

OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

DOUGLAS ROGER HAMILTON



Dixon), Delilah Dollar (Charles Conner), Stacey (Bruce) Treash & Emery Shepherd; several grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Theresa Adams.

Also preceding him in death was a son, Bobby J. Adams, Jr.

Services will be 1:30 P.M. Thursday, September 17th at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Steve Smith and Pastor Tyler Duncan. Burial will follow in Carlisle Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Wayne Bailey, Dexter Barnes, Stevie Duncan, Gary Hamilton, Jimmy Price and Mark Wade.

Honorary bearers will be Heath Adams, Jarad Bromagen, Curtis Dame, Ben Duncan, Tyler Duncan, Sterling Evans, Roy Hawkins, Sr., Russell Howard, Adam Hunter, Jerry Mann and Bascom Sorrell.

Visitation will be after 5:00 P.M. Wednesday.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Carlisle Cemetery.

Condolences and video tribute are available at www.mathersgaunce.com

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method of driving a tractor through the fields using conventional spraying methods, which could possibly damage the crops in itself.

According to www.globaldronehq.com, “Drones can operate in areas that are difficult for conventional machinery, such as hillsides, dense canopies, or flooded fields.”

Mr. Vice says that drones are quite expensive, running at a buyer's cost of \$32,000.00 with a generator running approximately \$2,000.00, and that the costs are continuing to rise with imposed tariffs. He also talked about the process of charging the batteries that power the drone, as

well. Mr. Vice said that the feedback that he and Mr. Judge are receiving has been very positive and that they are keeping quite busy. He mentioned that some of the older generation farmers have a “I have to see it, to believe it” mentality, but once they witness this 21st century drone technology, they are astounded. He did mention that, of course, using drone technology on crops is a seasonal thing.

According to multiple websites across the internet, “Drones are becoming essential tools in modern agriculture, particularly for crop spraying. They offer numerous advantages over traditional methods, including increased efficiency, precision, and safety. As technology continues to evolve, the ca-

Fire Board reviews August Activity, plans Annual Auction and Fish Fry

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Members of the Nicholas County Fire Protection District Board, along with Fire Chief Doug French, met on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026, at 6:00pm, at the NCFD Station 1, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Chairman Pat McCarty called the meeting to order with roll call with all members present sans one, approval of the minutes from last month's meeting, approval of the reconciled Treasurer's report, and approval of the Chief's report.

The board was informed that the audit was still in progress with no recent updates, and that the department had a total of 14 runs in August, which includes 4 motor vehicle accidents, 4 weather related incidents, 2 special details, 1 gas leak, 1 powerline down, 1 investigation, and 1 structure fire.

Under Old Business, the board discussed the Nicholas County Fire Department Auction and

Fish Fry, which is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026, at Station 1, located at 250 S. Walnut Street, with the fish fry, prepared by Garrett's Catering, which includes fish, hushpuppies, fries, coleslaw, and drink for \$12.00, beginning at 4:00pm, and the auction, with auctioneer Ed-die Purcell, beginning at 6:00pm. To donate to the upcoming auction please contact Nicholas County Fire Chief Doug French at 859-707-0325 or Asst. Chief Kenton Holbrook at 859-473-4452. All proceeds will benefit the Nicholas County Fire Department.

Under New Business, the board discussed their insurance policy.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned, with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026, at 6:00pm, at Station 1.

pabilities of agricultural drones will likely expand, further enhancing their role in sustainable farming practices.”

For more information regarding the usage of Agrotech Drones, please contact James Judge at 859-473-2003 or email jjudge@agrotechdrones.com.

“AgroTech Drones provides drone sales and drone services to enable better farming efficiency at any scale. We sell the

best drone brands on the market along with custom services for farmers and producers looking to take advantage without buying a drone outright. For drone buyers, we offer support services including training, insurance, FAA compliance, and guidance on best practices for use on the farm. We use these drones on our 7th generation family farm and stand by their benefits.”

Traffic Safety Checkpoint Announcement

The Kentucky State Police, Dry Ridge Post, and the Nicholas County Sheriff and City of Carlisle Police Department will be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints throughout the post area. These checkpoints will be conducted in an effort to enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Special attention will be paid to occupant protection (seatbelt adherence), sobriety, insurance, and registration violations. A complete list of traffic safety checkpoint locations can be found at:

<http://kentuckystate-police.org/post6checkpoints/>

Traffic Safety Checkpoints are a valuable tool used to promote the safety and well-being of the public as well as providing police with visibility and interaction with the community. Checkpoints

are utilized throughout the Commonwealth to help promote highway safety. Local police and county agencies may also assist the Kentucky State Police in conducting these Traffic Safety Checkpoints. All checkpoints will be set up in accordance with state law and in compliance with Kentucky State Police policy and procedure.

TRAFFIC SAFETY CHECKPOINT LOCATIONS

Below is a list of traffic safety checkpoint locations. These roadway locations include, but are not limited to:

NICHOLAS COUNTY

- Myers Road @ Lake Road
- Concrete Road @ Jockey Park
- Moorefield Road
- Marathon Intersection

American Revolutionary War Traveling Exhibit at the Neal Welcome Center welcomes guests



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The Nicholas County Historical Society, in partnership with the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Jemima Johnson Chapter, held an official ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday evening, Sept. 10, 2026, at the Neal Welcome Center in Carlisle, Ky., for the DAR and Battlefields Trust 250th American Revolutionary War Traveling Exhibit. The exhibit features hands-on interactions, immersive storytelling, artifacts and primary sources, and much more.

The exhibit will run through Friday, Sept. 18, 2026, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, at the museum/welcome center, located at 108 West Main Street, in Carlisle, Ky. There is no charge or entrance fee to see the exhibit.

Attendees to the ribbon-cutting ceremony were welcomed by Jerry Johnson, who thanked the evening's sponsors, which include Blue Licks State Resort Park – Ky. Dept. of Parks, Kentucky Realty Group – Bob Coburn, Ruth Hunt Candy Company, Smalls Greenhouse, Past Generations, LLC, Vicki Wells Cox – Certified Genealogist, Michelle McDonald – Catering,

Barry Frazier – Daniel Boone, Richard Oldfield, and the Hopewell Museum – Paris, Ky.

Guest speakers includ-

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Voting Machine Inspections

The Nicholas County Board of Elections will examine the voting machines on September 23, 2026 starting at 9:00 am at 2320 Concrete RD (Old Nicholas Co. Hospital). The purpose of such is to make sure KRS 117.155 Requirements have been met for the November General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Martha Moss
Nicholas County Clerk



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ROBERTSON COUNTY SCHOOL TAX RATES 2026-2027

The Robertson County Board of Education has approved the following tax rates:
Tax rates per \$100 Assessed Valuation

	Rate	Exoneration	Total
Real Estate	75.70	0.00	75.70
Tangible Property	75.70	0.00	75.70
Motor Vehicle	55.9		
Utility Tax	3%		

Aircraft (recreational & non-commercial)/Watercraft (non-commercial out of state or coast guard registered) are exempted from the above rates.

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