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Lawmaker: Recovery, not prison

Hicks eyes Carter site for rehabilitation center; also seeks TCAT boost

Judges and state Rep. Tim Hicks hope to convert the Northeast Correctional Complex Annex at Roan Mountain into a recovery facility.



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This summer finds one local lawmaker working on initiatives to expand Tennessee's alternatives to prison incarceration, as well as programs to expand vocational education opportunities in the state.

State Rep. Tim Hicks, R-Gray, said he is working with local judges to transform the Northeast Correctional Complex Annex at Roan Mountain into a substance abuse rehabilitation center. Hicks said the prison work annex is set to close, and judges in the area hope the

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State Rep. Tim Hicks, R-Gray, joined the state education commissioner on a visit to a summer learning classroom at Jonesborough Elementary School in June.

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Water, Main



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Brandon Huskins, pictured, and driver Terry Davis were making the rounds in downtown Johnson City Friday morning, stopping at every planter to provide flowers a much-needed drink. The planters are suspended from lampposts along East Main Street.

CARTER COUNTY

Searchers find body of missing Roan man

65-year-old last seen July 1; rescue squad members made discovery Saturday morning

From staff reports

ROAN MOUNTAIN — The body of a 65-year-old man missing since July 1 was found and recovered from Roan Mountain on Saturday morning.

Members of the Carter County Rescue Squad found Thomas Hastings' body at around 9:45 a.m., according to the Carter County Sheriff's Department. Investigators from the sheriff's department were notified and took over the scene of the death.

The sheriff's department said it was notified of Hastings' disappearance on the evening of July 3, and that the search for him began that night.

Hastings' family organized two of its own searches, on Tuesday and Saturday. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation issued a Silver Alert about Hastings on Thursday.

The body was sent to the Quillen College of Medicine's Forensic Center. At this point investigators believe the death was accidental, but will await official autopsy results.

Cicadas leave a trail of dead branches

... but don't worry: ETSU prof says the damage won't last. The trees, he notes, 'can cope with it'

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If the 2021 Brood X cicada birthing passed and you missed seeing any of the 17-year sleepers, it's not hard to pinpoint

where they have been. Just because the cicadas aren't visible — or audible — any longer, doesn't mean their potential tens of thousands of eggs aren't still here. Just look at trees throughout the region and there's a tell-tale sign — dead

leaves on the end of tree branches, according to Dr. Thomas Jones, a biological sciences professor at East Tennessee State University.

It's called flagging. Female cicadas make tiny slits in the ends of tree branches, deposit their rice-shaped eggs there and then die.

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Dead leaves at the end of branches are a tell-tale sign that cicadas have sliced into branches and deposited their rice-shaped eggs.



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