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## **KyNewsGroup employee passes**

It's with great sadness that we announce the passing of one of our beloved employees.

Charles Mattox passed away Friday at his home after a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. Just like the fighter he was, he fought long and hard during his illness.

Charles was an amazing reporter for the Kentucky News Group publications. Anyone that knew Charles, knew he ate and breathed the Kentucky News Group. He was a go getter and had a strong passion for the news. He prided himself on digging up the facts, even on those

stories that might not make him so popular.

loved Не about history and artifacts. His weekly column demonstrated his immense knowledge of Kentucky history, artifacts that he found while hunting, and so much more.

Charles left a legacy in the Kentucky rural areas that his family and co-workers can be proud of. He will be greatly missed here at the Kentucky News Group. We ask that you please keep Charles' family and work family in your prayers during this difficult time of 240 E. Main Street • 859-289-6425

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#### NCMS defeats Bourbon County during 2025 BlueJacket Bowl



By Michael A. Clary **KyNewsGroup** michael@kynewsgroup.com

The 2025 NCMS Blue-Jacket Bowl was held this past Saturday, Aug.

16, 2025, at Nicholas County High School.

Middle School teams from Nicholas County, Bourbon County, McNabb (Montgomery County), Harrison Coun-



fling heat as they battled through each game. The Nicholas County Middle School BlueJackets began the long day of football at 9:00am, scor-

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### Dee-Jay's Auto Parts and Hardware celebrates 75th Anniversary



Photos courtesy of Kristy Nelson

By Michael A. Clary **KyNewsGroup** michael@kynewsgroup.com

Dee-Jay's Auto Parts and Hardware of Carlisle celebrated their 75th Anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025, beginning at 11:00am.

Free hot dogs and hamburgers, with all the fixin's, and cold drinks were available for free, and if you spent \$25.00 or more, you were en-



tered to win door prizes.

Dee-Jay's posted on their Facebook page, "We would like to thank everyone that stopped by to help support our local business and to celebrate 75 years of Dee-Jay!"





#### regularly Chairman Pat Mc-

# Nicholas County School Board discuss first day of school, power outage,

By Michael A. Clary KyNewsGroup michael@kynewsgroup.com

Members of the Nicholas County Board of including Education,

Superintendent Bechanan, met on Monday, Aug. 18, 2025, at 6:00pm, at the Nicholas County Board of Education office, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Chair, Board Cheryl Rawlings called the meeting to order with prayer from Board Treasurer Tyler Duncan, and roll call, with all board members present.

The board welcomed Mrs. Gladys Shrout and members of Carlise-Nicholas County Tour-ism and Nicholas County Historical Society, for all follow-up regarding a proposal to Nicholas County Schools to take over the upkeep

maintenance and insurance costs of the Hildreth schoolhouse, one-room that was built around 1895 and discontinued in 1941. The schoolhouse was previously located in Abner's Mill and was moved to the Nicholas County School campus where it has been meticulously restored. At one time, Nicholas County -had a total of 54 oneroom schoolhouses, but Hildreth is the only one that remains, and is one



of 8 one-room schoolhouses that are left in the state. At one time,

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#### **Nicholas County Fire Protection** District -**Aug. meeting**

By Michael A. Clary **KyNewsGroup** michael@kynewsgroup.com

Members of the Nicholas County Fire Protection District Board, along with Nicholas County Fire Chief Doug French, met on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025, at 6:00pm, at the Nicholas County Fire Department, for their scheduled monthly meeting.

Carty called the meeting to order with roll call, approval of the minutes from the July meeting, and approval of the Treasurer's and Chief's

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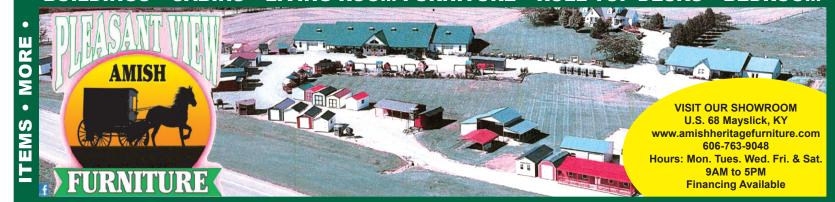
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