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PAC proposes entertainment venue in Grayson

Asks city and tourism for help with funding and zoning

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Paramount Arts Center, Inc. (PAC) has been in talks with the Grayson Tourism Commission concerning a proposed standing room only entertainment venue to be located in Grayson. Members of the PAC board were on hand at a special meeting of the tourism commission in April to work toward finalizing the proposal and answer questions from the commission. Commission Secretary

Deanna Miller called the meeting to order and told those in attendance that the purpose of the called meeting was to discuss the proposal with the City of Grayson. Due to conflicting schedules, only Grayson Council Member Sudy Walker was in attendance representing the city. "The commission is pretty much aware of what we are wanting to do," Miller said. "But since the city has some things they would have to do before we can get started, including the building we are looking at being outside of the city limits, we wanted the city and the commission to be on the same page."

Miller pointed out that among other things the city would need

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Tourism Commission member Shadow Skaggs (left) speaks with Grayson Mayor Troy Combs (right) at a library event in this file photo. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

No one fights alone

KCU hosts benefit for rare juvenile cancer

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The Yancy School of Nursing at Kentucky Christian University will be hosting Ozzyfest on Friday, May 1, from 6 to 9 pm. The free event will include live music, carnival-style games, karaoke, inflatables, crafts, and other activities. There will also be food trucks at the outdoor event, and in case of inclement weather the event will be moved indoors at Lusby Hall.

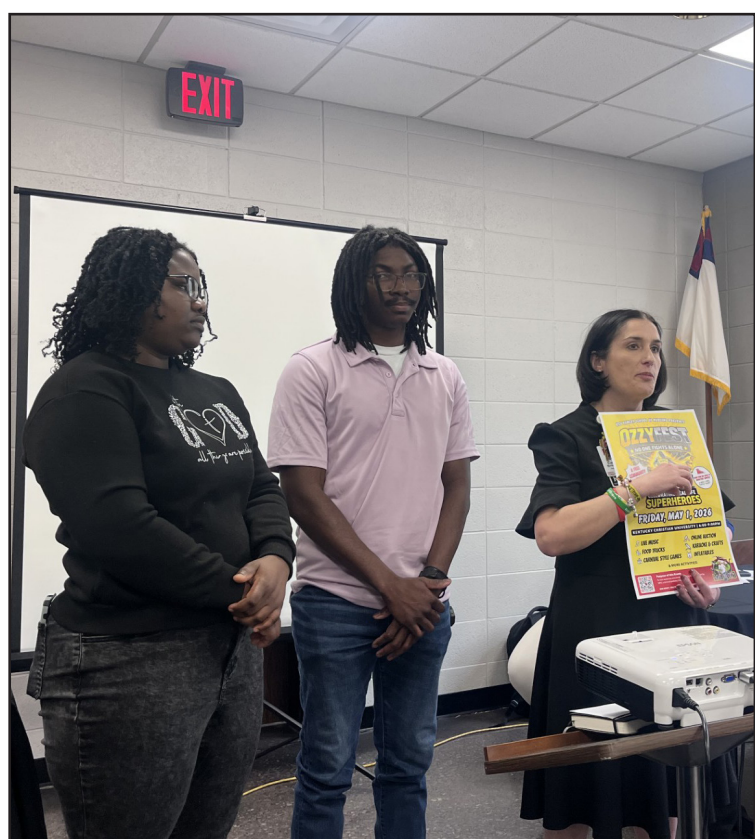
Dr. Carol Brickey of the Yancy School of Nursing said the event is designed to benefit chil-

dren who have been diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a rare type of brain tumor that starts in the brain stem. Because of the tumor location, it is inoperable and currently there is no treatment for the fast-growing cancer.

"We started Ozzyfest three years ago," Brickey said. "We wanted to bring awareness to this terminal pediatric brain cancer. Basically, it is a brain tumor that is on the brain stem. When children are diagnosed, they are usually given a prognosis of between six to nine months to live," Brickey said. "There really isn't any treatment for it, so it is a devastating diagnosis."

Brickey and the Yancy School of Nursing became directly involved with the devastation of

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Students Nandjie Fatton and Marc Celestin, and Dr. Carol Brickey, of the KCU Yancy School of Nursing. (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Grayson discusses proposed venue

City council postpones decision for now

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

Grayson City Council held a special meeting on Monday, April 27, to hear from Paramount Arts Center, Inc (PAC) about a proposed new entertainment venue in Grayson. PAC had previously presented the idea to the Grayson Tourism Commission, and provided the same information directly to the council on Monday.

"The Tourism Commission passed their budget," Mayor Troy Combs said. "And there is a contribution initiative in it." Combs said that because this

was a special project, a special meeting of the city council was held so that the tourism commission and PAC could bring that before the council.

PAC Inc. Executive Director Holly Canfield provided council with the same information she had provided to the tourism commission, including a market snapshot, and explained a little about her organization.

"For over 50 years PAC Inc. operated as a nonprofit performing arts organization in Ashland and managed the Paramount Theater for 53 years," Canfield said. "As of December 31, 2025, we are no longer over managing the Paramount, and we are looking for a new home."

That historic chapter closed when the City of Ashland passed management of the theater to an Iowa based for-profit man-

agement company in January. This move came after the city purchased the building for \$3 million in 2024 – over the objections of some PAC board members – and while the organization was struggling to bounce back from COVID-era financial losses. But while the performing arts non-profit may have lost their venue, they haven't lost sight of their mission or their institutional knowledge and, as Canfield explained, they'd like to bring both to Grayson.

"As a part of the discussion we had in the past, we talked a little bit about the opportunity to partner with Grayson Tourism and the City of Grayson," Canfield told the council.

Some information they gathered by monitoring ticket sales

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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.

- Benjamin Stone, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Circuit Court, on a hold for Drug Court, arrested and booked April 19.
- Steven Medaris, 37, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 19.
- David McCanna, 56, of Sigel, PA, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of improper display of registration plates, improper registration plate, no or expired registration plates, no

- or expired registration receipt, failure to maintain required insurance, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked operator's license, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, arrested and booked April 19.
- Scotty Justice, 33, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of public intoxication on a controlled substance, arrested and booked April 20.
- Jeremy Stewart, 51, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on four counts of failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 20.
- Bradley Wagoner, 43, of Denton, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, failure to

- notify DOT of address change, and failure to wear seat belts, arrested and booked April 21.
- Aaron Dickerson, Jr., 33, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of second degree assault, and first degree burglary, arrested and booked April 22.
- David McCanna, 56, of Sigel, PA, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked April 22.
- Eric Hannah, 27, of Hitchens, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear on a citation for a misdemeanor, arrested and booked April 22.
- Clyde Logan, 57, of Olive Hill, arrested by Olive Hill PD, as a fugitive – warrant not required, arrested and booked April 22.
- Braxton Arnold, 21, of Byhalia, MS, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of operating a

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Donald Ray Skaggs, 87
Rexton Allen Trout, infant

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