

Christmas from A-4

to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement. Shoebox gifts built online go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the

hardest-to-reach places—whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of the more than 1,000 remote Pacific islands.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Sa-

maritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993,

Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 232 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Veterans from A-1

Foundation in Grayson spoke to the court about her contract with the county, which is due for renewal. Parsons also introduced several members of the community who had applied during the year for grants from the county's Opioid Abatement Fund. In all there were over thirty grant applications that BCF (who had been tasked with reviewing proposals) had presented to the court,

with many more applications that still need to be processed.

Several of those who applied for grants have also applied to be on the proposed Opioid Advisory Board, which once implemented will assist the court in looking over applications based upon established criteria which include adherence to state guidelines, viability, and sustainability of those

proposed programs in the county. Applicants present at the meeting included Future Problems Solvers from West Carter High School, the Olive Hill Center for Arts and Heritage, Carter County 4H, Wilson Athletics, and the Auxiliary of the Willard American Legion.

There was no vote by the fiscal court to either approve or deny the grant proposals made by those

present at the meeting. The court voted to set the public hearing for Sassafras Road for December 8, and voted to accept the county clerk's quarterly report. The treasurer's report was also accepted, as were claims and transfers.

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# Recognizing hometown heroes

West Carter High School Student Council for Carter County Times

West Carter High School Student Council has started a campaign, "Hometown Hero" to honor and highlight upstanding and inspiring members of our community. November's Hometown Hero is Hadesah Patton!

A note from our Hero:

Giving back to my community has always been at the heart of who I am. I graduated as the Class President of West Carter High School's Class of 2024, where I was honored to receive the Presidential Award for three consecutive years and proudly serve as both an FCCLA leader under Martha Henderson and an FCS Ambassador. For the past six years, I've had the privilege of working with the West Carter High School Volleyball Team, keeping stats and supporting the athletes I've grown to admire.

As a freshman, I started my small business, Sunshine Clay, in memory of my former elementary teacher, Leigh Williams



Hadessah Patton (submitted photo)

—turning creativity into compassion by donating proceeds to brain cancer research. Through hard work and community support, Sunshine Clay was honored with the Kentucky Invest 606 Small Business Award, reminding me of the power of purpose.

Today, through my service with AmeriCorps at Tygart Creek Elementary School, I continue to serve the Olive Hill community, leading Project Prom and Unite Club with both ele-

mentary and high school students to inspire the next generation of young leaders and provide opportunities for community engagement and student growth.

None of this would be possible without my amazing family, my friends who always show up, Martha Henderson, educators, and coworkers. Their love, encouragement, and constant support have shaped me into who I am today and remind me why I love

giving back to the place I call home.

My future goal is to graduate from Morehead State University with a degree in Elementary Education and return to Olive Hill to make a difference in the lives of the next generation — promoting community involvement and helping my students see that they truly can make a difference. "When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine." — Leigh Williams

Fear from A-5

More than two hundred people were accused, thirty were convicted, and nineteen were hanged. One man was pressed to death under stones for refusing to confess. Five more died in jail. All because of an invisible threat that existed only in fear.

Of course, that was the 17th century—surely we'd grown past such madness, right? Maybe not. Those of us who grew up in the 1980s remember another wave of mass hysteria: the "Satanic Panic."

It's hard to overstate how widespread it was. Across the country, more than 12,000 accusations emerged of ritual sacrifice and child abuse supposedly committed by devil-wor-

shipping cults. People claimed Satanic messages were hidden in heavy metal records, comic books, and even Dungeons & Dragons. Talk show hosts stoked the flames, and lives were destroyed in pursuit of a phantom menace.

In the end, no credible evidence ever surfaced. The only real thing about the Satanic Panic was the damage it caused—in- nocent people accused, families torn apart, and a generation taught to fear shadows.

And yet, the cycle always repeats. In 2016, social media gave birth to another moral panic—"Pizzagate." This time, it was claimed that high-ranking politicians

were running a child trafficking ring out of a Washington, D.C. pizzeria's basement. The fact that the restaurant didn't even have a basement didn't matter. A man from North Carolina showed up with an assault rifle to "rescue" the children anyway.

Fear, when left unchecked, spreads faster than reason. It leaps from Salem to the suburbs, from pulpits to podcasts. It adapts to its time and technology, but its root is the same: ignorance.

The 19th-century writer Christian Nestell Bovee once said, "We fear things in proportion to our ignorance of them." That may be the most enduring truth of all.

I'm not suggesting we should be fearless. There are plenty of things in this world worth fearing. But the one fear we should all cultivate—the one that might keep us safest—is fear of ignorance itself. Because if we ever stop questioning, stop learning, stop discerning truth from hysteria, we're bound to repeat the same mistakes.

The witches of Salem are long gone. The Satanic cults of the '80s never existed. And the only thing hiding in the basement of that D.C. pizzeria was our own collective gullibility.

When we fear knowledge less and ignorance more, maybe then we'll finally break the spell.

Laser from A-3

repeatedly struck by a laser beam directed at the aircraft from the ground. The tactical flight officer sustained possible physical injury to his eyes as a result of the laser exposure.

In addition to the laser strikes, suspects on the ground allegedly fired multiple rounds from a firearm toward the aircraft. Both the laser and gunfire

posed a serious threat to the safety of the flight crew and individuals on the ground. A laser strike on an aircraft can temporarily blind or disorient the pilot, potentially leading to catastrophic consequences.

Through the coordinated efforts of the KSP Aircraft Support Branch and local troopers, the two individuals responsible

for the dangerous actions toward the aircraft were located and arrested at a residence in the 4100 block of US 62 near Mayslick. The suspects were identified as Jason McKee, 49, of Mayslick and Donald W. Boone, 55, of Aberdeen, OH. Both individuals were lodged in the Mason County Detention Center and were charged with the

following offenses.

- Jason L. McKee
•Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree- Police Officer
•Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree- Discharge of Firearm
•Laser/Vision Interference Light Directed at Aircraft with Disrupted Travel

- Donald W. Boone
•Wanton Endangerment,

Yoak from A-1

on every opponent's scouting report.

He has racked up quite the list of accolades. Yoak was named the 2025 EKC Player of the Year, earning All-EKC First Team honors in 2023 and 2024. Each award reflected not

only his talent but also his relentless work ethic and leadership. Coaches and teammates alike point to his dedication in practice and his ability to inspire those around him as reasons the Raiders remained competitive year

after year. As his high school chapter closes, Yoak leaves behind more than records and awards. He leaves a standard, a blueprint for future players who dream of carrying the ball under the Friday night

lights. His story is one of perseverance, consistency, and pride in representing East Carter.

For the fans who cheered his every run, and for the teammates who lined up beside him, Landon Yoak will always

# CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 24-CI-00328 UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TRUSTEE OF PRL TITLE TRUST II PLAINTIFF VS. NOTICE OF SALE DEFENDANTS UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES JEREMY WILLIAMS A/K/A JAMES J. WILLIAMS A/K/A JAMES WILLIAMS; MELISSA SUE BLEVINS A/K/A MELISSA BLEVINS A/K/A MELISSA SUE WILLIAMS A/K/A MELISSA S. WILLIAMS A/K/A MELISSA SUE SPARKS A/K/A MELISSA S. SPARKS, EXECUTOR/EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES JEREMY WILLIAMS; ALYSSA WILLIAMS A/K/A ALYSSA GRACE WILLIAMS, A MINOR CHILD; GE MONEY BANK; AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES JEREMY WILLIAMS A/K/A JAMES J. WILLIAMS A/K/A JAMES WILLIAMS Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on October 17, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 5th day of December, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:10 a.m., to the highest bidder on the following terms: The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 11.84% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court. Description of the Property: 1242 State Highway 2078, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSO: Deed Book 62, Page 432, Carter County Clerk's Office.) Map/Parcel ID Number: 033-10-00-008.01. NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter. Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 23-CI-00383 SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC DEFENDANT/ CROSS-CLAIMANT VS. LARANNA L. MAY F/K/A LARANNA BATES DEFENDANTS A/K/A LARANNA LYNN BATES NOTICE OF SALE Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on October 7, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 5th day of December, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:05 a.m., to the highest bidder on the following terms: The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court. Description of the Property: 209 S. Hill Street, Grayson, KY 41143. (For Legal Description see LSO: Deed Book 66, Page 322, Carter County Clerk's Office.) Map/Parcel ID Number: 104-10-46-011.00. NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter. Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARTER CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 23-CI-00432 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LB-RANCH SERIES V TRUST PLAINTIFF VS. NOTICE OF SALE DEFENDANTS DONALD B. FRAZIER A/K/A BRIAN FRAZIER; BARBARA FRAZIER Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Carter Circuit Court, entered on October 14, 2025, I shall offer for sale the property described herein at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the old Carter County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street in Grayson, Kentucky, on the 5th day of December, 2025 at or near the hour of 10:00 a.m., to the highest bidder on the following terms: The aforementioned real estate shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchaser to pay for bid in cash in full, and if not paid in full then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of 11.2488% per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally, a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court. Description of the Property: 68 Sparks Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. (For Legal Description see LSO: Deed Book 239, Page 451, Carter County Clerk's Office.) NOTE: Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter. Honorable John P. Thompson Master Commissioner Carter County, Kentucky

Rot from A-5

happen to Trump, Clinton, Gates, or the others? No. I live in reality. Money gets you out of everything.

But you can't call yourself the party of law and order while defending a guy on the same flight logs as a predator. Either you

believe in justice, or you believe in your team jersey. You can't have both. And if this doesn't bother you, maybe the problem isn't the files — it's us.

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1st Degree- Police Officer referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for possible further charges

stemming from the incident. The investigation remains ongoing by Tpr. Caleb Hamm.

be known as more than just a running back. He was the heartbeat of East Carter football. He will always be the standard of work ethic and perseverance for the future of Raider football. He embodies the motto listed on the

back of every one of their helmets, "CCC": courage, commitment, and character.

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