the business grew, the Porters began selling new and used tires.

In 1966, Edd purchased his father’s share of the business so Everett could retire. Edd and his wife, Hope, continued to operate and grow the business.

In 1970, Edd and his brother-in-law, Buck (Buell) Stevens, opened

B&S Retreading, which operated into the early 1980s.

Over the years, Porter Tire has continued to adapt to changing times while maintaining the customer service that has been central to the business since its beginning.

“This family owned business has been progressively changing with the times while keeping the same quality friendly customer service,” Harris

said.

Edd is now retired, and Hope passed away in 2021. Today, the business is operated by their son, Scott Porter, and daughter, Jennifer Harris.

Several extended family members have also worked at Porter Tire throughout the years.

For the next generation of the family, Porter Tire was also a familiar part of

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CALENDAR

- **9/23: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **9/23: Olive Hill Book Club @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **9/25: Final Friday @ 6 p.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **9/26: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **9/26: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Market Shed
- **9/28: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **9/28: Open Art Studio @ 10 a.m.** | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **9/28: Hike & Learn @ 1 p.m.** | Grayson Lake State Park Lick Falls Trail
- **9/28: Girl Scouts meeting @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **9/29: Grayson Farmer's Market @ 2 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office Market Shed
- **9/29: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **9/29: Northeast Area Livestock Association @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: The Basics of Beef Carcass Grading; Speaker: Jeff Oldfield
- **9/30: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @ 8 a.m.** | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **10/1: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **10/2: Sit & Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686

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Pet of the Week

Leo is a male mixed breed, weighing in at 48 pounds, and believed to be around a year or two old. He’s very friendly, good with other dogs, and walks on a leash. Leo is already neutered, and has a free adoption to an approved home. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet him or call 475-9771 for more information.

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



CITY OF GRAYSON

Throughout the months of September and October 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

29:11). Are you one that tries to control everything? Do what you can, trust God with the rest (Proverbs 3:5-6). Are you feeling overwhelmed? Give your burdens to Him. You don't have to carry them alone (Matthew 11:28). Does fear keep you awake? You don't have to be afraid. God is with you (Isaiah 41:10). Are you worried about finances? Don't panic. Trust God to provide what you need (Philippians 4:19). Are you struggling with guilt from your past? You can't change yesterday, but God's grace can cover it (John 1:9). Are you facing a health scare? Don't live in "what ifs." God is your healer and your strength (Jeremiah 30:17). Do you feel alone, even around others? You are not forgotten. God is with you always (Deuteronomy 31:6). Are you stuck in a situation that won't change? Do what you can and surrender what you can't. God is in control (Romans 8:28).

God's Word is a hope and cure for what is troubling us. Comfort in affliction: God's promises remind us He is present and faithful, even in suffering. Guidance in uncertainty: His Word illuminates

Porter

childhood. Edd and Hope's three granddaughters have fond memories of playing in the office after school.

The business has also expanded its role in the community through tire recycling and reuse.

In 1988, Porter Tire began shredding and disposing of scrap tires. In 2008, the business implemented equipment to recycle tires into Tire Derived Fuel (TDF) chips, which are used as fuel by power plants and other industries across the country.

In 2012, Porter Tire installed additional equipment to process rubber into playground material and rubber mulch, further expanding the ways the business can keep used tires out of landfills and put the material into a reusable market.

Edd Porter summed up the company's evolution and the people who have helped make its continued

the way forward, giving direction and peace. Strength in weakness: Passages like Isaiah 41:10 and Philippians 4:13 show that His Word fuels resilience. Faith and perseverance: Romans 5:3-5 explains that trials, through faith, produce hope and character.

When we rest in God's Word, we are healed of spiritual and emotional distress, anchored in hope, and empowered to face life's challenges. As Psalm 119:114 says, "I hope in your word," and Romans 8:28 assures that all things work together for good for those who love God. In short, God's Word is both the hope that sustains us and the cure that restores us, because it is the living truth of God's love, power, and promises.

Amen! So be it!

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success possible.

"The business has evolved over the years and has seen many changes," he said. "The Lord has blessed us with many wonderful loyal customers as well as employees. We are very thankful for each of them."

That loyalty has extended across generations of customers. Harris said many customers have shared memories of visiting Porter Tire as children with their fathers or grandfathers and have continued to bring their business to the family-owned company.

The Porter family hopes to continue that tradition of service for years to come.

"We hope Porter Tire can continue to service our community and provide the quality friendly products and service they have come to expect for many years to come," Harris said.

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Mary Lewis Johnson Blevins

1943 – 2026



Mary Lewis Johnson Blevins, age 83, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, September 13, 2026, at Carter Nursing and Rehabilitation in Grayson, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Wednesday, March 3, 1943, in Grayson, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Virgil and Allie Suttles Johnson.

Mary enjoyed serving the Lord and going to church, where she was a faithful attendee of Myrtle Tree Missionary Baptist Church. She retired from Tom's Pizza in Grayson, Kentucky, and enjoyed working in her flowers and garden. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren, family, and friends. She also cherished the companionship of her very special friend, Billy L. Stidham.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded by her loving husband, Elgan "EW" Blevins; one grandchild; six brothers and two sisters.

She is survived two sons, Terry Blevins, Tim (Denise) Blevins, all of Grayson, Kentucky; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Ralph (Carole) Johnson of San Francisco, California; two sisters, Maxine March of Sneads Ferry, North Carolina, Kathy (Frank) Derski of Grayson, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends that will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at Grayson Funeral Home, 49 McCoy Road, Grayson, Kentucky 41143, with Brother Kyle Burchett and Brother Keith Hill officiating. Burial followed in Blevins Family Cemetery in Grayson, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 12 Noon, Wednesday, September 16, 2026, until the service hour at Grayson Funeral Home.

Mary's grandchildren served as pallbearers.

Grayson Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mary Lewis Johnson Blevins.

David Crisp

1946 – 2026



David Crisp, age 79 of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at UK-King's Daughter in Ashland, Kentucky.

He was born Wednesday, September 18, 1946,

in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late Joel Dair and Delphia Caincross Crisp.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Ted Crisp and one sister, Mary Lou Morris.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Jean Tussey Crisp and one sister, Loretta (Clifford) Blevins, along with many other family and friends who will sadly miss him.

At the request of the family, there will be no service at this time.

Globe Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of David Crisp.

Barbara Delaney Wells

1947 – 2026



Barbara Delaney Wells, age 78, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, September 10, 2026, at her residence in Grayson, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Wednesday, December 17, 1947, in Clincho, Virginia, a daughter of the late Lawrence Clifford and Manthalee Newberry Delaney.

She enjoyed fishing, riding her 4-wheeler, cooking Sunday dinner and spending time with her family. She was an all round happy person and loved everyone.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded

in death by her loving husband, George Wells; one son, Samuel Dean Wells; and one sister, Billie Nemeth.

She is survived by one daughter, Christine Caines (Jesse Blankenship) of Grayson, Kentucky; four grandchildren, Hannah Layne (Quinton Wells), both of Elliott County, Kentucky, Zachary Layne of Grayson, Kentucky, Samuel Wells of Belleville, Michigan, Manthalee (Joseph) Pelzer of Brownstown, Michigan; five great grandchildren, Axel Wells, Candice Wells, Samuel Wells, Amelia Pelzer, Tristan Pelzer; two sisters, Linda Kowalewski of Redford, Michigan, Nina (Don) Buono of Wayne, Michigan; along with many other family and friends that will sadly miss her.

At the request of the family, there will be no service at this time.

Grayson Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Barbara Delaney Wells.

Dayton Porter

1938 – 2026



Dayton Porter, age 88, of Olive Hill, Kentucky, passed away Friday, September 18, 2026, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Wednesday, April 20, 1938, in Carter County, Kentucky, a son of the late William A. and Elizabeth Catron Porter.

Dayton was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved The Lord deeply, his church, his family, and his community. He gave us our foundation in faith in Jesus Christ and taught us how to live a good life. He instilled in us strong values and showed us how to treat others with kindness, love, and respect.

A hard worker, Dayton took immense pride in a job well done. In his own words "If I had my druthers, I'd rather have my hands in the dirt." He was the owner of Porter Monument Sales for 62 years. He retired as Carter County State Highway Maintenance Foreman in 1994. He loved his cattle and farmed his entire life.

Dayton loved life and cherished the time he spent with his family. He enjoyed attending church, sharing meals and fellowship at Walker's Restaurant, and simply being surrounded by the people he loved.

His faith, dedication, hard work, and love for his family and community will be remembered and treasured by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 29 years, Nora Jean McCoy Harr Porter; one great-granddaughter, Poppy Flora Fehring; two brothers, Tracy Porter, Roy

Porter; five sisters, Ethel James, Mae Porter, Irene Mabry, Treda Mundy and Conny Lane.

Dayton is survived by one son, Mark (Janie) Porter of Olive Hill, Kentucky; three daughters, Jackie Porter of Morehead, Kentucky, Micha (Jamie) Ertel of Milford, Ohio, Delrita (James) Wells of Morehead, Kentucky; eight grandchildren, Vanessa, Tabitha, Lauren, Zach, Paige, Macy, Zoe, Kraig; ten great-grandchildren, Isabella, Sophia, Nora, Tripp, Reese, Madison, Eleanor, Walker, Cosmo and Goldie; step-children, Jimmie (Evelyn) Harr of Olive Hill, Kentucky, David Harr of Morehead, Kentucky; two step-grandchildren, Christopher Wardlow, Brittnee Harr (Curt); one step-great-grandson, Brantlee Fultz, along with many other family, friends and neighbors who will sadly miss him.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Monday, September 21, 2026, at Fairview Methodist Church, 2796 State Hwy 504, Olive Hill, Kentucky, with Brother John Lambert officiating. Burial followed in Catron Cemetery in Elliott County.

Friends visited from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., Sunday, September 20, 2026, at Globe Funeral Chapel, 17277 West US Hwy 60, Olive Hill and after 10 a.m., Monday, September 21, 2026, at Fairview Methodist Church, until the service hour.

Kraig Ertel, Herman Conn, Tracy Joe Elliott, James Wells, Charles P'Simer and Tanner P'Simer served as pallbearers.

Rex Stamper, Jamie Ertel, Jewell Porter, Carl Busetter, Zach Ertel, Jake Stamper, Ronnie Burchett, Christopher Wardlow and Marty Walker served as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Fairview Methodist Church, 2564 St Rt. 504, Olive Hill, Kentucky, 41164.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky is honored to serve the family of Dayton Porter.

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Guest Editorial

Before you say yes to a data center, listen to this advice from coal country

Data centers should be negotiated, not surrendered, by communities that know what they own

By James Branscome
Kentucky Lantern

The mayor of Russell learned in June that a Barcelona company wanted to build a two-gigawatt data center on the old AK Steel site in his town. He learned it from a consultant’s email, and the consultant’s first concern was that the moratorium Russell had just passed might get in the way. That is how an \$8-\$12 billion-dollar project that would draw more than a tenth of Kentucky’s summer electricity announced itself, as the Kentucky Lantern reported in July.

Russell is not alone. Kentucky utilities told regulators in May that as many as 30 data centers were under discussion in the state, the Lantern found. TeraWulf is building on the industrial park Greenup shares with Boyd and Carter Counties and at the idled aluminum smelter in Hancock County. Pikeville has signed a memorandum with a Lexington developer, WYMT reported in June. The response has been the only one the law allows a county. Bell County, Cave City and Russell passed moratoriums, a Burgin council member walked out on September 9 to deny a quorum, and the day before, the Woodford County Fiscal Court had voted unanimously to ban data centers outright, the first county in the state to do so, with no project even proposed.

The General Assembly gave the industry a sales-tax exemption and then let bills from both parties on water use, siting and ratepayer exposure die on the last day of the session. Gov. Andy Beshear filled the gap in August with an executive order which requires developers to show the state they will not raise other customers’ bills. It is the strongest statement any Kentucky official has made, but it is an order rather than a statute, and it does not say what happens to a developer who ignores it.

So, the counties are largely on their own, and they should know what they are getting. A hyperscale data center consumes electricity on the scale of a power plant and, once built, needs surprisingly few people. The Russell project promises 200 permanent jobs on \$12 billion dollars of investment. Pikeville’s first phase is 40. In Mason County, W.Va., the Monarch campus will employ 645 people on a \$69 billion first phase, roughly one job for every hundred million dollars, according to figures from Gov. Patrick Morrisey’s office reported by the Charleston Gazette-Mail. Neighbors whose yards flooded during site grading have been selling their homes, West Virginia Public Broadcasting reported in August.

What a data center does produce is property tax. Loudoun County, Va., collected \$875 million from data centers last year and runs a third of its government on them. For an Eastern Kentucky county that has watched its coal severance money vanish, that is the first serious new tax base anyone has offered in a generation. It is worth having, and worth pricing correctly. The coalfields once gave away their minerals for a dollar an acre to people who knew exactly what they were worth.

Good advice

Here is what a county or city can put on the table before it signs, my research shows.

Buy time first. A moratorium is not obstruction. It is the only tool the legislature left local governments, and it can be used to write a zoning ordinance that covers setbacks, noise, water, generators and stormwater. Wythe County, Va., learned what happens without one when its board chairman conceded in December that a data center could become anyone’s next-door neighbor without a hearing, Cardinal News reported. Nine months later the county still has no zoning and the project is proceeding.

No code names. A project that will use public water, public roads and a public tax exemption should not be negotiated under a nondisclosure agreement. The developer, not its consultant, should appear by name before the fiscal court or council votes.

Get the numbers from someone other than the developer.

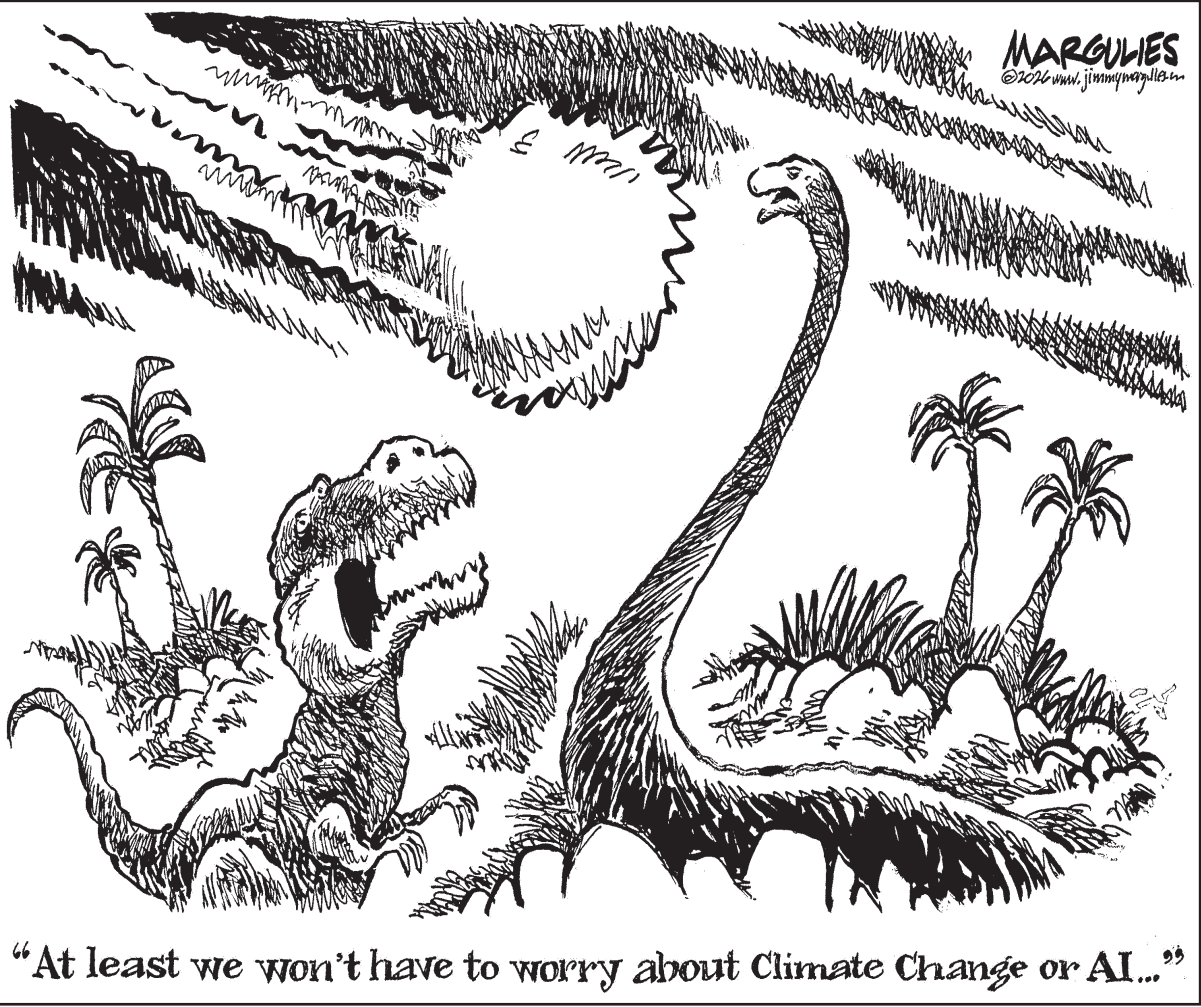
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“At least we won’t have to worry about Climate Change or AI...”

My feisty little grandmother was a great fundraiser

Reprinted from March 24, 2021

I’ve been a fund raiser for nearly 50 years but the best fundraising idea came from my dear late grandmother, Minnie, who lived to be 100.

Her simple yet brilliant idea was tied to her birthday and the fact that – to the amazement and admiration of all who knew her – she enjoyed an active, fully engaged life for 43 years after losing her husband.

This feisty old gal lived on a modest pension check, income from a rented duplex apartment and small monthly contributions her children made to the “Minnie Fund” which supplemented her income.

I lived with her during my first three years of college and I remember exactly how she came up with a unique way of paying her real estate taxes.

The tax bill arrived each year about the end of August and it amounted to a few hundred dollars. But, according to Minnie, it was so much that paying it likely would put her in the poorhouse.

Keep in mind that her birthday was in May so the small contributions toward her tax bill in the fall could be considered an early or late birthday present.

Thus, was born what some of us privately called

“Minnie’s Tax Party”. She liked to tell folks that requesting cash instead of birthday presents she didn’t need made more sense than opening a lot of presents filled with “expensive junk”.



Keith Kappes
Columnist
Carter County Times

The word spread quickly and the party became an annual event which always achieved (and exceeded) its dollar goal of whatever the sheriff insisted Minnie should pay that year in property taxes.

I vividly recall my aunts and uncles and other relatives showing up at her front door with cash-bearing envelopes in their hands, sort of like a Mafia wedding reception.

Most of them winked and said it was Minnie’s birthday present. I smiled and nodded as they dropped the envelopes into the basket I was holding at the door. Frankly, I was amused that no one ever raised the question of her real birthdate.

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Blight is a choice

Architect Deborah Gans once said about blight, “If you have five empty lots on a block, the whole block collapses.” Everywhere in America, there are empty buildings, even in some of the hippest cities like New York and San Francisco, let alone somewhere in flyover country. We all pass them and remember an old diner or a cool little suit shop that was around forever, and then, once the store leaves, the space lies dormant for years.

When I lived in New Orleans, I hung out at a bar called Flannagan’s; it was my home base, a place to cry, to celebrate, and mourn. It was a special slice of the French Quarter. The bar was consistent; there were always folks hanging around 24 hours a day — not as a drunk den of iniquity, but as a safe harbor for varying shades of characters. But like all things, the landlords got greedy. They kicked the Flannagan family out and had pie-in-the-sky plans to open their own little slice of heaven. The problem was, the art of obtaining a liquor license in the Crescent City isn’t as easy as slapping a crisp \$100 on the barrel head. Only so many are issued — and Flannagan’s had two. So now, thirteen years later, the spot still sits empty — because greed always takes the house.

Recently, in New Orleans’ Lower Ninth Ward, the 9,000-square-foot corpse of a Family Dollar store began operation as the New Orleans Free Store, where residents can pick up clothing, furniture, food, books, and household goods — for free. The building also hosts STI testing, basic medical care, food distri-

bution, art classes, punk shows, and roller skating. Founder Dan Bingle worked out a deal with the property owner: the organization uses the building rent-free, pays the utilities, and maintains the property until the owner is ready to redevelop it. That arrangement turns blight into something people actually need.

Marseille offers an even more radical version. After a McDonald’s shuttered in the working-class northern part of the city, former employees, activists, and residents occupied the dormant building. They transformed it into L’Après M, a food-distro hub feeding more than 2,000 families a week. The long-term vision was a community-owned “fast-social-food” restaurant with prices tied to income, free meals for undocumented residents, and jobs restored to the neighborhood. A dead McDonald’s became more useful after McDonald’s bailed on working people.

But for a lot of building owners, they’d rather let a building rot. Why bother letting some kid open a store or giving a chef cheap rent to kick off their new idea when it’s easier to throw your hands up?

Here’s the thing: the tax code doesn’t necessarily reward landlords for letting buildings rot, but it can make waiting remarkably tolerable. Depreciation, deductible carrying costs, and the tax consequences of selling can soften the financial pain of vacancy while the surrounding neighborhood absorbs the eyesore.

Rents are too high. Too many commercial buildings sit empty. And there are dreamers in every town wishing they could open that coffee shop or used

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bookstore. San Francisco fought back. Voters approved Proposition D in March 2020 with 69.8 percent of the vote, above the two-thirds majority required. It taxes storefronts left vacant more than 182 days a year, starting at \$250 per street-facing linear foot and climbing to \$1,000 a year after that. More cities need laws like this. Let people open their small businesses. Everything can’t be a bank, a used car lot, a CVS, or a Starbucks.

Whenever I’m back in New Orleans and walk down St. Phillip, I pass where Flannagan’s was and remember standing out in front, chopping it up with weirdos and friends alike. And as it sits empty, it’s a scar on my heart. I loved that place.

Thirteen years. My kid just hit that milestone on

■ **Bigfoot** from A-1

rainbow colored dolphin, dipping it into small patches of water that pooled along the pavement in the rain. Other young patrons (and a few older ones) merely stomped through it between the food trucks and vendor stalls.

And as for the cryptid with the famous foot? He (and she) was represented multiple times, each wearing colorful shirts with logos like, “Done Peopling,” and “I Don’t Believe in You Either.” There were tall Bigfoots and short Bigfoots, and

the 19th. But in bar years, that’s a kid who never got to learn which regular to avoid because they’d talk your ear off. Or which one would buy a shot on your birthday. That's thirteen years of Tuesday nights nobody got to hoist a cold one for a lost friend, or scorned lover. Somewhere in New Orleans, there's a bartender who'd have run that room better than anyone, and a crew of lost souls who'd have found each other there. Instead, there's dust and a padlock. Gans was right: empty lots take the whole block down with them. But the reverse is true too. Open one door, and the block starts breathing again.

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patrons of the festival couldn’t wait to capture selfies with the normally elusive creature. One needs proof of a Bigfoot sighting, after all, and the proof was right there at the Carter County Bigfoot Festival.

Steagall said she was glad to see so many people enjoying themselves. That was her goal last year, after all, and continues to be her goal.

Beyond the fun, the festival also has a serious economic impact on the area. People from at least half a dozen other states visited Olive Hill and

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
GRAYSON DAM WATER CONTROL PLAN UPDATE
CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this Notice of Availability (NOA), advises the public that the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Grayson Dam Water Control Plan Update is complete and available for public review. The project is located in Carter County, Kentucky. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated for the proposed project. A Draft FONSI is included with the DEA for public review.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the DEA and draft FONSI must be available to the public in the affected area for thirty (30) days for review and comment. Final determination regarding the need for additional NEPA documentation will be made after the public review period, which begins on or about September 23, 2026. Copies of the documents may be viewed at the following location:

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Phone: (606) 475-1528

The documents may also be viewed at the following website:
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Ms. Megan Wilburn
Acting Chief, Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch
Huntington District Corps of Engineers
502 Eighth Street
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Email: Megan.B.Wilburn@usace.army.mil

MISCELLANEOUS

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while there got to see what Carter County has to offer. It is a positive influx for local tourism and local businesses, with many patrons of the festival making purchases beyond vendors and food trucks at the festival itself. And the “footprint” of the Carter County Bigfoot Festival can only get bigger.

Steagall said she is going to take a breath and then begin planning for the 2027 festival. This year’s success is sure to

expand interest and attract more people interested in the field of cryptids like Bigfoot. Another famous cryptid, The Mothman, has spawned a weekend festival that takes over all of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and there is no reason the Carter County Bigfoot Festival can’t at least approach that size.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

Rep. Massie forces vote to impeach Secretary of Defense Peter Hegseth

Washington, D.C.- Representative Thomas Massie (R-KY) announces he is forcing a vote in the House of Representatives

to impeach Secretary of Defense Peter Hegseth. Among his charges, Rep. Massie asserts that Secretary Hegseth is operating

in contravention of three specific provisions of the War Powers Resolution of 1973. Representative Massie is a member of the

House Judiciary Committee.

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The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at the FIVCO Area Development District office during regular business hours:

A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
B. Estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.
C. Records Regarding the past use of CDBG funds.
D. A summary of other important program requirements.

Comments on Application
A copy of the CDBG application material will be on file at the Judge Executive's office for citizen review and comment during regular business hours (8:00 am-4:00 pm) from Tuesday September 22nd through Monday October 5th , 2026, at 10:00 am. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of Brandon Burton, Carter County Judge Executive until close of business on October 2nd, 2026.

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The Carter County Fiscal court does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion, or disability. The Carter County Fiscal court provides upon request reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services to offer individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs, and activities. Any persons requiring special needs assistance or services for non-English speaking residents should contact County Judge Executive, Brandon Burton at 606-474-5366 at least five days prior to the meeting. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1/800-648-6057.

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CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 26-CI-00035**

KAR TAX LIEN PORTFOLIO, LLC **PLAINTIFF**

VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**

BILLY EUGENE OAKLEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BILLY EUGENE OAKLEY; PAULA OAKLEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAULA OAKLEY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT; COUNTY OF CARTER, KENTUCKY **DEFENDANTS**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on August 4, 2026, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **7th day of October, 2026 at or near the hour of 3:40 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 158 Gilliam Cem. Rd., Olive Hill, Kentucky 41164. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 215, Page 183, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 015-00-00-016.01.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 26-CI-00042**

KAR TAX LIEN PORTFOLIO, LLC **PLAINTIFF**

VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**

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Description of the Property: 379 Rocky Road, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 269, Page 11, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 083-00-00-009.03.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARTER CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00142**

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC **PLAINTIFF**

VS. **NOTICE OF SALE**

SHERRI L. KAZEE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF SHERRI L. KAZEE; COUNTY OF CARTER **DEFENDANTS**

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on August 19, 2026, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the **7th day of October, 2026 at or near the hour of 3:30 p.m.**, to the highest bidder on the following terms:

The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 7.375% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

Description of the Property: 5278 U.S. Highway 60, Rush, Kentucky 41168. (For Legal Description see LSOT: Deed Book 502, Page 54, Carter County Clerk's Office.)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 128-00-00-016.00.

NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

Honorable John P. Thompson
Master Commissioner
Carter County, Kentucky

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

GERALD, HONEY, IT'S GRANDMA'S BIRTHDAY THIS WEEKEND AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PARTY.

OOH, LIKE GOING TO ROCKET PIZZA WITH LASER TAG, A BIG CAKE WITH A MAGICIAN AND BALLOONS?

NO, DEAR, JUST A SMALL GET-TOGETHER, A NICE DINNER AND MAYBE HER FAVORITE PIE.

GEEZ, THIS IS WHY OLDER PEOPLE NEVER GET EXCITED ABOUT THEIR BIRTHDAY!!

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

IT'S PRETTY COMMON IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. IT'S A BD OF ORCADELICS.

FAR OUT, MAN

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

WHAT HAS FOUR LEGS AND ONE ARM?

I GIVE UP... WHAT HAS FOUR LEGS & ONE ARM?

OUR NEIGHBORS' PIT BULL!!

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

HE NEEDS EXERCISE

I'M TAKING HIM TO THE PLAYGROUND

HIGHER, TIGER

CATCH ME, TIGER

SPIN ME FASTER

HOLD ME UP

LIFT ME, TIGER

OLIVE & POPEYE

By Randy Milholland

LOOKIT THAT DOOR!

WHAT ON EARTH? WHY'S THE MAP GLOWIN'?

THIS MUST BE THE LOST TREASURE! WHO KNOWS WHAT FORTUNE WAITS, LOCKED AWAY BEHIND THESE DOORS!

I DUNNO WOT'S AHEAD OF US, BUT I BET IT'S FRIENDLIER THAN WOT'S BEHIND US.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

SO SWEET MY MOTHER STILL WRITES ME LETTERS. "HELLO, DEAR, HOPE THINGS ARE GOOD WITH YOU, I MEAN CONSIDERING"...

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: E equals W

EFSM V EVGG WGVDRSQ

USGZNSQX NVM DWZGGD V

GJVU UYQZMB QYDF FJYQ, UJ

XJY BSR DRYIJJ ZM RQVTTZI?

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Write CRAWLS

Gift WORDE

Idiom LOGIN

Thing TIME

TODAY'S WORD

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

1. Stay put	___ M ___	Hold on to	___ T ___
2. Australian city	___ Y ___	Poitier or Sheldon	___ I ___
3. Overshadow	___ D ___	Power and influence	___ T ___
4. Glowing coal	E ___	Rose or Heard	A ___
5. Pursue	C ___	Segment	P ___
6. Peace agreement	___ Y ___	Halloween goodies	___ S ___
7. Bush	___ B ___	Shoulder movement	___ G ___
8. Texas capital	___ I ___	Authoress Jane	___ E ___
9. Laurel's sidekick	___ D ___	Prince George's uncle	___ R ___
10. Ointment	L ___	Movement	M ___

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.

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

Even Exchange

1. Remain, Retain
2. Sydney, Sidney
3. Cloud, Clout
4. Ember, Amber
5. Chase, Phase
6. Treedy, Treid
7. Shub, Shung
8. Austin, Austen
9. Hardy, Harry
10. Loton, Motion

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Bath powders

6 Selected

11 Patronize, as a bistro

12 Cuts at an angle

14 Long-haired cat

15 Rise in defiance

16 Montmartre Mrs.

17 Wide

19 Big fuss

20 — ale

22 Rocker

23 Nugent

24 Raced

24 Nosh at mid-night

26 Bishop's district

28 Free (of)

30 Spanish gold

31 Pianist Arrau

35 Slowpoke

39 Fireplace shelves

40 Ump's call

42 Old U.S. gas brand

43 Balloon filler

44 Impetus

46 Weeding tool

47 Roma's land

49 Pub perches

51 Pay off

52 Digital greetings

53 Lasso

54 Afternoon hour

6 Trucker's device

7 Obey

8 Eggs

9 Mexican shawl

10 Shakes off

11 Muffles

13 Fine china brand

18 British ref. work

21 Beige shades

23 Tea biscuit

25 Tease

27 Choice words?

29 Museum display

31 Desk go-with

32 Hang around

33 Rub the wrong way

34 Gigi's "yes"

36 On the beach

37 Tristan's love

38 Windblown soil

41 Sports bar fixture

44 Food regimen

45 Engrave

48 Meadow

50 Rowing need

DOWN

1 Dorothy's friend

2 Germany's Merkel

3 Sign before Virgo

4 Keto restriction

5 Kick off

Weekly SUDOKU

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

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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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which South American country has two capitals?

2. AD SLOGANS: Which car company uses the ad slogan "Let's go places"?

3. FOOD & DRINK: What is a johnny cake primarily made of?

4. LITERATURE: In which Harry Potter novel is the portkey (a method of magical transportation) first mentioned?

5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the most popular animal used on national flags?

6. MOVIES: What object is Wilson in the movie "Cast Away"?

7. U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state is the only one that has parishes instead of counties?

8. MUSIC: Which 1980s band released the album titled "Synchronicity"?

9. TELEVISION: What is James Kirk's middle name in the "Star Trek" series?

10. MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Greek goddess of wisdom?

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Under the chestnut tree

B	L	A	C	K

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Not taut

Pancake serving

Makes small talk

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Common surname

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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MODNIM

Today's Word

3. Lingo; 4. Item

Solution

SCRAMBLERS

H	T	I	M	S
S	T	I	H	C
S	T	A	H	C
K	A	C	S	
K	A	C	S	
K	A	C	S	

Solution

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1. Scrawl; 2. Dover

Weekly SUDOKU

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

Answer

CryptoQuip

When a wall plaster delivery van spills a load during rush hour, do you get stuck in traffic?

Answer

10. Athena

9. Tiberius

8. The Police

7. Louisiana

6. A Wilson-brand volleyball

5. The Lion

4. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"

3. Cornmeal

2. Toyota

1. Bolivia, Sucre and La Paz

Trivia Answers

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

■ **AI Centers** from A-5

Hire an independent analyst and make the developer pay for it. The Kentucky Center for Economic Policy has already warned that developers may claim that manufacturing and industrial-processing tax breaks in state law, which would shrink the wind-fall school districts are counting on, the Lantern reported Sept. 2.

Turn promises into obligations. Pikeville’s instinct, to demand enforceable commitments on jobs and wages before signing, should be the state standard. If the jobs do not appear, the tax abatement should disappear with them. Add local hiring and an apprenticeship line at the community college,

because the durable jobs are electricians, pipefitters and plant operators. And make every obligation bind whoever owns the property next. The company making promises today may sell the campus in 10 years to one that never made them.

Put the electric bill in a contract. Kentucky is not starting from zero here. On August 21, the Public Service Commission approved the contract between Big Rivers Electric and TeraWulf for the Hancock County project after finding that it made the data center bear the cost of serving its own load and protected existing customers, the Lantern reported. Every project should be subject to a com-

mission-approved tariff or contract of that kind, and citizens should follow the PSC docket in Frankfort as closely as the courthouse agenda, because that is where the money is decided.

Water on the record. Russell’s developer says it will use 55 million gallons a year from a system that produces about 500 million, according to the company’s answers to the city. Put it in the agreement, with a cap, monitoring and priority for households in a drought.

Plan for the end at the beginning. Senate Bill 319, introduced in March and never heard in committee, would have required a decommission-

ing plan and a surety bond for data centers built on farmland. A county can require the same on its own, so taxpayers are not left with an empty shell and a field of dead generators if the project fails. Make the developer pay for the road damage its construction causes and for the fire equipment and training that a campus full of generators, fuel and battery storage will require. And require a short public report every year on actual jobs, taxes paid, and power and water used, so the community can see whether the bargain it was promised is the one it got.

One demand belongs in Frankfort. The coal severance tax was the

mountains’ one belated victory over an extractive economy, and even then most of the money went into the state general fund, with only a share sent back to the counties that had been mined. Kentucky should do better with data centers. A per-megawatt-hour levy on their power, paid entirely to the county that hosts them, would put the machines to work paying for the roads, schools and water systems they strain. If the industry says it will go elsewhere, ask where. It is looking at Kentucky because Northern Virginia and the other older data center regions are running out of power and patience.

The data centers can be

good for Kentucky if the citizens want them. But they should be negotiated, not surrendered, by communities that know what they own. The mountains have said yes the other way for 150 years, and every hollow can show you what it bought.

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■ **Impeach** from A-6

90 days without congressional authorization, Secretary Hegseth is breaking the law and must be held accountable," said Rep. Thomas Massie. "Secretary Hegseth's constitutional violations extend beyond the illegal war in Iran. He is abusing the power of his office to ignore congressional war powers resolutions, to kidnap foreign leaders, and to intimidate critics of the Trump administration by retaliating against them for exercising free speech. If we are to remain true to our oath to 'support and defend the Constitution of the United States,' Congress must not turn a blind eye to Secretary Hegseth's unconstitutional and illegal actions."

Rep. Massie will force the House to vote on eight specific charges against the Secretary of Defense. The charges are summarized as follows:

- Article I - Waging War in Contravention of the War Powers Resolution of 1973 Section 2(c): Charges Secretary Hegseth with waging the Iran war despite no declaration of war, statutory authorization, attack on the United States, or imminent threat. It establishes that the war was unlawful from its inception.
- Article II - Waging War in Contravention of the War Powers Resolution of 1973 Section 5(c): Charges Secretary Hegseth with continuing the Iran war after both Houses of Congress directed the removal of U.S. forces through H. Con. Res. 86. It focuses on his refusal to obey Congress’s express direction to terminate unauthorized hostilities.
- Article III - Waging War in Contravention of the War Powers Resolution of 1973 Section 5(b): Charges Secretary Hegseth with continuing hostilities in Iran after expiration of the War Powers Resolution’s 60-day termination period and any potential 30-day withdrawal period. It establishes that he treated mandatory statutory deadlines as discretionary.
- Article IV - Ignoring Laws that Minimize Civilian Casualties: Charges Secretary Hegseth with ignoring laws that minimize civilian casualties.
- Article V - Extrajudicial Killings: Charges Secretary Hegseth with replacing maritime law enforcement with unauthorized lethal military targeting of suspected drug traffickers, resulting in at least 221 deaths. It also addresses denial of quarter, secondary strikes on survivors, failure to rescue shipwrecked persons, and the creation of artificial legal authorities for the campaign.
- Article VI - Suppressing

Free Speech: Charges Secretary Hegseth with using DOD authority to retaliate against and intimidate Senator Mark Kelly for constitutionally protected speech questioning unlawful military orders.

- Article VII - Kidnapping of a Sovereign Foreign Leader: Charges Secretary Hegseth with directing Operation ABSOLUTE RESOLVE to seize Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores in Venezuela without constitutional or legal authority.
- Article VIII - Unlawful War in Yemen: Charges Secretary Hegseth with

initiating Operation ROUGH RIDER without congressional authorization or an imminent threat to the United States, while also violating war powers reporting requirements. It further addresses extensive civilian deaths and unlawful strikes on civilian objects, rescuers, and other protected persons.

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