

■ Arrests from A-1

operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, failure to produce an insurance card, failure to maintain required insurance, first degree criminal mischief, and two counts of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked April 24.

- Nathan Navarre, 36, of Ashland, arrested by Carter County District Court,

weekender, arrested and booked April 25.

- Timothy Griffith, 32, address unavailable, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked April 25.
- Ryan Handley, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on two counts of failure to appear, arrested and booked April 25.
- Joseph Burton, 49, of

Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and driving on a DUI suspended license – first offense, arrested and booked April 26.

- Isaac Walker, 22, address unavailable, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, disregarding a stop sign, and failure to

notify clerk of residence or name change, arrested and booked April 27.

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.

■ Olive Hill from A-1

olyn Callihan (Restaurant). Three other members were proposed by the council due to the absence of a Hotel Board. Those members were Sue Wilburn, Robyn Adkins, and Kristen Bledsoe.

Following the discussion and nominations, a motion was made by Rayburn to accept nominations. The motion was

seconded by Williams, and was then passed by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0.

City boards are crucial to the smooth operation of the city, with each board dealing with specific concerns and issues. Most city government boards meet once per month, and most of those meetings (excluding the executive sessions portion) are open to the

public and are advertised in the paper of record in the county those boards serve, typically a minimum of 48 hours before the meeting in question is to be held.

Residents of Olive Hill are encouraged to attend these meetings, as well as serve on the boards. Both mayor Callihan and the Olive Hill City Council

stressed that those serving on the boards should be residents of the city they serve, because this will ensure that board members have a vested interest in the operation and government of Olive Hill.

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Olive Hill discusses beautification and annexation

Adds Route 2 BP to city limits, discusses expanded parking

By Charles Romans
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The Olive Hill City Council met in regular session on April 15, at their new venue inside the Olive Hill Police Station with an agenda aimed at expanding and improving the city. Council members Eric Rayburn, Shane Tackett, and Kirk Wilburn were present in person. Councilman Tony Williams was present via video conference. Council members Shannon Leadingham and Chris Bledsoe were absent. Olive

Hill Mayor Jerry Callihan presided.

The council had the second reading of Ordinance 2025-03, annexation of Rt 2 BP into city limits. That ordinance was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. The annexation came at the request of GK Real Estate, LLC, the owners of record of the property. The property is contiguous to the city boundary and is urban in nature or suitable for urban development without reasonable delay, which makes it desirable for the city to annex and is beneficial to both parties.

The annexation is a matter of public record and documentation is available upon request from the City of Olive Hill.

In the open discussion portion of the meeting one council member proposed a Beautification Project to the council. That council member,

Eric Rayburn, presented a Beautification PowerPoint to the council, and in that presentation broke down the project into phases of implementation.

The project would begin with the city purchasing a green space to convert into parking in the downtown Olive Hill area. Phase one of the plan would also provide assistance to downtown businesses to remove scrub greenery, weeds, clean the exterior of their buildings, and also assist with a fresh coat of paint.

“I have already spoken with several property owners,” Rayburn said. “They are very interested and want to be involved in the process.”

Rayburn said that one goal of the project is to make the properties in question a ‘blank canvas’. Then, once the cleaning and painting is finished, the next step would be

to add sign boards with mural style paintings made by students from local schools.

“The sign boards will allow us to move the paintings if repairs need to be made to the structures,” he said. “We could even use these to cover damaged windows until they could be replaced, then relocate the paintings to a different location.”

The Beautification Project, combined with the efforts and community enrichment proposed by other community organizations such as Trail Town, should combine to give the city a more friendly and accessible appearance.

The Beautification Project, Rayburn said, could be funded through Olive Hill’s new Tourism Commission, and as such would be designed to make

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mons.

“I’ve got pawpaws out the yin-yang,” he said, noting that he sells around 50 pounds of the native fruit every fall.

But he’d like to establish some persimmons on his farm as well. He said the fact that these were native varieties was important to him too.

“I’d much rather have something that’s supposed to be in this area, versus something that’s been brought in or been cultivated,” he said, adding that he’s been battling non-native invasive plants like honeysuckle on his property.

Craft’s cousin, Larisa Biggs Tackett, said she was hoping to get some persimmon as well, but she wasn’t as particular.

“Oak if I have to,” she teased. “I’m pretty far back in this line.”

She said she just liked trees, and wanted to do her part to help “clean up the air.”

Kate and Jeff Hopewell said they were hoping to get fruit trees as well.

“Plums and persimmon,” Kate said.

“The persimmon, the wild plums, the coffee

trees, and stuff like that,” Jeff added. “I already live on an established farm, so we have the oaks and stuff like that.”

He said he was looking for the fruit trees to “fill in” areas on the property where they didn’t have hardwood, and that he hoped they would limit the popular varieties, such as “the persimmons and the pawpaws and stuff like that to two per person.”

Unfortunately for the Hopewells, most of the fruit trees were gone by the time they reached the front of the line, but they left with some Kentucky coffee tree, and Jeff said they were able to offer suggestions to Conservation District board member Tracy Prichard about making the distribution of those popular varieties more fair in the future.

Those looking for nut trees were in luck though.

Lisa Swint went away with chestnut oak, because she didn’t have many on her land and said she wanted to contribute to propagating the species.

Meanwhile Raymond McGuire said he was getting oak “strictly for the deer.”

He said the acorns are a good food source for the deer and other wildlife, “and besides, they make good lumber.”

FFA volunteer Eric Barker, with the West Carter FFA, said that he and his fellow volunteers, West Carter’s Kelsey Wilson and Shelby Williams, and East Carter FFA’s Kendall Brammell, were helping, “because we’re FFA. Basically, that’s what we do. We run around the community, and do stuff like this.”

Andrew Buckwalter, who works as a forester with the National Wild Turkey Federation through the conservation office, said he’s “normally in the woods,” for his work, but added, “if I can do outreach programs like this, to help give landowners trees and maybe repopulate their years... it’s just a good thing to do.”

He said the fact that the trees also help feed wildlife, like turkeys, is also a plus.

“This is a big wildlife outreach,” he said. “Part of it too is that we’ve got a lot of nut producing plants here. We’ve got lots of fruit producing plants. So, it’s just nice to see the

community wants to get involved in all that stuff too.”

He said he was also surprised by the response, with the line stretching all the way down the sidewalk and around the front of the Extension office.

“I didn’t anticipate such a turnout, so that was nice,” Buckwalter said. “That was really cool. I didn’t realize how popular this event was.”

Soil Conservation’s Courtney Bond said they had some oak saplings, and Kentucky coffee tree left, and they would have them available at the Soil Conservation office until they ran out or the trees were no longer viable.

“With it being the weekend, hopefully they survive,” Bond said.

She also thanked the FFA volunteers, the board members who showed up to help, and all the folks who braved the weather to claim trees.

“I appreciate everybody that helped out,” she said.

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CALENDAR

- **5/1: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **5/2: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 606-474-6686
- **5/5: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **5/5: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **5/6: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **5/6: Rattlesnake Ridge Water Distict Board meeting @ 4 p.m.** | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **5/6: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @ 6:30 p.m.** | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: Honey Bee Aggression: A Drink from the Magic Well
- **5/12: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **5/12: Game Night @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **5/12: Carter County Fiscal Court @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Courthouse
- **5/13: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Johnny's Pizza
- **5/13: Building Club @ 4 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **5/13: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall

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