

Arrests from A-1

circumstances), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance – second offense (with aggravating circumstances), trafficking in a controlled substance (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives), first degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), first degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), possession of drug paraphernalia, no tail lamps, improper or no windshield, improper equipment, inadequate silencer (muffler), rear license not illuminated, failure to wear seat belts, second degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), failure to produce an insurance card, and no registration plates, arrested and booked May 15.

•Hollie Crisp, 44, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for flagrant non-support, arrested and booked May 15.

•Steven Medaris, 36, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked May 15.

•Jason Smith, 47, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of no registration plates, no registration receipt, improper equipment, failure to wear seat belts, rear license not illuminated, improper display of registration plates, resisting arrest, and failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, arrested and booked May 15.

•Stephanie Reffitt, 46, of South Shore, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked May 16.

•Devon Savage, 25, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) causing minor injury, arrested and booked May 17.

•William Huff, 69, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of first degree wanton endangerment, arrested and booked May 17.

•Brian Anthony, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on charges of reckless driving, improper passing, fleeing or evading police, first degree wanton endangerment, no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, speeding 26 MPH or greater over the speed limit, and license not in possession, arrested and booked May 17.

•Gregory Davis, 47, of Rush, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear, arrested and booked May 18.

•Jacqueline McClurg, 42, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of violating a Kentucky EPO/DVO (emergency protective order / domestic violence order), and flagrant non-support, arrested and booked May 18.

•Tommy Duncan, 44, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on charges of non-payment of court costs, fees, or fine, theft by unlawful taking or disposition of items valued between \$1,000 and \$10,000, and first degree criminal mischief, arrested and booked May 18.

•Triston Runyon, 19, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree fleeing or evading police, first degree wanton endangerment, reckless driving, no registration plates, and no motorcycle operator’s license, arrested and booked May 18.

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.

Orchestra from A-1

Elaine’s first response was a question.

“What? Why do you want to do that?” she remembered asking.

“But,” she continued, “if she was going to do it, I was going to do it. She wasn’t doing something that I wasn’t doing. That’s how it started, and I just kept it going.”

She said until that point she had been “pretty scattered” as a child. Playing violin, though, “was the first time for me, anyway, that I could focus.”

And even before it became her career, it gave her an opportunity to travel, to compete, to collaborate, and to make new friends.

Those are the sorts of opportunities she said she hopes to offer her private class students as well as the members of the newly formed community orchestra, which meets every Saturday, at the Olive Hill Center for Arts & Heritage (OHCFAH).

She understands that the folks participating in the orchestra – the group is open to anyone age nine or older – will all come with different levels of experience, from advanced students to complete beginners. But she believes the orchestra can be fun and rewarding for all participants, regardless of their background or experience level. Some might make music their career someday, like she has. But, she noted, she has had several students who went on to work in different fields.

“One is a computer scientist who works for Google. Another one is a physician. There are several of them. They’ve gone into different fields. But guess what? They play in an orchestra! They play in their community orchestra, or they’re semi-pro. Music is still a big part of their lives.”

That kind of fulfillment, and the ability to convey both beauty and heartache without the use of words, is something that can be rewarding for anyone, no matter their age or station in life, Brunelle explained.

“That’s why this orchestra is open to anybody, with or without experience,” Brunelle said. “We’re starting fresh. It’s going to take a little time. There’s going to be some bumps, and it’s going to take a little bit of time to get to where we need to be to call ourselves a community orchestra.”

But, she added, “You’ve just got to start somewhere, right?”

For Brunelle and the OHCFAH, that somewhere is here, and the time is now.

The community string orchestra meets on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. at the OHCFAH, 120 Comet Drive in Olive Hill. Positions are available for violin, viola, cello, and bass players. While participants are responsible for their own instruments, a limited number of beginner instruments are available thanks to a donation from Old Town Violin in Lexington. For more information, email ESTudioViolin@yahoo.com or call the Center at (606)207-1480.

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Laurels and Lavender

Tourism commission discusses sports park and Lavender Fest

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Grayson Tourism Commission met on May 15 for their monthly meeting, with two members joining the meeting remotely. In reviewing the

financial statement for the previous month of April, Commission Chair Daniel White informed the commission that the transient room tax continued to perform well. April was at \$5,600.00, and \$71,000 year to date from last July through April 2025. White said that in spite of a more “flat” month in May 2025, overall, the report was positive.

Former sports park manager Grant Harper attended the meeting both in an ongoing effort to assist in the transition of the new employees at the park who were hired to fill his vacant

position and to formally introduce the new sports park maintenance director Tommy Roe.

“As expected, he has jumped in with both feet,” Harper told the commission. “And maintenance-wise, we haven’t missed a beat.”

Roe, Harper told the commission, has been involved at the park through an independent contractor for nearly three years.

“We did hire two high school students that will work evenings and weekends to help with weed eating and mowing,” Harper said. “Tommy is

already working on walking trail maintenance and other projects, and once he is paired up with someone on the business side (i.e. a park business manager) we should be doing great.”

On the subject of a business manager for the park, Harper presented the commission with a list of qualifications and duties that he felt would be beneficial in a business manager. Harper’s recommendation will be reviewed by the commission, then combined with other qualifications the commission deems necessary, and officially posted at a later date. White said that most likely the commission

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Weekend,” Combs told the council.

The utilities commission posts updates to their paving schedule on their website as well as on various other local government websites.

The council discussed issues with a derelict house located at 408 E. Fifth Street. City Attorney Jason Greer told council that the building was in much worse condition than it was initially thought to be and was not fit for habitation.

Greer said it would need to be inspected by a qualified inspector, but if the city council moved to condemn the building, then the city could prevent anyone from entering the building for their own safety.

In other business, tourism director Lana Axtell told council that she had been working with Memory Days, but that the Memory Days Committee had things under control. Axtell also told the council she had been working with

the street department to get the skating rink out of storage at the Blue Goose building and set up to be used during Memory Days.

The Blue Goose is scheduled to be demolished in the near future but is being used until after the Memory Days event. The Grayson Tourism Commission is the corporate sponsor for Memory Days, having donated labor, marketing materials, and in monetary fashion.

Mayor Combs made the council aware that several members of the tourism commission were up for reappointment, and one commissioner would need to be appointed due to the recent resignation of a commissioner. Combs also requested a budget workshop for May 27 at 5:30 pm.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

CALENDAR

- **5/22: Poetry Slam! @** 6 p.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **5/26: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **5/26: Girl Scouts meeting @** 6:30 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **5/27: Building Club @** 4 p.m. | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **5/28: Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers** | Call 474-6686 to schedule an appointment to pick up your cards
- **5/28: Olive Hill Book Club @** 5:30 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Olive Hill
- **5/30: Final Friday @** 6 p.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **6/2: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **6/2: Carter County Tourism @** 5:30 p.m. | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **6/2: Ag Advancement Council @** 6 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office
- **6/3: Building Club @** 4 p.m. | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **6/3: Rattlesnake Ridge Water Distict Board meeting @** 4 p.m. | Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office
- **6/3: Little Sandy Beekeepers Association @** 6:30 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office | Topic: Making Chapstick from Beeswax, Speaker: Morgan Murphy
- **6/5: Carter County Library Board @** 6 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson

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

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