

## Police from A-3

curity, Law Enforcement Protection Program, that allows a city, county, charter counties, unified local government, urban-county government, and other agencies to reimburse their police departments for eligible expenses such as body armor vests, duty weapons/firearms, ammunition, tasers, taser software units, and taser cartridges.

Grayson Mayor Troy Combs explained to council that the reason for calling the special meeting was that there was a deadline on the grant application, and it required a resolution to move forward. "When it came across his desk a few days ago, Chief Cantrell thought it would be a good idea to apply for this," Combs told the council.

"It is basically the same type of grant we used earlier for the rifles," Cantrell

explained to council. "And there are several things you can apply for with this grant. But what we're looking at is the ammunition."

"We can get up to 6,000 rounds," he added.

Cantrell said that ammunition was difficult to keep up, especially given that officers are expected to qualify up to three times every year. This is further compounded by officers needing to qualify on multiple weapons that each require different ammunition. Securing this grant would allow the police department to secure all the different types of ammunition required for officers to meet those qualifications.

Cantrell said that, again like the recent grant the department secured for rifles, this grant would require the ammunition to be paid for in advance, with the department then

reimbursed through the grant. The reimbursement time on the rifles, Cantrell said, was approximately three weeks.

A resolution by the city council was a requirement to apply for the grant, Chief Cantrell told the council, but it did not obligate the city to pay any amount if the grant was not approved. The resolution served basically as a letter of intent, so to speak, stating that if approved then the funds would be made available to purchase the ammunition in question with the understanding that the money spent would be reimbursed by the LEPP Grant.

The police department submitted three bids for the ammunition alongside the grant, with the most economical being around \$9,000, Cantrell told the council.

He also explained that

the grant approval process takes time. Cantrell said that it took a year on the previous rifle grant. He said their odds of approval were good, but also made the council aware that the first priority of the grant was providing or replacing body armor vests, with ammunition and firearms being the grantor's secondary priority. Council voted to approve a resolution supporting the ammunition purchase, dependent upon approval for the reimbursement grant.

Chief Cantrell said the grant would not only help the Grayson Police Department officers to maintain firearms qualification, but also give the city a better surplus of ammunition against future need.

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## Repair from A-5

repair facilities. If I want to repair my TV, that's on me. Suppose you want to use the excuse that it's got an annoying popup to buy one the size of your wall—in that case, that's on you. But you shouldn't be forced into it because some suit wants to keep their

fiscal numbers up while murdering the earth and your wallet in the process. Remember, corporations say you can't put a price on memories—but apparently, you can slap one on everything else.

## Literacy from A-5

surpasses us—our closest peer, Greece, stands at 97.9%. Even within the Americas, we rank below every nation except Belize, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, where access to education remains a significant challenge.

How did we get here? The United States has the highest GDP in the world—nearly double that of China, our closest competitor. Our total national wealth and median per capita income lead the globe. Compulsory education has been the law of the land in all 50 states since 1929, and we spend more per student on public education than almost every other country, exceeded only by Luxembourg, Norway, and Iceland.

For Americans, illiteracy is not a matter of access or resources—it is cultural. And that realization

troubles me even more. What does it say about our values? What does it mean for our future? Ray Bradbury once warned, "You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them."

I realize I'm preaching to the choir, because you are reading this yourself. But take note of how much time you spend reading versus scrolling through your phone. How often do you read to your children or grandchildren? Do people see you putting value towards literacy? It doesn't have to be a literary classic. It doesn't even have to be of high quality. People just need to read more, if for no other reason than to practice, and appreciate the skill that so many wish they had.

I have no doubt Clem Coomer would agree.

## Corvettes from A-4

received a call from a transporter driver who said he was asked to come to a location to pick up an older model Corvette to transport to Michigan. When the driver arrived, he saw three new 2025 Corvettes and told police the two men trying to move them were in a hurry. He also noticed damage on the bottom of the cars and called the transaction "weird," according to the citation.

When police arrived, they detained a 21-year-old man after a chase and charged him with receiving stolen property, fleeing arrest and engaging with organized crime. Another man fled in a Jeep with Ohio tags, police said.

Bowling Green Police Public Information Officer Ronnie Ward said Tuesday that no other arrests have been made.

## Memory Days from A-1

will be even more of what patrons have enjoyed in previous years.

Memory Days is currently accepting corporate and private sponsors for the event, and Boggs said that anyone sponsoring \$1,000 and up will 'go up on the stage.'

"We have a construction contractor who is building a wall for sponsors," Boggs explained. "And we want to recognize everyone who supports us."

The Memory Days Parade is scheduled for Saturday at 1 pm, and applications to participate in that are open now. Boggs said there are a lot of other things going on at Memory Days for people to enjoy as well. The schedule (so far) is available on the chamber website, and it will be updated regularly, she said.

The Grayson Memory Days Pageant will be held at the East Carter High School Gymnasium on May 17. Doors will be open at 5pm, and the contact for that event is Heather Goodman. She can be reached at 606-316-9599 for registration.

At 2:30 pm Sunday, May 19, the Quilts of Valor Presentation will be at First Church of Christ located at 287 Pomeroy Street in Grayson.

The Thursday, May 22, schedule is packed, beginning with The Golden Age Gala at 4-Ever After Weddings & Events located at 238 Cabin Creek Road in Grayson which runs from 11am until 1 pm. At 1:30 pm there will be the Grayson Memory Days "A Walk Down Memory Lane" window judging. Then at 4 pm food vendors and merchants open in the Blue Goose Building and along Pomeroy Street. Opening Ceremonies start at 5 pm, followed by performances by Centerstage Studios in front of the Go Radio Stage, and topped off by City Heat.

Friday, May 23, kicks off with merchants and food vendors opening up at 4 pm at The Blue Goose Building and at various locations along Pomeroy Street. 5:30 pm is the Dance with Hope Studios performance in front of the Go Radio Stage, and at

6:30 pm the 2025 Battle of the Bands tunes up.

Saturday, May 24, is no slouch in entertainment either, with the Memory Days Car Show presented by the Carter County Cruisers from 9am to 4 pm at Prichard Elementary School. For the car show, contact John Bailey at 606-315-0454. Merchant & Food Vendors also open at 9 am at The Blue Goose Building and along Pomeroy Street. At 10 am the 24th Annual All Creatures Veterinary Care "Dog Jog", will be at the Gazebo on Main Street. The entry fee is \$20, and to register call 606-474-5146.

At 11:30 am Batman (Heroes for Hire) will speak to the kids in front of the Gazebo, and the Parade Lineup begins at Michelle Wilhoit State Farm office at 12:00 pm at 603 West Main Street, Grayson. Boggs said that the parade registration begins May 1, 2025. And the parade itself, themed "Walk Down Memory Lane" will begin at 1 pm. The parade is sponsored by the Grayson Chamber of Commerce,

and this year the Grand Marshall is Becky Walker. Then immediately following the parade, the Citizen's Veterans Association will present a Memorial Ceremony at Veterans Park. Grayson's Got Talent will hit the Go Radio Stage at 5 pm.

Saturday Night's Entertainment is brought to you by Grayson Tourism & Business Cultivation Foundation, starting with the winner of the 2025 Memory Days Battle of the Bands at 7pm. Larry Pancake takes the stage at 7:30, and then at 8:30 pm Dustin Burchett & Kentucky Clear top off the day's entertainment.

On Sunday, May 25, at 4 pm The Mike Phillips Memorial Bluegrass Show is brought to you by Members Choice Credit Union, Smithfield Foods & Commercial Bank of Grayson and welcomed by RudyFest. Boggs said you might not be able to see and do everything, but that it will be fun to try.

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# Cave Run Symphony Orchestra to be Scottish at April 6 concert

A salute to great music from and about Scotland will be featured on Sunday, April 6, when the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra wraps up its 11th full season with a concert entitled "Great Scot" at 3 p.m. in the Morehead Conference Center.

It will be the CRSO's fourth performance of

the 2024-25 season and will include compositions by Felix Mendelssohn, Charles Villiers Stanford, William Alwyn, Michael Korb, Ulrich Rover, and Leroy Anderson.

"We are pleased to present another great concert and to finish this wonderful season of entertaining local audiences with the beauty

and power of orchestral music," said Dr. Craig Burrows, CRSO board chair.

The 60-piece orchestra is operated by the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra Society, a non-profit, tax exempt organization under Section 501 ©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

"The orchestra is underwritten by gifts, sponsor-

ships, program book advertising, and ticket sales and we welcome support at any time of the year," Burrows added.

Gifts can be made online at [caverunsymphony.org](http://caverunsymphony.org) or at the door of the concert or by mail to PO Box 441, Morehead.

Adult tickets for April 6 are \$15 and are available

# Longtime Speedway manager retires



Former Speedway manager Sherry Campbell celebrated her retirement from the convenience store with friends and family after 40 years at the Olive Hill location. Campbell started with the company in Grayson, in 1979 when it was still called SaveMore, before taking some time off and returning to the Olive Hill store in 1985. While the store has had several names over that period – changing to SaveMart, SuperAmerica, and Speedway, before its recent change to 7-11 – Campbell has been a constant. She said the people of Olive Hill made her feel at home from day one, and that while she's glad to spend more time with her husband and grandchildren, she will miss the community.

"My heart's in Olive Hill," she said. "When I came here, people just, they brought me food... they welcomed me. I felt welcomed here. So, this is my home." (Photos by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)