COMMUNITY

Blue Licks State Park Holiday Book Fair

Books make great Christmas presents! They can be wrapped and nestled under the tree, or slipped into a stocking over the fireplace, and there's plenty of room on Santa's sleigh for a bag of books!

On December 12, 2026, the Blue Licks State Resort Park Lodge will be hosting a Holiday Book Fair, with thirty-five Kentucky authors signing and selling their books from 9am to 5pm.

The authors represent a wide range of genres, from children's books, to history, to true crime, poetry, outdoor stories, novels, and mystery. In short, there will be a book for every reader! The event is free and open to the public.

Additionally, five popular authors will be reading from their works and leading discussions. They are:

10 am- Carol June Franks – award-winning children's picture-book author.

11 am- Stephen M. Vest- Publisher of Kentucky Monthly and author of "George Gtraham Vest- The Life and Times of a Dog's Best Friend"

12 Noon- Robert Morgan- Award-winning author of national best-seller " Boone- A Biography."

2 pm- Nancy Cox- Former Miss Kentucky, 30-year WLEXTV anchor, and author of "Anchored- Reporting from my Kentucky Home."

3:30- Marvin Bartlett- 30 year Fox56 anchor and author of "Spirit of the Bluegrass" and "The Boy Who Delivered Joy."

Don't miss this opportunity to spread the joy of reading!

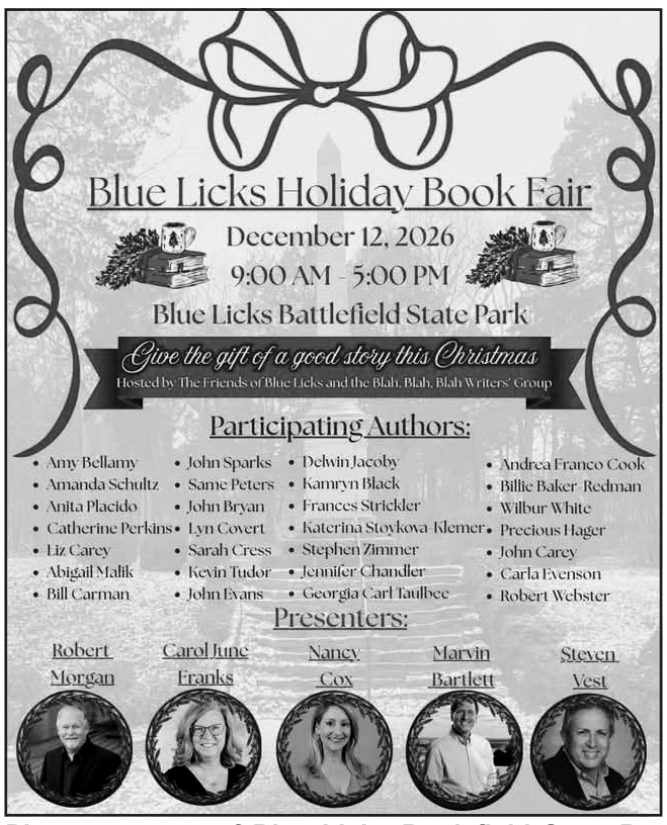


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Fire Protection District Board approve Chief, Treasurer, and Firefighter bonus incentives

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Members of the Nicholas County Fire Protection District Board met on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 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; 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; and that the department had a total of 20 runs in October, which includes 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 structure fires, 10 special detail, 2 grass fires, 1 electric pole fire, 1 animal rescue, 1 alarm drop, and 1 equipment fire.

Under Old Business, the board discussed the recent Fish Fry and Auction, which was very well attended, with approximately 600 pieces of fish sold; and discussed the upcoming NCFD Christmas Dinner, which will be held at Station 1 on Dec. 12, 2026, beginning at 6:00pm.

Under New Business, the board discussed and subsequently approved the Chief, Treasurer, and Firefighter bonus incentive, with the total being the same as last year. This bonus incentive is given out by the board every year.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned, with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2026, at 6:00pm, at Station 1.

LEGAL NOTICE
MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

The Acting Master Commissioner of the Nicholas Circuit Court will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder(s) at the Nicholas County Justice Center, in Carlisle, Kentucky, on Thursday, December 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., the following property listed below:

1. Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Nicholas Circuit Court on October 23, 2026, in Civil Action No. 26-CI-00062 styled **Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel Hanson; Jennifer Hanson; United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Unknown Spouse of Ricky Willoughby as of 8/6/2001, Defendants:**
327 East North Street, Carlisle, KY 40311
Parcel ID# C03-42-005.00
See Deed Book 150, Page 443.

The property is being sold to produce a sum sufficient to satisfy the judgments and liens as follows: (a) The costs of this action, including the Master Commissioner's fee, appraiser's fee and advertising costs; (b) Judgment for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, in the amount of $205,467.06, plus interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum from August 24, 2026 until paid, (c) Real estate taxes, plus interest and penalties, if any, for taxes assessed for the year 2025 and previous years. (d) Plaintiff Court costs and attorney fees.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Hon. Melissa J. Whalen

Terms of Sale:

All properties shall be sold upon the following terms and conditions unless otherwise noted: (1) The property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and claims of the parties to this action; (2) The purchaser shall be required to pay the sum of 10% of the purchase price in cash, certified funds or by other immediately verifiable collectable medium of exchange acceptable to the Commissioner, on the day of sale to apply on the purchase price; (3) The balance of the purchase price shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days after the day of sale; (4) The purchaser shall be required to execute a bond with good and sufficient surety thereon as approved by the Commissioner to secure the unpaid portion of the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate the judgment bears, from the day of sale until paid, the bond to have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain a lien on the property as additional security until the purchase price is paid in full; (5) The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or any part of the purchase price or paying the bond before maturity by paying the balance of the principal together with all accrued interest thereon until the date of payment; (6) The purchaser shall obtain possession of the property upon confirmation of the sale by the Court and payment of the purchase price in full; (7) All ad valorem taxes on the property for calendar year 2026 and all subsequent years shall be assumed and paid by the purchaser. All real property taxes due and owing to Nicholas County or the City of Carlisle, if applicable, for 2025 and prior years will be paid from the proceeds of sale. (8) The property shall be sold subject to any assessment for public improvements levied against the property and subject to all rules and regulations enforced by the Nicholas County Planning and Zoning Commission, if any, all applicable health and safety regulations, all restrictions and easements thereon appearing of record in the Nicholas County Court Clerk's Office, governmental laws and regulations affecting the property, and shall be subject to any unrecorded easements, discrepancies or conflicts in boundary lines, shortage in area and encroachments, if any there be, which an accurate and complete survey or an inspection of the property would disclose; (9) The purchaser shall bear the risk of loss on the improvements on the property and the risk of loss shall pass to the purchaser as of the day and time of sale; (10) The property shall be sold with any improvements thereon "as is"; and (11) The property shall be sold subject to such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America pursuant to 28 USC Section 2410, and the right of redemption of the Defendants, if applicable, and any rights or requirements imposed by Civil Rule 4.11, if applicable.

All bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

Hon. John Lair
Acting Master Commissioner
Nicholas Circuit Court

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NICHOLAS COURT NEWS

Hon. Gregory Coulson
11/12/2026

Barnhill, Brandon T, REV. 1. Assault 4th degree no visible injury, GP. Rev 5/12/27 @ 10:30, Rev 11/18/27 @ 9:00. Rev 1. Fugitive from another state-warrant not required (misdemeanor). 11/18 @ 9:00.

ESTATE OF: Hanwell, Aileene H, PH. Grant amended order.

IN RE: Carpenter, Shannon Christine, PH. Grant.

IN RE: Carpenter, Chriselda Ann Marie, PH. Grant.

ESTATE OF: Hunt, Penny Kay, MH. 11/25 @ 10:30.

ESTATE OF: Mann, Sylvia Lynn, INV. Inventory tendered.

ESTATE OF: Sims, Marion B, PH. Grant & sign.

Price, Robert Alyette, ARR. 1. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury. ARR 12/16 @ 9:00.

Taylor, Rodney A, ARR. 1. Assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury 2. Strangulation 2nd degree (domestic violence related). NG, CFA 11/25 @ 10:30.



Carlisle Rotary

TURKEYBINGO



SATURDAY, November 21

Nicholas County High School Gym

DOORS OPEN AND
REFRESHMENTS START AT 5:30

BINGO 7:00 P.M.
Admission - $5

Includes Admissions + extra card

Win a Turkey or a Ham - Many Door Prizes

1 FREE CARD FOR 4-6 COUNT PACKAGE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- *Granola or Protein Bars*
- *Applesauce Cups*
- *Instant Oatmeal Cups*
- *Individual Snacks Bags*
- *Fruit Cups*
- *Cereal Bars*
- *Individual Peanut Butter Cups*
- *Box of Pastries (Pop-Tarts)*
- *Juice Boxes*

(No damaged or out-dated cans or home canned)

A Really Fun Night

BENEFIT - CHARLES M COX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND