

**Arrests** from A-1

of alcohol, arrested and booked April 30.

- Starr Adams, 33, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a probation violation for a felony offense, and a probation violation for a misdemeanor offense, arrested and booked May 1.
- John Parsons, 30, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a probation violation for a felony offense, arrested

and booked May 1.

- Billy Ingles, 24, of Grayson, arresting agency unavailable, for failure to appear, arrested and booked May 2.
- Christopher Schumacher, 38, of Grayson, arresting agency unavailable, on charges of inadequate silencer (muffler), and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, arrested and booked May 2.

- Brandon Greene, 34, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, and second degree wanton endangerment, arrested and booked May 2.
- Stephanie Reffitt, 46, of South Shore, arresting agency unavailable, charges unavailable, arrested and booked May 2.
- Nathan Navarre, 36, of

Ashland, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked May 2.

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.

**Apprentice** from A-1

Hanshaw continued, “fire and EMS, together, are one of those jobs that you just kind of have to want to do. It’s not something that they kind of guide you in that direction in high school, like they do with nursing, doctors... things like that.”

He said it took him until after he graduated high school to realize that EMS was “a great fit for me.” But, he explained, programs like this can help these young people realize where they fit earlier, so they “can go on and do things at a higher level, and be able to make a great career out of it.”

Kara Williamson, business service consultant with Northeast Career Center, said the organization was glad to partner with the city of Olive Hill on the apprenticeships.

“These apprenticeships aren’t just about training,” she said. “They’re about creating good jobs right here at home. They allow our residents to stay close to their families, contribute to their community, and build long-term careers without having to leave the place they love.”

Olive Hill fire chief Jeremy Rodgers said the

support from Northeast was important and appreciated.

“I’ve been a member (of the fire department) here for 30 years, and today, and in the last six months or so, we’ve taken steps that I never imagined that we would see within this small community.”

He said when you consider that, even with an all-volunteer system, it is a huge financial burden on a city to fund a department – with a cost of roughly \$5,000 to kit out a firefighter, and 35 to 40 volunteers required to run a department – every dollar invested by a group like Northeast was beneficial.

Rodgers explained that Northeast was funding 50 percent of all salary and tuition costs for training associated with the apprenticeships, as well as the costs for personal protective equipment, certifications, etc. The other 50 percent was set to come from the city budget.

“That’s where we have to have the support of city council and the mayor,” Rodgers said.

Olive Hill city council member Tony Williams said the city was happy

to provide their support, because it allowed them to extend and maintain city services at a discounted rate.

Just as important as the cost savings, though, was supporting the fire department’s needs, Williams said.

“I’ve sang their praises many times,” he said. “I’ve lived all over Kentucky. I’ve lived in Tennessee. And I’ve not seen a department (like this one). You can’t get a paid department to do what they do, what they’ve done, as volunteers here. Anything that’s going to help them, we’re going to help them.”

Rodgers said he couldn’t take credit for the project, though, just for helping raise awareness of it.

“Josh Thompson, the supervisor at the water plant, had the first (apprentice), and found out about the program basically by luck,” Rodgers said. Thompson pointed Rodgers and Olive Hill police chief Bruce Palmer in the direction of Northeast, and they reached out to them as well.

“We contacted the ladies at the Northeast office,

and they were all about it,” Rodgers said. “So, they came down and we met about it. We gave them kind of the ground rules that we have to follow to certify people, and then they laid out the program.”

“We appreciate the work that has been put in by all of the staff, through Northeast and the career center,” Rodgers added. “Because they took the bits and pieces that I threw at them and developed what needed to be officially done for this program to be successful in the future. So, we’re excited. We look for it to grow, and for all of these young people to be able to start a career here that, hopefully, will be like myself, and like Levi, and Chief Palmer... and turn it into a career.”

Palmer said he will also be taking advantage of the assistance Northeast offers, but because of the certification requirements for police officers, that program will look slightly different.

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# CALENDAR

- **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
- **5/14: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **5/15: Grayson Book Club @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **5/15: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce @ 6 p.m.** | Commercial Bank - Olive Hill
- **5/16: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **5/16: Hike & Learn** | Meniffee County | Call 474-6686 to register.
- **5/17: Friends of the Library meeting @ 5 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **5/19: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686

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## Pet of the Week

Oliver is a male mixed breed, about 1-year-old. He’s friendly, good with other dogs, walks on a leash, and is neutered and up to date on all shots. He’s also currently the longest resident of the shelter, 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.

# Fiscal court holds special session to accept excavator bids

By Charles Romans  
*Carter County Times*

The Carter County fiscal court held a special session last month to discuss either the repair or the replacement of a Kubota excavator. The excavator in question is approximately ten years old, and judge executive Brandon Burton informed the court that it had broken down again. The current

issue, a pump system according to a mechanic’s estimate, is the most recent maintenance issue for the excavator. The current repair is estimated to cost approximately \$20,000 to complete.

Any significant repair to large equipment like the excavator is typically a ‘high ticket’ repair, so numerous major issues can quickly add up to the point that it becomes more

cost effective to replace the equipment in question. Judge Burton broached the subject of trading the excavator in on a new model, and asked the court their opinion on getting a trade-in quote. Burton also mentioned that the court might get a better trade-in by trading the Kubota brand excavator in on a new Kubota, but that was not guaranteed.

The court voted to

begin the process of accepting bids on replacing the excavator. Bids will be accepted until May 19, at 3 pm. Bids will be accepted from multiple equipment dealerships, including Kubota, with the intent of using the 10-year-old excavator as a trade-in against the price of the new purchase.

In other business, the fiscal court had the first

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**Alpha-Gal** from A-2

three blood meals for survival during its lifetime. It is most active during April through August.

There are several effective precautions to take to lower your chances of getting a tick bite. Wear a repellent. One repellent containing permethrin can be put on clothing and is particularly effective. Avoid walking through uncut fields or brush and areas with tall vegetation where ticks are most likely to occur. Wear light-colored clothing so ticks are easy to spot. If you are spending a significant amount of time hiking or pursuing other outdoor activities in a tick-prone area, check yourself, your children and other family members for ticks when re-

turning home. Check pets when they come in from outdoors. Common places that you will find ticks are behind ears, hair, neck, legs and around the waist.

If you find a tick on your body, remove it by using fine-tipped tweezers, getting as close to the skin as possible to make sure the entire tick is removed. Once it’s removed, you should wash the bite area and your hands and apply an antiseptic to the bite site.

The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service is offering a free webinar event on May 29th at 6:00 PM focused on "Living with Alpha-gal Syndrome". This webinar aims to educate attendees on the basics of AGS, as

well as strategies for tick bite prevention and diet and lifestyle management. The session will also include a Q&A segment, providing an opportunity for participants to get their questions answered by experts. Register now at [www.ukfcs.net/AgS](http://www.ukfcs.net/AgS).

Additional information is also available in UK’s publication ENTFACT-618: Ticks and Disease in Kentucky. It is available online at <https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/ef618> or through the Carter County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not

discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

**Upcoming Events:**  
•Hike & Learn – May 16th – Meniffee County – Call 474-6686 to register.  
•Senior Farmer’s Market Vouchers – Call 474-6686 on May 28th to schedule an appointment to pick up your card. To register for a card you’ll need to provide name, address, birthday, and income information.

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**CITY OF GRAYSON CODE ENFORCEMENT**

If you are planning on building in the city limits of Grayson, a building permit is required and you must first apply for the permit and submit building plans.

This includes commercial, residential, etc. properties including any alterations to a current structure and the building of new structures.

Other projects that require a permit are improvements such as porches, decks, fences etc. Signs in the city also require an application and permit.

Any contractors operating in the city limits are required to obtain a business license and remit employee documentation.

Code Enforcement will also be targeting parking violations with special focus, but not limited to, handicap parking spots and Fire Lanes.

**Please contact Grayson Code Enforcement Officer Joe Hammer with any questions or assistance in obtaining the proper permits between the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM Monday – Friday in person at 302 E. Main St. Phone (606) 474-6651. You can also contact by email at [jhammer@graysonky.net](mailto:jhammer@graysonky.net)**