

# COMMUNITY

## Fire Protection cont. from pg. 1

Reports.

The Nicholas County Fire Department had a total of 10 runs during the month of July, which include 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 alarm drop, 2 special details, 1 vehicle fire, 1 hay roll fire, 1 lift assist, and 1 illegal burn. The department used a total of 2,500 gallons of water from the City of Carlisle. Chief

French also reports that the newly opened Station 3 had their first run, as well.

Under Old Business, Chief French reports that Truck #202 had been sold, at a cost of \$59,000.00, after being listed for a year. He reports that all the applicable equipment had been removed from the truck.

Under New Business, the board approved the tax rates, which remains the same as last year.

The board approved that the money re-

ceived from the sale of Truck #202, along with a received check and money from a CD, totaling \$72,000.00, would go to pay on the loan at City National, with \$130,000.00 left on the principal.

Chief French said that he would like to discuss a 5-year plan with the board at next month's meeting. He, along with Len Needman and Vince Sbannato would write up a presentation, which could include the possibility of a couple of part-

time positions.

Before adjournment, the board discussed the Engineer's Program, updates regarding the rescue boat, which should be ready in 2 to 3 weeks, and spoke about the EMT truck which is having a camper installed.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned, with the next meeting to be held on Sept. 9, 2025, at 6:00pm, at the Nicholas County Fire Department.



HypeSports Media awarded Lineman of the Game to Kamden Martin & Player of the Game to Ty Simons

## School Board cont. from pg. 1

PBS had used the schoolhouse, as one of the filming locations of their film, "Huckleberry Finn." Mrs. Shrout informed the board at last month's meeting, that at the Oct. 23, 2000, school board meeting, the then-board approved unanimously "to gratefully accept the donation of Hildreth School from Carlisle-Nicholas County Tourism and the Nicholas County Historical Society, and, when acquired, maintain same." Mrs. Shrout and several members of Tourism at the last meeting urged the board to take over the historic schoolhouse and see that it is preserved for future generations.

Supt. Doug Bechanan welcomed Mrs. Shrout and those who accompanied her to the meeting, and said that he, along with the board, wants to see the schoolhouse preserved, but that school funds could not be used for that purpose. He spoke about building codes, ADA compliance, and occupancy permits, and said the only way the school could take over the Hildreth Schoolhouse was if there was a private donation fund for the upkeep and preservation of the schoolhouse, but wondered what would happen were that donation fund be depleted, and that students could not use the schoolhouse due to non-ADA compliance, occupancy, and building codes. Currently the school is leasing the land to Tourism, and the lease is good till 2034. Supt. Bechanan also said that he spoke with the school's insurance agent and that the building could be insured by the school, but that public funds could not be used. Tourism currently pays for the insurance and utilities to the schoolhouse. While the board did not make a definitive decision, Mrs. Shrout said that she would contact the local building inspector and check into occupancy permits for the schoolhouse. Board Member Sharon Wilson reiterated that the "board wants to see the building preserved, for future generations, but that they (the board) have to follow guidelines."

The board approved the Consent Agenda and acknowledged receipt of the required report from the Superintendent regarding personnel actions, which include...

Employment: Wes Hopkins - NCES/NCHS Virtual and GATE Teacher; Robert Hopkins - NCHS Health and PE Teacher; Robert Hopkins - NCHS Asst. Football Coach; Emmaline Clark - SLP Position; Shelaina May - NCES Teacher; Justin Shepherd - NCHS Teacher; Ross Haney - Asst. Band Sponsor; Mandy Anderson - NCS Supervisor of Instruction; Logan Gilvin - NCMHS Color Guard Sponsor; Greg Letcher - NCHS Co-Op/CTE Teacher (part-time); Justin Shepherd - NCMS Athletic Director; Justin Shepherd - NCMHS Cross Country Head Coach; Shelby Adams - NCHS Teacher; Melanie Sanders - NCHS Teacher (part-time); Leah Wagoner - NCES Instructional Aide; Sara Kiskaden - District Admin - Federal Programs Coordinator; Susan Roberts - NCMHS

Special Ed Teacher; Carly Crawford - Bus Monitor; Penny Bretz - NC-MHS Teacher; Justin Shepherd - NCHS Assistant Athletic Director; and Samantha Frederick - NCES Custodian.

Resignation: Ross Haney - Band Colorguard; Jamie Guy - NCHS Football Coach; Katelyn Perkins - Substitute Teacher; Bobbie Jo Adams - Substitute Bus Monitor and Substitute Teacher; Melissa Fryman - Instructional Aide Substitute; Justin Shepherd - NCHS Teacher, NCMS Athletic Director; and Justin Shepherd - Cross Country Head Coach, NCHS Asst. Athletic Director.

The board acknowledged the Date Security presentation/policies by District Tech Coordinator, Jeremy McCord, for the current year, as presented. Mr. McCord said this is done every year, and that guidelines must be followed.

The board acknowledged receipt of the following generous donations... Amber and James Guy - donated shoes for students; Andrew Fugitt - furniture and food; Carly Crawford - sunscreen; Arleen and Robert Bidwell - \$150 donation to FRYSC; Linda Hovermale - \$500 donation to FRYSC; Mike and Barbara Kenney - \$150 donation to FRYSC; Carlisle Christian Church members - 85 pairs of shoes for Shoes in the Pews; Carlisle Family Dental - \$500 donation to Nicholas Co. Football; Cheap Chevrolet (Zack Banks) - \$750 donation to Nicholas Co. Football; The Mulhollem Cravens Foundation - \$7,500 donation to FFA; Nicholas Co. Fiscal Court - \$1,500 to Nicholas Co. Band (15 students @ \$100 per); Jess Walker - school supplies for YSC; Clayton Arnold Foundation - school supplies for YSC; Dreama and Charity Griffith FCA - shoes for students; Connie Hinton - school supplies for YSC; Barb Kenney - \$150 shoes; Hovermale - \$500; Bidwell - \$150 school supplies; NCPL - supplies for YSC, planners for NCMHS Parent Night; Stephanie Smith - boots for students; Mar-

sha Humphries - boots for students; Patricia Booth - school supplies; Sandy Hamilton - school supplies; Jason and Dana Vice - boots for students; Mulhollem/Cravens Foundation - \$7,500 NC-MHS; Shrine - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Shoes in the Pews; Moorefield Country Church - Shoes in the Pews; Tony Smith - clothing for center; Saltwell Church Ladies Group - underwear; Headquarters Homemakers - \$44.82 for backpack program; Back to School cuts - 88 cuts (Reene Mola, Kenzie Myers, Grace Dailey, Theresa Mynhier); NCMHS Open House (Sterling Healthcare, WEDCO, Bourbon Community Hospital, Upward Bound, Ginger Anderson); Carlisle Presbyterian Church - shoes; Blue Licks Christian Church - shoes; Matt and Danyale Durham - school supplies; Fran Davis - monetary, general assistance, and backpack program (\$400); Amy Switzer - shoes; Sydney Howard - shoes; Jackie Howard - shoes; Step Into Success (Day 1 and 2) - Volunteer Time; Georgia Gilvin, Vicky Mitchell, Jo Thornsberry, and Kay Shankland.

Readifest - Volunteer Time and Supplies: Kyra Collins, New Vista; Lexie Burns, CASA; Sterling Health/Sterling School Based Health - Readifest attendance and NC Schools donation; WEDCO; Mollie Smith, Harrison Memorial Hospital; Missy Singer, City National Bank; Nicholas County Cooperative Extension/4H; Hannah Albright, Phyllis Albright - Nicholas County Public Library; Ashley Arrasmath, Girl Scouts, Kentucky; Tonya Polley, University of Kentucky Cancer Control Specialist; Rhonda Curran-Koth, AAMS, CRPC, Financial Advisor; Sydney Blake-man, Traditional Bank; Sara Kiskaden, Migrant Services; Carlisle Christian Church; Lindsay Honaker, Passport by Molina Healthcare; Mary Robinson, Humana; NC School Board Members at Readifest - Jarad Bromagen, Brenda Mattox, Cheryl Rawlings, Sharon Wilson, and Shawna Hatton.

The board approved the proposals from Momentum Construction for rock removal at existing subgrade plumbing at unit costs for trench rock for a total cost of \$1,393.92; and for additional owner-requested concrete paving near the home dugout at an additional cost of \$2,702.50, and to pay for these with available contingency funds.

The board approved to credit the #4 IMO DPO, for supplies not provided, by \$5,200.00, and to move this material expense to Momentum's general contract amount, increasing it by \$5,200.00, for a total increased cost of \$0.00.

The board approved the following pay applications, direct purchase orders, and/or invoices for the Nicholas Co. High School Athletic Renovations Projects, at the discretion of the Superintendent... UES Professional Solutions 25, LLC - \$10,000.00; Momentum Construction, LLC - \$186,124.95; and Oheil Site Solutions - \$151,957.50.

The board approved the tax rates and motor vehicle tax levy for the Nicholas Co. Board of Education, including exonerations, for the 2025-2026 School Year, as follows: Compensating Rate...Real Estate - 43.0 per \$100 in value (down from 43.6 last year)...Tangible Property - 43.6 per \$100 in value...Motor Vehicle - 55.5 per \$100 in value (the same as last year).

The board approved the 2nd reading to amend the Nicholas County Board of Education Maternity Leave Policy; ap-



## Jacket Bowl cont. from pg. 1

ing three touchdowns, and defeating Bourbon County, 18-14.

For the NCMS win, the BlueJacket Bowl Player of the Game was awarded to Ty Simons, and the BlueJacket Bowl

Lineman of the Game was awarded to Kamden Martin.

Congratulations to the all the players, and coaches for participating in the 2025 BlueJacket Bowl, and having an amazing day of scrimmage football games.

Let the regular season begin!!!

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