

OPINION

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ENCOURAGEMENT THAT TAKES YOU HIGHER

Where is My Morehead?

by compromise and lukewarmness to be political correct but only biblical correct! Morehead was a DRY TOWN until April 26, 1982. Things have changed. Some will say how times have changed but God and His Word does not change. Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.KJV. Malachi 3: 6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.KJV.

Friends, our beautiful Morehead is in such moral and spiritual decline. We need a great Spiritual awakening and powerful revivals to spring up everywhere with a powerful outpouring of the

Holy Ghost power. We have many rehabs today because we have serious heart issue conditions that are of a spiritual nature. Drug addictions and other types of addictions ravish the body and soul. People truly need God in their lives. Amen.

The Devil has deceived many and offered nothing but self - destruction and for some death. Souls need to be saved and set free.

Some Ministers have polluted the pulpits by embracing a lukewarm gospel lie and doctrines of

demons. They teach the abominations of homosexuality. God cannot lie and His word

declares Leviticus 18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.KJV. It is so imperative for mankind to turn to God while there is still time. The whole world has changed as the hearts of some people are waxing cold with every new day. Matthew 24: 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

God have mercy upon our town and the whole

World as the days are evil. God is desiring for souls to call upon him in Spirit and in truth. He loves to cleanse a heart from sin and reveal his miracle power to a searching soul. We can agree to disagree however one day soon all humanity and Lucifer himself will all agree that Jesus is Lord as recorded in Rev-

elation. God requires accountability before His throne and opinions have no substance! May we all be ready for eternity and wisely prepare for it according to the Holy word of God and His Salvation plan. No human should desire to be gravely deceived by Satan's vile wickedness.

Verse of the Week
Revelation 19:5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. KJV

BREAD OF LIFE

Prayer is so important. If you have made Jesus the Lord of your life then you have access to the throne of the Almighty God. James 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing Psalms. Think about how awesome that is. We have the right, as Born Again Believers to go boldly before God to ask and obtain whatever we need. Jesus said that if any two of us would agree, touching anything we ask, it shall be done. Matthew 18:19 Again, I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on Earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for the of my Father which is in Heaven. I John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us 5 And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him. Get in the word of God and find your foundation scriptures that apply to your situation and make them your solid foundation for your petitions to

God. The Bible is the last will and testament of Jesus Christ. It is a record of your inheritance. Everything that belongs to the Born Again Believer is in the Bible. Don't just leave it on the coffee table, Pick it up and find out what belongs to you. Find out if you need to change to get in line with God's will. God is never going to change, He's the same, yesterday, today and forever according to Hebrews 13:8. James 4:2-6 Ye have not because ye ask not 3 Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. When you go to God in Word of God based, spirit inspired payer, God is going to meet your need exactly as you asked Him. Do you need something from God today? In Jesus name you can go boldly to the Throne of Grace and make your petitions known unto God. He will answer you! Praise the Lord!

TRUST, BELIEVE & OBEY GOD'S WORD

Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

Early Governors of Kentucky

Today we are continuing south on the Maysville Turnpike (U.S. 68). Along the way we will become familiar with two of Kentucky's early governors. The second and tenth.

Last week we landed at Forest Retreat, in Nicholas County, the home of number 10, Thomas Metcalfe. Continuing south, we find the second, James Garrard of Bourbon County. We'll talk about him next week.

To my knowledge, I am not related to Governor Metcalfe, nor is any of my family. His name is spelled with ending "E" like mine. His time on Earth time was March 20, 1780 – August 18, 1855. Metcalfe was born to John Metcalfe and his third wife, Sarah "Sally" Dent (Chinn) Metcalfe in Fauquier County, Virginia.

His father served as a captain in the Revolutionary War. In 1784, the Metcalfe family settled near Russell's Cave in Fayette County, Virginia (now Kentucky). Some years later, they would move to a farm in Nicholas County. Three years later, their father died, leaving the brothers to provide for their mother and younger

siblings.

Metcalfe received only a basic education, and at age sixteen, he was apprenticed to his brother and learned the craft of stonemasonry.

He helped construct the Green County courthouse, located in Greensburg in south-central Kentucky. It is known as the oldest courthouse in Kentucky. Later, political opponents would mock his trade, giving him the nickname "Old Stone Hammer."

Metcalfe enlisted as a lieutenant in the 29th Regiment of the Kentucky Militia. He was later promoted to captain. Metcalfe married Nancy Mason of Fairfax, Virginia. The couple had four children. Between 1817 and 1820, Metcalfe built a house for his family in Nicholas County. Henry Clay who, on his first visit to the newly constructed house, told Metcalfe, "Tom, you have here a veritable "Forest Retreat."

His political career began with four terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives. His service was interrupted by the War of 1812, in which he commanded a company in the defense of Fort Meigs.

At the age of thirty-eight, he was elected to the U.S. House of Rep-

resentatives. He held his seat in the House for five terms, then resigned to run for governor. In an election decided by 709 votes, Metcalfe defeated William T. Barry in the gubernatorial election of 1828. Metcalfe's predecessor, Joseph Desha was so stunned by his party's loss that he threatened not to vacate the governor's mansion. Ultimately, however, he respected the will of the people, and allowed an orderly transition.

He was the first gubernatorial candidate in the state's history to be chosen by a nominating convention rather than a caucus. He was also the first governor of Kentucky who was not a member of the Democratic-Republican Party.

Metcalfe's primary concern as governor was the issue of internal improvements. Among his proposed projects were a road connecting Shelbyville to Louisville and a canal on the Falls of the Ohio. When President Andrew Jackson vetoed funds to construct a turnpike connecting Maysville and Lexington, Metcalfe built it anyway, paying for it entirely with state funds.

Following his term as governor, he served

in the state senate, and completed the unfinished term of John J. Crittenden in the U.S. Senate in 1848. After this, he retired to "Forest Retreat", his estate in Nicholas County, where he died of cholera in 1855. Metcalfe County, located in south-central, Kentucky, was named in his honor.

Metcalfe became one of the most prominent stonemasons and building contractors during the settlement period of Kentucky. A number of his stone houses survive and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including his first home in Robertson County. Other structures built by the Metcalfe brothers are the state's first governor's mansion and the Green County courthouse, known as the oldest courthouse in Kentucky, and the Presbyterian church at West Union, Ohio.

Emma Joke - Did you hear about the chameleon that couldn't change color? He had a reptile dysfunction.

Wisdom of John Ed - Remember when Grandma wore a nightcap instead of taking one.

Experiencing the Dream - The celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States is in 73 days.(July 4)

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Request for Proposals

The Nicholas County Board of Education is now accepting proposals for banking services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028, by and through the Nicholas County Board of Education, to include depository services, certificates of deposit and/or loan services, along with other services. Contact the Finance Director, Tyler Duncan, at the Nicholas County Board of Education Office at 395 W. Main Street, Carlisle, KY 40311, (859) 289-3770, for complete specifications. Proposal deadline is Friday, May 8, 2026 at 10:00 am EST. Proposals will be opened and reviewed on Friday, May 8, 2026 after the deadline, and will be presented to the Nicholas Co. Board of Education at the school board meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm. An officer/agent of the financial institution who is legally authorized to obligate the institution shall be present at said meeting, on May 18, 2026, for proposal discussion. The Nicholas County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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Invitation to Bid

Nicholas County is requesting proposals for the following road materials... Nicholas County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. All materials must conform to State DOT Specifications and the additional specifications listed her in...

AE-200 Paving blend	\$____/per gallon.
Enviro patch HP cold mix	\$____/per gallon.
RS-1 Fog Seal:	\$____/per gallon.
Portable Pug mill:	\$____/per gallon.
RS2 Chip seal oil	\$____/per gallon

Additional Specifications: Qualified bidder must also agree to stage extra storage tankers as directed by the county at no cost for the duration of the project. The portable pug mill mixing unit shall be equipped with belt scales and mass flow meters to digitally display and verify quantities mixed. The portable pug mill must also have a tractor unit available with it at all times in order to relocate the equipment. Qualified bidders must also provide 3 references including volumes from other KY Municipalities who have used these services as requested by the County. Bids will be accepted at the Nicholas County Judge Executive's Office through Thursday, May 7th, 2026 at 4pm. to be opened on May 8th 2026 at 9am at the regularly scheduled Nicholas County Fiscal Court Meeting.

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NOW HIRING

Sharpsburg Water District will be accepting applications for a part-time clerical position, 25+ hours per week. This is an exceptional local job opportunity, with room to move up in a career environment. Starting hourly rate will be based on experience. Job duties will include customer service, taking payments, making deposits, learning software billing, QuickBooks, and Microsoft office. Applicants will be subject to drug screening and background check. Applications may be picked up at the Sharpsburg Water District office, 16 E Mill Street, Sharpsburg, Kentucky Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions about this position, feel free to call the district office at 606-247-2861. The deadline for applications to be returned to the district office is April 30th, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. "Sharpsburg Water District is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

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WE'RE HOSTING A POPUP!



Driver licensing staff will visit our county to serve you. Sign up soon to secure your spot.

We're excited to host an upcoming Driver licensing "Popup" on April 29th, to serve Nicholas County residents!

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet staff can help you:

- Renew your license
- Upgrade to a REAL ID
- Complete a free vision screening

Appointments start at 9:30 am, and all regional office licensing services are offered (except Kentucky State Police written and driver testing). Walk-ins are welcome

Location: Nicholas County Fire Department, 250 S. Walnut St., Carlisle, KY 40311

Set a reminder to sign up for a slot. Sign up at: <https://drive.ky.gov/Drivers/Pages/Popup-Map.aspx>.

2026-2027 FISCAL COURT BIDS

INVITATION TO BID

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids to provide the Nicholas County Road Department with the following motor vehicle fuel, 87 octane unleaded gasoline, off road diesel and on road diesel. (or equivalent thereof). The period of delivery is from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027. PLEASE MAIL BID TO: The Nicholas County Judge Executive's Office, Courthouse, 125 E. Main Street, Carlisle, KY, 40311, or hand deliver by Thursday May 7th 2026 at 4:00 pm. All bids must be received by that time. Sealed bids will be opened at 9:00 AM on Friday the 8th day of May 2026, during the Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting, Nicholas County Courthouse. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bid price effective July 1, 2026.

INVITATION TO BID

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids to provide the Nicholas County Road Department with Asphalt-Blacktop. The period of delivery is from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027. PLEASE MAIL BID TO: The Nicholas County Judge Executive's Office, Courthouse, 125 E. Main Street, Carlisle, KY, 40311, or hand deliver by Thursday May 7th at 4pm. All bids must be received by that time. Sealed bids will be opened at 9:00 AM on Friday the 8th day of May 2026, during the Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting, Nicholas County Courthouse. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bid price effective July 1, 2026.

INVITATION TO BID

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids to provide the Nicholas County Road Department with crushed stone of various sizes, meeting state specifications. The period of delivery is from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027. PLEASE MAIL BID TO: The Nicholas County Judge Executive's Office, Courthouse, 125 E. Main Street, Carlisle, KY, 40311, or hand deliver by Thursday May 7th, 2026 at 4pm. All bids must be received by that time. Sealed bids will be opened at 9:00 AM on Friday the 8th day of May 2026 during the Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting, Nicholas County Courthouse. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bid price effective July 1, 2027.

INVITATION TO BID

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for cutting and removal of hay on County Property, two (2) cuts per year/funds payable to court on or before December 21, 2026. PLEASE MAIL BID TO: The Nicholas County Judge Executive's Office, Courthouse, 125 E. Main Street, Carlisle, KY, 40311, or hand deliver by Thursday May 7th, 2026 at 4pm. All bids must be received by that time. Sealed bids will be opened at 9:00 AM on Friday the 8th May 2026 at the Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting, Nicholas County Courthouse. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bid price effective July 1, 2026

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