

Arrests from A-1

pired registration plates, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked July 12.

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subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information is compiled from publicly available

sources, but may not be comprehensive.

Two more people confirmed dead after recent Kentucky floods, governor says

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Gov. Andy Beshear has announced two more people died from severe flooding that swept through Kentucky last week. Beshear said in a Tuesday morning social media post that one death was in Hardin County and another was in Jefferson County, making the total number of deaths from the floods six. Beshear spokesperson Scottie Ellis said later that afternoon the Jeffer-

son County death was a 25-year-old male and the Hardin County death was a boy. Previously, the Madison County coroner announced John Powell, Patricia Beck and Garnett Isbell died in Madison County in flood-related deaths. A fourth person, a 60-year-old man, also died in Jackson County. “Please join Britainy and me as we pray for their families during this difficult time,” Beshear said in his post.

Funeral services for the six people who have died from the floods will be paid for out of the Team Kentucky Emergency Relief Fund, Ellis said. “Gov. Beshear created the Team Kentucky Emergency Relief Fund to help Kentuckians recover and rebuild during their moments of need, starting with coverage for the funeral expenses of those lost,” Ellis said. The governor has said the state plans to make a request for both public and

individual assistance from the federal government. Kentuckians affected by the storm can report issues to Kentucky Emergency Management via an online unmet needs survey and damage reporting tool. *Originally published online by Kentucky Lantern. Reprinted courtesy of Creative Commons license.*

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commission they could expect him to be on the commission once that ordinance was established. The July commission meeting was also the group’s annual meeting, and as per the commission’s bylaws they were required to elect officers for the upcoming fiscal year. In light of the upcoming change to the city ordinance, however, the commission voted to postpone said election of officers until the August 2026 regular meeting. The main agenda item for the July commission meeting, though, was the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The commission was made aware of a large amount of historical research that went into making the budget. Budget items included capital projects and capital expenditures at \$1.657 million, leaving a \$32,000 surplus. Tourism outreach budget revenue was projected at \$72,960, an

amount which is almost completely made up from the Transient Hotel Tax, which was less city collection fees and cabin rental. Expenses were reported as totaling \$105,000, including advertising, marketing, and sponsorships, as well as fairs and events. The commission voted to approve the proposed budget and submit it to the City of Grayson for approval. Mayor Combs congratulated the commission on all of their hard work, especially in the area of listing the commission’s current debt ratio versus proposed spending. Combs said the Grayson City Council appreciated the clear information and transparency. In other business, the commission was informed that the Anne’s Corner project had moved forward to the stage where they had begun the process of requesting bids

from contractors for the proposed construction. The request will be advertised as soon as the commission’s requirements and expectations are clearly defined. Grayson Sports Park Manager Bert Bayes gave a report to the commission concerning activities at the park. “We had one tournament this past week and ended up getting rained out on Sunday,” Bayes told the commission. “We did get to play Saturday, but the whole previous week we had the Little League District. We had enormous crowds. Everything seemed to go really well. They ended up playing the previous Sunday through Thursday, and we got a lot of compliments on the sports park.” Bayes told the commission that the July 4 fireworks event was well attended, and went really well until the storm came in.

“It was almost at the time to set it off,” Bayes said. “But all in all, it went really well and was only about 45 minutes late.” Bayes also said that only about eight percent of the show was lost due to the weather. The tourism commission went into executive session before the meeting concluded, but when they returned to regular session stated that no action had been taken. Once back in regular session, the commission did vote to accept the resignation of Grayson Tourism Director Lana Axtell. Axtell had submitted the resignation in June of 2026, with the intent for the resignation to be effective on November 1 of 2026. *Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com*

Birds from A-2

McNeil said the new system could allow researchers to identify birds through the songs they already sing, without having to catch them at all. The idea rests on something most people never notice. To the human ear, one cerulean warbler may sound much like another. A computer, though, can sift through tiny differences in pitch, timing and pattern. McNeil said the process is not all that different from how people recognize familiar voices. “This new method would allow us to tell one individual from another based on their song,” McNeil said. “You could identify these individual birds by their voices as well.” That could give researchers a better sense of what is happening to the birds from year to year. If the same singers return to the same places, scientists can begin to measure survival and site fidelity without relying as heavily on traditional marking methods. They may be

able to tell who stayed, who moved and who did not make it back. For a declining species, that kind of information matters, according to McNeil. Furthermore, it can help researchers piece together why numbers are dropping and where protection efforts may count most. The project, led by PhD student Lauren Chronister at the University of Pittsburgh, is still in its early stages. Currently, the team is focused on showing that the concept works. McNeil said researchers are using parabolic microphones and other specialized equipment rather than ordinary smartphones. Although such technology could be incorporated into a phone app later, for now, the likely users are scientists in the field, not casual birders. “The cerulean is where we're starting, but it isn't where this ends,” McNeil said. “If we can learn to recognize individual birds by voice, there's no reason the same approach couldn't work for other species that

are just as hard to track.” The collaboration includes UK, the University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and Arkansas State University. *Written by Jordan Strickler, jstrickler@uky.edu, and originally published on June 12, 2026 at https://news.mgcafe.uky.edu. The Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is an Equal Opportunity Organization with respect to education and employment and authorization to provide research, education information and other services to individuals and institutions that provide equal opportunities for qualified persons in all aspects of institutional operations and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic origin, religion, creed, age, physical or mental disability, veteran status, uniformed service, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender*

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Upcoming Events:

- The Olive Hill Farmer’s Market is located in the Save-a-Lot parking lot and is open on Wednesdays & Saturdays from 8:00 AM until sell out. The Grayson Farmer’s Market is open on Saturdays at 9:00 AM and Tuesdays at 2:00 PM until sell out and is located in the shed behind the Extension Office.
- Ag Advancement Council Meeting – July 20 @ 6:00 PM
- Ag Development Board Meeting – July 20 @ 7:00 PM
- Healthier Streams for a Healthier Kentucky – July 21 @ 5:00 – Explore Big Caney Creek and learn about water quality, erosion control, and how you can make a difference. Meet at Concord Ent Baptist Church in Sandy Hook and transportation will be provided to the creek.

CALENDAR

- **7/15: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @** 8 a.m. | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **7/16: Grayson Book Club @** 6 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson Branch
- **7/16: Olive Hill Area Chamber of Commerce @** 6 p.m. | Commercial Bank of Grayson - Olive Hill
- **7/17: Sit & Sew @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For more info or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **7/18: Olive Hill Farmer's Market @** 8 a.m. | Save A Lot Paking Lot, Olive Hill
- **7/18: Grayson Farmer's Market @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Office Market Shed
- **7/18: Friends of the Library @** 5 p.m. | Carter County Public Library - Grayson Branch
- **7/20: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @** 9 a.m. | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 474-6686
- **7/20: Open Art Studio @** 10 a.m. | Grayson Gallery & Art Center
- **7/20: Carter County EMS Board @** 4 p.m. | Carter County EMS Station
- **7/20: Carter County Board of Education @** 6 p.m. | Carter County Board of Education office
- **7/20: Ag Advancement Council @** 6 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office
- **7/20: Ag Development Board @** 7 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office
- **7/21: Grayson Farmer's Market @** 2 p.m. | Carter County Extension Office Market Shed
- **7/21: Building Club @** 4 p.m. | Carter County Public Library, Olive Hill
- **7/21: Healthier Streams for a Healthier Kentucky @** 5 p.m. | Concord ENT Baptist Church
- **7/21: Olive Hill City Council @** 6 p.m. | Olive Hill Senior/Community Center

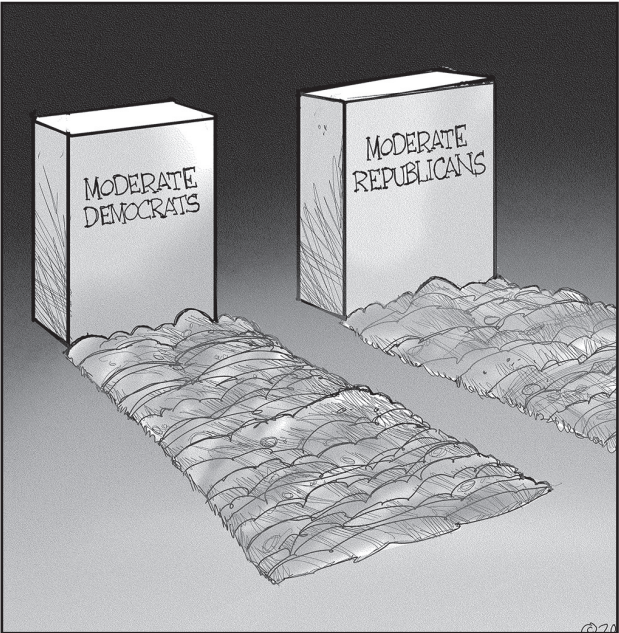
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Sky is a one-year-old female Doodle mix. She’s a very friendly girl, who walks well on a leash and knows basic commands, like sit and shake. Sky’s \$100 adoption fee includes rabies vaccination and being spayed. Stop by the Carter County Animal Shelter and meet her or call 475-9771 for more information. Shelter hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday by appointment.



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