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Planning Memory Days

Pageants, performers, parades, and more

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The work of Memory Days gets started long before the weekend of Grayson's landmark festival; and, in some cases, even the events start early.

"The Memory Days Pageant will actually be a week before Memory Days on May 17," Event Coordinator Michelle Boggs explained. "And the cheerleaders will be in charge of that, so you can go to the Chamber of Commerce page to get

their contact information."

"Then Memory Days will be starting on Thursday, May 22, at 6pm and will end Sunday with our RudyFest Bluegrass (show)," Boggs said. "On Friday we will be having a Battle of the Bands, and whoever wins that will play Saturday night before Dustin Burchett."

Boggs said that there will be a lot of live music this year, and encourages bands to sign up to enter the Battle of the Bands competition, but said there will also be many established bands playing such as crowd favorite Hammertowne.

But it isn't only about the music, she said. There will also be a lot of local and regional vendors, food trucks, and tons of activities for the kids. Boggs said the event

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Participants in the Memory Days parade wave to the crowd. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

Nelson pleads not guilty to attempted murder

Harlee Estep arraigned on charges of first degree sexual abuse

By Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

On the evening of March 13, 34 year old Kadeem Nelson, of Charlotte, North Carolina was booked into the Carter County Detention Center on charges of attempted murder, and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, after being arrested by officers with the Kentucky

State Police. Last Wednesday afternoon (March 26) Nelson appeared before Circuit Court Judge Rebecca Phillips to be arraigned on those charges. Nelson entered a plea of not guilty to the charges of attempted murder of a police officer – an enhancement that didn't appear on his initial arrest report, as well as the charge of convicted felon in possession of a handgun. Phillips ordered a public defender to be appointed and scheduled the case for pretrial conference in late April.

Harlee Estep, 28, of Grayson, was arrested by Kentucky State Police on the evening of March 19, "following an

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Harlee Estep (submitted photo)

Weekend on the west end

Olive Hill area home to a host of activities

By: Jeremy D. Wells
Carter County Times

If you're looking to get out of the house, and enjoy the spring weather this weekend, the western end of Carter County is the place to be; starting with a pancake breakfast at the Olive Hill Masonic Lodge.

The Masonic Lodge, located at the end of Jordan Court, on the hill overlooking town, will open their doors at 8 a.m. for breakfast. For a cost of just \$10 per plate, folks can enjoy their

choice of bacon or sausage, along with pancakes, orange juice, and coffee. If you're in a hurry, you can take your breakfast to go, or take your time and enjoy your fresh-from-the-griddle hotcakes in the Lodge's dining hall. Money raised from the pancake breakfast, which is organized by the Olive Hill Masonic Lodge #629 Past Master's Club, benefit the group's scholarship fund, explained past master, and current lodge secretary, Jason Duvall.

"We use it for the scholarship fund, that we give away every year for seniors," Duvall said, noting that one scholarship is offered for students pursuing a traditional academic track, while another is offered for students



A pair of chickens rest in a crate during a trade days event. (Photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

pursuing further education in the

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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.

- Nicholas Green, 33, of Beattyville, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of receiving stolen property valued at \$10,000 or more, arrested and booked March 24.
- Emily Evans, 22, of Beattyville, arrested by Olive Hill PD, on a charge of receiving stolen property valued at \$10,000 or more, arrested and booked March 24.
- Tyler Sexton, 38, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked March 24.
- Timothy Barker, 51, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State

- Police, serving a warrant for a parole violation, and on charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), and failure to appear, arrested and booked March 24.
- Elizabeth Zornes, 46, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of first degree criminal mischief – tampering with key infrastructure assets, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, first degree wanton endangerment, and leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance, arrested and booked March 25.
- Jimmy Sammons, 47, of Paintsville, arrested by Boyd County Jail, for failure to appear, arrested March 25, booked March 26.
- Bobby Burton, 32, of Cynthi-

- ana, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 26.
- Jeffrey Kouns, 44, of Ashland, arresting agency unavailable. For non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked March 26.
- Robert Jones, 47, of West Liberty, arrested by Department of Corrections, on a parole violation for a technical violation, arrested and booked March 26.
- Amos Reynolds, 36, of Olive Hill, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a probation violation for a felony offense, arrested and booked March 26.
- Jessica Shockey, 35, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, arrested and booked March 26.
- Michael Zornes, 44, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of possession of marijuana, first degree possession of a controlled

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This Week's Obituaries

Wanda Faye Carroll, 79
John Dewayne Marshall, 55

Adam "Meat" Joseph Stapleton, 40

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LIFESTYLE



Batch cooking ground beef - Your slow cooker's new superpower

Imagine spending just a few minutes preparing ground beef, stepping away, then returning to find perfectly cooked, flavorful meat ready to use. Batch-cooking hamburger in a slow cooker saves time, money and sanity, giving you tender, ready-to-season beef without hours in the kitchen.

Skeptical? You're not alone. You might wonder, "It won't be browned -- will it taste good?" Trust me, you're in for a tasty surprise! The beef emerges juicy and fully cooked. If browning matters, simply crisp it quickly in a skillet before using. But honestly, once mixed into soups or casseroles, no one can tell -- it just tastes great and saves so much time. Try it once, and

you'll wonder why you waited so long!

SLOW COOKER BATCH-COOKED GROUND BEEF

Yield: 12 cups
Total Time: 3 to 5 hours (mostly unattended)

- 5 pounds ground beef (85% lean / 15% fat)
- 1 cup beef broth or water
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon granulated garlic
- 2 tablespoons dried minced onion

Place ground beef in slow cooker, breaking into chunks. Pour broth or water over meat, sprinkle evenly with salt, pepper and seasonings. You can adjust the seasoning later when using the beef in specific recipes to suit your taste preferences.

Cover; cook on high 2 1/2 to 3 hours or on low 4 to 5 hours. Once cooked through, carefully drain excess fat and liquid. Break meat into crumbles.

Cool before portioning into airtight containers or freezer bags. Refrigerate for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 3 months.

Now that you've got all this delicious, precooked beef, you might be wondering -- what tasty meals can I create with it? Here are some easy, crowd-pleasing

recipes to get you started.

SPAGHETTI WITH QUICK MEAT SAUCE

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 20 minutes

- 12 ounces spaghetti
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced, optional
- 2 cups cooked ground beef
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 jar (24 ounce) marinara sauce
- Grated Parmesan cheese, for garnish

Cook spaghetti according to package directions; drain and set aside. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Saute onion for 3 minutes, add garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Saute mushrooms with the onion mixture. Add cooked ground beef to the skillet; heat through. Season with salt and pepper and Italian seasoning. Pour in marinara sauce; stir to combine. Simmer for 5 minutes. Toss the cooked spaghetti with the meat sauce. Serve topped with Parmesan cheese.

MEXICAN BEEF AND RICE CASSEROLE

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 25 minutes



Delicious pasta sauce comes together quickly with batch-cooked beef. (Photo credit: www.JasonCoblentz.com)

- 2 cups cooked ground beef
- 3 cups cooked rice
- 1 can (15 ounce) black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup salsa
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Sour cream and chopped cilantro, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350 F (175 C).

In a large bowl, combine ground beef, rice, black beans, salsa, chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper. Transfer mixture to a greased 9-x-13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake for 20 minutes, until

cheese is melted and bubbly. Serve with sour cream and chopped cilantro.

What else can you make? Use precooked beef in tacos, sloppy Joes, chili, pizza toppings, quesadillas or hearty salads. Quick meals just became effortless! Enjoy your extra free time. Until next time -- keep it fabulous, keep it frugal and savor every bite.

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Ask Daryl

Your professional organizer

Starting this week, Carter County Times has provided me with the opportunity to answer your questions about how you can learn to enjoy the benefits of living organized.



Daryl Ashley
Guest Columnist

Hi! My name is Daryl Ashley and I'm a professional organizer living in Carter County. Each week, I will be addressing your email questions by providing solutions and suggestions that will open up your

world to a more efficient lifestyle.

You may ask how to get started bringing order into your home or how to schedule your time. You may want to know how to downsize and declutter, or what you need to do to prepare for a move. Together, we can address improving your office to increase productivity and discover efficient and cost effective storage items to help you

get organized.

We all live very busy lives leaving us without the luxury of having enough time to take on additional tasks, even if they are for our wellbeing. That's where I come in. Simply send your questions to info@confusionso-lution.com and ask away.

There is no organizing question that can't be solved to give you a renewed boost for taking the organizing journey toward a better way of life.

It's as simple as that.

Joyful Noise

True empowerment

By: Pastor Naomi Mitchell for Carter County Times

John 16:13 says, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

The Holy Spirit can and will empower us in ways we never expected. It is

wonderful to know that the Holy Spirit will declare to us the things coming. He will lead us as believers in Jesus Christ into all truth (John 16:13). We should desire the Holy Spirit to be active in our faith walk every day.

He will empower us to overcome the many challenges we face in life, whether it be physical, financial or spiritual. Ephesians 3:16 says, "That he

would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man." Yes, He will be the comfort we need providing peace and encouragement in times of trials and tribulations according to John 14:26. The Bible tells us if we lack wisdom in any area, we are to ask God for it. He will give us the divine understanding that is

See **EMPOWERMENT** on A-3



Extension Notes

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Mini greenhouses are a great tool for gardeners

Looking to get a jump on your garden this year?

Even if the temperatures haven't soared into the typical "planting season" range yet, you don't have to wait to start growing some of your favorite vegetables. Many cool-season



Rebecca Konopka
Carter County Extension Agent

veggies like radishes, spinach, cabbage, broccoli, lettuce and onions can be planted in Kentucky from mid-March to early April. These hardy varieties can handle a bit of frost, making them a perfect choice for early spring gardening. However, another useful technique for getting a head start is creating a mini greenhouse in your garden bed.

Before you jump in, make sure to prep your soil by turning it over or lightly tilling it. Next, for a couple of weeks, lay some black plastic film over the area you plan to plant. The black plastic works like a cozy blanket for your soil, soaking up the sun's warmth and helping the earth underneath to heat up faster. By the time you're ready to sow seeds or transplant your young plants, the soil will be a few degrees warmer—just enough to give those early vegetables a significant advantage.

Once the soil is warmed, remove the black plastic and get your plants in the ground. After planting, you'll want to build a simple frame around your garden bed. You can use wood, metal, or even PVC pipe—

whatever you have handy. Cover the frame with clear polyethylene film to form your mini greenhouse. Weigh down the edges of the film with boards, bricks or stones so it won't blow away in the wind but will still allow easy access to the plants inside. This clear cover protects tender plants from chilly spring temperatures while still letting in that valuable sunlight.

Of course, plants still need air circulation and watering, so remember that you'll have to check on them regularly. On warm, sunny days, it's crucial to lift part of the plastic cover to let fresh air in; otherwise, your mini greenhouse could overheat. Remember to secure the cover to the ground again on cold nights.

Using this covering strategy can extend your growing season by a month or even six weeks on both ends, meaning you'll start gardening earlier in the spring and keep going

later into the fall. (There is no need for the black plastic soil pre-treatment for fall planting.) In fact, if Kentucky's climate stays mild, some tough cool-season crops like spinach may stay alive throughout winter under this protective setup but may be damaged if temperatures drop to the single digits or below. Better yet, once you remove the plastic as warm weather arrives, you can use the same bed for summer crops like tomatoes or peppers—just remember they need plenty of time to mature if you're planning another round of production under plastic in the fall.

For more information on producing a successful garden this year, contact your local Carter County Extension office. 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.

Kentucky Dept of Agriculture Livestock and Grain Market Report

Compared to last week the feeder markets were mixed. Most markets reported feeder steers and heifers steady to 6.00 higher but a few sales scattered throughout the week traded 6.00 higher to sharply higher. Yearling steers were mostly 5.00 to 10.00 higher with exceptions steady to 3.00 higher. Yearling heifers traded mostly steady to 3.00 higher with exceptions to sharply higher. Demand was good to very good for all feeder and yearling classes. Slaughter cows and bulls were mostly steady with good supply and good demand.

Courtesy of <https://www.kyagr.com/> Week ending 3/29/25

STATE AVERAGES			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
350-400 lbs	404.59	393.54	324.72
400-450 lbs	403.98	385.34	323.63
450-500 lbs	371.86	368.73	310.73
500-550 lbs	339.89	339.76	297.95
550-600 lbs	336.33	330.16	290.54
600-650 lbs	322.64	307.44	277.13
650-700 lbs	308.93	299.21	275.99
700-750 lbs	290.41	282.55	247.95
750-800 lbs	269.33	274.04	240.54
800-850 lbs	264.37	262.49	224.03
850-900 lbs	266.69	260.58	225.16
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	366.52	350.92	302.08
350-400 lbs	363.81	355.76	295.50
400-450 lbs	336.28	336.58	285.30
450-500 lbs	324.91	319.54	272.98
500-550 lbs	305.67	302.57	258.98
550-600 lbs	296.16	291.09	250.01
600-650 lbs	279.73	265.72	238.67
650-700 lbs	269.70	261.31	229.54
700-750 lbs	249.11	248.02	213.59
750-800 lbs	241.93	244.53	205.17

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	124.00-151.00	135.00-163.00	103.00-136.00
Boners	120.00-149.00	130.00-169.00	85.00-136.00
Lean	99.00-139.50	115.00-157.00	95.00-128.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1&2	140.00-174.00	162.00-201.00	110.00-161.00

Mar 13, 2025 Bowling Green, KY			
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 174			
Kids: Selection 1 56 lbs 407.50; 74 lbs 345.00. Selection 1-2 95 lbs 257.50.			
Selection 2 48 lbs 212.50; 55 lbs 330.00; 70 lbs 254.50.			
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 471			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1: 50 lbs 400.00. Choice & Prime 1-2 50-55 lbs 330.00-337.50; 65-67 lbs 340.00-342.50; 74-75 lbs 335.00-352.50; 100 lbs 285.00; 113 lbs 262.50. Choice 2 49 lbs 325.00; 57 lbs 327.50; 64 lbs 340.00; 75-78 lbs 310.00-340.00; 95 lbs 140.00; 100 lbs 295.00; 130 lbs 235.00.			
Week ending 3/29/25			
GRAINS			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.35-4.93	4.44-4.84	3.82-4.49
Soybeans	9.21-10.51	9.28-10.43	11.07-12.21
Red Winter Wheat	4.21-5.57	4.84-5.77	4.74-5.56

Arrests from A-1

substance (methamphetamine) second offense, possession of drug paraphernalia, endangering the welfare of a minor, and third degree burglary, arrested and booked March 26.

- Justin Peterman, 35, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 27.
- Christopher Trent, 51, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on three probation violations for a felony offense, and two counts of failure to ap-

pear, arrested and booked March 27.

- Dalton Conley, 32, of Grayson, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on a charge of third degree terroristic threatening, arrested and booked March 27.
- Josh Hollingsworth, 47, of Olive Hill, self-surrender, weekender, arrested and booked March 28.
- Larry Thomas, 50, of Hitchens, arrested by Kentucky State Police, for failure to appear, arrested and booked March 29.
- Daniel Brewer, 55,

of Rush, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to wear seat belts, reckless driving, and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, arrested and booked March 29.

- Samuel Allen, 28, of Elsmere, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of no registration receipt, no registration plates, improper display of registration plates,

operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, reckless driving, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked March 30.

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.

Courts from A-1

investigation into inappropriate communications with a minor," according to a KSP release on the arrest. Estepp, who had been under investigation since 2022 according to the KSP release, was working as a varsity boys and girls track and field coach at Paul Blazer High School in Ashland at the time of his arrest. The activities under investigation, however, do not appear to be related to his duties at Paul Blazer.

Estepp's attorney entered a plea of not guilty on his behalf to charges including two counts of first degree sexual abuse, and one count of procuring or promoting the use of a minor by electronic means. Phillips denied a request for a reduction of Bond, which is currently set at \$50,000.00, noting the serious nature of the charge.

Phillips set Estepp's pretrial conference for late April as well.

Phillips also arraigned Shannon Lowe, 52, of Olive Hill, who entered a plea of not guilty to charges of knowing abuse or neglect of an adult and intimidating a participant in a legal process, with bond modification to be discussed; Ryan McBride, 26, of Grayson, who entered a plea of not guilty to charges of first degree rape, and first degree strangulation; and Kyle Ryan Skaggs, 26, of Grayson, who entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of first degree sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years of age. Lowe, McBride, and Skaggs all had public defenders assigned to their cases.

Spencer Burnett, who is charged with vehicular

homicide while under the influence of alcohol, indicated his intent to hire a private attorney. That attorney, however, was not available at the time of Burnett's initially scheduled arraignment. Phillips scheduled another arraignment for the afternoon of April 7.

Also arraigned were Daniel Perez, on charges related to DUI, reckless driving, and wanton endangerment; Clint Caudill, flagrant non-support; Jeffrey Adams, theft by failure to make required disposition of property; and Austin Kilgore, burglary, convicted felon in possession of a handgun, and persistent felony offender.

Arraigned on drug related charges were David Richards, possession of methamphetamine; Thomas Boggs, Debra

Breech, Michael Flannery, and Teresa Johnson, each on a charge of conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance; Anthony Jordan, on possession of methamphetamine and operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license; Jeffrey Ratliff, on charges of trafficking in methamphetamine, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, and other motor vehicle violations; Jeffrey Adams, trafficking in methamphetamine, convicted felon in possession of a handgun, and possession of drug paraphernalia; and Christopher Woods, on charges of possession of methamphetamine, public intoxication, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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CALENDAR

- **4/3: Carter County Library Board @ 6 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **4/4: Sit and Sew @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions or to RSVP call 474-6686
- **4/5: Spring Clothing Giveaway @ 8 a.m.** | Lower Grassy Church of Christ, Grayson
- **4/5: Olive Hill Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast @ 8 a.m.** | Olive Hill Masonic Lodge
- **4/5: Globe Farm Supply Trade Day @ 8:30 a.m.** | Globe Farm Supply | Livestock, vendors, food, and more
- **4/5: Hayes Crossing-Haldeman FD Fish Fry & Auction @ 3 p.m.** | Hayes Crossing-Haleman Fire Dept. | Fish fry begins at 3 p.m., Auction at 5 p.m.
- **4/7: Quilts for Veterans Sew Days @ 9 a.m.** | Carter County Extension Education Center | For questions call 606-474-6686
- **4/7: Homeschool group meeting @ 12 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson
- **4/7: Carter County Tourism @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter Caves State Resort Park
- **4/8: Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce @ 12 p.m.** | Johnny's Pizza
- **4/8: Grayson City Council @ 5:30 p.m.** | Grayson City Hall
- **4/8: Spray Calibration Clinic @ 6 p.m.** | Boyd County Fair Grounds Extension Expo Building | Producers who need a private pesticide application license need to arrive by 5 p.m.
- **4/9: Girl Scouts meeting @ 5:30 p.m.** | Carter County Public Library - Grayson

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Funding police training

Grayson council holds special session to approve ammo purchase

By Charles Romans
Carter County Times

The City of Grayson held a special, called meeting on Thursday, March 27, with only one item on the agenda. That item was the approval of funding for ammunition for the Grayson Police



Mayor Troy Combs (far left) talks with Grayson police chief Tony Cantrell (center right). (Photo by Charles Romans, Carter County Times)

Department, which would be used for training and regular use.

Grayson Police Chief Tony Cantrell made the council aware of a grant through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

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Pet of the Week

Brownie is a female mixed breed, around one-year-old. She's a very friendly girl, and good with other dogs. Her \$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.

Empowerment from A-2

needed in certain situations in our life according to 1 Corinthians 2:12-13. He will provide supernatural peace in trials. Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Praise God, the Holy Spirit will give us peace in troubled times. We can renew our minds and transform our thinking with the help of the Holy Spirit. Romans 12:2 reads: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

The Holy Spirit will help us with fruit produc-

tion! Fruit of the Spirit that will produce godly character. I love good fruit in season and out of season. Fruit the Holy Spirit will help us produce can't be bought at the fruit market, though. Galatians 2:22-23 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Everyone enjoys this type of fruit. The Holy Spirit will even fill believers with everlasting joy. According to Romans 14:17 which says, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

The Holy Spirit will enable us to have a deeper relationship with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 13:14 says, "Finally, brethren, be perfect, be of good

comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints salute you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

He will empower our prayer life which deepens our connection with God according to Jude 1:20. He will reveal hidden things giving us insight into spiritual matters according to 1 Corinthians 2:9-10. The Holy Spirit provides spiritual discernment helping us to distinguish truth from deception in 1 John.

John 4:24 says the Holy Spirit will lead us in the true worship of God. He will bring unity in the body of Christ. Oh, what fellowship divine, leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus!

We need the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit more than ever in our Christian walk. If you are living without Him then you are missing out on the good things the Lord has for you. Make a commitment to Jesus today and ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you in all truth and he will. Look for wonderful changes in your life as you allow Him to take the reins! Amen! So be it!

JOYFUL House of Prayer, 2519 Quicksand Road, (P.O. Box 856), Jackson, Kentucky 41339. Send Comments/Prayer Requests: Pastornaomi-4god@gmail.com. FB: JoyfulHoprayer. Services: 10am Sunday and Joyful Kids Class at 10:30am, 6:30pm Thursdays. Radio Broadcast: WJSN 97.3 FM & WEKG 81.0 AM Sundays 1-2pm.

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A message from the City of Grayson and the Grayson ABC office

Weekend from A-1

trades.

He said the pancake breakfast will also offer musicians and music lovers the opportunity to purchase a chance at a hand-built guitar from famed Carter County luthier Gary Cotten. Cotten, whose guitars are in high demand, particularly in the bluegrass world, has donated a pair of his custom creations – one to benefit the Lodge and one for the Shrine Club.

“He made a guitar for us to raffle off, and that money’s going to go also to our building project, but mainly the scholarship fund. It’s a hand built guitar by Gary Cotten. If most people know Gary... his guitars are very sought after, and he was kind enough to build us a guitar for the Lodge, and also

he made us one for the Shrine Club, to be raffled off to support the Shriners Hospital in Lexington.”

Cotten’s custom made guitars regularly sell for up to \$5,000 or more each. The Lodge and the Shrine Club will be selling 500 chances on each guitar, at \$20 a chance. You can speak to Duvall, or any member of the Olive Hill Masonic Lodge or Carter County Shrine Club, for more information or to purchase a raffle ticket.

After filling up with a hearty breakfast, you’ve got a couple of different options for the rest of your morning.

If you’re planning to do any planting, or raise new livestock this spring, you might consider checking out Globe Farm Supply’s Trade Day. The event will

feature a variety of animals for sale, as well as other vendors, all set up on site from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. This marks the third season they’ve held their Trade Day events, owner Jennifer Owens explained, adding that they plan to hold them once a month through the Spring and Summer months, adding that they “try to do the first weekend of every month” from April through September.

“People can pick up livestock of various sorts,” Owens said. “Anywhere from baby chicks, grown chickens, ducks, goats, pigs, even occasionally a cow.”

After picking up their new animals, they can pick up other supplies or feed in the shop.

“We usually run some sales on that day too, on

that kind of stuff,” she said.

Or, if the guitar raffle at the pancake breakfast has you in a more musical mood, head up to the Olive Hill Center for Arts & Heritage for the first organizational meeting of the new Community String Orchestra. Elaine Brunelle, who has worked as a professional violinist playing with groups as diverse as Trans-Siberian Orchestra, the Moody Blues, and Kansas, among others, will be leading the new orchestra. They are seeking folks who play, or wish to learn, the violin, viola, cello, and bass. The all ages orchestra welcomes performers from age 9 through adult, and will meet on Saturday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Performers are responsible for obtaining their own instrument, though Brunelle can provide guidance on purchasing or obtaining a rental. For more information on the community orchestra, contact Brunelle at EStudioViolin@yahoo.com or by calling or texting (606)207-1480.

After getting set up with a new instrument, or working up an appetite loading up your new livestock, you can head over toward Haldeman, and the Haldeman / Haye’s Crossing Fire Department fish fry and auction. The fish fry and auction, which raises money for the fire department’s operation costs, begins at 3 p.m. with the auction kicking off at 5 p.m. The menu includes fried fish, cole

slaw, baked beans, potato wedges, drink, and dessert for \$12, with children five and younger served for free. The ladies auxiliary will be auctioning off a pair of diamond earrings and a gold and diamond necklace, while the fire department will be raffling off a Glock 9 mm and a 12 gauge shotgun, with the first draw taking their choice and the second draw receiving whichever gun is left.

For more information on the fish fry, auction, and raffle, contact the Haldeman / Haye’s Crossing Fire Department at (606)783-1445 or online at haldemanfire916@hotmail.com.

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8 new Corvettes go missing from Kentucky car plant, but the conspicuous muscle cars are all found

By Dylan Lovan
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE (AP) — Thieves took eight Corvettes from the lot of a Kentucky automobile plant where the legendary muscle car is built, but officers

recovered the vehicles and made an arrest, police said.

The cars were taken from the GM Bowling Green Assembly plant in southern Kentucky, the home of the Chevrolet Corvette since the early 1980s. The eight cars were

valued at \$1.2 million, police said.

Police said the thieves cut a fence at the plant to get the cars out. A man later arrested and charged with the theft of three cars said while being booked into jail that if he “would

have made it back to Michigan, I would have been paid big,” according to a police report.

The first car was located Saturday when a woman at an apartment complex in Bowling Green called police to say she saw a

man park a new Corvette with stickers on it at the complex and then walk away.

Police contacted the manager of the assembly plant, who checked the inventory and reported that eight Corvettes were

missing, according to a Bowling Green Police report.

Police later located four more Corvettes at different locations.

The last three were found after officers

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OBITUARY

Wanda Faye Carroll 1945 – 2025



Wanda Faye Carroll, age 79, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Friday, March 28, 2025, at UK-King’s Daughter Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

She was born September 12, 1945, in Carter County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Ernest and Beatrice Stevens Carroll.

Wanda was a member of New Beginnings Church. She enjoyed cooking, baking pies, spending time with her Chapel House friends, especially her granddaughter, MaKenley.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Mitchell Carroll.

Wanda is survived by one daughter, Missy Carroll of Grayson, Kentucky; one granddaughter, MaKenley Carroll, two brothers, David (Shirley) Carroll of Flat Gap, Kentucky, Roy “Bun” Carroll of Grayson, Kentucky; one sister, Darlene (Jan) Evans of Mansfield, Kentucky, along with many other family and friends that will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at Grayson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 49 McCoy Road, Grayson, Kentucky, with Brother Kyle Burchett officiating. Burial followed in East Carter Memory Gardens.

Friends visited after 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at Grayson Funeral Home until the service hour.

Missy Carroll, Amy Davis, Laura Kiser, David Carroll, Jessica Carroll and Derrick Jones served as pallbearers.

Grayson Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Wanda Faye Carroll.

John Dewayne Marshall 1970 – 2025



John Dewayne Marshall, 55, of Grayson went to be with his Lord and Savior Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at the UK Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland surrounded by his loving family.

John was born January 28, 1970 in Ashland, KY a son of Clayton Marshall, Sr. of Grayson and the late Nancy Bea McDavid Marshall.

In addition to his mother, John was preceded in death by a niece, Stacy Sloas Kiser.

In 1989, John married his high school sweetheart and went on to have two beautiful girls. After school he worked with the Laborers Local 1445 and the Local 439 Carpenters. Outside of spending time with his family, John was a good Christian man, having attended Maranatha Bible Church, and a faithful worker. He loved what he did, whether it was working on the farm or with his beloved Valley Interior System family. John worked until he couldn’t anymore and still aspired to get back on the

jobsite, even if it was just to visit or spend time with the guys.

John spent his free time in the woods hunting, fishing on the creek bank, porch sitting with his wife or spoiling his grandbabies- “The Best Papaw”.

Including his father, John is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Rhonda Kouns Marshall; two daughters, Jessica (Graham) Johnston and Carley (Chase) Webb both of Grayson; four grandchildren, Oakley Johnston, Kingsley Johnston, Harper Johnston, and Owen Webb; a grandchild on the way, Reece Webb; a brother, Clayton “Whitey” (Kay) Marshall, Jr.; two sisters, Linda Sloas and Brenda (Ishmael) Kelley all of Grayson; and a niece, a host of nephews, friends and extended family who all mourn his passing.

Funeral services were 12 Noon Saturday, March 29, 2025 at the Malone Funeral Home with Bro. Lewis Baier, Bro. Scott Baier and Bro. Terry Marshall officiating. Burial followed in the Marshall Family Cemetery. Visitation was from 6-9 pm Friday and after 9 am Saturday until the service hour. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.malonefuneralhome.com

Those honored to serve as pallbearers were: Graham Johnston, Chase Webb, Brandon Kelley, Jeremy Sloas, Austin Marshall and Bryson Kiser.

Adam “Meat” Joseph Stapleton 1984 – 2025



Adam “Meat” Joseph Stapleton, age 40, of Grayson, Kentucky, passed away Friday, March 21, 2025, at his residence following a brief illness.

He was born Saturday, May 26, 1984, a son of Bonnie Angel Stapleton of Olive Hill, Kentucky and the late Allen Arthur Stapleton.

Adam served as dispatch supervisor for Carter County 911, Director for Carter County Emergency Management and Captain of Grayson Fire Department. He was a member of Olive Hill Fire Department, an IFSAC Evaluator, Instructor for the Kentucky Fire and Rescue Training and the Kentucky Emergency Management Association. Adam served as Chairman for the local Emergency Planning Committee and was a Kentucky Colonel.

In addition to his mother, Adam is survived by his wife, Sarah Veech Stapleton; son, Sebastian Stapleton; step-son, Nathan (Faith) Steele of Green-

wood, Indiana; one brother, Jason Allen Stapleton of Olive Hill, Kentucky; one sister, Amanda Lynn Stapleton-Tuhy of Olive Hill, Kentucky, along with a host of family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Funeral services were conducted 11 a.m., Friday, March 28, 2025, at First Church of Christ in Grayson, Kentucky, with Chaplain Harold Horton and Brother Bradley Cotten officiating. Burial followed in JR. O.U.A.M. Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Friends visited after 6 p.m., Thursday, March 27, 2025, at First Church of Christ in Grayson, Kentucky and after 9 a.m., Friday, March 28, 2025, until the service hour at the church.

Josh Marshall, Andrew Smith, Chase Felty, Larrel Alley, Chris Eden, Corey Kouns, Justin Stone, Kyle Morgan, James Litteral and Wes Freize served as pallbearers.

Millis Wolfe, Grayson Fire Department, Carter County Dispatch and Jason Gillum served as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, please make all contributions to Adam Stapleton Memorial Fund located at First National Bank.

Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill, Kentucky, is honored to serve the family of Adam “Meat” Joseph Stapleton.

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Guest Editorial

Consumers deserve the right to repair

By: Robert Dean

My TV started doing this thing where a menu pops up on the screen, where it thinks I've installed a new HDMI cable, asking me if I'd like to "enjoy" my new hardware. The bizarre phrasing aside, I did not want to enjoy it and didn't install anything. There's likely a glitch; maybe deeper Googling might find the issue. Chances are the television isn't long for this world. What's unfortunate is that back in the day, the TV would get fixed. Today, we're expected to throw away our electronics and buy new ones. And that goes for everything. Even your toaster has a death date; your fridge could push up daisies at any moment.

A phrase in legislative, political, and consumer circles focuses on this egregious phenomenon: the right to repair. Why am I expected to buy a new television when the issue might be as easy as installing a new HDMI port or a software upgrade? I'm getting screwed by having to plop down a couple of hundred on a new television that, minus that popup, works just fine—and the old TV winds up sitting in a landfill long enough to meet my great-great-grandchildren. According to the UN, global e-waste reached 59.4 million metric tons in 2023, but only 17.4% was properly collected and recycled.

The issue is that the boardroom vampires figured out that it's more profitable to make us buy new stuff than get things repaired, and that landfills were better places for their products than your bedroom for a decade or so.

Electronics companies argue that restricting repair access protects intellectual property and innovation. At the same time, I ask – do I own this TV, or have I just been renting it for a few years? It's mine – why can't I elect to fix it rather than buy something new? How can a manufacturer claim to be "sustainable" when phones, tablets, dryers, and whatever else wind up in landfills? And those that don't? They wind up in places like Lagos, Nigeria, where people have a cultural imperative to repair things rather than buy new ones, which I respect. Why does everything have to be brand new? A study by the U.S. PIRG found that Americans could save \$40 billion annually if they repaired rather than replaced their electronics and appliances.

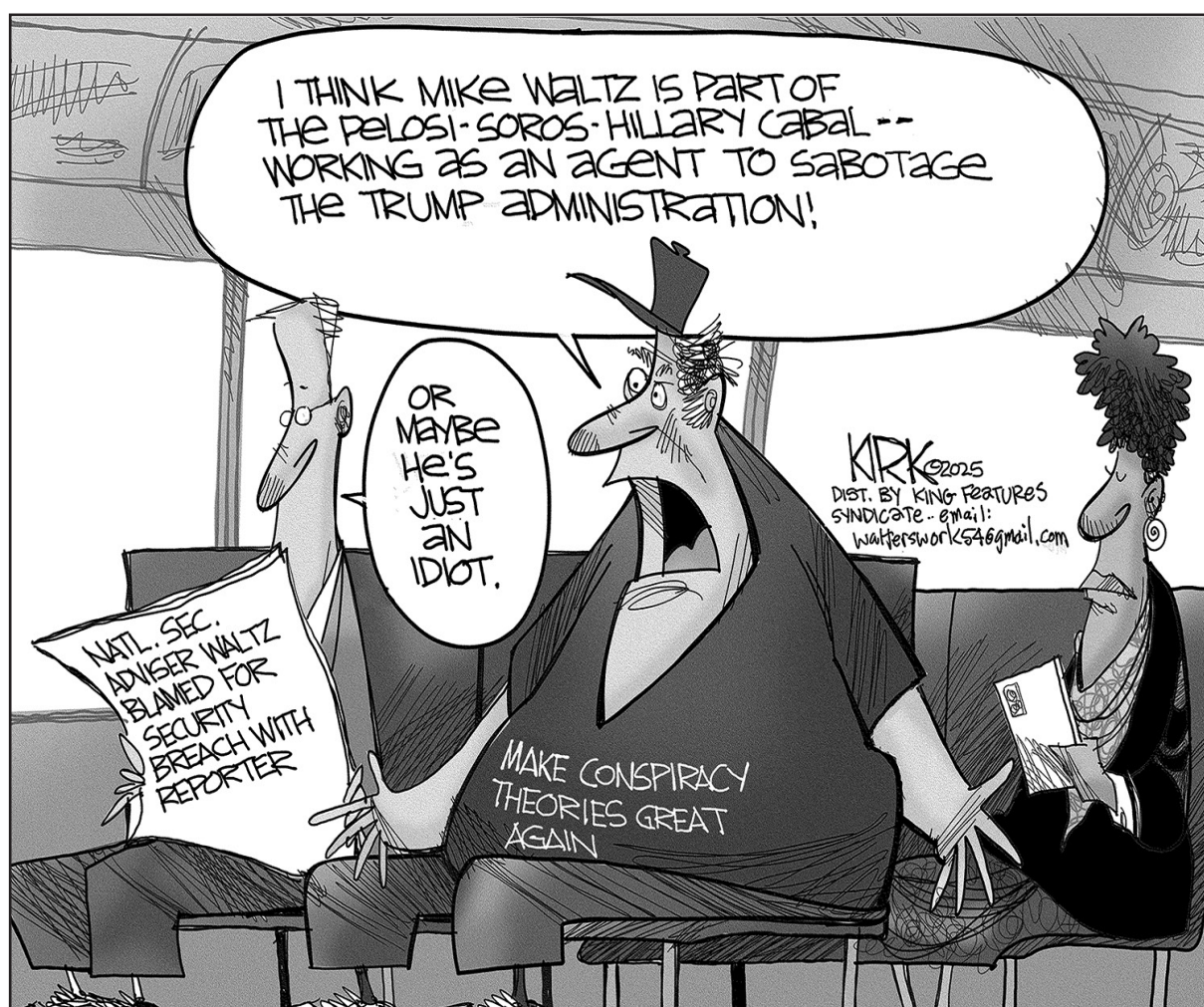
Outside of your local car mechanic, we're losing our ability to fix things. Everything doesn't have to be thrown away. Extending product lifespans through repair could significantly reduce environmental impact. E-waste is one of the fastest-growing waste streams globally. If Apple and Android had their way, we'd have new phones every six months, but some of us (like me) hold onto our phones for a long while. (My iPhone is an 11—Apple is currently on 16.) It works fine because, by law, Apple has to send me the data upgrades for this, and my MacBook Pro. Apple was forced by legislation to allow self-service repairs instead of voiding your warranty if you fixed the screen yourself. (I worked for Apple. I wrote copy for Apple Care or whatever it's called.)

Somehow, this corporate urge to squeeze every buck reminds me of the time I was in Orlando on a work trip. I had a night to kill and wanted to go to Disney World. I'm a secret Disney adult—I love the Haunted Mansion and will gladly hop on the teacups. I called the Mouse's 800 number wanting to know what a ticket would set me back. It was after 6:00—was there maybe a cheaper nighttime option? The kid on the other line informed me there wasn't, and when I groaned at the price of almost \$200 for six hours of park time, he said, "You can't put a price on memories." And that's when I really began to hate corporate America. Not being able to get your electronics fixed feels like the same kind of jive: "You can't put a price on what you're willing to spend to ignore your wife and play video games for hours." Corporations also figured out that we attach memories to things, even if that thing is wanting to sell a kidney to afford to go down Space Mountain.

The EU and some states like New York, California, and Colorado force manufacturers to require longer product lifespans and allow for repair access by independent repair services. They're our products and ensuring that only the company can repair your TV or your computer is a monopoly on something you own. Plus, at the granular level, being able to fix washing machines is a career that will never go out of business, and that's good for the local economy, especially the local burger joint at noon. Independent repair businesses create local jobs at a rate 28 times higher per device than manufacturer-authorized

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"If it ain't broke, don't fix it" is good advice for all of us.

Many of us who follow politics were surprised, perhaps even amazed, by the effectiveness of President Trump's simple "fix-it" message in the closing weeks of last fall's campaign.

"Trump will fix it" was focused on the price of groceries, especially eggs, and gasoline, and many other aspects of life in America. Voters were promised that each of us could count on him to fix the economy and other things he and Republican politicians were saying was wrong with our country.

Moreover, he said he would start those repairs on his first day in office. True to his pledge, he has signed a flurry of executive orders in his first two months on the job.

His grassroots appeal to voters was particularly successful in the seven so-called swing states where voters ultimately decide who wins and who loses in presidential elections. Post-election polling said "fix-it" had resonated incredibly among voters of all types.

It didn't require some advertising expert from Madison Avenue or a trendy "influencer" from a pricey public relations firm or a high-tech pollster to confirm that Americans had serious anxieties about the future and how they could maintain or improve their family's standard of living.

The Trump campaign hammered home the simple but effective "Trump will fix it" slogan and voters responded in astounding fashion.

Now the exciting campaign is over, and the task of governing is proving to be more challenging. In my opinion, President Trump and his administration have overlooked or ignored the sage advice of whomever first uttered these prophetic words about politics or life in general:

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Keeping campaign promises is one thing but trying to downsize the federal government too quickly has already resulted in the firing and rehiring of thousands of federal employees whose agencies have important responsibilities, some with life and death consequences.

Perhaps a more defensible approach to ending fraud, waste and abuse in the federal government is like what the bi-partisan Hoover Commission achieved between 1947 and 1949.

More simply, let's make sure we don't need it before we toss it out.

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Literacy is essential

Reading is in my blood. As I've mentioned in this column before, my mother was a school librarian. But my lineage on this subject runs even deeper. Two of my grandparents served on the local library board, and my uncle was a book dealer. Still, my greatest inspiration for reading may have come from a family member I never even met.

Clem Coomer, my second great-grandfather, was born in rural Adair County in 1877. Like so many of his generation, formal education was a luxury. The demands of the family farm took precedence over school, and as a result, Clem spent much of his life not knowing how to read.

That changed when he met Miss Bertha Hamilton. Bertha was among the first graduates of Lindsey Wilson College and soon taught at a one-room schoolhouse in the community where Clem lived. Despite their vastly different backgrounds, the two fell in love and soon married. Already in his thirties, Clem learned to read under the patient instruction of his wife.

Naturally, I never knew Clem personally. But he lived to the age of 95, and both my mother and grandmother knew him well. Through their stories, I gathered a sense of who he was—a kind and compassionate man with a remarkable gift for storytelling. Yet what resonated with me most was his devotion to reading the Bible daily. For a man of deep faith who had been denied literacy for so long, the ability to read the Bible for himself was a treasure, not just a skill.

I can't recall a time when I didn't know how to read. My parents undoubtedly played a role in teaching me, as did Nannie Bennett, who cared for me as a child. I also credit my preschool friends for assisting—primarily the ones I found on WDCN in Nashville: Sesame Street, The Letter People, and Read All About It! By the age of four, I was reading Bible passages, and by kindergarten, my teacher, Mrs. Gail Miller, would often ask me to read the class stories aloud.

I cannot fathom life without the ability to read. Beyond the joy of literature, literacy is fundamental to learning. Every class I ever took—regardless of subject—demanded reading. And, in adulthood, I can't imagine trying to function without understanding how to read books, newspapers, internet sources or manuals. But literacy is not merely about recognizing words; it's about comprehension, critical thinking, and the ability to build upon knowledge. It is the most essential of all essential skills.

Given its importance, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that the global adult literacy rate now stands at 86.3%. That figure exceeded my expectations. But any optimism I had quickly vanished when I discovered that the United States lags behind at just 86.0%. That's right—our nation falls below the global average.

A deeper dive into the data only worsened my dismay. The U.S. has the lowest literacy rate among industrialized nations. Every European country

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Tommy Druen
Guest Columnist
Carter County Times

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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.

Contact the writer at charles@cartercountytimes.com

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 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)

Celebrating Conner Stafford

Family and friends of Conner Stafford gathered on a sunny spring afternoon following what would have been his 15th birthday to celebrate the

young man's life and memory. Conner's mother, Patty, presented his friends with small mementos to remember him by – engraved stones for the boys

and angel key chains and a poem for the girls – and displayed photos, trophies, and other memories of Conner while his friends and family enjoyed pizza

and shared slices of birthday cake. "Conner was a good kid," she said. "He touched a lot of people's lives, and he made a difference in a lot of kids

lives, and just family, in general."

She said the choice of music, joyful, with lyrics about living life to its fullest, was deliberate as well. "I wanted today to be more uplifting and just hopeful," she said. "Life is short. We don't have long

on this earth as it is, and we just wanted everybody to be happy. I guess that's kind of the message we want to give everybody, is to just embrace what you can." (Photos by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

