Victory doesn't always go to the strongest



ROGER **ALFORD**

There's just something appealing about stories with surprising endings, like the one about the man who took his little beagle along on an African safari. According to the tale, the dog wandered off, got lost, and was doing his best to find his way back when he saw a leopard running right for him.

The beagle knew he was in big trouble, but he saw some bones laying on the ground and hatched a plan. He lay down and began chewing on those bones, and just as the big cat got close enough to hear, the little dog smacks his lips and says "that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there's another around here anywhere?" The leopard, a look of terror on its face, scampered away into the trees as fast as he could go, thinking he had just escaped a very close call.

Well, a monkey that had watched the whole episode unfold from a nearby tree went to the leopard and told him about the little dog's trickery. The leopard was furious at being made a fool of and said to the monkey, "You just hop on my back, and we'll go back over there and I'll show you what I'm going to do that runt of a dog."

The beagle knew something was up when he saw the leopard running back toward him with the tattletale money, and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of trying to make a run for it, that little dog sat down with his back against a tree, pretending he hasn't seen them yet. Just when they were close enough to hear, the dog said: "Where is that no-good monkey. I sent him out a half hour ago to bring me another leopard."

The Bible is filled with true stories that have endings that are just as surprising; stories with strange twists that point to the awesome power of God.

There's David and his great victory over the giant Goliath. There's Gideon and his band of ragtag warriors who defeated an entire army. There's Daniel who was tossed into a den full of hungry lions and came out unscathed. They didn't rely on their strength. They didn't rely on their intellect. In each and every case, they relied entirely on the Lord.

What you should notice is that walking with the Lord doesn't always prevent us from facing difficult circumstances. If someone tries to tell you it does, point them back to the great heroes of the Bible, every one of whom faced trials and tribulations. We all face difficulties at one time or another on this side of eternity, no matter our standing with the Lord.

The wonderful benefit of being Christian is that we have a mighty God to lean on in tough times, a God who is willing to surprise us with great victories in our lives.

I love the words of David, who faced unimaginable troubles throughout his lifetime, yet declared: "The LORD is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my God, my stronghold in whom I take refuge, my shield, the glory of my salvation, and my high tower" (Psalm 18:2).

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Book sale is a doorway, not a measure of who belongs



DOUGLAS **VANDERGRAPH**

A Friends of the Owen County Public Library book sale is scheduled for Nov. 14, and it offers the kind of simple community occasion that can be easy to underestimate.

People browse, choose a title and perhaps take home a story they never expected to find. The proceeds support a local public resource. Yet the most important result may be something that never appears in the sale total.

A book sale brings different readers into the same room. The lifelong collector may stand near someone who has only recently discovered the pleasure of reading. A parent may look for a story that helps a child feel confident. Another visitor may be interested in the library but uncertain whether it has anything useful for them. A friendly exchange across those differences can be the beginning of a lasting connection.

It is worth remembering that not every neighbor has spare money, even when books are offered at modest prices. That should never become a reason to feel unwelcome. The library's larger promise is not limited to the sale table. It offers borrowing, information, staff assistance and a public place to ask questions. The visitor who leaves without buying anything is still part of the community the library exists to serve.

Owen County knows that supporting a public institution often requires many small contributions. Volunteers sort donations, set out tables and help answer questions. People who cannot give money may offer time. Those who have neither to spare may still share the event details or encourage a nervous first-time visitor to come along. Every contribution has a place when the goal is belonging.

A Christian understanding of generosity is not satisfied by measuring who gives the most. It asks whether the gifts we share strengthen another person's dignity. That is a useful guide for any public gathering, regardless of a reader's faith. An invitation that quietly expects a purchase is less welcoming than one that simply says, We would be glad to see you.

When the books are packed away on November 14, the library's work will continue. Someone may return to find a job resource, attend a program or ask for help choosing a book. Those everyday visits will be part of the sale's real legacy.

The finest thing a book table can offer is not a bargain. It is a reason for someone to walk through the library door again.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION # 24-CI-00085
JOYCE VERSINO)
PLAINTIFF
VS.)
CHRISTI LYNN JOHNSON, ETAL.)
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Carroll Circuit Court on the 20th day of October, 2026, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Carroll County Courthouse, at the hour of 12:00, p.m. on November 20, 2026, the following described property:

Lying and situated in Carroll County, Kentucky and described as: Located on the west side of U.S. Highway 227 in what is known as the Alvin C. Hill Memorial Subdivision and more particularly described as Lots Nos. 61, 62 and 63 as shown on the plat of said subdivision, recorded in Deed Book 48, page 468 in the Office of the Clerk of the Carroll County Court.

Being the same property conveyed and described in Deed Book 93, page 592 and devised to Christi Lynn Johnson by Will Book 23, page 603, all in the Carrol County Clerk's Office.

Property Address: 323 Grobmyer Avenue, Carrollton, KY 41008

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of $5,737.92 adjudged due to plaintiff on her first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 1% per month, from October 20, 2026 until paid.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Special Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen Circuit Court or the plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require the plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.

When the purchase price is paid in full, title will be conveyed to the purchaser by commissioner's deed.

The proceeds of the sale, or sufficiency thereof, shall be applied to the following items in this order of priority:

a. The costs of the sale, including all Special Master Commissioner's costs;
b. To the payment of all past due and current ad valorem taxes;
c. To the full satisfaction of the Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff set forth in paragraph 1; and,
d. The balance of the sale proceeds, if any, shall be held by the Special Master Commissioner of this Court pending further Orders of this Court;

The aforesaid real property shall be sold free and clear of any and all liens and claims except the following:

a. All State and County real estate taxes payable on the property from 2027 and thereafter;
b. Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record;
c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
d. Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Judgment, Order and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Carroll County.

/s/ Mark R. Cobb
MARK R COBB
SPECIAL MASTER
COMMISSIONER
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT



Photo by Ann Carter

Senior Center members Nancey Walker, Ethal Hammond, Director Margina Long, and Karen Washburn, Brenda Stamper and Beverly Rice pose with the Angle tree.

Making spirits bright

Angel tree returns to Owen County Senior Center

BY ANN CARTER
CORRESPONDENT

The Owen County Senior Center is once again sponsoring its annual Angel Tree program to help make the Christmas season a little brighter for local seniors.

The tree, located at the Senior Center, features an angel for each senior member. Attached to each angel is a list of small gift ideas that would be appreciated by that individual.

Community members who would like to participate can stop by the center, select an angel and purchase the suggested items. Gifts will then be distributed to the seniors during the holiday party at the center.

The Angel Tree program has become a yearly tradition at the center and provides an opportunity for community members to share Christmas cheer with local seniors.

Anyone interested in participating can visit the Owen County Senior Center located at 118 North Main Street, Owenton for more information. It is asked that the wrapped gifts be dropped of at the center by December 10.

FBC News

BY BRO. BRAD BANKS

Sunday morning our Music and Media Pastor, Chuck Harris, brought the message from Romans 12:1 entitled, "More than a Song: The Worship God Desires." Sunday evening consisted of a mission report from Karen Wash's recent mission work in Brazil.

Please register online for the "Abide Women's Conference" that will be held here at First Baptist on Saturday, November 21, at 4:00 p,m,

Our students and children meet each Wednesday at 6:30pm. Our Children's Church Ministry is offered during the 11:00am worship service.

The FLC is open Monday – Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Our weekly service times are Sunday at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 6:30pm. The Sunday School gatherings start at 10:00am. Our Wednesday service begins at 6:30pm.

Our church would like to remind you that you can connect with us through our website at owentonfbc.com, Face Book at FBC Owenton, download our church app, and join us on twitter or Instagram. You can also call the church office or email us at office@owentonfbc.com.

God bless you, your family, and our community. See you Sunday!

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