

# COMMUNITY

## A Tribute to Charles Mattox - Heaven is a lot like Kentucky

### FOREFATHERS

"My wife and I had neither spoon, dish, or anything when we began married life, only, I did have a good butcher knife. The wolves used to come and take the pigs and things close around (Strode's) Station, they and the bears, before we put so many traps out. Major (Andrew) Hood and Captain (John) Constant were as good as the wolves at tracking." William 'Lazy Bill' Clinkenbeard, Kentucky Frontiersman and early settler of Strode's Station, in an interview with Rev. John Dabney Shane; located in the Draper Manuscripts volume 11 CC.

"I bought a horse when I had been in the country three years to go back to the settlements, but the Indians stole it. I would have never stayed in this country then, if I could have only gotten out. When we came out (to Strode's) there was only one cabin started and it had been built by Strode." Isaac Clinkenbeard, brother of William, Draper Manuscripts volume 11CC.

"We moved to Strode's in 1779 and stayed five years," Jesse Kennedy, Draper Manuscripts volume 11CC.

The frontier life had hardened their souls, and while their hearts were filled with the incomparable beauty of the wilderness of north-eastern Kentucky, the grimness of survival along the unforgiving wilderness was within itself, a force of nature to be reckoned with. The wilderness was filled with many predators of both the four-legged and two-legged kind.

Wolves and bears made their presence felt everywhere, as did the cunning warriors from every clan of every tribe of Native American people that considered the ancient hunting grounds of Kentucky as belonging to them all. These Native American warriors came from the Smokey Mountains in the south, from the Mississippi River in the west, the Great Lakes of the north, and even beyond.

In many cases, each clan of any-given tribe

exercised certain ethical codes of behavior, and each had to be dealt with in a certain manner to prevent insult.

Personal insults, be they real or imagined, were seldom pardoned without violence among most Native American cultures, especially when violence had been endured against them by various groups of English Colonists for so very many years.

Feelings did not change following the Revolutionary War.

Few frontiersmen knew the subtleties associated with these codes of behavior and thus many personal grievances, which started off as communication breakdowns and ignorance of culture, soon escalated beyond the control that any formal peace negotiations could respectfully explain or hope to contain.

Robert Stockwell's family moved into the interior of northeastern Kentucky when he was a small child. The family resided near Miller's Station, which was located near the present border of Nicholas and

Bourbon County. Stockwell's father died suddenly from an aneurysm when he attempted to move a heavy log.

The family then moved near the present border of Fleming and Mason County. Stockwell's family became good friends with the families of Simon Kenton, of Mason County, and George Stockton, of Fleming County.

The Stockwell home was never bothered by any of the Native American clans and he remembered this as being due to the Protection of the Lord.

The wolves and bears were as relentless as the Native Americans in their attempts to dislodge the Kentucky Frontier families.

Many of the young men of Strode's Station would later go on to settle other stations and fortified settlements in Fleming, Bath, Robertson and Nicholas Counties.

In many instances their family descendants still call northeastern Kentucky home.

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knowledge gained during my time as a board member.

Due to accepting a position with the County Attorney's Office, I believe it is in the best interest of all parties for me to step down from my role on the Board. I remain

committed to supporting the success of our schools and community, and I sincerely thank everyone for the trust and support shown to me during my service. I wish the Board

continued success moving forward. Sincerely, Shawna Mae Hatton"

## Liberty Trees ceremony at Carlisle Cemetery

The Jemima Johnson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in partnership with the Honorable Steve Hamilton, Nicholas County Judge-Executive, the Kentucky Forestry Division, and the Kentucky Historical Society, cordially invites you to a dedication of Liberty Trees, in honor of our Revolutionary War Patriots, and in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 2:00pm, at the

Carlisle Cemetery. We encourage everyone to join us as we recognize this important milestone on the history of the United States of

America.

NOTICE  
NON-RECURRING CHARGE ADJUSTMENT

Buffalo Trail Water Association, Inc propose to make the following revisions to its tariff and schedule of charges. The proposed effective date of the change is June 15, 2026.

Non-Recurring Charge	Present	Proposed	Increase of	% Change
5/8 Inch x 3/4 Inch Meter Tap	\$1,176.00	\$1,765.00	\$589.00	50%

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Buffalo Trail Water Association, Inc. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed fees. The proposed rates are expected to be filed with the Public Service Commission by May 14, 2026.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty days of the initial publication of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.

A person may examine this filing and any other documents the Association has filed with the Public Service Commission at the Association's office located at 41135 US Hwy 62, Mayslick, KY 41055; telephone (606)763-6516. A person may also examine this tariff filing at the Commission's office located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm. This filing and any related documents are available on the Public Service Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Written comments regarding the proposed rate may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail or through the Public Service Commission's website. This notice is published pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011-Tariffs.

Buffalo Trail Water Association, Inc

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## Darvin's Small Engine Repair

**HOURS:** Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm - CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
CLOSED DAILY FROM 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm FOR LUNCH

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### School Board cont. from pg. 9

Teacher... Laurel McDaniel - Emergency Certified Teacher... Hannah McCarty - Emergency Certified Teacher... and Kasey Rodriguez - Emergency Certified Teacher.

The board approved the following generous donations: KY Motor Sports Association - \$1,000 to NC FFA... Pamela D. Lucky - \$500 to NC Track... and the Blue Licks Masonic Lodge #495 and the Carlisle Daughtery Masonic Lodge #65 - donation of 11- \$75 gift cards for perfect attendance awards to students of Nicholas County.

April-May 2026 NC-MHS FRYSC donations: Steve Hamilton - Project Grad donation \$200... Jake Garrett - Cap & Gown... Carlise Gifts & Collectibles - Tux rentals... Millersburg Garden Club - \$100 towards tux rental... Robyn Cox - Prom flowers for students... Patricia Booth - Plastic bags for BPP... Anonymous - \$50 towards tux rental... Wilma Cleaver - \$50 towards tux rental... Headquarters Homemakers - \$100 towards tux rental... Glenna Napier - \$25 towards tux rental... 68 West - 2- \$100 gift cards for Project Grad... Sterling Health Care - Project Grad donation \$200... Ky News Group - Project Grad donation \$200... Carlisle Gifts & Collectibles - Project Grad donation \$100 & Senior clothing... Anonymous - Prom flowers... Anonymous - Tux rental \$150... Theresa Mynhier - Prom hair for two students... and Kasey Rodriguez (Remarket) - Donated clothing for center.

The board approved to acknowledge receipt of the requests for proposals for banking services at Nicholas County Schools and accepted the proposal from Traditional Bank and declined the proposal from City National Bank; and approved and accepted the Insurance Policy proposals of Obsidian, KMEI, and West Chester for the 2026-2027 School Year, as presented.

The board approved the following Pay Applications, Direct Purchase Orders, and/or Invoices for the Nicholas Co. High School Athletic Renovation Project, at the discretion of the Superintendent, for Momentum Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$8,000.00; and approved the close out document for the Track and Press Box bid package with Momentum Construction.

The board approved the base bid and alternate bid #1 by Momentum Construction of Mt. Sterling for the Nicholas County Central Office, at a total cost of \$1,823,000.00, and to execute a contract with Momentum Construction in the amount of \$1,441,862.00 and direct purchase orders which total \$381,138.00, and further to enter into an interim contract in the amount of \$200,000.00 pending bond sale for full contract amount, and to submit a revised BG-1 to KDE to reflect the current project values; approved the proposal from

L.E. Gregg Associates for Special Inspections on the Nicholas County Central Office in the amount of \$13,138.00; and approved the proposal from STW Consulting Engineers for Electrical Commissioning on the Nicholas County Board Office in the amount of \$4,600.00.

The board approved to adopt the resolution for General Obligation Bonds; approved the 1st reading of the Fund Balance Policy, as presented; approved the Audit Contract and Engagement Letter, presented by Kelley, Galloway, Smith Goolsby, PSC for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, as presented; and approved the 2025-2026 Nicholas Co. Schools Amended Calendar, for submission to the Kentucky Department of Education.

The board approved to amend the 2025-2026 Extracurricular Activities & Extra Duty Salary Schedule, as follows: -Add a Project Grad position in the amount of \$1,000.00; and -Increase the HS and MS Concessions Coordinator position amounts by \$500.00 up to the amount of \$2,700.00 (both reimbursed from NCMHS).

The board approved to acknowledge receipt and approve the 2026-2027 Nicholas Co. Schools Activity Fund Budgets for NCES and NCMHS; approved the 2026-2027 Nicholas Co. Schools Salary Schedule, for the following: Certified Staff, Classified Staff, Substitute Teacher, and Extracurricular Activities & Extra Duty; and approved one additional sick day and one additional personal day for all full-time Certified and Classified staff.

The board approved the 2026-2027 Tentative Budget for Nicholas Co. Schools, to approve to submit to the Kentucky Department of Education; and approved the 2026-2027 CKEC and KEDC Membership Renewals.

The board approved the travel request by the Nicholas Co. FBLA, to attend the FBLA National Leadership Conference, in San Antonio, TX, June 28-July 2, 2026; approved the 2026-2027 Dual Credit Memorandum of Agreement with the Maysville Community & Technical College; approved the Facility Use Request by Lady Chaos Softball to use the NCMHS Softball Facilities, during the summer of 2026; and approved the Facility Use Request by the Nicholas Co. Fair Association to use the NCES gym and cafeteria June 6th and 7th, 2026, for their fair pageants.

Before adjournment, the board approved to allocate a position of an additional Agricultural Education position at NCMHS; and approved to declare a vacancy on the Nicholas County Board of Education, District 3, with all applications for the vacant position due by June 15, 2026.

Principals Stacey Allison and Nikki Orazen spoke about wrapping up the school year, testing, and attendance. Alicia Hughes and Superintendent Bechanan said that attendance is the best it's been in 12 years. The meeting was subsequently adjourned.

**Public Notice  
Notice to Bidders  
De-icing Salt  
FY 2026-27**

Sealed bids will be received by the NICHOLAS County Fiscal Court at the Nicholas County Courthouse, 125 East Main Street Office of the Nicholas County Judge/Executive until **Friday, June 12th, 2026, at 4pm**. All bids must be signed and sealed in an envelope clearly marked 'Salt Bid'.

Bids will be opened and read publicly in the NICHOLAS County Fiscal Court Meeting at: **125 East Main Street, on Monday, June 15, 2026** at the regularly scheduled fiscal court meeting at 9am.

**Requirements:**

- 700 tons de-icing salt (estimated)
  - County guarantees minimum purchase of 80% of estimated total
  - Contractor agrees to provide up to 120% of estimated total at bid price
- Additional specifications, including, but not limited to, delivery may be obtained from the NICHOLAS County Judge/Executive's Office during office hours or via email to [Judge\\_Executive.Steve.Hamilton.judgeex@gx.net](mailto:Judge_Executive.Steve.Hamilton.judgeex@gx.net)

NICHOLAS County Fiscal Court reserves the right to:

1. Utilize additional information contained within any response;
2. Waive irregularities in any response; and
3. Reject any or all responses.

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